Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Webster 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 5,820 contacts with Webster County individuals and families.

According to U.S. Dept. of Labor statistics, unemployment in Kentucky is 10.4%. In 2009, Webster County's poverty rate was 17.1%. Because a major source of spending is food, "Couponing 101" was led by the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent to teach participants how to save money on groceries. With enrollment of 19, the class taught menu planning, using coupons and sales ads, and organization. 100% said they were going to start using coupons. Three months after the class, 80% regularly use coupons. 60% have saved more money since attending. Participants started a coupon exchange club, which meets every other Wednesday to exchange coupons and share information. One participant said it was exciting to see how much can be saved.
**OUR FAMILIES**

According to the 2010 Census,¹ of families in Webster County with their own children…
- 71.0% are husband-wife families
- 29.0% are single parent families

In addition, there are:
- 5,272 households
- 1,714 households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- 339 grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
- 1,489 households with at least one person age 65 and over

As a result of participation in Webster County Extension programs:²
- 393 adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- 24 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- 411 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

**OUR ECONOMY**

According to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-year estimates,⁶ between 2005 and 2009 in Webster County it is estimated that…
- 48.5% (+/- 5.1) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- 50.2% (+/- 13.5) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- 14.5% (+/- 5.3) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

As a result of participation in Webster County Extension programs:²
- 393 adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- 24 people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
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**OUR COMMUNITY**

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Webster County was $40,803.³

The number of children in poverty in Webster County was 711 compared to 690 in 2006.³

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Webster County is 2,330 in 2011.⁴

As a result of participation in Webster County Extension programs:²
- 198 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- 95 people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- 23 people developed skills to access affordable food.

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**SOURCES**

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