



100 Years of Population 1920-2020

Knox County

Julie N. Zimmerman and AnaLiese Mitchell
Department of Community and Leadership Development
June, 2023



Kentucky: By The Numbers
<http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Decennial Census. This is a count of all inhabitants in the United States. Required by the U.S. Constitution, it was first conducted in 1790. Over the decades, the Decennial Census has seen many changes. Most recently, the Census Bureau created the option to respond online.

To see the self-response rate (how many responded online or by phone/mail) for your county, visit the **2020 Census Response Rate Map** at:

<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/2020-census-self-response-rates-map.html>

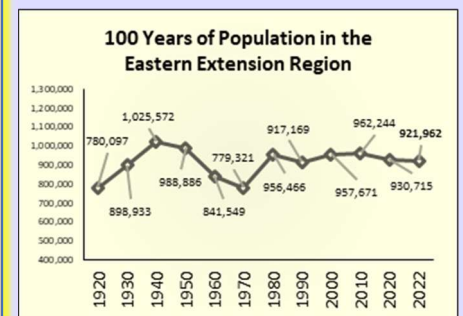
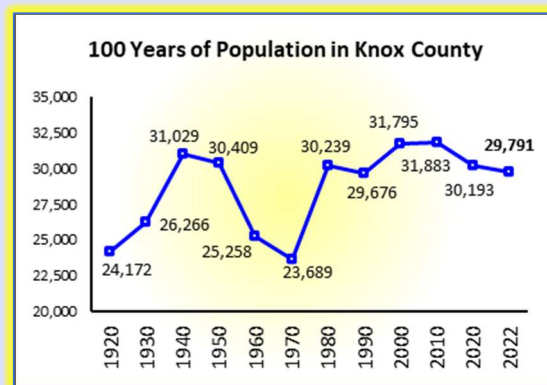
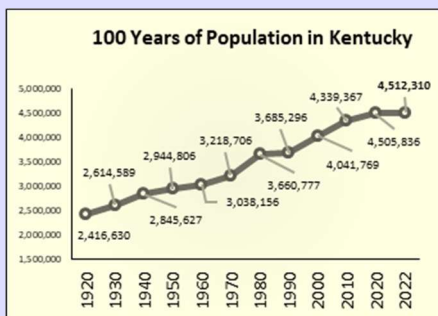
The **official population counts** are from the **Decennial Census** or the Census Bureau's **population estimates**.

(While population data are available from the **American Community Survey**, they are **NOT** the official population figures.)

To find out more about the history and changes in the Decennial Census, go to: https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/

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

Total Population	Knox County	East Extension Region	Kentucky
1920 Census	24,172	780,097	2,416,630
1930 Census	26,266	898,933	2,614,589
1940 Census	31,029	1,025,572	2,845,627
1950 Census	30,409	988,886	2,944,806
1960 Census	25,258	841,549	3,038,156
1970 Census	23,689	779,321	3,218,706
1980 Census	30,239	956,466	3,660,777
1990 Census	29,676	917,169	3,685,296
2000 Census	31,795	957,671	4,041,769
2010 Census	31,883	962,244	4,339,367
2020 Census	30,193	930,715	4,505,836
2022 Population Estimate	29,791	921,962	4,512,310



Data from the 2010 and 2020 Censuses and the 2022 Population Estimates are from <https://data.census.gov/>

The 1920-1990 data are from the Census Bureau publication *Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790 to 1990* available at: <https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1990/population-of-states-and-counties-us-1790-1990/population-of-states-and-counties-of-the-united-states-1790-1990.pdf>

Kentucky: By The Numbers is an Extension program in the Department of Community and Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky. For more information contact your local Cooperative Extension office or Dr. Julie N. Zimmerman, Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Community and Leadership Development, 500 Garrigus Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0215. email: jzimm@uky.edu. The entire series is online at <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>



Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND KENTUCKY COUNTIES, COOPERATING



100 Years of Population 1920-2020



Laurel County

Julie N. Zimmerman and AnaLiese Mitchell
Department of Community and Leadership Development
June, 2023

Kentucky: By The Numbers
<http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Decennial Census. This is a count of all inhabitants in the United States. Required by the U.S. Constitution, it was first conducted in 1790. Over the decades, the Decennial Census has seen many changes. Most recently, the Census Bureau created the option to respond online.

