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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	16,930
2020 Census	17,120
2010 Census	17,490
2000 Census	16,800

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	397
Not Hispanic	16,533

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	52
Asian	167
Black or African American	1,015
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	7
White	14,828
Two or More Races	464

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	3,921
Ages 18-44 Years	5,239
Ages 45-64 years	4,496
Ages 65 and over	3,274

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Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	6,695 (+/- 236)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>1,900 (+/- 215)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>2,342 (+/- 150)</i>
Married Couple Households	3,120 (+/- 227)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>897 (+/- 159)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	439 (+/- 161)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>107 (+/- 64)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	2,042 (+/- 246)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>536 (+/- 164)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,094 (+/- 163)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>62 (+/- 43)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	1,013
Ages 5-9 Years	1,074
Ages 10-14 Years	1,123
Ages 15-19 Years	1,044

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	541
Average Size of Farms	182 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	64.1%
Number of Principle Producers	1,017
Average Age of Principle Producers	55.2 years

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

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	16,941
2035 Total Projected Population	16,083

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Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	20.1% (+/- 16.4% to 23.8%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	25.7% (+/- 18.4% to 33.0%)
Median Household Income	\$49,029 (+/- \$43,085 to \$54,973)

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	85.6% (+/- 3.0%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	22.6% (+/- 2.9%)

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Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	5.2%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	30,001
2020 Census	30,003
2010 Census	28,602
2000 Census	26,349

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	1,258
Not Hispanic	28,743

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	146
Asian	239
Black or African American	1,159
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	61
White	26,509
Two or More Races	629

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	6,529
Ages 18-44 Years	10,585
Ages 45-64 years	8,171
Ages 65 and over	4,716

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Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	10,554 (+/- 329)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>3,599 (+/- 279)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>2,957 (+/- 187)</i>
Married Couple Households	6,024 (+/- 446)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>2,020 (+/- 263)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	823 (+/- 224)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>318 (+/- 134)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,929 (+/- 259)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>393 (+/- 140)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,778 (+/- 310)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>189 (+/- 117)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	1,440
Ages 5-9 Years	1,855
Ages 10-14 Years	2,066
Ages 15-19 Years	1,776

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	731
Average Size of Farms	173 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	64.7%
Number of Principle Producers	1,250
Average Age of Principle Producers	56.3 years

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

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	26,025
2035 Total Projected Population	30,027

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Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	11.9% (+/- 9.5% to 14.3%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	15.9% (+/- 11.5% to 20.3%)
Median Household Income	\$69,632 (+/- \$62,698 to \$76,566)

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	89.6% (+/- 1.5%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	17.8% (+/- 2.2%)

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Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	4.6%
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Total Population

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2020 Census	6,113
2010 Census	6,306
2000 Census	6,556

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	88
Not Hispanic	6,162

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	13
Asian	13
Black or African American	62
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	6
White	5,996
Two or More Races	72

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	1,106
Ages 18-44 Years	1,855
Ages 45-64 years	1,951
Ages 65 and over	1,338

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Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	2,262 (+/- 186)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>553 (+/- 101)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>873 (+/- 121)</i>
Married Couple Households	1,161 (+/- 127)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>311 (+/- 91)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	134 (+/- 111)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>34 (+/- 44)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	409 (+/- 117)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>92 (+/- 62)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	558 (+/- 154)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>46 (+/- 39)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	310
Ages 5-9 Years	305
Ages 10-14 Years	298
Ages 15-19 Years	294

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	213
Average Size of Farms	116 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	19.0%
Number of Principle Producers	347
Average Age of Principle Producers	58.0 years

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Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	5,633
2035 Total Projected Population	5,983

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Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	23.1% (+/- 17.4% to 28.8%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	38.1% (+/- 26.0% to 50.2%)
Median Household Income	\$43,226 (+/- \$37,776 to \$48,676)

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	79.7% (+/- 4.1%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	10.8% (+/- 3.1%)

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Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	6.2%
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2020 Census	22,641
2010 Census	21,331
2000 Census	20,817

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	785
Not Hispanic	22,117

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	44
Asian	149
Black or African American	779
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	24
White	20,622
Two or More Races	499

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	4,998
Ages 18-44 Years	7,100
Ages 45-64 years	6,393
Ages 65 and over	4,411

