



Kentucky

2019 State Profile



Kentucky: By The Numbers
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Part of having 21st century skills for a 21st century world means being able to find and use data that are widely available online. This issue of the **Kentucky: By The Numbers Data Series** is designed to provide a data-based overview for each county in Kentucky and information on some of the available data sources.

The Kentucky: By The Numbers Program provides resources, training, and assistance in finding and using publicly available secondary data. Data, brief publications, and other resources are available at: <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

Total Population

2018 Population Estimate	4,468,402
2010 Census	4,339,367
2000 Census	4,041,769
1990 Census	3,685,296

Population Composition (2018 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity	
Hispanic	171,933
Not Hispanic	4,296,469
Race	
American Indian or Alaska Native	13,412
Asian	72,806
Black or African American	375,972
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	4,058
White	3,913,936
Two or More Races	88,218
Age Groups	
Under 18 Years	1,008,829
Ages 18-44 Years	1,554,788
Ages 45-64 years	1,174,159
Ages 65 and over	730,626

The official population counts and estimates are available through the Census Bureau's Annual Population Estimates or the 2010 Census and are online through the Census Bureau website <https://data.census.gov/> or the Kentucky State Data Center at <http://www.ksdc.louisville.edu/>
(Even though the American Community Survey contains estimates of the population, they are not the official counts.)

Families (2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Table number: S1101)

All Family Households	1,135,709 (+/- 4,851)
<i>All Family Households with own children</i>	<i>467,756 (+/- 4,126)</i>
Married Couples	836,598 (+/- 5,899)
<i>Married Couples with own children</i>	<i>311,662 (+/- 4,317)</i>
Female Householders (no spouse)	216,348 (+/- 3,039)
<i>Female Householders (no spouse) with own children</i>	<i>115,450 (+/- 2,583)</i>
Male Householders (no spouse)	82,763 (+/- 2,280)
<i>Male Householders (no spouse) with own children</i>	<i>40,644 (+/- 1,659)</i>
Nonfamily Households (single, living with nonrelatives, etc.)	592,972 (+/- 4,575)
<i>Nonfamily Households with Householder Living Alone</i>	<i>491,997 (+/- 4,589)</i>
<i>Nonfamily Households with Householder Living Alone who is 65 and over</i>	<i>190,304 (+/- 2,929)</i>

Detailed estimates on family characteristics are available through the American Community Survey and are online through the Census Bureau website at <https://data.census.gov/>

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Youth (2018 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	275,412
Ages 5-9 Years	276,726
Ages 10-14 Years	285,788
Ages 15-19 Years	287,105

A good comprehensive resource for a variety of data on youth is the Kids Count Data Center at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

Farming and Agriculture (2017 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	75,966
Average Size of Farms	171 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	51.3%
Number of Principle Producers	100,889
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.3 years

Detailed data on agriculture and agricultural production are from the USDA's Census of Agriculture at <https://nass.usda.gov/AqCensus/>

Population Projections

2020 Total Projected Population	4,533,464
2030 Total Projected Population	4,726,382

County-level population projections for Kentucky are produced by the Kentucky State Data Center at <http://www.ksdc.louisville.edu/>

Selected Characteristics

Poverty and Income (2018 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	16.7% (+/- 16.3 to 17.1%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	22.3% (+/- 21.5 to 23.1%)
Median Household Income	\$50,189 (+/- \$49,631 to \$50,747)

The official poverty rates are produced by the Small Area and Income Estimates program (SAIPE) at the U.S. Census Bureau and are online at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saie.html>

(Even though the American Community Survey contains estimates for those in poverty, they are not the official poverty rates.)

Educational Attainment (2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Table number: S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	85.7% (+/- 0.2%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelors Degree or more	23.6% (+/- 0.2%)

The American Community Survey contains the most detailed county-level data available and is often the only source for county data on many characteristics including educational attainment. Data are available through the Census Bureau website at <https://data.census.gov/>

2018 Annual Unemployment Rate

4.3%

The Bureau of Labor Statistics produces the official national, state, and local unemployment rates and are available online at: <https://www.bls.gov/lau/>

(Even though the American Community Survey contains estimates of local unemployment, they are not the official unemployment rates.)

To learn more about online data sources, see:

["By the Numbers: Finding and Using Data from the Internet"](#)

Additional data are also available through the Kentucky: By The Numbers Data Series at: <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

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