



## KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary December 2023

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U.S. Comparable Rate - 3.5%

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| <b>Statewide</b>    | <b>2,019,568</b> | <b>1,942,066</b> | <b>77,502</b> | <b>3.8%</b> | <b>3.9%</b> | <b>3.3%</b> |
| <b>COUNTY</b>       |                  |                  |               |             |             |             |
| <b>BARREN RIVER</b> | <b>139,283</b>   | <b>133,894</b>   | <b>5,389</b>  | <b>3.9%</b> | <b>4.0%</b> | <b>3.2%</b> |
| ALLEN               | 8,956            | 8,615            | 341           | 3.8%        | 3.9%        | 3.2%        |
| BARREN              | 17,307           | 16,599           | 708           | 4.1%        | 4.5%        | 3.5%        |
| BUTLER              | 5,027            | 4,808            | 219           | 4.4%        | 4.5%        | 3.4%        |
| EDMONSON            | 4,770            | 4,550            | 220           | 4.6%        | 4.6%        | 4.1%        |
| HART                | 7,402            | 7,109            | 293           | 4.0%        | 4.2%        | 3.6%        |
| LOGAN               | 12,197           | 11,713           | 484           | 4.0%        | 4.1%        | 3.0%        |
| METCALFE            | 3,771            | 3,603            | 168           | 4.5%        | 4.7%        | 4.1%        |
| MONROE              | 4,559            | 4,371            | 188           | 4.1%        | 4.4%        | 3.0%        |
| SIMPSON             | 8,833            | 8,511            | 322           | 3.6%        | 3.7%        | 3.1%        |
| WARREN              | 66,461           | 64,015           | 2,446         | 3.7%        | 3.7%        | 3.0%        |
| <b>BIG SANDY</b>    | <b>41,472</b>    | <b>39,015</b>    | <b>2,457</b>  | <b>5.9%</b> | <b>5.9%</b> | <b>5.2%</b> |
| FLOYD               | 10,885           | 10,291           | 594           | 5.5%        | 5.5%        | 5.1%        |
| JOHNSON             | 6,597            | 6,182            | 415           | 6.3%        | 5.9%        | 5.4%        |
| MAGOFFIN            | 3,212            | 2,924            | 288           | 9.0%        | 8.4%        | 8.9%        |
| MARTIN              | 2,051            | 1,882            | 169           | 8.2%        | 8.4%        | 6.3%        |
| PIKE                | 18,727           | 17,736           | 991           | 5.3%        | 5.4%        | 4.4%        |
| <b>BLUEGRASS</b>    | <b>420,500</b>   | <b>406,456</b>   | <b>14,044</b> | <b>3.3%</b> | <b>3.4%</b> | <b>2.8%</b> |
| ANDERSON            | 11,744           | 11,378           | 366           | 3.1%        | 3.3%        | 2.5%        |
| BOURBON             | 9,433            | 9,127            | 306           | 3.2%        | 3.3%        | 2.8%        |
| BOYLE               | 12,830           | 12,309           | 521           | 4.1%        | 4.1%        | 3.4%        |
| CLARK               | 17,262           | 16,648           | 614           | 3.6%        | 3.6%        | 3.1%        |
| ESTILL              | 5,068            | 4,829            | 239           | 4.7%        | 4.6%        | 4.1%        |
| FAYETTE             | 175,961          | 170,463          | 5,498         | 3.1%        | 3.2%        | 2.5%        |
| FRANKLIN            | 24,649           | 23,800           | 849           | 3.4%        | 3.5%        | 2.7%        |
| GARRARD             | 7,969            | 7,685            | 284           | 3.6%        | 3.7%        | 3.2%        |
| HARRISON            | 8,806            | 8,498            | 308           | 3.5%        | 3.6%        | 2.7%        |
| JESSAMINE           | 26,602           | 25,746           | 856           | 3.2%        | 3.3%        | 2.7%        |
| LINCOLN             | 9,397            | 8,954            | 443           | 4.7%        | 4.5%        | 4.5%        |
| MADISON             | 46,982           | 45,296           | 1,686         | 3.6%        | 3.6%        | 2.9%        |
| MERCER              | 10,198           | 9,821            | 377           | 3.7%        | 3.7%        | 3.2%        |
| NICHOLAS            | 3,191            | 3,071            | 120           | 3.8%        | 4.0%        | 3.4%        |
| POWELL              | 5,221            | 5,010            | 211           | 4.0%        | 3.8%        | 3.7%        |
| SCOTT               | 30,412           | 29,461           | 951           | 3.1%        | 3.2%        | 2.5%        |
| WOODFORD            | 14,775           | 14,360           | 415           | 2.8%        | 2.9%        | 2.4%        |

