



KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Preliminary May 2026

AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

U.S. Comparable Rate - 4.1%

	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	May 26	Apr 26	May 25
Statewide	2,110,216	2,008,197	102,019	4.8%	4.2%	4.4%
COUNTY						
BARREN RIVER	151,076	144,137	6,939	4.6%	3.9%	4.2%
ALLEN	9,808	9,371	437	4.5%	3.7%	4.2%
BARREN	18,244	17,342	902	4.9%	4.2%	4.6%
BUTLER	5,006	4,747	259	5.2%	4.5%	4.8%
EDMONSON	5,094	4,813	281	5.5%	5.0%	5.5%
HART	8,263	7,862	401	4.9%	4.3%	4.4%
LOGAN	12,178	11,553	625	5.1%	4.3%	4.5%
METCALFE	4,408	4,209	199	4.5%	3.6%	4.1%
MONROE	4,513	4,298	215	4.8%	4.0%	4.1%
SIMPSON	8,551	8,128	423	4.9%	4.1%	4.4%
WARREN	75,011	71,814	3,197	4.3%	3.6%	4.0%
BIG SANDY	45,832	42,680	3,152	6.9%	6.4%	6.4%
FLOYD	11,730	11,003	727	6.2%	5.5%	6.0%
JOHNSON	7,660	7,177	483	6.3%	5.4%	6.1%
MAGOFFIN	3,957	3,644	313	7.9%	7.2%	9.3%
MARTIN	2,687	2,424	263	9.8%	7.7%	9.5%
PIKE	19,798	18,432	1,366	6.9%	7.0%	5.8%
BLUEGRASS	433,189	414,580	18,609	4.3%	3.6%	4.0%
ANDERSON	11,964	11,448	516	4.3%	3.8%	4.4%
BOURBON	9,856	9,407	449	4.6%	3.7%	3.9%
BOYLE	13,412	12,776	636	4.7%	4.0%	4.8%
CLARK	17,929	17,172	757	4.2%	3.7%	4.3%
ESTILL	5,109	4,801	308	6.0%	5.2%	5.6%
FAYETTE	178,674	171,577	7,097	4.0%	3.3%	3.7%
FRANKLIN	27,317	26,187	1,130	4.1%	3.5%	4.0%
GARRARD	8,225	7,847	378	4.6%	3.9%	4.2%
HARRISON	8,998	8,612	386	4.3%	3.7%	3.7%
JESSAMINE	27,772	26,617	1,155	4.2%	3.4%	3.8%
LINCOLN	9,860	9,350	510	5.2%	4.4%	5.1%
MADISON	47,306	44,805	2,501	5.3%	4.5%	4.5%
MERCER	10,590	10,069	521	4.9%	4.0%	4.3%
NICHOLAS	3,430	3,261	169	4.9%	4.1%	4.2%
POWELL	5,701	5,427	274	4.8%	4.3%	4.5%
SCOTT	32,158	30,885	1,273	4.0%	3.3%	3.8%
WOODFORD	14,888	14,339	549	3.7%	3.1%	3.5%

