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KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary July 2026

AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.4%

	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	Jul 26	Jun 26	Jul 25
Statewide	2,131,177	2,021,438	109,739	5.1%	5.6%	5.3%
COUNTY						
BARREN RIVER	150,286	142,731	7,555	5.0%	5.5%	5.2%
ALLEN	9,643	9,187	456	4.7%	5.2%	5.0%
BARREN	18,252	17,292	960	5.3%	5.8%	5.5%
BUTLER	4,978	4,694	284	5.7%	6.1%	5.7%
EDMONSON	5,062	4,757	305	6.0%	6.5%	6.2%
HART	8,332	7,909	423	5.1%	5.6%	5.2%
LOGAN	11,931	11,291	640	5.4%	5.9%	5.3%
METCALFE	4,318	4,111	207	4.8%	5.3%	5.1%
MONROE	4,366	4,152	214	4.9%	5.5%	4.9%
SIMPSON	8,620	8,162	458	5.3%	5.7%	5.2%
WARREN	74,784	71,176	3,608	4.8%	5.2%	5.0%
BIG SANDY	45,798	42,452	3,346	7.3%	7.9%	7.9%
FLOYD	11,757	10,977	780	6.6%	7.1%	7.1%
JOHNSON	7,752	7,238	514	6.6%	7.3%	7.1%
MAGOFFIN	3,981	3,648	333	8.4%	9.7%	9.1%
MARTIN	2,612	2,348	264	10.1%	10.4%	10.4%
PIKE	19,696	18,241	1,455	7.4%	7.8%	8.2%
BLUEGRASS	438,647	418,167	20,480	4.7%	5.1%	4.8%
ANDERSON	12,093	11,516	577	4.8%	5.1%	5.2%
BOURBON	9,810	9,351	459	4.7%	5.3%	4.6%
BOYLE	13,586	12,858	728	5.4%	5.8%	5.7%
CLARK	18,250	17,414	836	4.6%	5.0%	4.9%
ESTILL	5,156	4,829	327	6.3%	7.2%	6.5%
FAYETTE	181,831	173,944	7,887	4.3%	4.8%	4.4%
FRANKLIN	27,618	26,396	1,222	4.4%	4.9%	4.8%
GARRARD	8,267	7,884	383	4.6%	5.3%	4.9%
HARRISON	9,089	8,688	401	4.4%	5.1%	4.5%
JESSAMINE	28,274	27,002	1,272	4.5%	5.0%	4.7%
LINCOLN	9,676	9,124	552	5.7%	6.1%	6.0%
MADISON	47,498	44,716	2,782	5.9%	6.4%	5.5%
MERCER	10,586	10,022	564	5.3%	5.7%	5.2%
NICHOLAS	3,418	3,249	169	4.9%	5.7%	5.0%
POWELL	5,811	5,522	289	5.0%	5.5%	5.1%
SCOTT	32,728	31,313	1,415	4.3%	4.7%	4.5%
WOODFORD	14,956	14,339	617	4.1%	4.5%	4.3%

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BUFFALO TRACE	22,366	20,907	1,459	6.5%	7.0%	6.9%
BRACKEN	3,907	3,715	192	4.9%	5.4%	5.6%
FLEMING	6,091	5,726	365	6.0%	6.4%	6.6%
LEWIS	4,326	3,938	388	9.0%	9.5%	8.8%
MASON	7,194	6,731	463	6.4%	6.8%	6.6%
ROBERTSON	848	797	51	6.0%	6.7%	6.6%
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	80,500	75,409	5,091	6.3%	6.8%	6.7%
BELL	7,501	7,017	484	6.5%	7.2%	7.1%
CLAY	5,905	5,497	408	6.9%	7.4%	7.4%
HARLAN	7,685	7,133	552	7.2%	7.6%	7.9%
JACKSON	3,889	3,567	322	8.3%	8.5%	8.2%
KNOX	9,858	9,168	690	7.0%	7.5%	7.2%
LAUREL	23,404	21,966	1,438	6.1%	6.7%	6.5%
ROCKCASTLE	6,119	5,756	363	5.9%	6.2%	5.7%
WHITLEY	16,139	15,305	834	5.2%	5.7%	5.7%
FIVCO	51,618	48,129	3,489	6.8%	7.1%	6.9%
BOYD	19,813	18,655	1,158	5.8%	6.3%	6.1%
CARTER	10,300	9,484	816	7.9%	8.1%	8.0%
ELLIOTT	1,937	1,764	173	8.9%	9.4%	8.1%
GREENUP	14,085	13,169	916	6.5%	6.9%	6.7%
LAWRENCE	5,483	5,057	426	7.8%	8.2%	7.6%
GATEWAY	34,505	32,420	2,085	6.0%	6.5%	6.4%
BATH	4,898	4,594	304	6.2%	6.6%	6.8%
MENIFEE	2,269	2,108	161	7.1%	7.4%	6.9%
MONTGOMERY	12,138	11,484	654	5.4%	5.9%	5.7%
MORGAN	4,497	4,218	279	6.2%	6.7%	6.7%
ROWAN	10,703	10,016	687	6.4%	6.8%	6.8%
GREEN RIVER	97,863	93,106	4,757	4.9%	5.4%	5.1%
DAVISS	49,432	47,151	2,281	4.6%	5.2%	4.8%
HANCOCK	3,690	3,496	194	5.3%	5.7%	5.5%
HENDERSON	19,586	18,606	980	5.0%	5.6%	5.1%
MCLEAN	3,991	3,785	206	5.2%	5.9%	5.1%
OHIO	10,108	9,549	559	5.5%	6.3%	6.3%
UNION	6,090	5,798	292	4.8%	5.3%	5.0%
WEBSTER	4,966	4,721	245	4.9%	5.6%	5.4%

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COUNTY						
KENTUCKY RIVER	35,747	33,607	2,140	6.0%	6.5%	6.4%
BREATHITT	4,076	3,821	255	6.3%	6.9%	7.2%
KNOTT	4,688	4,345	343	7.3%	7.8%	7.7%
LEE	2,612	2,469	143	5.5%	6.1%	5.5%
LESLIE	3,407	3,210	197	5.8%	6.2%	6.3%
LETCHER	7,290	6,864	426	5.8%	6.4%	6.3%
OWSLEY	1,352	1,281	71	5.3%	6.0%	6.2%
PERRY	10,665	10,118	547	5.1%	5.7%	5.5%
WOLFE	1,657	1,499	158	9.5%	10.4%	9.5%
KIPDA	534,210	506,981	27,229	5.1%	5.6%	5.0%
BULLITT	45,064	42,669	2,395	5.3%	5.8%	5.3%
HENRY	7,353	6,995	358	4.9%	5.3%	4.9%
JEFFERSON	406,762	385,703	21,059	5.2%	5.6%	5.0%
OLDHAM	34,934	33,370	1,564	4.5%	5.0%	4.5%
SHELBY	25,739	24,588	1,151	4.5%	4.8%	4.6%
SPENCER	10,390	9,864	526	5.1%	5.6%	5.1%
TRIMBLE	3,968	3,792	176	4.4%	5.1%	4.7%
LAKE CUMBERLAND	84,031	79,396	4,635	5.5%	6.0%	5.8%
ADAIR	8,184	7,766	418	5.1%	5.7%	5.6%
CASEY	6,134	5,804	330	5.4%	6.0%	5.9%
CLINTON	3,584	3,378	206	5.7%	6.3%	6.3%
CUMBERLAND	3,009	2,885	124	4.1%	4.6%	4.5%
GREEN	4,439	4,200	239	5.4%	5.9%	5.9%
MCCREARY	5,097	4,752	345	6.8%	7.3%	7.0%
PULASKI	28,031	26,541	1,490	5.3%	5.8%	5.4%
RUSSELL	8,209	7,811	398	4.8%	5.4%	5.3%
TAYLOR	10,614	10,010	604	5.7%	6.3%	6.2%
WAYNE	6,730	6,249	481	7.1%	7.6%	6.9%
LINCOLN TRAIL	127,950	120,854	7,096	5.5%	6.1%	5.5%
BRECKINRIDGE	8,450	7,974	476	5.6%	6.2%	6.0%
GRAYSON	9,900	9,250	650	6.6%	7.1%	6.6%
HARDIN	50,126	47,241	2,885	5.8%	6.3%	5.4%
LARUE	7,034	6,669	365	5.2%	5.5%	5.0%
MARION	8,156	7,680	476	5.8%	6.2%	6.4%
MEADE	14,345	13,592	753	5.2%	5.9%	5.2%
NELSON	23,758	22,552	1,206	5.1%	5.5%	5.1%
WASHINGTON	6,181	5,896	285	4.6%	5.1%	4.8%

