

HOPKINS 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 Hopkins County. As the current economic situation continues to create challenges, educational programs focus on:

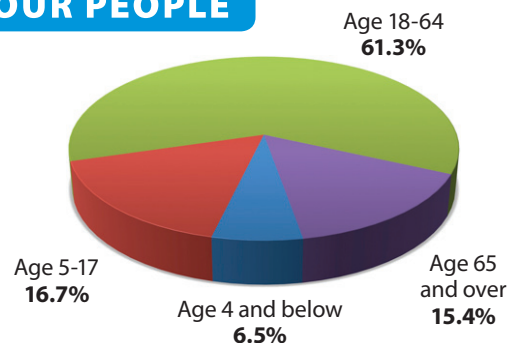
- **Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices** that influence health and well-being
- **Nurturing Families** as they cope with fewer resources and more demands
- **Embracing Life as We Age** to strive for independence longer
- **Securing Financial Stability** in a turbulent economic period
- **Promoting Healthy 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 **24,693** contacts with Hopkins County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Population by Age Group¹

The 2010 U.S. Census reported total population in Hopkins County as **46,920**.¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

SECURING FINANCIAL STABILITY

In partnership with KHEAA, AARP, master gardeners, and the public library, Hopkins County offered multiple classes during Kentucky Saves week. Nine parents and students attended "Paying for College 101," hosted by the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent. One student learned of tuition savings of \$2,614 per semester; all nine indicated the class helped them find resources to finance higher education. A safe driving class for residents age 55 and older was taught to decrease risk for accident. After completing the four-hour session, 22 participants were eligible for a potential insurance reduction of 5-10%. Using Extension curriculum, a couponing class taught participants to save money, with participants reporting weekly savings of \$25 to \$80.

OUR FAMILIES

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

- **66.2%** are husband-wife families
- **33.8%** are single parent families

In addition, there are:

- **18,980** households
- **6,106** households with 1 or more persons under the age of 18
- **955** grandchildren under 18 years old who live with a grandparent householder
- **5,091** households with at least one person age 65 and over



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

- **300** people increased knowledge of lifestyle changes to improve personal health.
- **15** women improved their ability to manage their family farm financial management practices.
- **12** people increased knowledge of safe storage, handling and food preparation.

OUR COMMUNITY

In 2009, the most recent data available, the median household income in Hopkins County was **\$36,518**.³

The number of children in poverty in Hopkins County was **3,173** compared to **2,619** in 2006.³

The total number of people receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Hopkins County is **9,035** in 2011.⁴

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

- **133** people increased leadership knowledge and skills.
- **100** people improved communication skills to address community issues.
- **18** people developed skills to access affordable food.

OUR ECONOMY

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

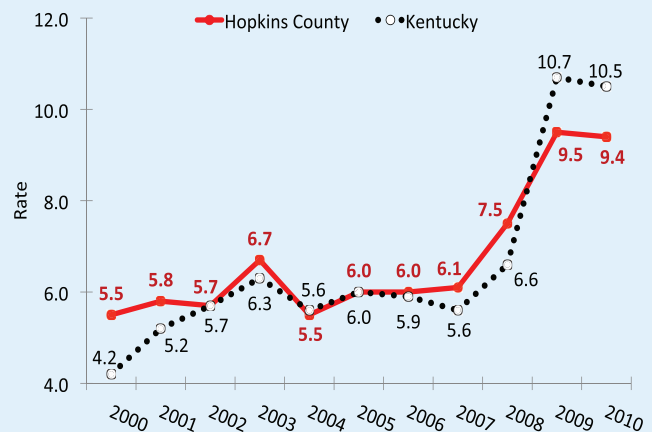
- **45.7%** (+/- 2.5) are married-couple families with both husband and wife in the labor force
- **49.2%** (+/- 7) are children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force
- **10.8%** (+/- 2.1) are people 65 years and over below poverty level during the past 12 months

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

- **300** adults and youth improved their ability to make informed and effective decisions.
- **62** people were involved in addressing issues of their community.
- **100** 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.
- ⁶ U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates.