Kentucky Center for Statistics: Work Ready Communities

Uniting our data
Informing our Commonwealth

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Context

KYSTATS: a one-stop gov’t data shop (LDS, LMI, Corrections, Medicaid, etc.)

Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board: economic development professionals.

Work Ready Initiative: Evaluating Kentucky’s workforce, attracting potential employers.
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Counties work toward certification—meaning they meet 5 criteria (education metrics, internet availability). Audience:

- Counties meeting 5: need to put the data in front of employers.
- Interested counties meeting <5: need a reference as they work to improve workforce quality.
- Non-interested counties: need a reference for what Work Ready certification means (and how data can work for them).
**STATE OVERVIEW**

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**COMMUNITY CRITERIA STATUS FOR Jefferson County**

The five criteria highlighted here require a specific metric to be met to qualify as a "Meets Criteria" or "Does Not Meet Criteria." The thresholds can be found by hovering over any metric or info icon. Though these five criteria are the only currently defined metrics, they are not the only criteria that are under consideration for the program. Some criteria include an exception rule, which you can learn more about on the Work Ready Community's website.

Visit [http://thrivekentucky.com/WorkReady](http://thrivekentucky.com/WorkReady) for more information.

**Required Criteria**

- Internet Availability and Speed: 100%
- High School Graduation Rate: 83%
- Some College or Higher Degree: 64%
- Associate Degree or Higher: 39%

**Support Information**

- Key Sector Demand for LWA (2017-2021)
- Certification Status
- Workforce Participation Rate
- NCRC and KESC Certificates (2018)
- Workforce Population
Counties meeting 5: ✓

Interested counties meeting <5: ...

Non-interested counties: ✓
Feedback

• “Is this punitive?”

• “What about…”
  Healthy workers?
  Future growth of support industries?
  Labor supply?
  Veterans?
  Poverty?
  ‘Gerrymandering?’
WORK READY COMMUNITIES

COUNTY PROFILE

1. Select a Community >> Jefferson

2. The previous dashboard shows whether or not a community, as a whole, meets all of the work-ready criteria. This map explores deeper and takes a look at census tracts within each county to investigate at a more granular level.

3. To gain perspective for the rest of the metrics below, take a look at the total population for this community. The total population is broken down into the working age population (those 18 to 64 years of age), the veteran population, and the percent living in poverty.

4. Next, what are some economic factors of the community? The first is workforce participation rate. It measures the percentage of the working age population who are in the labor force (those with a job or actively looking for a job). This number also excludes those incarcerated or otherwise institutionalized. The second is unemployment rate, which measures the percentage within the labor force that is currently without a job and is not seasonally adjusted. Last, the median household income is presented.

5. What are health outcomes of the community? The first is an overall health score, which measures both length and quality of life relative to the other counties in Kentucky. The second, teen pregnancy rate, is the teen birth rate for females ages 15 to 19. Finally, obesity rate, is defined as the percent of adults that report a body mass index of 30 or more.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

6. Want additional resources for your community? Clicking on any of the icons below will take you to specialized reports in that topic area. The topics include outcomes for high school graduates, postsecondary graduates, those affected by the 1115 Medicaid Waiver, community patterns, GED earners, and career center contact info. For even more information, go to https://www.ky.gov
Leveraged data sources

- Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (education data)
- Kentucky Labor Market Information (unemployment, 5-yr sector demand, etc.)
- American Community Survey (population, workforce participation rate, veteran status, poverty levels, etc.)
- FCC data (% of pop with access to internet speeds above threshold)
- U.Wisconsin Population Health Institute (health scores)
- CDC (obesity estimates)
- Kids Count Data Center (teen pregnancy estimates)
- National Cancer Institute SEER program (teen population)
Now

• Democratic engine- staying power for the initiative itself. *Buy-in.*

• Expansion of community workforce goals.

• Level playing field among communities: counties/communities without *data people* can deploy a wide body of workforce information.