Meade County
Data Profile

Meade County's Data Profile is provided by the **Kentucky: By The Numbers** program in the Department of Community and Leadership Development for the Community Assessments conducted by the University of Kentucky's Cooperative Extension Service. These secondary data profiles supplement the survey, focus groups, and key informant interviews conducted in each county across the state through the County Extension Offices and coordinated by Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK).

The overall goals for the Community Assessments are:

- To gain a better understanding of the county's pressing issues;
- To enhance Extension's place-based approach by providing information on locally relevant issues in counties;
- To gain a better understanding of how Extension can support important community change to improve Kentucky;
- To provide a statewide view of how top issues are distributed across the state.

For more information on the Community Assessment process, visit https://extension.ca.uky.edu/communityassessment

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County Demographics

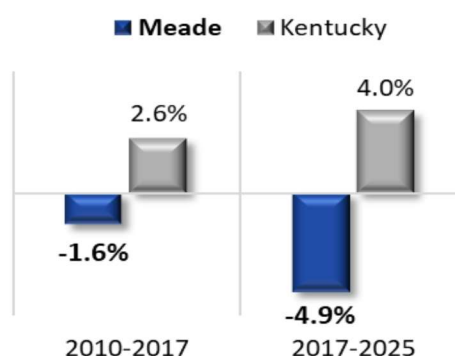| Population	2010[1]	2017[2]	2025[3]
Total	28,602	28,154	26,780
Ages 65 and over	2,975		5,349

	2010-2017[4]
Net Migration (in/out)	-786

Race/Ethnicity	2010[1]	2016[5]
White	25,920	25,141
Black or African American	906	908
Asian	154	209
Other and 2 or more races	763	778
Hispanic	859	1,090

Percent Change Total Population[6]
2010-2017 and 2017-2025

Legend: ■ Meade ■ Kentucky

2010-2017: Meade -1.6%, Kentucky 2.6%
2017-2025: Meade -4.9%, Kentucky 4.0%

- From 2010 to 2017, the total population in Meade County **decreased** by **-448** people.[2]
- Between April 2010 and June 2017, there was an estimated **net out migration** of **-786** people.[4]
- In 2016, the composition of Meade County's population is estimated to be **89.4%** White, **3.2%** Black/African American, **0.7%** Asian, **2.8%** other and 2 or more races, and **3.9%** Hispanic.[5]
- From 2017 to 2025, the total population in Meade County is **projected** to **decrease** by **-1,374** people.[3]
- As baby boomers are entering retirement, between 2010 and 2025 the population ages 65 and over in Meade County are **projected** to **increase** by **79.8%** compared to 51.9% for the state as a whole.[3]

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College of Agriculture,
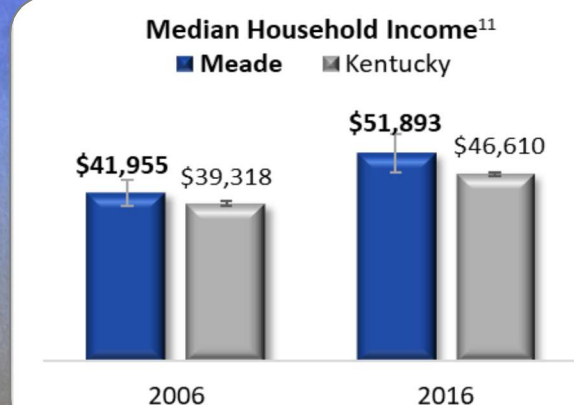Food and Environment
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Families and Households

Families	2010[1]	2012-2016[7]
Married couple		
… with own children	2,637	2,515 (+/- 252)
Female householder		
… with own children	666	608 (+/- 148)
Male householder		
… with own children	302	295 (+/- 132)
Nonfamily households		
(live alone/unrelated)	2,620	2,815 (+/- 340)

Poverty	2012-2016[7]
Percent of families with related children who are below poverty	15.9% (+/- 3.9%)
Percent 65 and over below poverty	10.7% (+/- 3.3%)