To see the self-response rate (how many responded online or by phone/mail) for your county, visit the **2020 Census Response Rate Map** at:

<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/2020-census-self-response-rates-map.html>

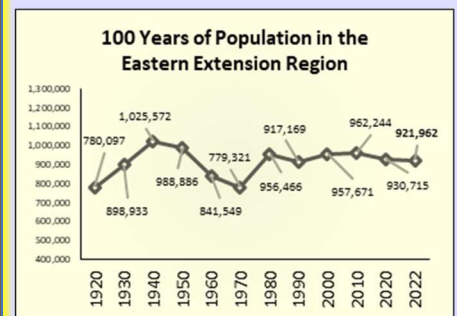
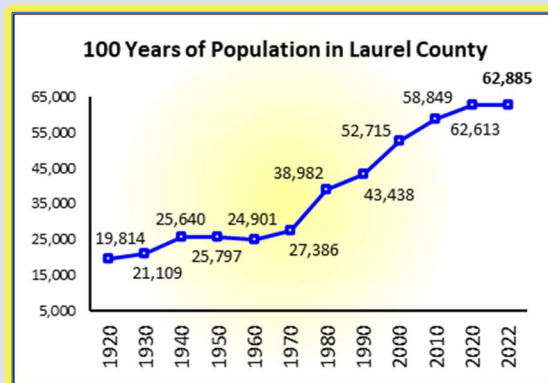
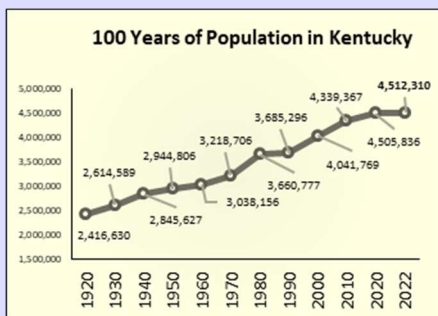
The **official population counts** are from the **Decennial Census** or the Census Bureau's **population estimates**.

(While population data are available from the **American Community Survey**, they are **NOT** the official population figures.)

To find out more about the history and changes in the Decennial Census, go to: https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/

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

Total Population	Laurel County	East Extension Region	Kentucky
1920 Census	19,814	780,097	2,416,630
1930 Census	21,109	898,933	2,614,589
1940 Census	25,640	1,025,572	2,845,627
1950 Census	25,797	988,886	2,944,806
1960 Census	24,901	841,549	3,038,156
1970 Census	27,386	779,321	3,218,706
1980 Census	38,982	956,466	3,660,777
1990 Census	43,438	917,169	3,685,296
2000 Census	52,715	957,671	4,041,769
2010 Census	58,849	962,244	4,339,367
2020 Census	62,613	930,715	4,505,836
2022 Population Estimate	62,885	921,962	4,512,310



Data from the 2010 and 2020 Censuses and the 2022 Population Estimates are from <https://data.census.gov/>

The 1920-1990 data are from the Census Bureau publication *Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790 to 1990* available at: <https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1990/population-of-states-and-counties-us-1790-1990/population-of-states-and-counties-of-the-united-states-1790-1990.pdf>

Kentucky: By The Numbers is an Extension program in the Department of Community and Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky. For more information contact your local Cooperative Extension office or Dr. Julie N. Zimmerman, Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Community and Leadership Development, 500 Garrigus Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0215. email: jzimm@uky.edu. The entire series is online at <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>



Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND KENTUCKY COUNTIES, COOPERATING



100 Years of Population 1920-2020



Lawrence County

Julie N. Zimmerman and AnaLiese Mitchell
Department of Community and Leadership Development
June, 2023

Kentucky: By The Numbers
<http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Decennial Census. This is a count of all inhabitants in the United States. Required by the U.S. Constitution, it was first conducted in 1790. Over the decades, the Decennial Census has seen many changes. Most recently, the Census Bureau created the option to respond online.

