Eastern Kentucky

2010 KENTUCKY HEALTH ISSUES POLL

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In late 2010, the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati sponsored the *Kentucky Health Issues Poll* (KHIP), a telephone survey to find out what Kentuckians think about various health issues that impact our communities, our state, and our nation. This report presents the views expressed by respondents from Eastern Kentucky – including the Big Sandy, Buffalo Trace, Cumberland Valley, FIVCO, Gateway, Kentucky River and Lake Cumberland Area Development Districts. About 22% of Kentuckians live in this 46-county region (*please see "About the Kentucky Health Issues Poll" on page 12 for the list of counties*).

In general, responses from Eastern Kentucky residents were comparable to the state as a whole. Like the statewide results, adults in Eastern Kentucky:

- Find eating in a smoke-free restaurant more enjoyable (56%),
- Support smoke-free school campuses (88%),
- Support treatment over incarceration for people convicted of nonviolent illegal drug use (66%) or nonviolent crimes while under the influence of alcohol (69%),
- Support a complete ban on cell phone use while driving (77%), and
- Need more information to understand how the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will affect them and their families (66%).

There were a few key differences in Eastern Kentucky, as compared to the rest of the state. Adults in Eastern Kentucky were <u>more likely</u> to:

• Worry about having enough money to buy nutritious meals.

Additionally, adults in Eastern Kentucky were less likely to:

- Volunteer in their community,
- Have access to affordable fruits and vegetables,
- Live in walkable communities, with fewer sidewalks and shoulders for safe walking, jogging, or biking, and
- Use their cell phones to talk or text while driving.

This Spotlight on Eastern Kentucky presents these and other findings from the 2010 Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP).



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About the Kentucky Health Issues Poll

In 95 out of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to $\pm 2.4\%$ and Eastern Kentucky estimates to $\pm 5.4\%$. In addition to sampling error, there are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects that can introduce error or bias.

Health Priorities

To gain a better understanding of Kentuckians' perceptions, KHIP asked individuals what they thought were the most important health issues for men, women, and children in the Commonwealth.

What would you say is the most important health care issue facing men, women, and children in Kentucky?

MEN	WOMEN	CHILDREN**
1. Cancer	1. Cancer*	1. Obesity
2. Heart Disease*	2. Heart Disease	2. Diabetes
3. Diabetes/Obesity	3. Obesity	3. Cancer

^{*}Actual leading cause of death.

**Unintentional injuries are the actual leading cause of death for children (ages 1-17).

Most Important Health Issues

Cancer Leading Concern, Heart Disease Leading Cause of Death for Men

Nearly 4 in 10 Eastern Kentucky adults (38%) listed cancer as the most important health issue for men, followed by heart disease (30%), diabetes (3%) and obesity (3%). Another 13% of Eastern Kentuckians said they didn't know what the most important health issue was.

In 2009, heart disease was the leading cause of death for men in Kentucky, followed closely by cancer and injuries.¹ Heart disease was the leading cause of death for men in each of the seven Area Development Districts covered by this report.

Cancer Leading Concern and Leading Cause of Death for Women

Nearly 2 out of 3 Eastern Kentucky adults (64%) said that cancer in general was the most important health issue facing women, with more than half of all adults (56%) specifying breast cancer as the most important issue. These were followed by heart disease (8%), and another 13% of Eastern Kentuckians said they didn't know what the most important health issue was.

In 2009, cancer was the leading cause of death for Kentucky women², nearly tied by second-ranked heart disease, and followed by chronic lung disease. In Eastern Kentucky, heart disease was the leading cause of death for women in 5 of the 7 Area Development Districts covered by this report, with cancer being the leading cause of death in the others.



Obesity Leading Concern, Injuries Leading Cause of Death for Children

Eastern Kentucky adults identified obesity (24%), diabetes (9%), and cancer (7%) as the most important health care issues facing children. Another 19% of Eastern Kentuckians said they didn't know what the most important health issue was.

In 2005, 180 children ages 1-17 died in Kentucky.³ Nearly half of those deaths were caused by unintentional injuries, followed by causes in the "other" category and cancer.

It is important to consider the lifelong health implications of children's health issues, because childhood mortality is relatively rare.

Actual Causes of Death in Kentucky

MEN	WOMEN
1. Heart Disease	1. Cancer
2. Cancer	2. Heart Disease
3. Injuries	3. Chronic Lung Disease



Leading Causes of Death for Men and Women in Eastern Kentucky by Area Development District⁵

EASTERN KENTUCKY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH FOR MEN
BIG SANDY	Heart Disease Cancer Chronic Lung Disease
BUFFALO TRACE	Heart Disease Cancer Injuries
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	Heart Disease Cancer Injuries
GATEWAY	 Heart Disease Cancer Injuries
FIVCO	Heart Disease Cancer Chronic Lung Disease
KENTUCKY RIVER	Heart Disease Cancer Injuries
CUMBERLAND VALLEY VALLEY Flats No Creer No Creer	Heart Disease Cancer Injuries

EASTERN KENTUCKY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT	LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH FOR WOMEN
BIG SANDY	Cancer Heart Disease Chronic Lung Disease
BUFFALO TRACE	Cancer Heart disease Diabetes
CUMBERLAND VALLEY On Total To	Heart Disease Cancer Chronic Lung Disease
GATEWAY	Heart Disease Cancer Chronic Lung Disease
FIVCO	Heart Disease Cancer Chronic Lung Disease
KENTUCKY RIVER	Heart Disease Cancer Chronic Lung Disease
CUMBERLAND VALLEY Outs 1, January Nature Manuary Nature Michael Mic	Heart Disease Cancer Chronic Lung Disease

Given the emphasis placed on chronic disease – particularly cancer – it is worth noting that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), avoiding tobacco, being physically active, and eating well greatly reduce a person's risk for developing chronic disease.⁴

Opinions on Community Health ...

Where we live affects our health in many ways. This section describes the current experiences of Eastern Kentucky residents on a number of community health issues.

Access to Healthy Foods

Buying Healthy Foods

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food security as having "access at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members." In Kentucky, nearly 1 in 7 households (13%) lack food security. In part, food security means that nutritious foods are available in a community at a price that residents can afford. Access to affordable fresh produce is one critical part of food security.

While the majority of Kentuckians have access to fresh produce in their communities, nearly 1 in 3 Eastern Kentucky adults (30%) said it is not easy to get affordable fresh fruits and vegetables where they live. This is higher than the state average, where 1 in 5 Kentucky adults (21%) reported that it was not easy to get affordable fresh fruits and vegetables where they live.

Adults reporting it is <u>not easy</u> to get affordable fresh fruits and vegetables in the city or area where they live.

Eastern Kentucky

30%

Kentucky

21%

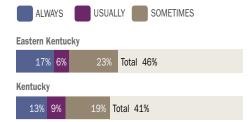
Affording Nutritious Meals is a Source of Stress

The economic downturn has forced many families to cut back. Many worry about meeting their family's most basic needs, like shelter and food. While not as frequent a source of stress as paying one's rent or mortgage, having enough money to buy nutritious meals worried many Eastern Kentuckians. Nearly half of Eastern Kentucky adults (46%) indicated they were sometimes, usually, or always stressed about having enough money to buy nutritious meals.

More than 6 in 10 Eastern Kentucky adults (62%) reported being sometimes, usually, or always stressed about having enough money to pay their rent or mortgage. In both cases, Eastern Kentucky respondents reported similar levels of stress to the state as a whole.

How often in the last 12 months would you say you were worried or stressed about having enough money to buy nutritious meals?

(Graphs present only the percentage of respondents who said they were "always," "usually," or "sometimes" stressed.)



How often in the last 12 months would you say you were worried or stressed about having enough money to pay your rent or mortgage?

Eastern Kentucky 27% 15% 20% Total 62% Kentucky 28% 10% 20% Total 58%

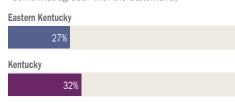


Walkable Communities

Residents of walkable communities have places to go within an easy walking distance of their home, and can often make quick trips or run errands without using a car or public transportation. Eastern Kentucky respondents indicated their communities were less walkable than other regions in the state. Only about 1 in 4 Eastern Kentucky adults (27%) felt there were many destinations to go within an easy walking distance from their home.

Fewer than 3 in 10 adults in Eastern Kentucky (28%) live in communities with sidewalks and shoulders that allow for safe walking, jogging, or biking. For the state as a whole, nearly half of Kentucky adults (47%) reported there was access to safe places for walkers and cyclists in their community,

Kentucky adults who agree there are many destinations to go within easy walking distance from their homes. (Graphs present the combined percentage of Kentucky adults who said they "strongly agreed" or "somewhat agreed" with the statement.)



Kentucky adults who agree there are sidewalks or shoulders on streets that allow for safe walking, jogging, or biking in their community.





Civic Engagement

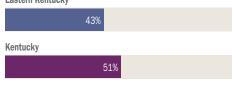
Much has been written about the public and personal benefits of community involvement.⁷ Between September 2009 and September 2010, 1 in 4 Americans ages 16 and older (26%) did some sort of volunteer work. On average, these Americans spent 52 hours a year – or 1 hour a week - volunteering.8

Community Service

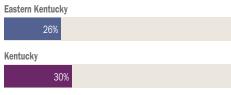
Eastern Kentucky adults volunteer more than adults in the nation, but less than all Kentucky adults. About 4 in 10 Eastern Kentucky adults (43%) reported that they had volunteered at their place of worship or a local nonprofit in the past year. More than 1 in 4 adults (26%) had worked on a community project and 1 in 8 (12%) had donated blood in the previous year.

In the past 12 months have you... (Graphs present percentage of adults who answered "yes" they have done the specified activity.)

Volunteered at your church or a nonprofit? **Eastern Kentucky**



Worked on a community project?



12%

Donated blood?
Eastern Kentucky
12%
Kentucky

Political Process

As policy makers across the Commonwealth and the nation are considering decisions that will affect the lives and health of Kentuckians, we are reminded that our democratic system works best when elected officials know what their constituents think about the issues.

As was observed across the state, fewer Eastern Kentuckians reported participating in parts of the political process compared to community service activities. In Eastern Kentucky, about 1 in 4 adults (25%) had contacted an elected official or candidate for office by phone or email, and 1 in 4 (24%) had visited an elected official or candidate in the past year.

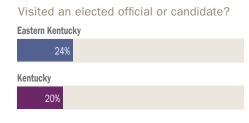
Similar to statewide results, other advocacy activities were less commonly reported. Of those surveyed in Eastern Kentucky, 1 in 6 (17%) had signed a petition; 1 in 6 (17%) had attended a political meeting or rally; and 1 in 30 adults (3%) had participated in a demonstration, protest, boycott, or march. The rates of participation in the political process for Eastern Kentucky are similar to the state as a whole.

In the past 12 months have you...

(Graphs present percentage of adults who answered "yes" they have done the specified activity.)

Contacted an elected official or candidate via phone or email?





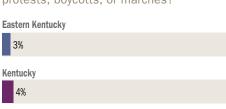
Signed a petition?



Attended a political meeting or rally?



Participated in any demonstrations, protests, boycotts, or marches?



Opinions on Health Policy

Health policy is an important tool for changing how Kentuckians experience the health environment. This section will present the opinions of Eastern Kentucky residents on a number of current health policy issues.

Smoke-Free Policies

While 17% of U.S. adults are current smokers, ⁹ the 2010 KHIP found that 35% of Kentucky adults – and 40% of Eastern Kentucky adults – are current smokers. Kentucky has one of the highest smoking rates in the country.

Smoke-Free Restaurants

The majority of Eastern Kentucky adults (56%) reported that eating in a smoke-free restaurant is more enjoyable. A small percentage of Eastern Kentuckians indicated that it made their experience less enjoyable (5%), but more than 9 in 10 said that smoke-free restaurants either improve their experience or don't make much difference. The findings for Eastern Kentucky were similar to the state as a whole.

Do you think eating in a smoke-free restaurant makes your experience more enjoyable, less enjoyable, or that it doesn't make much of a difference? (Graph presents only the percentage of respondents who indicated it made their experience more enjoyable or made no difference.)



Tobacco-Free Schools

Nearly 9 in 10 Eastern Kentucky adults (88%) favored schools adopting tobaccofree campus policies. These policies prohibit the use of tobacco products by students, staff, parents or guests while on school property or at school-sponsored events.¹⁰

This is similar to findings from across the state: a large majority of Kentucky adults (86%) favored schools adopting tobaccofree campus policies.

Do you favor or oppose schools adopting tobacco-free campus policies in your community?¹⁰

(Graph presents only the percentage of respondents who indicated they favored this.)

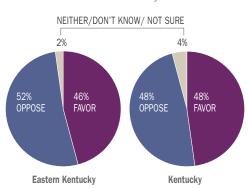
Eastern Kentucky 88% Kentucky 86%

Statewide Smoke-Free Law

Because of the significant health risks of smoking, advocates have proposed legislation – known as the Smokefree Kentucky Act – which would prohibit smoking in all indoor public places and places of employment. Less than half of Eastern Kentucky respondents (46%) favored a smoke-free law, while slightly more opposed the law (52%).¹¹

Overall, Kentucky adults are split on a statewide smoke-free law, with 48% favoring it and 48% opposing it.

Do you favor or oppose a statewide, smoke-free law in Kentucky?





Substance Use Disorders Treatment vs. Incarceration

Since 2000, Kentucky's prison population has been one of the fastest growing in the nation. The Commonwealth's inmate population is 45% larger than it was in 2000, despite a decline in population over the last three years. In comparison, the U.S. state prison system as a whole grew by only 13% since 2000.¹²

There are several factors behind the growth in Kentucky's prison population, including a rise in the percentage of inmates who were drug offenders. In 2000, 30% of Kentucky inmates were drug offenders. This rose to 38% by 2009.¹³

Treatment vs. Incarceration for People with Substance Use Disorders

A study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University found that only 11% of inmates with an alcohol or drug use disorder had received professional treatment while in prison. ¹⁴ For many people convicted of illegal drug or alcohol violations, community-based treatment can be more effective than prison for addressing their needs and preventing repeat run-ins with the law. Community-based treatment can also

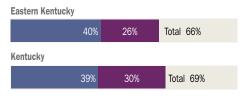
be more cost-effective than prison, and offenders can be diverted to court-mandated treatment rather than to prison or jail.

In Eastern Kentucky, 2 out of 3 adults (66%) favor replacing prison sentences with mandatory treatment and probation for people convicted of nonviolent illegal drug use. ¹⁵ Similarly, nearly 7 in 10 (69%) favored replacing prison sentences with mandatory treatment and probation for people convicted of committing nonviolent crimes under the influence of alcohol.

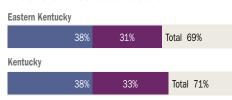
Would you favor or oppose replacing prison sentences with mandatory drug treatment and probation for... (Graph presents only those who said they strongly or somewhat favor replacing prison sentences with treatment.)



People convicted of nonviolent illegal drug use.



People convicted of nonviolent crimes under the influence of alcohol.



Using Cell Phones While Driving

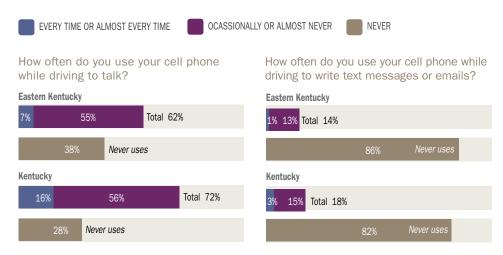
According to KHIP, most Kentucky adults (81%) have cell phones, including more than 8 in 10 adults in Eastern Kentucky (82%). On January 1, 2011, a new state law took effect in Kentucky that bans texting for all drivers and all cell phone use for drivers under age 18.16

Talking or Texting While Driving

Compared to the state as a whole, Eastern Kentucky adults are less likely to use their cell phones to talk or text while driving.

Over half (55%) of Eastern Kentucky adults reported they talk on their phone occasionally or almost never, and 7% reported they talk on their phone every time or almost every time they drive. Nearly 4 in 10 Eastern Kentuckians (38%) reported they never use their cell phone to talk while driving.

About 1 in 8 (13%) reported using their cell phone to text or write email messages occasionally or almost never while driving, and a small minority (1%) reported texting or emailing every time or almost every time they drive. Nearly 9 in 10 Eastern Kentucky adults (86%) reported that they never use their cell phone to write text messages or email while driving.



Law to Prevent Phone Use while Driving

More than 3 in 4 Eastern Kentucky adults (77%) favor a law making it illegal to use a cell phone while driving. About 1 in 5 (22%) opposed the law, and the remaining 1% were not sure.

Do you favor or oppose a law making it illegal to use a cell phone while driving?

Eastern Kentucky Favor 77% Kentucky Favor 74%



Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

After much debate in Congress about healthcare reform, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) became law in early 2010. Some provisions of the law took effect immediately, and some will be phased in through 2014.

Kentuckians Need More Information about the PPACA

Only 1 in 3 Eastern Kentucky adults (33%) felt they had enough information about the PPACA to understand how it would affect them personally. This is slightly higher than the state average, where just 1 in 4 Kentucky adults (27%) felt they had enough information about the PPACA.

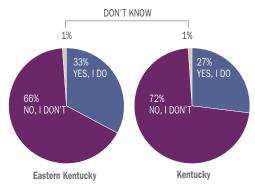
Despite the need for more information about how it would affect them, Kentuckians still had opinions on the law. One in five Eastern Kentucky adults (21%) reported having a generally favorable opinion of the PPACA, while 1 in 2 adults had a generally unfavorable opinion of it (50%). Another 3 in 10 Eastern Kentucky adults (29%) expressed no opinion about the law. The views expressed in Eastern Kentucky are similar to the rest of the state, but were less favorable than the nation. A national poll conducted at the same time as the 2010 KHIP found that 42% of adults in the U.S. had a favorable view and 41% of adults had an unfavorable view of it.¹⁷

Support for Components of the Law

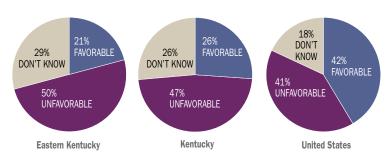
The majority of Kentuckians – regardless of political affiliation – said that the inclusion of certain elements of the law made them more favorable toward the law. In Eastern Kentucky, respondents felt most favorably toward the law because of these elements:

- Access to preventive services without co-payment (82%)
- Small business tax credits (81%)
- Closing the Medicare donut hole over time (76%)
- Prohibiting denying coverage for children with pre-existing conditions (74%)

Do you feel you have enough information about the health reform law to understand how it will affect you personally, or not? (Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding)



Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of it? (Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding)



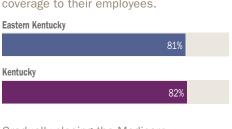


Kentuckians feel <u>more favorable</u> toward the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) because it includes the following elements:

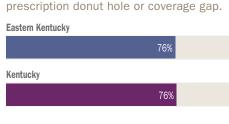
Requiring all new health plans to provide their customers access to basic preventive health care services without charging the customer any co-payment.



lax credits to small businesses that offer coverage to their employees.



Gradually closing the Medicare prescription donut hole or coverage gap.



Kentuckians feel more favorable toward the PPACA because it includes the following elements (continued):

Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage to children who have a pre-existing health problem.

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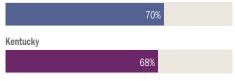
Kentucky 76%

Creating an insurance option, or high-risk pool, for those whose preexisting conditions currently make it too difficult for them to find and buy affordable health insurance.

Eastern Kentucky

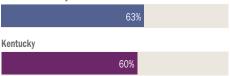
Kentucky 71% Children can stay on their parents' health insurance plan until age 26.

Eastern Kentucky



Prohibiting insurance companies from setting lifetime limits on the total amount they will spend on a person's care.

Northern Kentucky

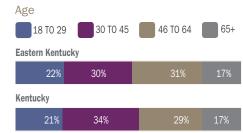


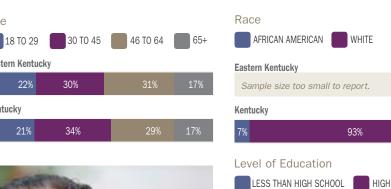


Demographic Profile

In addition to the questions on health issues, respondents were asked several demographic questions. These findings are detailed below.

Sex MALE FEMALE **Eastern Kentucky** 52% Kentucky







HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SOME COLLEGE COLLEGE GRADUATE **Eastern Kentucky** Kentucky 33% Household Income¹⁸ BELOW 100% FPG BETWEEN 100% AND 200% FPG ABOVE 200% FPG **Eastern Kentucky**

31% Kentucky

24%

Insurance Status

Having health insurance is an important factor in being able to get needed healthcare. About 3 in 4 Kentucky adults of all ages (78%) had health insurance at the time of the 2010 KHIP. Because nearly all Kentucky adults ages 65 and older (94%) had health insurance, this section will focus on the insurance status of adults, ages 18-64.

Not Having Health Insurance Coverage

The percent of Eastern Kentucky adults ages 18-64 who lack health insurance decreased since 2009, going from 34% in 2009 to 24% in 2010. This is similar to the findings for the state as a whole, about one in four (26%) Kentucky adults ages 18-64 were uninsured in 2010.

Gaps in Health Insurance Coverage

Having stable insurance is an important factor in being able to get healthcare services. One measure of this is whether a person has been covered continuously for the past 12 months. The majority of insured Eastern Kentuckians had stable insurance coverage over the past year. However, 1 in 8 insured Eastern Kentucky adults ages 18-64 (12%) had been uninsured at some point in the past 12 months.

Therefore, One in three Eastern Kentucky adults ages 18-64 (36%) had been uninsured at some point in the past 12 months, including currently. This corresponds to the findings for the state, where 36% had been uninsured at some point in the past 12 months, including currently.

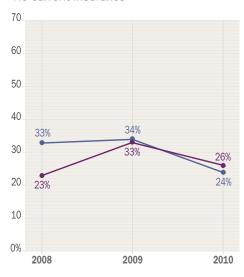


Kentuckians ages 18-64 who were uninsured at any time in the last 12 months, including currently.

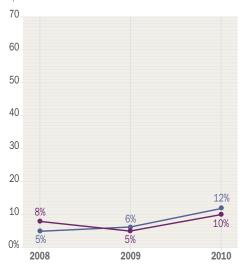
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No current insurance



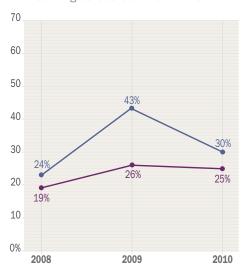
Currently insured but uninsured at some point in the last 12 months



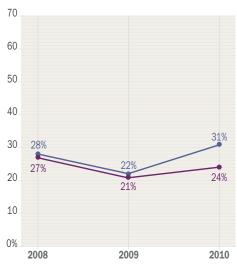
Poverty Status

Adults living in Eastern Kentucky have lower household incomes than adults in the state as a whole. A greater percentage of Eastern Kentucky adults lived below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG)¹⁹ and fewer earned more than 200% of the FPG, than elsewhere in the state. Between 2009 and 2010, this gap narrowed, bringing Eastern Kentucky incomes closer to the state average.

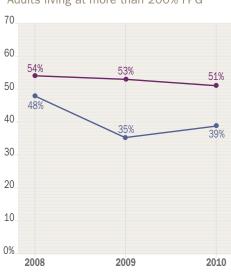
Adults living at less than 100% FPG



Adults living between 100% - 200% FPG



Adults living at more than 200% FPG



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This report presents a selection of questions with data specific to Eastern Kentucky. Additional state and regional data highlights are available from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky (www.healthy-ky.org) or The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati (www.healthfoundation.org/khip.html). Users can access the entire survey dataset, as well as results by region or demographic group, at www.oasisdataarchive.org.

If there is a question or topic you would like to see on a future KHIP, please contact Jennifer Chubinski, Director of Community Research at The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati (jchubinski@healthfoundation.org) or Sarah Walsh, Senior Program Officer at the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky (swalsh@healthy-ky.org).

