Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Harrison 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 8,712 contacts with Harrison County individuals and families.

### OUR FOCUS

### OUR PEOPLE

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

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### SPOTLIGHT ON ...

**COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**

Health care access is a concern for many Kentuckians. To combat the issue in Harrison County, the Community Health Partnership organizes an annual community health fair. The Harrison County Community Health Fair, or HCCHF, began after the Harrison County Cooperative Extension Service recognized the health care needs of uninsured farmers. The health fair is free and offers a wide range of services that include allergy screenings; blood tests; and cardiac, diabetic, and stroke risk assessments. Participants say that this event helps their total health care. The Cooperative Extension Service continues to be a strong supporter of HCCHF financially and with educational programming. This service has helped 426 people.

[http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies](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 Harrison County, there were…³
- **2,170** renter households
- **5,173** homeowner households
- **270** vacant housing units for rent
- **111** vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, **255** children were homeless or were precariously housed in Harrison County.⁴

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

In Harrison County, it is estimated that in 2008-2012…²
- **half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1966 (+/- 4 years)**
- **half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1976 (+/- 3 years)**

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey² estimates in Harrison County…
- **3.1% (+/- 1.5)** of all households had no landline or cell phone
- **49.2% (+/- 3.9)** of workers living in Harrison County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and **1.0% (+/- 0.8)** worked outside the state
- **Half of all workers traveled 26.2 (+/- 2.2)** or more minutes to work

According to recent American Community Survey estimates for Harrison County, in 2008-2012…²
- **40.0% (+/- 6.9)** of renter households paid 35% or more of their income for rent and utilities
- **21.0% (+/- 4.8)** of homeowner households with a mortgage and **12.5% (+/- 5.1)** of homeowner households without a mortgage paid 35% or more of their income for housing costs
- **37.9% (+/- 3.9)** of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- **17.1% (+/- 3.0)** of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **18.9% (+/- 3.1)** of residents in the county were living below poverty.⁵

In 2013, residents needed to earn **$11.52** an hour (or work **1.6** jobs at $7.25 an hour**) to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Harrison County.⁶

![Estimated percentage of households without a vehicle (2008-2012)](image)

**AFFORDABILITY**

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