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ON THE COVER:

Originally built in 1899, Lexington's Historic Courthouse building in the heart of downtown had been vacant for most of the last decade, while the public and city officials decided what to do with the facility. In 2015, the decision was made to rehabilitate the building, and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government used funds combined with federal and state historic tax credits to complete the project. Following a renovation of the building's interior and exterior, the Courthouse re-opened in the summer of 2018. The transformed facility includes a restaurant and bourbon bar, a new Visitors' Center, an event space, and the offices of VisitLEX and The Breeders' Cup. [Commerce Lexington Inc. Photo]



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Welcome to the Bluegrass!

What makes Lexington, Kentucky, unique is its variety – the variety of its landscape, educational opportunities, health care choices, family activities, arts and culture, businesses, and economy. Our region is among the smartest, most affordable, job friendly, entrepreneurial, most inspiring, and innovative places in America.

A lot has been happening here over the last few years – from streetscape improvements to new and enhanced bike and walking trails to many hospital expansions to a rapidly-growing high-tech sector. There's a perception among many residents here that Lexington is on the move, and the city you are experiencing today is far different than that of even a decade ago.

Whether you're coming here to live, work, start a business, or play, you'll find the Bluegrass full of charm and hospitality. It's an experience like none other, and you'll find yourself wanting to come back again and again or perhaps you'll just decide to stay.

History

Lexington is rich in tradition and history. Well-known explorer Daniel Boone established nearby Boonesboro, one of the first settlements in the state, in 1775. It helped pave the way for others to follow and settle an area known as McConnell Springs, Lexington's birthplace. The settlers later named the area after the site of the opening battle of the Revolutionary War at Lexington, Massachusetts. Fayette County was named in honor of Marquis de Lafayette, France's largest supporter of the American Revolution in 1780.

Once a part of Virginia, Lexington was granted 710 acres by the Virginia General Assembly in 1782. Ten years later, Virginia released Kentucky, and it assumed statehood, making Frankfort its state capital.

In 1812, Henry Clay, who is known as "The Great Compromiser," built Ashland, a 400-acre estate. Lexington opened its first city school in 1834. When the 1890's rolled around, tobacco replaced hemp as the major cash crop in the Bluegrass. By the early 1900's, Lexington became the world's largest burley tobacco market.

Historic **Keeneland Race Course** opened to huge crowds in 1936, while planes began taking off from nearby Blue Grass Airport in 1942.

In 1974, the city of Lexington and Fayette County merged, creating Kentucky's only urban county government until recently, when Louisville merged its city and county governments.



Keeneland Fall Race Meet (Keeneland Photo)

Living in the Bluegrass



Find realtors and relocation services on-line at <http://web.commercelexington.com/Real-Estate-Construction>

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The housing choices for a resident of Fayette County are as diverse as the people and the economy. From newer suburban neighborhoods like Andover or Masterson Station to older, historical areas such as Henry Clay and Chevy Chase, Lexington truly offers something for everyone. Residents can choose from downtown living, farms, apartments and duplexes, million-dollar homes, and suburbia, as well as the small-town atmosphere of communities like Midway, Paris, Versailles or Winchester.

According to the Fayette County Property Valuation Administrator's office, the median home sales price in 2018 was right around \$190,000, making the region an attractive and affordable place to live. With thousands of college students descending on the area each fall, a plethora of options are available to renters, such as apartment complexes, townhouses, duplexes, and even older homes near campus.

Housing By-The-Numbers:

*ACCRA Cost of Living figures: 2018 Annual Averages

\$308,662

Cost for 2,400-square foot living area new home with three bedrooms, two baths, and a two-car garage on 60x120 lot.

4.50%

Average mortgage rate with points.

\$74.43

Average monthly electric bill.

\$987

Monthly rent for unfurnished apartment with two bedrooms, two baths at approximately 950-square feet (excluding all utilities except water and sewer).

\$71.89

Average monthly gas bill.

\$179.47

Average monthly phone bill.

Lexington's Cost of Living Index (2018 Averages):

| CITY | COMPOSITE | GROCERY | HOUSING | UTILITIES | TRANSPORT. | HEALTH CARE | MISC. GOODS |
|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Lexington, KY | 94.2 | 88.5 | 89.3 | 93.1 | 98.8 | 87.8 | 100.4 |
| Charleston, SC | 100.7 | 95.2 | 94.4 | 127.0 | 90.3 | 106.5 | 103.3 |
| Charlotte, NC | 97.0 | 99.6 | 85.2 | 94.0 | 95.1 | 107.6 | 106.0 |
| Atlanta, GA | 101.8 | 99.6 | 106.2 | 87.0 | 100.1 | 109.1 | 102.4 |
| Columbus, OH | 90.8 | 95.9 | 77.4 | 87.3 | 92.7 | 92.2 | 100.3 |
| Louisville, KY | 93.3 | 88.8 | 78.5 | 92.0 | 101.2 | 97.8 | 105.1 |
| Madison, WI | 105.9 | 105.4 | 109.1 | 99.3 | 103.6 | 118.8 | 104.2 |
| Nashville, TN | 99.2 | 95.3 | 93.1 | 96.6 | 95.0 | 84.0 | 109.0 |

ABOUT THE INDEX: The ACCRA Cost of Living Index measures price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas. The average for all participating places, both metropolitan and non-metropolitan, equals 100 (i.e. the national average equals 100). Each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places. The index does NOT measure inflation. The index reflects cost differences for a mid-management standard of living, and actual cost of living differences can change based on your residential location. Because the number of items priced is limited, it is not valid to treat percentage differences between areas as exact measures. The index does NOT take taxes into consideration.

Central Kentucky

Many of the national economic rankings recognizing Lexington-Fayette County are based on statistical information from the entire region (Metropolitan Statistical Area or MSA). While Lexington grabs many of the headlines, the impact of people throughout the Bluegrass Region is substantial due to the close proximity of Fayette County to the surrounding communities.

Lexington's closeness to cities like Winchester, Berea, Richmond, and Versailles allows for easy trips to and from those communities to enjoy shopping, arts and crafts fairs, festivals, golfing, and much more. The following is a sampling of key cities that are just a hop, skip, and a jump from Lexington.

Berea

Located 35 miles south of Lexington just off I-75 where the Bluegrass meets the mountains in northern Madison County, Berea is known as the "Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky." It is home to the Kentucky Artisan Center, where people can explore Kentucky artisan works and their stories in the center's exhibit and retail areas, and shop for a wide range of Kentucky products. For more information, visit www.visitberea.com or www.bereachamber.com.

Georgetown

Located just north of the crossroads of I-75 and I-64, Georgetown and Scott County are ideally located ten miles north of Lexington. Georgetown is one of Kentucky's fastest-growing communities and is the home of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, and Georgetown College, the first Baptist college founded west of the Allegheny mountains. For more information, visit www.georgetownky.com or www.gtown.org.

Midway

The city of Midway in Woodford County was built by the Lexington and Ohio Railroad in 1831. The site was also known as Middleway. Midway is the home of Midway College. In the heart of the Bluegrass Region, Midway is noted for its scenic beauty, its economic health, and the commitment of its citizens to preserving its community assets through careful and proactive planning and strategic action. For more, visit <http://meetmeinmidway.com>.

Nicholasville

Located less than two miles to the south of Lexington, Nicholasville in Jessamine County is another one of the state's fastest-growing places. It is home to the R.J. Corman Railroad Group, which was founded in 1973 and now operates in 22 states. Meanwhile, nearby Wilmore is home to Asbury College. For more information, visit www.jessamineco.com, www.jessaminechamber.org, www.nicholasville.org and www.wilmore.org.

Paris

About 17 miles northeast of Lexington, Paris is the county seat of Bourbon County, which was one of the original nine counties that comprised Kentucky when it became a state in 1792. Downtown Paris includes one of the most intact Victorian-era Main Streets in the state, and Bourbon County is one of the leading producers of Thoroughbred horses in the world. For more information, visit www.pariskytourism.com or www.parisbourbonchamber.com.

Richmond

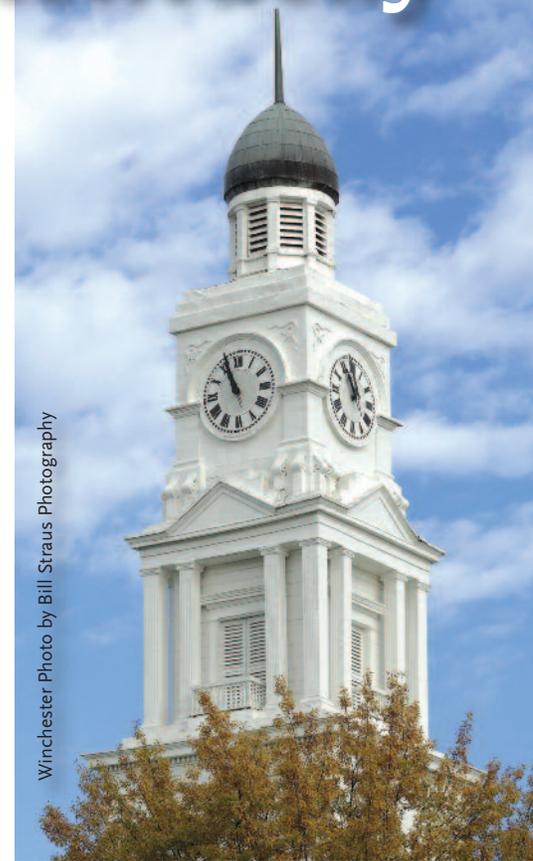
Founded in 1798, Richmond is now one of Kentucky's fastest-growing cities and is home to Eastern Kentucky University. With over 100 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places and three National Register Historic Districts, downtown Richmond is considered one of the state's finest restored 19th Century commercial districts. For more information, visit www.richmondchamber.com.

Versailles

The seat of Woodford County, Versailles is located on U.S. 60 and U.S. 62. The town was established in 1792, and later incorporated in 1837. Versailles offers a wealth of historic southern homes and buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Many of the residents built impressive homes early in the 19th Century, making Versailles one of the most architecturally interesting communities in Kentucky. For more information, visit www.versailles.ky.gov or www.woodfordcountyinfo.com.

Winchester

The city of Winchester in Clark County sits in the middle of Daniel Boone country just 20 miles to the east of Lexington. The legendary pioneer founded Fort Boonesborough in 1775, and the city of Winchester commemorates the occasion annually during its Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival held during Labor Day weekend. The area boasts many beautiful, fun and educational tourism spots all within a day of travel. For more, visit www.winchesterky.com or www.tourwinchester.com.



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The Bluegrass Region is a focal point in Kentucky for trade, service, and government functions. Inside the Bluegrass, the city of Lexington is the center for finance, insurance, and real estate activities. Lexington and the surrounding communities are also very successful in attracting and retaining manufacturing employment.

The largest employer in the Bluegrass Region is the University of Kentucky, employing nearly 13,000 educators, administrators, and support staff. Toyota is the largest manufacturer in the region. The Fayette County Public School system and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government are the largest single public entities in the area.

The Bluegrass Region has successfully avoided much of the high unemployment rates that have manifested themselves in the state of Kentucky, as well as the U.S. during the recent recession. A diverse economy that includes government, education, and health care, as well as a highly educated labor force have helped to shield the Bluegrass from seeing the worst of the worldwide economic crisis.

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Cities With High Salaries & Low Costs of Living

- GoBankingRates.com

Labor Force Analysis

Employment in the eight-county Bluegrass Region is centered in Fayette County (Lexington). Overall, 58% of the jobs in the Bluegrass Region are in Fayette County. Although Fayette County has the highest number of workers making more than \$3,333 a month, Scott County has the highest percentage (51.7%). This can be attributed to the presence of Toyota Motor Manufacturing.

Around 32% of the Bluegrass labor force resides outside the region. Most notably, about 4% of the Bluegrass labor force resides in Jefferson County (Louisville). Fayette and Woodford counties both import 28.6% of their labor force from outside of the Bluegrass Region - the fewest of the eight Bluegrass counties. On the other end of the scale, Franklin (43.2%) and Clark (39.1%) counties import the highest percentage of their labor from outside of the Bluegrass Region. In keeping with its status as the employment center in the Bluegrass Region, Fayette County (Lexington) both houses and imports the highest number of workers of all the Bluegrass counties.

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The Academies of Lexington are changing the way students are educated. This Career Exploration Event connected 50-plus employers with over 1,300 ninth grade students. For more information, visit <https://academiesoflex.com>.

Kentucky's commitment to education over the last 20-plus years has made it a model for the nation. The catch phrase, "Education Pays," has been embraced throughout the region. The Fayette County Public Schools has made major strides in teacher pay, student testing, teacher training, administration, and school safety. The county continues to set high standards for education, with students consistently scoring above state and national averages on both the SAT and ACT. A majority of high school graduates in Fayette County later attend college.

Fayette County Public Schools are consistently listed among the nation's best for cities of Lexington's size. It is also one of the only districts in the nation that offers three languages in grade K through 12. With 67 schools and other academic and alternative programs, as well as 42,000-plus students, the district is governed by a five-member school board. The district employs just over 5,500 people, including full time teachers, student support and administrative/office staff.

Public School Registration

Kentucky law requires children between 6 and 18 years old to attend school, and the birthday cutoff for enrolling in kindergarten is age five on or before August 1. Also, families may apply for preschool if their child turns four on or before August 1 and is income-eligible. Three- and four-year-olds who have a special need may also apply for preschool in the Fayette County program. To enroll a new, first-time student in grades K-12, a parent or guardian may start the process on-line at www.fcps.net/registration or by visiting the school their neighborhood is assigned to and filling out a registration packet.

FCPS Preschool Program

The Fayette County Preschool Program is the state-mandated preschool offering in Fayette County Public Schools. The Fayette County Preschool Center, headquartered at 465 Springhill Drive, houses four classrooms. Other preschool locations are at elementary schools, the Family Care Center, and the UK Early Childhood Lab. A child who meets the following guidelines is eligible for preschool: Lives in Fayette County; Is four years old on or before August 1; and falls under federal income guidelines. For registration packets or more information, call (859) 381-4105 or visit www.fcps.net/preschool.

Fayette County Public Schools

Physical address: 701 E. Main St., 40502
 Mailing address: 1126 Russell Cave Road, 40505
 Phone: (859) 381-4100
www.fcps.net

FCPS District Overview (2018-19)

STUDENTS:

| | |
|---|--------|
| Total number of students enrolled..... | 42,040 |
| Kindergarten-Grade 5 | 19,206 |
| Grades 6-8..... | 9,623 |
| Grades 9-12..... | 12,051 |
| Other (preschool and over 18) | 1,160 |
| Specialized programs/Alternative schools | 1,412* |

**Included in above figures.*

SCHOOLS:

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| Elementary schools | 36 |
| Middle schools | 12 |
| High schools..... | 6 |
| Technical schools..... | 3 |
| Other academic programs | 10 |

CHILD NUTRITION:

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|---|--------|
| Breakfasts served daily | 11,440 |
| Lunches served daily | 25,025 |
| Students qualifying for free/reduced meals..... | 53% |

TRANSPORTATION:

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| Total number of buses..... | 239 |
| Total number of daily bus routes | 1,425 |
| Total student rides per day..... | 37,500 |

**Information from www.fcps.net*

Fayette Co. Public Schools

*NOTE: All addresses are Lexington; Area codes are (859).

Elementary Schools

Academy for Leadership at Millcreek Elementary
1212 Reva Ridge Way, 40517
Phone: 381-3527
www.millcreek.fcps.net

Arlington
122 Arceme Avenue, 40505
Phone: 381-3030
www.arlington.fcps.net

Ashland
195 North Ashland Ave., 40502
Phone: 381-3243
www.ashland.fcps.net

Athens-Chilesburg
930 Jouett Creek Drive, 40509
Phone: 381-4955
www.ace.fcps.net

Booker T. Washington
707 Howard St., 40508
Phone: 381-3263
www.bt.w.fcps.net

Breckinridge
2101 St. Mathilda Drive, 40502
Phone: 381-3273
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Cardinal Valley
218 Mandalay Road, 40504
Phone: 381-3340
www.cardinalvalley.fcps.net

Cassidy
1125 Tates Creek Road, 40502
Phone: 381-3018
www.cassidy.fcps.net

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2319 Clays Mill Road, 40503
Phone: 381-3355
www.claysmill.fcps.net

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2441 Huntly Place, 40511
Phone: 381-3195
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1919 Brynell Drive, 40505
Phone: 381-3069
www.deepsprings.fcps.net

Dixie Magnet
1940 Eastland Parkway, 40505
Phone: 381-3116
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Garden Springs
2151 Garden Springs Drive, 40504
Phone: 381-3388
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1150 Passage Mound Way, 40509
Phone: 381-3165
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Phone: 381-3418
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James Lane Allen
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Phone: 381-3456
www.jla.fcps.net

Julius Marks
3277 Pepperhill Road, 40502
Phone: 381-3470
www.juliusmarks.fcps.net

Lansdowne
336 Redding Road, 40517
Phone: 381-3500
www.lansdowne.fcps.net

Liberty
2585 Liberty Road, 40509
Phone: 381-4979
www.liberty.fcps.net

Mary Todd
551 Parkside Drive, 40505
Phone: 381-3512
www.marytodd.fcps.net

Maxwell Spanish Immersion Magnet
301 Woodland Avenue, 40508
Phone: 381-3516
www.maxwell.fcps.net

Meadowthorpe
1710 N. Forbes Road, 40511
Phone: 381-3521
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Northern
340 Rookwood Parkway, 40505
Phone: 381-3541
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Picadome
1642 Harrodsburg Road, 40504
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Rosa Parks
1251 Beaumont Centre Lane, 40513
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www.rosaparks.fcps.net

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3375 Russell Cave Road, 40511
Phone: 381-3571
www.russellcave.fcps.net

Sandersville
3025 Sandersville Road, 40511
Phone: 381-4980
www.sandersville.fcps.net

Southern
340 Wilson Downing Road, 40517
Phone: 381-3589
www.southernelem.fcps.net

