



# Bell County

## Family and Individual Development Data

Data provided in this issue of Kentucky: By The Numbers were **compiled to correspond to the issues** covered in the **Family and Individual Development** section of the University of Kentucky

### Cooperative Extension Statewide Community Needs Assessment

<https://extension.mgcafe.uky.edu/community-assessment>

The statewide needs assessment was conducted to identify and prioritize community needs, issues, and/or opportunities that Extension could address through targeted educational programming and engagement efforts. The survey was divided into 4 areas:

- 1) Agriculture and Natural Resources,
- 2) Youth Development,
- 3) Family and Individual Development, and
- 4) Community and Economic Development.

These data have been compiled to assist in using the survey results for local planning. Data from nearly 40 different sources were selected and links to each data source are provided at the end. Secondary data for the other survey sections are available at <https://kybtn.ca.uky.edu/>. To learn more about Cooperative Extension at the University of Kentucky go to: <http://extension.ca.uky.edu/>

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## Food Assistance and Food Access in Bell County

| <b>Food Assistance<sup>1</sup> (July 2022)</b> |       |
|--|-------|
| Number of Persons Receiving SNAP               | 7,468 |
| Number of Households Receiving SNAP            | 3,585 |

| <b>Food Access<sup>3</sup> (2021)</b>                                       |     |
|---|-----|
| Number of Food and Beverage Stores  | 12  |
| Number of Grocery Stores  | 9   |
| Number of Supermarkets and other Grocery Stores (except convenience stores) | 7   |
| Number of Convenience Stores  | n/a |
| Number of Gasoline Stations with Convenience Store                          | 9   |

| <b>Food Insecurity<sup>2</sup> (2021)</b> |       |
|---|-------|
| Overall Food Insecurity Rate              | 19.6% |
| Number of Food Insecure Persons           | 4,830 |
| Child Food Insecurity Rate                | 21.5% |
| Number of Food Insecure Children          | 1,150 |

| <b>School Lunch<sup>4</sup> (2022-2023 academic year)</b>  |        |
|--|--------|
| Number of Students who are Economically Disadvantaged based upon being Program or Income Eligible for Free or Reduced-priced Meals | 3,110* |
| * = Due to confidentiality, data are undisclosed or county total does not include schools/districts with undisclosed data.         |        |

## Health in Bell County

| <b>Physical and Mental Health<sup>5</sup> (age adjusted) (2020)</b>                  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Percent of Adults Reporting <b>Fair or Poor Health</b>                               | 28.0% (24.8% to 31.2%) |
| Average Number of <b>Physically Unhealthy Days</b> Reported in Past 30 Days          | 5.6 days (5.1 to 6.2)  |
| Percent of Adults Reporting 14 or more Days of Poor <b>Physical Health</b> per Month | 18.2% (16.5% to 20.0%) |
| Average Number of <b>Mentally Unhealthy Days</b> Reported in Past 30 Days            | 6.5 days (6.1 to 6.8)  |
| Percent of Adults Reporting 14 or more Days of Poor <b>Mental Health</b> per Month   | 21.7% (20.3% to 23.1%) |

| <b>Leisure-Time Physical Activity<sup>5</sup> (age adjusted) (2020)</b>      |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Percent of Adults Age 18+ Reporting <b>No Leisure-Time Physical Activity</b> | 39.8%<br>(36.1% to 43.0%) |

| <b>Physical Activity Access<sup>5</sup> (2022)</b>                                   |       |
|--|-------|
| Percent of Population with <b>Adequate Access</b> to Locations for Physical Activity | 87.5% |

| <b>Diabetes and Obesity<sup>5</sup> (age adjusted) (2020)</b>   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Percent of Adults Ages 20+ Diagnosed with <b>Diabetes</b>   | 13.7%<br>(12.7% to 14.7%) |
| Percent of Adults Ages 18+ that Report a <b>Body Mass Index (BMI)</b> Greater than or Equal to 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> | 44.0%<br>(42.0% to 46.0%) |

| <b>Population Without Health Insurance<sup>6</sup> (2021)</b> |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <u>Under Age 19</u> without Health Insurance                  | 186<br>(+/- 51)    |
| <u>Under Age 65</u> without Health Insurance                  | 1,442<br>(+/- 204) |
| Percent under Age 65 without Health Insurance                 | 7.7%<br>(+/- 1.1%) |
| Females under Age 65 without Health Insurance                 | 601<br>(+/- 125)   |
| Males under Age 65 without Health Insurance                   | 841<br>(+/- 160)   |

| <b>Medical Care<sup>5</sup></b>          |    |
|--|----|
| Number of Primary Care Physicians (2020) | 11 |
| Number of Mental Health Providers (2022) | 10 |
| Number of Dentists (2021)                | 15 |

