



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2015



OUR FOCUS

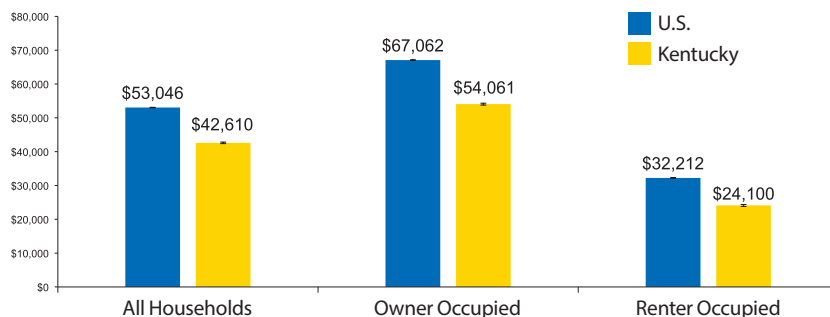
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Kentucky. To help families make wise decisions, our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **1,869,897** contacts with Kentucky individuals and families.¹

OUR PEOPLE

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



OUR FUTURE

HOUSING IN KENTUCKY

The 2015 edition of Building Strong Families data profiles draw attention to the availability, affordability, health and safety of housing in communities where individuals make homes for their families. Local communities struggle to provide their citizens access to clean, safe, and affordable housing. The challenge is significant for low-income families, renters, and rural residents. The 2015 data profiles are intended to encourage conversation about housing data in the local community. Local conversations will give real meaning to the numbers. It is out of these conversations that communities will recognize needs and identify the tools that are needed and available to strengthen Kentucky families.

<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.

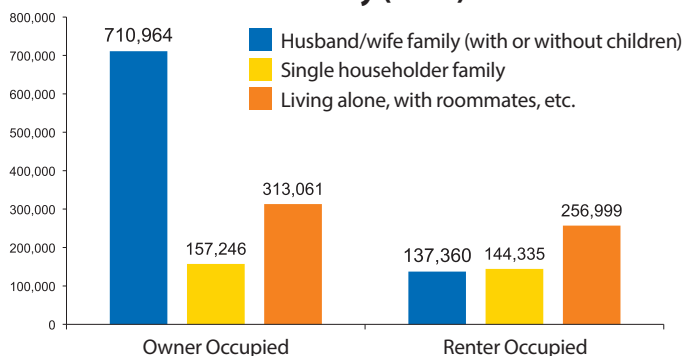
AVAILABILITY

In 2010, in Kentucky, there were...³

- **538,694** renter households
- **1,181,271** homeowner households
- **56,960** vacant housing units for rent
- **27,286** vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, **34,054** children were homeless or were precariously housed in Kentucky.⁴

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



HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before **1976** (+/- 1 year)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before **1979** (+/- 1 year)

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey² estimates in Kentucky...

- **3.2%** (+/- 0.1) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- **24.8%** (+/- 0.2) of workers living in Kentucky worked in Kentucky but outside their county of residence and **6.5%** (+/- 0.1) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled **22.7** (+/- 0.1) or more minutes to work

AFFORDABILITY

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

- **39.7%** (+/- 0.5) of renter households paid **35%** or more of their income for rent and utilities
- **20.9%** (+/- 0.3) of homeowner households with a mortgage and **8.9%** (+/- 0.2) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid **35%** or more of their income for housing costs
- **38.2%** (+/- 0.3) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- **12.5%** (+/- 0.2) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **19.3%** (+/- 0.4) of Kentucky residents were living below poverty.⁵

In 2013, residents needed to earn **\$12.69** an hour (or work **1.8** jobs at \$7.25 an hour**) to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Kentucky.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