BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES
IN OHIO COUNTY

2018 KENTUCKY COUNTY PROFILES

OUR FOCUS
Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families throughout Kentucky. 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, and empowering community leaders.

OUR SUCCESS
In 2016-2017, Cooperative Extension made 69,569 contacts with individuals and families in Ohio County.¹

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A HEALTHIER KENTUCKY
Making healthy lifestyle choices

Easy access to unhealthy foods, increased stress, and limited opportunities for physical activity all create challenges and barriers for Kentucky families in making healthy lifestyle choices. Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension programming through the University of Kentucky teaches families to improve health and well-being by choosing a nutritious diet, increasing health literacy to help prevent chronic diseases, or participating in regular physical activity. Our goal is to equip citizens with the knowledge, resources, and an environment where the healthy choice is the easy choice.

Number of farmers market locations by Kentucky county²

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¹Of counties in Kentucky implemented programs promoting healthy lifestyle choices.
²Of counties in Kentucky implemented programs promoting healthy homes and communities.
**Food Environment**

**OUR COUNTY**
- Ohio County had 3 supermarkets and other grocery stores and 20 convenience stores or gas stations with convenience stores in 2015.³
- According to Map the Meal Gap, in 2015, an estimated 3,500 individuals were food insecure in Ohio County.⁴
- Only 13.3% (27.3%-5.9%) of adults in Ohio County consumed five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day between 2013-2015.⁵

**OUR RESULTS**
- 1,005 individuals reported eating more healthy foods.¹
- 1,036 individuals prepared more healthy home-cooked meals.¹

**Physical Environment**

**OUR COUNTY**
- According to the CDC’s County Diabetes Atlas, 37.2% (43.2%-31.4%) of adults 18 years and over in Ohio County were obese between 2012 and 2014.⁶
- The Diabetes Atlas also reports that between 2012 and 2014, 31.0% (36.7%-25.8%) of adults in Ohio County reported no leisure-time exercise in the past month.⁶
- There was 1 fitness and recreation business in Ohio County in 2015.³

**OUR RESULTS**
- $900 in funding has been received by community health coalitions.¹

**Financial Environment**

**OUR COUNTY**
- The median household income in Ohio County was $40,661 ($44,545-$36,777) in 2015.⁸
- In Ohio County, 686 was the average monthly number of infants and children assisted by WIC* in 2013.⁹
- In 2015, there were 3,801 SNAP/food stamp recipients.¹⁰
- 10.1% (+/-2.3%) of people age 65 and over were below poverty between 2011-2015¹¹ and 25.4% (31.1%-19.7%) of children ages 5-17 in families were below poverty in 2015.⁸
- Between 2011 and 2015, 5.7% (+/-1.9%) of full-time/full-year workers were below poverty.¹¹

**OUR RESULTS**
- 303 individuals used at least one strategy to reduce expenses or manage money.¹
- 303 individuals practiced setting goals for how to use their money.¹
- 303 individuals have a better understanding of and more confidence in handling money issues.¹

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**SOURCES:**
¹ Kentucky Cooperative Extension Reporting, FY 2017
³ U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 County Business Patterns. (factfinder.census.gov)
⁴ Map the Meal Gap 2017. (Map.feedingamerica.org)
⁵ Kentucky Health Facts. (www.kentuckyhealthfacts.org)
⁷ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2016 County Health Rankings. (www.countyhealthrankings.org)
⁸ 2015 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html)
⁹ Kids Count Data Center. (datacenter.kidscount.org)
¹¹ 2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau (factfinder.census.gov)
¹² Margin of error: (+/-22%-33%)

* WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

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