

## MONROE COUNTY

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# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY



### OUR FOCUS

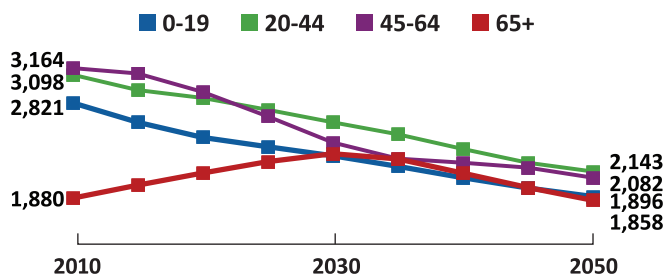
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Monroe County. To help families make wise decisions our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **9,685** contacts with Monroe County individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>

### OUR PEOPLE

Population projections by age group for Monroe County<sup>1</sup>



### SPOTLIGHT ON ...

## MAKING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES

The health and well-being of families and individuals is a top priority of Monroe County Cooperative Extension Service's Family and Consumer Sciences program. Multiple programs to promote healthy lifestyle choices were introduced. In an effort to expose Monroe Countians to healthy recipes made with fresh fruits and vegetables, Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud samples and recipes were distributed at the farmers market each month. Additionally a five-session diabetes educational program was offered in partnership with several community partners to help participants begin to take ownership of their diabetes. Of those participating, six reported they had set and accomplished one or more goals for themselves during the class and six reported the class helped them to solve problems that come about in daily life in dealing with their diabetes.



## OUR FAMILIES

According to the 2010 American Community Survey,<sup>3</sup> between 2006 and 2010 it is estimated that in Monroe County:



- **34.8% (+/- 9.4)** families with related children were below poverty
- **26.5% (+/- 7.1)** of those over the age of 65 were below poverty

### In addition:

- **27.3% (+/- 2.6)** of those ages 18-64 did not have health insurance in 2010<sup>4</sup>
- **288** children on average received Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) benefits in 2010<sup>5</sup>
- **2,919** people received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in 2012<sup>6</sup>

### As a result of participating in Monroe County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

- **100** people reported spending time in physical activity.
- **350** people increased their knowledge about healthy foods.
- **350** people reported eating more healthy foods.

## OUR COMMUNITY

In Monroe County:

- **50.0%** of births were to mothers who received early and regular prenatal care in 2009<sup>7</sup>
- **58.0%** of ordered child support was collected in 2011<sup>8</sup>

Of the **6** primary care physicians in Monroe County:<sup>9</sup>

- **66.7%** are family practice
- **0.0%** are pediatricians
- **0.0%** are OB/GYN

### As a result of participating in Monroe County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

- **250** people reported accessing healthy community food sources such as farmers market or food pantry.
- **461** people made food safety changes to improve health.
- **377** people were able to utilize new decision-making skills for health.

## OUR HEALTH

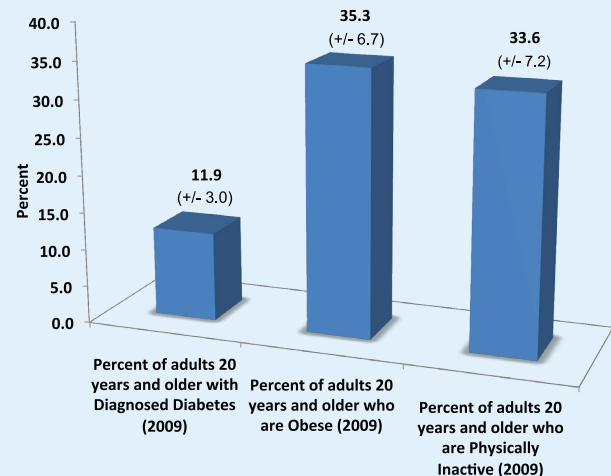
According to Kentucky Health Facts,<sup>10</sup> between 2008 and 2010 in Monroe County:

- **21.6% (12.6 - 34.5)** did not pursue health care due to cost, compared to **18% (17.0 - 18.6)** in the state
- **25.5% (16.6 - 37.1)** of adults reported their health status as less than good, compared to **23% (22.0 - 23.6)** in the state
- **38.9% (27.5 - 51.6)** of adults reported having received a flu vaccine in the past year

### As a result of participating in Monroe County Extension programs:<sup>2</sup>

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

## Health Snapshot: Monroe County<sup>11</sup>



### SOURCES

- <sup>1</sup> Kentucky State Data Center
- <sup>2</sup> Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Impact Reporting, FY2012
- <sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates
- <sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates
- <sup>5</sup> Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
- <sup>6</sup> Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, June 2012
- <sup>7</sup> Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- <sup>8</sup> Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Division of Child Support
- <sup>9</sup> Kentucky Health Facts, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
- <sup>10</sup> Kentucky Health Facts, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- <sup>11</sup> Centers for Disease Control, National Diabetes Surveillance System

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