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Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	9,079 (+/- 255)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>2,356 (+/- 310)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>3,120 (+/- 169)</i>
Married Couple Households	4,592 (+/- 371)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,678 (+/- 298)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	352 (+/- 145)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>144 (+/- 103)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	2,186 (+/- 262)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>147 (+/- 76)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,949 (+/- 239)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>115 (+/- 75)</i>

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Ages 10-14 Years	1,491
Ages 15-19 Years	1,361

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	978
Average Size of Farms	145 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	89.3%
Number of Principle Producers	1,649
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.2 years

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Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	20,962
2035 Total Projected Population	23,783

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Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	12.7% (+/- 9.6% to 15.8%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	18.0% (+/- 12.3% to 23.7%)
Median Household Income	\$65,292 (+/- \$59,200 to \$71,384)

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2000 Census	10,037

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Ethnicity

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Race

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Asian	28
Black or African American	173
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0
White	9,784
Two or More Races	140

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	2,413
Ages 18-44 Years	3,157
Ages 45-64 years	2,761
Ages 65 and over	2,039

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Married Couple Households	2,317 (+/- 192)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>843 (+/- 169)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	298 (+/- 135)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>127 (+/- 64)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	922 (+/- 165)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>137 (+/- 65)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	623 (+/- 122)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>73 (+/- 85)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	583
Ages 5-9 Years	665
Ages 10-14 Years	752
Ages 15-19 Years	631

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 (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	799
Average Size of Farms	156 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	67.4%
Number of Principle Producers	1,375
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.5 years

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

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	9,390
2035 Total Projected Population	10,071

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

Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	24.3% (+/- 19.3% to 29.3%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	33.3% (+/- 24.1% to 42.5%)
Median Household Income	\$44,973 (+/- \$39,967 to \$49,979)

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	83.3% (+/- 3.8%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	14.1% (+/- 2.9%)

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Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	4.8%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	11,355
2020 Census	11,338
2010 Census	10,963
2000 Census	11,756

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	365
Not Hispanic	10,990

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	11
Asian	31
Black or African American	224
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0
White	10,571
Two or More Races	153

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	2,643
Ages 18-44 Years	3,458
Ages 45-64 years	3,038
Ages 65 and over	2,216

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Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	4,544 (+/- 136)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>1,557 (+/- 156)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>1,706 (+/- 93)</i>
Married Couple Households	2,104 (+/- 178)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>840 (+/- 146)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	346 (+/- 113)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>183 (+/- 88)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,334 (+/- 152)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>294 (+/- 95)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	760 (+/- 119)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>51 (+/- 37)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	708
Ages 5-9 Years	775
Ages 10-14 Years	716
Ages 15-19 Years	671

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 (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	674
Average Size of Farms	221 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	70.6%
Number of Principle Producers	1,145
Average Age of Principle Producers	55.6 years

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

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	9,474
2035 Total Projected Population	11,460

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

Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	20.9% (+/- 16.0% to 25.8%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	28.8% (+/- 20.3% to 37.3%)
Median Household Income	\$45,872 (+/- \$41,020 to \$50,724)

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	81.6% (+/- 2.4%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	16.0% (+/- 2.4%)

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Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	4.3%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	28,367
2020 Census	28,114
2010 Census	26,499
2000 Census	22,554

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	889
Not Hispanic	27,478

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	64
Asian	120
Black or African American	667
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	5
White	26,264
Two or More Races	358

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	6,493
Ages 18-44 Years	9,495
Ages 45-64 years	7,600
Ages 65 and over	4,779

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Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	10,705 (+/- 340)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>3,528 (+/- 303)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>3,261 (+/- 233)</i>
Married Couple Households	5,254 (+/- 386)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,915 (+/- 222)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	855 (+/- 227)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>212 (+/- 94)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	3,102 (+/- 405)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>721 (+/- 225)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,494 (+/- 251)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>213 (+/- 125)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	1,729
Ages 5-9 Years	1,812
Ages 10-14 Years	1,862
Ages 15-19 Years	1,633

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 (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	528
Average Size of Farms	127 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	53.2%
Number of Principle Producers	926
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.0 years

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

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	33,051
2035 Total Projected Population	29,761

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

Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	15.3% (+/- 12.2% to 18.4%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	18.0% (+/- 12.2% to 23.8%)
Median Household Income	\$55,924 (+/- \$49,981 to \$61,867)

