#### **ANDERSON COUNTY**

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY



#### **OUR FOCUS**

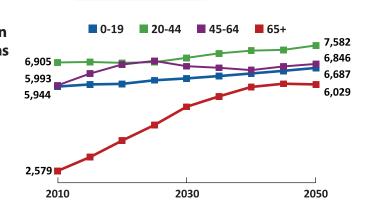
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Anderson County. To help families make wise decisions our educational programs focus on:

- 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 2011-2012, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **8,212** contacts with Anderson County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>

#### **OUR PEOPLE**

Population projections by age group for Anderson County<sup>1</sup>



#### **SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

## MAKING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES

ften, senior adults may lack the funds, energy, and desire to prepare a variety of nutritious foods. The Anderson County Cooperative Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences agent prepared new recipes featuring fruits and vegetables that were served to 164 seniors over six visits to the local senior citizens center.

More than 95 percent of seniors sampled the recipe. About 50 percent of those seniors who said they would not like the food prior to tasting later asked for the recipe. On subsequent visits, 50 percent of the group said they had prepared the recipe at least once at home since the lesson. Seniors improved the nutritive value of their meals and added color and texture to stimulate their appetite.





#### **OUR FAMILIES**

According to the 2010 American Community Survey,<sup>3</sup> between 2006 and 2010 it is estimated that in Anderson County:

- 13.0% (+/- 4.6) families with related children were below poverty
- 7.5% (+/- 3.6) of those over the age of 65 were below poverty

#### In addition:

- 17.6% (+/- 1.7) of those ages 18-64 did not have health insurance in 2010<sup>4</sup>
- 259 children on average received Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) benefits in 2010<sup>5</sup>
- 2,987 people received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in 2012<sup>6</sup>

#### As a result of participating in **Anderson County Extension programs:**<sup>2</sup>

- 31 people reported spending time in physical activity.
- 49 people increased their knowledge about healthy foods.
- 61 people reported eating more healthy foods.

#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

#### In Anderson County:

- 71.0% of births were to mothers who received early and regular prenatal care in 2009<sup>7</sup>
- 68.0% of ordered child support was collected in 20118

Of the **6** primary care physicians in Anderson County:<sup>9</sup>

- 66.7% are family practice
- 16.7% are pediatricians
- 0.0% are OB/GYN

#### As a result of participating in **Anderson County Extension programs:**<sup>2</sup>

- 71 people are involved in addressing community
- 162 people demonstrated informed and effective decision making.
- 523 people were able to utilize new decisionmaking skills for health.

### **OUR HEALTH**

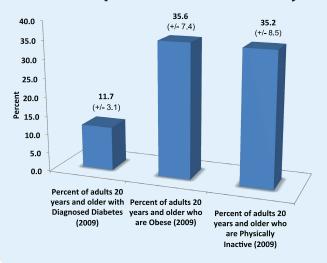
According to Kentucky Health Facts, 10 between 2008 and 2010 in Anderson County:

- 15.1% (6.4 31.5) did not pursue health care due to cost, compared to 18% (17.0 - 18.6) in the state
- 18.3% (9.7 31.7) of adults reported their health status as less than good, compared to 23% (22.0 **- 23.6)** in the state
- 53.0% (34.3 70.9) of adults reported having received a flu vaccine in the past year

#### As a result of participating in **Anderson County Extension** programs:<sup>2</sup>

- 51 people implemented personal health protection practices.
- 38 people made diet or exercise changes to improve health.
- 45 people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling and food preparation.

#### Health Snapshot: Anderson County<sup>11</sup>



#### **SOURCES**

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