Squires
3337 Squire Oak Road, 40515
Phone: 381-3002
www.squires.fcps.net

Stonewall
3215 Cornwall Drive, 40503
Phone: 381-3079
www.stonewall.fcps.net

Tates Creek
1113 Centre Parkway, 40517
Phone: 381-3606
www.tces.fcps.net

Veterans Park
4351 Clearwater Way, 40515
Phone: 381-3161
www.veterans.fcps.net

Wellington
3280 Keithshire Way, 40503
Phone: 381-3000
www.wellington.fcps.net

William Wells Brown
555 E. Fifth Street, 40508
Phone: 381-4990
www.wwbrown.fcps.net

Yates
695 E. New Circle Road, 40505
Phone: 381-3613
www.yates.fcps.net

Middle Schools

Beaumont
2080 Georgian Way, 40504
Phone: 381-3094
www.beaumont.fcps.net

Bryan Station
1865 Wickland Drive, 40505
Phone: 381-3288
www.bsms.fcps.net

Crawford
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www.crawford.fcps.net

Edythe J. Hayes
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www.ejhayes.fcps.net

Jessie Clark
3341 Clays Mill Road, 40503
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www.jessieclark.fcps.net

Leestown
2010 Leestown Road, 40511
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www.leestown.fcps.net

Lexington Traditional Magnet
350 North Limestone, 40508
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Morton
1225 Tates Creek Road, 40502
Phone: 381-3533
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SCAPA (School for the Creative and Performing Arts) at Bluegrass (Grades 4-8)
400 Lafayette Parkway, 40503
Phone: 381-3332
www.scapa.fcps.net

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400 Wilson Downing Road, 40517
Phone: 381-3582
www.southernmiddle.fcps.net

Tates Creek
1105 Centre Parkway, 40517
Phone: 381-3052
www.tcms.fcps.net

Winburn
1060 Winburn Drive, 40511
Phone: 381-3967
www.winburn.fcps.net

High Schools

Bryan Station
201 Eastin Road, 40505
Phone: 381-3308
www.bs.hs.fcps.net

Frederick Douglass
2000 Winchester Rd., 40509
Phone: 381-3780
www.douglass.fcps.net

Henry Clay
2100 Fontaine Road, 40502
Phone: 381-3423
www.henryclay.fcps.net

Lafayette
401 Reed Lane, 40503
Phone: 381-3474
www.lafayette.fcps.net

Paul Laurence Dunbar
1600 Man O' War Blvd., 40513
Phone: 381-3546
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Tates Creek
1111 Centre Parkway, 40517
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Other Programs

Carter G. Woodson Academy
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Phone: 381-3933
www.cgwacademy.fcps.net

Eastside Technical Center
2208 Liberty Road, 40509
Phone: 381-3740
www.eastside.fcps.net

The Learning Center
475 Price Road, 40508
Phone: 381-0597
www.tlc.fcps.net

Locust Trace AgriScience Farm
3591 Leestown Road, 40511
Phone: 381-3990
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Martin Luther King Jr. Academy for Excellence (Grades 6-12)
2200 Liberty Road, 40509
Phone: 381-4040
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Opportunity Middle College
470 Cooper Drive, 40506
Oswald Bldg., Room 312
Phone: 381-3794
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Southside Technical Center
1800 Harrodsburg Road, 40504
Phone: 381-3603
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4089 Iron Works Pike, 40511
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STEAM Academy
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Lexington Christian Academy

450 West Reynolds Road, Lexington, KY 40503
Phone: (859) 422-5700
www.lexingtonchristian.org

The Lexington School

1050 Lane Allen Road, Lexington, KY 40504
Phone: (859) 278-0501
www.thelexingtonschool.org

Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary School

601 Hill N' Dale Road, Lexington, KY 40503
Phone: (859) 278-7432
www.maryqueenschool.org

Montessori High School

620 S. Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508
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Sayre School

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Seton Catholic School

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Child Care

Lexington offers many licensed day care centers or day care homes for parents with preschool children. Many local churches and hospitals offer child care services.

Kentucky recognizes four basic categories of child-care and has recently begun a rating system for certified day care facilities. The categories include: non-regulated care (private homes with 3 or fewer children), certified family day care homes (up to 6 children), type 2 licensed family day care homes (7-12 children), and type 1 licensed family day care facilities (12 or more children).

To find a licensed childcare facility in Fayette or surrounding counties, call (877) 316-3552 or visit www.kentucky-partnership.org/Services/child-care-referral. More childcare resources are also available through the Kentucky Partner-

ship for Early Childhood Services, a multi-project consortium housed at the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute. The partnership's goal is to provide research, training and outreach to support and enhance quality early care and education. Services are provided through a variety of state and national grants and contracts. For more details, visit www.kentucky-partnership.org.

For more information on Kentucky childcare regulations or credentials, visit <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dCBS/dcc/Pages/find-care.aspx> or contact:

**Division of Child Care
Cabinet for Families and Children**
275 East Main Street, Suite C-F,
Frankfort, KY 40621
Phone: (502) 564-2524



Child Care Checklist

A private, non-profit resource and referral agency for both parents seeking childcare options and providers looking for training and professional development opportunities, the **Child Care Council of Kentucky** outlines certain things that parents should consider when evaluating child care options. According to the Council, one of the first things a parent should look for in any setting is the amount of playtime provided to the children. Young children learn best by using all their senses to explore the world around them. Through play, children develop and master basic skills.

Determine your family's needs in terms of hours, location, days of year (including holidays and vacations) and transportation. Determine what type of setting is best for your child. Call the Child Care Council at (859) 254-9176 or visit www.childcarecouncilofky.com to find child care programs in your area that are specific to your family's needs. Then, visit at least three places and **LOOK, LISTEN and ASK.**

LOOK:

- Are the surroundings safe, clean, and attractive?
- Are the caregivers talking and playing with the children?
- Are there a variety of toys and learning materials available?
- Count the number of children in a group. A small number of children per adult is very important for babies and young children.

LISTEN:

- What does the child care setting sound like? A place that is too quiet may mean not enough activity. A place that is too noisy may mean there is a lack of control.
- Are the caregivers' voices relaxed and reassuring?

ASK:

- It is very important that adults who care for your children have early childhood knowledge and experience.
- Ask about the background of all staff who will have contact with your child.
- Ask about the training the staff will receive.
- Ask about the state license or certification Ask to see their statement of deficiencies.

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Higher Education

The abundance of higher education institutions within the Bluegrass Region brings an infusion of students each fall, and with it comes big dreams and big ideas. The impact of which has produced a very well-educated workforce leading to the area's diverse economy.

In fact, according to U.S. Census Bureau data, Lexington is among the smartest cities in the nation. For cities with a population of 300,000 or more, Lexington ranked 14th overall in percent of population (41.8%) age 25 and older having earned a bachelor's degree or higher. When considering those with advanced degrees (master's, professional or doctorate degree), Lexington also ranked eleventh (18%) among cities of comparable size. That educational attainment trend extends across the entire Bluegrass Region, because the area is blessed with so many quality colleges and universities.

Anchored by the state's flagship university, the University of Kentucky, the Bluegrass boasts 10 colleges and universities within 40 miles of Lexington. In addition, Lexington has five other professional and technical colleges. Nearly 53% of Lexingtonians between ages 18 and 24 are enrolled in college or graduate school, ranking the city ninth in college enrollment rates among cities with a population over 300,000.



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Altogether, institutions of higher learning in the Bluegrass continue to fuel our economy with total enrollment of nearly 67,000 and graduating over 17,000 annually. The economic impact of many of these schools is huge, from student enrollment to faculty to workers to the infusion of research funds.

No matter what your schedule, budget, or career choice, the Bluegrass has a college or university to meet your needs. Contact one of the institutions listed in this publication or visit them on-line to learn more.

Commerce Lexington Inc. Member Higher Education Institutions:

Bellevue University*

470 Cooper Drive, Oswald Bldg., Room 118
Lexington, KY 40506
Phone: (859) 533-7803
<https://transfer.bellevue.edu/bluegrass>
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Bluegrass Community & Technical College

470 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY 40506
500 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40508
Phone: (859) 246-6200
www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu

Centre College

600 West Walnut St., Danville, KY 40422
Phone: (859) 238-5949
www.centre.edu

Eastern Kentucky University

521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475
Phone: (800) 262-7493
www.eku.edu

Employment Solutions' College for Technical Education

1165 Centre Pkwy., Ste. 120, Lexington, KY 40517
Phone: (859) 272-5225
www.cte.edu

EMTP, Inc. – Emergency Medical Training Professionals

1141 Red Mile Rd., Ste. 100, Lexington, KY 40504
Phone: (859) 327-3687
<https://emptky.com/>

Georgetown College

400 East College St., Georgetown, KY 40324
Phone: (502) 863-8030
www.georgetowncollege.edu

Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS)

300 North Main Street, Versailles, KY 40383
Phone: (877) 528-2748
www.kctcs.edu

Lexington Theological Seminary

230 Lexington Green Circle, Suite 300
Lexington, KY 40503
Phone: (859) 252-0361
www.lextheo.edu

MedQuest College

1575 Winchester Road, Lexington, KY 40505
Phone: (859) 402-1035
www.medquestcollege.edu

Midway University

512 E. Stephens St., Midway, KY 40347
Phone: (800) 952-4122
www.midway.edu

Murray State University

102 Curris Center, Murray, KY 42071
Phone: (800) 272-4678
www.murraystate.edu

Sullivan University – Lexington Campus

2355 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, KY 40504
Phone: (859) 276-4357
www.sullivan.edu

Transylvania University

300 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40508
Phone: (859) 233-8300
www.transy.edu

University of Kentucky

100 Main Building
Lexington, KY 40506
Phone: (859) 257-9000
www.uky.edu

Getting Around

It is often said that in business, location is everything. Lexington's economic success is due in large part to its prime location within the state of Kentucky, as well as the nation. Because the city sits at the crossroads of two major Interstate highways, I-64 (East-West) and I-75 (North-South), both visitors and businesses have easy access to many other U.S. cities in the East, South, and Midwest. In fact, Lexington is within a day's drive of two-thirds of the United States' population.

