



BUTLER COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2014



OUR FOCUS

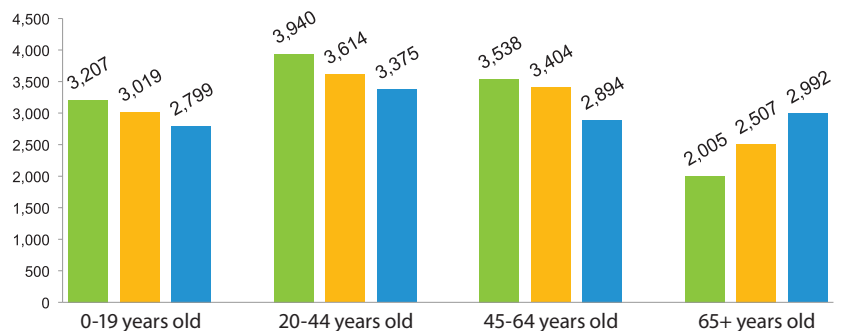
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Butler County. To help families make wise decisions, our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **5,953** contacts with Butler County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Butler County projected population¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

PLATE IT UP! KENTUCKY PROUD

Increasing the availability of local foods has been a significant effort in Butler County. The Butler County Cooperative Extension Service supports the efforts through the "Plate It Up! Kentucky Proud" program, where staff demonstrate healthy recipes and promote proper preparation techniques reaching over 300 people. Post-evaluation results indicate: 72 percent of surveyed youth stated they now ask for fruits and vegetables as snacks; 69 percent of the adults said they now provide more fruits and vegetable to their families; and 79 percent of the Latino population stated they increased their consumption of fruits and vegetables. Additionally, farmer vendors report an increase in sales as more people search for fresh products they have seen demonstrated in extension programs.

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

FAMILY ACCESS

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

- **21.1%** (+/- 5.6) of families with children were below poverty
- **21.2%** (+/- 7.1) of those ages 65 and over were below poverty
- **17.5%** (+/- 2.8) of households had retirement income
- **8.2%** (+/- 2.4) of households had no vehicle

The USDA Food Environment Atlas⁴ indicates that in 2010, Butler County had **1,488** people, **331** children and **213** seniors with low access to a supermarket or large grocery store.*

In addition, **636** residents had **both** low income **and** low access to stores.

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

- **682** people demonstrated an increase in practical living skills.
- **159** people utilized healthy food delivery systems and access points.
- **325** people increased leadership knowledge and skills.

COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY

In 2011, Butler County had:

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

In the county, there were:

- **1** Roadside market that served the county⁶
- **0** Farmers market locations⁷
- **20** SNAP** authorized stores (food stamps)⁴
- **5** WIC*** authorized stores⁴

In 2011, there were **\$143,712.66** in SNAP redemptions/per SNAP authorized store in Butler County.⁴

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

- **338** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **201** people implemented practices for safe storage, handling, and preparation of food.
- **464** people reported eating more healthy foods.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

In Butler County...

- **1,100** was the average monthly number of children who received SNAP** (food stamps) in 2011, up from **835** children in 2007 (**up 31.7%**).⁹
- **59.0%** of students attending public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.⁹
- There were **1,344** SNAP cases and the monthly SNAP benefit level was **\$263.69**.⁸

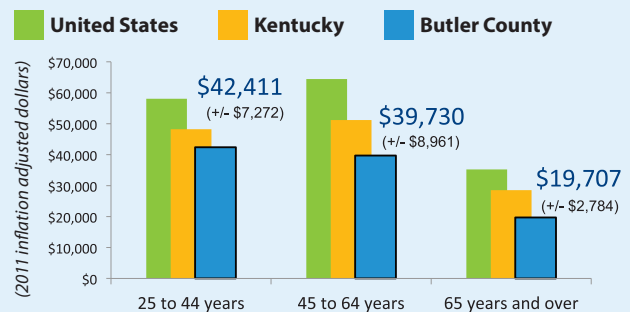
Butler County is served by Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland of the Ky. Assoc. of Food Banks.¹⁰

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

- **372** people adopted practices to increase food access and affordability.
- **560** families/caregivers increased their knowledge about eating healthy foods.
- **752** youth increased their knowledge of healthy food consumption.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Median household income in past 12 months by age of householder in Butler 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

