



KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary January 2026

AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.7%

	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	Jan 26	Dec 25	Jan 25
Statewide	2,075,322	1,983,971	91,351	4.4%	3.5%	5.2%
COUNTY						
BARREN RIVER	148,778	142,410	6,368	4.3%	3.4%	5.5%
ALLEN	9,720	9,333	387	4.0%	3.3%	5.2%
BARREN	17,947	17,111	836	4.7%	3.6%	6.4%
BUTLER	4,968	4,710	258	5.2%	4.1%	6.7%
EDMONSON	5,018	4,742	276	5.5%	4.3%	7.0%
HART	8,119	7,782	337	4.2%	3.4%	5.9%
LOGAN	12,092	11,539	553	4.6%	3.7%	5.4%
METCALFE	4,326	4,147	179	4.1%	3.3%	6.6%
MONROE	4,427	4,221	206	4.7%	3.8%	6.3%
SIMPSON	8,430	8,058	372	4.4%	3.5%	5.2%
WARREN	73,731	70,767	2,964	4.0%	3.3%	5.1%
BIG SANDY	44,863	42,192	2,671	6.0%	5.1%	8.0%
FLOYD	11,484	10,843	641	5.6%	4.7%	7.7%
JOHNSON	7,538	7,067	471	6.2%	5.4%	8.3%
MAGOFFIN	3,941	3,598	343	8.7%	7.4%	11.2%
MARTIN	2,545	2,358	187	7.3%	6.8%	10.8%
PIKE	19,355	18,326	1,029	5.3%	4.6%	6.9%
BLUEGRASS	425,828	409,526	16,302	3.8%	3.1%	4.8%
ANDERSON	11,813	11,301	512	4.3%	3.4%	4.9%
BOURBON	9,821	9,455	366	3.7%	3.0%	4.6%
BOYLE	13,144	12,547	597	4.5%	3.6%	5.9%
CLARK	17,649	16,953	696	3.9%	3.1%	5.3%
ESTILL	4,979	4,693	286	5.7%	4.8%	7.4%
FAYETTE	175,875	169,787	6,088	3.5%	2.9%	4.4%
FRANKLIN	26,509	25,495	1,014	3.8%	3.0%	5.0%
GARRARD	7,989	7,656	333	4.2%	3.1%	5.5%
HARRISON	8,934	8,604	330	3.7%	3.1%	4.7%
JESSAMINE	27,398	26,410	988	3.6%	3.1%	4.6%
LINCOLN	9,725	9,239	486	5.0%	4.3%	7.4%
MADISON	46,134	43,996	2,138	4.6%	3.7%	5.4%
MERCER	10,394	9,934	460	4.4%	3.7%	5.6%
NICHOLAS	3,376	3,245	131	3.9%	3.2%	4.7%
POWELL	5,611	5,341	270	4.8%	3.8%	6.1%
SCOTT	31,650	30,516	1,134	3.6%	3.0%	4.5%
WOODFORD	14,827	14,354	473	3.2%	2.7%	4.0%

