Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Bullitt 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 live independently longer
- **Securing Financial Stability** in a turbulent economic period
- **Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities** that 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 2013-2014, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made 31,796 contacts with Bullitt County individuals and families.

Because 81% of Bullitt County’s population eats fewer than five fruits and vegetables a day, the Bullitt County Cooperative Extension Service partnered with the local school board as the main community partner in two 21st Century Grants totaling $300,000. Through 30 programs offered during the school day and in the evening, nutrition was taught to over 50 families and 180 elementary school children. A pre-test evaluation of the youth found a lack of knowledge of basic food groups and food safety. The post-program evaluation found 88% chose foods according to MyPlate more often, 79% increased two or more skills of choosing foods consistent with MyPlate, and 47% improved use of safe food handling practices.
Housing has long been recognized as a basic human need. Yet, because housing is often a family's largest expense and largest debt, it can be a stumbling block for many. Safe, lower-cost housing options are often limited for struggling families, and this can lead them into crisis. Family and Consumer Sciences Extension helps people improve home safety, lessen their environmental footprint, and strengthen financial stability. It also helps communities promote healthy lifestyles throughout the lifespan by supporting strong family home environments. Please tell us ways you think we can do more.

**AVAILABILITY**

In 2010, in Bullitt County, there were…
- 5,307 renter households
- 22,366 homeowner households
- 431 vacant housing units for rent
- 478 vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, 283 children were homeless or were precariously housed in Bullitt County.

**AFFORDABILITY**

According to American Community Survey estimates for Bullitt County, in 2008-2012…
- 31.9% (+/- 5.2) of renter households paid 35% or more of their income for rent and utilities
- 21.0% (+/- 2.0) of homeowner households with a mortgage and 8.5% (+/- 2.1) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid 35% or more of their income for housing costs
- 27.4% (+/- 1.5) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- 9.5% (+/- 1.1) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, 10.8% (+/- 1.8) of residents in the county were living below poverty.

In 2013, residents needed to earn $13.56 an hour (or work 1.9 jobs at $7.25 an hour**) to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Bullitt County.

**Estimated percentage of households without a vehicle (2008-2012)**

- 2.4 - 5.4%
- 5.6 - 7.9%
- 8.2 - 11.1%
- 11.4 - 15.5%

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

In Bullitt County, it is estimated that in 2008-2012…
- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1990 (+/- 3 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1991 (+/- 1 year)

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey estimates in Bullitt County…
- 1.9% (+/- 0.6) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- 66.2% (+/- 1.8) of workers living in Bullitt County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and 2.2% (+/- 0.6) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled 26.5 (+/- 0.7) or more minutes to work

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**SOURCES:**
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7. Data refer to housing tenure (owner or renter).
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