Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Pendleton 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 19,505 contacts with Pendleton County individuals and families.

Population by Age Group

The 2010 U.S. Census reported total population in Pendleton County as 14,877.1

- Age 18-64: 63.0%
- Age 65 and over: 12.3%
- Age 5-17: 18.5%
- Age 4 and below: 6.2%

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY LEADERS

The Pendleton County Family Consumer Sciences Agent provides leadership to Extension Homemakers, who conduct community-service projects and offer educational leadership. In 2010-2011, volunteer service hours were valued at $20.25 per hour, with Pendleton Homemakers reporting 51,883.5 hours for Extension, civic, church, school, and other organizations, a value of $1,050,641 in intangible revenue. This was a 10,000-hour increase over the previous year. 58 Homemakers held office at state, county, area and/or club level, and 43 reported holding office in other groups using leadership training gained through Extension training. Leaders support ten local clubs and several community-service projects. Two significant projects are cancer support and "Recipe for Life," a cooking and nutrition program for youth.
According to the 2010 Census, of families in Pendleton County with their own children...
- 69.2% are husband-wife families
- 30.8% are single parent families

In addition, there are:
- 5,494 households
- 1,976 households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- 406 grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
- 1,308 households with at least one person age 65 and over

As a result of participation in Pendleton County Extension programs:
- 5,633 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 813 people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
- 525 people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling and food preparation.

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Pendleton County was $44,195.
The number of children in poverty in Pendleton County was 793 compared to 812 in 2006.
The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Pendleton County is 2,881 in 2011.

As a result of participation in Pendleton County Extension programs:
- 2,391 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- 290 people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- 515 people developed skills to access affordable food.

According to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, between 2005 and 2009 in Pendleton County it is estimated that...
- 52.2% (+/- 5.7) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- 44.2% (+/- 12.5) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- 11.7% (+/- 4.6) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

As a result of participation in Pendleton County Extension programs:
- 70 people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- 600 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- 2,048 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

Average Annual Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted)

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

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