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On The Cover:

Photo of downtown Lexington looking down Vine Street. On the left side of the street is the recently-opened Town Branch Commons Trail, which was awarded the 2022 Environmental Excellence Award by the Federal Highway Administration. (Photo Credit: Ty Cole courtesy of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government)





Fayette County's historic former Courthouse (Commerce Lexington Photo)

What makes Lexington, Kentucky, unique is its variety – the variety of its landscape, educational opportunities, health care choices, employment options, 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.

The Lexington region's economic success comes largely from its diverse economy, which has been mentioned by multiple national sources. The region serves as a health care, retail, and cultural center for both Central and Eastern Kentucky. Employment is dispersed among government, education and healthcare, retail trade, manufacturing, professional and business services, and construction. As a result of these diverse opportunities, Lexington's unemployment rate is typically lower than the rest of the state and nation.

A lot has been happening here in recent years – from streetscape improvements to new and enhanced bike and walking trails to many hospital expansions and the opening of many new businesses and restaurants. 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. The downtown area continues to see enhancements, from the recent expansion of Central Bank Center (convention center) and upgrades to Rupp Arena, the City Center Complex, Town Branch Commons Trail, the ever-evolving Distillery District, a new mixed-use facility in the East End called The MET, and the Town Branch Park, which is coming soon behind Rupp Arena.

Whether you're coming here to live, work, start a business, or play, you'll find Central Kentucky full of charm and hospitality. It's an experience like no other, and you'll find yourself wanting to come back again and again or perhaps you'll just decide to stay.

Lexington's 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 2003, when Louisville merged its city and county governments.

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LIVING IN THE BLUEGRASS

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, the median sales price in 2022 for single-family homes surpassed \$260,000, representing an 80-percent increase in the last ten years. 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.

By-The-Numbers | What to Expect

\$351,975

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

4.71%

Average mortgage rate with points.

\$90.87

Average monthly electric bill.

\$982

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

\$109.72

Average monthly gas bill.

\$189.80

Average monthly phone bill.

**C2ER Cost of Living figures: 2022 Annual Averages.*

Lexington-Fayette County's Cost of Living Index (2022 Averages):

CITY	COMPOSITE	GROCERY	HOUSING	UTILITIES	TRANSPORT.	HEALTH CARE	MISC. GOODS
Lexington, KY	93.9	93.4	75.9	107.3	97.2	81.9	106.5
Charleston, SC	98.0	102.7	96.5	116.3	95.2	94.3	93.3
Charlotte, NC	97.9	97.5	88.7	91.2	93.6	113.1	106.5
Atlanta, GA	101.6	92.6	107.3	85.5	102.8	107.4	104.3
Columbus, OH	89.7	96.8	79.5	93.1	89.7	86.9	94.5
Louisville, KY	95.8	93.6	78.7	104.9	113.3	76.0	106.9
Madison, WI	102.9	101.8	99.8	108.5	97.5	123.9	102.9
Nashville, TN	95.1	93.7	94.1	97.7	95.0	86.5	97.2

ABOUT THE INDEX: C2ER produces the Cost of Living Index to provide a useful and reasonably accurate measure of living cost differences among urban areas. Items on which the Index is based have been carefully chosen to reflect the different categories of consumer expenditures. Weights assigned to relative costs are based on government survey data on expenditure patterns for professional and executive households. All items are priced in each place at a specified time and according to standardized specifications.



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Many of the national economic rankings recognizing Lexington-Fayette County are based on statistical information from the entire region (Metropolitan Statistical Area or MSA). The impact of people and businesses 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 University. 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 23 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.



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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.

EMPLOYMENT



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 Central Kentucky is the University of Kentucky, employing more than 24,285 people. 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 Lexington area often weathers the impact of downturns and recessions better than many cities. In fact, during the pan-

demic in 2020, Lexington was ranked the top city where its unemployment rate had bounced back the fastest, according to *WalletHub*. 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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Labor Force Analysis:

Employment in the nine-county Bluegrass Region is centered in Fayette County (Lexington). Overall, almost 56% 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 (57.2%). This is undoubtedly attributable to the presence of Toyota Motor Manufacturing.

Around 30% of the Bluegrass labor force resides outside the region. Most notably, 4% of the Bluegrass labor force resides in Jefferson County (Louisville). Fayette and Woodford Counties import 27.8% and 29.2% of their labor force respectively from outside of the Bluegrass Region - the fewest of the nine Bluegrass counties. On the other end of the scale, Franklin (46.3%) and Clark (40.7%) 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.



BUSINESS & INDUSTRY



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 an ideal destination for entrepreneurs, innovators, dreamers, and disruptors. Anchored by the state's flagship, research university, the University of Kentucky, and fueled by a highly educated and affordable workforce, the Bluegrass Region's entrepreneurial ecosystem is equipped with all of the resources that help startups succeed.

Despite a solid base of manufacturing and automotive suppliers, the Bluegrass Region is mainly a service-based economy. Especially strong in the areas of health care and education, the service sector continues to be the main economic engine for the region.

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. As of December 2021, Kentucky's electricity prices across residential, industrial, and residential, were 12.9% below the national average.

One of Lexington's key business attributes is its central location, especially from a logistics standpoint. It is 600 miles from over two-thirds of the U.S. population, sitting at the crossroads of two major interstates (I-75 and I-64) and giving companies here direct access to

both north-south and east-west routes.

The University of Kentucky, Toyota Kentucky, Fayette County Public Schools, Amazon, Conduent, and Baptist Health 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

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Theater buffs have several well-known facilities from which to choose to watch performances, including the Lexington Opera House and Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, the Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center, ArtsPlace, Lexington Children's Theatre, Manchester Music Hall, Singletary Center for the Arts on the University of Kentucky campus, and the Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center. Inside many of these venues, you'll see performances by Central Kentucky Youth Orchestras, the Lexington Philharmonic, The Lexington Theatre Company, and others.



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Great education opportunities are available at The Living Arts & Science Center (LASC), which offers over 15,000 square feet of programming space that now includes a computer lab, a science exhibition hall, a professional kitchen for teaching, an art gallery, and Lexington's only public planetarium. It also features hands-on and interactive instruction in arts and science directly from professional educators and active artists and scientists.

If it's museums you're seeking, then you'll want to check out the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, the UK Art Museum, and the Explorium of Lexington in downtown where families can learn and play together, as well as the history resources of LexHistory

(formerly the Lexington History Museum) at www.lexhistory.org.

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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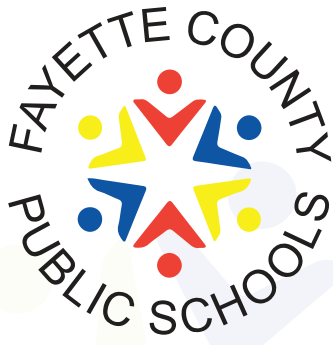
LexArts is a catalyst for creating a progressive and innovative community inspired by the arts.

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FCPS District Overview 2022-2023

STUDENTS:

Total number of students enrolled	41,627
Kindergarten-Grade 5	18,715
Grades 6-8	9,149
Grades 9-12	11,742
Other (preschool & special academic & alternative programs)	2,021

SCHOOLS:

Elementary schools	37
Middle schools	12
High schools	6
Technical senters	3
Specialized & magnet programs	7
Alternative support programs	6

DIVERSITY:

White	47 percent
Black	23.3 percent
Hispanic	18.6 percent
Asian	4.9 percent
Students classified as English learners	6,430
Native languages spoken by EL students	95
Students classified for Special Education	5,064

EMPLOYEES:

Full-time teachers	2,981
Support & administrative staff	2,729
Teachers with advanced degrees	2,328
Beginning teacher's salary	\$44,578
Average teacher's salary	\$61,957

Information from www.fcps.net

Kentucky's commitment to education over the last 25-plus years has made it a model for the nation. The catch phrase, "Education Pays," has been embraced throughout the region. Kentucky has made major strides in teacher pay, student testing, teacher training, and administration. The Fayette County Public School (FCPS) system is no exception. The district 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 attend college. FCPS is consistently listed among the nation's best for cities of Lexington's size. With 71 schools and other academic and alternative programs, as well as roughly 41,600 students and 5,000 employees, the district is governed by a five-member school board, with each person elected to a four-year term.

Public School Registration:

Kentucky law requires youths between 6 and 18 years old to attend school, and the birthday cutoff to enroll in kindergarten is age 5 on or before August 1. Also, families may apply for preschool if their child turns 4 on or before August 1 and is income-eligible. Three- and 4-year-olds who have a special need may also apply for the Fayette County Pre-school Program year-round. Students will be enrolled at the school where they are zoned based on residential address. Once FCPS receives all the required documents, your school will confirm your child's enrollment. To find out more about the enrollment process and requirements, or to see what school zone within which you are located, visit www.fcps.net/registration.

FCPS Preschool Program:

The Fayette County Preschool Program is the state-mandated pre-school offering in Fayette County Public Schools. The district supports and follows the goals of the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards. The learning environment is skillfully planned by certified teachers using the philosophy of the Creative Curriculum to ensure a high quality, developmentally appropriate education for all young children. Preschool is not offered in every elementary school; therefore, our staff places children based on their districted area of town (by child care or home address), space at a school site, available buses, etc. Applications are accepted year-round, and children are placed throughout the year based on classroom space. To view the requirements or begin the online application process, visit www.fcps.net/preschool.

