

# WAYNE COUNTY Jody Paver, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences



## **BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES**

**FOR KENTUCKY 2014** 

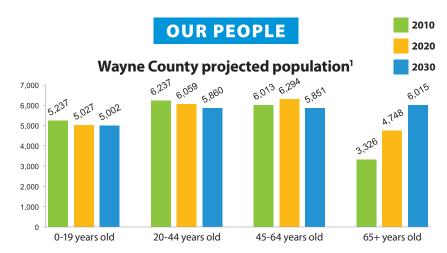


#### **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Wayne 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 **39,401** contacts with Wayne County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>



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

### WEIGHT THE REALITY SERIES

The Wayne County FCS staff partnered with the local health department to provide the "Weight the Reality" series as part of a Worksite Wellness program at Patriot Industries. On the kickoff day of the "Biggest Loser" program, 65 individuals registered to participate. Initial weight, waist measurements, body mass index (BMI), and blood pressures were recorded. Individuals weighed in, had blood pressure checks, and participated in a "Weight the Reality" series lesson each week. The 55 individuals who completed the eight-week program lost a total of 175.8 pounds. Twenty-two participants saw a change in their BMI. The top weight loss winner lost 9.8 percent of their beginning weight.

http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies



#### **FAMILY ACCESS**

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

- 34.7% (+/- 7.1) of families with children were below poverty
- 20.9% (+/- 4.9) of those ages 65 and over were below poverty
- 17.5% (+/- 2.8) of households had retirement income
- 7.4% (+/- 2.0) of households had no vehicle

The USDA Food Environment Atlas<sup>4</sup> indicates that in 2010. Wayne County had 2,746 people, 663 children and 447 seniors with low access to a supermarket or large grocery store.\*

In addition, **1,766** residents had **both** low income **and** low access to stores.

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

- 5,679 people demonstrated an increase in practical living skills.
- 759 people utilized healthy food delivery systems and access points.
- 1,200 people in Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud indicated they are more likely to buy Kentucky produce.

#### **COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY**

In 2011, Wayne County had:

- 6 Grocery stores (any kind)<sup>5</sup>
  - 4 Grocery/supermarkets (except convenience)5
  - 2 Convenience stores (i.e. food marts no gas)<sup>5</sup>
- 8 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>
- 28 SNAP\*\* authorized stores (food stamps)<sup>4</sup>
- 4 WIC\*\*\* authorized stores4

In 2011, there were \$300,758.69 in SNAP redemptions/per SNAP authorized store in Wayne County.4

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

- 3,419 people made lifestyle changes to improve health.
- 3,316 people implemented practices for safe storage, handling, and preparation of food.
- 1,467 people reported eating more healthy foods.

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

In Wayne County...

- 1,897 was the average monthly number of children who received SNAP\*\* (food stamps) in 2011, up from 1,718 children in 2007 (up 10.4%).9
- 71.0% of students attending public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price meals.9
- There were 2,992 SNAP cases and the monthly SNAP benefit level was \$237.05.8

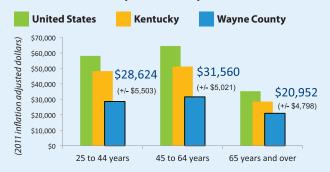
Wayne County is served by Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland of the Ky. Assoc. of Food Banks.<sup>10</sup>

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

- 1,583 people adopted practices to increase food access and affordability.
- 2,415 youth increased their knowledge of healthy food consumption.
- 2,047 youth reported eating more healthy foods.

#### **HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

Median household income in past 12 months by age of householder in Wayne 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
- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Data Book
- June, 2013. http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/data\_book.htm

  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

