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KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary December 2025

AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.1%

	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	Dec 25	Nov 25	Dec 24
Statewide	2,112,216	2,037,644	74,572	3.5%	4.4%	5.0%
COUNTY						
BARREN RIVER	150,855	145,666	5,189	3.4%	4.3%	4.9%
ALLEN	10,049	9,713	336	3.3%	4.2%	4.6%
BARREN	18,128	17,469	659	3.6%	4.6%	5.7%
BUTLER	5,058	4,851	207	4.1%	5.0%	5.5%
EDMONSON	5,121	4,903	218	4.3%	5.3%	5.9%
HART	8,377	8,095	282	3.4%	4.4%	5.3%
LOGAN	12,416	11,958	458	3.7%	4.8%	5.3%
METCALFE	4,540	4,390	150	3.3%	4.3%	5.5%
MONROE	4,561	4,388	173	3.8%	4.6%	5.6%
SIMPSON	9,043	8,728	315	3.5%	4.4%	5.0%
WARREN	73,562	71,171	2,391	3.3%	4.0%	4.4%
BIG SANDY	46,721	44,331	2,390	5.1%	6.8%	7.2%
FLOYD	12,005	11,440	565	4.7%	6.1%	7.0%
JOHNSON	7,681	7,269	412	5.4%	6.3%	7.5%
MAGOFFIN	4,077	3,775	302	7.4%	7.5%	9.0%
MARTIN	2,753	2,565	188	6.8%	8.3%	10.0%
PIKE	20,205	19,282	923	4.6%	7.1%	6.5%
BLUEGRASS	433,893	420,237	13,656	3.1%	4.0%	4.4%
ANDERSON	11,908	11,507	401	3.4%	4.1%	4.6%
BOURBON	10,194	9,884	310	3.0%	3.8%	4.4%
BOYLE	13,850	13,347	503	3.6%	4.6%	5.2%
CLARK	18,155	17,585	570	3.1%	4.1%	4.8%
ESTILL	5,119	4,872	247	4.8%	5.9%	6.3%
FAYETTE	177,764	172,598	5,166	2.9%	3.7%	4.1%
FRANKLIN	27,050	26,239	811	3.0%	3.9%	4.5%
GARRARD	8,394	8,132	262	3.1%	4.1%	5.1%
HARRISON	9,411	9,120	291	3.1%	4.0%	4.4%
JESSAMINE	27,679	26,833	846	3.1%	3.9%	4.2%
LINCOLN	9,652	9,238	414	4.3%	5.2%	6.8%
MADISON	47,146	45,411	1,735	3.7%	4.5%	4.8%
MERCER	10,817	10,416	401	3.7%	4.4%	4.8%
NICHOLAS	3,527	3,414	113	3.2%	3.9%	4.4%
POWELL	5,851	5,626	225	3.8%	4.4%	5.4%
SCOTT	32,110	31,160	950	3.0%	3.8%	4.1%
WOODFORD	15,266	14,855	411	2.7%	3.5%	3.8%

