



BATH COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2014



OUR FOCUS

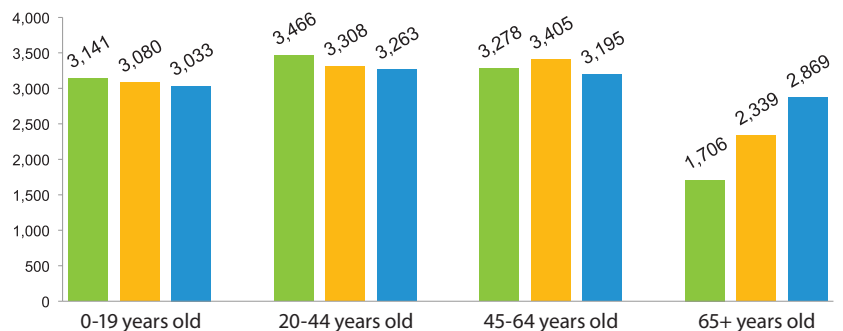
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Bath County. To help families make wise decisions, our educational programs focus on:

- **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 2012-2013, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **173,683** contacts with Bath County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Bath County projected population¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

HEALTHY COOKING

Two-thirds of Kentuckians are classified as being overweight (one-third are classified as obese). To address the obesity challenge, the Bath County FCS agent repeated a highly successful "Healthy Cooking" program with the maximum enrollment of 15 people. The four-part series focused on cooking with pumpkin, healthy cooking in a slow cooker, and healthy baking. In the three months following the classes, 90 percent reported using one or more of the healthy recipes shared in the classes; 50 percent reported taking more time to read nutrition labels on food; 50 percent reported increased use of their slow cookers; 50 percent reported using pumpkin in recipes for dishes other than pumpkin pie.

<http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies>

FAMILY ACCESS

According to the 2007-2011 American Community Survey,³ in Bath County...

- **35.3%** (+/- 8.7) of families with children were below poverty
- **21.5%** (+/- 7.6) of those ages 65 and over were below poverty
- **18.1%** (+/- 3.3) of households had retirement income
- **7.5%** (+/- 2.3) of households had no vehicle

The USDA Food Environment Atlas⁴ indicates that in 2010, Bath County had **196** households with no vehicle and low access to a supermarket or large grocery store.*

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

- **1,915** people demonstrated an increase in practical living skills.
- **228** people utilized healthy food delivery systems and access points.
- **100** people in Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud indicated they are more likely to buy Kentucky produce.

COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY

In 2011, Bath County had:

- **8** Grocery stores (any kind)⁵
 - **4** Grocery/supermarkets (except convenience)⁵
 - **4** Convenience stores (i.e. food marts – no gas)⁵
- **7** Gasoline stations with convenience stores⁵

In the county, there were:

- **2** Roadside markets that served the county⁶
- **1** Farmers market location⁷
- **18** SNAP** authorized stores (food stamps)⁴
- **4** WIC*** authorized stores⁴

In 2011, there were **\$87,434.19** in SNAP redemptions/per SNAP authorized store in Bath County.⁴

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

- **623** people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- **631** families spent time together in physical activity.
- **945** people reported eating more healthy foods.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

In Bath County...

- **1,279** was the average monthly number of children who received SNAP** (food stamps) in 2011, up from **1,029** children in 2007 (**up 24.3%**).⁹
- **71.0%** of students attending public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.⁹
- There were **1,723** SNAP cases and the monthly SNAP benefit level was **\$268.99**.⁸

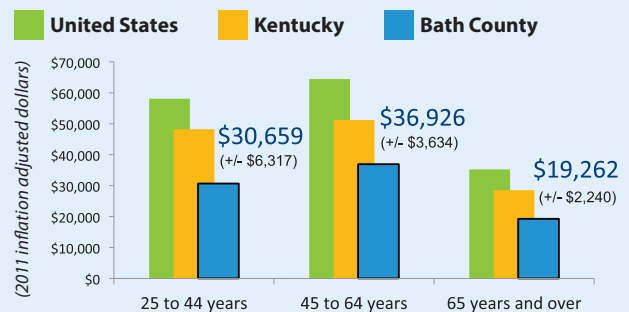
Bath County is served by God's Pantry Food Bank of the Ky. Assoc. of Food Banks.¹⁰

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

- **178** people adopted practices to increase food access and affordability.
- **5,045** families/caregivers were reached with information on accessing healthy foods.
- **3,000** youth increased their knowledge of healthy food consumption.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Median household income in past 12 months by age of householder in Bath County (2007-2011)³



SOURCES

- ¹ Kentucky State Data Center
 - ² Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Reporting, FY 2013
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 - ⁴ USDA, Economic Research Service. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas.aspx>
 - ⁵ US Dept of Commerce, County Business Patterns, 2011.
 - ⁶ Kentucky Farm Bureau. <https://www.kyfb.com/federation/markets>
 - ⁷ Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture Farmer's Market directory. <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmers-market-directory.aspx>
 - ⁸ Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, June, 2013. http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbcs/data_book.htm
 - ⁹ Kids Count Data Center, KY Youth Advocates.
 - ¹⁰ Kentucky Association of Food Banks. <http://www.kafb.org>
- * Low access is defined as more than 10 miles in a rural area and more than 1 mile in an urban area.
 ** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 *** The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children