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KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary September 2026

AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.0%

	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	Sept 26	Aug 26	Sept 25
Statewide	2,129,361	2,032,958	96,403	4.5%	4.3%	4.4%
COUNTY						
BARREN RIVER	152,578	145,998	6,580	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%
ALLEN	9,949	9,539	410	4.1%	3.8%	4.3%
BARREN	18,447	17,602	845	4.6%	4.3%	4.7%
BUTLER	5,046	4,800	246	4.9%	4.7%	4.9%
EDMONSON	5,157	4,883	274	5.3%	5.0%	5.3%
HART	8,379	8,012	367	4.4%	4.2%	4.4%
LOGAN	12,306	11,730	576	4.7%	4.3%	4.9%
METCALFE	4,388	4,203	185	4.2%	3.9%	4.4%
MONROE	4,502	4,303	199	4.4%	4.2%	4.3%
SIMPSON	8,681	8,268	413	4.8%	4.4%	4.5%
WARREN	75,723	72,658	3,065	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%
BIG SANDY	46,117	43,216	2,901	6.3%	6.1%	6.2%
FLOYD	11,843	11,148	695	5.9%	5.5%	5.7%
JOHNSON	7,693	7,237	456	5.9%	5.6%	6.2%
MAGOFFIN	4,058	3,744	314	7.7%	7.7%	8.0%
MARTIN	2,647	2,443	204	7.7%	8.5%	8.4%
PIKE	19,876	18,644	1,232	6.2%	6.0%	5.9%
BLUEGRASS	440,667	422,637	18,030	4.1%	3.8%	4.0%
ANDERSON	12,159	11,649	510	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%
BOURBON	10,093	9,678	415	4.1%	3.8%	4.0%
BOYLE	13,474	12,862	612	4.5%	4.4%	4.7%
CLARK	18,309	17,547	762	4.2%	3.7%	4.2%
ESTILL	5,169	4,875	294	5.7%	5.3%	5.5%
FAYETTE	182,089	175,140	6,949	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%
FRANKLIN	27,807	26,720	1,087	3.9%	3.6%	3.9%
GARRARD	8,315	7,978	337	4.1%	3.8%	4.2%
HARRISON	9,165	8,793	372	4.1%	3.7%	4.0%
JESSAMINE	28,229	27,118	1,111	3.9%	3.7%	4.0%
LINCOLN	9,863	9,378	485	4.9%	4.6%	5.2%
MADISON	47,951	45,550	2,401	5.0%	4.8%	4.6%
MERCER	10,724	10,233	491	4.6%	4.2%	4.5%
NICHOLAS	3,450	3,300	150	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%
POWELL	5,816	5,554	262	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%
SCOTT	32,821	31,550	1,271	3.9%	3.5%	3.7%
WOODFORD	15,233	14,712	521	3.4%	3.2%	3.6%

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BUFFALO TRACE	22,339	21,131	1,208	5.4%	5.2%	5.7%
BRACKEN	3,862	3,692	170	4.4%	4.0%	4.8%
FLEMING	6,195	5,889	306	4.9%	4.7%	5.2%
LEWIS	4,270	3,959	311	7.3%	6.9%	7.3%
MASON	7,153	6,776	377	5.3%	5.2%	5.7%
ROBERTSON	859	815	44	5.1%	5.2%	5.1%
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	80,896	76,370	4,526	5.6%	5.2%	5.7%
BELL	7,565	7,118	447	5.9%	5.2%	6.2%
CLAY	5,979	5,618	361	6.0%	5.6%	6.0%
HARLAN	7,725	7,221	504	6.5%	5.9%	6.8%
JACKSON	3,994	3,715	279	7.0%	6.5%	7.0%
KNOX	9,986	9,386	600	6.0%	5.8%	6.4%
LAUREL	23,217	21,926	1,291	5.6%	5.1%	5.5%
ROCKCASTLE	6,235	5,918	317	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%
WHITLEY	16,195	15,468	727	4.5%	4.3%	4.8%
FIVCO	50,908	47,996	2,912	5.7%	5.5%	5.7%
BOYD	19,551	18,556	995	5.1%	4.9%	5.1%
CARTER	10,119	9,484	635	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%
ELLIOTT	1,924	1,788	136	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%
GREENUP	13,928	13,136	792	5.7%	5.3%	5.5%
LAWRENCE	5,386	5,032	354	6.6%	6.3%	6.5%
GATEWAY	35,205	33,413	1,792	5.1%	4.8%	5.2%
BATH	4,979	4,713	266	5.3%	4.9%	5.5%
MENIFEE	2,307	2,177	130	5.6%	5.2%	5.6%
MONTGOMERY	12,169	11,589	580	4.8%	4.4%	4.8%
MORGAN	4,724	4,482	242	5.1%	4.9%	5.2%
ROWAN	11,026	10,452	574	5.2%	5.1%	5.3%
GREEN RIVER	98,102	93,939	4,163	4.2%	4.0%	4.4%
DAVISS	49,197	47,240	1,957	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%
HANCOCK	3,740	3,569	171	4.6%	4.3%	4.6%
HENDERSON	19,631	18,738	893	4.5%	4.2%	4.6%
MCLEAN	4,025	3,852	173	4.3%	4.1%	4.5%
OHIO	10,179	9,689	490	4.8%	4.6%	5.4%
UNION	6,215	5,956	259	4.2%	4.0%	4.3%
WEBSTER	5,115	4,895	220	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%

