



Letcher County

Family and Individual Development Data

Data provided in this issue of Kentucky: By The Numbers were **compiled to correspond to the issues** covered in the **Family and Individual Development** section of the University of Kentucky

Cooperative Extension Statewide Community Needs Assessment

<https://extension.mgcafe.uky.edu/community-assessment>

The statewide needs assessment was conducted to identify and prioritize community needs, issues, and/or opportunities that Extension could address through targeted educational programming and engagement efforts. The survey was divided into 4 areas:

- 1) Agriculture and Natural Resources,
- 2) Youth Development,
- 3) Family and Individual Development, and
- 4) Community and Economic Development.

These data have been compiled to assist in using the survey results for local planning. Data from nearly 40 different sources were selected and links to each data source are provided at the end. Secondary data for the other survey sections are available at <https://kybtn.ca.uky.edu/>. To learn more about Cooperative Extension at the University of Kentucky go to: <http://extension.ca.uky.edu/>

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Food Assistance and Food Access in Letcher County

Food Assistance¹ (July 2022)	
Number of Persons Receiving SNAP	4,971
Number of Households Receiving SNAP	2,439

Food Access³ (2021)	
Number of Food and Beverage Stores	9
Number of Grocery Stores	6
Number of Supermarkets and other Grocery Stores (except convenience stores)	6
Number of Convenience Stores	n/a
Number of Gasoline Stations with Convenience Store	4

Food Insecurity² (2021)	
Overall Food Insecurity Rate	21.4%
Number of Food Insecure Persons	4,650
Child Food Insecurity Rate	24.0%
Number of Food Insecure Children	1,150

School Lunch⁴ (2022-2023 academic year)	
Number of Students who are Economically Disadvantaged based upon being Program or Income Eligible for Free or Reduced-priced Meals	2,181*
* = Due to confidentiality, data are undisclosed or county total does not include schools/districts with undisclosed data.	

Health in Letcher County

Physical and Mental Health⁵ (age adjusted) (2020)	
Percent of Adults Reporting Fair or Poor Health	25.9% (22.8% to 29.4%)
Average Number of Physically Unhealthy Days Reported in Past 30 Days	5.5 days (5.0 to 6.0)
Percent of Adults Reporting 14 or more Days of Poor Physical Health per Month	17.1% (15.4% to 18.9%)
Average Number of Mentally Unhealthy Days Reported in Past 30 Days	6.4 days (6.0 to 6.7)
Percent of Adults Reporting 14 or more Days of Poor Mental Health per Month	21.1% (19.6% to 22.7%)

Leisure-Time Physical Activity⁵ (age adjusted) (2020)	
Percent of Adults Age 18+ Reporting No Leisure-Time Physical Activity	36.2% (32.4% to 39.8%)

Physical Activity Access⁵ (2022)	
Percent of Population with Adequate Access to Locations for Physical Activity	69.6%

Diabetes and Obesity⁵ (age adjusted) (2020)	
Percent of Adults Ages 20+ Diagnosed with Diabetes	12.9% (12.0% to 13.9%)
Percent of Adults Ages 18+ that Report a Body Mass Index (BMI) Greater than or Equal to 30 kg/m ²	43.8% (41.8% to 45.7%)

Population Without Health Insurance⁶ (2021)	
<u>Under Age 19</u> without Health Insurance	199 (+/- 57)
<u>Under Age 65</u> without Health Insurance	1,240 (+/- 169)
Percent under Age 65 without Health Insurance	7.3% (+/- 1.0%)
Females under Age 65 without Health Insurance	533 (+/- 108)
Males under Age 65 without Health Insurance	707 (+/- 130)

Medical Care⁵	
Number of Primary Care Physicians (2020)	13
Number of Mental Health Providers (2022)	17
Number of Dentists (2021)	8

Substance Abuse in Letcher County

Substance Abuse Disorder Diagnosis⁷	
3-Year Total (2020-2022)	
Emergency Dept Visits	2,338
Inpatient Hospitalization	56

Substance Abuse Disorder Diagnosis⁷	
5-Year Total (2018-2022)	
Emergency Dept Visits	3,378
Inpatient Hospitalization	136

NonFatal Overdose Related Emergency Dept. Visits⁷	
3-Year Total (2020-2022)	
<u>Any Drug</u> -Involved	256
<u>Any Opioid</u> -Involved	51
5-Year Total (2018-2022)	
<u>Any Drug</u> -Involved	390
<u>Any Opioid</u> -Involved	77

NonFatal Overdose Related Inpatient Hospitalization⁷	
3-Year Total (2020-2022)	
<u>Any Drug</u> -Involved	116
<u>Any Opioid</u> Drug-Involved	32
5-Year Total (2018-2022)	
<u>Any Drug</u> -Involved	183
<u>Any Opioid</u> Drug-Involved	50

Fatal Overdose⁷ 3-Year Total (2020-2022)	
Any Drug-Involved Fatal Overdose	34
Any Opioid-Involved Fatal Overdose	29

Fatal Overdose⁷ 5-Year Total (2018-2022)	
Any Drug-Involved Fatal Overdose	48
Any Opioid-Involved Fatal Overdose	36

Financial data for Letcher County

Median Income⁸ (2018-2022)	
All Households	\$38,466 (+/- \$3,232)
Families with Own Children under 18	\$55,919 (+/- \$12,522)

Debt in Collections¹⁰ (Feb 2022)	
Percent of People with any Debt in Collections	35.9%
Median Amount	\$1,465

Consumer Debt¹⁰ (Feb 2022)	
Percent of People with Auto/Retail Debt	41.7%
Percent of People with Auto Loans	33.4%

Medical Debt in Collections¹⁰ (Feb 2022)	
Percent of People with Medical Debt in Collections	14.0%
Median Amount	\$426

Student Loans¹⁰ (Feb 2022)	
Percent of People with Student Loan Debt	13.7%
Median Amount	\$15,104

Poverty Rate⁹ (2018-2022)	
All Families Below Poverty	22.6% (+/- 4.1%)
Families with Related Children under 18	31.7% (+/- 6.9%)
Families with One Worker	24.7% (+/- 7.3%)
Families with Householder Working Full Time/Year-Round	4.6% (+/- 3.1%)

Aging in Letcher County

Total Population ¹¹ (2022)	
Ages 65+	4,411
Ages 65-74	2,772
Ages 75-84	1,285
Age 85+	354

Households ¹² (2018-2022)	
Percent of Households with One or more People Ages 65+	30.6% (+/- 1.8%)
Percent of Households with Householder 65+ Living Alone	13.5% (+/- 2.5%)

Population Ages 65+ ¹¹ (2022)	
Percent of Total Population that is Ages 65+	21.1%
Percent Female	54.4%
Percent Male	45.6%

Poverty and Income ^{13 & 8} (2018-2022)	
Poverty Rate - Population Ages 65+	19.2% (+/- 5.9%)
Median Income - Householder Ages 65+	\$34,517 (+/- \$6,494)

Population Projection ¹⁴ (2035)	
Projected Population Ages 65+ (2035 projection)	4,174

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Margins of Error

For counties with small populations and small population groups, the **margins of error** (indicated by a +/- ##) or confidence intervals (indicated by a range) can be quite large. The margin of error or confidence interval tells us how precise the estimate is by indicating the **range within which the estimate most likely falls**. For help in understanding the margin of error, see the brief *Kentucky: By The Numbers* publication “**And Now for the Grain of Salt.**” Additional data are available at: *Kentucky: By The Numbers* website.