Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Perry 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 31,746 contacts with Perry County individuals and families.

The Perry County Family and Consumer Sciences agent presented the University of Kentucky’s “Where Does Your Money Go?” program to 37 Extension homemaker leaders in eight counties. They learned how money can be lost through spending leaks. All believed they managed their money well, but felt that they could close spending leaks to save more money. A survey done three months after the program showed that 70% of the participants were now saving money by watching spending leaks. Each participant saved an average of $15 per week for a total savings of nearly $6,700 in 12 weeks. Those 37 leaders also reduced their debt by $3,200 in 12 weeks. They proved that a little awareness can result in big financial changes.
According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, 27.0% (+/- 4.6) of residents in the county were living below poverty. 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 Perry County.

** The current federal minimum wage

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, 674 children were homeless or were precariously housed in Perry County.

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/hc/Programs/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

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

- 2.4-5.4%
- 8.2-11.1%
- 5.6-7.9%
- 11.4-15.5%

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

- Half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1977 (+/- 3 years)
- Half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1981 (+/- 3 years)

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

- 5.4% (+/- 1.6) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- 13.5% (+/- 2.8) of workers living in Perry County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and 0.9% (+/- 0.8) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled 21.8 (+/- 1.6) or more minutes to work

In Perry County, there were...

- 2,945 renter households
- 8,374 homeowner households
- 326 vacant housing units for rent
- 103 vacant housing units for sale

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

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<td>Owner Occupied</td>
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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.