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KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary August 2026

AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.3%

	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	Aug 26	Jul 26	Aug 25
Statewide	2,120,344	2,030,196	90,148	4.3%	5.2%	4.4%
COUNTY						
BARREN RIVER	151,161	145,003	6,158	4.1%	5.0%	4.3%
ALLEN	9,822	9,447	375	3.8%	4.7%	4.1%
BARREN	18,194	17,407	787	4.3%	5.3%	4.5%
BUTLER	5,018	4,784	234	4.7%	5.7%	4.6%
EDMONSON	5,094	4,840	254	5.0%	6.1%	5.1%
HART	8,282	7,936	346	4.2%	5.1%	4.4%
LOGAN	12,201	11,676	525	4.3%	5.4%	4.3%
METCALFE	4,359	4,189	170	3.9%	4.8%	4.3%
MONROE	4,433	4,249	184	4.2%	4.9%	4.1%
SIMPSON	8,629	8,246	383	4.4%	5.4%	4.4%
WARREN	75,129	72,229	2,900	3.9%	4.8%	4.2%
BIG SANDY	45,588	42,792	2,796	6.1%	7.3%	6.4%
FLOYD	11,628	10,987	641	5.5%	6.6%	6.0%
JOHNSON	7,676	7,242	434	5.7%	6.6%	6.1%
MAGOFFIN	4,034	3,726	308	7.6%	8.4%	8.2%
MARTIN	2,620	2,396	224	8.5%	10.1%	9.1%
PIKE	19,630	18,441	1,189	6.1%	7.4%	6.1%
BLUEGRASS	438,829	422,037	16,792	3.8%	4.7%	4.0%
ANDERSON	12,130	11,640	490	4.0%	4.8%	4.3%
BOURBON	9,998	9,613	385	3.9%	4.7%	3.9%
BOYLE	13,507	12,907	600	4.4%	5.3%	4.8%
CLARK	18,195	17,515	680	3.7%	4.6%	4.1%
ESTILL	5,109	4,841	268	5.2%	6.3%	5.3%
FAYETTE	181,570	175,087	6,483	3.6%	4.3%	3.7%
FRANKLIN	27,724	26,719	1,005	3.6%	4.4%	3.9%
GARRARD	8,283	7,967	316	3.8%	4.6%	4.1%
HARRISON	9,128	8,793	335	3.7%	4.4%	3.8%
JESSAMINE	28,231	27,182	1,049	3.7%	4.5%	3.9%
LINCOLN	9,845	9,388	457	4.6%	5.7%	5.0%
MADISON	47,416	45,160	2,256	4.8%	5.9%	4.6%
MERCER	10,646	10,198	448	4.2%	5.3%	4.3%
NICHOLAS	3,442	3,303	139	4.0%	4.9%	4.2%
POWELL	5,811	5,571	240	4.1%	5.0%	4.2%
SCOTT	32,659	31,505	1,154	3.5%	4.3%	3.7%
WOODFORD	15,135	14,648	487	3.2%	4.1%	3.6%