FAYETTE CO. PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Elementary Schools

Academy for Leadership at Millcreek
1212 Reva Ridge Way, 40517
Phone: (859) 381-3527
www.fcps.net/millcreek

Arlington
122 Arceme Avenue, 40505
Phone: (859) 381-3030
www.fcps.net/arlington

Ashland
195 North Ashland Ave., 40502
Phone: (859) 381-3243
www.fcps.net/ashland

Athens-Chilesburg
930 Jouett Creek Drive, 40509
Phone: (859) 381-4955
www.fcps.net/ace

Booker T. Washington
707 Howard Street, 40508
Phone: (859) 381-3263
www.fcps.net/btw

Breckinridge
2101 St. Mathilda Drive, 40502
Phone: (859) 381-3273
www.fcps.net/breckinridge

Brenda Cowan
4801 Athens Boonesboro Rd., 40509
Phone: (859) 381-2990
www.fcps.net/cowan

Cardinal Valley
218 Mandalay Road, 40504
Phone: (859) 381-3340
www.fcps.net/cardinalvalley

Cassidy
1125 Bates Creek Road, 40502
Phone: (859) 381-3018
www.fcps.net/cassidy

Clays Mill
2319 Clays Mill Road, 40503
Phone: (859) 381-3355
www.fcps.net/claysmill

Coventry Oak
2441 Huntly Place, 40511
Phone: (859) 381-3195
www.fcps.net/coventryoak

Deep Springs
1919 Brynell Drive, 40505
Phone: (859) 381-3069
www.fcps.net/deepsprings

Dixie Magnet
1940 Eastland Parkway, 40505
Phone: (859) 381-3116
www.fcps.net/dixie

Garden Springs
2151 Garden Springs Drive, 40504
Phone: (859) 381-3388
www.fcps.net/gardensprings

Garrett Morgan
1150 Passage Mound Way, 40509
Phone: (859) 381-3165
www.fcps.net/garrettmorgan

Glendover
710 Glendover Road, 40502
Phone: (859) 381-3403
www.fcps.net/glendover

Harrison
161 Bruce Street, 40507
Phone: (859) 381-3418
www.fcps.net/harrison

James Lane Allen
1901 Appomattox Road, 40504
Phone: (859) 381-3456
www.fcps.net/jla

Julius Marks
3277 Pepperhill Road, 40502
Phone: (859) 381-3470
www.fcps.net/juliusmarks

Lansdowne
336 Redding Road, 40517
Phone: (859) 381-3500
www.fcps.net/lansdowne

Liberty
2585 Liberty Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 381-4979
www.fcps.net/liberty

Mary Todd
551 Parkside Drive, 40505
Phone: (859) 381-3512
www.fcps.net/marytodd

Maxwell Spanish Immersion Magnet
301 Woodland Avenue, 40508
Phone: (859) 381-3516
www.fcps.net/maxwell

Meadowthorpe
1710 N. Forbes Road, 40511
Phone: (859) 381-3521
www.fcps.net/meadowthorpe

Northern
340 Rookwood Parkway, 40505
Phone: (859) 381-3541
www.fcps.net/northern

Picadome
1642 Harrodsburg Road, 40504
Phone: (859) 381-3563
www.fcps.net/picadome

Rosa Parks
1251 Beaumont Centre Lane, 40513
Phone: (859) 381-3132
www.fcps.net/rosaparks

Russell Cave
3375 Russell Cave Road, 40511
Phone: (859) 381-3571
www.fcps.net/russellcave

Sandersville
3025 Sandersville Road, 40511
Phone: (859) 381-4980
www.fcps.net/sandersville

Southern
340 Wilson Downing Road, 40517
Phone: (859) 381-3589
www.fcps.net/ses

Squires
3337 Squire Oak Drive, 40515
Phone: (859) 381-3002
www.fcps.net/squires

Stonewall
3215 Cornwall Drive, 40503
Phone: (859) 381-3079
www.fcps.net/stonewall

Tates Creek
1113 Centre Parkway, 40517
Phone: (859) 381-3606
www.fcps.net/tce

Veterans Park
4351 Clearwater Way, 40515
Phone: (859) 381-3161
www.fcps.net/vpe

Wellington
3280 Keithshire Way, 40503
Phone: (859) 381-3000
www.fcps.net/wellington

William Wells Brown
555 E. Fifth Street, 40508
Phone: (859) 381-4990
www.fcps.net/wwb

Yates
695 E. New Circle Road, 40505
Phone: (859) 381-3613
www.fcps.net/yates

Middle Schools

Beaumont
2080 Georgian Way, 40504
Phone: (859) 381-3094
www.fcps.net/beaumont

Bryan Station
1865 Wickland Drive, 40505
Phone: (859) 381-3288
www.fcps.net/bsms

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1813 Charleston Drive, 40505
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www.fcps.net/crawford

Edythe J. Hayes
260 Richardson Place, 40509
Phone: (859) 381-4920
www.fcps.net/ejhayes

Jessie Clark
3341 Clays Mill Road, 40503
Phone: (859) 381-3036
www.fcps.net/jessieclark

Leestown
2010 Leestown Road, 40511
Phone: (859) 381-3181
www.fcps.net/leestown

Lexington Traditional Magnet
350 North Limestone, 40508
Phone: (859) 381-3192
www.fcps.net/lrms

Morton
1225 Bates Creek Road, 40502
Phone: (859) 381-3533
www.fcps.net/morton

SCAPA (School for the Creative and Performing Arts) at Bluegrass
400 Lafayette Parkway, 40503
Phone: (859) 381-3332
www.fcps.net/scapa