This accessibility makes the area a great spot for companies that need distribution capabilities, such as manufacturers and fulfillment corporations. Travelers can also navigate around the state with ease using the Bluegrass Parkway (located near Versailles), which takes you to the western part of Kentucky, and the Mountain Parkway (starting near Winchester), which leads to eastern Kentucky. In addition, the city is just a hop, skip, and a jump from Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, Knoxville, and Charleston (WV).



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| Ashland..... | 123 miles |
| Bowling Green..... | 155 miles |
| Elizabethtown | 86 miles |
| Frankfort | 29 miles |
| Huntington..... | 127 miles |
| London..... | 76 miles |
| Maysville..... | 64 miles |
| Owensboro | 180 miles |
| Paducah | 262 miles |
| Pikeville..... | 141 miles |

Air Travel

Located at the corner of Man O' War Boulevard and Versailles Road, Lexington's Blue Grass Airport continues to introduce new flights and customer conveniences. With a record number of more than 1.36 million passengers in 2018, the airport has reported passenger records in each of the last four years. Offering approximately 80 daily flights, Blue Grass Airport is served by five major airlines, which provide convenient non-stop service to 17 destinations, including Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago (ORD), Dallas, Destin, Detroit, Ft. Lauderdale, Houston, Minneapolis, Myrtle Beach, New York (LGA), Orlando (Sanford), Philadelphia, Punta Gorda, Fla., Tampa Bay, and Washington, D.C. (Dulles & Reagan). Passengers can check flight schedules at www.bluegrassairport.com.

Public Transit

Lextran serves people and the community with mobility solutions. Lextran's fleet includes compressed natural gas, battery-electric, hybrid-electric, and diesel buses. Lextran operates 23 fixed routes, a door-to-door paratransit service and a vanpool/ridesharing program. Regular bus fare is \$1.00, and there are a variety of reduced fares and pass programs available to individuals who qualify. All buses are equipped with bike racks and are wheelchair accessible. For more information about routes, services, reduced fares or passes, call (859) 253-4636 or visit www.lextran.com.



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Bicycling in the Bluegrass

Over the years, bicycling has become a popular mode of transportation in Lexington, and the local government has made great strides to keep bicyclists safe as they share the roads with automobiles. Lexington continues to invest in new and better marked bike lanes, as well as the development of more shared use trails. To learn about safe bike riding, bike parking, or to find out about the “bikeability” of Lexington, visit www.lexingtonky.gov/trails.

Parking in Downtown

Coming to downtown Lexington? There are estimated to be more than 10,000 parking spaces in the downtown area. The Lexington & Fayette County Parking Authority is committed to making parking more visible and accessible to visitors and residents, offering real-time availability in its parking garages at www.parkme.com/map and on-street parking using the convenience of LEXPARK’s PayByPhone mobile app. Find out more at www.lexpark.org.

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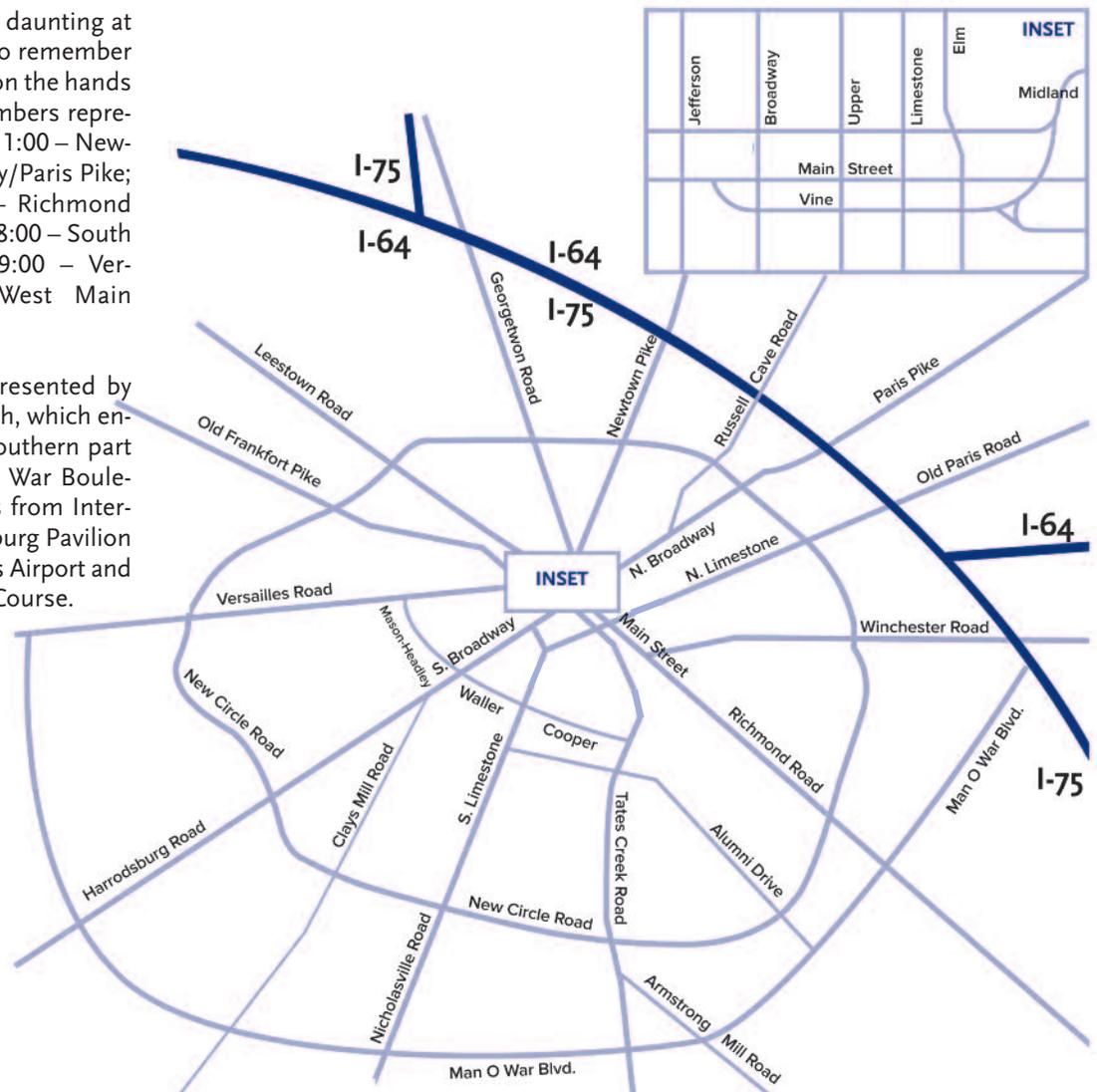
Area Map



Finding Your Way

Getting around Lexington can be daunting at times, but one of the best ways to remember where you need to go is to envision the hands of a clock, with the following numbers representing main roads in Lexington: 1:00 – Newtown Pike; 2:00 – North Broadway/Paris Pike; 3:00 – Winchester Road; 5:00 – Richmond Road; 7:00 – Nicholasville Road; 8:00 – South Broadway/Harrodsburg Road; 9:00 – Versailles Road; and 10:00 – West Main Street/Leestown Road.

The outside of the clock is represented by New Circle Road, a 26-mile stretch, which encircles the city. Just below the southern part of New Circle Road lies Man O’ War Boulevard, which extends for 16 miles from Interstate-75 (Exit 108) near the Hamburg Pavilion to Versailles Road near Blue Grass Airport and the entrance to Keeneland Race Course.



Arts & Culture



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Whether you're in the mood for great musicals, national and international museum exhibits, charming children's productions, outdoor performances, or touring Broadway plays, Lexington hosts a variety of arts and cultural opportunities that fit many interests.

Leading the way for the advancement of the arts locally is **LexArts**, Lexington's cultural development, advocacy and fundraising organization. As both the area arts council and united arts fund, LexArts (www.lexarts.org) provides a wide range of programs and services designed to integrate the arts into our community. On the third Friday of every other month, LexArts HOP enables the public to stroll, socialize, sip, shop and buzz about what's new and now at 40-plus galleries, studios and out-of-the-box exhibit spaces just about everywhere in the city.



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Meanwhile, the **Lexington Art League (LAL)** housed at the historic Loudoun House features 5,000-square feet of gallery space and artist studios that bring contemporary art to life. LAL collaborates with more than 1,400 contemporary artists annually in diverse media from painting to print-making, sculpture to photography and more. LAL also annually presents the Woodland Art Fair (Aug. 17-18, 2019), an outdoor, weekend-long juried art sale.