Median Household Income[11]
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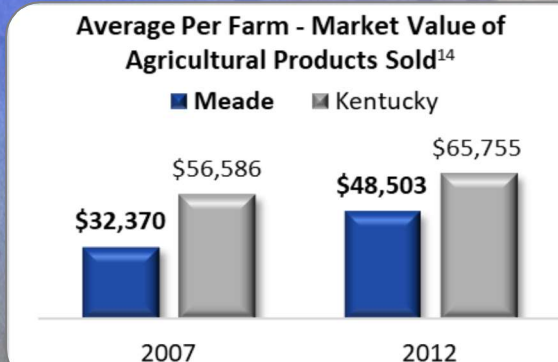|	2006		2016	
Meade	$41,955		$51,893	
Kentucky		$39,318		$46,610

	2012-2016[7]
Grandparents living with and raising grandchildren[3]	425 (+/- 156)

- In 2016, Meade County's official poverty rate was **13.4%** (11.0% - 15.8%), compared to 18.2% (17.9% - 18.6%) for the state as a whole.[8]
- In 2017, there were **11** child care centers in Meade County. Of these **3** were STARS certified.[9]
- Between 2012-2016, **2.7%** (+/-0.8%) of people ages 5 and over spoke a language other than English at home.[7]
- The Urban Institute estimates that **18%** people in Meade County with a credit bureau record in 2016 had student loan debt compared to 16% for the state.[10]

Agriculture (Data from the 2017 Ag Census will be available in 2019)

Farms*	2007[12]	2012[13]
Total number of farms	887	754
Percent of land in farms	62.1%	61.1%
Average farm size (acres)	137	158

	2012[13]
Income from agri-tourism and recreational services	$452,000
Number of farms marketing products directly to retail outlets	8
Average value per farm of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption	$2,372

Average Per Farm - Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold[14]
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	2007		2012	
Meade	$32,370		$48,503	
Kentucky		$56,586		$65,755

Percent of Principal Operators	2012[13]
… who are female	8.8%
… under age 35	5.7%
… farming as primary occupation	49.3%

- In 2012, the total market value of agricultural products sold in Meade County was **$36,571,000**.[13]
- Of the total market value of agricultural products sold, **51.7%** was the value of crops and **48.3%** was the value of livestock, poultry, and their products.[13]
- The total farm production expenses (average per farm) was **$47,842** compared to $62,002 for the state.[13]
- In Meade County, there were **491** hired farm labor workers on **165** farms.[13]
- **92.8%** of farms were operated by a family or an individual compared to 91.0% for the state.[13]

A farm must sell at least $5,000 to be defined as a farm operation.
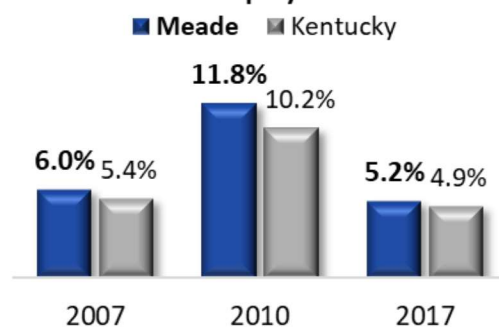
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Jobs, Economy, and Labor Force

Jobs and Businesses	2010	2016
Total Employment (# of jobs)[15]	7,291	7,367
Total Establishments (w/ employees)[16]	338	382
… % with 1-9 employees	76.3%	80.4%
… % with 10-20 employees	15.4%	10.7%
Total NonEmployer Establishments (w/o employees)[17]	1,464	1,519

Education

Percent of population 25 and over	2012-2016[7]
… with HS or higher	86.5% (+/- 1.7%)
… with bachelors or higher	15.3% (+/- 2.0%)

	Men	Women
Median Earnings (2012-16)[7]	$36,876 (+/- $1,769)	$21,117 (+/- $1,456)

Annual Unemployment Rate[20]
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2007	2010	2017
6.0% 5.4%	11.8% 10.2%	5.2% 4.9%

Avg Weekly Wage[18]	2017
… All Industries (Private & Govt)	$711
… Goods-producing (Private)	$1,185
… Service-providing (Private)	$549

