

# PIKE COUNTY Leslie Workman, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences



## **BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES**

**FOR KENTUCKY 2014** 

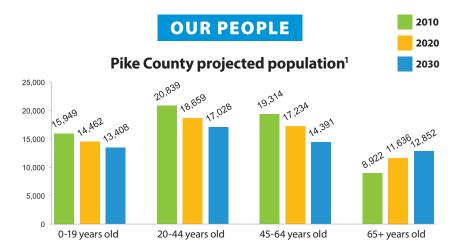


#### **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Pike 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 **7,976** contacts with Pike County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>



#### **SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

### EFNEP IN PIKE COUNTY

onsistent with much of Kentucky and the country, Pike County has a high obesity rate and many residents are in need of basic food budgeting and nutrition education. As a result, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) was reinstated in Pike County in October 2012. In a nine-month period, 80 families graduated the 12-session program. Ninety-seven percent reported a positive change in their family nutrition because of EFNEP. In addition, 49 percent reported they are using food resources more wisely and 58 percent reported an improvement in overall diet quality and nutritional health. This means families and children are eating better and saving money in Pike County.

http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies



#### **FAMILY ACCESS**

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

- 27.9% (+/- 3.1) of families with children were below poverty
- 12.9% (+/- 2.4) of those ages 65 and over were below poverty
- 21.3% (+/- 1.5) of households had retirement income
- 10.0% (+/- 1.2) of households had no vehicle

The USDA Food Environment Atlas<sup>4</sup> indicates that in 2010. Pike County had **787** people, **223** children and **93** seniors with low access to a supermarket or large grocery store.\*

In addition, 325 residents had both low income and low access to stores.

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

- 1,200 people demonstrated an increase in practical living skills.
- 2,311 people utilized healthy food delivery systems and access points.
- 226 people increased leadership knowledge and skills.

#### **COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY**

In 2011, Pike County had:

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

In the county, there were:

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

In 2011, there were \$348,341.32 in SNAP redemptions/per SNAP authorized store in Pike County.4

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

- 410 people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling, and preparation of food.
- 636 people increased knowledge of healthy food consumption.
- 821 people reported eating more healthy foods.

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

In Pike County...

- 5,208 was the average monthly number of children who received SNAP\*\* (food stamps) in 2011, up from **4,993** children in 2007 (up **4.3%**).9
- 65.0% of students attending public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.9
- There were 9,481 SNAP cases and the monthly SNAP benefit level was \$247.14.8

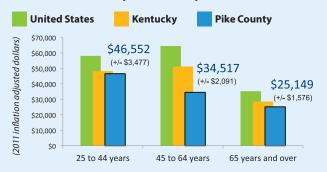
Pike County is served by God's Pantry Food Bank of the Ky. Assoc. of Food Banks.<sup>10</sup>

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

- 123 people adopted practices to increase food access and affordability.
- 3,000 families/caregivers were reached with information on accessing healthy foods.
- **5,460** youth increased their knowledge of healthy food consumption.

#### **HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

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



Kentucky State Data Center Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Reporting, FY 2013

2007-2011 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

<sup>4</sup> USDA, Economic Research Service. <a href="http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas.aspx">http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-environment-atlas.aspx</a>
<sup>5</sup> US Dept of Commerce. County Business Patterns. 2011.

Kentucky Farm Bureau. https://www.kyfb.com/federation/markets 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

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Rids Count Data Center, KY Youth Advocates.

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