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BUFFALO TRACE	22,323	21,167	1,156	5.2%	6.5%	5.6%
BRACKEN	3,856	3,700	156	4.0%	4.9%	4.8%
FLEMING	6,197	5,909	288	4.6%	6.0%	5.2%
LEWIS	4,273	3,978	295	6.9%	9.0%	7.2%
MASON	7,149	6,776	373	5.2%	6.4%	5.6%
ROBERTSON	848	804	44	5.2%	6.0%	5.0%
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	79,750	75,585	4,165	5.2%	6.3%	5.7%
BELL	7,471	7,078	393	5.3%	6.4%	6.0%
CLAY	5,962	5,630	332	5.6%	6.9%	6.1%
HARLAN	7,593	7,146	447	5.9%	7.2%	6.8%
JACKSON	3,898	3,645	253	6.5%	8.3%	6.9%
KNOX	9,844	9,276	568	5.8%	7.0%	6.3%
LAUREL	23,029	21,840	1,189	5.2%	6.2%	5.3%
ROCKCASTLE	6,035	5,740	295	4.9%	5.9%	4.9%
WHITLEY	15,918	15,230	688	4.3%	5.3%	4.8%
FIVCO	50,731	47,904	2,827	5.6%	6.8%	5.8%
BOYD	19,500	18,541	959	4.9%	5.8%	5.2%
CARTER	10,088	9,435	653	6.5%	7.9%	6.7%
ELLIOTT	1,928	1,793	135	7.0%	8.9%	7.1%
GREENUP	13,849	13,108	741	5.4%	6.5%	5.6%
LAWRENCE	5,366	5,027	339	6.3%	7.8%	6.6%
GATEWAY	34,714	33,049	1,665	4.8%	6.0%	5.2%
BATH	4,923	4,683	240	4.9%	6.2%	5.5%
MENIFEE	2,283	2,164	119	5.2%	7.0%	5.4%
MONTGOMERY	12,119	11,587	532	4.4%	5.4%	4.7%
MORGAN	4,625	4,399	226	4.9%	6.2%	5.1%
ROWAN	10,764	10,216	548	5.1%	6.4%	5.7%
GREEN RIVER	97,496	93,587	3,909	4.0%	4.9%	4.3%
DAVISS	49,074	47,225	1,849	3.8%	4.6%	4.1%
HANCOCK	3,676	3,519	157	4.3%	5.2%	4.7%
HENDERSON	19,397	18,578	819	4.2%	5.0%	4.3%
MCLEAN	4,002	3,837	165	4.1%	5.1%	4.5%
OHIO	10,151	9,684	467	4.6%	5.6%	5.4%
UNION	6,144	5,899	245	4.0%	4.9%	4.2%
WEBSTER	5,052	4,845	207	4.1%	5.0%	4.4%

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KENTUCKY RIVER	35,651	33,929	1,722	4.8%	6.0%	5.3%
BREATHITT	4,047	3,843	204	5.0%	6.3%	5.6%
KNOTT	4,670	4,400	270	5.8%	7.3%	6.1%
LEE	2,599	2,488	111	4.3%	5.5%	4.4%
LESLIE	3,453	3,287	166	4.8%	5.8%	5.3%
LETCHER	7,306	6,960	346	4.7%	5.8%	5.6%
OWSLEY	1,359	1,297	62	4.6%	5.4%	5.1%
PERRY	10,589	10,141	448	4.2%	5.2%	4.8%
WOLFE	1,628	1,513	115	7.1%	9.5%	7.1%
KIPDA	528,217	505,673	22,544	4.3%	5.1%	4.2%
BULLITT	44,498	42,544	1,954	4.4%	5.3%	4.1%
HENRY	7,341	7,047	294	4.0%	4.9%	4.1%
JEFFERSON	401,854	384,387	17,467	4.3%	5.2%	4.3%
OLDHAM	34,622	33,327	1,295	3.7%	4.5%	3.8%
SHELBY	25,616	24,665	951	3.7%	4.5%	3.8%
SPENCER	10,284	9,854	430	4.2%	5.1%	4.1%
TRIMBLE	4,002	3,849	153	3.8%	4.4%	3.9%
LAKE CUMBERLAND	84,198	80,360	3,838	4.6%	5.5%	4.8%
ADAIR	8,182	7,839	343	4.2%	5.1%	4.6%
CASEY	6,133	5,863	270	4.4%	5.4%	4.9%
CLINTON	3,582	3,407	175	4.9%	5.8%	5.2%
CUMBERLAND	3,024	2,920	104	3.4%	4.1%	3.8%
GREEN	4,469	4,263	206	4.6%	5.4%	4.8%
MCCREARY	5,102	4,813	289	5.7%	6.7%	5.9%
PULASKI	28,125	26,886	1,239	4.4%	5.3%	4.5%
RUSSELL	8,173	7,842	331	4.0%	4.8%	4.4%
TAYLOR	10,588	10,094	494	4.7%	5.7%	5.2%
WAYNE	6,820	6,433	387	5.7%	7.1%	5.7%
LINCOLN TRAIL	126,888	121,102	5,786	4.6%	5.6%	4.6%
BRECKINRIDGE	8,465	8,073	392	4.6%	5.6%	5.1%
GRAYSON	9,964	9,415	549	5.5%	6.6%	5.7%
HARDIN	49,567	47,217	2,350	4.7%	5.8%	4.7%
LARUE	6,976	6,677	299	4.3%	5.2%	4.2%
MARION	8,085	7,708	377	4.7%	5.8%	5.1%
MEADE	14,210	13,587	623	4.4%	5.3%	4.5%
NELSON	23,460	22,498	962	4.1%	5.1%	4.1%
WASHINGTON	6,161	5,927	234	3.8%	4.6%	3.9%