To see the self-response rate (how many responded online or by phone/mail) for your county, visit the **2020 Census Response Rate Map** at:

<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/2020-census-self-response-rates-map.html>

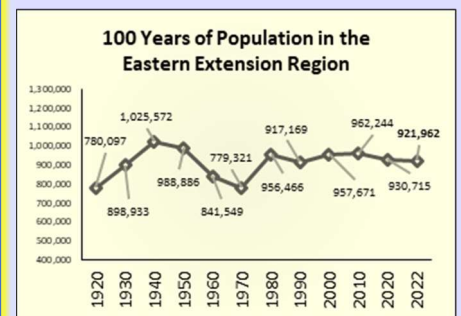
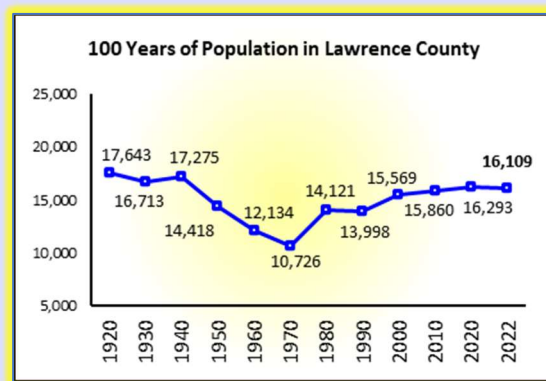
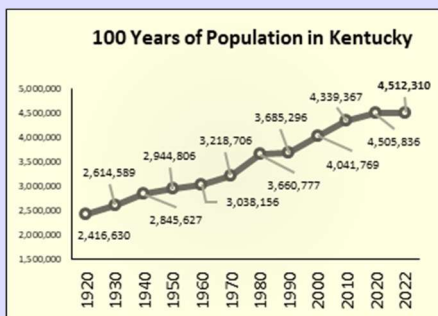
The **official population counts** are from the **Decennial Census** or the Census Bureau's **population estimates**.

(While population data are available from the **American Community Survey**, they are **NOT** the official population figures.)

To find out more about the history and changes in the Decennial Census, go to: https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/

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

Total Population	Lawrence County	East Extension Region	Kentucky
1920 Census	17,643	780,097	2,416,630
1930 Census	16,713	898,933	2,614,589
1940 Census	17,275	1,025,572	2,845,627
1950 Census	14,418	988,886	2,944,806
1960 Census	12,134	841,549	3,038,156
1970 Census	10,726	779,321	3,218,706
1980 Census	14,121	956,466	3,660,777
1990 Census	13,998	917,169	3,685,296
2000 Census	15,569	957,671	4,041,769
2010 Census	15,860	962,244	4,339,367
2020 Census	16,293	930,715	4,505,836
2022 Population Estimate	16,109	921,962	4,512,310



Data from the 2010 and 2020 Censuses and the 2022 Population Estimates are from <https://data.census.gov/>

The 1920-1990 data are from the Census Bureau publication *Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790 to 1990* available at: <https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1990/population-of-states-and-counties-us-1790-1990/population-of-states-and-counties-of-the-united-states-1790-1990.pdf>

Kentucky: By The Numbers is an Extension program in the Department of Community and Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky. For more information contact your local Cooperative Extension office or Dr. Julie N. Zimmerman, Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Community and Leadership Development, 500 Garrigus Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0215. email: jzimm@uky.edu. The entire series is online at <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>



Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND KENTUCKY COUNTIES, COOPERATING



100 Years of Population 1920-2020

Lee County



Julie N. Zimmerman and AnaLiese Mitchell
Department of Community and Leadership Development
June, 2023

Kentucky: By The Numbers
<http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Decennial Census. This is a count of all inhabitants in the United States. Required by the U.S. Constitution, it was first conducted in 1790. Over the decades, the Decennial Census has seen many changes. Most recently, the Census Bureau created the option to respond online.

To see the self-response rate (how many responded online or by phone/mail) for your county, visit the **2020 Census Response Rate Map** at:

<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/2020-census-self-response-rates-map.html>

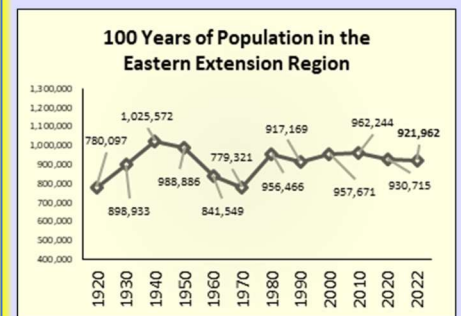
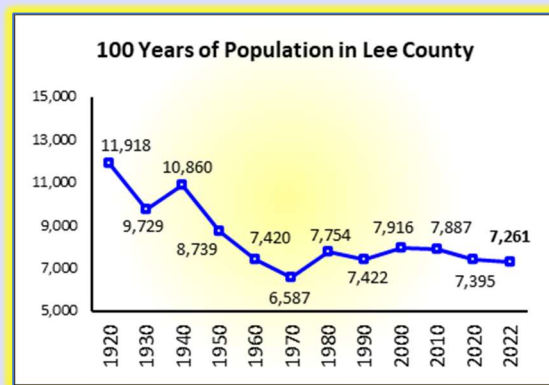
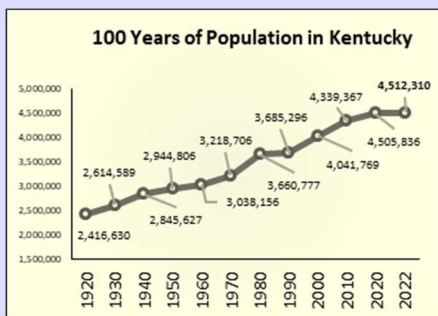
The **official population counts** are from the **Decennial Census** or the Census Bureau's **population estimates**.

(While population data are available from the **American Community Survey**, they are **NOT** the official population figures.)

To find out more about the history and changes in the Decennial Census, go to: https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/

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

Total Population	Lee County	East Extension Region	Kentucky
1920 Census	11,918	780,097	2,416,630
1930 Census	9,729	898,933	2,614,589
1940 Census	10,860	1,025,572	2,845,627
1950 Census	8,739	988,886	2,944,806
1960 Census	7,420	841,549	3,038,156
1970 Census	6,587	779,321	3,218,706
1980 Census	7,754	956,466	3,660,777
1990 Census	7,422	917,169	3,685,296
2000 Census	7,916	957,671	4,041,769
2010 Census	7,887	962,244	4,339,367
2020 Census	7,395	930,715	4,505,836
2022 Population Estimate	7,261	921,962	4,512,310



Data from the 2010 and 2020 Censuses and the 2022 Population Estimates are from <https://data.census.gov/>

The 1920-1990 data are from the Census Bureau publication *Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790 to 1990* available at: <https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1990/population-of-states-and-counties-us-1790-1990/population-of-states-and-counties-of-the-united-states-1790-1990.pdf>

Kentucky: By The Numbers is an Extension program in the Department of Community and Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky. For more information contact your local Cooperative Extension office or Dr. Julie N. Zimmerman, Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Community and Leadership Development, 500 Garrigus Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0215. email: jzimm@uky.edu. The entire series is online at <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>



Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND KENTUCKY COUNTIES, COOPERATING



100 Years of Population 1920-2020



Leslie County

Julie N. Zimmerman and AnaLiese Mitchell
Department of Community and Leadership Development
June, 2023

Kentucky: By The Numbers
<http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Decennial Census. This is a count of all inhabitants in the United States. Required by the U.S. Constitution, it was first conducted in 1790. Over the decades, the Decennial Census has seen many changes. Most recently, the Census Bureau created the option to respond online.