Theater buffs have several well-known facilities from which to choose to watch performances, including the Lexington Opera

House and Rupp Arena, the **Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center**, ArtsPlace, Lexington Children's Theatre, Singleton Center for the Arts on the University of Kentucky campus, and the Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center.



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Great arts education opportunities are available at **The Living Arts & Science Center (LASC)**, which inspires participation of youth and adults in art and science by engaging the community through education, discovery, exploration, and creativity. Celebrating 50 years, LASC's newly-expanded facility includes a teaching kitchen, a dedicated ceramics studio, a digital media lab, new classrooms and art galleries, and Lexington's only Planetarium!

The Bluegrass Region is proud of its arts and cultural component, and support of the arts stretches to both the public and private sectors.

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Search more local health & wellness options at <http://web.commercelexington.com/Health-Care>

The health care sector has been one of the driving forces of growth and stability in the Bluegrass economy, with nearly 14-percent of the area's workforce employed in health care and social assistance fields. In fact, the region's health care industry is a big reason that Lexington-Fayette County typically weathers national economic recessions better than many other communities.

Lexington's health care supply is consistently ranked among the best in North America and the world, while the industry's constant expansion is evident in hospital and clinic construction, as well as renovation projects throughout the city.

Offering a diverse range of services, including hospitals, clinics,

blood banks, and emergency care, the region provides a variety of health care options. Area hospitals are prepared to handle everything from emergency surgery to newborn babies. Lexington is home to many innovative and unprecedented medical efforts in the state, nation and the world.

Because of its central location in the Commonwealth, Lexington has become the hub for health care services in Central and Eastern Kentucky. In fact, a large portion of patients admitted to hospitals in Fayette County are from outside the metropolitan area. The quality of health care is second to none, and people throughout the state recognize it to be among the best.

Commerce Lexington Inc. Member Hospitals & Clinics:

Blood Banks

Kentucky Blood Center, Inc.
3121 Beaumont Centre Circle, 40503
Phone: (859) 276-2534
www.kybloodcenter.org

Clinics

Baptist Health Medical Group
1051 Newtown Pike, Suite 130, 40511
Phone: (859) 253-0076
www.baptisthealthoccmcd.com

Lexington Clinic
1221 South Broadway, 40504
Phone: (859) 258-4000
www.lexingtonclinic.com

Lexington Urgent Care
1701 Nicholasville Road, Suite 100, 40503
Phone: (859) 523-5310
www.urgentcareofky.com

Hospitals

Baptist Health Lexington
1740 Nicholasville Road, 40503-1424
Phone: (859) 260-6100
www.baptisthealthlexington.com

Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital
2050 Versailles Road, 40504-1499
Phone: (859) 254-5701
www.cardinalhillrehabilitation.com

CHI Saint Joseph Health
1 Saint Joseph Drive, 40504
Phone: (859) 313-1000
www.chisaintjosephhealth.org

CHI Saint Joseph East
150 North Eagle Creek Drive, 40509
Phone: (859) 967-5000
www.chisaintjosephhealth.org/saint-joseph-east-lexington

Shriners Hospitals for Children
110 Conn Terrace, 40508
Phone: (859) 266-2101
www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

UK HealthCare
www.ukhealthcare.uky.edu

UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital - Pavilion A
1000 South Limestone, 40536
Phone: (859) 323-5000

UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital – Pavilion H & HA
800 Rose Street, 40536
Phone: (859) 323-5000

UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital - Pavilion G
Gill Heart & Vascular Institute
800 Rose Street, 40536
Phone: (859) 323-0295

UK Good Samaritan Hospital
310 S. Limestone, 40508
Phone: (859) 226-7000

Eastern State Hospital
1350 Bull Lea Road, 40511
Phone: (859) 246-8000

Kentucky Children's Hospital
UK Chandler Hospital - Pavilion HA, 4th Floor
800 Rose Street, 40536
Phone: (859) 323-5000

Senior Living

Lexington was the first city in the nation to implement adult day-care programs. Its high quality of life has made the area increasingly popular for those seeking a retirement community. Area facilities provide everything from skilled care to essentially independent living. The Lexington Senior Citizen Center provides social services, recreation, specialized health services, and education to the older members of our community.

Over the years, Lexington has worked hard to meet the needs of its expanding older population, as it was among the first in the country to see the beginning of a dementia-specific day center in 1984. The area includes a variety of programs and services targeted at those older than age 50.

The University of Kentucky offers two programs for older adults. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UK offers a wide variety of educational and enrichment courses, shared interest groups, forums, daytrips & events for adults aged 50 or older. OLLI has sites in Lexington and Morehead with a curriculum that varies each semester. The Donovan Fellowship waives tuition and fees for academic university classes. To be eligible you must be 65 years of age or older and a resident of Kentucky.

From adult day-care services to retirement planning to retirement communities/nursing homes within the Commerce Lexington Inc. membership, senior citizens will find plenty of options and assistance during their "golden years." Search on-line for more senior services at <http://web.commercelexington.com/search>.



Commerce Lexington Inc. Member Senior Living Facilities:

All addresses are Lexington, unless otherwise noted.

Bridgepointe at Ashgrove Woods
5220 Grey Oak Lane
Nicholasville, KY 40356
Phone: (859) 885-3000
www.bridgepointeassistedcare.com

Brookdale Richmond Place
3051 Rio Dosa Drive, 40509
Phone: (859) 269-6308
www.brookdale.com

Hartland Hills
1005 Tanbark Road, 40515
Phone: (859) 447-0290
www.hartlandhills.com

Highgrove at Tates Creek
4251 Saron Drive, 40515
Phone: (859) 245-0100
www.highgroveattatescreek.com

The Lafayette at Lexington Country Place
690 Mason Headley Road, 40504
Phone: (859) 278-9080
www.lafayettelexington.com

Liberty Ridge Senior Living
701 Liberty Ridge Lane, 40509
Phone: (859) 543-9449
www.libertyridge.com

Mayfair Village Retirement Community
3310 Tates Creek Road, 40502-3464
Phone: (859) 266-2129
www.mayfairseniors.com

Morning Pointe of Lexington
233 Ruccio Way, 40503
Phone: (859) 554-0060
www.morningpointe.com

Morning Pointe of Lexington – East
150 Shoreside Drive, 40515
Phone: (859) 554-0060
www.morningpointe.com

Pleasant Meadow Assisted Living
2141 Executive Drive, 40505
Phone: (859) 317-8439
www.mypleasantmeadow.com

Provision Living at Beaumont Centre
1165 Monarch Street, 40513
Phone: (859) 687-6587
www.provisionliving.com/beamont

Sayre Christian Village
3775 Belleau Wood Drive, 40517
Phone: (859) 271-9001
www.sayrechristianvillage.org

Trent Village Senior Housing
1393 Trent Boulevard, 40517
Phone: (859) 245-0106
Web: www.trentvillage.com

The Willows at Citation
1376 Silver Springs Drive, 40504
Phone: (859) 277-0320
www.willowsatcitation.com

The Willows at Fritz Farm
2710 Man O'War Blvd., 40515
Phone: (859) 273-0088
www.willowsatfritzfarm.com

The Willows at Hamburg
2531 Old Rosebud Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 543-0337
www.willowsathamburg.com

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180 Lucky Man Way
Harrodsburg, KY 40330
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Business & Industry



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The region serves as a health care, retail, and cultural center for both Central and Eastern Kentucky. Whether you're seeking employment or looking to start a business, Lexington is among the top cities in the nation for entrepreneurs. Lexington was recently named among the Best Places for Business & Careers (*FORBES*), cities with the lowest cost of living (*Niche*), the Fastest Growing Rate of Startups (*FiveThirtyEight*), and the Top 10 Best Cities for Entrepreneurs (*The Penny Hoarder*).

Despite a solid base of manufacturing and automotive suppliers, the Bluegrass Region is mainly a service-based economy. By itself, manufacturing is one of the larger employers and the highest wage payer in the Bluegrass. However, when combined, the various service sectors easily outpace manufacturing in both employment and wages. Especially strong in the areas of health care and education, the service sector continues to be the main economic engine for the region.

