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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	29,791
2020 Census	30,193
2010 Census	31,883
2000 Census	31,795

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	470
Not Hispanic	29,321

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	83
Asian	117
Black or African American	353
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	10
White	28,397
Two or More Races	361

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	6,961
Ages 18-44 Years	9,817
Ages 45-64 years	7,731
Ages 65 and over	5,282

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

Total Number of Households	11,229 (+/- 322)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>3,557 (+/- 410)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>3,692 (+/- 192)</i>
Married Couple Households	5,022 (+/- 398)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,890 (+/- 303)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	482 (+/- 187)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>151 (+/- 112)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	3,692 (+/- 393)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>681 (+/- 270)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	2,033 (+/- 312)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>287 (+/- 196)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	1,862
Ages 5-9 Years	1,890
Ages 10-14 Years	1,965
Ages 15-19 Years	1,892

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	293
Average Size of Farms	109 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	13.0%
Number of Principle Producers	498
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.8 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	30,310
2035 Total Projected Population	28,000

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	33.1% (+/- 27.9% to 38.3%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	40.5% (+/- 30.3% to 50.7%)
Median Household Income	\$36,573 (+/- \$32,054 to \$41,092)

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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)	79.0% (+/- 2.7%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	16.7% (+/- 2.2%)

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

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	5.8%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	15,163
2020 Census	14,867
2010 Census	14,193
2000 Census	13,373

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	501
Not Hispanic	14,662

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	49
Asian	50
Black or African American	421
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	15
White	13,832
Two or More Races	295

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	3,404
Ages 18-44 Years	4,990
Ages 45-64 years	4,034
Ages 65 and over	2,735

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

Total Number of Households	5,967 (+/- 159)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>2,056 (+/- 218)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>1,888 (+/- 129)</i>
Married Couple Households	3,083 (+/- 268)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,212 (+/- 191)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	382 (+/- 171)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>44 (+/- 45)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,324 (+/- 235)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>387 (+/- 146)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,178 (+/- 214)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>182 (+/- 118)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	865
Ages 5-9 Years	919
Ages 10-14 Years	961
Ages 15-19 Years	969

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	701
Average Size of Farms	158 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	66.3%
Number of Principle Producers	1,247
Average Age of Principle Producers	55.5 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	14,309
2035 Total Projected Population	15,680

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

Official Poverty Rate	18.0% (+/- 14.8% to 21.2%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	23.0% (+/- 17.3% to 28.7%)
Median Household Income	\$53,939 (+/- \$47,312 to \$60,566)

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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)	84.4% (+/- 2.7%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	15.2% (+/- 2.9%)

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

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	4.4%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	62,885
2020 Census	62,613
2010 Census	58,849
2000 Census	52,715

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	1,029
Not Hispanic	61,856

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	180
Asian	403
Black or African American	532
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	11
White	59,929
Two or More Races	801

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	14,190
Ages 18-44 Years	21,236
Ages 45-64 years	16,569
Ages 65 and over	10,890

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

Total Number of Households	23,424 (+/- 425)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>8,051 (+/- 492)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>7,160 (+/- 265)</i>
Married Couple Households	12,814 (+/- 642)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>4,721 (+/- 395)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	1,503 (+/- 367)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>514 (+/- 171)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	5,651 (+/- 519)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,025 (+/- 258)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	3,456 (+/- 499)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>402 (+/- 201)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

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Ages 5-9 Years	3,963
Ages 10-14 Years	4,029
Ages 15-19 Years	3,816

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	871
Average Size of Farms	92 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	28.7%
Number of Principle Producers	1,443
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.7 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	63,429
2035 Total Projected Population	65,977

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

Official Poverty Rate	20.4% (+/- 16.5% to 24.3%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	24.9% (+/- 17.5% to 32.3%)
Median Household Income	\$50,721 (+/- \$45,351 to \$56,091)

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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)	84.0% (+/- 1.4%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	16.6% (+/- 1.6%)

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

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2020 Census	16,293
2010 Census	15,860
2000 Census	15,569

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	259
Not Hispanic	15,850

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	17
Asian	43
Black or African American	70
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	5
White	15,492
Two or More Races	223

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	3,862
Ages 18-44 Years	4,906
Ages 45-64 years	4,292
Ages 65 and over	3,049

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<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>1,763 (+/- 271)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>2,057 (+/- 138)</i>
Married Couple Households	3,108 (+/- 308)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,117 (+/- 228)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	234 (+/- 105)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>73 (+/- 66)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,291 (+/- 193)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>108 (+/- 52)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,088 (+/- 226)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>99 (+/- 68)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	940
Ages 5-9 Years	1,092
Ages 10-14 Years	1,160
Ages 15-19 Years	986

