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Part of having 21st century skills for a 21st century world means being able to find and use secondary data.

This issue of the **Kentucky: By The Numbers Data Series** is designed to provide a data-based overview for each county in Kentucky and information on some of the available data sources.

The Kentucky: By The Numbers Program provides resources, training, and assistance in finding and using publicly available secondary data. Data, brief publications, and other resources are available at: <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	4,512,310
2020 Census	4,505,836
2010 Census	4,339,367
2000 Census	4,041,769

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	194,987
Not Hispanic	4,317,323

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	9,511
Asian	77,396
Black or African American	378,394
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	3,831
White	3,754,388
Two or More Races	93,803

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	1,004,575
Ages 18-44 Years	1,572,403
Ages 45-64 years	1,142,325
Ages 65 and over	793,007

The official population counts and estimates are available through the Census Bureau's Annual Population Estimates or the 2020 Census and are online through the Census Bureau website <https://data.census.gov/> or the Kentucky State Data Center at <http://www.ksdc.louisville.edu/>

(Even though the American Community Survey contains estimates of the population, they are not the official counts.)

Households and Families (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table DP02)

Total Number of Households	1,769,102 (+/- 5,421)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>536,701 (+/- 4,641)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>540,893 (+/- 2,877)</i>
Married Couple Households	838,364 (+/- 5,989)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>309,536 (+/- 4,617)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	123,304 (+/- 3,125)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>42,999 (+/- 1,921)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	481,074 (+/- 4,245)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>88,385 (+/- 2,473)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	326,360 (+/- 3,742)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>24,953 (+/- 1,072)</i>

Detailed estimates on family and household characteristics are available through the American Community Survey and are online through the Census Bureau website at <https://data.census.gov/>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	262,713
Ages 5-9 Years	277,665
Ages 10-14 Years	286,085
Ages 15-19 Years	287,015

A good comprehensive resource for a variety of data on youth is the Kids Count Data Center at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	69,425
Average Size of Farms	179 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	49.2%
Number of Principle Producers	121,007
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.1 years

Detailed data on agriculture and agricultural production are from the USDA's Census of Agriculture at <https://nass.usda.gov/AqCensus/>

Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	4,726,382
2035 Total Projected Population	4,686,067

County-level population projections for Kentucky are produced by the Kentucky State Data Center at <http://www.ksdc.louisville.edu/>

Poverty and Income (2022 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates)

Official Poverty Rate	16.3% (+/- 15.9% to 16.7%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	20.6% (+/- 19.7% to 21.5%)
Median Household Income	\$59,246 (+/- \$58,340 to \$60,152)

The official poverty rates are produced by the Small Area and Income Estimates program (SAIPE) at the U.S. Census Bureau and are online at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html>

(Even though the American Community Survey contains estimates for those in poverty, they are not the official poverty rates.)

Educational Attainment (2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2018-2022. Table S1501)

Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	88.2% (+/- 0.2%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	26.5% (+/- 0.3%)

The American Community Survey contains the most detailed county-level data available and is often the only source for county data on many characteristics including educational attainment. Data are available through the Census Bureau website at <https://data.census.gov/>

Unemployment (Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	4.2%
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The Bureau of Labor Statistics produces the official national, state, and local unemployment rates and are available online at: <https://www.bls.gov/lau/>

(Even though the American Community Survey contains estimates of local unemployment, they are not the official unemployment rates.)

To learn more about online data sources, see: ***["By the Numbers: Finding and Using Data from the Internet"](#)***

Additional data are also available through the Kentucky: By The Numbers Data Series at: <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

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