**WAYNE 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 Wayne County. To help families make wise decisions, our educational programs focus on:

- **Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices**
- **Nurturing Families**
- **Embracing Life as We Age**
- **Securing Financial Stability**
- **Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities**
- **Accessing Nutritious Food**
- **Empowering Community Leaders**

In 2013-2014, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made 6,979 contacts with Wayne County individuals and families.

**OUR PEOPLE**

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<th>Housing Type</th>
<th>U.S.</th>
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<th>Washington County</th>
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<td>All Households</td>
<td>$53,046</td>
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<td>Renter Occupied</td>
<td>$32,212</td>
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**SPOTLIGHT ON ...**

**THE BIGGEST WINNER**

According to County Health Rankings, 33% of adults in Wayne County are obese. The Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service collaborated with the Lincoln Trail District Health Department, Fuel Fitness Center, and the county board of education to conduct a weight-loss competition called The Biggest Winner. The 117 participants from Wayne and surrounding counties worked in teams on weekly health lessons and competed to have the largest average percentage of weight loss during the 12-week program. A total of 957 pounds was lost overall. The winning team of two had an average weight loss of 16.7% and a total weight loss of 58 pounds. Due to success and continued interest, this program will continue annually.

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 Washington County, there were…
- **922** renter households
- **3,585** homeowner households
- **95** vacant housing units for rent
- **76** vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, **49** children were homeless or were precariously housed in Washington County.⁵

**Affordability**

According to American Community Survey estimates for Washington County, in 2008-2012…
- **43.9% (+/- 11.8)** of renter households paid 35% or more of their income for rent and utilities
- **16.8% (+/- 5.0)** of homeowner households with a mortgage and **7.7% (+/- 3.6)** of homeowner households without a mortgage paid 35% or more of their income for housing costs
- **44.5% (+/- 3.8)** of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- **15.2% (+/- 3.2)** of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **16.9% (+/- 3.3)** 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 Washington County.⁶

**Health and Safety**

In Washington County, it is estimated that in 2008-2012…
- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before **1969 (+/- 7 years)**
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before **1980 (+/- 4 years)**

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey estimates in Washington County…
- **2.7% (+/- 1.3)** of all households had no landline or cell phone
- **52.4% (+/- 4.4)** of workers living in Washington County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and **1.7% (+/- 1.2)** worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled **28.9 (+/- 2.6)** or more minutes to work

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**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/programs/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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