

OWEN COUNTY

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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR KENTUCKY



OUR FOCUS

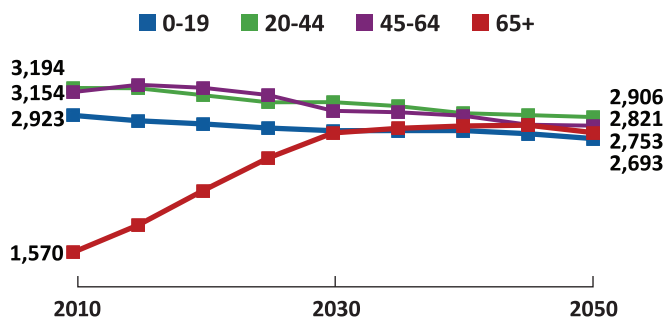
Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Owen County. To help families make wise decisions our educational programs focus on:

- **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 **29,675** contacts with Owen County individuals and families.²

OUR PEOPLE

Population
projections
by age
group for
Owen
County¹



SPOTLIGHT ON ...

RECIPES FOR LIFE

A recent New York Times article entitled "Time to Revive Home Ec" stated that this subject matter was important to prepare students after high school graduation. School budget constraints and testing requirements have led to the demise of Family and Consumer Sciences programs that taught these life skills. Owen County Extension agent for Family and Consumer Sciences taught a hands-on school project entitled "Recipes for Life" to promote nutrition and healthy eating to students in their communities. This project brought fifth-grade classes to the extension office to learn recipe reading and cooking techniques. As a result, the students stated they have utilized the recipes and cooking techniques in their own kitchen and have begun helping their families to prepare meals.



OUR FAMILIES

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



- **12.0% (+/- 4.9)** families with related children were below poverty
- **14.7% (+/- 5.7)** of those over the age of 65 were below poverty

In addition:

- **22.0% (+/- 2.2)** of those ages 18-64 did not have health insurance in 2010⁴
- **199** children on average received Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) benefits in 2010⁵
- **2,244** people received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in 2012⁶

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

- **201** people were reached with the importance of physical activity.
- **160** people increased their knowledge about healthy foods.
- **100** people reported eating more healthy foods.

OUR COMMUNITY

In Owen County:

- **62.0%** of births were to mothers who received early and regular prenatal care in 2009⁷
- **59.0%** of ordered child support was collected in 2011⁸

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

- **85.7%** are family practice
- **0.0%** are pediatricians
- **0.0%** are OB/GYN

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

- **500** people in Plate it Up! Kentucky Proud indicated they are more likely to buy Kentucky produce.
- **201** people increased awareness of how to manage current economic events.
- **375** people were able to utilize new decision-making skills for health.

OUR HEALTH

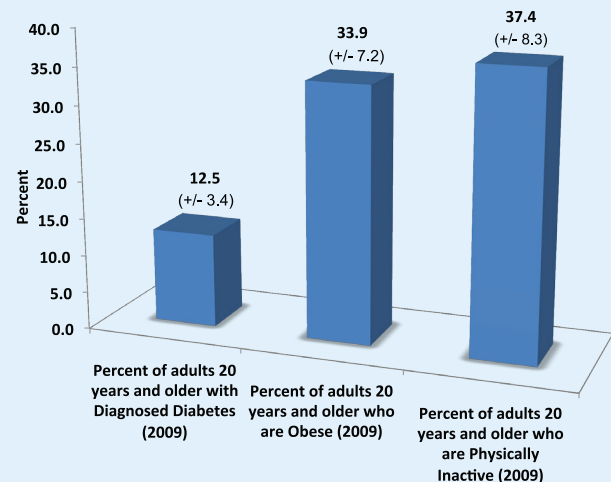
According to Kentucky Health Facts,¹⁰ between 2008 and 2010 in Owen County:

- **14.2% (6.1 - 29.6)** did not pursue health care due to cost, compared to **18% (17.0 - 18.6)** in the state
- **27.9% (15.8 - 44.5)** of adults reported their health status as less than good, compared to **23% (22.0 - 23.6)** in the state
- **33.5% (19.6 - 50.9)** of adults reported having received a flu vaccine in the past year

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

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

Health Snapshot: Owen County¹¹



SOURCES

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- ⁶ Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Data Book, June 2012
- ⁷ Kids Count Data Center, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
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- 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>