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BUFFALO TRACE	22,246	21,143	1,103	5.0%	5.6%	7.3%
BRACKEN	3,817	3,648	169	4.4%	4.7%	6.7%
FLEMING	6,229	5,977	252	4.0%	5.0%	6.3%
LEWIS	4,289	3,977	312	7.3%	7.7%	10.7%
MASON	7,087	6,754	333	4.7%	5.5%	6.5%
ROBERTSON	824	787	37	4.5%	5.1%	6.0%
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	81,963	78,292	3,671	4.5%	5.6%	6.5%
BELL	7,565	7,194	371	4.9%	6.2%	6.9%
CLAY	5,911	5,625	286	4.8%	6.1%	7.7%
HARLAN	8,019	7,625	394	4.9%	6.3%	8.0%
JACKSON	3,999	3,775	224	5.6%	7.0%	7.5%
KNOX	10,217	9,735	482	4.7%	6.1%	7.0%
LAUREL	23,575	22,515	1,060	4.5%	5.6%	6.3%
ROCKCASTLE	6,445	6,193	252	3.9%	5.0%	5.7%
WHITLEY	16,232	15,630	602	3.7%	4.6%	5.0%
FIVCO	50,825	48,330	2,495	4.9%	5.8%	7.4%
BOYD	19,482	18,660	822	4.2%	5.2%	6.2%
CARTER	10,210	9,605	605	5.9%	6.5%	8.6%
ELLIOTT	1,877	1,765	112	6.0%	7.1%	10.3%
GREENUP	13,835	13,182	653	4.7%	5.6%	7.3%
LAWRENCE	5,421	5,118	303	5.6%	6.5%	8.6%
GATEWAY	35,671	34,156	1,515	4.2%	5.2%	6.2%
BATH	5,102	4,853	249	4.9%	5.5%	7.1%
MENIFEE	2,365	2,250	115	4.9%	5.7%	7.5%
MONTGOMERY	12,534	12,055	479	3.8%	4.7%	5.5%
MORGAN	4,828	4,614	214	4.4%	5.2%	6.6%
ROWAN	10,842	10,384	458	4.2%	5.4%	6.0%
GREEN RIVER	96,830	93,417	3,413	3.5%	4.4%	5.1%
DAVISS	48,414	46,827	1,587	3.3%	4.2%	4.9%
HANCOCK	3,585	3,453	132	3.7%	4.7%	5.8%
HENDERSON	19,527	18,811	716	3.7%	4.6%	5.0%
MCLEAN	4,012	3,866	146	3.6%	4.3%	5.4%
OHIO	10,072	9,626	446	4.4%	5.1%	6.4%
UNION	6,280	6,073	207	3.3%	4.2%	4.7%
WEBSTER	4,940	4,761	179	3.6%	4.6%	5.3%

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KENTUCKY RIVER	36,136	34,573	1,563	4.3%	5.5%	6.4%
BREATHITT	4,222	4,021	201	4.8%	5.9%	7.4%
KNOTT	4,611	4,391	220	4.8%	6.3%	7.3%
LEE	2,523	2,414	109	4.3%	5.0%	5.8%
LESLIE	3,639	3,497	142	3.9%	5.2%	6.4%
LETCHER	7,431	7,104	327	4.4%	5.7%	6.3%
OWSLEY	1,374	1,320	54	3.9%	5.2%	6.4%
PERRY	10,698	10,308	390	3.6%	4.8%	5.4%
WOLFE	1,638	1,518	120	7.3%	7.2%	9.4%
KIPDA	525,797	508,670	17,127	3.3%	4.2%	4.6%
BULLITT	44,763	43,360	1,403	3.1%	4.0%	4.5%
HENRY	7,462	7,217	245	3.3%	4.2%	4.6%
JEFFERSON	398,086	384,791	13,295	3.3%	4.3%	4.7%
OLDHAM	35,209	34,199	1,010	2.9%	3.7%	4.1%
SHELBY	25,948	25,217	731	2.8%	3.7%	4.0%
SPENCER	10,342	10,025	317	3.1%	3.9%	4.4%
TRIMBLE	3,987	3,861	126	3.2%	4.1%	4.9%
LAKE CUMBERLAND	84,526	81,254	3,272	3.9%	4.9%	5.7%
ADAIR	8,354	8,045	309	3.7%	4.7%	5.2%
CASEY	5,991	5,764	227	3.8%	4.8%	6.0%
CLINTON	3,489	3,333	156	4.5%	5.5%	6.6%
CUMBERLAND	2,983	2,875	108	3.6%	3.9%	5.3%
GREEN	4,452	4,278	174	3.9%	5.0%	5.7%
MCCREARY	5,285	5,041	244	4.6%	6.0%	6.3%
PULASKI	27,528	26,498	1,030	3.7%	4.9%	5.8%
RUSSELL	8,672	8,387	285	3.3%	4.0%	5.2%
TAYLOR	11,076	10,654	422	3.8%	4.9%	5.0%
WAYNE	6,696	6,379	317	4.7%	6.0%	6.7%
LINCOLN TRAIL	126,998	122,125	4,873	3.8%	4.8%	5.2%
BRECKINRIDGE	8,484	8,137	347	4.1%	5.1%	5.7%
GRAYSON	10,456	9,976	480	4.6%	5.5%	6.0%
HARDIN	48,562	46,562	2,000	4.1%	5.0%	5.5%
LARUE	6,944	6,710	234	3.4%	4.3%	5.1%
MARION	8,199	7,865	334	4.1%	5.1%	5.3%
MEADE	14,396	13,873	523	3.6%	4.6%	4.9%
NELSON	23,485	22,724	761	3.2%	4.2%	4.7%
WASHINGTON	6,472	6,278	194	3.0%	3.8%	4.2%

