



HARRISON COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2014



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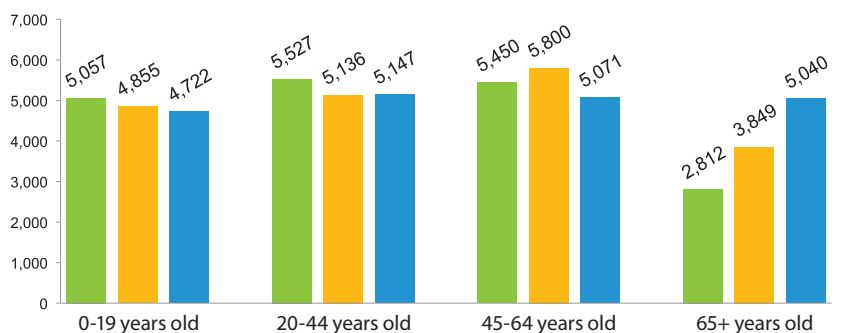
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Harrison County. To help families make wise decisions, our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **10,682** contacts with Harrison County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Harrison County projected population¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

RECIPE FOR LIFE

Leaders from the Harrison County Extension Homemakers Association identified a need to support reading skills among fifth-graders in Harrison County. A county-wide planning committee further decided to address skill building in food preparation and safety, nutrition, and measurements. Harrison County FCS volunteers worked with the students, encouraging them to read their "Recipe for Life" cookbooks at home and prepare recipes with their families. According to teacher and parent observations solicited after the program, students' skills in reading and math improved. Students are also expressing an interest in making healthy food choices for themselves and encouraging their families to do the same.

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

FAMILY ACCESS

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

- **20.6%** (+/- 5.9) of families with children were below poverty
- **16.0%** (+/- 4.3) of those ages 65 and over were below poverty
- **19.9%** (+/- 2.4) of households had retirement income
- **9.0%** (+/- 2.5) of households had no vehicle

The USDA Food Environment Atlas⁴ indicates that in 2010, Harrison County had **1,479** people, **370** children and **179** seniors with low access to a supermarket or large grocery store.*

In addition, **660** residents had **both** low income **and** low access to stores.

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

- **4,000** people increased knowledge of economic and enterprise development.
- **510** people utilized healthy food delivery systems and access points.
- **352** people were involved in addressing community issues.

COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY

In 2011, Harrison County had:

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

In the county, there were:

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

In 2011, there were **\$362,700.16** in SNAP redemptions/per SNAP authorized store in Harrison County.⁴

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

- **700** people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- **700** people implemented practices for safe storage, handling, and preparation of food.
- **2,425** people increased knowledge of healthy food consumption.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

In Harrison County...

- **1,368** was the average monthly number of children who received SNAP** (food stamps) in 2011, up from **1,061** children in 2007 (**up 28.9%**).⁹
- **55.0%** of students attending public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.⁹
- There were **1,670** SNAP cases and the monthly SNAP benefit level was **\$267.44**.⁸

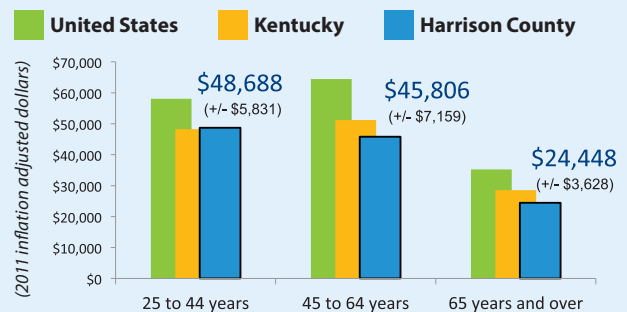
Harrison County is served by God's Pantry Food Bank of the Ky. Assoc. of Food Banks.¹⁰

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

- **115** people supplemented their diets with healthy foods they produced or preserved.
- **1,580** people were reached with information on eating healthy foods.
- **965** youth increased their knowledge of healthy food consumption.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

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



SOURCES

- ¹ Kentucky State Data Center
 - ² Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Reporting, FY 2013
 - ³ 2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates
 - 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/dcb/dcb_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

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