



# Nelson County

## Community and Economic Development Data

Data provided in this issue of Kentucky: By The Numbers were **compiled to correspond to the issues** covered in the **Community and Economic Development** section of the University of Kentucky

### Cooperative Extension Statewide Community Needs Assessment

<https://extension.ca.uky.edu/community-assessment-0>

The statewide needs assessment was conducted to identify and prioritize community needs, issues, and/or opportunities that Extension could address through targeted educational programming and engagement efforts. The survey was divided into 4 areas: 1) Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2) Youth Development, 3) Family and Individual Development, and 4) **Community and Economic Development**.

These data have been compiled to assist in using the survey results for local planning. Data from nearly 40 different sources were selected and links to each data source are provided at the end. Secondary data for the other survey sections are available at <https://kybtn.ca.uky.edu/>. To learn more about Cooperative Extension at the University of Kentucky go to: <http://extension.ca.uky.edu/>.

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## Community and Economic Development Survey Section

State Results, University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Statewide Community Needs Assessment

In your opinion, to what extent is practical education/assistance in each of the following topics a need in your community?  
1 = Not a need, 2 = Low need, 3 = Moderate need, 4 = Very high need, 5 = Very high need



**Diverse Populations**

Population <sup>1</sup> (2022)	
	County
Total Population	47,392
<b>Race</b>	
Black or African American	2,307
American Indian or Alaska Native	73
Asian	264
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	16
White	42,595
Two or more Races	903
<b>Ethnicity</b>	
Hispanic	1,234

English Language <sup>2</sup> and Disability <sup>3</sup> (2018-2022)	
	County
Percent of Population 5 years and over who Speak a Language other than English at Home	2.7% (+/- 0.9%)
Percent of Population with a Disability	15.5% (+/- 1.8%)

Poverty <sup>4</sup> (2022)	
	County
Population below Poverty	5,263 (4,132 - 6,394)
Total Poverty Rate	11.2% (8.8% - 13.6%)

**Housing**

Housing Tenure <sup>5</sup> (2020)	
	County
Number of Occupied Housing Units	18,462
<b>Owners</b>	
Owner Occupied Housing Units	14,021
Owner Occupied with Own Children under 18	3,736
<b>Renters</b>	
Renter Occupied Housing Units	4,441
Renter Occupied with Own Children under 18	1,430

Vacant Housing <sup>6</sup> (2020)	
	County
Number of Vacant Housing Units	1,254
For Rent	291
For Sale	162
Rented or Sold, not occupied	156
Seasonal/Recreational/Occasional use	191
For Migrant Workers	7
Other Uses	447

**Housing Cost Burden<sup>7</sup> (2018-2022)**

	County
<b>Renters</b>	
Percent of Occupied Housing Units paying 35.0% of more of Household Income for <u>Rent</u>	36.1% (+/- 6.3%)
<b>Homeowners</b>	
Percent of Occupied Housing Units <u>with a Mortgage</u> Paying 35.0% of more of Household Income for Housing Costs	15.9% (+/- 2.9%)
Percent of Occupied Housing Units <u>without a Mortgage</u> Paying 35.0% of more of Household Income for Housing Costs	5.9% (+/- 2.8%)

**Workforce Development**

**High School Graduates<sup>8</sup>**

	County
<b>Percent of 2021-2022 High School graduates who...</b>	
... Earned an Industry Certificate	6.1%
... Enrolled in at least One Advanced Placement (AP) Course	48.1%
... Earned College Credit Prior to Graduation	48.7%
... Went to College	45.0%

**Educational Attainment Ages 18-24<sup>9</sup> (2018-2022)**

	County
<b>Percent of Population Ages 18-24 with...</b>	
... Less than High School Graduate	11.1% (+/- 5.2%)
... High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	51.5% (+/- 6.3%)
... Some College or Associate Degree	32.1% (+/- 6.6%)
... Bachelor's Degree or Higher	5.2% (+/- 2.8%)

**Educational Attainment Ages 25 and over<sup>9</sup> (2018-2022)**

	County
<b>Percent of Population Ages 25 and over...</b>	
... High School Graduate or Higher	92.2% (+/- 1.2%)
... Bachelor's Degree or Higher	22.5% (+/- 1.9%)
... Less than 9th Grade	2.2% (+/- 0.7%)
... 9th to 12th Grade, no diploma	5.5% (+/- 1.0%)
... High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	36.6% (+/- 2.0%)
... Some College, no degree	20.9% (+/- 1.8%)
... Associate degree	12.2% (+/- 1.5%)
... Bachelor's Degree	13.7% (+/- 1.4%)
... Graduate or Professional Degree	8.9% (+/- 1.2%)

**Small Businesses and Organizations**

**Small Businesses<sup>10</sup> (2021)**

	County
Total Number of Establishments	990
Establishments with less than 5 Employees	552
Establishments with 5-9 Employees	191
Establishments with 10-19 Employees	101

**Local Organizations<sup>10</sup> (2021)**

	County
Total Number of Establishments	990
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation Establishments	13
Accommodation and Food Services Establishments	77
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations	46

**Businesses with No Paid Employees<sup>11</sup> (2020)**

	County
Total Number of Nonemployer Establishments (with no paid employees)	3,140

Climate and Disasters

Emergency and Disaster Declarations<sup>12</sup>  
Since 2012 (2012-2022)

	County
<b>Total Number</b> of Emergency and Major Disaster Declarations in last 10 years	1
<b>Most Common</b> Emergency and Major Disaster Incident in last 10 years	Severe Ice Storm

Expected Annual Loss<sup>13</sup> (2021-2022)

	County
Total Expected Annual Loss in Anticipated Economic Damage Resulting from Natural Hazards	\$6,952,091
Building Value	\$2,917,181
Agriculture Value	\$322,035
<b>Percent of Total Expected Annual Loss</b> (not including population)	
Building Value	42.0%
Agriculture Value	4.6%

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Margins of Error

For counties with small populations and small population groups, the **margins of error** (indicated by a +/- \_\_\_) or confidence intervals (indicated by a range) can be quite large.

The margin of error or confidence interval tells us how precise the estimate is by indicating the **range within which the estimate most likely falls**.

For help in understanding the margin of error, see the brief Kentucky: By The Numbers publication

*“And Now for the Grain of Salt.”*

Additional data are available at:  
Kentucky: By The Numbers  
(<http://www2.ca.uky.edu/snarl/Index.htm>)

