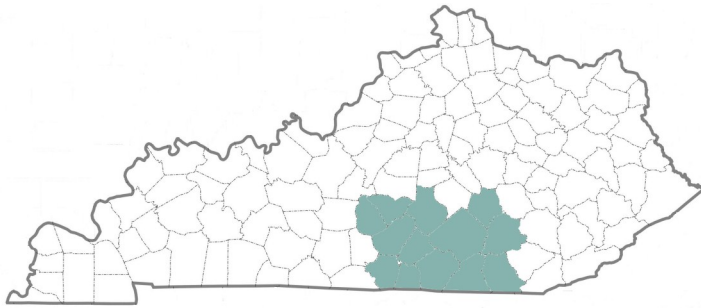


Welcome to the...

CUMBERLANDS

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA

Kentucky



Population: 322,904

Regional Cities/Towns and Populations

Somerset, Pulaski Co.	11,352
Campbellsville, Taylor Co.	10,498
Corbin, Whitley Co.	7,742
Monticello, Wayne Co.	5,981
London, Laurel Co.	5,692
Williamsburg, Whitley Co.	5,143
Columbia, Adair Co.	4,014
Mount Vernon, Rockcastle Co.	2,592
Russell Springs, Russell Co.	2,399
Greensburg, Green Co.	2,396
Albany, Clinton Co.	2,220
Liberty, Casey Co.	1,850
Burkesville, Cumberland Co.	1,756
Pine Knot, McCreary Co.	1,680
North Corbin, Laurel Co.	1,662
Jamestown, Russell Co.	1,624
Stearns, McCreary Co.	1,586
Brodhead, Rockcastle Co.	1,193
Whitley City, McCreary Co.	1,111

The Cumberland Workforce Investment Area is comprised of 13 counties in Southeastern Kentucky: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, and Whitley. The region is home to an abundance of assets and resources including economic and community development organizations, workforce development agencies, education and training providers, community organizations, state and national parks, and other tourist attractions.

This document provides an overview of various resources available to the region, followed by an outline of assets in each of the 13 regional counties.

Largest Industries by Employment

Government	19,908
Health Care and Social Assistance	19,452
Manufacturing	16,657
Retail Trade	15,948
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	10,618

Economic and Community Development

Lake Cumberland Area Development District

www.lcadd.org

The Lake Cumberland Area Development District is a hub of collaboration for local, state, and federal government entities, community-based organizations, and community businesses to formulate plans to enhance the quality of life for the area's citizens. Service areas include: Aging & Independent Living, Community and Economic Development, Workforce Development, and Planning. The LCADD serves ten counties: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne.

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Revolving Loan Fund—LCADD

http://www.lcadd.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=95&Itemid=86

The LCADD's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program provides debt financing for businesses unable to obtain adequate market financing for projects of economic benefit to an area. These are one-time, direct loans, not revolving lines of credit, and must be given to projects within the LCADD's ten county service area. These loans must be for the establishment of new businesses, expansion of existing businesses, creation of employment opportunities, or retention of existing jobs. Such loans may include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase of equipment, machinery, and/or fixtures including related costs
- Business and industrial acquisitions when the loan will keep the business from closing, prevent the loss of employment opportunities, or provide expanded job opportunities.
- Business construction, conversion, enlargement, repair, modernization, or development.
- Leasehold improvements
- Working Capital

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Community Development Block Grants—LCADD

http://www.lcadd.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=95&Itemid=86

The purpose of the CDBG program is to provide funding to cities and counties for community development projects. The funds can be used for activities related to housing, infrastructure, economic development, and other community projects. CDBG funds have been used in the LCADD for such things as construction of senior centers, water and sewer plants, water and sewer line development, housing rehabilitation, and economic development projects.

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Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation

<http://www.southeastkentucky.com/>

The Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation is a non-profit economic development organization serving 45 counties in Southeast Kentucky. SKED works directly with individual companies, their consultants, and advisors to provide a wide range of services on a free and confidential basis. Services include: site selection assistance; incentive and business tax information; business financing; business advice and training; key contacts in business and local government; demographic, wage, and economic data; navigation through local government requirements; and access to workforce training and recruitment resources.

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Southeast Kentucky Business Park

<http://www.sekbp.com/>

The SEK Business Park encompasses 597 acres bordering the Corbin By-Pass, and is only 3.3 miles from Interstate 75. It is a regional partnership of 6 counties, including Laurel, McCreary, and Whitley counties. Located in Knox County, the site is central to a large labor pool from the six partnering counties and beyond. The terrain of the park features gently rolling hills and forested properties. A variety of lot configurations are surveyed and marked, but can be re-configured to suit almost any need. Generous financial incentives are available in the form of tax credits, job assessment fees, training grants and revenue bonds. Millions of dollars are budgeted annually and are available to qualifying companies.

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Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation

<http://www.khic.org/>

Kentucky Highlands seeks to reduce poverty within its service area by providing services that support economic growth. KHIC helps to fund new business ventures of promising entrepreneurs in its target areas. Entrepreneurs promise to hire unemployed residents in return for this investment. This innovative process encourages more participation with business management than does traditional capital investing. KHIC's service area includes Clinton, Cumberland, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Wayne, and Whitley counties.

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Appalachian Regional Commission

<http://www.arc.gov/>

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. ARC funds projects that address the four goals identified in the Commission's strategic plan:

- Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation.
- Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy.
- Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive.
- Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.

