Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Hancock 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.

According to Trust for America's Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kentucky has the seventh-highest obesity rate in the nation and the fourth-highest percentage of overweight youth. Hancock County's 2nd Sunday event raised awareness of the need for local infrastructure that promotes a healthy lifestyle. Incorporating Breast Cancer Awareness, the event urged participants to walk/run a 5k, with rewards for each lap completed. 155 people logged 489.5 miles. Eight participants were ages 65 and older, 87 adults ages 18-64, and 50 children. The event was led by Hancock County Cooperative Extension Service, in collaboration with Hancock County Community Education, Hancock County Partners Coalition, HC2, Family and Consumer Sciences Council, and Fiscal Court.
OUR FAMILIES

According to the 2010 Census,¹ of families in Hancock County with their own children…
• 72.6% are husband-wife families
• 27.4% are single parent families

In addition, there are:
• 3,285 households
• 1,180 households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
• 140 grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
• 831 households with at least one person age 65 and over

As a result of participation in Hancock County Extension programs:²
• 230 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
• 150 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 Hancock County it is estimated that…
• 53.9% (+/− 4.5) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
• 65.9% (+/− 14.9) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
• 20.3% (+/− 6.8) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

As a result of participation in Hancock County Extension programs:²
• 225 adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
• 120 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

OUR COMMUNITY

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Hancock County was $48,464.³

The number of children in poverty in Hancock County was 418 compared to 356 in 2006.³

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Hancock County is 1,274 in 2011.⁴

As a result of participation in Hancock County Extension programs:²
• 51 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
• 87 people were involved in addressing issues of their community.

Average Annual Unemployment Rate⁵
(not seasonally adjusted)

SOURCES
¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census.
³ U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.
⁴ Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Databook, June 2011.
⁶ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates.

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