Southern
400 Wilson Downing Road, 40517
Phone: (859) 381-3582
www.fcps.net/sms

Tates Creek
1105 Centre Parkway, 40517
Phone: (859) 381-3052
www.fcps.net/tcms

Winburn
1060 Winburn Drive, 40511
Phone: (859) 381-3967
www.fcps.net/winburn

H. Schools

Bryan Station
201 Eastin Road, 40505
Phone: (859) 381-3308
www.fcps.net/bshs

Frederick Douglass
2000 Winchester Rd., 40509
Phone: (859) 381-3780
www.fcps.net/douglass

Henry Clay
2100 Fontaine Road, 40502
Phone: (859) 381-3423
www.fcps.net/henryclay

Lafayette
401 Reed Lane, 40503
Phone: (859) 381-3474
www.fcps.net/lafayette

Paul Laurence Dunbar
1600 Man O' War Blvd., 40513
Phone: (859) 381-3546
www.fcps.net/dunbar

Tates Creek
1111 Centre Parkway, 40517
Phone: (859) 381-3620
www.fcps.net/tchs

Other Programs

Eastside Technical Center
2208 Liberty Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 381-3740
www.fcps.net/eastside

The Learning Center
475 Price Road, 40508
Phone: (859) 381-0597
www.fcps.net/tlc

Locust Trace AgriScience Center
3591 Leestown Road, 40511
Phone: (859) 381-3990
www.fcps.net/locustrace

Martin Luther King Jr. Academy for Excellence
2200 Liberty Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 381-4040
www.fcps.net/mlk

Southside Technical Center
1800 Harrodsburg Road, 40504
Phone: (859) 381-3603
www.fcps.net/southside

The Stables
4185 Walt Robertson Rd., 40511
Phone: (859) 333-5827
www.fcps.net/stables

Success Academy
1555 Georgetown Road, 40511
Phone: (859) 381-3795
www.fcps.net/reengagement

Magnet Programs:

There are also a variety of magnet schools and programs available in the Fayette County Public Schools District, such as the Rise STEM Academy for Girls and others. Visit www.fcps.net/magnet for more information.

Specialized Academic Programs:

Certain academic programs offer specialized education within a school or are freestanding sites, such as pre-engineering programs, Spanish Immersion, arts and others. Find out more on-line at www.fcps.net/specialized.



PRIVATE SCHOOLS

For parents seeking other alternatives for their children's education, Lexington offers many quality private and parochial schools, many of which have found success in sports with state championships and academics with high test scores.

Overall, private and parochial school enrollment numbers have risen in recent years. Tuition and admission requirements vary, so be sure to contact the individual school listed below for more detailed information.

Commerce Lexington Inc. Member Private & Parochial Schools:

Black Male Working Academy

3016 Bracktown Road, Lexington, KY 40511
Phone: (859) 227-2663
www.bmwacademyky.org

The Hearing and Speech Center

350 Henry Clay Blvd., Lexington, KY 40502
Phone: (859) 268-4545
www.hscky.org

Lexington Catholic High School

2250 Clays Mill Road, Lexington, KY 40503
Phone: (859) 277-7183
www.lexingtoncatholic.com

Lexington Christian Academy

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

Providence Montessori School

1209 Texaco Road, Lexington, KY 40508
Phone: (859) 255-7330
www.providencemontessoriky.org

Sayre School

194 N. Limestone St., Lexington, KY 40507
Phone: (859) 254-1361
www.sayreschool.org

Sts. Peter and Paul Regional School

423 West Short St., Lexington, KY 40507
Phone: (859) 254-9257
www.sppslex.org

Trinity Christian Academy

3900 Rapid Run Dr., Lexington, KY 40515
Phone: (859) 271-0079
www.trinitylex.org

NOTE: Additional schools and locations with child care, preschool and kindergarten options are listed on Page 17 in the Child Care section.



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Sayre School

Founded in 1854 in downtown Lexington, Sayre School provides an innovative and inclusive learning environment that empowers students to achieve academic excellence, embrace challenge, and cultivate integrity in order to lead purposeful lives in an ever-changing world. Sayre School values students as individuals and works to foster their understanding of themselves and their roles in the larger community. Its core values of wisdom, integrity, respect, and compassion are woven throughout the school. Sayre's academic program spans three divisions from preschool through twelfth grade. It is rich in content and comprehensive in skill development, unfolding incrementally as it crosses grade levels. A warm, openly inclusive atmosphere pervades the school, bolstered by close relationships between faculty and students. Sayre provides students an opportunity to participate in the arts, athletics, and the life of the local community through experiential learning opportunities and community service while sharing with students a global perspective that transcends its regional boundaries. Focusing on 21st Century skills, including collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity, is the blueprint for teachers as they help students develop their ability to read closely, communicate clearly both verbally and in writing, and problem solve adeptly. Find out more at www.sayreschool.org.

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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).