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| <b>BUFFALO TRACE</b>     | <b>21,679</b>    | <b>20,519</b>    | <b>1,160</b>  | <b>5.4%</b> | <b>5.0%</b> | <b>4.8%</b> |
| BRACKEN                  | 3,723            | 3,572            | 151           | 4.1%        | 3.7%        | 3.9%        |
| FLEMING                  | 6,124            | 5,844            | 280           | 4.6%        | 4.4%        | 4.0%        |
| LEWIS                    | 4,520            | 4,159            | 361           | 8.0%        | 7.2%        | 7.4%        |
| MASON                    | 6,483            | 6,155            | 328           | 5.1%        | 4.7%        | 4.5%        |
| ROBERTSON                | 829              | 789              | 40            | 4.8%        | 4.6%        | 3.7%        |
| <b>CUMBERLAND VALLEY</b> | <b>79,857</b>    | <b>76,050</b>    | <b>3,807</b>  | <b>4.8%</b> | <b>4.8%</b> | <b>4.1%</b> |
| BELL                     | 8,143            | 7,715            | 428           | 5.3%        | 5.5%        | 4.6%        |
| CLAY                     | 4,955            | 4,651            | 304           | 6.1%        | 6.3%        | 4.9%        |
| HARLAN                   | 6,459            | 6,080            | 379           | 5.9%        | 6.2%        | 5.2%        |
| JACKSON                  | 4,080            | 3,861            | 219           | 5.4%        | 5.2%        | 4.6%        |
| KNOX                     | 10,099           | 9,554            | 545           | 5.4%        | 5.4%        | 4.7%        |
| LAUREL                   | 25,483           | 24,445           | 1,038         | 4.1%        | 4.2%        | 3.6%        |
| ROCKCASTLE               | 6,480            | 6,205            | 275           | 4.2%        | 4.2%        | 3.8%        |
| WHITLEY                  | 14,158           | 13,539           | 619           | 4.4%        | 4.4%        | 3.6%        |
| <b>FIVCO</b>             | <b>47,144</b>    | <b>44,283</b>    | <b>2,861</b>  | <b>6.1%</b> | <b>5.6%</b> | <b>5.8%</b> |
| BOYD                     | 17,062           | 16,188           | 874           | 5.1%        | 5.1%        | 5.0%        |
| CARTER                   | 9,550            | 8,858            | 692           | 7.2%        | 6.2%        | 7.1%        |
| ELLIOTT                  | 1,869            | 1,716            | 153           | 8.2%        | 7.2%        | 7.9%        |
| GREENUP                  | 12,903           | 12,089           | 814           | 6.3%        | 5.8%        | 5.9%        |
| LAWRENCE                 | 5,760            | 5,432            | 328           | 5.7%        | 5.0%        | 5.0%        |
| <b>GATEWAY</b>           | <b>33,363</b>    | <b>31,694</b>    | <b>1,669</b>  | <b>5.0%</b> | <b>4.7%</b> | <b>4.2%</b> |
| BATH                     | 4,692            | 4,452            | 240           | 5.1%        | 4.7%        | 4.5%        |
| MENIFEE                  | 2,391            | 2,249            | 142           | 5.9%        | 5.4%        | 5.0%        |
| MONTGOMERY               | 11,921           | 11,404           | 517           | 4.3%        | 4.3%        | 3.9%        |
| MORGAN                   | 4,028            | 3,804            | 224           | 5.6%        | 5.0%        | 4.8%        |
| ROWAN                    | 10,331           | 9,785            | 546           | 5.3%        | 5.0%        | 3.8%        |
| <b>GREEN RIVER</b>       | <b>91,771</b>    | <b>87,998</b>    | <b>3,773</b>  | <b>4.1%</b> | <b>4.2%</b> | <b>3.6%</b> |
| DAVISS                   | 44,311           | 42,548           | 1,763         | 4.0%        | 4.0%        | 3.7%        |
| HANCOCK                  | 3,683            | 3,535            | 148           | 4.0%        | 4.0%        | 3.8%        |
| HENDERSON                | 20,142           | 19,397           | 745           | 3.7%        | 3.8%        | 3.2%        |
| MCLEAN                   | 3,819            | 3,653            | 166           | 4.3%        | 4.4%        | 4.1%        |
| OHIO                     | 8,863            | 8,362            | 501           | 5.7%        | 5.6%        | 4.5%        |
| UNION                    | 5,993            | 5,736            | 257           | 4.3%        | 4.5%        | 3.6%        |
| WEBSTER                  | 4,960            | 4,767            | 193           | 3.9%        | 4.0%        | 3.5%        |