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KENTUCKY RIVER	35,968	34,088	1,880	5.2%	4.8%	5.4%
BREATHITT	4,153	3,914	239	5.8%	5.1%	5.6%
KNOTT	4,698	4,401	297	6.3%	5.8%	6.1%
LEE	2,618	2,496	122	4.7%	4.2%	4.9%
LESLIE	3,494	3,316	178	5.1%	4.8%	5.2%
LETCHER	7,287	6,921	366	5.0%	4.7%	5.6%
OWSLEY	1,373	1,301	72	5.2%	4.5%	5.4%
PERRY	10,716	10,231	485	4.5%	4.2%	4.7%
WOLFE	1,629	1,508	121	7.4%	7.1%	7.3%
KIPDA	528,112	504,154	23,958	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%
BULLITT	44,581	42,488	2,093	4.7%	4.4%	4.0%
HENRY	7,333	7,025	308	4.2%	4.0%	4.3%
JEFFERSON	401,632	383,117	18,515	4.6%	4.4%	4.3%
OLDHAM	34,619	33,224	1,395	4.0%	3.7%	3.8%
SHELBY	25,613	24,592	1,021	4.0%	3.7%	3.8%
SPENCER	10,298	9,836	462	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%
TRIMBLE	4,036	3,872	164	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%
LAKE CUMBERLAND	84,861	80,702	4,159	4.9%	4.6%	4.9%
ADAIR	8,392	8,023	369	4.4%	4.2%	4.5%
CASEY	6,144	5,850	294	4.8%	4.4%	5.0%
CLINTON	3,553	3,371	182	5.1%	4.9%	5.4%
CUMBERLAND	3,057	2,947	110	3.6%	3.4%	3.7%
GREEN	4,533	4,311	222	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%
MCCREARY	5,276	4,961	315	6.0%	5.7%	5.8%
PULASKI	28,107	26,772	1,335	4.7%	4.4%	4.8%
RUSSELL	8,204	7,829	375	4.6%	4.1%	4.5%
TAYLOR	10,820	10,286	534	4.9%	4.7%	5.0%
WAYNE	6,775	6,352	423	6.2%	5.7%	6.0%
LINCOLN TRAIL	127,141	120,956	6,185	4.9%	4.6%	4.7%
BRECKINRIDGE	8,489	8,070	419	4.9%	4.6%	5.2%
GRAYSON	10,092	9,500	592	5.9%	5.5%	5.7%
HARDIN	49,533	47,031	2,502	5.1%	4.8%	4.8%
LARUE	6,980	6,658	322	4.6%	4.3%	4.3%
MARION	8,138	7,740	398	4.9%	4.7%	5.0%
MEADE	14,204	13,538	666	4.7%	4.4%	4.6%
NELSON	23,494	22,456	1,038	4.4%	4.1%	4.1%
WASHINGTON	6,211	5,963	248	4.0%	3.8%	3.9%

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY	252,974	243,121	9,853	3.9%	3.6%	3.9%
BOONE	75,658	72,738	2,920	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%
CAMPBELL	49,581	47,709	1,872	3.8%	3.5%	3.9%
CARROLL	5,092	4,885	207	4.1%	3.8%	4.2%
GALLATIN	4,208	4,032	176	4.2%	4.0%	4.3%
GRANT	12,247	11,739	508	4.1%	3.9%	4.1%
KENTON	93,823	90,166	3,657	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%
OWEN	5,323	5,101	222	4.2%	3.9%	4.1%
PENDLETON	7,042	6,751	291	4.1%	3.8%	4.2%
PENNYRILE	83,756	79,547	4,209	5.0%	4.6%	4.9%
CALDWELL	5,921	5,667	254	4.3%	3.8%	4.2%
CHRISTIAN	24,006	22,588	1,418	5.9%	5.4%	5.4%
CRITTENDEN	3,560	3,379	181	5.1%	4.6%	4.5%
HOPKINS	19,285	18,417	868	4.5%	4.2%	4.6%
LIVINGSTON	3,980	3,787	193	4.8%	4.5%	4.8%
LYON	3,087	2,943	144	4.7%	4.3%	4.4%
MUHLENBERG	11,766	11,143	623	5.3%	4.9%	5.4%
TODD	6,192	5,964	228	3.7%	3.5%	3.9%
TRIGG	5,959	5,659	300	5.0%	4.5%	4.7%
PURCHASE	89,730	85,685	4,045	4.5%	4.2%	4.5%
BALLARD	3,526	3,356	170	4.8%	4.4%	4.9%
CALLOWAY	17,209	16,364	845	4.9%	4.7%	4.9%
CARLISLE	2,138	2,042	96	4.5%	4.3%	4.4%
FULTON	2,560	2,434	126	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%
GRAVES	16,914	16,225	689	4.1%	3.8%	4.0%
HICKMAN	1,844	1,755	89	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%
MCCRACKEN	31,667	30,308	1,359	4.3%	4.0%	4.3%
MARSHALL	13,872	13,201	671	4.8%	4.4%	4.7%
BOWLING GREEN MSA	95,875	91,880	3,995	4.2%	4.0%	4.2%
ELIZABETHTOWN MSA	56,513	53,689	2,824	5.0%	4.7%	4.7%
LEXINGTON MSA	286,774	275,745	11,029	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%
LOUISVILLE MSA	706,496	675,742	30,754	4.4%	4.1%	4.0%
OWENSBORO MSA	53,222	51,092	2,130	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%
PADUCAH MSA	47,482	45,441	2,041	4.3%	4.1%	4.4%

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