## SCOTT COUNTY

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2012



### **OUR FOCUS**

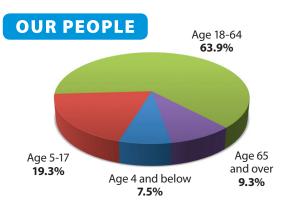
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Scott County. As the current economic situation continues to create challenges, educational programs focus on:

- 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 **15,443** contacts with Scott County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>

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

The 2010 U.S. Census reported total population in Scott County as **47,173**.<sup>1</sup>



## **SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

## EMBRACING LIFE AS WE AGE

ccording to the Kentucky Safe Aging Coalition and Centers for Disease Control, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths among adults age 65 and older and represent a significant threat to independence. To help seniors make lifestyle and environmental changes to reduce risk of fall-related injury, a customized lecture was presented by the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent to Bluegrass Area Extension Homemakers, Scott County Extension Homemakers, and senior citizen groups. Across nine county areas, 161 Extension volunteer leaders were trained to teach the lesson to 2800 club members. Survey results indicate an increased awareness of actions that reduce the risk of falling. More than 50% of the participants agreed to complete the "Home Safety Checklist" and make the appropriate changes.



#### **OUR FAMILIES**

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

- 71.3% are husband-wife families
- 28.7% are single parent families

#### In addition, there are:

- 17,408 households
- **6,879** households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- 732 grandchildren under
   18 years old who live with
   a grandparent householder
- **3,179** households with at least one person age 65 and over



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

- 406 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 15 people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
- **318** people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling and food preparation.

## **OUR COMMUNITY**

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Scott County was \$58,595.3

The number of children in poverty in Scott County was **2,249** compared to **1,479** in 2006.<sup>3</sup>

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Scott County is **6,828** in 2011.<sup>4</sup>

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

- **988** people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- 1,031 people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- 58 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 Scott County it is estimated that...

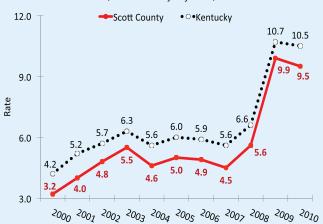
- **59.1%** (+/- **3**) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- **56.1%** (+/- **6.2**) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- 9.6% (+/- 3.4) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

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

- **30** people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- 48 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- 1,309 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

## Average Annual Unemployment Rate<sup>5</sup>

(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.