

BARREN COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY



OUR FOCUS

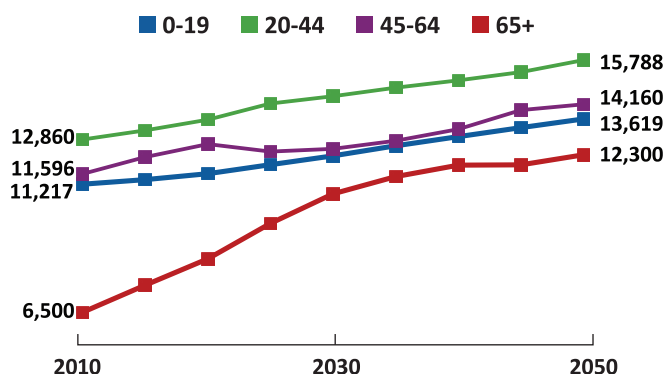
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Barren County. To help families make wise decisions our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **13,565** contacts with Barren County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Population projections by age group for Barren County¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

ACCESS TO LOCAL FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Improving quality of life through increasing availability of local foods has been a significant issue for Barren County. Barren County Cooperative Extension Service has addressed this issue through support of the farmers markets in various locations around the county. In addition to making local food available, helping consumers learn proper preparation techniques is an added benefit of participating in farmers markets. In Barren County, more than 300 people have reported that extension programming at farmers markets has encouraged them to purchase products that they would not have purchased before because they now know how to use the products. Additionally, farmers market vendors are reporting an increase in foot traffic and sales as more people are searching for fresh products that they have seen demonstrated in extension programs.



OUR FAMILIES

According to the 2010 American Community Survey,³ between 2006 and 2010 it is estimated that in Barren County:



- **22.1% (+/- 4.1)** families with related children were below poverty
- **21.1% (+/- 3.9)** of those over the age of 65 were below poverty

In addition:

- **21.2% (+/- 2.0)** of those ages 18-64 did not have health insurance in 2010⁴
- **829** children on average received Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) benefits in 2010⁵
- **8,907** people received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in 2012⁶

As a result of participating in Barren County Extension programs:²

- **277** people reported spending time in physical activity.
- **491** people increased their knowledge about healthy foods.
- **698** people reported eating more healthy foods.

OUR COMMUNITY

In Barren County:

- **57.0%** of births were to mothers who received early and regular prenatal care in 2009⁷
- **63.0%** of ordered child support was collected in 2011⁸

Of the **43** primary care physicians in Barren County:⁹

- **60.5%** are family practice
- **11.6%** are pediatricians
- **11.6%** are OB/GYN

As a result of participating in Barren County Extension programs:²

- **330** people are involved in addressing community issues.
- **351** people in Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud indicated they are more likely to buy Kentucky produce.
- **632** people were able to utilize new decision-making skills for health.

OUR HEALTH

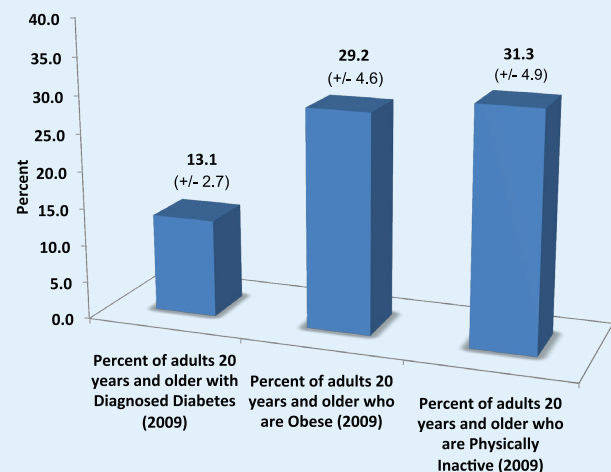
According to Kentucky Health Facts,¹⁰ between 2008 and 2010 in Barren County:

- **22.3% (15.6 - 30.9)** did not pursue health care due to cost, compared to **18% (17.0 - 18.6)** in the state
- **25.6% (19.7 - 32.6)** of adults reported their health status as less than good, compared to **23% (22.0 - 23.6)** in the state
- **36.3% (29.0 - 44.2)** of adults reported having received a flu vaccine in the past year

As a result of participating in Barren County Extension programs:²

- **506** people increased knowledge of diet and exercise changes to improve health.
- **176** people made diet or exercise changes to improve health.
- **118** people experienced a change in knowledge of healthy home practices and stress management.

Health Snapshot: Barren County¹¹



SOURCES

- ¹ Kentucky State Data Center
- ² Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Impact Reporting, FY2012
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- ⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates
- ⁵ Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
- ⁶ Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, June 2012
- ⁷ Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
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- ⁹ Kentucky Health Facts, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
- ¹⁰ Kentucky Health Facts, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- ¹¹ Centers for Disease Control, National Diabetes Surveillance System

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