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY	245,056	237,249	7,807	3.2%	4.0%	4.5%
BOONE	72,612	70,325	2,287	3.1%	3.9%	4.4%
CAMPBELL	48,716	47,188	1,528	3.1%	3.9%	4.6%
CARROLL	4,983	4,833	150	3.0%	4.1%	4.8%
GALLATIN	4,147	3,993	154	3.7%	4.4%	4.9%
GRANT	12,050	11,636	414	3.4%	4.2%	4.8%
KENTON	90,467	87,614	2,853	3.2%	4.0%	4.4%
OWEN	5,134	4,964	170	3.3%	4.3%	4.8%
PENDLETON	6,947	6,696	251	3.6%	4.3%	5.2%
PENNYRILE	86,097	82,823	3,274	3.8%	4.7%	5.6%
CALDWELL	6,198	6,017	181	2.9%	3.8%	4.3%
CHRISTIAN	24,616	23,566	1,050	4.3%	5.3%	6.0%
CRITTENDEN	3,645	3,513	132	3.6%	4.6%	5.5%
HOPKINS	20,129	19,432	697	3.5%	4.3%	5.3%
LIVINGSTON	3,933	3,769	164	4.2%	4.8%	5.7%
LYON	3,169	3,051	118	3.7%	4.7%	5.8%
MUHLENBERG	12,178	11,654	524	4.3%	5.2%	6.4%
TODD	6,236	6,053	183	2.9%	3.8%	4.8%
TRIGG	5,993	5,768	225	3.8%	4.8%	5.4%
PURCHASE	88,594	85,376	3,218	3.6%	4.5%	5.2%
BALLARD	3,441	3,299	142	4.1%	4.9%	5.4%
CALLOWAY	16,894	16,218	676	4.0%	4.9%	5.4%
CARLISLE	2,047	1,972	75	3.7%	4.7%	5.8%
FULTON	2,582	2,486	96	3.7%	4.6%	5.2%
GRAVES	17,202	16,688	514	3.0%	3.8%	4.6%
HICKMAN	1,945	1,874	71	3.7%	4.2%	4.9%
MCCRACKEN	30,741	29,644	1,097	3.6%	4.5%	5.1%
MARSHALL	13,742	13,195	547	4.0%	4.8%	5.8%
BOWLING GREEN MSA	93,790	90,638	3,152	3.4%	4.2%	4.6%
ELIZABETHTOWN MSA	55,506	53,272	2,234	4.0%	4.9%	5.4%
LEXINGTON MSA	281,168	272,915	8,253	2.9%	3.7%	4.1%
LOUISVILLE MSA	704,515	682,784	21,731	3.1%	3.9%	4.4%
OWENSBORO MSA	52,426	50,693	1,733	3.3%	4.2%	4.9%
PADUCAH MSA	46,138	44,390	1,748	3.8%	4.5%	5.0%

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