



LEWIS COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2015



OUR FOCUS

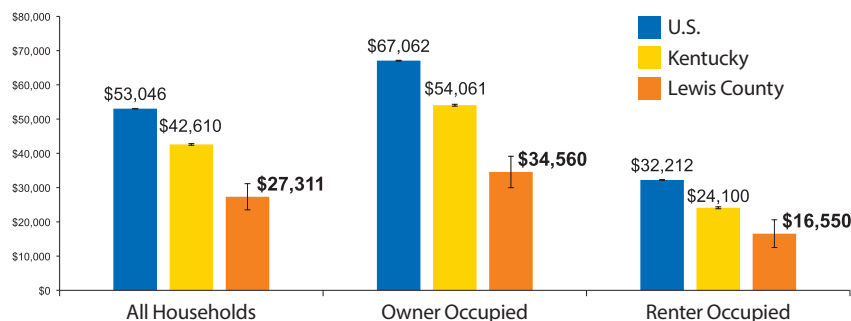
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Lewis County. To help families make wise decisions, our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **8,076** contacts with Lewis County individuals and families.¹

OUR PEOPLE

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



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

SEWING WEEK

Each year, four Master Clothing volunteers and Extension Homemaker volunteers collaborate with Women in Service to Our Communities in a community service sewing week. Volunteers work at the Lewis County Cooperative Extension Office for three to four days making items needed by various agencies in Lewis County: the nursing home, home health, women's crisis center and community baby shower. The team has made and donated pillowcases, tote bags, clothing protectors, walker caddies, wheelchair caddies, receiving blankets, burp cloths, play mats, fleece blankets, and diaper changing pads. The items donated have a value over \$19,000, benefiting Lewis County families since the program's inception five years ago.

<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.

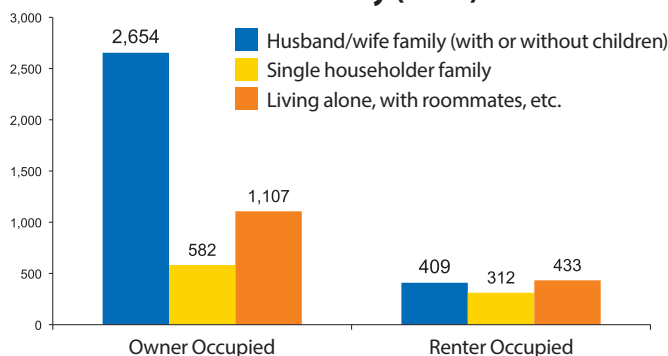
AVAILABILITY

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

- **1,154** renter households
- **4,343** homeowner households
- **133** vacant housing units for rent
- **75** vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, **175** children were homeless or were precariously housed in Lewis County.⁴

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



HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before **1970** (+/- 8 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before **1978** (+/- 3 years)

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

- **5.6%** (+/- 2.0) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- **41.9%** (+/- 5.0) of workers living in Lewis County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and **9.0%** (+/- 2.6) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled **30.3** (+/- 3.1) or more minutes to work

AFFORDABILITY

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

- **39.0%** (+/- 11.4) of renter households paid **35%** or more of their income for rent and utilities
- **29.0%** (+/- 7.3) of homeowner households with a mortgage and **12.6%** (+/- 4.3) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid **35%** or more of their income for housing costs
- **58.7%** (+/- 4.3) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- **24.1%** (+/- 3.3) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **30.9%** (+/- 5.2) 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 Lewis County.⁶

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



American Community Survey 5-year estimates

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

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