

Microenterprise Employment Statistics in Kentucky

County	Urban or Rural County ⁸	Number of Microenterprises			Total Employment ¹		
		Without Employees ²	With 1-4 Employees ³	Total	Microbusiness Employment ⁴	Percent of County ^{5,6}	Total Private-Non-farm Employment
Adair	R	1,551	150	1,701	1,971	24.1%	8,194
Allen	R	1,270	124	1,394	1,617	19.4%	8,321
Anderson	R	1,382	167	1,549	1,850	24.3%	7,611
Ballard	R	549	99	648	826	17.4%	4,738
Barren	R	3,074	410	3,484	4,222	15.9%	26,519
Bath	R	773	85	858	1,011	25.5%	3,963
Bell	R	1,286	301	1,587	2,129	17.6%	12,124
Boone	U	6,332	1,269	7,601	9,887	10.8%	91,434
Bourbon	U	1,239	217	1,456	1,847	17.5%	10,565
Boyd	U	2,728	679	3,407	4,630	13.5%	34,231
Boyle	R	1,979	393	2,372	3,080	14.8%	20,864
Bracken	U	576	75	651	786	24.3%	3,237
Breathitt	R	496	121	617	835	17.1%	4,891
Breckinridge	R	1,114	153	1,267	1,543	20.7%	7,438
Bullitt	U	3,998	518	4,516	5,449	23.8%	22,864
Butler	R	937	110	1,047	1,245	25.2%	4,942
Caldwell	R	762	163	925	1,219	18.7%	6,519
Calloway	R	2,362	409	2,771	3,508	15.9%	22,001
Campbell	U	4,890	817	5,707	7,179	18.5%	38,817
Carlisle	R	427	35	462	525	26.2%	2,001
Carroll	R	626	105	731	920	10.4%	8,889
Carter	R	1,978	230	2,208	2,622	24.9%	10,518
Casey	R	1,125	97	1,222	1,397	18.8%	7,426
Christian	U	3,281	689	3,970	5,211	7.6%	68,541
Clark	U	2,141	406	2,547	3,278	14.9%	22,003
Clay	R	944	165	1,109	1,406	22.1%	6,352
Clinton	R	856	117	973	1,184	22.6%	5,229
Crittenden	R	661	104	765	952	25.1%	3,800
Cumberland	R	589	78	667	807	26.2%	3,080
Daviess	U	5,335	1,072	6,407	8,338	15.0%	55,480
Edmonson	U	740	73	813	944	29.2%	3,236
Elliott	R	318	36	354	419	23.2%	1,809
Estill	R	942	126	1,068	1,295	31.1%	4,170
Fayette	U	19,120	3,898	23,018	30,039	14.3%	210,554
Fleming	R	1,143	154	1,297	1,574	22.9%	6,877
Floyd	R	2,066	459	2,525	3,352	21.1%	15,888
Franklin	R	3,032	611	3,643	4,743	11.8%	40,147

Fulton	R	339	89	428	588	15.2%	3,861
Gallatin	U	398	51	449	541	16.7%	3,236
Garrard	R	1,275	141	1,416	1,670	29.3%	5,700
Grant	U	1,527	236	1,763	2,188	25.6%	8,558
Graves	R	2,716	403	3,119	3,845	22.4%	17,188
Grayson	R	1,998	246	2,244	2,687	22.0%	12,205
Green	R	875	133	1,008	1,248	26.4%	4,734
Greenup	U	1,846	256	2,102	2,563	19.8%	12,933
Hancock	U	414	72	486	616	11.0%	5,573
Hardin	U	5,285	992	6,277	8,064	12.8%	63,001
Harlan	R	1,123	277	1,400	1,899	18.9%	10,059
Harrison	R	1,173	169	1,342	1,646	19.2%	8,580
Hart	R	1,454	144	1,598	1,857	24.1%	7,721
Henderson	U	2,489	521	3,010	3,948	16.2%	24,368
Henry	U	1,045	122	1,167	1,387	19.8%	7,000
Hickman	R	274	35	309	372	20.1%	1,854
Hopkins	R	2,595	502	3,097	4,001	17.0%	23,474
Jackson	R	913	68	981	1,103	21.5%	5,126
Jefferson	U	46,277	9,522	55,799	72,949	14.0%	521,389
Jessamine	U	3,572	494	4,066	4,956	22.9%	21,670
Johnson	R	1,352	258	1,610	2,075	23.8%	8,705
Kenton	U	8,472	1,626	10,098	13,027	16.6%	78,551
Knott	R	675	112	787	989	18.6%	5,320
Knox	R	1,721	222	1,943	2,343	16.6%	14,097
Larue	U	1,099	134	1,233	1,474	26.3%	5,609
Laurel	R	3,686	480	4,166	5,031	16.4%	30,649
Lawrence	R	793	122	915	1,135	24.1%	4,707
Lee	R	395	55	450	549	19.6%	2,804
Leslie	R	533	72	605	735	24.8%	2,959
Letcher	R	1,133	207	1,340	1,713	21.3%	8,044
Lewis	R	945	84	1,029	1,180	25.6%	4,610
Lincoln	R	1,840	175	2,015	2,330	29.0%	8,032
Livingston	R	726	105	831	1,020	26.1%	3,911
Logan	R	1,769	259	2,028	2,494	18.6%	13,426
Lyon	R	447	106	553	744	23.1%	3,226
McCracken	R	4,030	942	4,972	6,669	13.8%	48,249
McCreary	R	1,024	85	1,109	1,262	26.4%	4,783
McLean	U	583	105	688	877	27.0%	3,253
Madison	R	5,285	790	6,075	7,498	18.1%	41,420
Magoffin	R	651	110	761	959	24.6%	3,903
Marion	R	1,141	191	1,332	1,676	16.8%	10,002
Marshall	R	2,308	315	2,623	3,190	20.6%	15,459

