

# SHELBY 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 Shelby 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 **25,753** contacts with Shelby County individuals and families.<sup>1</sup>

# **OUR PEOPLE**

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



# **SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

# HEALTHY EATING = HEALTHY YOU

The prevalence of obesity in America is an ongoing and worsening issue. In Shelby County, 30.9% of adults are obese and 21.3% of children are overweight or obese. To encourage healthier eating at a younger age, the Shelby County FCS agent presented a nutrition program in 30 4-H clubs at schools. A total of 797 children participated in the 4-H school club program "Healthy Eating = Healthy You" in March 2014. Two months later, 296 students completed a follow-up survey that showed 61% of these students ate five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily, 87% ate breakfast each morning, 82% ate healthy snacks each day, and 90% chose healthy drinks such as water, milk, and 100% fruit juice.

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.

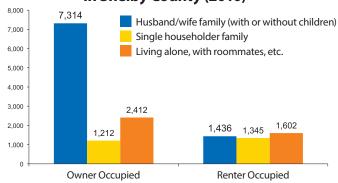
#### **AVAILABILITY**

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

- 4,383 renter households
- 10,938 homeowner households
- 378 vacant housing units for rent
- 293 vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, **71** children were homeless or were precariously housed in Shelby County.4

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



# **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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

- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before 1982 (+/-5 years)
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before 1987 (+/-3 years)

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

- 2.5% (+/- 0.9) of all households had no landline or cell phone
- 48.6% (+/- 3.4) of workers living in Shelby County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and 1.7% (+/- 0.6) worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled 24.4 (+/- 1.1) or more minutes to work

#### **AFFORDABILITY**

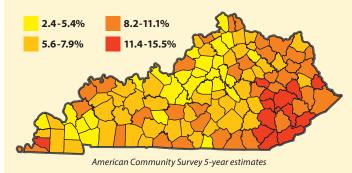
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- 32.5% (+/- 6.2) of renter households paid 35% or more of their income for rent and utilities
- **19.0%** (+/- 3.2) of homeowner households with a mortgage and 6.8% (+/- 3.3) of homeowner households without a mortgage paid 35% or more of their income for housing costs
- 28.0% (+/- 2.6) of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- 4.3% (+/- 1.2) of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **13.2%** (+/- 2.4) of residents in the county were living below poverty.5

In 2013, residents needed to earn \$13.27 an hour (or work 1.8 iobs at \$7.25 an hour\*\*) to afford a twobedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Shelby 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