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| <b>COUNTY</b>          |                  |                  |               |             |             |             |
| <b>KENTUCKY RIVER</b>  | <b>28,653</b>    | <b>26,942</b>    | <b>1,711</b>  | <b>6.0%</b> | <b>6.1%</b> | <b>5.3%</b> |
| BREATHITT              | 3,085            | 2,866            | 219           | 7.1%        | 7.0%        | 5.8%        |
| KNOTT                  | 4,236            | 3,972            | 264           | 6.2%        | 6.3%        | 5.2%        |
| LEE                    | 1,989            | 1,880            | 109           | 5.5%        | 5.8%        | 4.7%        |
| LESLIE                 | 2,488            | 2,328            | 160           | 6.4%        | 6.7%        | 5.9%        |
| LETCHER                | 5,661            | 5,326            | 335           | 5.9%        | 6.1%        | 5.9%        |
| OWSLEY                 | 1,018            | 951              | 67            | 6.6%        | 7.0%        | 6.1%        |
| PERRY                  | 7,956            | 7,526            | 430           | 5.4%        | 5.6%        | 4.3%        |
| WOLFE                  | 2,220            | 2,093            | 127           | 5.7%        | 5.2%        | 5.8%        |
| <b>KIPDA</b>           | <b>506,826</b>   | <b>489,140</b>   | <b>17,686</b> | <b>3.5%</b> | <b>3.7%</b> | <b>2.9%</b> |
| BULLITT                | 41,868           | 40,418           | 1,450         | 3.5%        | 3.7%        | 2.9%        |
| HENRY                  | 7,911            | 7,640            | 271           | 3.4%        | 3.8%        | 2.6%        |
| JEFFERSON              | 385,339          | 371,652          | 13,687        | 3.6%        | 3.8%        | 2.9%        |
| OLDHAM                 | 32,533           | 31,508           | 1,025         | 3.2%        | 3.3%        | 2.4%        |
| SHELBY                 | 25,168           | 24,389           | 779           | 3.1%        | 3.3%        | 2.6%        |
| SPENCER                | 10,295           | 9,956            | 339           | 3.3%        | 3.4%        | 2.7%        |
| TRIMBLE                | 3,712            | 3,577            | 135           | 3.6%        | 3.7%        | 3.2%        |
| <b>LAKE CUMBERLAND</b> | <b>80,052</b>    | <b>76,557</b>    | <b>3,495</b>  | <b>4.4%</b> | <b>4.6%</b> | <b>3.9%</b> |
| ADAIR                  | 6,959            | 6,633            | 326           | 4.7%        | 5.1%        | 4.1%        |
| CASEY                  | 6,229            | 5,990            | 239           | 3.8%        | 4.0%        | 3.3%        |
| CLINTON                | 3,391            | 3,233            | 158           | 4.7%        | 4.8%        | 4.4%        |
| CUMBERLAND             | 3,323            | 3,217            | 106           | 3.2%        | 3.0%        | 3.0%        |
| GREEN                  | 4,966            | 4,798            | 168           | 3.4%        | 3.6%        | 3.2%        |
| MCCREARY               | 4,841            | 4,579            | 262           | 5.4%        | 5.2%        | 4.5%        |
| PULASKI                | 24,976           | 23,803           | 1,173         | 4.7%        | 4.6%        | 4.0%        |
| RUSSELL                | 6,211            | 5,898            | 313           | 5.0%        | 6.8%        | 4.8%        |
| TAYLOR                 | 12,424           | 12,009           | 415           | 3.3%        | 3.5%        | 3.0%        |
| WAYNE                  | 6,732            | 6,397            | 335           | 5.0%        | 5.0%        | 4.4%        |
| <b>LINCOLN TRAIL</b>   | <b>120,894</b>   | <b>116,381</b>   | <b>4,513</b>  | <b>3.7%</b> | <b>3.9%</b> | <b>3.3%</b> |
| BRECKINRIDGE           | 7,802            | 7,441            | 361           | 4.6%        | 4.5%        | 3.9%        |
| GRAYSON                | 10,434           | 9,995            | 439           | 4.2%        | 4.3%        | 3.8%        |
| HARDIN                 | 45,998           | 44,213           | 1,785         | 3.9%        | 4.0%        | 3.4%        |
| LARUE                  | 5,592            | 5,368            | 224           | 4.0%        | 4.3%        | 3.7%        |
| MARION                 | 9,748            | 9,451            | 297           | 3.0%        | 3.1%        | 2.6%        |
| MEADE                  | 11,336           | 10,872           | 464           | 4.1%        | 4.4%        | 3.7%        |
| NELSON                 | 23,854           | 23,095           | 759           | 3.2%        | 3.5%        | 2.9%        |
| WASHINGTON             | 6,130            | 5,946            | 184           | 3.0%        | 3.2%        | 2.8%        |

