

MERCER COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY



OUR FOCUS

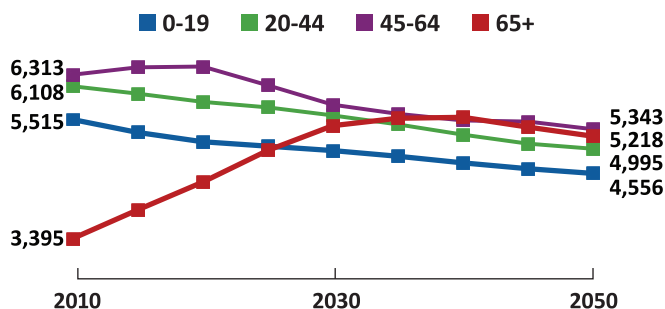
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Mercer County. To help families make wise decisions our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **8,941** contacts with Mercer County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Population projections by age group for Mercer County¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

MELTDOWN MERCER COUNTY

The obesity rate in Kentucky increased 90 percent over the past 15 years, threatening the quality of life and longevity of its citizens. Attempting to reverse these trends by working with various groups to promote the health and wellness in the community is the goal of Meltdown Mercer County, 30 weeks of programming utilizing the "Weight the Reality Series," "Basics," "Body Image," and "Get Moving" curriculums. Offered in three 10-week programs, and through partnering with the Harrodsburg Herald for a community fitness competition, the programs have reached more than 200 people. One female, over age 40 participant reduced her body fat by 10.8 percent, waist by 7 inches, total weight by 24 pounds, and body weight by 14.65 percent.



OUR FAMILIES

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



- **12.6% (+/- 3.7)** families with related children were below poverty
- **11.1% (+/- 3.5)** of those over the age of 65 were below poverty

In addition:

- **20.3% (+/- 1.9)** of those ages 18-64 did not have health insurance in 2010⁴
- **333** children on average received Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) benefits in 2010⁵
- **3,777** people received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in 2012⁶

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

- **300** people were reached with the importance of physical activity.
- **322** people increased their knowledge about healthy foods.
- **129** people reported eating more healthy foods.

OUR COMMUNITY

In Mercer County:

- **71.0%** of births were to mothers who received early and regular prenatal care in 2009⁷
- **54.0%** of ordered child support was collected in 2011⁸

Of the **11** primary care physicians in Mercer County:⁹

- **63.6%** are family practice
- **9.1%** are pediatricians
- **0.0%** are OB/GYN

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

- **168** people are involved in addressing community issues.
- **442** people increased awareness of how to manage current economic events.
- **1,357** people were able to utilize new decision-making skills for health.

OUR HEALTH

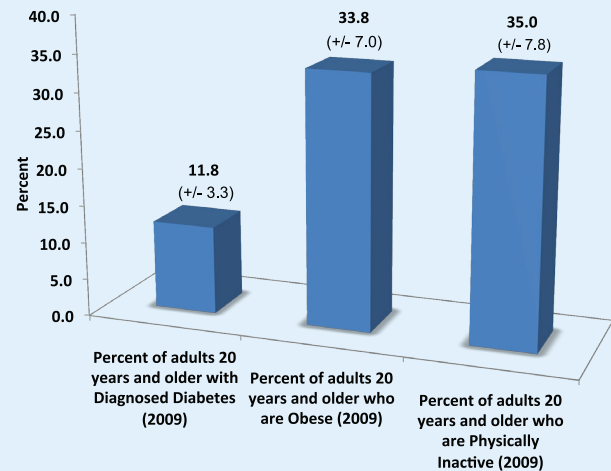
According to Kentucky Health Facts,¹⁰ between 2008 and 2010 in Mercer County:

- **8.0% (3.0 - 19.8)** did not pursue health care due to cost, compared to **18% (17.0 - 18.6)** in the state
- **16.2% (7.8 - 30.8)** of adults reported their health status as less than good, compared to **23% (22.0 - 23.6)** in the state
- **49.1% (32.8 - 65.5)** of adults reported having received a flu vaccine in the past year

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

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

Health Snapshot: Mercer County¹¹



SOURCES

- ¹ Kentucky State Data Center
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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>