UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY College of Agriculture

Age 18-64

Age 65

and over

14.6%

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2012



## **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Daviess County. As the current economic situation continues to create challenges, educational programs focus on:

- Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices that influence health and well-being
- Nurturing Families as they cope with fewer resources and more demands
- Embracing Life as We Age to strive for independence longer
- Securing Financial Stability in a turbulent economic period
- Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities to recycle, reduce waste, and protect our environment
- Accessing Nutritious Food that is affordable, available and safe
- Empowering Community Leaders as we all work to sustain and improve our communities.

In 2010-2011, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **37,543** contacts with Daviess County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>

## Population by Age Group<sup>1</sup>

The 2010 U.S. Census reported total population in Daviess County as **96,656**.<sup>1</sup>



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

**OUR PEOPLE** 

## MAKING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES

aviess County Family and Consumer Sciences agent partnered with River Valley Behavioral Health and Kentucky Wesleyan College to present a twelve-week program called "Healthy Habits, Healthy Kids" to address issues influencing overweight and obesity. Held in an Owensboro Public School System elementary school, Healthy Habits, Healthy Kids program offered physical activity, group and individual counseling, and nutrition lessons. The project focused on three key factors that affect obesity: good nutritional choices, exercise, and attitudes. Youth were taught to make healthy food choices and importance of daily exercise. Results show that body fat percentages of boys ages 7-10 dropped from 37.6 to 28.3 and body fat of girls ages 8-10 dropped from 36.2 to 29.9.



#### **OUR FAMILIES**

According to the 2010 Census,<sup>1</sup> of families in Daviess County with their own children...

- 65.6% are husband-wife families
- 34.4% are single parent families

#### In addition, there are:

- 38,619 households
- **12,477** households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- **1,726** grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
- **10,015** households with at least one person age 65 and over



#### As a result of participation in Daviess County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

- **642** people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 134 people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
- **210** people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling and food preparation.

## **OUR COMMUNITY**

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Daviess County was **\$43,031**.<sup>3</sup>

The number of children in poverty in Daviess County was **5,045** compared to **4,380** in 2006.<sup>3</sup>

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Daviess County is **15,954** in 2011.<sup>4</sup>

#### As a result of participation in Daviess County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

- 233 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- **1,312** people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- **310** people developed skills to access affordable food.

## **OUR ECONOMY**

According to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-year estimates,<sup>6</sup> between 2005 and 2009 in Daviess County it is estimated that...

- **52.8%** (+/- **2.3**) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- **61.5%** (+/- **4.9**) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- **10%** (+/- **2.3**) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

#### As a result of participation in Daviess County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

- **46** people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- **111** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- **457** people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

### Average Annual Unemployment Rate⁵

(not seasonally adjusted)



#### SOURCES

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census.

<sup>2</sup> Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Impact Reporting, FY2011.

- <sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.
- <sup>4</sup> Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Databook, June 2011. <sup>5</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates.