



KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary February 2026

AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.7%

	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	Feb 26	Jan 26	Feb 25
Statewide	2,084,896	1,985,853	99,043	4.8%	4.4%	5.5%
COUNTY						
BARREN RIVER	149,718	142,906	6,812	4.5%	4.3%	5.3%
ALLEN	9,789	9,350	439	4.5%	4.0%	5.1%
BARREN	18,020	17,104	916	5.1%	4.7%	6.3%
BUTLER	5,012	4,722	290	5.8%	5.2%	6.3%
EDMONSON	5,078	4,768	310	6.1%	5.5%	6.7%
HART	8,168	7,801	367	4.5%	4.2%	5.9%
LOGAN	12,195	11,583	612	5.0%	4.7%	5.5%
METCALFE	4,355	4,150	205	4.7%	4.1%	6.3%
MONROE	4,415	4,186	229	5.2%	4.7%	6.0%
SIMPSON	8,511	8,110	401	4.7%	4.5%	5.0%
WARREN	74,175	71,132	3,043	4.1%	4.0%	4.8%
BIG SANDY	45,483	42,540	2,943	6.5%	5.9%	7.8%
FLOYD	11,621	10,926	695	6.0%	5.6%	7.5%
JOHNSON	7,639	7,113	526	6.9%	6.3%	7.9%
MAGOFFIN	4,040	3,646	394	9.8%	8.7%	11.1%
MARTIN	2,592	2,387	205	7.9%	7.4%	10.2%
PIKE	19,591	18,468	1,123	5.7%	5.3%	7.0%
BLUEGRASS	427,581	410,350	17,231	4.0%	3.8%	4.7%
ANDERSON	11,847	11,325	522	4.4%	4.3%	5.0%
BOURBON	9,818	9,417	401	4.1%	3.7%	4.7%
BOYLE	13,274	12,658	616	4.6%	4.5%	5.6%
CLARK	17,710	16,972	738	4.2%	4.0%	5.2%
ESTILL	5,027	4,723	304	6.0%	5.7%	7.1%
FAYETTE	176,193	169,796	6,397	3.6%	3.5%	4.2%
FRANKLIN	26,829	25,774	1,055	3.9%	3.8%	4.8%
GARRARD	8,065	7,696	369	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
HARRISON	8,978	8,604	374	4.2%	3.7%	4.6%
JESSAMINE	27,389	26,375	1,014	3.7%	3.6%	4.5%
LINCOLN	9,798	9,256	542	5.5%	5.0%	6.8%
MADISON	46,679	44,414	2,265	4.9%	4.6%	5.1%
MERCER	10,421	9,928	493	4.7%	4.4%	5.4%
NICHOLAS	3,384	3,240	144	4.3%	3.9%	5.1%
POWELL	5,635	5,325	310	5.5%	4.8%	5.6%
SCOTT	31,732	30,538	1,194	3.8%	3.6%	4.3%
WOODFORD	14,802	14,309	493	3.3%	3.2%	3.9%

