Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Hart 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 13,401 contacts with Hart County individuals and families.

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**OUR FOCUS**

**OUR PEOPLE**

**Median household income by housing type**

- **All Households**: $53,046 (U.S.), $42,610 (Kentucky), $32,445 (Hart County)
- **Owner Occupied**: $67,062 (U.S.), $54,061 (Kentucky), $42,202 (Hart County)
- **Renter Occupied**: $32,212 (U.S.), $24,100 (Kentucky), $14,430 (Hart County)

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**SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

**HART COUNTY FARMERS MARKET**

The Hart County Farmers Market is in its ninth season and continues to grow. Extension staff worked extensively with the farmers market board on marketing plans to increase attendance and sales for vendors. The staff also worked with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Abundance of Hart to secure and distribute $9,000 in senior coupons for the 2013-14 season, with an 89% redemption rate. The market also accepted WIC farmers market coupons, with a 46% redemption rate. The new clients put more dollars in the vendors’ pockets and more fresh, local foods in the hands of seniors and low-income families, making it a win-win for Hart County.
**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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

- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1975 (+/- 3 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1979 (+/- 2 years)

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

- 1.4% (+/- 0.8) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- 44.0% (+/- 4.1) of workers living in Hart County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and 0.5% (+/- 0.4) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled 26.7 (+/- 2.2) or more minutes to work

**AVAILABILITY**

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

- **1,744** renter households
- **5,353** homeowner households
- **178** vacant housing units for rent
- **108** vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, **36** children were homeless or were precariously housed in Hart County.⁴

**AFFORDABILITY**

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

- **47.7% (+/- 7.9)** of renter households paid **35%** or more of their income for rent and utilities
- **21.0% (+/- 4.6)** of homeowner households with a mortgage and **9.0% (+/- 2.7)** of homeowner households without a mortgage paid **35%** or more of their income for housing costs
- **49.7% (+/- 3.5)** of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- **20.4% (+/- 2.7)** of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **25.2% (+/- 4.1)** of residents in the county were living below poverty.⁵

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 Hart County.⁶

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

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**SOURCES:**

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* Data refer to housing tenure (owner or renter).
** The current federal minimum wage

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