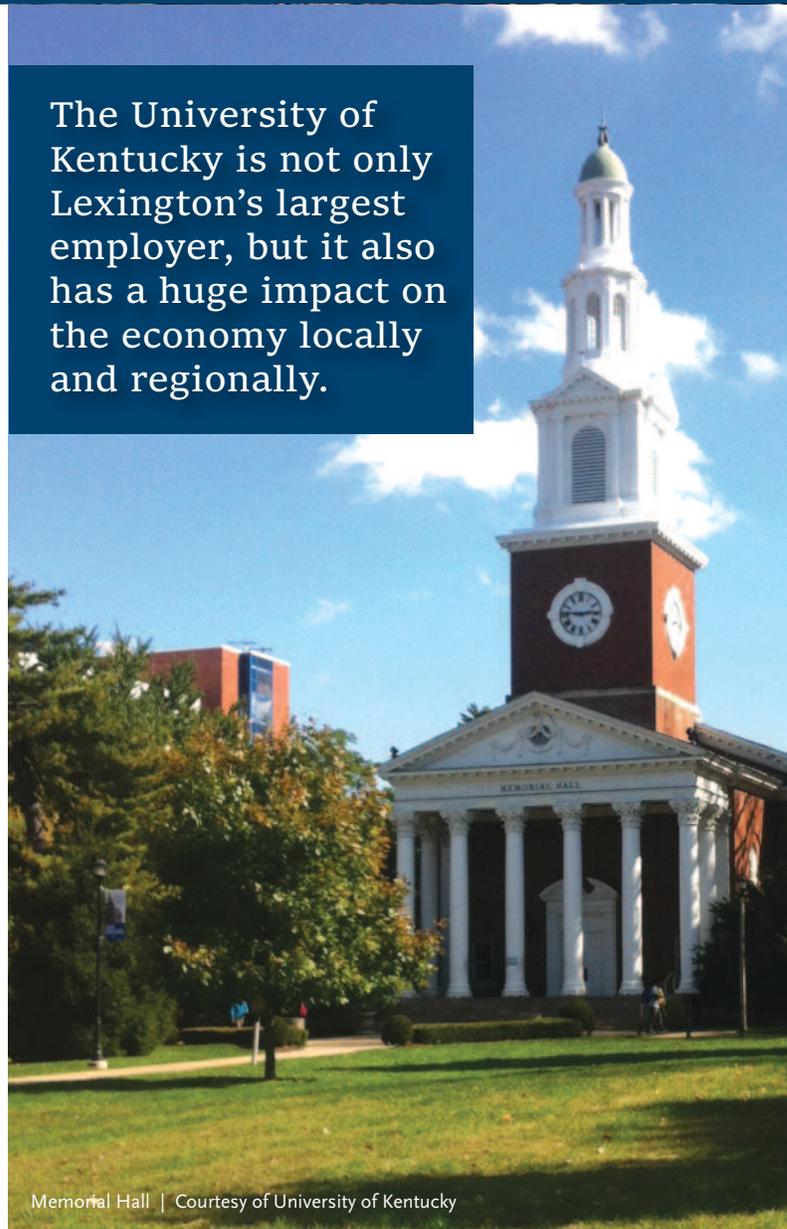
The Bluegrass is a \$30 billion economy marked by consistent, sustainable growth. Between 2001 and 2017, the Bluegrass Region's economy (GDP) grew 72.6% overall, translating into a real compound annual growth rate of 3.4%.

In terms of median and per capita income, the Bluegrass easily outpaces the state of Kentucky as a whole. It matches up much more favorably with the U.S. average on median household, family, and personal income, as well as per capita income.

Because of its relatively low utility costs, Lexington has remained a very affordable place to do business. Kentucky enjoys a tremendous competitive advantage in the provision of energy, natural gas, and water supply. This was certainly a contributing factor when the city was named #6 among Cities with the Lowest Startup Costs (*SmartAsset*).

The University of Kentucky, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Fayette County Public Schools, and Eastern Kentucky University are among the major employers within the Lexington MSA. Citizens also enjoy strong employment opportunities in equine related businesses, health care, retail and services. Principal manufactured products include automobiles, automobile parts, peanut butter, cutting tools, heating and air conditioning equipment, paper cups and products, software, sunroofs, and military equipment.

The University of Kentucky is not only Lexington's largest employer, but it also has a huge impact on the economy locally and regionally.



Memorial Hall | Courtesy of University of Kentucky

Shopping & Dining



If you've got time to shop, then the Bluegrass is ready with all you can handle in the way of diverse shopping opportunities. Whether you enjoy indoor malls, unique shopping areas, quaint family-owned stores, farmers' markets, or downtown shops, the variety of shopping environments is certainly overwhelming. People come from miles around to see what the Bluegrass has to offer.

Lexington is home to one of the state's largest malls, Fayette Mall (Nicholasville Road), as well as Kentucky's largest shopping, convention and sports arena complex located at The Shops at Lexington Center. One block from Lexington Center across West Main Street is The Square. A little further out Nicholasville Road just into Jessamine County is a newer shopping and dining area called Brannon Crossing. Other area malls and shopping areas to hit include The Mall at Lexington Green (Nicholasville Road), the Lansdowne Shoppes (Tates Creek Road), the many shops and restaurants at Hamburg Pavilion (I-75 & Man O'War), and the recently-opened area called The Summit at Fritz Farm located at the corner of Nicholasville Road and Man O'War.

Also in Lexington, you'll find unique shopping areas (similar to districts), such as Clay Avenue, Chevy Chase Village, the Greentree section of Short Street, North Limestone, Old Vine Street, as well as South Limestone near the University of Kentucky campus. Regionally, you'll find the small-town shopping atmosphere in downtown areas like Georgetown, Midway, Winchester, Richmond, Berea, Paris, and Versailles. Even further up the road on I-64 in Simpsonville are The Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass.

If you're looking to shop in the Bluegrass, come with a lot of energy and plenty of space in your vehicle, because you certainly won't leave empty-handed.



When people are finished shopping in and around Lexington, they can take a break at one of over 600 area eating and drinking establishments. From local favorites to chain restaurants, residents and visitors alike enjoy local traditions such as Derby Pie, hot browns and burgoo, as well as a wonderful mix of choices from seafood to Japanese to Italian, Mexican, and many more. New restaurants continue to pop up all over Lexington, catering to the area's insatiable appetite for great food and drink.

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Shopping



Dining



What to See



Photo by Bill Straus Photography

PumpkinMania on the campus of Transylvania University invites the public for an evening of trick-or-treating, live music, food trucks & children's activities.

As the "Horse Capital of the World," the Bluegrass Region has no shortage of horse-related activities – from horse farm tours to a day at the races to elegant equestrian events. One place you won't want to miss is historic Keeneland Race Course, which offers world-class Thoroughbred racing April 4-26 and October 4-26, as well as horse sales throughout the year.

In northern Fayette County, you'll find the Kentucky Horse Park, which is home to the International Museum of the Horse, American Saddlebred Museum, Hall of Champions and the Parade of Breeds, and annually hosts the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event (April 25-28) and the National Horse Show (October 26-November 3). Closer to downtown Lexington is The Red Mile, which is the second-oldest harness track in the world, and features simulcasting, horse sales, and instant racing.

Even if you aren't into horses, there are plenty of other things to do in and around the region that are fun and won't break your budget – from visiting a winery to riding a zipline, or perhaps taking a tour of a historical site, local candy shop, or one of the area's many historic homes.

If you're into spectator sports, there are plenty of college and professional options in the area. The most popular outings include University of Kentucky basketball and football, the South Atlantic League champion Lexington Legends professional baseball, and hard-charging NASCAR racing at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta.

Although Kentucky's Bourbon heritage dates back many years, recently it has seen quite the "revival" in terms of the economic impact on the state. Kentucky

produces and ages about 95-percent of all the Bourbon in the world. Distilleries around the Commonwealth continue to welcome growing numbers of visitors, including Commerce Lexington members Buffalo Trace in Frankfort, Beam Suntory in Clermont, Alltech's Town Branch Distillery - the first to be opened in Lexington in more than 100 years, and the James E. Pepper Distilling Co., also in Lexington. To enjoy tours and tastings along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, contact a specific distillery or visit www.kybourbon.com.

Craft breweries have also become popular in the region, with fourteen now included on VisitLex's Brewgrass Trail.

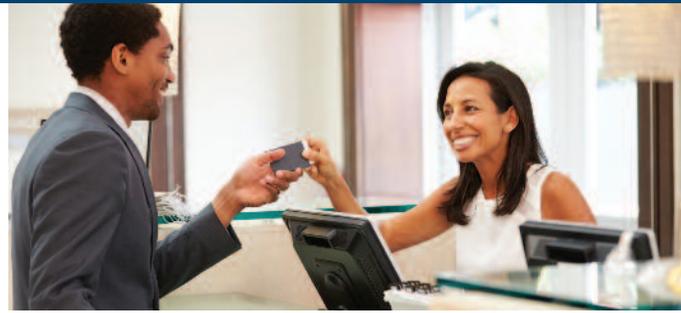
More Fun Things to Do



Lexington Legends | Photo by Bill Straus Photography

Where to Stay

Visitors and tourists to Lexington will find nothing short of superb “Southern hospitality” when staying here. From a plethora of hotels and motels to quaint bed and breakfasts to historic inns, the options are many. New hotels continue to pop up almost daily here. Scan the QR code with your device for the most up-to-date list.