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	255
Average Size of Farms	214 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	20.5%
Number of Principle Producers	464
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.5 years

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Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	14,979
2035 Total Projected Population	16,118

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

Official Poverty Rate	25.9% (+/- 21.4% to 30.4%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	29.0% (+/- 20.3% to 37.7%)
Median Household Income	\$42,776 (+/- \$37,383 to \$48,169)

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Percent of Population 25 and older with High School or more (incl. equivalency)	76.9% (+/- 2.9%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	10.9% (+/- 2.4%)

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2010 Census	7,887
2000 Census	7,916

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	203
Not Hispanic	7,058

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	31
Asian	23
Black or African American	231
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	3
White	6,658
Two or More Races	112

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	1,294
Ages 18-44 Years	2,578
Ages 45-64 years	2,063
Ages 65 and over	1,326

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<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>710 (+/- 115)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>910 (+/- 72)</i>
Married Couple Households	1,045 (+/- 174)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>303 (+/- 104)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	248 (+/- 103)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>121 (+/- 79)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	687 (+/- 107)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>141 (+/- 67)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	657 (+/- 135)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>32 (+/- 30)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	336
Ages 5-9 Years	384
Ages 10-14 Years	344
Ages 15-19 Years	339

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	127
Average Size of Farms	232 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	22.0%
Number of Principle Producers	239
Average Age of Principle Producers	53.0 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	5,727
2035 Total Projected Population	6,503

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	36.4% (+/- 28.9% to 43.9%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	45.4% (+/- 33.2% to 57.6%)
Median Household Income	\$34,632 (+/- \$30,454 to \$38,810)

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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)	73.5% (+/- 4.8%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	7.3% (+/- 2.6%)

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

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	5.8%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	10,093
2020 Census	10,513
2010 Census	11,310
2000 Census	12,401

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	78
Not Hispanic	10,015

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	17
Asian	27
Black or African American	55
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	6
White	9,809
Two or More Races	101

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	2,158
Ages 18-44 Years	3,105
Ages 45-64 years	2,836
Ages 65 and over	1,994

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(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	3,698 (+/- 220)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>919 (+/- 206)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>1,516 (+/- 131)</i>
Married Couple Households	1,772 (+/- 254)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>610 (+/- 180)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	228 (+/- 131)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>21 (+/- 26)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,196 (+/- 176)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>84 (+/- 56)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	502 (+/- 178)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>20 (+/- 32)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	529
Ages 5-9 Years	587
Ages 10-14 Years	670
Ages 15-19 Years	539

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	23
Average Size of Farms	1,169 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	10.5%
Number of Principle Producers	38
Average Age of Principle Producers	65.4 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	8,831
2035 Total Projected Population	8,672

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	30.1% (+/- 23.2% to 37.0%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	37.1% (+/- 25.9% to 48.3%)
Median Household Income	\$36,666 (+/- \$32,114 to \$41,218)

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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)	82.0% (+/- 4.1%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	11.6% (+/- 3.0%)

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

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	6.9%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	20,893
2020 Census	21,548
2010 Census	24,519
2000 Census	25,277

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	211
Not Hispanic	20,682

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	36
Asian	72
Black or African American	137
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0
White	20,261
Two or More Races	176

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	4,519
Ages 18-44 Years	6,268
Ages 45-64 years	5,695
Ages 65 and over	4,411

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

Total Number of Households	8,415 (+/- 260)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>2,631 (+/- 282)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>2,972 (+/- 147)</i>
Married Couple Households	4,109 (+/- 345)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,375 (+/- 269)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	350 (+/- 158)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>70 (+/- 48)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	2,234 (+/- 253)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>329 (+/- 133)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,722 (+/- 241)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>270 (+/- 115)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	1,085
Ages 5-9 Years	1,267
Ages 10-14 Years	1,327
Ages 15-19 Years	1,241

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	71
Average Size of Farms	69 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	2.3%
Number of Principle Producers	145
Average Age of Principle Producers	54.9 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	19,970
2035 Total Projected Population	16,462

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

Official Poverty Rate	28.7% (+/- 23.6% to 33.8%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	35.2% (+/- 25.6% to 44.8%)
Median Household Income	\$37,854 (+/- \$33,439 to \$42,269)

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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)	78.9% (+/- 2.6%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	13.1% (+/- 1.8%)

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

Annual Average Unemployment Rate (2023)	6.3%
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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	12,954
2020 Census	13,080
2010 Census	13,870
2000 Census	14,092