## Substance Abuse in Bell County

| <b>Substance Abuse Disorder Diagnosis<sup>7</sup></b> |       |
|---|-------|
| <b>3-Year Total (2020-2022)</b>                       |       |
| Emergency Dept Visits                                 | 1,764 |
| Inpatient Hospitalization                             | 49    |

| <b>Substance Abuse Disorder Diagnosis<sup>7</sup></b> |       |
|---|-------|
| <b>5-Year Total (2018-2022)</b>                       |       |
| Emergency Dept Visits                                 | 2,890 |
| Inpatient Hospitalization                             | 97    |

| <b>NonFatal Overdose Related Emergency Dept. Visits<sup>7</sup></b> |     |
|---|-----|
| <b>3-Year Total (2020-2022)</b>                                     |     |
| <u>Any Drug</u> -Involved   | 251 |
| <u>Any Opioid</u> -Involved   | 60  |
| <b>5-Year Total (2018-2022)</b>                                     |     |
| <u>Any Drug</u> -Involved   | 422 |
| <u>Any Opioid</u> -Involved   | 98  |

| <b>NonFatal Overdose Related Inpatient Hospitalization<sup>7</sup></b> |     |
|--|-----|
| <b>3-Year Total (2020-2022)</b>  |     |
| <u>Any Drug</u> -Involved  | 80  |
| <u>Any Opioid</u> Drug-Involved  | n/a |
| <b>5-Year Total (2018-2022)</b>  |     |
| <u>Any Drug</u> -Involved  | 138 |
| <u>Any Opioid</u> Drug-Involved  | n/a |

| <b>Fatal Overdose<sup>7</sup> 3-Year Total (2020-2022)</b> |    |
|--|----|
| Any Drug-Involved Fatal Overdose                           | 35 |
| Any Opioid-Involved Fatal Overdose                         | 27 |

| <b>Fatal Overdose<sup>7</sup> 5-Year Total (2018-2022)</b> |    |
|--|----|
| Any Drug-Involved Fatal Overdose                           | 52 |
| Any Opioid-Involved Fatal Overdose                         | 38 |

## Financial data for Bell County

| <b>Median Income<sup>8</sup> (2018-2022)</b> |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| All Households                               | \$33,658 (+/- \$4,253) |
| Families with Own Children under 18          | \$51,326 (+/- \$7,469) |

| <b>Debt in Collections<sup>10</sup> (Feb 2022)</b>    |         |
|---|---------|
| Percent of People with <b>any Debt in Collections</b> | 42.0%   |
| Median Amount   | \$1,224 |

| <b>Consumer Debt<sup>10</sup> (Feb 2022)</b>   |       |
|--|-------|
| Percent of People with <b>Auto/Retail</b> Debt | 27.2% |
| Percent of People with <b>Auto</b> Loans       | 19.7% |

| <b>Medical Debt in Collections<sup>10</sup> (Feb 2022)</b> |       |
|--|-------|
| Percent of People with <b>Medical</b> Debt in Collections  | 19.2% |
| Median Amount  | \$508 |

| <b>Student Loans<sup>10</sup> (Feb 2022)</b>    |          |
|---|----------|
| Percent of People with <b>Student Loan</b> Debt | 8.6%     |
| Median Amount                                   | \$15,658 |

| <b>Poverty Rate<sup>9</sup> (2018-2022)</b>            |                  |
|--|------------------|
| All Families Below Poverty                             | 21.5% (+/- 4.4%) |
| Families with Related Children under 18                | 27.5% (+/- 6.6%) |
| Families with One Worker                               | 17.4% (+/- 5.7%) |
| Families with Householder Working Full Time/Year-Round | 4.6% (+/- 3.3%)  |

## Aging in Bell County

| Total Population <sup>11</sup> (2022) |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Ages 65+                              | 4,658 |
| Ages 65-74                            | 2,774 |
| Ages 75-84                            | 1,415 |
| Age 85+                               | 469   |

| Households <sup>12</sup> (2018-2022)                    |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Percent of Households with One or more People Ages 65+  | 30.6% (+/- 1.8%) |
| Percent of Households with Householder 65+ Living Alone | 13.0% (+/- 2.6%) |

| Population Ages 65+ <sup>11</sup> (2022)     |       |
|--|-------|
| Percent of Total Population that is Ages 65+ | 19.8% |
| Percent Female                               | 55.7% |
| Percent Male                                 | 44.3% |

| Poverty and Income <sup>13 &amp; 8</sup> (2018-2022) |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Poverty Rate - Population Ages 65+                   | 14.5% (+/- 3.9%)       |
| Median Income - Householder Ages 65+                 | \$29,229 (+/- \$3,234) |

| Population Projection <sup>14</sup> (2035)      |       |
|---|-------|
| Projected Population Ages 65+ (2035 projection) | 4,551 |

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### Margins of Error

For counties with small populations and small population groups, the **margins of error** (indicated by a +/- ##) or confidence intervals (indicated by a range) can be quite large. The margin of error or confidence interval tells us how precise the estimate is by indicating the **range within which the estimate most likely falls**. For help in understanding the margin of error, see the brief Kentucky: By The Numbers publication **“And Now for the Grain of Salt.”** Additional data are available at: Kentucky: By The Numbers website.