

ALLEN COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY



OUR FOCUS

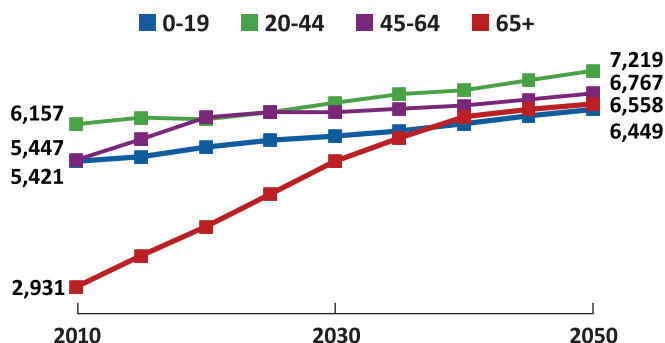
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Allen County. To help families make wise decisions our educational programs focus on:

- **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 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 2011-2012, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made **7,368** contacts with Allen County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Population projections by age group for Allen County¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

BEEF IN THE CLASSROOM

The rising costs of consumer beef products, coupled with national food safety concerns could affect Allen County families' grocery choices. To increase awareness of food safety and the nutritional benefits of beef as part of personal health lifestyle choices, a six-session "Beef in the Classroom" program was presented by Allen County Family and Consumer Sciences agent to the high school culinary class. Classroom sessions focused on an overview of the local cattle industry, with special focus on food-borne illness and preventive standards utilized by both producer and families during purchase, storage and preparation. The thirteen students developed food purchase skills targeting lean beef cut recognition and preparation techniques using lower fat cuts. Student evaluations indicated that 80 percent increased skills in beef carcass cut identification for healthier cut selection.



OUR FAMILIES

According to the 2010 American Community Survey,³ between 2006 and 2010 it is estimated that in Allen County:



- **25.0% (+/- 6.2)** families with related children were below poverty
- **9.9% (+/- 3.3)** of those over the age of 65 were below poverty

In addition:

- **21.5% (+/- 2.2)** of those ages 18-64 did not have health insurance in 2010⁴
- **367** children on average received Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) benefits in 2010⁵
- **3,968** people received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in 2012⁶

As a result of participating in Allen County Extension programs:²

- **249** people in Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud indicated they are more likely to buy Kentucky produce.
- **5,747** people increased their knowledge about healthy foods.
- **202** people reported eating more healthy foods.

OUR COMMUNITY

In Allen County:

- **46.0%** of births were to mothers who received early and regular prenatal care in 2009⁷
- **72.0%** of ordered child support was collected in 2011⁸

Of the **7** primary care physicians in Allen County:⁹

- **57.1%** are family practice
- **0.0%** are pediatricians
- **0.0%** are OB/GYN

As a result of participating in Allen County Extension programs:²

- **660** people are involved in addressing community issues.
- **126** people increased awareness of how to manage current economic events.
- **411** people were able to utilize new decision-making skills for health.

OUR HEALTH

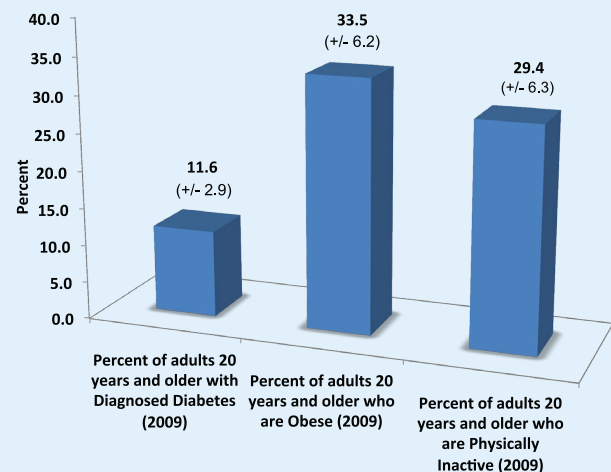
According to Kentucky Health Facts,¹⁰ between 2008 and 2010 in Allen County:

- **16.8% (9.9 - 27.0)** did not pursue health care due to cost, compared to **18% (17.0 - 18.6)** in the state
- **22.5% (14.9 - 32.4)** of adults reported their health status as less than good, compared to **23% (22.0 - 23.6)** in the state
- **35.3% (25.4 - 46.6)** of adults reported having received a flu vaccine in the past year

As a result of participating in Allen County Extension programs:²

- **445** people increased knowledge of diet and exercise changes to improve health.
- **325** people made diet or exercise changes to improve health.
- **126** people experienced a change in knowledge of healthy home practices and stress management.

Health Snapshot: Allen County¹¹



SOURCES

- ¹ Kentucky State Data Center
- ² Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Impact Reporting, FY2012
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- ⁵ Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
- ⁶ Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, June 2012
- ⁷ Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- ⁸ Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Division of Child Support
- ⁹ Kentucky Health Facts, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
- ¹⁰ Kentucky Health Facts, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- ¹¹ Centers for Disease Control, National Diabetes Surveillance System

<http://hes.uky.edu/StrongFamilies>