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	120
Not Hispanic	12,834

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	39
Asian	8
Black or African American	80
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0
White	12,571
Two or More Races	136

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	2,907
Ages 18-44 Years	3,891
Ages 45-64 years	3,581
Ages 65 and over	2,575

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

Total Number of Households	4,757 (+/- 175)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>1,369 (+/- 178)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>1,829 (+/- 116)</i>
Married Couple Households	2,328 (+/- 252)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>666 (+/- 158)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	339 (+/- 130)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>175 (+/- 84)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,254 (+/- 152)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>180 (+/- 100)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	836 (+/- 166)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>87 (+/- 73)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	789
Ages 5-9 Years	786
Ages 10-14 Years	793
Ages 15-19 Years	798

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	489
Average Size of Farms	252 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	39.9%
Number of Principle Producers	870
Average Age of Principle Producers	56.8 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	12,690
2035 Total Projected Population	11,831

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

Official Poverty Rate	23.1% (+/- 17.9% to 28.3%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	31.2% (+/- 21.5% to 40.9%)
Median Household Income	\$44,098 (+/- \$38,746 to \$49,450)

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Total Population

2022 Population Estimate	24,360
2020 Census	24,275
2010 Census	24,742
2000 Census	23,361

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	521
Not Hispanic	23,839

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	58
Asian	80
Black or African American	530
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	2
White	22,792
Two or More Races	377

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	5,910
Ages 18-44 Years	7,505
Ages 45-64 years	6,409
Ages 65 and over	4,536

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

Total Number of Households	9,692 (+/- 246)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>3,362 (+/- 268)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>3,496 (+/- 188)</i>
Married Couple Households	5,147 (+/- 380)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>1,952 (+/- 262)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	401 (+/- 143)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>130 (+/- 88)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	2,425 (+/- 280)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>553 (+/- 193)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	1,719 (+/- 318)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>262 (+/- 128)</i>

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Youth (2022 Population Estimates)

Under 5 Years	1,600
Ages 5-9 Years	1,629
Ages 10-14 Years	1,656
Ages 15-19 Years	1,512

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Farming and Agriculture (2022 Census of Agriculture)

Total Number of Farms	984
Average Size of Farms	150 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	69.3%
Number of Principle Producers	1,693
Average Age of Principle Producers	55.7 years

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Population Projections (2022 Vintage)

2030 Total Projected Population	23,576
2035 Total Projected Population	23,224

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

Official Poverty Rate	18.4% (+/- 14.2% to 22.6%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	24.2% (+/- 17.0% to 31.4%)
Median Household Income	\$49,814 (+/- \$44,845 to \$54,783)

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)	82.6% (+/- 2.2%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	15.4% (+/- 2.9%)

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)	5.1%
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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	8,963
2020 Census	8,888
2010 Census	9,519
2000 Census	9,804

Population Composition (2022 Population Estimates)

Ethnicity

Hispanic	252
Not Hispanic	8,711

Race

American Indian or Alaska Native	39
Asian	34
Black or African American	62
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	9
White	8,406
Two or More Races	161

Age Groups

Under 18 Years	1,822
Ages 18-44 Years	2,531
Ages 45-64 years	2,587
Ages 65 and over	2,023

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	3,537 (+/- 200)
<i>Households with one or more people under 18 years</i>	<i>847 (+/- 160)</i>
<i>Households with one or more people 65 years and over</i>	<i>1,405 (+/- 75)</i>
Married Couple Households	1,919 (+/- 227)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>505 (+/- 127)</i>
Cohabiting Couple Household	144 (+/- 77)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>38 (+/- 42)</i>
Female Householder (no spouse/partner present)	896 (+/- 139)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>181 (+/- 88)</i>
Male Householder (no spouse/partner present)	578 (+/- 143)
<i>With children of the householder under 18 years</i>	<i>4 (+/- 9)</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	436
Ages 5-9 Years	516
Ages 10-14 Years	531
Ages 15-19 Years	482

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	360
Average Size of Farms	402 acres
Percent of Land in Farms	72.3%
Number of Principle Producers	652
Average Age of Principle Producers	57.7 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	8,572
2035 Total Projected Population	7,825

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	14.6% (+/- 11.5% to 17.7%)
Official Child Poverty Rate (Ages 0-17)	22.6% (+/- 16.3% to 28.9%)
Median Household Income	\$55,355 (+/- \$49,384 to \$61,326)

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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)	87.0% (+/- 2.8%)
Percent of Population 25 and older with Bachelor's degree or more	13.2% (+/- 2.9%)

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