MEADE COUNTY
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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES
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OUR FOCUS

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Meade 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 27,476 contacts with Meade County individuals and families.²

Population by Age Group¹

The 2010 U.S. Census reported total population in Meade County as 28,602.¹

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OUR PEOPLE

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

PROMOTING HEALTHY HOMES AND COMMUNITIES

In the past two years, Meade County has experienced an F2 tornado, hurricane-force winds, an ice storm, and earthquake tremors. With these dangerous weather events in mind, the Meade County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, the local RECC, and Emergency Management office coordinator organized "The First 72 is on You!" The five-hour disaster-preparedness fair educated 120 people on the importance of being self-sufficient for up to 72 hours after a disaster occurs. Booths focused on a variety of related topics, including food safety, disaster-preparedness kits, developing a family safety plan, generator safety, and contacting local emergency services. A survey conducted after the event revealed 100% of the attendees gained information and felt more confident about self-sufficiency in the event of a catastrophic event.
OUR FAMILIES

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

• 73.1% are husband-wife families
• 26.9% are single parent families

In addition, there are:

• 10,471 households
• 4,107 households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
• 664 grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
• 2,171 households with at least one person age 65 and over

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

• 252 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
• 34 people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
• 164 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 Meade County it is estimated that…

• 49.3% (+/- 4.2) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
• 64.4% (+/- 9.6) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
• 12.2% (+/- 4.9) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

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

• 402 people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
• 473 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
• 512 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

OUR COMMUNITY

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Meade County was $42,922.3

The number of children in poverty in Meade County was 1,150 compared to 1,188 in 2006.3

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Meade County is 3,845 in 2011.4

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

• 270 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
• 136 people improved communication skills to address community issues.
• 104 people developed skills to access affordable food.

Average Annual Unemployment Rate5

(Not seasonally adjusted)

As of 2010, Kentucky's average annual unemployment rate was 13.2%.

SOURCES

1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census.