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/saipe.html>

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	85.2% (+/- 2.5%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	18.2% (+/- 2.6%)

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Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	4.8%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	14,120
2020 Census	13,726
2010 Census	13,923
2000 Census	13,948

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	179
Not Hispanic	13,941

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	38
Asian	132
Black or African American	712
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1
White	12,916
Two or More Races	142

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	2,475
Ages 18-44 Years	5,268
Ages 45-64 years	3,882
Ages 65 and over	2,495

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Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	4,665 (+/- 155)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>1,580 (+/- 162)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>1,714 (+/- 103)</i>
Married Couple Households	2,488 (+/- 249)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,052 (+/- 168)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	346 (+/- 115)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>82 (+/- 57)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,102 (+/- 151)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>239 (+/- 117)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	729 (+/- 144)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>48 (+/- 36)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	633
Ages 5-9 Years	676
Ages 10-14 Years	698
Ages 15-19 Years	703

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	560
Average Size of Farms	161 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	37.0%
Number of Principle Producers	943
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.5 years

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

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	11,762
2035 Total Projected Population	12,968

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Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	25.2% (+/- 19.6% to 30.8%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	30.7% (+/- 21.3% to 40.1%)
Median Household Income	\$41,863 (+/- \$37,284 to \$46,442)

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	77.5% (+/- 2.3%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	17.7% (+/- 2.6%)

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Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	5.1%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	30,455
2020 Census	30,928
2010 Census	31,499
2000 Census	31,839

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	564
Not Hispanic	29,891

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	68
Asian	100
Black or African American	1,099
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	3
White	28,250
Two or More Races	371

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	6,258
Ages 18-44 Years	9,906
Ages 45-64 years	8,096
Ages 65 and over	6,195

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Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	11,847 (+/- 313)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>3,371 (+/- 376)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>4,209 (+/- 176)</i>
Married Couple Households	6,595 (+/- 443)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>2,243 (+/- 299)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	769 (+/- 250)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>185 (+/- 112)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	2,788 (+/- 283)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>312 (+/- 120)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,695 (+/- 255)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>118 (+/- 104)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	1,645
Ages 5-9 Years	1,730
Ages 10-14 Years	1,740
Ages 15-19 Years	1,725

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	583
Average Size of Farms	222 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	43.3%
Number of Principle Producers	1,034
Average Age of Principle Producers	59.4 years

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

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	29,110
2035 Total Projected Population	29,239

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

Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	21.7% (+/- 17.9% to 25.5%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	27.1% (+/- 20.1% to 34.1%)
Median Household Income	\$48,190 (+/- \$42,711 to \$53,669)

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	84.2% (+/- 1.8%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	13.3% (+/- 2.0%)

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/>

Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	6.1%
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Part of having 21st century skills for a 21st century world means being able to find and use secondary data.

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.

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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	47,392
2020 Census	46,738
2010 Census	43,437
2000 Census	37,477

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	1,234
Not Hispanic	46,158

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	73
Asian	264
Black or African American	2,307
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	16
White	42,595
Two or More Races	903

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	10,797
Ages 18-44 Years	15,778
Ages 45-64 years	12,581
Ages 65 and over	8,236

The official population counts and estimates are available through the Census Bureau's Annual Population Estimates or the 2020 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.)

Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	18,457 (+/- 301)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>5,710 (+/- 441)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>5,465 (+/- 215)</i>
Married Couple Households	9,721 (+/- 604)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>3,650 (+/- 396)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	1,276 (+/- 283)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>476 (+/- 167)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	4,177 (+/- 409)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>782 (+/- 226)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	3,283 (+/- 454)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>117 (+/- 67)</i>

Detailed estimates on family and household 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 (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	2,754
Ages 5-9 Years	3,007
Ages 10-14 Years	3,132
Ages 15-19 Years	2,863

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 (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	1,241
Average Size of Farms	127 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	58.9%
Number of Principle Producers	2,098
Average Age of Principle Producers	56.6 years

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

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	51,695
2035 Total Projected Population	49,763

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

Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	11.2% (+/- 8.8% to 13.6%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	14.7% (+/- 10.3% to 19.1%)
Median Household Income	\$66,681 (+/- \$62,921 to \$70,441)

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Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	92.2% (+/- 1.2%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	22.5% (+/- 1.9%)

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Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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