



KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary March 2026

AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.3%

	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	Mar 26	Feb 26	Mar 25
Statewide	2,097,776	2,001,997	95,779	4.6%	4.8%	5.1%
COUNTY						
BARREN RIVER	150,889	144,251	6,638	4.4%	4.5%	5.5%
ALLEN	9,881	9,453	428	4.3%	4.4%	5.4%
BARREN	18,171	17,288	883	4.9%	5.1%	6.2%
BUTLER	5,024	4,760	264	5.3%	5.8%	6.2%
EDMONSON	5,107	4,816	291	5.7%	6.1%	6.6%
HART	8,325	7,933	392	4.7%	4.5%	5.8%
LOGAN	12,231	11,650	581	4.8%	5.0%	5.7%
METCALFE	4,387	4,191	196	4.5%	4.7%	5.9%
MONROE	4,459	4,243	216	4.8%	5.1%	5.7%
SIMPSON	8,555	8,169	386	4.5%	4.6%	5.4%
WARREN	74,749	71,748	3,001	4.0%	4.1%	5.1%
BIG SANDY	45,797	42,839	2,958	6.5%	6.5%	8.0%
FLOYD	11,689	10,991	698	6.0%	6.0%	7.7%
JOHNSON	7,647	7,175	472	6.2%	6.9%	7.8%
MAGOFFIN	3,977	3,667	310	7.8%	9.7%	10.3%
MARTIN	2,633	2,428	205	7.8%	7.9%	10.9%
PIKE	19,851	18,578	1,273	6.4%	5.8%	7.3%
BLUEGRASS	431,292	414,040	17,252	4.0%	4.0%	4.9%
ANDERSON	11,926	11,414	512	4.3%	4.4%	5.2%
BOURBON	9,938	9,531	407	4.1%	4.1%	5.0%
BOYLE	13,337	12,734	603	4.5%	4.6%	5.8%
CLARK	17,857	17,126	731	4.1%	4.2%	5.2%
ESTILL	5,051	4,759	292	5.8%	6.0%	7.0%
FAYETTE	177,797	171,261	6,536	3.7%	3.6%	4.6%
FRANKLIN	27,038	26,009	1,029	3.8%	3.9%	5.0%
GARRARD	8,118	7,771	347	4.3%	4.6%	5.4%
HARRISON	9,033	8,665	368	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
JESSAMINE	27,638	26,581	1,057	3.8%	3.7%	4.8%
LINCOLN	9,807	9,313	494	5.0%	5.5%	6.7%
MADISON	47,081	44,820	2,261	4.8%	4.9%	5.5%
MERCER	10,588	10,094	494	4.7%	4.7%	5.3%
NICHOLAS	3,422	3,270	152	4.4%	4.3%	5.2%
POWELL	5,689	5,415	274	4.8%	5.5%	5.4%
SCOTT	31,985	30,812	1,173	3.7%	3.8%	4.7%
WOODFORD	14,987	14,465	522	3.5%	3.3%	4.2%

