

FULTON COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY 2012



OUR FOCUS

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Fulton County. As the current economic situation continues to create challenges, educational programs focus on:

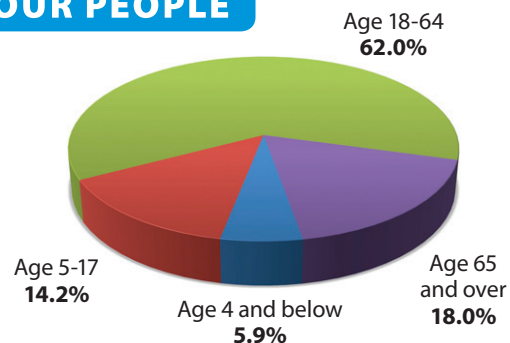
- **Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices** that influence health and well-being
- **Nurturing Families** as they cope with fewer resources and more demands
- **Embracing Life as We Age** to strive for independence longer
- **Securing Financial Stability** in a turbulent economic period
- **Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities** to 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 2010-2011, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **4,684** contacts with Fulton County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Population by Age Group¹

The 2010 U.S. Census reported total population in Fulton County as **6,813**.¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

NURTURING FAMILIES

Kentucky "Kids County" data ranks Kentucky 41st nationally in overall well-being of children. The Fulton County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent and Four River Counties Community Early Childhood Council collaborated to fund multiple projects to reach local families. The ABC Fall Festival provided families with assessments, educational materials, and developmental screening for ages five and under reaching 129 individuals, 53 families, and 52 volunteers. Parent Involvement Week impacted over 500 families; child care centers received 10 stipends for first aid and CPR training and were awarded \$9,000 grants to increase quality age-appropriate materials. Building Strong Families for School Success child care training was received by 20 participants. The council is viewed as a valuable resource for improving well-being of local children.

OUR FAMILIES

According to the 2010 Census,¹ of families in Fulton County with their own children...

- **55.1%** are husband-wife families
- **44.9%** are single parent families

In addition, there are:

- **2,864** households
- **768** households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- **173** grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
- **910** households with at least one person age 65 and over



As a result of participation in Fulton County Extension programs:²

- **1,000** people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- **250** people increased knowledge of parenting and personal relationships.
- **75** people increased their use of radon testers, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and other devices to ensure personal safety.

OUR COMMUNITY

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Fulton County was **\$27,524**.³

The number of children in poverty in Fulton County was **668** compared to **622** in 2006.³

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Fulton County is **2,102** in 2011.⁴

As a result of participation in Fulton County Extension programs:²

- **51** people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- **333** people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- **250** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.

OUR ECONOMY

According to the 2010 American Community Survey 5-year estimates,⁶ between 2005 and 2009 in Fulton County it is estimated that...

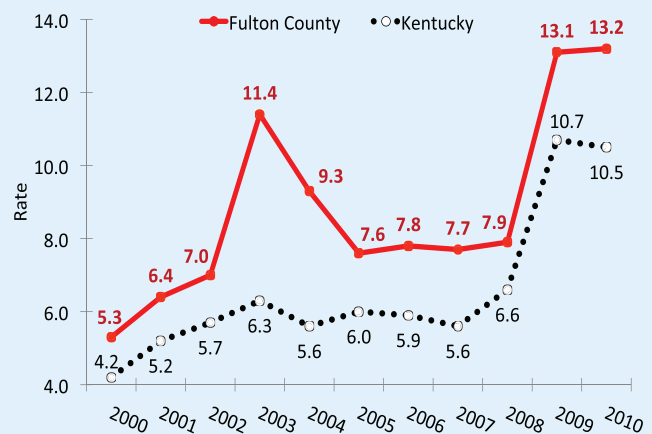
- **37.2%** (+/- **7.9**) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- **62.7%** (+/- **16.9**) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- **17.6%** (+/- **7.1**) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

As a result of participation in Fulton County Extension programs:²

- **5** people improved their ability to plan meals and compare prices to stretch their food budget.
- **50** people adopted money management practices to reduce debt and increase savings.
- **50** people demonstrated increased practical living skills.

Average Annual Unemployment Rate⁵

(not seasonally adjusted)



SOURCES

- ¹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census.
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- ⁵ Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.
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