

# JCHS Weather Team Seven Day Forecast

We will get a break from the rain over the weekend. Rain and storm chances will move back in at the start of next week.

### Jackson County Weekly Forecast June 1st - June 7th

WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Chance Rain 30%	T-storm sLikely 60%	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Chance Rain 20%	Chance Rain 30%	Chance Rain 50%
<b>87°F</b>	<b>80°F</b>	<b>76°F</b>	<b>80°F</b>	<b>83°F</b>	<b>78°F</b>	<b>81°F</b>
<b>64°F</b>	<b>57°F</b>	<b>52°F</b>	<b>57°F</b>	<b>60°F</b>	<b>59°F</b>	<b>60°F</b>

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## Jackson County Register of Deeds May 24 - 31, 2022

Brandon Alan Cameron and Tiffany Leanne Cameron to Randy Edward Mills and Tracy Flannery.  
 Monty E. Hill and Melissa Jane Hill to Dale Callahan and Virginia Callahan.  
 Jesse Ray McCracken and Kirsten McKenzie Lashia McCracken and Kirsten McKenzie Lashia Estep to Herbert Lee Hicks.  
 Barbara Jean Carpenter to Barbara Jean Carpenter and Donna Redinbo and Miranda Bayes.  
 Mary Gregory and Luther Hundley to Terry Nichols and Lori Nichols.  
 Phillip Akemon and Linda Akemon to James Lin Ward.\

### Marriages

Iloha Maria Allen, 49, Annville, Homemaker, to Ruven Cruzado Jr, 61, Annville, Retired.  
 Constance Lucinda Owens, 40, McKee, to Billy Joseph Shearer, 40, McKee.

## State Releases County Unemployment Data for April 2022

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 26, 2022) - Unemployment rates rose in seven Kentucky counties, fell in 110 counties, and stayed the same in three counties between April 2021 and April 2022, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.



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**KENTUCKY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES**  
Preliminary April 2022

U.S. Comparable Rate - 3.3%	AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS					
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	Apr 22	Mar 22	Apr 21
<b>CUMBERLAND VALLEY</b>	<b>81,952</b>	<b>78,540</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
BELL	8,301	7,946	355	4.3%	5.1%	5.0%
CLAY	5,188	4,927	261	5.0%	5.5%	6.1%
HARLAN	6,718	6,302	416	6.2%	6.8%	7.9%
JACKSON	4,173	3,959	214	5.1%	5.8%	5.5%
KNOX	10,342	9,850	492	4.8%	5.2%	5.5%
LAUREL	26,099	25,217	882	3.4%	3.9%	3.9%
ROCKCASTLE	6,669	6,419	250	3.7%	4.4%	4.4%
WHITLEY	14,462	13,920	542	3.7%	4.1%	4.7%

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 2.5%. It was followed by Cumberland and Oldham counties, 2.6% each; Henry, Scott, Shelby and Spencer counties, 2.7% each; Anderson, Boone, Bullitt, Fayette, Harrison, Logan, Monroe, Simpson and Washington counties, 2.8% each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 10.5%. It was followed by Breathitt County, 7.6%; Elliott County, 7.5%; Martin County, 7.3%; Owsley County, 6.7%; Leslie County, 6.6%; Carter County, 6.5%; Lewis County 6.4%; Harlan County, 6.2%; and Floyd and Johnson counties, 5.7% each.

Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays, and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 3.4% for April 2022, and 3.3% for the nation.

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted April 2022 unemployment rate was released on May 19, 2022, and can be viewed at <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=EducationCabinet&prId=562>.

In that release, Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are adjusted to observe statistical trends by removing seasonal influences such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. For more information regarding seasonal fluctuations, visit the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at [https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_htgm.htm#why](https://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm#why).

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

Learn more about Kentucky labor market information at <https://kystats.ky.gov/KYLMI>.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Session Results: Helping Those Who Help Us State Representative Timmy Truett

Without a doubt, our first responders have been through a lot over the past two years. Not only have they faced the stress of fighting on the front lines of a global pandemic, but they have also seen firsthand the impact of our drug addiction epidemic.

