Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Pendleton 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 13,080 contacts with Pendleton County individuals and families.

Waist management is linked to many life-long health care issues. A “Waist Management” program provided educational sessions, rewards, and individual support over 12 weeks to aid in healthy lifestyle choices. Each of the 97 people who participated in the program lost weight. Together, participants lost more than 650 pounds. Participants lost another 300 pounds after the program. A follow-up evaluation showed that 79% noticed a change in how they felt physically; 100% of those who had starting and ending blood work saw improved blood pressure, cholesterol, or blood glucose numbers; and 68% were more physically active. A little goes a long way when it comes to weight loss.
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 Pendleton County, there were...

- 1,279 renter households
- 4,215 homeowner households
- 170 vacant housing units for rent
- 102 vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, 63 children were homeless or were precariously housed in Pendleton County.

### Affordability

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

- 28.5% (+/- 7.8) of renter households paid 35% or more of their income for rent and utilities
- 24.0% (+/- 6.5) of homeowner households with a mortgage and 7.3% (+/- 3.1) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid 35% or more of their income for housing costs
- 42.4% (+/- 4.4) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- 20.7% (+/- 3.3) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, 14.8% (+/- 3.0) of residents in the county were living below poverty.

In 2013, residents needed to earn $14.13 an hour (or work 1.9 jobs at $7.25 an hour**) to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Pendleton County.

### Health and Safety

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

- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1959 (+/- 9 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1984 (+/- 4 years)

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey estimates in Pendleton County...

- 6.1% (+/- 2.2) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- 55.0% (+/- 3.2) of workers living in Pendleton County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and 12.5% (+/- 2.8) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled 39.6 (+/- 5.8) or more minutes to work

### 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/chs/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
7. * Data refer to housing tenure (owner or renter).
8. ** The current federal minimum wage

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