Many childcare resources are available through Child Care Aware of Kentucky, which is housed at the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky. The Human Development Institute is Kentucky's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service. It works on improving lifelong opportunities and services for individuals with disabilities, their families, and the community. For more details, visit on-line at www.childcareawareky.org.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky can also help connect you with state resources. To search for child care facilities across the state with options that may meet your family's specific needs, visit https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/child-care-provider?origin=program-page&language=en_US or call (855) 306-8959 to speak to a referral specialist.

Kentucky Division of Regulated Child Care has outlined what families should look for in a child care center. Here's a checklist of key recommendations:

- Observe the interaction between staff/provider & children.
- Find out what activities are available for the children.
- Ask questions and make sure your questions are answered to your satisfaction.
- Check for a current license or certificate and verify that current deficiencies are posted.

- Keep in mind: the child's age; the child's personality; the locations of the facility/provider compared to your home and workplace; and facility/provider hours of operation and any fees charged.
- After your child is enrolled in a facility, drop in unannounced at various times of the day. If you see anything that makes you uneasy, talk to the caregiver or director about your concerns. Continue to make visits to check on things. Watch for recurring bumps or bruises or changes in your child's behavior. Talk to other parents when you pick up your child. Compare notes with them. Trust your instincts and look for another child care facility/provider, if necessary.

For more information, contact the Kentucky Cabinet for Family and Health Services at (800) 372-2973 or on-line at <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dccbs/dcc/Pages/find-care.aspx>.



Commerce Lexington Member Child Care & Early Childhood Options:

NOTE: There are also child care and preschool options available at many of the private schools listed on page 15, and through Fayette County Public Schools listed on page 13 of this publication.

Centenary United Methodist Church

2800 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, 40502
Phone: (859) 269-2800
www.lexchurch.com/TCS

Child Development Center of the Bluegrass

290 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 40503
Phone: (859) 218-2322
www.cdcbg.org

Easter Seals Cardinal Hill

2050 Versailles Road, Lexington, 40504
Phone: (859) 367-7217
<https://cardinalhill.org/programs/creative-beginnings>

Growing Together Preschool

599 Lima Drive, Lexington, KY 40511
Phone: (859) 255-4056
<https://growingtogetherpreschool.org>

Good Shepherd Day School

544 Sayre Avenue, Lexington, 40508
Phone: (859) 255-9734
www.goodshepherddayschool.org

The Hearing & Speech Center

350 Henry Clay Blvd., Lexington, KY 40502
Phone: (859) 268-4545
<https://hscky.org>

The Nature Schools

5768 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, KY 40515
Phone: (859) 595-9998
www.thenatureschools.org

The Nest - Center for Women, Children & Families

530 North Limestone St., Lexington, 40508
Phone: (859) 259-1974
www.thenestlexington.org/child-care

PJ's Primary Care Center

325 Clifty Street, Somerset, 42501
Phone: (606) 679-4589
www.pjsdaycareofsomerset.com/home.html

Southern Hills United Methodist Church

2356 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, 40503
Phone: (859) 277-6176
<https://southernhillsumc.org/shecp>

Trinity Hill Child Care Center, Inc.

210 E. Reynolds Road, Lexington, 40517
Phone: (859) 273-9526

Wee Care Daycare & Preschool

455 E. Maxwell Street, Lexington, 40508
Phone: (859) 231-8687
www.weecaredaycarelex.com



#7 Best City for New College Graduates (2022) – SmartAsset



Asbury University photo courtesy of Asbury

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 11th overall in percent of population (45%) age 25 and older having earned a bachelor's degree or higher. When considering those with advanced degrees (master's, professional or doctorate degrees), Lexington also ranked 10th (19.3%) 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 ten colleges and universities within 40 miles of Lexington. In addition, Lexington has four other professional and technical colleges. Over 59% of Lexingtonians between ages 18 and 24 are enrolled in college or graduate school, ranking the city third in college enrollment rates among cities with a population over 300,000.

Altogether, institutions of higher learning in the Bluegrass continue to fuel our economy with total enrollment of nearly 70,000 and awarding over 18,000 degrees and credentials 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 Member Higher Education Institutions:

Asbury University

1 Macklem Dr., Wilmore, KY 40390-1198
Phone: (859) 858-3511
www.asbury.edu

Bellevue University*

Phone: (859) 533-7803
<https://bluegrass.maxtransferadvantage.com>
*Partnership with the Kentucky Community & Technical College System.

Bluegrass Community & Technical College

470 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY 40506
500 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40508
164 Opportunity Way, Lexington, KY 40511
Phone: (859) 246-6200
www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu

Eastern Kentucky University

521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475
Phone: (859) 622-1000
www.eku.edu

Employment Solutions' College for Technical Education

1165 Centre Pkwy., Ste. 120, Lexington, KY 40517
Phone: (859) 253-2658
<https://esinc.org>

Frontier Nursing University

2050 Lexington Road, Versailles, KY 40383
Phone: (859) 251-4700
www.frontier.edu

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

Kentucky State University

400 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: (502) 597-6760
www.kysu.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: (859) 846-5788
www.midway.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

University of the Cumberlands

6191 College Station Dr., Williamsburg, KY 40769
Phone: (606) 765-3211
www.ucumberlands.edu



GETTING AROUND



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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.

