



# **SCOTT COUNTY**

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2015



### **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Scott 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 **18,240** contacts with Scott County individuals and families.<sup>1</sup>

# **OUR PEOPLE**

#### Median household income by housing type\* (2008-2012)<sup>2</sup>



# **SPOTLIGHT ON...**

# HEALTHY SNACK FAIR

Teaming up with the 4th- and 5th-grade teachers and the Scott County Diabetes Coalition, a snack fair was held at Stamping Ground Elementary for 180 students. The Scott County FCS agent shared nutrition information that stressed the value of healthy snacks as part of good nutrition. Students showed what they had learned. Fourth graders were split into teams and challenged to select and make a healthy snack that included at least two food groups. They also made posters and gave talks to support their snack choice. Fifth graders tasted and judged the snacks, posters, and presentations.

## http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies



ousing 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.

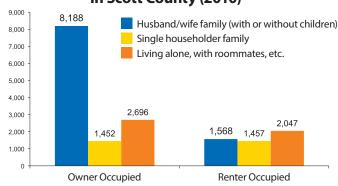
#### **AVAILABILITY**

In 2010, in Scott County, there were...<sup>3</sup>

- 5,072 renter households
- 12,336 homeowner households
- 542 vacant housing units for rent
- 616 vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, 193 children were homeless or were precariously housed in Scott County.4

#### Number of households by housing type\* in Scott County (2010)3



# **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

In Scott County, it is estimated that in 2008-2012...<sup>2</sup>

- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1989 (+/-4 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1993 (+/-2 years)

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey<sup>2</sup> estimates in Scott County...

- 1.8% (+/- 0.6) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- 43.4% (+/- 2.5) of workers living in Scott County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and **0.8**% (+/- 0.4) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled 22.2 (+/- 0.9) or more minutes to work

#### **AFFORDABILITY**

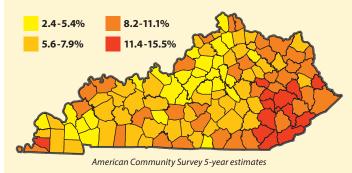
According to American Community Survey estimates for Scott County, in 2008-2012...<sup>2</sup>

- **35.7%** (+/- 5.4) of renter households paid **35%** or more of their income for rent and utilities
- 14.5% (+/- 2.6) of homeowner households with a mortgage and 10.6% (+/- 5.0) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid 35% or more of their income for housing costs
- 23.3% (+/- 2.2) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- 6.6% (+/- 1.1) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **10.9%** (+/- 1.9) of residents in the county were living below poverty.5

In 2013, residents needed to earn \$13.79 an hour (or work 1.9 iobs at \$7.25 an hour\*\*) to afford a twobedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Scott County.6

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



#### SOURCES:

- Kentucky Cooperative Extension reporting, FY 2014
- <sup>2</sup> 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau <sup>3</sup> 2010 Decennial Census, U.S. Census Bureau
- <sup>4</sup> 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.) Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census
- Out Of Reach 2014. National Low Income Housing
- \* Data refer to housing tenure (owner or renter).
  \*\* The current federal minimum wage