To see the self-response rate (how many responded online or by phone/mail) for your county, visit the **2020 Census Response Rate Map** at:

<https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/2020-census-self-response-rates-map.html>

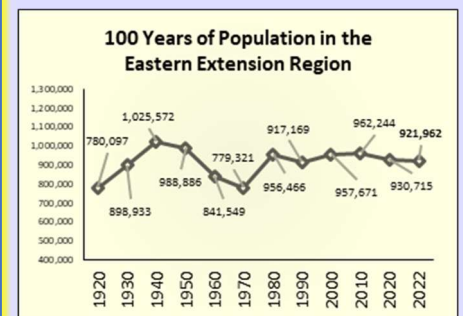
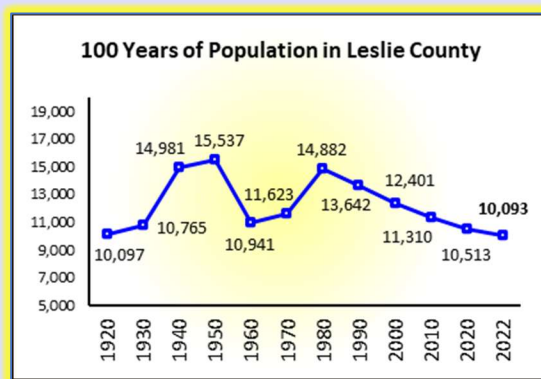
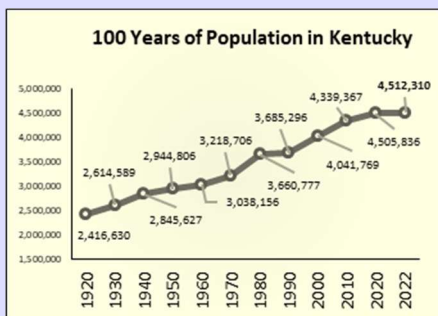
The **official population counts** are from the **Decennial Census** or the Census Bureau's **population estimates**.

(While population data are available from the **American Community Survey**, they are **NOT** the official population figures.)

To find out more about the history and changes in the Decennial Census, go to: https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/overview/

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

Total Population	Leslie County	East Extension Region	Kentucky
1920 Census	10,097	780,097	2,416,630
1930 Census	10,765	898,933	2,614,589
1940 Census	14,981	1,025,572	2,845,627
1950 Census	15,537	988,886	2,944,806
1960 Census	10,941	841,549	3,038,156
1970 Census	11,623	779,321	3,218,706
1980 Census	14,882	956,466	3,660,777
1990 Census	13,642	917,169	3,685,296
2000 Census	12,401	957,671	4,041,769
2010 Census	11,310	962,244	4,339,367
2020 Census	10,513	930,715	4,505,836
2022 Population Estimate	10,093	921,962	4,512,310



Data from the 2010 and 2020 Censuses and the 2022 Population Estimates are from <https://data.census.gov/>

The 1920-1990 data are from the Census Bureau publication *Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790 to 1990* available at: <https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1990/population-of-states-and-counties-us-1790-1990/population-of-states-and-counties-of-the-united-states-1790-1990.pdf>

Kentucky: By The Numbers is an Extension program in the Department of Community and Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky. For more information contact your local Cooperative Extension office or Dr. Julie N. Zimmerman, Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Community and Leadership Development, 500 Garrigus Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0215. email: jzimm@uky.edu. The entire series is online at <http://kybtn.ca.uky.edu>



Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND KENTUCKY COUNTIES, COOPERATING