- In 2017, the number of private establishments covered by unemployment insurance in Meade County was **71** for goods-producing, **309** for service-providing, and **31** for hospitality & leisure.[18]
- Between 2012 and 2016, of the **11,822** (+/- 481) workers ages 16 and over, **34.1%** (+/- 3.3%) worked inside the county, **58.7%** (+/-1.8%) worked outside the county and **7.2%** (+/-1.8%) worked outside Kentucky.[7]
- Between 2012 and 2016, **3.1%** (+/-1.3%) of workers ages 16 and over who worked full-time year round were below poverty compared to 3.5% (+/- 0.1%) for the state as a whole.[7]
- **10.9%** of 2016 HS graduates in the county earned an industry certificate compared to 19.2% for the state.[19]
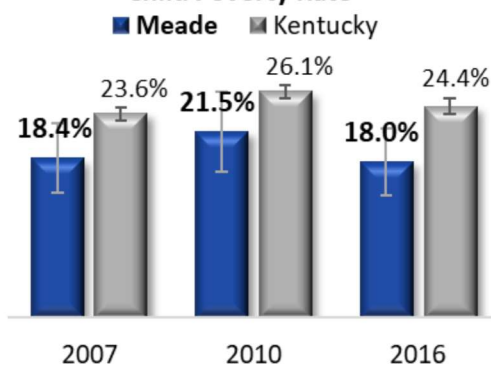
Youth

Population by Age	2010[1]	2017[2]	2025[3]
Under 5 years old	2,194	1,458	1,220
5-9 years old	2,150	1,774	1,165
10-14 years old	2,210	1,954	1,383
15-19 years old	1,981	1,863	1,472

Children by Relationship to Householder	2012-2016[7]
… Own Children (Biological, Adopted, Stepchild)	6,204 (+/- 203)
… Grandchild	659 (+/- 148)
… Other Relative	94 (+/- 62)
… Foster/Unrelated	169 (+/- 86)

Child Poverty Rate[23]
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2007	2010	2016
18.4% 23.6%	21.5% 26.1%	18.0% 24.4%

23.5% of students entered KY public postsecondary institutions underprepared in one or more subjects (2015).[21]

- Between 2012-2016, there were an estimated **422** (+/-134) youth ages 5-17 who had a disability.[7]
- **63.0%** of 3rd grade students in Meade County scored proficient or distinguished on math in the 2015-16 school year compared to 47.7% for the state.[22]
- **2,088** (+/- 384) youth under age 18 lived in households that received supplemental security income (SSI), cash public assistance, or food stamps/SNAP in the past 12 months (2012-2016).[7]

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Health and Wellness

Percent of Adults

... reporting poor or fair health (2016)[24]   18.6% (17.9%-19.3%)

... with hypertension (2013-15)[25]   42.7% (32.4%-53.8%)

... with obesity (2014-16)[25]   34% (25.4%-44.7%)

... with diabetes (2014-16)[25]   14.1% (9.1%-21.3%)

Number of Individuals
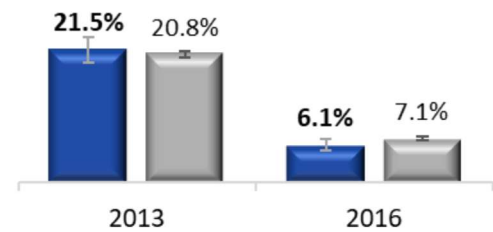
... receiving SNAP (food stamps) (2017)[26]   2,967

... who are food insecure (2016 estimate)[27]   3,740

Number of Overdoses[28]	2008-2010	2015-2017
... fatal overdoses	< 5	24
... nonfatal overdoses	99	135

Percent of Population Ages 18-64 who are Uninsured[29]

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2013: Meade 21.5%, Kentucky 20.8%
2016: Meade 6.1%, Kentucky 7.1%

Number of Care Providers[24]

... Primary Care Physicians (2015)   6

... Dentists (2016)   7

... Mental Health Providers (2017)   28

- The estimated food insecurity rate for Meade County is **13.0%**, compared to 15.5% for the state.[27]
- From 2010 to 2016, the number of grocery stores **decreased** by **33.3%**, from **6** to **4** stores.[16]
- In 2013-2015, **27.4%** (22.3%-32.3%) of adults ages 20 and over reported no leisure time physical activity.[24]
- The Urban Institute estimates that **22%** of people in Meade County with a credit bureau record in 2016 had medical debt in collections compared to 27% for the state as a whole.[10]
- **15.1%** (8.6%-25.1%) of adults reported that there was a time in past year when they needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost.[25]

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