



# **HENDERSON COUNTY**

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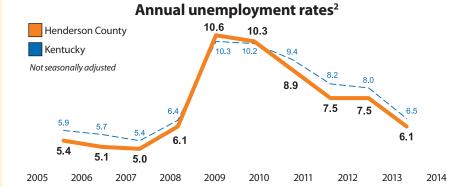
## **OUR FOCUS**

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Henderson County. To help Kentuckians strengthen their financial, physical, and social well-being, 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 2014-2015, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **7,696** contacts with Henderson County individuals and families.<sup>1</sup>

## **OUR PEOPLE**



## **SPOTLIGHT ON...**

# HEALTHY COOKING GROWS

Participants in the Healthy Cooking series cook, learn new recipes, taste the dishes they make, and have a lesson on a cooking topic. The 11 classes offered this year attracted 228 students. In the past few years, participation has increased. Initially, a night class was offered, then a daytime class was launched. In evaluations, 95% of participants said they would make the recipes at home, and 50% said they have tried the recipes at home. Many participants try recipes that use ingredients they do not generally use, and they end up liking the dish.

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



## FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

In Henderson County, the median household income in 2013 was **\$42,492** (+/- **\$3,395**) compared to \$43,307 (+/- \$631) for the state.3

The American Community Survey estimates that between 2009-2013:4

- 23.3% (+/-3.2) of families with related children were below poverty
- 8.3% (+/-2.0) of people age 65 and over were below poverty
- 3.2% (+/-1.0) of individuals working full time/full year in the previous 12 months were below poverty
- 53.6% of students were eligible for free lunches and 4.7% were eligible for reduced-price lunches in 2014-20155

#### As a result of participating in Henderson County Extension programs: 1

- 139 people demonstrated informed and effective decision-making.
- 946 people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

#### PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

According to the CDC's County Diabetes Atlas, in Henderson County in 2012:6

- 11.1% (13.6%-9.0%) of adults reported having been diagnosed with diabetes
- 31.9% (36.5%-27.3%) of adults 18 years and over were obese
- 29.2% (33.7%-24.8%) of adults reported no leisure-time exercise in the past month

Between 2006-2012 in Henderson County:7

- 37.5% (45.2%-30.3%) of adults reported having been diagnosed with high blood pressure
- 21.2% (25.6%-17.4%) of adults reported fair or poor health

In Henderson County:

- 66.9% had adequate access to locations for physical activity compared to 72.0% for the state8
- 23.5% (+/-2.7) of those who drive to work on their own have a commute that is more than 30 minutes (2009-2013)8
- 29 deaths were from a drug overdose between 2009-20139

#### As a result of participating in Henderson County Extension programs: 1

- 725 people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- 96 children and youth learned to eat more healthy food.

## **SOCIAL WELL-BEING**

The American Community Survey estimates that between 2009-2013 in Henderson County:4

- 26.3% (+/-0.9) of households included one or more persons age 65 and over
- 797 (+/-172) grandparents lived with and were responsible for their own grandchildren
- **76.5%** (+/-**5.5**) of children under 6 years and **74.9%** (+/-5.4) of children 6-17 years had all parents in the labor
- 1,346 (+/-256) of those age 5 and older spoke a language other than English at home
- 3,102 (+/-287) civilian veterans lived in Henderson County<sup>4</sup>

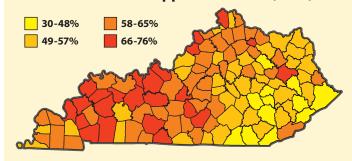
#### In Henderson County:

- 16.5% (22.0%-12.2%) of adults ages 18+ reported they did not receive sufficient social-emotional support between 2006-127
- 138 children were determined to have been victims of child abuse or neglect in 2013<sup>10</sup>
- 42.4% of those registered to vote did so in the 2014 General Election<sup>11</sup>

#### As a result of participating in Henderson County Extension programs: 1

- 24 adults reported increased leadership skills, knowledge or confidence.
- 126 people utilized skills learned through Extension programming.

#### Percent of child support collected (2014)<sup>10</sup>



#### SOURCES:

- Kentucky Cooperative Extension reporting, FY 2015
- <sup>2</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment <sup>3</sup> Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
- <sup>4</sup> 2013 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, U.S. Census Bureau <sup>5</sup> 2014-2015 Kentucky School Report Card, Kentucky Dept. of Education. (Data for school districts were combined to produce the county total.)
- CDC County Diabetes Atlas
- <sup>7</sup> BRFSS/Health Indicators Warehous <sup>8</sup> RWJF County Health Rankings.
- Adequate access is defined as living within 1/2 mile of a park and as living in a census tract less than 3 miles from a recreational
- facility for rural areas and less than 1 mile in urban areas
- <sup>9</sup> Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center. 2015. "Drug Overdose Deaths in Kentucky, 2000-2013"
- <sup>o</sup> Kentucky Kids Count/Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family
- Services. (http://datacenter.kidscount.org) Kentucky State Board of Elections
- (http://elect.ky.gov/statistics/Pages/turnoutstatistics.aspx)