As a member of the Kentucky General Assembly, I want to be clear that we support our first responders. We stand with the paramedics, EMT's and firefighters who rush to the scene of an emergency. Likewise, we reject calls to defund the police.

The General Assembly tackled several key issues during this year's legislative session, but none of them took priority over helping Kentucky's first responders. We approved legislation underscoring this commitment, from expanding resources for law enforcement and those on the frontlines to increasing pay for the Kentucky State Police. With this week's update, I would like to share some details about the steps we took to support our first responders this session:

**Clarifying Personnel Policies during Mandatory States of Emergency:** HB 49 extends the existing practice of allowing eligible overtime attributable to a state of emergency to include overtime earned because of an emergency as declared by a local government when the Governor authorizes mobilization of the Kentucky National Guard.

**Lifeliners Act:** This important measure, HB 79, includes telecommunicators as eligible participants in the Law Enforcement Professional Development and Wellness Program in order to extend mental health resources.

**Enrolling Officers in KLEPF:** We approved HB 137 this session, which adds to the definition of a police officer to include joint task force members, county attorney investigators, process servers for juvenile courts, and commonwealth attorney's investigators to make them eligible for the annual Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund supplement.

**Peace Officer Certification:** A bipartisan effort, HB 206 prevents those with a history of sexual assault from becoming a peace officer. This bill extends the prohibition to misdemeanors in the qualifications for becoming a peace officer. It ensures that those who are meant to protect the citizens have not been convicted of a sexual misconduct crime.

**Raises for Kentucky State Police Troopers:** This session the legislature passed HB 259, codifying the \$15,000 raises for KSP troopers provided for in HB 1.

**911 Next Generation Fund:** We also shifted the portion of the funding from the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) fund to the 911 Next Generation Fund. HB 363 to ensures that every dispatch center has the most up to date technology to support first-responders.

**Eliminating Outdated Law Enforcement Recruitment Protocols:** This measure addresses the ever-present retention issue faced by local and county law enforcement agencies. HB 414 removes the age limit for applicants, which currently requires that applicants be between 18 and 45 years old. Additionally, the measure includes enhanced provisions regarding formal complaints filed against an officer.

**Protecting First Responders:** HB 562 allows peace officers and firefighters 48-hours of optional leave after a critical event happens. This could provide the valuable time needed to process a traumatic event.

**Training Delivery Options for DOCJT:** This legislation allows the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training to establish and maintain an online learning curriculum for specific classes within the Criminal Justice Training Program. The measure, HB 565, limits the use of remote learning to 10% of initial training and 30% of annual training, as well as prohibiting the use of remote learning when physical fitness is part of the training curriculum.

**Expanded Counseling Services for Public Safety Personnel:** SB 64 permits the creation of peer counseling groups in local fire and police departments. The programs fall under established departmental protocols and the content of the meetings shall be confidential unless the conversations relate to an employee's announced intent to commit suicide, the admission of a violent crime against a minor child or senior adult, or the intent to carry out a dangerous act against another individual.

**Benefits for First Responders Who Continue to Work Beyond Retirement:** We worked with the Kentucky Senate to establish vacation, sick leave and holiday pay policies for retired troopers and commercial motor vehicle enforcement officers who choose to work beyond their retirement. SB 209 also clarifies that hazardous duty employees who work beyond the required 20 years shall earn an additional \$5 per month per additional year worked to be applied to their health insurance premium upon retirement. In addition, nonhazardous employees will earn \$5 for every year worked beyond 27 years.

A hero goes above and beyond the call of duty. To me, everyone who has served their community through these unprecedented times is a hero. Words cannot express my appreciation for our brave law enforcement officers and first responders. We must never forget the sacrifices each of these men and women, as well as their families, make every day to protect our neighborhoods and communities.

I hope to continue these updates on the work we did this session over the weeks to come so please keep reading. In the meantime, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at [Timmy.Truett@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Timmy.Truett@lrc.ky.gov). If you would like more information, please visit the LRC website [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov).



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