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BUFFALO TRACE	22,256	20,965	1,291	5.8%	6.7%	7.4%
BRACKEN	3,832	3,626	206	5.4%	6.4%	6.8%
FLEMING	6,209	5,913	296	4.8%	5.4%	6.6%
LEWIS	4,298	3,937	361	8.4%	9.5%	9.7%
MASON	7,067	6,684	383	5.4%	6.2%	7.0%
ROBERTSON	850	805	45	5.3%	6.5%	7.5%
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	80,689	76,278	4,411	5.5%	5.6%	6.9%
BELL	7,461	7,015	446	6.0%	6.1%	7.6%
CLAY	5,903	5,568	335	5.7%	6.0%	7.6%
HARLAN	7,639	7,176	463	6.1%	6.1%	7.9%
JACKSON	3,936	3,665	271	6.9%	7.1%	8.3%
KNOX	9,993	9,419	574	5.7%	5.9%	7.3%
LAUREL	23,212	21,925	1,287	5.5%	5.8%	6.7%
ROCKCASTLE	6,198	5,877	321	5.2%	5.2%	6.1%
WHITLEY	16,347	15,633	714	4.4%	4.5%	5.7%
FIVCO	50,414	47,445	2,969	5.9%	6.6%	7.5%
BOYD	19,374	18,352	1,022	5.3%	5.6%	6.8%
CARTER	10,013	9,351	662	6.6%	8.1%	8.4%
ELLIOTT	1,918	1,782	136	7.1%	9.1%	9.7%
GREENUP	13,779	12,985	794	5.8%	6.5%	7.3%
LAWRENCE	5,330	4,975	355	6.7%	7.1%	8.5%
GATEWAY	34,682	32,831	1,851	5.3%	6.0%	6.8%
BATH	4,937	4,649	288	5.8%	6.8%	7.4%
MENIFEE	2,299	2,138	161	7.0%	8.7%	8.6%
MONTGOMERY	12,062	11,461	601	5.0%	5.3%	5.9%
MORGAN	4,573	4,318	255	5.6%	7.2%	7.1%
ROWAN	10,811	10,265	546	5.1%	5.2%	7.0%
GREEN RIVER	96,586	92,404	4,182	4.3%	4.5%	5.7%
DAVIESS	48,505	46,570	1,935	4.0%	4.1%	5.3%
HANCOCK	3,691	3,525	166	4.5%	4.6%	6.2%
HENDERSON	19,229	18,345	884	4.6%	4.7%	5.9%
MCLEAN	3,988	3,810	178	4.5%	4.7%	5.9%
OHIO	10,016	9,488	528	5.3%	6.2%	6.9%
UNION	6,112	5,850	262	4.3%	4.1%	5.2%
WEBSTER	5,045	4,816	229	4.5%	4.6%	6.1%

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KENTUCKY RIVER	35,576	33,681	1,895	5.3%	5.7%	7.0%
BREATHITT	4,156	3,906	250	6.0%	6.8%	8.3%
KNOTT	4,617	4,343	274	5.9%	5.9%	8.1%
LEE	2,623	2,501	122	4.7%	5.2%	6.3%
LESLIE	3,465	3,287	178	5.1%	5.3%	6.7%
LETCHER	7,303	6,918	385	5.3%	5.3%	7.0%
OWSLEY	1,304	1,241	63	4.8%	5.7%	7.2%
PERRY	10,515	10,025	490	4.7%	4.8%	5.9%
WOLFE	1,593	1,460	133	8.3%	11.1%	9.9%
KIPDA	520,844	496,959	23,885	4.6%	4.8%	5.0%
BULLITT	43,991	41,818	2,173	4.9%	5.4%	5.0%
HENRY	7,285	6,962	323	4.4%	4.5%	5.2%
JEFFERSON	396,053	377,606	18,447	4.7%	4.9%	5.1%
OLDHAM	34,086	32,778	1,308	3.8%	3.8%	4.7%
SHELBY	25,325	24,316	1,009	4.0%	4.1%	4.5%
SPENCER	10,151	9,696	455	4.5%	4.7%	4.9%
TRIMBLE	3,953	3,783	170	4.3%	4.5%	5.5%
LAKE CUMBERLAND	83,894	79,746	4,148	4.9%	5.2%	6.2%
ADAIR	8,232	7,860	372	4.5%	4.5%	5.9%
CASEY	6,188	5,897	291	4.7%	4.7%	6.4%
CLINTON	3,560	3,364	196	5.5%	5.8%	6.2%
CUMBERLAND	2,937	2,804	133	4.5%	5.3%	5.4%
GREEN	4,471	4,256	215	4.8%	4.9%	6.2%
MCCREARY	5,188	4,889	299	5.8%	6.4%	7.3%
PULASKI	27,748	26,406	1,342	4.8%	5.1%	6.1%
RUSSELL	7,960	7,616	344	4.3%	4.5%	5.4%
TAYLOR	10,914	10,396	518	4.7%	4.7%	6.1%
WAYNE	6,696	6,258	438	6.5%	6.9%	7.3%
LINCOLN TRAIL	125,769	119,160	6,609	5.3%	5.3%	5.7%
BRECKINRIDGE	8,448	7,997	451	5.3%	5.7%	6.5%
GRAYSON	9,961	9,359	602	6.0%	6.4%	7.2%
HARDIN	49,005	46,285	2,720	5.6%	5.3%	5.8%
LARUE	6,899	6,554	345	5.0%	4.6%	5.7%
MARION	7,972	7,562	410	5.1%	5.6%	6.0%
MEADE	14,061	13,366	695	4.9%	5.2%	5.3%
NELSON	23,250	22,117	1,133	4.9%	5.3%	5.0%
WASHINGTON	6,173	5,920	253	4.1%	4.1%	4.9%