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BUFFALO TRACE	22,260	20,969	1,291	5.8%	5.2%	5.8%
BRACKEN	3,832	3,657	175	4.6%	4.1%	4.8%
FLEMING	6,216	5,885	331	5.3%	4.6%	5.2%
LEWIS	4,262	3,915	347	8.1%	7.6%	7.6%
MASON	7,087	6,695	392	5.5%	5.0%	5.8%
ROBERTSON	863	817	46	5.3%	4.6%	5.3%
CUMBERLAND VALLEY	81,078	76,356	4,722	5.8%	5.0%	5.6%
BELL	7,433	6,978	455	6.1%	5.4%	6.0%
CLAY	5,907	5,536	371	6.3%	5.3%	6.2%
HARLAN	7,641	7,149	492	6.4%	5.5%	6.8%
JACKSON	3,998	3,694	304	7.6%	6.6%	6.7%
KNOX	10,008	9,381	627	6.3%	5.3%	6.0%
LAUREL	23,320	21,951	1,369	5.9%	5.0%	5.5%
ROCKCASTLE	6,245	5,907	338	5.4%	4.6%	4.8%
WHITLEY	16,526	15,760	766	4.6%	3.8%	4.6%
FIVCO	51,221	48,112	3,109	6.1%	5.4%	6.0%
BOYD	19,694	18,627	1,067	5.4%	4.8%	5.3%
CARTER	10,189	9,492	697	6.8%	6.0%	7.0%
ELLIOTT	1,924	1,773	151	7.8%	6.4%	7.8%
GREENUP	13,988	13,170	818	5.8%	5.2%	5.9%
LAWRENCE	5,426	5,050	376	6.9%	6.3%	6.8%
GATEWAY	34,703	32,843	1,860	5.4%	4.6%	5.3%
BATH	4,930	4,656	274	5.6%	4.9%	5.9%
MENIFEE	2,280	2,142	138	6.1%	5.7%	6.1%
MONTGOMERY	12,029	11,423	606	5.0%	4.5%	5.1%
MORGAN	4,595	4,329	266	5.8%	4.9%	5.2%
ROWAN	10,869	10,293	576	5.3%	4.2%	5.3%
GREEN RIVER	96,986	92,566	4,420	4.6%	3.9%	4.4%
DAVISS	48,730	46,662	2,068	4.2%	3.6%	4.1%
HANCOCK	3,700	3,525	175	4.7%	3.8%	4.4%
HENDERSON	19,382	18,451	931	4.8%	4.1%	4.3%
MCLEAN	3,987	3,785	202	5.1%	4.5%	4.7%
OHIO	10,027	9,502	525	5.2%	4.6%	5.3%
UNION	6,116	5,842	274	4.5%	3.8%	4.1%
WEBSTER	5,044	4,799	245	4.9%	4.2%	4.6%

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KENTUCKY RIVER	35,543	33,550	1,993	5.6%	4.7%	5.4%
BREATHITT	4,130	3,886	244	5.9%	5.1%	6.0%
KNOTT	4,606	4,310	296	6.4%	5.3%	6.0%
LEE	2,604	2,465	139	5.3%	4.3%	4.6%
LESLIE	3,455	3,272	183	5.3%	4.5%	5.4%
LETCHER	7,289	6,888	401	5.5%	4.8%	5.5%
OWSLEY	1,324	1,252	72	5.4%	4.4%	5.5%
PERRY	10,506	9,987	519	4.9%	4.2%	4.7%
WOLFE	1,629	1,490	139	8.5%	7.3%	7.1%
KIPDA	524,994	499,197	25,797	4.9%	4.4%	4.2%
BULLITT	44,358	42,026	2,332	5.3%	4.8%	4.1%
HENRY	7,277	6,943	334	4.6%	3.9%	3.9%
JEFFERSON	399,456	379,500	19,956	5.0%	4.4%	4.3%
OLDHAM	34,307	32,892	1,415	4.1%	3.5%	3.7%
SHELBY	25,401	24,322	1,079	4.2%	3.7%	3.6%
SPENCER	10,238	9,729	509	5.0%	4.4%	3.9%
TRIMBLE	3,957	3,785	172	4.3%	3.7%	4.0%
LAKE CUMBERLAND	84,216	79,871	4,345	5.2%	4.4%	4.9%
ADAIR	8,235	7,854	381	4.6%	3.8%	4.5%
CASEY	6,117	5,809	308	5.0%	4.2%	4.9%
CLINTON	3,560	3,364	196	5.5%	5.0%	5.2%
CUMBERLAND	2,979	2,856	123	4.1%	3.5%	4.0%
GREEN	4,498	4,266	232	5.2%	4.4%	4.8%
MCCREARY	5,220	4,907	313	6.0%	5.1%	5.6%
PULASKI	28,012	26,588	1,424	5.1%	4.4%	4.6%
RUSSELL	8,064	7,699	365	4.5%	3.9%	5.9%
TAYLOR	10,799	10,257	542	5.0%	4.2%	4.8%
WAYNE	6,732	6,271	461	6.8%	6.2%	5.4%
LINCOLN TRAIL	126,337	119,580	6,757	5.3%	4.8%	4.6%
BRECKINRIDGE	8,492	8,025	467	5.5%	4.8%	5.0%
GRAYSON	9,989	9,367	622	6.2%	5.6%	5.7%
HARDIN	49,234	46,465	2,769	5.6%	5.1%	4.6%
LARUE	6,917	6,571	346	5.0%	4.5%	4.3%
MARION	8,051	7,623	428	5.3%	4.6%	5.0%
MEADE	14,151	13,404	747	5.3%	4.6%	4.4%
NELSON	23,333	22,217	1,116	4.8%	4.3%	4.0%
WASHINGTON	6,170	5,908	262	4.2%	3.7%	3.8%