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY	252,628	243,434	9,194	3.6%	4.3%	3.8%
BOONE	75,594	72,837	2,757	3.6%	4.3%	3.8%
CAMPBELL	49,564	47,807	1,757	3.5%	4.2%	3.8%
CARROLL	5,064	4,874	190	3.8%	4.5%	4.1%
GALLATIN	4,195	4,028	167	4.0%	4.8%	4.2%
GRANT	12,225	11,744	481	3.9%	4.7%	4.1%
KENTON	93,687	90,319	3,368	3.6%	4.3%	3.8%
OWEN	5,283	5,079	204	3.9%	4.7%	4.1%
PENDLETON	7,016	6,746	270	3.8%	4.7%	4.0%
PENNYRILE	83,173	79,345	3,828	4.6%	5.6%	4.8%
CALDWELL	5,843	5,623	220	3.8%	4.7%	4.1%
CHRISTIAN	23,787	22,507	1,280	5.4%	6.4%	5.4%
CRITTENDEN	3,520	3,358	162	4.6%	5.7%	4.6%
HOPKINS	19,247	18,444	803	4.2%	5.0%	4.5%
LIVINGSTON	3,965	3,788	177	4.5%	5.2%	4.4%
LYON	3,200	3,065	135	4.2%	5.0%	3.9%
MUHLENBERG	11,575	11,005	570	4.9%	6.1%	5.3%
TODD	6,139	5,922	217	3.5%	4.5%	3.7%
TRIGG	5,897	5,633	264	4.5%	5.5%	4.5%
PURCHASE	88,999	85,229	3,770	4.2%	5.3%	4.4%
BALLARD	3,501	3,346	155	4.4%	5.4%	4.7%
CALLOWAY	16,935	16,139	796	4.7%	5.9%	5.1%
CARLISLE	2,119	2,030	89	4.2%	5.0%	4.4%
FULTON	2,518	2,396	122	4.8%	6.0%	4.7%
GRAVES	16,709	16,073	636	3.8%	4.8%	3.9%
HICKMAN	1,812	1,730	82	4.5%	5.9%	4.1%
MCCRACKEN	31,536	30,260	1,276	4.0%	5.0%	4.2%
MARSHALL	13,869	13,255	614	4.4%	5.5%	4.6%
BOWLING GREEN MSA	95,063	91,300	3,763	4.0%	4.9%	4.2%
ELIZABETHTOWN MSA	56,543	53,894	2,649	4.7%	5.7%	4.6%
LEXINGTON MSA	285,788	275,550	10,238	3.6%	4.4%	3.8%
LOUISVILLE MSA	705,782	676,735	29,047	4.1%	4.8%	4.1%
OWENSBORO MSA	53,076	51,062	2,014	3.8%	4.7%	4.1%
PADUCAH MSA	47,325	45,398	1,927	4.1%	4.9%	4.3%

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