# **CLARK COUNTY**

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY



#### **OUR FOCUS**

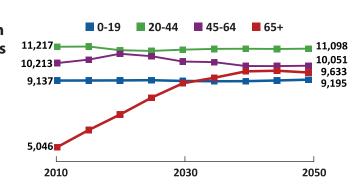
Family and Consumer Sciences
Extension is committed to improving
the health and well-being of
individuals and families in Clark County.
To help families make wise decisions
our educational programs focus on:

- 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 **11,955** contacts with Clark County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>

## **OUR PEOPLE**

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



# **SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

# WINCHESTER WEIGH DOWN

Being overweight is recognized as a risk factor for a number of serious health problems, including diabetes, hypertension, stroke, arthritis, and some forms of cancer. To help individuals lose weight, Clark County Cooperative Extension Service's Family and Consumer Sciences, along with Clark County Activity Coalition, conducted a 10-week physical activity/weight loss educational program called Winchester Weigh Down. The program encouraged individuals to lose 10 percent of their body weight and were asked to

weigh-in each week. Results of the program include: 90 percent reported that they are more effective in monitoring their weight; 60 percent are including physical activity as part of their daily routine; and 80 percent are now consuming more fruits and vegetables on a regular basis. Collectively, the group lost 680 pounds.





#### **OUR FAMILIES**

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

- 19.4% (+/- 4.0) families with related children were below poverty
- 13.1% (+/- 3.1) of those over the age of 65 were below poverty

#### In addition:

- 19.6% (+/- 1.9) of those ages 18-64 did not have health insurance in 20104
- 422 children on average received Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) benefits in 2010<sup>5</sup>
- 7,542 people received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in 2012<sup>6</sup>

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

- 161 people reported spending time in physical activity.
- 3,500 people increased their knowledge about healthy foods.
- 2,388 people reported eating more healthy foods.

#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

#### In Clark County:

- 75.0% of births were to mothers who received early and regular prenatal care in 2009<sup>7</sup>
- 60.0% of ordered child support was collected in 20118

Of the 21 primary care physicians in Clark County:9

- 28.6% are family practice
- 14.3% are pediatricians
- 9.5% are OB/GYN

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

- 225 people are involved in addressing community
- 361 people in Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud indicated they are more likely to buy Kentucky produce.
- 124 people were able to utilize new decisionmaking skills for health.

# **OUR HEALTH**

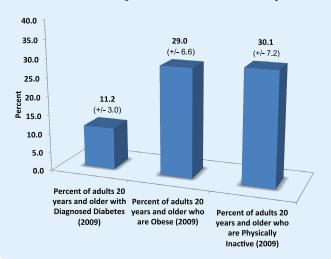
According to Kentucky Health Facts, 10 between 2008 and 2010 in Clark County:

- 32.0% (16.4 52.9) did not pursue health care due to cost, compared to 18% (17.0 - 18.6) in the state
- 22.6% (12.7 37.0) of adults reported their health status as less than good, compared to 23% (22.0 -**23.6)** in the state
- 50.9% (34.1 67.4) of adults reported having received a flu vaccine in the past year

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

- 3,500 people increased knowledge of diet and exercise changes to improve health.
- 1,194 people made diet or exercise changes to improve health.
- 2,388 people experienced a change in knowledge of healthy home practices and stress management.

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



#### **SOURCES**

- Kentucky State Data Center
- Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Impact Reporting, FY2012
- <sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates <sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates
- <sup>5</sup> Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services <sup>6</sup> Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, June 2012
- 7 Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services 8 Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Division of Child Support
- 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

#### http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies