Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Floyd 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 18,083 contacts with Floyd County individuals and families.

Starting in September 2013, Cooperative Extension’s Floyd County FCS agent provided objective, neutral educational forums about the Affordable Care Act and KYNECT. People from business, health care, and related institutions worked together on outreach events, health fairs, and marketing efforts. Local KYNECTORS said, “as a result of the Extension-facilitated partnership we were able to provide follow-up and outreach education, and 2,100 individuals were enrolled. This collaboration provided us many contacts and the Extension facility was a neutral site where clients were enrolled. This facilitated our social marketing message about the KYNECT program of the Affordable Care Act legislation.”
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 Floyd County, there were…
- 4,268 renter households
- 11,792 homeowner households
- 424 vacant housing units for rent
- 176 vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, 137 children were homeless or were precariously housed in Floyd County.

**AFFORDABILITY**

According to American Community Survey estimates for Floyd County, in 2008-2012...
- 42.5% (+/- 7.1) of renter households paid 35% or more of their income for rent and utilities
- 30.0% (+/- 4.5) of homeowner households with a mortgage and 7.6% (+/- 2.8) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid 35% or more of their income for housing costs
- 55.2% (+/- 3.2) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- 28.6% (+/- 2.2) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, 33.1% (+/- 3.8) of residents in the county were living below poverty.

In 2013, residents needed to earn $10.87 an hour (or work 1.5 jobs at $7.25 an hour**) to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Floyd County.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

In Floyd County, it is estimated that in 2008-2012...
- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1977 (+/- 2 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1979 (+/- 2 years)

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey estimates in Floyd County…
- 3.1% (+/- 1.0) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- 30.3% (+/- 3.5) of workers living in Floyd County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and 1.8% (+/- 0.8) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled 24.3 (+/- 1.4) or more minutes to work

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**Number of households by housing type**

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**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%

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**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/che/Pages/TKDocs.aspx (Data for school districts were combined to produce the county total.)
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6. Out Of Reach 2014. National Low Income Housing Coalition
7. Data refer to housing tenure (owner or renter).
8. The current federal minimum wage

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