Lexington also benefits from its close proximity to surrounding communities like Georgetown, Cynthiana, Paris, Midway, Richmond and Versailles (pronounced VER-SALES). In addition, the city is just a hop, skip, and a jump from Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, Knoxville, and Huntington.

For newcomers, 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.

Air Travel:

Located at the corner of Man O' War Boulevard and Versailles Road, Lexington's Blue Grass Airport is the primary air service provider not only for central Kentucky, but also for much of eastern and southern Kentucky, serving a 54-county area. A recent study showed that Blue Grass Airport provides an economic impact of \$370 million and 3,478 jobs. The airport is served by four major airlines, which provide convenient non-stop service to 15 destinations. Passengers can check flight status and schedules on-line at www.bluegrassairport.com. For convenience, the airport also offers 30 minutes of free parking in both its short-term and long-term parking areas, an executive lounge, free wireless Internet, meeting rooms, valet parking, cell phone waiting lot and general aviation services.

Public Transit:

Lextran's fixed-route bus service operates 25 routes, which move people all around Lexington. This service is vital to the people of Fayette County as it gets them to work, school, and other activities. Passengers ride Lextran 7 days a week, 365 days a year for \$1 or less per trip. Children ages 6 and under ride for free. Fares may be paid with change, cash (\$1 and \$5 bills only), and Lextran passes. Change is provided via a change card that can be used as the next fare payment. Credit or debit cards are not accepted on the bus, but can be used to buy a pass at the Downtown Transit Center or the Loudon Administrative Office. 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.



Bill Straus Photography

Bicycling:

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:

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 Pay-ByPhone mobile app. Find out more at www.lexpark.org.

WHAT TO EXPERIENCE



Central Kentucky boasts many unique Bourbon experiences, such as Bourbon Live, an immersive Bourbon flight virtual 3D theatre experience for corporate outings in The Speakeasy at 903 Venues in the Distillery District. (Commerce Lexington Photo)

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 Thoroughbred racing in April and October, and 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, and annually hosts the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event and the National Horse Show. Closer to downtown Lexington is Red Mile Gaming & Racing, 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 or perhaps taking a tour of a historic site like Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, local candy shop, or one of the area’s many historic homes, such as the Henry Clay Estate. The **Railbird Festival** is back in 2023 with a new location at the infield at Red Mile, June 3-4. There are also some unique ways to see the area through a variety of tour companies that offer custom-built experiences that showcase Central Kentucky.

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, as

well as the Lexington Counter Clocks (formerly Legends), who play in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball.

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. Distilleries around the Commonwealth continue to welcome growing numbers of visitors. 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 destinations in the region, with 24 included on VisitLEX’s Brewgrass Trail.



Photo by Ross Bustin courtesy of Railbird Festival

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Horse Stuff



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Distilleries



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 and gift shops, 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), and downtown on West Main Street is The Square, which features an original mix of shopping, galleries, restaurants, bars, and even a theater and museum for the kids. A little further out Nicholasville Road just into Jessamine County is a 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), Hamburg Pavilion (I-75 & Man O'War), and The Summit at Fritz Farm (corner of Nicholasville Road & Man O'War Boulevard).

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, Southland Drive, as well as South Limestone near the University of Kentucky campus. You'll also want to check out the Julietta Market, a year-round multi-vendor public market in the historic Southeast Greyhound Building. Nestled right in the heart of Central Kentucky's historic and thriving agricultural community, the Blue Grass Stockyards Regional Marketplace includes community-minded dining, retail and education spaces. 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.

Scan for Area Shopping



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. Whether you're looking for in-person dining, carryout or delivery options, you'll find a ton of local restaurants listed on-line at [https://web.commercelexington.com/ Restaurants-Food-Beverages](https://web.commercelexington.com/Restaurants-Food-Beverages).

Scan for Dining Options



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 across our region. Scan the QR code with your device for the most up-to-date list of hotels. Unless otherwise noted, all addresses below are in the Lexington area.

Scan QR Code for Hotel List



Commerce Lexington Member Hotels & Motels:

21c Museum Hotel Lexington

167 West Main Street, 40507
Phone: (859) 899-6810
www.21clexington.com

Avid Hotel

1810 Bryant Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 687-8100
www.ihg.com/avidhotels/hotels/us/en/lexington/lexav/hoteldetail

Best Western Lexington Inn

2221 Elkhorn Road, 40505
Phone: (859) 293-0047
www.bestwestern.com/lexingtoninn

The Campbell House

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

Country Inn & Suites Hotel

2297 Executive Drive, 40505
Phone: (859) 299-8844
www.countryinns.com/lexingtonky_north

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

Elwood Hotel & Suites

444 Parkway Drive, 40504
Phone: (877) 444-2308
www.theelwoodhotel.com

Embassy Suites at Lexington Green

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

Embassy Suites Lexington/UK Coldstream

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
Phone: (859) 224-3338
www.marriott.com/lexsw