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COUNTY						
NORTHERN KENTUCKY	256,021	244,957	11,064	4.3%	4.8%	4.5%
BOONE	76,670	73,344	3,326	4.3%	4.8%	4.5%
CAMPBELL	50,244	48,142	2,102	4.2%	4.7%	4.4%
CARROLL	5,080	4,849	231	4.5%	5.1%	4.8%
GALLATIN	4,254	4,053	201	4.7%	5.2%	5.0%
GRANT	12,359	11,782	577	4.7%	5.2%	4.8%
KENTON	95,017	90,973	4,044	4.3%	4.7%	4.4%
OWEN	5,294	5,044	250	4.7%	5.2%	5.0%
PENDLETON	7,103	6,770	333	4.7%	5.1%	5.0%
PENNYRILE	82,918	78,274	4,644	5.6%	6.3%	5.7%
CALDWELL	5,741	5,469	272	4.7%	5.3%	5.1%
CHRISTIAN	23,913	22,374	1,539	6.4%	7.2%	6.5%
CRITTENDEN	3,467	3,268	199	5.7%	6.1%	5.5%
HOPKINS	19,347	18,375	972	5.0%	6.1%	5.4%
LIVINGSTON	3,955	3,748	207	5.2%	6.2%	5.2%
LYON	3,323	3,164	159	4.8%	5.6%	5.0%
MUHLENBERG	11,347	10,645	702	6.2%	6.7%	6.4%
TODD	5,930	5,663	267	4.5%	5.0%	4.6%
TRIGG	5,895	5,568	327	5.5%	6.2%	5.5%
PURCHASE	88,716	84,050	4,666	5.3%	5.6%	5.3%
BALLARD	3,490	3,301	189	5.4%	6.1%	5.7%
CALLOWAY	16,752	15,758	994	5.9%	6.4%	6.0%
CARLISLE	2,117	2,009	108	5.1%	5.5%	5.2%
FULTON	2,504	2,353	151	6.0%	6.2%	6.6%
GRAVES	16,498	15,710	788	4.8%	5.0%	4.8%
HICKMAN	1,823	1,715	108	5.9%	6.0%	5.3%
MCCRACKEN	31,642	30,074	1,568	5.0%	5.3%	5.1%
MARSHALL	13,890	13,130	760	5.5%	5.8%	5.5%
BOWLING GREEN MSA	94,467	89,814	4,653	4.9%	5.3%	5.1%
ELIZABETHTOWN MSA	57,160	53,910	3,250	5.7%	6.2%	5.4%
LEXINGTON MSA	285,849	273,363	12,486	4.4%	4.8%	4.5%
LOUISVILLE MSA	714,581	680,371	34,210	4.8%	5.2%	4.8%
OWENSBORO MSA	53,423	50,936	2,487	4.7%	5.2%	4.8%
PADUCAH MSA	47,378	45,069	2,309	4.9%	5.4%	5.1%

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