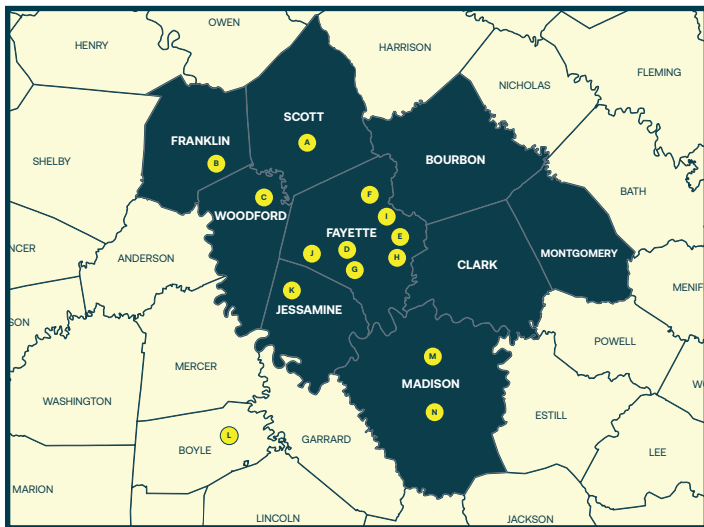


Education

Building on its early reputation as the Athens of the West, Lexington continues to excel in education. Along with some of the best public schools in the state, Lexington also has one of the best educated labor forces in the nation. According to 2020 U.S. Census data, 45% of Lexington's population 25 years or older has at least a Bachelor's degree, making it the 11th most highly educated city in the U.S., and 19.3% has an advanced degree, ranking Lexington the 10th most highly educated city. Equally impressive, 59% of Lexington residents age 18-24 are enrolled in college or graduate school, ranking the city 3rd in college enrollment rates among cities with a population over 300,000.

Anchored by the state's flagship university, the University of Kentucky, the Bluegrass boasts 10 colleges and universities within 40 miles of Lexington.¹ In addition, Lexington has four other professional and technical colleges.² In total, nearly 70,000 students are enrolled in institutions of higher learning in the Bluegrass, graduating over 18,000 annually.



- A. Georgetown College
- B. Kentucky State University
- C. Midway University
- D. University of Kentucky
- E. National College of Business and Technology
- F. Transylvania University
- G. Bluegrass Community and Technical College

- H. Indiana Wesleyan University
- I. MedQuest College
- J. Sullivan University
- K. Asbury University
- L. Centre College
- M. Eastern Kentucky University
- N. Berea College

Percent over Age 25 with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Bourbon County	23.0%
Clark County	20.1%
Fayette County	45.0%
Franklin County	30.7%
Jessamine County	29.2%
Madison County	32.1%
Montgomery County	15.6%
Scott County	30.4%
Woodford County	36.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS, 2020.

Colleges and Universities Within 40 Miles of Lexington				
Institution	2020 Enrollment	2020 Graduates	Degrees Conferred	Distance from Lexington
University of Kentucky	31,110	7,965	B, M, PhD	0 mi
Eastern Kentucky University	14,465	3,820	A, B, M	21 mi
Bluegrass Community & Technical College	10,182	4,484	A	0 mi
Kentucky State University	2,290	205	A, B, M	22 mi
Midway University	1,880	299	A, B, M	12 mi
Asbury University	1,734	423	A, B, M	16 mi
Georgetown College	1,566	395	B, M	12 mi
Berea College	1,432	335	B	34 mi
Centre College	1,333	354	B	32 mi
Transylvania University	957	178	B	0 mi
Total	66,949	18,458		

Source: Kentucky Council for Postsecondary Education; Commerce Lexington, 2021.