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY	247,968	238,210	9,758	3.9%	4.1%	5.0%
BOONE	74,149	71,269	2,880	3.9%	4.0%	4.9%
CAMPBELL	48,632	46,772	1,860	3.8%	4.0%	5.0%
CARROLL	4,975	4,779	196	3.9%	4.1%	5.4%
GALLATIN	4,128	3,946	182	4.4%	5.0%	5.6%
GRANT	12,058	11,515	543	4.5%	4.9%	5.4%
KENTON	91,923	88,355	3,568	3.9%	4.1%	5.0%
OWEN	5,182	4,959	223	4.3%	4.2%	5.3%
PENDLETON	6,921	6,615	306	4.4%	4.8%	6.0%
PENNYRILE	83,031	78,959	4,072	4.9%	5.2%	6.0%
CALDWELL	5,889	5,660	229	3.9%	4.3%	5.0%
CHRISTIAN	23,863	22,563	1,300	5.4%	5.6%	6.4%
CRITTENDEN	3,503	3,346	157	4.5%	4.7%	5.9%
HOPKINS	19,116	18,246	870	4.6%	4.7%	5.7%
LIVINGSTON	3,919	3,716	203	5.2%	6.2%	6.6%
LYON	3,050	2,898	152	5.0%	6.0%	6.4%
MUHLENBERG	11,652	10,997	655	5.6%	6.1%	6.8%
TODD	6,090	5,872	218	3.6%	3.4%	4.8%
TRIGG	5,949	5,661	288	4.8%	5.2%	6.0%
PURCHASE	88,096	84,231	3,865	4.4%	4.6%	5.7%
BALLARD	3,447	3,291	156	4.5%	5.2%	5.9%
CALLOWAY	16,945	16,149	796	4.7%	4.7%	6.3%
CARLISLE	2,084	1,993	91	4.4%	4.5%	5.8%
FULTON	2,520	2,404	116	4.6%	4.7%	5.5%
GRAVES	16,639	15,996	643	3.9%	3.9%	5.0%
HICKMAN	1,841	1,755	86	4.7%	4.7%	5.1%
MCCRACKEN	30,941	29,625	1,316	4.3%	4.4%	5.6%
MARSHALL	13,679	13,018	661	4.8%	5.5%	6.1%
BOWLING GREEN MSA	94,761	90,777	3,984	4.2%	4.3%	5.3%
ELIZABETHTOWN MSA	55,904	52,839	3,065	5.5%	5.2%	5.8%
LEXINGTON MSA	280,202	269,776	10,426	3.7%	3.7%	4.7%
LOUISVILLE MSA	697,064	666,528	30,536	4.4%	4.6%	4.6%
OWENSBORO MSA	52,493	50,380	2,113	4.0%	4.1%	5.3%
PADUCAH MSA	46,482	44,434	2,048	4.4%	4.6%	5.4%

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