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BUFFALO TRACE	22,108	20,748	1,360	6.2%	5.0%	8.8%
BRACKEN	3,812	3,595	217	5.7%	4.4%	8.2%
FLEMING	6,118	5,812	306	5.0%	4.0%	7.3%
LEWIS	4,298	3,919	379	8.8%	7.3%	12.2%
MASON	7,027	6,620	407	5.8%	4.7%	8.2%
ROBERTSON	853	802	51	6.0%	4.5%	8.1%
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	79,607	75,404	4,203	5.3%	4.5%	7.0%
BELL	7,388	6,965	423	5.7%	4.9%	7.7%
CLAY	5,854	5,530	324	5.5%	4.8%	7.9%
HARLAN	7,515	7,073	442	5.9%	4.9%	8.2%
JACKSON	3,836	3,584	252	6.6%	5.6%	8.8%
KNOX	9,864	9,323	541	5.5%	4.7%	7.5%
LAUREL	23,099	21,882	1,217	5.3%	4.5%	6.6%
ROCKCASTLE	6,106	5,807	299	4.9%	3.9%	6.3%
WHITLEY	15,945	15,240	705	4.4%	3.7%	5.7%
FIVCO	49,911	46,816	3,095	6.2%	4.9%	8.5%
BOYD	19,104	18,118	986	5.2%	4.2%	7.1%
CARTER	9,958	9,202	756	7.6%	5.9%	10.6%
ELLIOTT	1,935	1,774	161	8.3%	6.0%	11.5%
GREENUP	13,644	12,812	832	6.1%	4.7%	8.1%
LAWRENCE	5,270	4,910	360	6.8%	5.6%	9.6%
GATEWAY	34,020	32,173	1,847	5.4%	4.2%	7.7%
BATH	4,851	4,559	292	6.0%	4.9%	8.6%
MENIFEE	2,260	2,097	163	7.2%	4.9%	10.6%
MONTGOMERY	11,853	11,294	559	4.7%	3.8%	6.4%
MORGAN	4,541	4,268	273	6.0%	4.4%	9.0%
ROWAN	10,515	9,955	560	5.3%	4.2%	7.4%
GREEN RIVER	95,572	91,575	3,997	4.2%	3.5%	5.6%
DAVISS	47,980	46,133	1,847	3.8%	3.3%	5.2%
HANCOCK	3,619	3,460	159	4.4%	3.7%	6.4%
HENDERSON	19,050	18,234	816	4.3%	3.7%	5.5%
MCLEAN	3,953	3,775	178	4.5%	3.6%	5.8%
OHIO	9,961	9,415	546	5.5%	4.4%	7.2%
UNION	6,009	5,773	236	3.9%	3.3%	4.8%
WEBSTER	5,000	4,785	215	4.3%	3.6%	5.6%

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KENTUCKY RIVER	35,284	33,427	1,857	5.3%	4.3%	7.3%
BREATHITT	4,142	3,876	266	6.4%	4.8%	9.4%
KNOTT	4,531	4,276	255	5.6%	4.8%	8.0%
LEE	2,618	2,495	123	4.7%	4.3%	6.5%
LESLIE	3,408	3,240	168	4.9%	3.9%	6.4%
LETCHER	7,272	6,907	365	5.0%	4.4%	6.7%
OWSLEY	1,297	1,233	64	4.9%	3.9%	6.8%
PERRY	10,453	9,998	455	4.4%	3.6%	5.9%
WOLFE	1,563	1,402	161	10.3%	7.3%	14.3%
KIPDA	517,261	494,578	22,683	4.4%	3.3%	4.9%
BULLITT	43,655	41,561	2,094	4.8%	3.1%	5.1%
HENRY	7,251	6,946	305	4.2%	3.3%	5.3%
JEFFERSON	393,267	375,827	17,440	4.4%	3.3%	5.0%
OLDHAM	33,881	32,635	1,246	3.7%	2.9%	4.4%
SHELBY	25,224	24,235	989	3.9%	2.8%	4.3%
SPENCER	10,095	9,644	451	4.5%	3.1%	4.8%
TRIMBLE	3,888	3,730	158	4.1%	3.2%	5.6%
LAKE CUMBERLAND	83,067	79,092	3,975	4.8%	3.9%	6.2%
ADAIR	8,056	7,706	350	4.3%	3.7%	6.0%
CASEY	6,097	5,827	270	4.4%	3.8%	6.1%
CLINTON	3,548	3,366	182	5.1%	4.5%	7.2%
CUMBERLAND	2,921	2,779	142	4.9%	3.6%	6.1%
GREEN	4,396	4,202	194	4.4%	3.9%	6.1%
MCCREARY	5,184	4,866	318	6.1%	4.6%	6.9%
PULASKI	27,485	26,198	1,287	4.7%	3.7%	6.0%
RUSSELL	7,844	7,507	337	4.3%	3.3%	5.6%
TAYLOR	10,882	10,381	501	4.6%	3.8%	5.8%
WAYNE	6,654	6,260	394	5.9%	4.7%	7.3%
LINCOLN TRAIL	124,371	118,460	5,911	4.8%	3.8%	5.8%
BRECKINRIDGE	8,338	7,910	428	5.1%	4.1%	6.5%
GRAYSON	9,875	9,296	579	5.9%	4.6%	7.3%
HARDIN	48,366	46,034	2,332	4.8%	4.1%	5.8%
LARUE	6,788	6,515	273	4.0%	3.4%	5.7%
MARION	7,909	7,519	390	4.9%	4.1%	5.8%
MEADE	13,963	13,318	645	4.6%	3.6%	5.4%
NELSON	23,027	21,992	1,035	4.5%	3.2%	5.2%
WASHINGTON	6,105	5,876	229	3.8%	3.0%	4.8%