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| <b>NORTHERN KENTUCKY</b> | <b>242,167</b>   | <b>233,984</b>   | <b>8,183</b>  | <b>3.4%</b> | <b>3.5%</b> | <b>2.8%</b> |
| BOONE                    | 71,547           | 69,200           | 2,347         | 3.3%        | 3.4%        | 2.7%        |
| CAMPBELL                 | 50,242           | 48,527           | 1,715         | 3.4%        | 3.5%        | 2.8%        |
| CARROLL                  | 5,945            | 5,761            | 184           | 3.1%        | 3.2%        | 2.5%        |
| GALLATIN                 | 3,950            | 3,808            | 142           | 3.6%        | 3.8%        | 3.1%        |
| GRANT                    | 11,552           | 11,124           | 428           | 3.7%        | 3.8%        | 3.2%        |
| KENTON                   | 86,979           | 84,027           | 2,952         | 3.4%        | 3.5%        | 2.9%        |
| OWEN                     | 5,114            | 4,941            | 173           | 3.4%        | 3.6%        | 3.0%        |
| PENDLETON                | 6,838            | 6,596            | 242           | 3.5%        | 3.5%        | 3.1%        |
| <b>PENNYRILE</b>         | <b>80,534</b>    | <b>77,049</b>    | <b>3,485</b>  | <b>4.3%</b> | <b>4.4%</b> | <b>4.0%</b> |
| CALDWELL                 | 6,365            | 6,176            | 189           | 3.0%        | 3.3%        | 3.0%        |
| CHRISTIAN                | 24,391           | 23,255           | 1,136         | 4.7%        | 4.9%        | 4.3%        |
| CRITTENDEN               | 3,822            | 3,678            | 144           | 3.8%        | 3.7%        | 3.6%        |
| HOPKINS                  | 17,551           | 16,848           | 703           | 4.0%        | 4.1%        | 3.6%        |
| LIVINGSTON               | 3,725            | 3,550            | 175           | 4.7%        | 4.5%        | 4.2%        |
| LYON                     | 3,140            | 3,014            | 126           | 4.0%        | 3.8%        | 3.8%        |
| MUHLENBERG               | 9,744            | 9,189            | 555           | 5.7%        | 5.8%        | 5.2%        |
| TODD                     | 5,866            | 5,660            | 206           | 3.5%        | 3.6%        | 2.9%        |
| TRIGG                    | 5,930            | 5,679            | 251           | 4.2%        | 4.4%        | 4.4%        |
| <b>PURCHASE</b>          | <b>85,379</b>    | <b>82,108</b>    | <b>3,271</b>  | <b>3.8%</b> | <b>3.9%</b> | <b>3.5%</b> |
| BALLARD                  | 3,518            | 3,374            | 144           | 4.1%        | 4.3%        | 3.8%        |
| CALLOWAY                 | 15,971           | 15,306           | 665           | 4.2%        | 4.2%        | 3.2%        |
| CARLISLE                 | 2,362            | 2,275            | 87            | 3.7%        | 3.6%        | 2.8%        |
| FULTON                   | 2,093            | 2,002            | 91            | 4.3%        | 4.5%        | 3.5%        |
| GRAVES                   | 15,265           | 14,704           | 561           | 3.7%        | 3.8%        | 3.5%        |
| HICKMAN                  | 1,577            | 1,508            | 69            | 4.4%        | 4.3%        | 3.4%        |
| MCCRACKEN                | 30,489           | 29,356           | 1,133         | 3.7%        | 3.8%        | 3.4%        |
| MARSHALL                 | 14,104           | 13,583           | 521           | 3.7%        | 3.7%        | 3.8%        |
| <b>BOWLING GREEN MSA</b> | <b>85,214</b>    | <b>81,988</b>    | <b>3,226</b>  | <b>3.8%</b> | <b>3.9%</b> | <b>3.1%</b> |
| <b>ELIZABETHTOWN MSA</b> | <b>62,926</b>    | <b>60,453</b>    | <b>2,473</b>  | <b>3.9%</b> | <b>4.1%</b> | <b>3.5%</b> |
| <b>LEXINGTON MSA</b>     | <b>274,445</b>   | <b>265,805</b>   | <b>8,640</b>  | <b>3.1%</b> | <b>3.2%</b> | <b>2.6%</b> |
| <b>LOUISVILLE MSA</b>    | <b>655,284</b>   | <b>633,830</b>   | <b>21,454</b> | <b>3.3%</b> | <b>3.6%</b> | <b>2.7%</b> |
| <b>OWENSBORO MSA</b>     | <b>51,813</b>    | <b>49,736</b>    | <b>2,077</b>  | <b>4.0%</b> | <b>4.0%</b> | <b>3.7%</b> |

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