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End Notes

(1)The data on leading causes of death for Kentucky and Area Development Districts for 2009 is still considered preliminary. Source: Sands, H. Hollie.Sands@ky.gov (2011, April 27). AAR by Leading Causes of Death, 2009 [personal email]. (2) More than twice as many women die from lung cancer as breast cancer. In 2007, 1410 Kentucky women died from lung cancer and 613 Kentucky women died from breast cancer, Source: Kentucky Cancer Registry. (2007). Age-Adjusted Cancer Mortality rates in Kentucky, Female Lung and Bronchus, 2007 and Female Breast, 2007. Retrieved from http://www.kcr.uky.edu/. (3)Kentucky Department for Public Health. (2005). Vital Statistics Reports, Leading Cause of Resident Deaths by Age Group Number and Age-Specific Rate: Kentucky, 2005 Table 2-I. Retrieved from http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/vital/2005+Vital+Sta tistics+Reports.htm. (4)Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2008). Kentucky: Burden of Chronic Diseases. Retrieved from http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/ states/pdf/kentucky.pdf. (5) The data on leading causes of death for Kentucky and Area Development Districts for 2009 is still considered preliminary. Source: Sands, H. Hollie.Sands@ky.gov (2011, April 27). AAR by Leading Causes of Death, 2009 [personal email]. (6) Nord, M., Coleman-Jensen, A., and Carlson, S. (2010). Household Food Security in the United States, 2009. ERR- 108, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Econ. Res. Serv. Retrieved from www.ers.usda.gov/publications/ err108/ (7) Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Research and Policy Development (2007). The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from www. nationalservice.gov/pdf/07_0506_hbr.pdf. (8) Bureau of Labor Statistics (2011). Volunteering in the United States. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from www.bls.gov/

are from the 2010 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), retrieved from www.cdc.gov/brfss/. (10)Before respondents were asked if they favored school adoption of tobacco-free policies, they were told: "Research indicates that the younger a person is when they first try tobacco, the more susceptible they are to becoming addicted. To help keep kids from smoking, some school systems are adopting smoke-free campus policies that would prohibit the use of tobacco by students, staff, parents or guests while they are on school grounds or at school-sponsored events." (11)The remaining 2% responded that they didn't have an opinion or weren't sure or didn't know whether they favored or opposed a smoke-free law. (12) Pew Center on the States (2010). Kentucky: A Data-Driven Effort to Protect Public Safety and Control Corrections Spending. Retrieved from www.pewcenteronthestates.org/ uploadedFiles/Kentucky_brief_updated.pdf. (13) Ibid. (14) The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (2010). Behind Bars II: Substance Abuse and America's Prison Population. Retrieved from www.casacolumbia.org/articlefiles/575report2010behindbars2.pdf. (15)This refers to people who were convicted of using illegal drugs, not people who committed other crimes - including violent crimes - while under the influence of or to get money to pay for illegal drugs. (16)Please note that the 2010 KHIP asked these questions after the state law passed but before it was enacted. (17) National polling results come from the December 2010 Kaiser Health Tracking Poll, retrieved from www. kff.org/kaiserpolls/upload/8127-T.pdf. (18) In 2009, 100% of the federal poverty guideline (FPG) was an annual income of \$22,050 and 200% FPG was an annual income of \$44,100, both for a family of four. (19)Ibid.

news.release/volun.toc.htm. (9)National data

About the Kentucky Health Issues Poll

The Kentucky Health Issues Poll, funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, is conducted annually to assess what Kentuckians think about a variety of health topics affecting the Commonwealth. The Kentucky Health Issues Poll was conducted December 3-22 and 27-28, 2010, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati.

A random sample of 1,677 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone. This included 1,469 landline interviews and 208 cell phone interviews with people who did not have a landline telephone. Of these, 331 respondents resided in the Eastern Kentucky region comprised of the Big Sandy, Buffalo Trace, Cumberland Valley, Gateway, FIVCO, Kentucky River and Lake Cumberland Area Development Districts. The counties included in this region are:

Adair County Lee County **Bath County** Leslie County **Bell County Letcher County Boyd County** Lewis County **Bracken County** Magoffin County **Breathitt County** Martin County **Carter County** Mason County **Casey County** McCreary County Clay County Menifee County **Montgomery County** Clinton County **Cumberland County** Morgan County **Elliott County Owsley County** Fleming County Perry County Floyd County Pike County **Green County** Pulaski County **Greenup County Robertson County** Harlan County Rockcastle County **Jackson County** Rowan County Johnson County Russell County **Knott County Taylor County Knox County** Wayne County Whitley County Laurel County Lawrence County Wolfe County