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BUFFALO TRACE	22,215	20,732	1,483	6.7%	6.2%	7.9%
BRACKEN	3,845	3,597	248	6.4%	5.7%	7.5%
FLEMING	6,146	5,815	331	5.4%	5.0%	6.6%
LEWIS	4,321	3,912	409	9.5%	8.8%	10.6%
MASON	7,047	6,608	439	6.2%	5.8%	7.5%
ROBERTSON	856	800	56	6.5%	6.0%	8.3%
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	80,292	75,760	4,532	5.6%	5.3%	6.6%
BELL	7,417	6,962	455	6.1%	5.8%	7.3%
CLAY	5,899	5,544	355	6.0%	5.5%	7.5%
HARLAN	7,607	7,144	463	6.1%	5.9%	7.6%
JACKSON	3,898	3,621	277	7.1%	6.6%	8.4%
KNOX	9,953	9,364	589	5.9%	5.5%	7.1%
LAUREL	23,215	21,877	1,338	5.8%	5.3%	6.5%
ROCKCASTLE	6,145	5,828	317	5.2%	4.9%	6.0%
WHITLEY	16,158	15,420	738	4.6%	4.4%	5.2%
FIVCO	50,249	46,910	3,339	6.6%	6.2%	7.9%
BOYD	19,216	18,147	1,069	5.6%	5.2%	6.8%
CARTER	10,052	9,233	819	8.1%	7.6%	9.4%
ELLIOTT	1,954	1,776	178	9.1%	8.3%	10.8%
GREENUP	13,732	12,835	897	6.5%	6.1%	7.4%
LAWRENCE	5,295	4,919	376	7.1%	6.8%	8.8%
GATEWAY	34,460	32,404	2,056	6.0%	5.4%	7.0%
BATH	4,929	4,594	335	6.8%	6.0%	8.0%
MENIFEE	2,313	2,110	203	8.8%	7.3%	9.6%
MONTGOMERY	11,955	11,328	627	5.2%	4.7%	6.0%
MORGAN	4,576	4,245	331	7.2%	6.1%	8.4%
ROWAN	10,687	10,127	560	5.2%	5.3%	6.5%
GREEN RIVER	96,160	91,847	4,313	4.5%	4.2%	5.4%
DAVISS	48,191	46,243	1,948	4.0%	3.8%	5.1%
HANCOCK	3,660	3,491	169	4.6%	4.4%	6.0%
HENDERSON	19,215	18,311	904	4.7%	4.3%	5.4%
MCLEAN	3,961	3,774	187	4.7%	4.5%	5.6%
OHIO	10,059	9,431	628	6.2%	5.5%	6.9%
UNION	6,049	5,802	247	4.1%	3.9%	4.8%
WEBSTER	5,025	4,795	230	4.6%	4.3%	5.8%

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KENTUCKY RIVER	35,507	33,501	2,006	5.6%	5.3%	7.0%
BREATHITT	4,167	3,883	284	6.8%	6.4%	8.7%
KNOTT	4,568	4,302	266	5.8%	5.6%	7.9%
LEE	2,611	2,476	135	5.2%	4.7%	5.7%
LESLIE	3,436	3,254	182	5.3%	4.9%	6.4%
LETCHER	7,305	6,918	387	5.3%	5.0%	6.7%
OWSLEY	1,303	1,229	74	5.7%	4.9%	7.2%
PERRY	10,516	10,016	500	4.8%	4.4%	5.9%
WOLFE	1,601	1,423	178	11.1%	10.2%	11.1%
KIPDA	518,120	493,231	24,889	4.8%	4.4%	5.5%
BULLITT	43,840	41,483	2,357	5.4%	4.8%	6.2%
HENRY	7,227	6,905	322	4.5%	4.2%	5.5%
JEFFERSON	394,053	374,827	19,226	4.9%	4.4%	5.5%
OLDHAM	33,824	32,530	1,294	3.8%	3.7%	4.5%
SHELBY	25,166	24,124	1,042	4.1%	3.9%	4.8%
SPENCER	10,091	9,618	473	4.7%	4.5%	5.7%
TRIMBLE	3,919	3,744	175	4.5%	4.0%	5.6%
LAKE CUMBERLAND	83,483	79,177	4,306	5.2%	4.8%	6.0%
ADAIR	8,221	7,854	367	4.5%	4.4%	5.5%
CASEY	6,122	5,834	288	4.7%	4.4%	6.2%
CLINTON	3,543	3,336	207	5.8%	5.3%	6.4%
CUMBERLAND	2,937	2,782	155	5.3%	4.9%	5.5%
GREEN	4,427	4,209	218	4.9%	4.4%	6.3%
MCCREARY	5,222	4,878	344	6.6%	6.2%	6.9%
PULASKI	27,610	26,204	1,406	5.1%	4.7%	5.9%
RUSSELL	7,892	7,541	351	4.4%	4.3%	5.3%
TAYLOR	10,863	10,354	509	4.7%	4.6%	5.7%
WAYNE	6,646	6,185	461	6.9%	5.9%	7.1%
LINCOLN TRAIL	124,833	118,205	6,628	5.3%	4.8%	5.9%
BRECKINRIDGE	8,363	7,886	477	5.7%	5.1%	6.5%
GRAYSON	9,927	9,295	632	6.4%	5.9%	6.7%
HARDIN	48,477	45,917	2,560	5.3%	4.8%	5.9%
LARUE	6,809	6,498	311	4.6%	4.0%	5.9%
MARION	7,944	7,503	441	5.6%	4.9%	5.9%
MEADE	13,996	13,267	729	5.2%	4.6%	5.7%
NELSON	23,172	21,942	1,230	5.3%	4.5%	5.6%
WASHINGTON	6,145	5,897	248	4.0%	3.8%	4.8%