CLX Member Hotels/Motels and B&B's:

21c Museum Hotel Lexington
167 West Main St., 40507
Phone: (859) 899-6810
www.21clexington.com

The Campbell House Curio
1375 South Broadway, 40504
Phone: (859) 255-4281
www.thecampbellhouse.com

Candlewood Suites
603 Adcolor Drive, 40511
Phone: (859) 967-1940
www.candlewoodsuites.com

Clarion Hotel Conference Center North
1950 Newtown Pike, 40511
Phone: (859) 233-0512
www.clarionhotellex.com

Comfort Inn & Suites of Lexington
2400 Buena Vista Road, 40505
Phone: (859) 293-6113
www.comfortinnlexingtonky.com

Comfort Suites
3060 Fieldstone Way, 40513
Phone: (859) 296-4446
www.comfortsuites.com

Country Inn & Suites Hotel
2297 Executive Drive, 40505
Phone: (859) 299-8844
www.countryinns.com/lexingtonky_north

Courtyard by Marriott Lexington Keeneland/Airport
3100 Wall Street, 40513
Phone: (859) 224-0460
www.marriott.com/lexkn

Courtyard by Marriott Lexington North
775 Newtown Court, 40511
Phone: (859) 253-4646
www.marriott.com/lexno

Courtyard by Marriott South Hamburg
1951 Pleasant Ridge Dr., 40509
Phone: (859) 263-9090
www.marriott.com/lexce

Doubletree Suites by Hilton Lexington
2601 Richmond Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 268-0060
www.lexingtonsuites.doubletree.com

Embassy Suites at Lexington Green
245 Lexington Green Circle, 40503
Phone: (859) 271-4000
www.lexingtongreen.embassysuitesbyhilton.com

Embassy Suites Hotel
1801 Newtown Pike, 40511
Phone: (859) 455-5000
www.lexington.embassysuites.com

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Lexington East/I-75
2211 Elkhorn Road, 40505
Phone: (859) 303-4386
www.marriott.com/lexle

Fairfield Inn by Marriott - Beaumont
3050 Lakecrest Circle, 40513
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www.marriott.com/lexsw

Four Points by Sheraton
1938 Stanton Way, 40511
Phone: (859) 259-1311
www.fourpoints.com/lexington

Hampton Inn - Medical Center/UK
1953 Nicholasville Road, 40503
Phone: (859) 313-9000
<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/kentucky/hampton-inn-lexington-medical-center-LEXMCHX/index.html>

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2251 Elkhorn Road, 40505
Phone: (859) 299-2613
www.hamptoninn.com

Hilton Garden Inn
1973 Plaudit Place, 40509
Phone: (859) 543-8300
www.hilton.com

Hilton Lexington Downtown
369 West Vine Street, 40507
Phone: (859) 231-9000
www.lexingtondowntown.hilton.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lexington Midtown / I-75
2255 Buena Vista Road, 40505
Phone: (859) 309-0492
www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/lexington/lexsl/hoteldetail

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
1780 Sharkey Way, 40511
Phone: (859) 231-0656
www.hiexpress.com/lexingtonky

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Downtown
1000 Export St., 40504
Phone: (859) 389-6800
www.hiexpress.com/lexington

Holiday Inn Lexington Hamburg
1976 Justice Drive, 40509
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www.holidayinn.com/lexmw

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126 East Lowry Lane, 40503
Phone: (859) 313-5200
www.lexingtonuniversitymedicalcenter.ome2suites.com

Homewood Suites by Hilton
249 Ruccio Way, 40503
Phone: (859) 223-0880
www.lexington.homewoodsuites.com

Homewood Suites by Hilton - Hamburg
2033 Bryant Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 543-0464
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Hyatt Place Lexington
2001 Bryant Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 296-0091
www.hyattplacelexington.com

Hyatt Regency Lexington
401 West High Street, 40507
Phone: (859) 253-1234
www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/kentucky/hyatt-regency-lexington/lexrl

The Kentucky Castle
230 Pigsah Pike, Versailles, 40383
Phone: (859) 256-0322
www.thekentuckycastle.com

Lexington Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa
1800 Newtown Pike, 40511
Phone: (859) 231-5100
www.griffingatemarriott.com

Lexington Marriott City Center
[Opens November 2019]
121 W. Vine Street, 40507
Phone: (859) 253-1000
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lexdt-lexington-marriott-city-center/

Lexington Relocation
3131 Custer Drive, Suite 6, 40517
Phone: (859) 273-3303
www.lexingtonrelocation.com

Montgomery Inn BnB
270 Montgomery Ave., Versailles, 40383
Phone: (859) 251-4103
www.montgomeryinnbnb.com

Origin Hotel Lexington
[Opening Summer 2019]
4174 Rowan, 40517
Phone: (859) 245-0400
<https://originhotel.com/lexington>

Quality Inn
2381 Buena Vista Drive, 40505
Phone: (859) 299-0302
www.choicehotels.com/kentucky/lexington/quality-inn-hotels/ky078

Queenslake
292 Soards Road, Georgetown, 40324
Phone: (312) 388-2225
www.queenslake.org

Ramada Conference Center
2143 North Broadway, 40505
Phone: (859) 299-1261
www.ramadainnlexky.com

Red Roof Inn South
2651 Wilhite Drive, 40503
Phone: (859) 277-9400
www.redroof.com

Residence Inn Lexington City Center
[Opens November 2019]
150 W. Main St., 40507
Phone: (859) 253-3000
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lexrd-residence-inn-lexington-city-center

Residence Inn Lexington Keeneland/Airport
3110 Wall Street, 40513
Phone: (859) 296-0460
www.marriott.com/lexke

Residence Inn South by Marriott
2688 Pink Pigeon Parkway, 40509
Phone: (859) 263-9979
www.marriott.com/lexri

Sleep Inn
1920 Plaudit Place, 40509
Phone: (859) 543-8400
www.sleepinn.choicehotels.com

Springhill Suites by Marriott
863 South Broadway, 40504
Phone: (859) 225-1500
www.marriott.com/lexsh

Staybridge Suites - Lexington
125 Louie Place, 40511
Phone: (859) 233-2300
www.staybridgesuites.com/lexingtonky

TownePlace Suites by Marriott - Lexington South/Hamburg
1790 Vendor Way, 40509
Phone: (859) 263-0018
www.marriott.com/lexts

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Lexington Keeneland/Airport
980 Midnight Pass, 40513
Phone: (859) 368-9491
www.marriott.com/LEXTW

WoodSpring Suites Lexington
2370 Lake Park Road, 40502
Phone: (859) 269-6677
www.woodspring.com/extended-stay-hotels/locations/kentucky/lexington/hotels

NOTE: All locations are Lexington unless noted otherwise.



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Lexington offers an abundance of recreational opportunities to keep you and your family moving and grooving in the Bluegrass. From parks to golf courses, nature sites to walking trails, swimming pools to skate parks, fitness centers to YMCA locations, the opportunities to maintain an active lifestyle are numerous. There are also a variety of options for fitness and exercising – from large fitness centers to those only for women, and personal trainers located all over Lexington.

Parks & Recreation

Whether it's skateboarding, swimming or jogging, Lexington's Parks and Recreation has a lot to offer. Currently, there are more than 100 parks consisting of more than 4,000 acres in Lexington. The parks system includes athletics, after school programs, aquatics, community centers, cultural arts, day camps, dog runs, equestrian, fitness trails, golf, gymnasium, natural areas, playgrounds, rental facilities, senior adult programs, special events, therapeutic recreation and open spaces for passive recreation. To find out more, call (859) 288-2900 or visit www.lexingtonky.gov/browse/recreation.

Walking & Bike Trails

The city has made a commitment in recent years to adding and enhancing its trail system for the health and activity of its citizens. Whether you enjoy hiking, walking, running or biking, our trails allow individuals the opportunity to rejuvenate and maintain one's mind and body all while having fun. To view a full list of trails throughout the city, visit www.lexingtonky.gov/trails.

Skate Parks

- Berry Hill Skate Park (3489 Buckhorn Dr.)
- Kirklevington Skate Park (369 Redding Road)
- Valley Park Skate Spot (2077 Cambridge Dr.)
- Woodland Skate Park (600 E. High Street)

Bluegrass State Games

The Bluegrass State Games (www.bgsg.org), organized by the Bluegrass Sports Commission, are designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and skill levels a wholesome avenue for positive development through sports and physical activity, to promote and develop amateur athletics, and to provide them an opportunity to showcase their talent

and receive statewide recognition. The event is the largest amateur participatory event in Kentucky, and its size and scope annually rank among the top three State Games in the country.

Swimming Pools

Lexington Parks & Recreation operates seven aquatic facilities throughout Lexington. For specific pool schedules and daily hours of operation, visit www.lexingtonky.gov/neighborhood-pools.

- Castlewood Aquatic Center (320 Parkview Ave.)
- Douglass Pool (701 Howard Street)
- Picadome Pool (469 Parkway Drive)
- Shillito Pool (300 Reynolds Road)
- Southland Aquatic Center (625 Hill-n-Dale Rd.)
- Tates Creek Aquatic Center (1400 Gainesway Dr.)
- Woodland Aquatic Center (190 Old Park Ave.)

Natural Areas

The **Floracliff Nature Sanctuary** (<http://floracliff.org>) is a 346-acre nature preserve located in the Palisades Region of the Kentucky River in southern Fayette County. Although the sanctuary is only open for guided hikes and events, it offers a variety of programs, volunteer and research opportunities, and hands-on workshops to interested individuals and groups. **McConnell Springs** (416 Rebmann Lane) is a 26-acre natural pocket within an industrial area. **Raven Run** (3885 Raven Run Way) is a unique, 734-acre nature sanctuary located just outside of Lexington. **The Arboretum**, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky (500 Alumni Drive), is a 100-acre greenspace located on the campus of the University of Kentucky.

