Family and Consumer Sciences Extension is committed to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families in Boyd 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 live independently longer
- **Securing Financial Stability** in a turbulent economic period
- **Promoting Healthy Homes and Communities** that 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 2013-2014, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension made 9,681 contacts with Boyd County individuals and families.

According to the Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky's 2014 Healthcare Profile, 33.6% of adults in Boyd County are physically inactive and 35.8% of adults are considered obese. To help combat this issue, the Boyd County Cooperative Extension Service successfully collaborated with several community agencies to keep Boyd County residents healthy and increase opportunities for physical activity. A wide variety of physical activities were offered at the annual Second Sunday (2S) event. Some 150 people participated and healthy 2S promotional items were distributed including tee shirts, Cooperative Extension publications, and Plate It Up! Kentucky Proud recipes and samples. A local producer donated apples to all attendees, which helped promote buying locally and the farmers market.
Housing has long been recognized as a basic human need. Yet, because housing is often a family’s largest expense and largest debt, it can be a stumbling block for many. Safe, lower-cost housing options are often limited for struggling families, and this can lead them into crisis. Family and Consumer Sciences Extension helps people improve home safety, lessen their environmental footprint, and strengthen financial stability. It also helps communities promote healthy lifestyles throughout the lifespan by supporting strong family home environments. Please tell us ways you think we can do more.

### Availability

In 2010, in Boyd County, there were...

- **5,866** renter households
- **13,921** homeowner households
- **668** vacant housing units for rent
- **324** vacant housing units for sale

According to the Kentucky Department of Education, in 2012-2013, **429** children were homeless or were precariously housed in Boyd County.  

**Number of households by housing type**

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<th>Housing Type</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<td>Husband/wife family (with or without children)</td>
<td>8,422</td>
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<td>Single householder family</td>
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<td>Living alone, with roommates, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### Affordability

According to American Community Survey estimates for Boyd County, in 2008-2012...

- **39.1% (+/- 4.8)** of renter households paid **35%** or more of their income for rent and utilities
- **17.5% (+/- 2.5)** of homeowner households with a mortgage and **6.7% (+/- 1.8)** of homeowner households without a mortgage paid **35%** or more of their income for housing costs
- **44.0% (+/- 2.4)** of homeowner households did not have a mortgage
- **12.1% (+/- 1.2)** of all housing units were mobile homes

According to the most recent poverty estimates, in 2012, **17.8% (+/- 2.7)** of residents in the county were living below poverty.  

In 2013, residents needed to earn **$12.37** an hour (or work **1.7** jobs at **$7.25** an hour**) to afford a two-bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rent in Boyd County.

### Health and Safety

In Boyd County, it is estimated that in 2008-2012...

- half of all renter-occupied housing was built before **1968 (+/- 3 years)**
- half of all owner-occupied housing was built before **1970 (+/- 2 years)**

According to 2008-2012 American Community Survey estimates in Boyd County...

- **2.2% (+/- 0.6)** of all households had no landline or cell phone
- **12.9% (+/- 1.7)** of workers living in Boyd County worked in Kentucky but outside the county and **17.2% (+/- 2.1)** worked outside the state
- Half of all workers traveled **20.0 (+/- 1.3)** or more minutes to work

### Sources:

1. Kentucky Cooperative Extension reporting. FY 2014
2. 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
3. 2010 Decennial Census, U.S. Census Bureau
4. Kentucky Dept. of Education http://education.ky.gov/ federal/progs/che/Pages/TK-Docs.aspx (Data for school districts were combined to produce the county total.)
5. Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau
6. Out Of Reach 2014. National Low Income Housing Coalition
7. Data refer to housing tenure (owner or renter).
8. **The current federal minimum wage**