GREATER LEX

Kentucky's Bluegrass Region



Open & Ready for Business

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Thousands of business and financial services companies are located in the Greater LEX Region.

Lexington is highly educated, **ranking #16** in the nation in percentage of population with a bachelors' degree or higher.

Greater LEX is home to **over 70 headquarter** operations.

A highly educated workforce, low cost of doing business, and an abundant quality of life offer companies an excellent opportunity to thrive in Lexington.

In the 2025-2026 Best Places to Live rankings, U.S. News & World Report ranked Lexington #15.

#24 Most Educated City in America, WalletHub

The University of Kentucky's Gatton College of Business and Economics is home to a Top 20 ranked one-year MBA program.*

Eastern Kentucky University features programs in Global Supply Chain and Accounting that boast a nearly 100% job placement rate.

#8 Top Mid-Sized City for Generation Z**

*College Consensus, 2025
**The Lane Report

In Good Company

Gray Construction, headquartered in Lexington, is ranked among the top construction and design firms in the U.S. Gray serves domestic and international customers in the Manufacturing, Food & Beverage, Data Centers, Advanced Technology, Distribution and Commercial markets.

Big Ass Fans got its start in Lexington and quickly grew into a world-wide leader in high-volume, low-speed airflow, impacting industrial facilities and homes around the globe. They have the only R&D lab in the world dedicated to testing large fans.

Belcan Corporation, a global leader in digital engineering solutions for the aerospace, defense, space and automotive markets - located an office in Lexington in 2005, and expanded their operations here 10 years later.

To view more Business and Financial Services companies in the Greater LEX Region, scan the QR code.

SUCCESS STORY

Our Lexington facility thrives within a vibrant ecosystem of industry, healthcare, and academia, fostering innovation in the heart of Kentucky's technology hub. Our nearby manufacturing facility in Cynthiana strategically leverages logistical and supply chain advantages to deliver an exceptional customer experience. At Bullard, we are so lucky to benefit from the incredible community, environment, and people in Central Kentucky to attract and retain top talent and provide them great quality of life!



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President & CEO
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HERE'S OUR PROOF

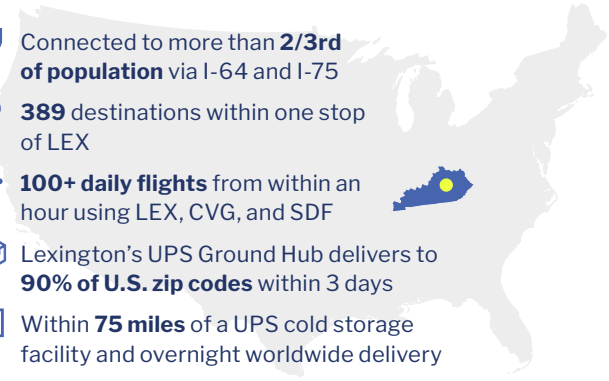
Kentucky was ranked #4 in the nation for cost of doing business.
—CNBC 2024

Learn more at **locateinlex.com**

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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

Did you know?

More than 80% of Fortune 500 companies use Big Ass Fan products.

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

In Greater LEX, higher education institutions align directly with professional services needs, creating a powerful talent pipeline for businesses. From associate degrees that enable quick workforce entry to esteemed undergraduate and graduate programs, our regional colleges and universities equip students with vital skills for success in dynamic business and financial services industries.

Employment and Average Annual Wage for Business & Financial Services

19,249
Employment

$93,532
Average Annual Wage

Source: JobsEQ, Data as of 2026Q2

Cost of Living

MSA	COLI	Average Annual Salary	Purchasing Power
Lexington	93.9	$65,710	$69,991
Raleigh-Durham	93.7	$78,032	$83,320
Philadelphia	110.1	$81,211	$73,753
Chicago	113.3	$83,689	$73,852
Seattle	128.2	$118,030	$92,063
Boston	142.0	$109,168	$76,899
NYC	148.2	$106,901	$72,110
Washington, D.C.	134.9	$100,656	$74,638
Los Angeles	155.8	$85,285	$54,757
San Francisco	144.8	$144,698	$99,927

Source: JobsEQ 2026Q2

Colleges and Universities within 40 miles of Lexington

Institution	2026 / 2027 Enrollment	2025 / 2026 Graduates
University of Kentucky	39,541	8,991
Eastern Kentucky University	15,008	3,376
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	11,625	3,666
Maysville Community & Technical College	4,297	1,375
*Frontier Nursing University	2,582	1,134*
Midway University	2,011	392
Asbury University	1,953	372
Kentucky State University	1,689	222
Berea College	1,487	327
Georgetown College	1,465	286
Centre College	1,357	289
Transylvania University	1,024	188
Total	**78,383**	**18,087**

*FNU Degrees awarded for full year 2025
All colleges and universities listed above—with the exception of Frontier Nursing University—have dedicated business or finance programs.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Lexington, Kentucky named #6 Best Small City in the U.S.
—Conde' Nast Traveler, 2026

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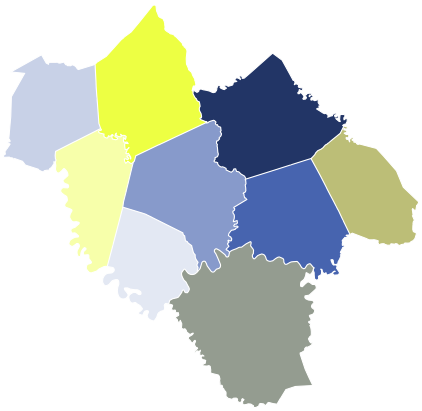
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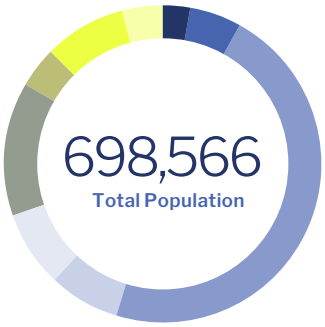
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Greater Lexington Snapshot

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

15.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance

10.7%
Manufacturing

10.1%
Educational Services

EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS

398,566
Total Employment

$63,693
Average Annual Wage

$69,486
Median Household Income

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

$56 billion Total Gross Domestic Product

$8.4B
Manufacturing

$6.7B
Health Care & Social Assistance

$7.5B
Real Estate

HOUSING MARKET

$264,157 Median House Value

Source: JobsEQ 2026Q2, American Community Survey 2024

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