Hampton Inn - Medical Center/UK

1953 Nicholasville Road, 40503
Phone: (859) 313-9000
www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lexmchx-hampton-lexington-medical-center

Hampton Inn & Suites (Brannon Crossing - Nicholasville)

453 E. Brannon Rd., Nicholasville, 40356
Phone: (859) 724-7905
www.thghotels.net

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.hiltonlexington.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites DTWN Area - Keeneland

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

Home2 Suites by Hilton

1750 Pleasant Ridge Drive, 40509
Phone: (859) 900-2333
www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lexhght-home2-suites-lexington-hamburg

Homewood Suites by Hilton - Hamburg

2033 Bryant Road, 40509
Phone: (859) 543-0464
www.lexingtonhamburg.homewoodsuites.com

Homewood Suites by Hilton Lexington Fayette Mall

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

Hotel LEX

5532 Athens Boonesboro Rd., 40509
Phone: (859) 800-1999
www.hotellexky.com

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 Pisgah Pike, Versailles, KY 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

121 W. Vine St., 40507
Phone: (859) 253-1000
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lexdt-lexington-marriott-city-center/

Origin Hotel Lexington

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

Quality Inn/MainStay Suites

1938 Stanton Way, 40511
Phone: (859) 413-2765
www.qualityinn.com/ky365

Red Roof Inn South

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

Residence Inn Lexington City Center

150 W. Main St, 40507
Phone: (859) 253-1000
www.marriott.com/lexrd

Residence Inn South by Marriott

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

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

Staybridge Suites Lexington South

209 Ruccio Way, 40503
Phone: (859) 710-9888
www.staybridge.com/lexington

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Lexington Keeneland/Airport

980 Midnight Pass, 40513
Phone: (859) 368-9491
www.marriott.com/LEXTW

Tru By Hilton University Medical Center

535 Waller Ave., 40504
Phone: (859) 687-9700
www.lexingtonuniversitymedicalcenter.trubyhilton.com



Lexington offers an abundance of recreational opportunities to keep you and your family moving and grooving in the Bluegrass. For this particular edition, we've included several great outdoor opportunities to provide for adequate social distancing during the ongoing pandemic. The city offers phenomenal parks, golf courses, nature sites, walking trails, bowling centers, and a variety of fitness options for all levels of 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.



Town Branch Commons Trail photo by Ty Cole courtesy of LFUCG.

Walking & Bike Trails:

The city has made a commitment in recent years to enhancing its trail system for the health and activity of its citizens. The city recently opened the Town Branch Commons Trail, a 10-year, 2.2-mile project that extends throughout downtown Lexington. This newly-completed section links two major trails, Town Branch Trail and the Legacy Trail, producing 22 miles of uninterrupted trail network - the hub of a growing, citywide trail system. 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 of Lexington, visit www.lexingtonky.gov/trails.

Pickleball:

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States and can be played by people of all ages and athletic abilities. Lexington has 15 dedicated pickleball courts.

- 12 courts at Kirklevington Park.
- 2 courts at Meadowthorpe Park.
- 1 court at the Lexington Senior Center (This court is only open to the public through programs offered at the Lexington Senior Center).

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. Hisle Farm Park is approximately 280 acres of rolling pasture land located five miles northeast of downtown Lexington. 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.

Swimming Pools:

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

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Automobiles

Driver's Licenses:

In May 2025, standard licenses will no longer meet federal REAL ID Act requirements for Kentuckians to board U.S. domestic flights or enter select federal facilities. New security standards for identity credentials were recommended by the 9/11 Commission to prevent the fraudulent use and reproduction of licenses and IDs. Kentuckians now have three license renewal options! Renew online, by mail, or in-person at any Driver Licensing Regional Office. The regional offices are open to in-person visits from any Kentucky resident. For information on current pricing and the process for obtaining a driver's license in Kentucky, visit <https://drive.ky.gov>.

Graduated Driver's Licensing Program:

The Graduated Driver Licensing program is only required for drivers obtaining their original permit at 16 or 17. It uses an intermediary period of six months between the learner's permit and a full, unrestricted license. During the intermediary phase, teenagers will have an intermediate license. They can drive on their own, but with two restrictions on their driving privileges - one restricting driving from 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 6:00 a.m. (except in the case of an emergency) and a second restricting the driver to only one unrelated passenger under the age of 20. To find out more, visit <https://drive.ky.gov/driver-licensing/Pages/Graduated-Driver-Licensing-Program.aspx>.

