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Across the nation, welfare reform presents a new challenge: how to shift from a program based on income maintenance to one focused on employment. Meeting this challenge calls for both more and new information on which to base decisions. **Welfare Reform ''By The Numbers''** is aimed at supplying the most recent data and information useful for local decision-making processes surrounding welfare reform. This series is provided in conjunction with the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Welfare Reform Implementation Task Force -- Community Resources Group.

	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Poverty		
Poverty Rate (1993)	26.0	19.7
Number of Individuals Living in Poverty (1993)	19,285	748,007
Total Number of K-TAP Recipients (1997)*	4,026	145,465
Percent of K-TAP Recipients Who Are Children (1997)*	64.9%	68.2%
Percent People under 18 Living in Poverty (1993)	35.8%	28.1%
Percent Participation in the Free and Reduced School		
Lunch Program (Avg. across districts) (1995-96)	45.2%	43.9%
Percent K-TAP Cases with Benefits 2 Yrs or Less (1997)*	44.2%	42.4%
Percent Population 65 and Over Below Poverty Level (1990)	21.1%	20.60%
Local Economy		
Avarage Unemployment Rate (Jan-Sept, 1997)	7.7	5.31
Percent of Adults Receiving K-TAP Who Are Either		
Employed or have a Work History (1997)*	66.1%	79.2%
Top 3 Employment Sectors (% of Total Jobs) (1995)	Services 25.8%	Services 24.7%
	Retail 21.9%	Retail 17.5%
	Mining 17.8%	Manuf 15.3%
Percent Employment: Manufacturing, Retail, and Services (1995)	50.8%	57.5%
Percent of Women-Owned Businesses (1992)	29.6%	31.4%
Percent of Farmers with Farming as Primary Occupation (1992)	15.8%	44.5%
Percent of Jobs that are in Farming (1995)	0.2%	5.4%
Percent Working at Home (1990)	2.0%	3.0%
Percent of Teenagers Employed (Ages 16-19 Years) (1990)	18.1%	36.0%
Percent of Labor Force that is Female (1990)	38.5%	44.70%
Median Household Income (1993)	\$21,838	\$25,222
Income Maintenance as Percent of Total Transfer Payments (1995)	13.1%	10.7%
Food Stamp Payments (1995)	\$11,537,000	\$411,827,000

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Expenditures per Student (Avg. across Districts) (1994-95)	\$3,937	\$4,685
Child Care Slots (1997)*		
Licensed	1,074	121,255
Certified	18	3,768
Unregulated	1,605	50,12
Adult K-TAP Recipients w/ High School, GED or More (1997)*	42.8%	48.7%
Percent 18 yrs + with a High School Degree or More (1990)	52.4%	66.1%
Percent 18 yrs + with Less than a 9th Grade Education (1990)	28.0%	16.7%
Fransportation		
Percent of Housing Units Without Personal Transportation (1990)	13.5%	11.5%
Average Travel Time to Work (in Minutes) (1990)	25.6	20.7
Percent of Workers Working Outside County of Residence (1990)	15.4%	25.9%
Percent of Population Living on Farms (1992)	0.7%	4.7%
Percent of Workers Either Drive or Share a Ride to Work (1990)	93.0%	90.9%
Percent Commuting 45 Minutes or More to Work (1990)	18.6%	9.6%
Iousing		
Median Gross Rent (1990)	\$301	\$319
Percent Households Paying 30% + of Income For Rent (1990)	43.8%	38.19
Total Number of Rental Housing Units (1990)	6,641	457,13
Rental Vacancy Rate (1990)	8.9	8.
Percent of Occupied Housing that is Renter Occupied (1990)	23.1%	30.49
Percent of Housing Units that are Mobile Homes (1990)	29.9%	12.19
Percent Housing Units Built After 1980 (Incl. Mobile Homes) (1990)	27.7%	20.09
Percent of Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing (1990)	2.8%	2.99
Percent of Housing Units with Sewage Disposal other than		
Sewer, Septic Tank or Cesspool (1990)	6.7%	3.89
Percent of Housing Units Without Telephones (1990)	15.8%	10.29
Social		
Total Resident Population (1997)	72,561	3,908,12
Number of Family Resource Youth Service Centers (1997)*	23	58
Percent of Births to Mothers 15-19 Years of Age (1993)	19.3%	16.49
Percent of Births to Mothers Less than 20 Years of Age (1993)	19.7%	16.8%
Percent Households w/ Children Headed by a Single Parent (1990)	6.2%	7.5%
Percent of Population Under 6 Years (1990)	7.6%	8.2%
Percent of Population Ages 10-13 Years (1990)	6.6%	6.1%
Percent of Population Ages 14-19 Years (1990)	10.5%	9.2%
Percent of Population Under 18 Years (1990)	27.9%	25.9%

* These data are dated June 1997 and were generously supplied by the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children. K-TAP refers to the Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program which replaces the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

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