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY	246,464	236,277	10,187	4.1%	3.8%	4.9%
BOONE	73,654	70,692	2,962	4.0%	3.8%	4.7%
CAMPBELL	48,358	46,403	1,955	4.0%	3.7%	5.0%
CARROLL	4,962	4,757	205	4.1%	3.8%	5.2%
GALLATIN	4,115	3,912	203	4.9%	4.4%	5.5%
GRANT	12,004	11,415	589	4.9%	4.7%	5.5%
KENTON	91,379	87,651	3,728	4.1%	3.7%	4.8%
OWEN	5,104	4,892	212	4.2%	4.2%	5.5%
PENDLETON	6,888	6,555	333	4.8%	4.5%	6.1%
PENNYRILE	82,694	78,392	4,302	5.2%	4.8%	6.0%
CALDWELL	5,864	5,612	252	4.3%	3.9%	4.8%
CHRISTIAN	23,772	22,429	1,343	5.6%	5.4%	6.1%
CRITTENDEN	3,483	3,319	164	4.7%	4.4%	6.1%
HOPKINS	19,053	18,164	889	4.7%	4.4%	5.7%
LIVINGSTON	3,936	3,689	247	6.3%	5.4%	7.3%
LYON	3,062	2,877	185	6.0%	5.2%	6.8%
MUHLENBERG	11,564	10,862	702	6.1%	5.5%	7.0%
TODD	6,027	5,818	209	3.5%	3.4%	4.6%
TRIGG	5,933	5,622	311	5.2%	4.6%	5.8%
PURCHASE	87,624	83,623	4,001	4.6%	4.3%	5.6%
BALLARD	3,441	3,263	178	5.2%	4.7%	6.1%
CALLOWAY	16,750	15,967	783	4.7%	4.9%	5.8%
CARLISLE	2,067	1,975	92	4.5%	4.1%	5.9%
FULTON	2,502	2,371	131	5.2%	4.8%	5.4%
GRAVES	16,686	16,045	641	3.8%	3.7%	4.8%
HICKMAN	1,826	1,736	90	4.9%	4.7%	5.0%
MCCRACKEN	30,749	29,401	1,348	4.4%	4.1%	5.5%
MARSHALL	13,603	12,865	738	5.4%	4.9%	6.5%
BOWLING GREEN MSA	94,054	89,972	4,082	4.3%	4.2%	5.0%
ELIZABETHTOWN MSA	55,286	52,415	2,871	5.2%	4.7%	5.9%
LEXINGTON MSA	277,644	267,407	10,237	3.7%	3.5%	4.3%
LOUISVILLE MSA	694,043	661,895	32,148	4.6%	4.2%	5.3%
OWENSBORO MSA	52,152	50,017	2,135	4.1%	3.9%	5.1%
PADUCAH MSA	46,204	44,062	2,142	4.6%	4.3%	5.5%

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