



PROGRESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP: KENTUCKY MOVES FORWARD ON *Key Priorities in 2026 Session*



ASHLI WATTS
PRESIDENT & CEO
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky made meaningful progress this legislative session on issues that directly impact our workforce, economic growth, and the future of communities across the Commonwealth.

On many important priorities this session, momentum only became possible when people came together around shared goals for Kentucky's future. The Kentucky Chamber served as a key convener in many of

those conversations, helping bring together voices on issues ranging from child care to civil litigation.

Representing businesses of every size, industry, and region, the Chamber is uniquely positioned to help

connect perspectives, build consensus, and keep Kentucky focused on the opportunities ahead. Combined with the strong commitment of the General Assembly, that work helped turn long-standing challenges into real results this session.

One of the clearest examples was child care. Access to affordable, reliable child care continues to be one of the biggest barriers to workforce participation for Kentucky families. For more than 18 months, the Kentucky Chamber led the Kentucky Collaborative on Child Care, bringing together employers, providers, and diverse perspectives to identify practical solutions. That ongoing work helped lay the foundation for landmark child care legislation and showed what can happen when we stay focused on finding solutions that support a stronger workforce.

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KENTUCKY CHAMBER RECOGNIZES 15 LEGISLATORS AS *MVPs of the 2026 General Assembly*

The Kentucky Chamber has announced 15 legislators as MVPs of the 2026 General Assembly, recognizing their leadership in advancing Kentucky's business climate and prioritizing economic growth.

"Throughout the 2026 legislative session, these lawmakers demonstrated leadership in advancing policies that strengthen the Commonwealth. The Kentucky Chamber applauds their work to ensure businesses can grow, communities can thrive, and more Kentuckians have the opportunity to succeed," said Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts.

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ASSEMBLY, PAGE 3**

KENTUCKY CHAMBER ENGAGES *Federal Leaders on Top Issues*

Kentucky Chamber leaders, including Chamber Chair Conrad Daniels, visited Washington, D.C. in June to meet with members of Kentucky's congressional delegation on key priorities of the business community.

During the visit, Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts testified before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade in support of the SECURE Data Act.

The legislation is modeled after Kentucky's comprehensive data privacy law, passed by the General Assembly in 2024, and would establish a single national standard for businesses and consumers in place of a growing patchwork of differing state laws.

During the hearing, Kentucky Congressman Brett Guthrie, chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, highlighted the Commonwealth's approach as a national model, emphasizing its balance between protecting consumers and supporting business competitiveness.

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Kentucky Chamber Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Kate Shanks, Chamber Board Chair Conrad Daniels, Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts, and Chamber Director of Public Affairs John Hughes

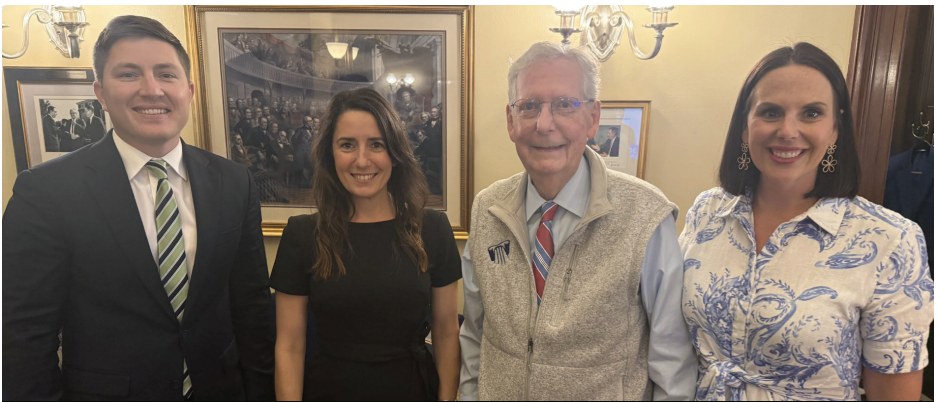


Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts testifies in support of the SECURE Data Act before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade

FROM THE FRONT

Chamber Engages Federal Leaders

In her testimony, Watts outlined how the Kentucky Chamber convened a broad coalition of business leaders, industry stakeholders, and privacy experts to develop the framework that became House Bill 15, which passed unanimously in the Kentucky General Assembly and was signed by Governor Andy Beshear. The federal legislation is supported by a coalition led by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce that includes more than 120 state and local chambers of commerce.



