

# Kentucky State Briefing

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## Executive Summary

POPULATION <b>4.5M</b>	UNEMPLOYMENT <b>4.5%</b> vs 4.4% national	FEDERAL GRANTS <b>\$86.4B</b> \$19,392/capita
CREDIT RATING (S&P) <b>A+</b>	SNAP HR1 TIER <b>Moderate</b> 7.5% PER	CONTRIBUTIONS <b>\$1.1B</b>

## State of the State Preview

New Priorities	8
Dropped Priorities	5
Shifted Emphasis	8

- Affordability
- Agriculture
- Economy & Jobs
- Education
- Environment & Energy
- Healthcare
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety
- Social Services
- Tax & Budget
- Technology

## SNAP / HR1 Compliance Risk

HR1 Tier	<b>Moderate</b>
Payment Error Rate (FY2024)	<b>7.47%</b>
State Cost Share (enacted)	<b>\$63.0M (5%)</b>
SNAP Participants	<b>605.0K</b>

## Housing

Median Home Value	<b>\$211,800</b> vs \$310,700 national
Median Gross Rent	<b>\$929</b> vs \$1,238 national
Homeownership Rate	<b>68.8%</b> vs 67.8% national
Rent Burden	<b>29%</b> vs 29.7% national

## Energy

Residential Price	<b>null¢/kWh</b>
Monthly Bill Estimate	<b>\$null</b>
Energy Mix	<b>0% renewable   0% fossil   0% nuclear</b>

## Health

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Life Expectancy	<b>73.3 yrs (rank 48/51)</b> vs 77.1 national
Uninsured Rate	<b>6.6% (rank 14/51)</b> vs 9.5% national
Overdose Death Rate	<b>49.9 (rank 47/51)</b> vs 30.8 national
Obesity Rate	<b>38.1% (rank 42/51)</b> vs 33.5% national
Infant Mortality	<b>6.1 (rank 33/51)</b> vs 5.6 national

## Water

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Community Water Systems	<b>376</b>
Violation Rate	<b>0.4%</b> vs 3.6% national avg

## Education

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NAEP Math (4th Grade)	<b>237.8</b>
NAEP Reading (4th Grade)	<b>218</b>

## Broadband

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Broadband Adoption	<b>90.1%</b> vs 92% national
No Internet	<b>7%</b> vs 5.4% national
Computer Ownership	<b>94.7%</b> vs 95.9% national

## Infrastructure

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Infrastructure Grade	<b>A</b>
Bridge Condition	<b>26.8% good   65.7% fair   7.5% poor (14,590 total)</b>
Water Systems	<b>2,198 total   8 with violations (0.4%)</b>

## Fiscal Health

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Total Revenue	<b>\$58.3B</b>
Total Expenditure	<b>\$56.3B</b>
Total Debt	<b>\$12.4B</b>
Debt Per Capita	<b>\$2,729</b>
Tax Burden Per Capita	<b>\$1,840</b>
Credit Ratings	<b>S&amp;P: A+   Moody's: Aa2   Fitch: AA</b>

## FEMA Disasters

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Active Disasters	<b>21</b>
Declarations (10yr)	<b>26</b>
Public Assistance Funding	<b>\$1.4B</b>
Individual Assistance	<b>\$36K</b>

## Top Federal Funding Agencies

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Agency	Amount	DOGE Risk
Department of Health and Human Services	\$17.5B	medium
Department of Transportation	\$1.7B	low
Department of Agriculture	\$1.5B	medium
Department of Education	\$852.4M	high
Department of Energy	\$400.5M	high

## Campaign Finance

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Total Contributions	<b>\$1.1B</b>
Total Expenditures	<b>\$624.3M</b>
Data Source	<b>Public Records</b>