Regional Driver's Licensing Offices:

141 Leestown Center Way, Suite 125, Lexington, KY 40511

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & Sat., 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

2624 Research Park Drive, Lexington, KY 40511

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

To find other Regional Driver's Licensing Offices or schedule an appointment, visit <https://drive.ky.gov/Pages/Find-An-Office.aspx>. **NOTE:** Now accepting credit/debit cards, cash, personal checks, certified checks, and money orders. Limited walk-ins are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Schedule Road Test or Written Permit Test On-line:

<https://telegov.egov.com/KSP>

Driver Insurance Required:

An owner may not operate a vehicle in Kentucky until insurance has been obtained. According to the statute, an owner who fails to maintain insurance on his vehicle shall have his vehicle registration revoked. In addition, the vehicle owner and driver are subject to a fine of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, up to 90 days in jail, or both. All motor vehicle owners in Kentucky must 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 an 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/License Plates:

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 on Kentucky roadways must be titled and registered. KRS 186.020 states that a person who brings a motor vehicle into the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall make an application for registration within fifteen (15) days in the county in which the person resides. Vehicle registration is handled by the Fayette County Clerk's office (162 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507). Find out more at www.fayettecountyclerk.com or call (859) 253-3344.

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. For more information on voter registration in Fayette County, visit www.fayettecountyclerk.com/web/elections/voterregistration.htm.

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



NEWCOMER'S GUIDE

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

1801 Alexandria Dr., Suite 136, 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 (e.g. a license issued on December 1 is valid until December 31 of the next year). Dogs must wear their license and rabies tags at all times. Cats must wear their license tag at all times. Assistance dogs are exempt from annual licensing. Licenses can be purchased or renewed via the Lexington-Fayette Animal Care & Control (LFACC) license mail-in application available on-line at <https://lfacc.org/licensing>. Fayette County also has a pooper-scooper law. For more information about pet laws and licenses, contact LFACC at (859) 255-9033 or <https://lfacc.org>.

Post Offices:

For other USPS locations, drop-off 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 Ct., Ste. 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 Dr., Suite 100, 40505

Moving & Storage:

Commerce Lexington Members

A1 Portables, Inc.

Phone: (859) 255-6605
www.a1portables.com

Bluegrass Moving Concierge

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

Carey Group

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

Citadel Self-Storage

Phone: (859) 795-2555
www.citadelfselfstorage.com/lexington

Citadel Warehouse Services

Phone: (859) 254-8821

College Hunks Hauling Junk & Moving

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

Fister Incorporated

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

From Here to There

Phone: (859) 893-2602
<https://www.fromheretothereky.com>

Little Guys Movers

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

Office Resources, Inc. (ORI)

Phone: (859) 241-2600
www.oriusa.com

PODS For Business

Phone: (513) 822-0772
www.pods.com/business

Safeway Moving & Storage – Agent for Mayflower

(859) 266-2153
www.safemoving.com

Saunier Moving and Storage

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

Stor-All

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

The Urban Squirrel

Phone: (859) 382-2265
www.storeyournutshare.com

Vincent Fister Moving & Storage

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

White Dog Trading & Storage

Phone: (859) 214-7000
<https://whitedogllc.com>

Utilities:

Commerce Lexington Members

Internet, Phone & TV – Residential Options:

AT&T Kentucky

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

Kinetic by Windstream

Residential: (866) 552-3251
www.windstream.com

MetroNet

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

Spectrum

2450 Nicholasville Road, 40503
2312 Sir Barton Way, 40509
Residential: (855) 839-4246
www.spectrum.com

Electricity & Gas:

Blue Grass Energy

P.O. Box 990, Nicholasville, 40340
Phone: (888) 546-4243
Serves portions of S.E. Fayette Co.
www.bgenenergy.com

Columbia Gas of Kentucky

2001 Mercer Road, 40511
Phone: (800) 432-9345
Gas Emergency: (800) 432-9515
www.columbiagas.com

Delta Natural Gas Co., Inc.

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

East Kentucky Power Cooperative

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

LG&E & KU Energy

One Quality Street, 40507
Residential: (800) 981-0600
www.lge-ku.com

Water:

Kentucky American Water

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

Other Services:

Kentucky 811

Phone: 811 or (800) 752-6007
www.kentucky811.org
Kentucky's "Call Before You Dig" law requires everyone who digs to contact Kentucky 811 at least two full business days before starting a project.

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 online. 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:

Commerce Lexington Members

Bin There Dump That Lexington

Phone: (859) 358-7800
<https://lexington.bintheredumpthatusa.com/home>

Cohen Brothers of Lexington

Phone: (859) 255-5676
www.cohenusa.com/lexington

Green Metals, Inc.

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

Junk Magicians

Phone: (859) 533-1420
<https://junkmagicianslexington.com>

Junkluggers of Kentucky

Phone: (859) 554-8055
www.junkluggers.com

Lexington Computer Recycling

Phone: (859) 279-1195
www.lexingtoncomputerrecycling.com

Midwest Metals

Phone: (859) 381-8500
<http://mwmcorp.com>

Rubicon Technologies LLC

Phone: (859) 800-9867
*Helps businesses reduce waste & meet sustainability goals.

Smart Recycling Management LLC

Phone: (859) 447-0681
<http://smartrecyclingmanagement.com>

Stuff Recycling

Phone: (859) 745-7882
<http://stuffrecycling.com>

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