

GREATER
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Kentucky's
Bluegrass Region

Harnessing Our Horsepower

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING HIGHLIGHTS

Toyota's largest vehicle manufacturing plant in the world is located in the Greater LEX region.

There are more than 700 manufacturing facilities across the Greater LEX region.

Kentucky's metals industry includes more than 250 facilities that employ more than 36,000 people.

In Good Company

More than 450 global and national advanced manufacturing companies call Greater LEX home.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing invested in Georgetown in the mid 80's. Their presence here attracts hundreds of automotive suppliers, generating continued economic growth of the automotive supply chain.

Tiffany & Co. opened its first manufacturing plant outside the northeast U.S. in Lexington. Their manufacturing facility employs in-house artisans that produce their classic six-prong engagement rings and other fine jewelry pieces.

Link-Belt Cranes, headquartered in Lexington, is a leader in the design and manufacture of telescopic and lattice boom cranes for the construction industry worldwide.



To view more Advanced Manufacturing companies in the Greater LEX region, scan the QR code.

An educated workforce and lower business costs make Kentucky and Greater LEX an ideal location for advanced manufacturing.

KY FAME, a partnership of regional manufacturers, offers apprenticeship-style education programs through Bluegrass Community and Technical College creating a pipeline of highly skilled workers.

Eastern Kentucky University offers a Manufacturing Engineering Program with an emphasis on quality and lean manufacturing.

True Lean Systems Program, a partnership formed in 1994 between University of Kentucky's College of Engineering and Toyota Kentucky, trains businesses, organizations, and industry leaders.

In 2024, Kentucky ranked #4 in the nation for cost of doing business.*

Kentucky's labor costs are 18% below the U.S. average.**

Industrial electricity rates in Kentucky are the lowest east of the Mississippi, and some of the lowest in the country.

*CNBC's America's Top States for Business study, 2024

**Jobs EQ. Data as of 2024Q1

SUCCESS STORY

For over 25 years, Webasto has thrived in Lexington's Blue Grass Business Park, expanding multiple times, adding hundreds of jobs and significant investments. Our success stems from the region's dedicated workforce, strategic location for efficient distribution, and a culture of innovation fostered by the supportive community and government. With a commitment to quality and customer satisfaction, we are grateful to contribute to Lexington's dynamic business environment.



Webasto

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HERE'S OUR PROOF

Kentucky is the No. 1 state per capita in automotive production.

—Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

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Logistics

- Connected to more than **2/3rd of population** via I-64 and I-75
- 389** destinations within one stop of LEX
- 100+ daily flights** from within an hour using LEX, CVG, and SDF
- Lexington's UPS Ground Hub delivers to **90% of U.S. zip codes** within 3 days
- Within **75 miles** of a UPS cold storage facility and overnight worldwide delivery



Scan the QR Code to view available sites and buildings at the **Greater LEX Property Database**.

The **Advanced Manufacturing Technician Program (AMT)** is a two-year (five semesters) Associate Degree that combines cutting-edge curriculum and paid working experience along with learning highly sought-after business principles and best practices of world-class manufacturers.



Employment and Average Annual Wage

FOOD, BEVERAGE, AND
TEXTILE MANUFACTURING

4,816 **\$,49,039**
Employment Average Annual Wage

MATERIALS
MANUFACTURING

8,414 **\$77,431**
Employment Average Annual Wage

FINISHED PRODUCT
MANUFACTURING

29,510 **\$93,453**
Employment Average Annual Wage

Source: JobsEQ, Data as of 2026Q1

Talent Pipeline to the Manufacturing Industry

SCHOOL	TYPE	PATHWAYS	GRADUATES 2022-2023	ENROLLMENT 2023-2024
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	2 years	14	1,359	855
University of Kentucky	4 years +	17	749	2,788
Eastern Kentucky University	4 years +	6	181	522



Scan the QR Code to view a full listing of advanced manufacturing degrees.

Cost of Living

MSA	COLI	Average Annual Salary	Purchasing Power
Lexington	93.5	\$66,173	\$70,794
Raleigh-Durham	96.5	\$79,862	\$77,110
Philadelphia	109.7	\$79,461	\$72,418
Chicago	112.8	\$81,332	\$72,072
Seattle	128.0	\$116,702	\$91,148
Boston	138.4	\$105,526	\$76,263
NYC	148.0	\$101,709	\$68,736
Washington, D.C.	134.1	\$98,494	\$73,424
Los Angeles	155.6	\$82,534	\$53,040
San Francisco	144.1	\$143,023	\$99,231

Source: JobsEQ 2026Q1

Did you know?

Kentucky offers an abundance of raw materials, exporting \$342 million in aluminum; more than \$500 million in iron and steel; and \$564 million in rubber and plastics in 2022.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

WORKFORCE

Kentucky employs 6,400 in 43 steel and iron production companies.

—Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

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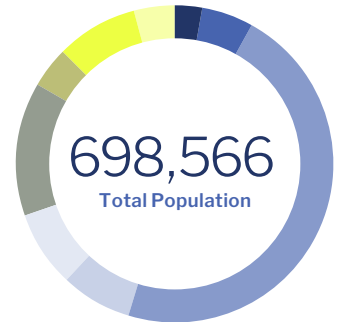
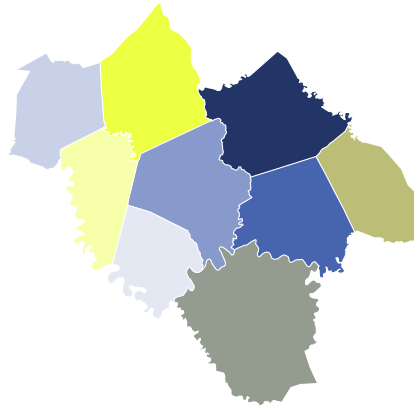
Greater Lexington Snapshot

GREATER LEXINGTON REGION POPULATION

County

■ Bourbon	20,240
■ Clark	37,192
■ Fayette	323,725
■ Franklin	51,842
■ Jessamine	54,588
■ Madison	95,769
■ Montgomery	28,395
■ Scott	59,536
■ Woodford	27,279

Region **698,566**



EDUCATED WORKFORCE

36.9 Median Age

84.2% Prime Age Labor Force

40.8% Education (Bachelors +)

INDUSTRY SECTORS

+ **15.5%** Health Care & Social Assistance

⚙️ **10.8%** Manufacturing

🏛️ **10%** Educational Services

EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS

387,987 Total Employment

\$63,189 Average Annual Wage

\$68,377 Median Household Income

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$55 billion Total Gross Domestic Product

HOUSING MARKET

🏠 **\$264,157** Median House Value

⚙️ **\$8.3B** Manufacturing

+ **\$6.7B** Health Care & Social Assistance

🔑 **\$7.4B** Real Estate

Source: JobsEQ, American Community Survey Data for 2020-2024



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