Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Green 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 21,429 contacts with Green County individuals and families.²

### Population by Age Group¹

The 2010 U.S. Census reported total population in Green County as 11,258.¹

- Age 18-64: 60.1%
- Age 5-17: 16.6%
- Age 65 and over: 17.3%
- Age 4 and below: 6.0%

### Spotlight on...

**MAKING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES**

Healthy eating and activity patterns are the foundation of good health. Green County Cooperative Extension Service taught "Literacy, Eating and Activity for Preschoolers" (LEAP) to county preschoolers monthly for 10 months. Over 128 preschoolers learned that a healthy lifestyle includes eating a variety of fruits and vegetables and being physically active. After LEAP, 90% were more likely to try a new fruit or vegetable; 80% were more likely to ask for a fruit or vegetable as a snack and to participate in physical activity; and 100% could name at least one or more health benefits of eating fruits and vegetables. An educational newsletter was sent home with the children to encourage parents to set a good example with healthy lifestyle decisions.
**OUR FAMILIES**

According to the 2010 Census,1 of families in Green County with their own children…

- 73.7% are husband-wife families
- 26.3% are single parent families

In addition, there are:
- 4,601 households
- 1,410 households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- 230 grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent household
- 1,365 households with at least one person age 65 and over

As a result of participation in Green County Extension programs:2

- 841 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 147 people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
- 159 people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling and food preparation.

**OUR ECONOMY**

According to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-year estimates,6 between 2005 and 2009 in Green County it is estimated that…

- 52.5% (+/− 5.1) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- 80.7% (+/− 9.9) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- 19.8% (+/− 5.6) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

As a result of participation in Green County Extension programs:2

- 551 people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- 301 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- 264 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

**OUR COMMUNITY**

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Green County was $31,189.3

The number of children in poverty in Green County was 831 compared to 657 in 2006.3

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Green County is 2,369 in 2011.4

As a result of participation in Green County Extension programs:2

- 378 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- 333 people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- 64 people developed skills to access affordable food.

**Average Annual Unemployment Rate**5 (not seasonally adjusted)

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