Martin	R	408	87	495	652	16.6%	3,917
Mason	R	1,066	240	1,306	1,738	13.9%	12,543
Meade	U	1,408	171	1,579	1,887	26.4%	7,135
Menifee	R	430	48	478	564	28.9%	1,952
Mercer	R	1,597	230	1,827	2,241	20.5%	10,939
Metcalfe	R	864	70	934	1,060	24.0%	4,426
Monroe	R	842	124	966	1,189	20.5%	5,795
Montgomery	R	1,677	269	1,946	2,430	17.0%	14,339
Morgan	R	834	97	931	1,106	21.5%	5,150
Muhlenberg	R	1,755	329	2,084	2,677	20.8%	12,872
Nelson	U	2,984	457	3,441	4,264	21.2%	20,103
Nicholas	R	415	59	474	580	23.0%	2,523
Ohio	R	1,268	192	1,460	1,806	18.0%	10,012
Oldham	U	4,236	746	4,982	6,326	32.4%	19,540
Owen	R	567	69	636	760	20.6%	3,693
Owsley	R	254	32	286	344	22.0%	1,563
Pendleton	U	837	108	945	1,140	25.9%	4,398
Perry	R	1,455	339	1,794	2,405	14.8%	16,266
Pike	R	3,045	766	3,811	5,191	17.3%	29,932
Powell	R	890	110	1,000	1,198	26.2%	4,581
Pulaski	R	4,127	762	4,889	6,261	18.5%	33,894
Robertson	R	131	14	145	170	18.2%	935
Rockcastle	R	1,045	115	1,160	1,367	24.0%	5,685
Rowan	R	1,376	231	1,607	2,023	15.5%	13,084
Russell	R	1,465	205	1,670	2,039	23.0%	8,852
Scott	U	2,840	402	3,242	3,966	13.6%	29,064
Shelby	U	2,698	457	3,155	3,978	19.6%	20,334
Simpson	R	1,165	162	1,327	1,619	14.1%	11,466
Spencer	U	1,100	145	1,245	1,506	41.2%	3,654
Taylor	R	1,585	382	1,967	2,655	18.6%	14,300
Todd	R	788	109	897	1,093	22.4%	4,877
Trigg	U	941	140	1,081	1,333	23.1%	5,778
Trimble	U	552	55	607	706	32.4%	2,176
Union	R	801	138	939	1,188	15.2%	7,809
Warren	U	7,327	1,213	8,540	10,725	15.7%	68,470
Washington	R	704	138	842	1,091	20.1%	5,413
Wayne	R	1,196	187	1,383	1,720	18.9%	9,117
Webster	U	712	137	849	1,096	20.5%	5,337
Whitley	R	2,978	434	3,412	4,194	26.8%	15,661
Wolfe	R	467	46	513	596	26.2%	2,271
Woodford	U	2,025	308	2,333	2,888	18.4%	15,685
TOTAL		263,673	46,066	309,739	392,709	16.5%	2,380,763

Microenterprise Employment	
Employees⁷	82,970
Employers	46,066
Non-Employers	263,673
Average Rate	1.80

Rural/Urban County Breakout	
Rural Microbusiness Employment	162,718
Rural Non Farm Private Employment	862,986
% of Rural Counties Employed by Micro	18.9%
Urban Microbusiness Employment	229,991
Urban Non Farm Private Employment	1,517,777
% of Urban Counties Employed by Micro	15.2%

1/ Total employment includes proprietors and all non-farm part-time and full-time employees.

2/ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Non-Employer Statistics, 2005.

3/ Source: 2005 County Business Patterns, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

4/ Includes micro-business entrepreneurs (with and without employees) and estimated employment for businesses with 1-4 employees.

5/ Micro-business employment as a percent of total county employment.

6/ Source: 2005 Bureau of Economic Analysis, Full-time and Part-time County Employment Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

7/ The number of microenterprise employees does not include individuals who are self-employed.

8/ Source: 2005 U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service Rural-Urban Continuum Codes

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