



FAYETTE COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2015



OUR FOCUS

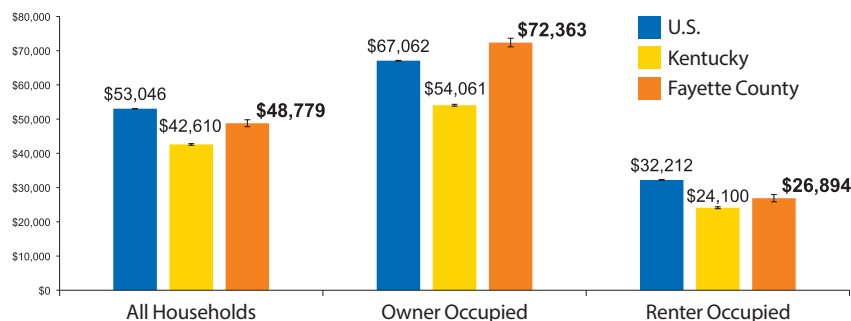
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Fayette County. To help families make wise decisions, our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **66,531** contacts with Fayette County individuals and families.¹

OUR PEOPLE

Median household income by housing type* (2008-2012)²



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

JOB CLUB NETWORKING

On the second and fourth Tuesday each month, the Fayette County Cooperative Extension office is buzzing with the mantra ABN - Always Be Networking as members of the Job Club meet. The club was developed to meet the needs of residents who were unemployed or underemployed. Job Club reached more than 800 adults in 2014, with 35 to 75 people attending each session. Participants range in age from early 20s to over 70 and have varied work experience and education. A follow-up survey reported 78% became employed or improved their career status. FCS partnered with the University of Kentucky Alumni Association and local businesses to provide a positive atmosphere for motivated job seekers in need of job search strategies and financial and benefit management.

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

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.

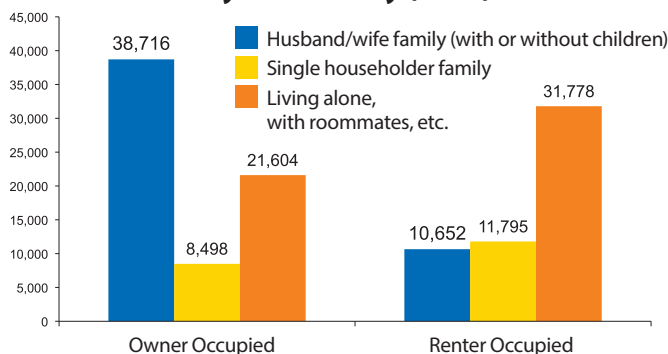
AVAILABILITY

In 2010, in Fayette County, there were...³

- **54,225** renter households
- **68,818** homeowner households
- **6,219** vacant housing units for rent
- **1,725** vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, **423** children were homeless or were precariously housed in Fayette County.⁴

Number of households by housing type* in Fayette County (2010)³



HEALTH AND SAFETY

In Fayette County, it is estimated that in 2008-2012...²

- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before **1978** (+/- 1 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before **1982** (+/- 2 years)

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey² estimates in Fayette County...

- **3.0%** (+/- 0.4) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- **13.6%** (+/- 0.7) of workers living in Fayette County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and **0.7%** (+/- 0.2) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled **19.6** (+/- 0.4) or more minutes to work

AFFORDABILITY

According to American Community Survey estimates for Fayette County, in 2008-2012...²

- **41.6%** (+/- 1.7) of renter households paid **35%** or more of their income for rent and utilities
- **18.1%** (+/- 1.2) of homeowner households with a mortgage and **7.7%** (+/- 1.0) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid **35%** or more of their income for housing costs
- **25.4%** (+/- 0.9) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- **1.2%** (+/- 0.2) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **17.7%** (+/- 1.4) of residents in the county were living below poverty.⁵

In 2013, residents needed to earn **\$13.79** an hour (or work **1.9** jobs at \$7.25 an hour**) to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Fayette County.⁶

Estimated percentage of households without a vehicle (2008-2012)²



SOURCES:

¹ Kentucky Cooperative Extension reporting, FY 2014

² 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau

³ 2010 Decennial Census, U.S. Census Bureau

⁴ Kentucky Dept. of Education <http://education.ky.gov/federal/progs/txc/Pages/TX-Docs.aspx> (Data for school districts were combined to produce the county total.)

⁵ Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau

⁶ Out Of Reach 2014, National Low Income Housing Coalition

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

** The current federal minimum wage