Senator Mitch McConnell



Congressman Brett Guthrie



Congressman Andy Barr



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Congressman James Comer



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Key Priorities in 2026

Kentucky also took important steps to strengthen its position in the emerging alternative aviation fuel market—an opportunity that builds on the Commonwealth's long-standing strengths in agriculture and transportation while helping position Kentucky for the next generation of economic growth. The Chamber helped convene leaders from both sectors to align on a long-term strategy and support legislation that moved forward. It was another reminder that when Kentucky's business community works together, the state is better positioned to compete and lead.

Creating a fair and predictable legal climate also remained a key priority. Businesses need confidence and certainty to invest, expand, and create jobs in Kentucky communities. The Chamber worked with stakeholders to build alignment around the need for greater consistency in Kentucky's legal environment. That work helped advance legislation to clarify civil liability standards for infrastructure projects, making progress on an issue that has long been important to Kentucky's economic development efforts.

Housing also became one of the biggest economic conversations across Kentucky this year. Communities throughout the state are feeling the impact of limited housing supply, and there is growing recognition that housing plays an important role in supporting Kentucky's workforce, economy, and quality of life. The Chamber worked alongside industry partners and community leaders to help move the conversation toward practical solutions, contributing to a major housing reform package being introduced this session. While we still have more work ahead, the momentum around housing reflected a growing understanding that Kentucky's future growth depends on expanding housing opportunities in Kentucky.



That collaborative approach delivered measurable results for Kentucky employers and working families. During the 2026 session, the Kentucky Chamber worked with the General Assembly to advance policies that are estimated to generate \$1.564 billion in savings for Kentucky businesses annually—equal to about \$911 per private-sector employee.

This progress is a reminder that Kentucky's greatest opportunities are ahead of us when we work together around shared goals.

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MVPs of the 2026 General Assembly

The Chamber's MVPs, along with a summary of their contributions, are listed below:



Robert Stivers
Senate President



David Osborne
Speaker of the House



David Meade
Speaker Pro Tempore



Max Wise
Senate Majority
Floor Leader



Steven Rudy
House Majority
Floor Leader



Robby Mills
Senate Majority
Caucus Chair



Suzanne Miles
House Majority
Caucus Chair



Julie Raque Adams
Senator



Chris McDaniel
Senator



Craig Richardson
Senator



Steve West
Senator



Samara Heavrin
Representative



Michael Meredith
Representative



Jason Petrie
Representative



Susan Witten
Representative

- **Senate President Robert Stivers** played a critical role in advancing pro-business legislation through the Senate while preventing harmful bills that could limit Kentucky's competitiveness. He was instrumental in the passage of legislation to support alternative aviation fuel and championed investment in the Endowed Research Fund (Senate Bill 6) to strengthen research capacity and economic development.
- **House Speaker David Osborne** led several pieces of pro-business legislation through the House while blocking harmful bills that could limit Kentucky's competitiveness. He was a strong champion for priority child care legislation, provided leadership on economic development priorities, including alternative aviation fuel, and supported civil liability reform legislation.
- **Speaker Pro Tempore David Meade** sponsored House Bill 545, which establishes targeted incentives to encourage the production and blending of alternative aviation fuel and to strengthen Kentucky's agriculture and transportation industries.
- **Senate Majority Floor Leader Max Wise** demonstrated strong leadership for Kentucky businesses by guiding key legislation through the Senate, including several priority measures for the Kentucky Chamber. He was also a vocal supporter of civil liability reform legislation.
- **House Majority Floor Leader Steven Rudy** demonstrated strong leadership for Kentucky businesses by guiding key legislation through the House, including several priority measures for the Kentucky Chamber. He was a strong champion for priority child care legislation and provided important amendments to technology legislation.
- **Senate Majority Caucus Chair Robby Mills** provided important leadership as co-chair of the Housing Task Force and as sponsor of Senate Bill 9, which included reforms to increase housing development. He also championed the creation of a residential infrastructure fund framework to address infrastructure costs tied to housing growth.
- **House Majority Caucus Chair Suzanne Miles** played a critical role as a member of House leadership in advancing important pro-growth legislation. She is also recognized for her work on energy policy and in her role as a member of the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission.
- **Senator Julie Raque Adams** carried House Bill 6 and House Joint Resolution 50 on the Senate floor and provided strong leadership for the legislation throughout session. This landmark child care package reduces barriers to opening and operating child care centers, strengthens accountability, expands options for working families, and supports the child care workforce.