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY	251,173	240,827	10,346	4.1%	3.5%	3.9%
BOONE	75,131	72,070	3,061	4.1%	3.5%	3.8%
CAMPBELL	49,314	47,294	2,020	4.1%	3.5%	3.9%
CARROLL	5,003	4,785	218	4.4%	3.5%	4.2%
GALLATIN	4,175	3,988	187	4.5%	3.8%	4.3%
GRANT	12,150	11,613	537	4.4%	3.8%	4.1%
KENTON	93,152	89,363	3,789	4.1%	3.5%	3.9%
OWEN	5,280	5,039	241	4.6%	3.9%	4.2%
PENDLETON	6,968	6,675	293	4.2%	3.7%	4.6%
PENNYRILE	83,036	78,587	4,449	5.4%	4.6%	5.0%
CALDWELL	5,869	5,615	254	4.3%	3.6%	4.0%
CHRISTIAN	23,794	22,397	1,397	5.9%	5.1%	5.4%
CRITTENDEN	3,524	3,343	181	5.1%	4.2%	4.7%
HOPKINS	19,171	18,167	1,004	5.2%	4.5%	5.1%
LIVINGSTON	3,936	3,722	214	5.4%	4.9%	4.7%
LYON	3,135	2,979	156	5.0%	4.6%	4.6%
MUHLENBERG	11,661	10,970	691	5.9%	5.2%	5.9%
TODD	6,036	5,794	242	4.0%	3.3%	3.8%
TRIGG	5,910	5,600	310	5.2%	4.4%	4.6%
PURCHASE	88,573	84,340	4,233	4.8%	4.0%	4.5%
BALLARD	3,463	3,289	174	5.0%	4.3%	4.8%
CALLOWAY	16,942	16,100	842	5.0%	4.0%	4.6%
CARLISLE	2,096	1,999	97	4.6%	3.9%	4.4%
FULTON	2,507	2,366	141	5.6%	4.8%	4.9%
GRAVES	16,575	15,870	705	4.3%	3.5%	4.0%
HICKMAN	1,840	1,749	91	4.9%	4.3%	4.4%
MCCRACKEN	31,232	29,772	1,460	4.7%	4.0%	4.6%
MARSHALL	13,918	13,195	723	5.2%	4.6%	4.9%
BOWLING GREEN MSA	94,919	90,745	4,174	4.4%	3.8%	4.1%
ELIZABETHTOWN MSA	56,151	53,036	3,115	5.5%	5.0%	4.6%
LEXINGTON MSA	281,277	269,997	11,280	4.0%	3.4%	3.7%
LOUISVILLE MSA	703,479	670,908	32,571	4.6%	4.1%	4.0%
OWENSBORO MSA	52,717	50,447	2,270	4.3%	3.7%	4.2%
PADUCAH MSA	46,800	44,600	2,200	4.7%	4.0%	4.5%

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