Each year ARC provides funding for several hundred projects in the Appalachian Region, in areas such as business development, education and job training, telecommunications, infrastructure, community development, housing, and transportation.

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Community Ventures Corporation

<http://www.cvcky.org/>

Community Ventures Corporation (CVC) is a community-based, non-profit organization that exists to improve the quality of life for urban and rural residents throughout Kentucky. CVC's central mission is to provide individuals and families with the skills, income, and assets they need to achieve financial independence. CVC helps people increase income and build assets with three main strategies: small business ownership, home ownership, and job creation through business expansion. CVC's service area includes Adair, Casey, Cumberland, and Taylor counties.

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Lake Cumberland District Health Department

<http://www.lcdhd.org/>

The Lake Cumberland District Health Department provides community-based health initiatives and preventative health care services. Its mission is to prevent illness and injury, promote good health practices, and ensure a safe environment for residents of the Lake Cumberland region. Services include clinical services, diabetes education, disaster preparedness, environmental services, new parent education, health assessment tools, health policy and promotion, and school health. The LCDHD serves ten counties: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne.

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Education and Workforce Development

Cumberlands Workforce Network

<http://www.lcadd.com/cumberlandsworkforce/>

The Cumberland Workforce Network is the employment center of the Lake Cumberland and Cumberland Valley Area Development Districts. The demand for a highly skilled workforce has grown rapidly. Cumberlands Career Centers are the key resource for locating and providing essential employment services.

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Kentucky Workforce Investment Network System (KY WINS)

http://www.kctcs.edu/en/Workforce_Solutions/KY_WINS.aspx

The centerpiece of the KCTCS workforce and economic development efforts is the Kentucky Workforce Investment Network System (KY WINS). Through KY WINS KCTCS colleges work with employers to provide the training employees need to keep the company competitive in today's global economy.

Through KY WINS, companies receive funding to assist with the cost of providing workforce training and assessment services to current as well as potential employees. KY WINS funds are distributed on a project basis and require a company cash match of 35%. The KCTCS Workforce Solutions staff will assist companies in developing training plans and applying for KY WINS funding.

Companies may apply individually or as a training network with other companies. The training networks meet common training needs of business and industry from various sectors of the economy. The network approach is successful because companies who only need one or two employees trained are able to join with other companies to obtain cost-effective and timely training. KCTCS Workforce Solutions staff will assist companies in developing the training networks.

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Somerset Community College

<http://www.somerset.kctcs.edu/>

Somerset Community College (SCC) is one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the nation. Its mission, as a member of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, is to offer a high-quality, targeted education to meet the professional and personal goals of all Kentuckians. SCC has a network of programs and campuses across the Lake Cumberland region, including locations in Pulaski, Laurel, Casey, Clinton, McCreary, and Russell counties.

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Locations:

Somerset Campus: (606)679-8501

Laurel Campus: (606)877-1421

Casey Center: (606)787-4727

Clinton Center: (606)387-3236

McCreary Center: (606)376-5747

Russell Center: (270)858-6501

Lineman Training Center—Somerset Community College

http://www.somerset.kctcs.edu/Workforce_Solutions/Lineman_Training_Center.aspx

The Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center is a very unique and valuable asset for the Lake Cumberland region. It has one of the most expansive indoor training facilities and comprehensive curriculums in the nation. Instructors are either currently employed or retired from the electrical industry and are eager to get you started in your new career. Training at the Lineman Training Center will prepare apprentice-level students for employment in the electrical industry. This is accomplished by using training methods that have proven to be effective in preparing individuals to be highly qualified and successful employees.

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Campbellsville University

<http://www.campbellsville.edu/>

Campbellsville University is a widely acclaimed Kentucky-based Christian university with more than 3,500 students offering 63 undergraduate options, 17 master's degrees, five postgraduate areas and eight pre-professional programs. Campbellsville offers courses at five locations in addition to its main campus.

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Campbellsville University Technology Training Center

<http://www.campbellsville.edu/cuttc>

Campbellsville University Technology Training Center is a partnership with city and county governments, local school districts and Team Taylor County, and the local economics organizations in providing an affordable training to the local workforce. Its purpose is to provide a technically skilled workforce by increasing the number of skilled workers for the technology, health care occupations, and industrial driven occupations for local area industries and serve as a hub for the technology, medical and industry related resources for South Central Kentucky.

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Lindsey Wilson College

<http://www.lindsey.edu/>

Lindsey Wilson College is a four-year liberal-arts college affiliated with the Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church. LWC is located on more than 200 partially wooded acres on a hilltop in Columbia, KY.

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Adults in Motion—Lindsey Wilson College

<http://www.lindsey.edu/academics/aim--evening-college.aspx>

Lindsey Wilson operates the AIM (Adults in Motion) program in Columbia for the region's working adults. Started in 1983, AIM is South central Kentucky's oldest such program. Since 1992, the college has operated the Lindsey Wilson Scottsville Campus to meet the growing educational needs of Allen County-Scottsville. The college has cooperative agreements the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and community colleges in Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

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University of the Cumberland

<http://www.ucumberland.edu/>

Located in Williamsburg, KY, University of the Cumberland offers a broad-based liberal arts program enriched with Christian values. While many of the University's more than 3,300 students are from within the Appalachia region, it now boasts students from across the United States and other nations.

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