

## GREENUP COUNTY

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2014



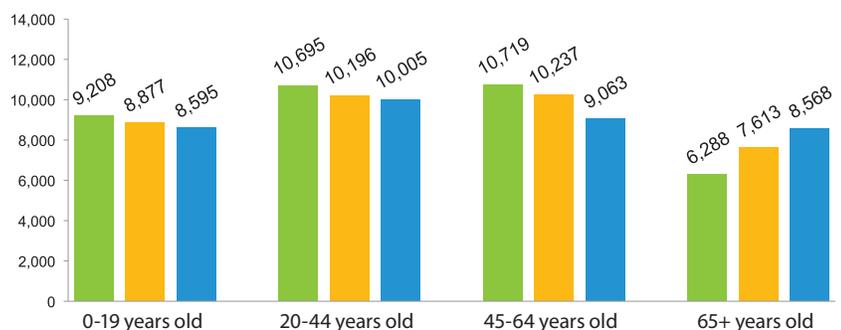
### OUR FOCUS

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Greenup 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

### OUR PEOPLE

Greenup County projected population<sup>1</sup>



### SPOTLIGHT ON ...

## GUARDIANS AS PARENTS

According to Greenup County School District record, 70 percent of children in Greenup County are being raised by grandparents or other family members. To provide needed support, the Northeast Guardians as Parents (GAP) Coalition was formed in 2006. Membership included representatives from the Greenup County Cooperative Extension Service, Family & Resource Centers, FIVCO Area Development District, and McKinney Vento Homeless Educational Assistance Program. In 2012-2013 four educational sessions were conducted reaching 25-30 participants per session. Topics included Grandparents or Guardian Rights, Food Insecurity, Budgeting for Nutritionally Healthy Lifestyles, Attachment Issues in Children and Adults. Participants were surveyed following the sessions. Survey results were very positive, but affirmed the need for these services in Greenup County.

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

## FAMILY ACCESS

According to the 2007-2011 American Community Survey,<sup>3</sup> in Greenup County...

- **20.2%** (+/- 3.7) of families with children were below poverty
- **9.4%** (+/- 2.1) of those ages 65 and over were below poverty
- **23.9%** (+/- 2.1) of households had retirement income
- **7.5%** (+/- 1.2) of households had no vehicle

The USDA Food Environment Atlas<sup>4</sup> indicates that in 2010, Greenup County had **8,861** people, **1,881** children and **1,676** seniors with low access to a supermarket or large grocery store.\*

In addition, **2,975** residents had **both** low income **and** low access to stores.

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

- **253** people demonstrated an increase in practical living skills.
- **684** people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- **164** people were involved in addressing community issues.

## COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY

In 2011, Greenup County had:

- **7** Grocery stores (any kind)<sup>5</sup>
  - **6** Grocery/supermarkets (except convenience)<sup>5</sup>
  - **1** Convenience store (i.e. food marts – no gas)<sup>5</sup>
- **20** Gasoline stations with convenience stores<sup>5</sup>

In the county, there were:

- **2** Roadside markets that served the county<sup>6</sup>
- **1** Farmers market location<sup>7</sup>
- **42** SNAP\*\* authorized stores (food stamps)<sup>4</sup>
- **8** WIC\*\*\* authorized stores<sup>4</sup>

In 2011, there were **\$95,147.45** in SNAP redemptions/per SNAP authorized store in Greenup County.<sup>4</sup>

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

- **68** people increased their knowledge of governmental process.
- **187** youth increased knowledge of personal finance.
- **85** people increased leadership knowledge and skills.

## FOOD ASSISTANCE

In Greenup County...

- **2,421** was the average monthly number of children who received SNAP\*\* (food stamps) in 2011, up from **2,137** children in 2007 (**up 13.3%**).<sup>9</sup>
- **46.0%** of students attending public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.<sup>9</sup>
- There were **3,155** SNAP cases and the monthly SNAP benefit level was **\$271.36**.<sup>8</sup>

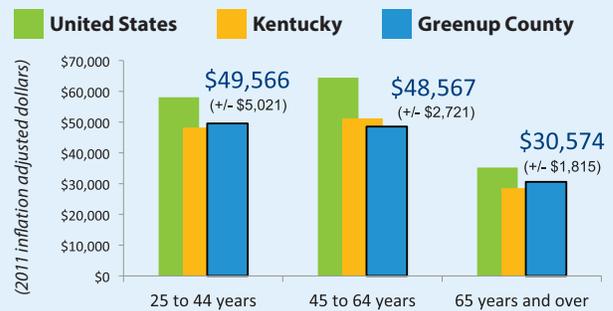
Greenup County is served by God's Pantry Food Bank of the Ky. Assoc. of Food Banks.<sup>10</sup>

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

- **71** people adopted practices to ensure safe water.
- **90** families/caregivers were reached with information on accessing healthy foods.
- **90** youth increased their knowledge of healthy food consumption.

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME

### Median household income in past 12 months by age of householder in Greenup County (2007-2011)<sup>3</sup>



#### SOURCES

- <sup>1</sup> Kentucky State Data Center
- <sup>2</sup> Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Reporting, FY 2013
- <sup>3</sup> 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates
- <sup>4</sup> USDA, Economic Research Service. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas.aspx>
- <sup>5</sup> US Dept of Commerce, County Business Patterns, 2011.
- <sup>6</sup> Kentucky Farm Bureau. <https://www.kyfb.com/federation/markets>
- <sup>7</sup> Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture Farmer's Market directory. <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/farmers-market-directory.aspx>
- <sup>8</sup> Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, June, 2013. [http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbcs/data\\_book.htm](http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbcs/data_book.htm)
- <sup>9</sup> Kids Count Data Center, KY Youth Advocates.
- <sup>10</sup> 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