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Automobiles

Driver's Licenses:

Persons with out-of-state licenses must apply for a Kentucky license within 30 days. Persons with no license must apply and pass written and vision tests to obtain a learner's permit. After a waiting period of six calendar months, a road test can be taken. Once passed, the driver is then issued a Kentucky driver's license. Kentucky is making significant improvements to increase the security of the identity credential you rely on most through the Confident Kentucky initiative. Following a statewide rollout starting in March 2019 and ending in May, all driver's licenses, permits and personal IDs will have new security features, arrive in the mail 5-10 business days after residents apply at their local Circuit Court Clerk's office, will be moving to an eight-year lifespan and have new pricing. Until new credentials are offered in the applicant's county of residence in 2019, standard credentials will be offered at their existing price. To check updated ID and driver's license costs, visit <https://drive.ky.gov/confidentKY/Pages/Cost-information.aspx>.

Driver's License Locations (Fayette County):

Fayette Circuit Court Division of Driver's Licensing

1591 Winchester Road, Suite 103, 40505

Phone: (859) 246-2151

3301 Keithshire Way, Suite 125, 40503

Phone: (859) 246-2106

Driver Insurance:

An owner may not operate a vehicle in Kentucky until insurance has been obtained. An owner who fails to maintain insurance on his vehicle shall have his vehicle registration revoked according to statute. In addition, the vehicle owner as well as the vehicle driver are subject to a fine of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, up to 90 days in jail, or both. All owners of motor vehicles in Kentucky are required to carry minimum liability coverage. This means liability coverage of \$25,000.00 for all claims for bodily injury damages sustained by any one person and not less than \$50,000.00 for all bodily injury damages sustained by all persons as a result of any one accident, as well as \$25,000.00 for all property damage as a result of any one accident. Alternatively, a policy with a single limit of \$60,000.00 is acceptable. In addition, the policy must provide basic reparations benefits, unless the insured vehicle is a motorcycle. For more information about state insurance laws, contact the Kentucky Department of Insurance at (502) 564-3630 or visit <http://insurance.ky.gov>.

Vehicle Registration:

When a vehicle or vessel is sold from one citizen or business to another in Kentucky, the title must be transferred to the new owner within 15 days. All motor vehicles operated upon Kentucky roadways must

be titled and registered. Those moving into Kentucky should make an application for title for their vehicle within 15 days after establishing residency. License plates can be obtained from the Fayette County Clerk's office at 162 E. Main Street in downtown Lexington (Room 108). Your vehicle must be made available for inspection when obtaining plates. Registration renewal is required annually. A six percent (6%) Kentucky road usage tax is collected on the trade-in value of vehicles registered for the first time in Kentucky. Credit will be allowed for qualifying tax paid in the other state. Individuals can renew their vehicle registration at the County Clerk's office in Room 102. For information about taxes, application fees, handicap license plates, and motorcycle licenses, call (859) 253-3344 or visit www.fayettedocountyclerk.com.

Voter Registration

To vote, a person must be a U.S. citizen, a Kentucky resident, and at least 18 years of age before the next General Election. In Kentucky, the potential voter must be registered in the county where they live. The registration books close 28 days before each election. Since January 1995, Kentucky citizens can register to vote at the time of vehicle registration or driver's license renewal under the "Motor-Voter" Program. Voter registration can be handled by mail or in person at the County Clerk's office at 162 East Main Street in Lexington, driver's license offices, K-TAP, food stamp, Medicaid, WIC, and state funded offices serving those with disabilities (if you are a client of these offices), and Armed Forces Recruitment offices. For voter information and deadlines, call (859) 255-8683. For a mail-in voter registration form, visit www.fayettedocountyclerk.com.

Government

Lexington and Fayette County merged into a single urban county government on January 1, 1974. The merger was a culmination of an effort to develop a more cost-effective and efficient use of resources for joint programs in planning, public education, parks and public safety. A mayor and a 15-member legislative body administer the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The Urban County Council includes 12 district representatives elected for two-year terms and three at-large members elected for four-year terms. For general information about city services, call (859) 425-2255 or visit www.lexingtonky.gov.

Mayor Linda Gorton

Urban County Government Center

200 East Main Street

Lexington, KY 40507

Phone: (859) 258-3100

E-Mail: mayor@lexingtonky.gov

Public Libraries

Central Library

140 East Main Street, 40507
Phone: (859) 231-5500
www.lexpublib.org

Beaumont Branch

3080 Fieldstone Way, 40513

Eastside Branch

3000 Blake James Drive, 40509

Northside Branch

1733 Russell Cave Road, 40505

Tates Creek Branch

3628 Walden Drive, 40517

Village Branch

2185 Versailles Road, 40504

Pets

In Fayette County, all dogs and cats must be licensed annually starting at six months of age and rabies vaccinated at four months of age. Proof of rabies vaccination is required for the city license. Licenses are valid for 12 months from the last day of the month the license was issued. A license for an altered (spayed or neutered) dog or cat is \$8. For unaltered dogs and cats, a license is \$40, with \$25 of this fee going to the LFUCG Spay & Neuter Grant Program. Dogs and cats must wear their license and rabies tags at all times. Assistance dogs are exempt from annual licensing.

Licenses are issued seven days a week at the Lexington-Fayette Animal Care & Control office. There is also a mail-in license application and hours of operation available on-line at www.lfacc.org/general-information/licensing. Rabies vaccination with license purchase is \$5. Fayette County also has a pooper-scooper law. For more information about pet laws and licenses, contact Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control (1600 Old Frankfort Pike) at (859) 255-9033 or www.lfacc.org.

Post Offices

For other USPS locations and pickup points within Lexington, visit www.usps.com.

Main Post Office

1088 Nandino Boulevard, 40511

Beaumont Station

1025 Majestic Drive, 40513

Bluegrass Station

3525 Lansdowne Drive, 40517

Brentwood Carrier Annex

1045 Brentwood Court, Suite 110, 40511

Downtown Branch (Post Rider)

210 East High Street, 40507

Gardenside Station

1729 Alexandria Drive, 40504

Henry Clay Station

365 Duke Road, Ste. A, 40502

Liberty Road Station

2041 Creative Drive, Suite 100, 40505

Moving & Storage

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Bluegrass Moving Concierge

Phone: (859) 948-6124
www.bluegrassmc.com

College Hunks Hauling Junk & College Hunks Moving

Phone: (859) 226-0426
www.collegehunks.com

Carey Group

Phone: (859) 885-9444
www.careygroupky.com

Fister Incorporated

Phone: (859) 266-2153
www.fisterlogistics.com

Little Guys Movers

Phone: (859) 554-5594
www.littleguys.com

RAJ Moving & Storage, Inc.

Phone: (859) 300-2000

Safeway Moving & Storage – Agent for Mayflower

(859) 266-2153
www.safemoving.com

Saunier Moving and Storage, Inc.

Phone: (859) 233-2383
www.sauniermoving.com

Stor-All

Phone: (859) 263-8877
www.sastorage.com

The Urban Squirrel

Phone: (859) 382-2265
www.theurbansquirrel.co

Vincent Fister Moving & Storage

Phone: (859) 266-2153
www.vincentfister.com

Utilities

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AT&T Kentucky

Multiple locations in Lexington
Find a store: www.att.com/stores

Kinetic by Windstream

130 W. New Circle Rd., Ste. 170, 40505
Residential: (866) 445-8084
www.windstream.com

MetroNet

130 W. Tiverton Way, Ste. 160, 40503
Phone: (859) 785-1107
www.metronetinc.com

Spectrum

2450 Nicholasville Road, 40503
Residential: (855) 243-8892
www.spectrum.com

Electricity & Gas:

Blue Grass Energy

P.O. Box 990, 1201 Lexington Road
Nicholasville, KY 40340
Phone: (888) 546-4243
Serves portions of Southeastern Fayette County
www.bgenergy.com

Columbia Gas of Kentucky

2001 Mercer Road, 40511
Phone: (800) 432-9345
Business Services: (800) 440-6111
24-hour Emergency: (800) 432-9515
www.columbiagasky.com

Delta Natural Gas Co., Inc.

3617 Lexington Road
Winchester, KY 40391
Phone: (859) 744-6171
www.deltagas.com

East Kentucky Power Cooperative

4775 Lexington Road
Winchester, KY 40391
Phone: (859) 744-4812
Report Problems: (859) 745-9300
www.ekpc.coop

LG&E & KU Energy

One Quality Street, 40507
Residential customers: (800) 981-0600
Business customers: (800) 383-5582
24-hour Emergency: (800) 981-0600
www.lge-ku.com

Water:

Kentucky American Water

2300 Richmond Road, 40502
Customer service: (800) 678-6301
www.kentuckynamwater.com

Recycling & Trash

City of Lexington:

Residents and businesses with city waste collection service are provided a green roll cart for landfill-bound waste and a blue roll cart for recycling materials. To request carts, call Lex-Call at 311 or (859) 425-2255 or on-line. Material placed in the green cart must be bagged. If it will not roll, the 200-pound weight limit has been exceeded. Overloaded carts will not be picked up.

Private & Business:

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Phone: (859) 225-8100
www.centrankyfiber.com

Cohen Brothers of Lexington

Phone: (859) 255-5676
www.bakeriron.com

College Hunks Hauling Junk & College Hunks Moving

Phone: (859) 226-0426
www.collegehunks.com

Green Metals, Inc.

Phone: (502) 867-7253
www.gmiky.com

KnightHorst

Phone: (877) 474-7332
www.ishred2.com

Republic Services

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