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY	245,153	235,790	9,363	3.8%	3.2%	5.1%
BOONE	73,303	70,544	2,759	3.8%	3.1%	4.9%
CAMPBELL	48,101	46,321	1,780	3.7%	3.1%	5.1%
CARROLL	4,930	4,740	190	3.9%	3.0%	5.8%
GALLATIN	4,078	3,900	178	4.4%	3.7%	5.9%
GRANT	11,961	11,399	562	4.7%	3.4%	5.9%
KENTON	90,850	87,473	3,377	3.7%	3.2%	4.9%
OWEN	5,081	4,869	212	4.2%	3.3%	5.6%
PENDLETON	6,849	6,544	305	4.5%	3.6%	6.6%
PENNYRILE	82,509	78,557	3,952	4.8%	3.8%	6.2%
CALDWELL	5,842	5,616	226	3.9%	2.9%	5.1%
CHRISTIAN	23,742	22,484	1,258	5.3%	4.3%	6.3%
CRITTENDEN	3,482	3,327	155	4.5%	3.6%	5.9%
HOPKINS	19,080	18,234	846	4.4%	3.5%	5.8%
LIVINGSTON	3,903	3,693	210	5.4%	4.2%	7.3%
LYON	3,011	2,855	156	5.2%	3.7%	7.1%
MUHLENBERG	11,510	10,880	630	5.5%	4.3%	7.3%
TODD	6,024	5,824	200	3.3%	2.9%	4.8%
TRIGG	5,915	5,644	271	4.6%	3.8%	5.9%
PURCHASE	86,991	83,222	3,769	4.3%	3.6%	5.8%
BALLARD	3,427	3,266	161	4.7%	4.1%	6.3%
CALLOWAY	16,627	15,810	817	4.9%	4.0%	6.3%
CARLISLE	2,056	1,971	85	4.1%	3.7%	5.7%
FULTON	2,473	2,366	107	4.3%	3.7%	5.4%
GRAVES	16,494	15,888	606	3.7%	3.0%	4.9%
HICKMAN	1,827	1,745	82	4.5%	3.7%	5.2%
MCCRACKEN	30,619	29,368	1,251	4.1%	3.6%	5.6%
MARSHALL	13,468	12,808	660	4.9%	4.0%	6.6%
BOWLING GREEN MSA	93,437	89,552	3,885	4.2%	3.4%	5.3%
ELIZABETHTOWN MSA	55,154	52,549	2,605	4.7%	4.0%	5.8%
LEXINGTON MSA	277,220	267,475	9,745	3.5%	2.9%	4.4%
LOUISVILLE MSA	694,568	665,704	28,864	4.2%	3.1%	4.8%
OWENSBORO MSA	51,933	49,908	2,025	3.9%	3.3%	5.3%
PADUCAH MSA	45,970	44,012	1,958	4.3%	3.8%	5.6%

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