- **Senator Chris McDaniel**, chair of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, is recognized for his leadership in presiding over the development of the Commonwealth's two-year budget in a way that maintains fiscal discipline, limits excessive spending and borrowing, and protects Kentucky's long-term financial stability.
- **Senator Craig Richardson** championed Senate Bill 195, advancing legal liability reforms aimed at modernizing Kentucky's civil litigation system and creating a fairer and more predictable legal climate. The final legislation clarified liability standards for public road and bridge projects.
- **Senator Steve West** sponsored Senate Bill 4, which establishes a professional development program for school principals that incorporates an intensive leadership program developed in partnership with the Kentucky Chamber Foundation. He is also recognized for his role in energy policy as a member of the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission.
- **Representative Samara Heavrin** championed the Chamber's priority child care legislation, House Bill 6 and House Joint Resolution 50, and provided strong leadership for the legislation throughout session. This landmark child care package reduces barriers to opening and operating child care centers, strengthens accountability, expands options for working families, and supports the child care workforce.
- **Representative Michael Meredith** championed House Bill 306, legislation strengthening criminal trespassing statutes to help improve workplace safety. The measure was passed in House Bill 521.
- **Representative Jason Petrie**, chair of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, is recognized for his leadership in presiding over the development of the Commonwealth's two-year budget in a way that maintains fiscal discipline, limits excessive spending and borrowing, and protects Kentucky's long-term financial stability.
- **Representative Susan Witten** provided leadership as co-chair of the Housing Task Force and by sponsoring House Bills 617 and 618, legislation aimed at encouraging additional housing development. She was also a strong advocate for addressing residential infrastructure needs to help communities expand housing options.

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View the **Kentucky Chamber's 2026 Results for Business** publication online, detailing top priorities of the business community that passed, scoring votes of legislators on important issues, and showing missed opportunities.

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KENTUCKY PRIMARY ELECTION SETS *Matchups for November*

Kentucky voters selected nominees in several closely watched federal and state legislative races during the 2026 primary election in May, setting the stage for competitive contests this fall.

Key federal matchups on the November ballot include Congressman Andy Barr and Charles Booker in the U.S. Senate race to fill the seat of U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell.

Other races include Ed Gallrein and Melissa Strange in Kentucky's 4th Congressional District and Ralph Alvarado and Zach Dembo in the 6th District.

Incumbents James Comer, Brett Guthrie, Morgan McGarvey, and Hal Rogers also secured spots on the general election ballot in their respective congressional districts.



2026 Primary Election Results



In state legislative races, Kentucky Chamber PAC-endorsed candidates won 14 of 16 races on Tuesday, May 19, including:

Incumbents:

- **Sen. Matt Deneen** – Senate District 10
- **Sen. Brandon Smith** – Senate District 30
- **Sen. Julie Raque Adams** – Senate District 36
- **Rep. Ryan Bivens** – House District 24
- **Rep. John Hodgson** – House District 36
- **Rep. Kim Moser** – House District 64
- **Rep. Mark Hart** – House District 78
- **Rep. Deanna Gordon** – House District 81

Open Seats:

- **Wes Pate** – House District 14; *currently held by Rep. Scott Lewis, who did not seek reelection*
- **Joe Redmon** – House District 27; *currently held by Rep. Nancy Tate, who did not seek reelection*
- **Kevin Jones** – House District 52; *currently held by Rep. Ken Upchurch, who did not seek reelection*
- **David Charles** – House District 74; *currently held by Rep. David Hale, who did not seek reelection*
- **Darrell Billings** – House District 91; *currently held by Rep. Bill Wesley, who ran for Senate District 30*
- **Tanner Hesterberg** – House District 95; *currently held by Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, who did not seek reelection*



KENTUCKY CHAMBER RECOGNIZES *2026 Fellowship for Civic Leadership Class*

The Kentucky Chamber has recognized its 2026 class of the Fellowship for Civic Leadership program after two days of intensive training in May.

The Kentucky Chamber launched the Fellowship for Civic Leadership in 2024 to strengthen civic engagement across the Commonwealth by preparing business leaders, aspiring public officials, and civic-minded individuals who are passionate about free enterprise to pursue public service and elected office.

Through the program, participants learned directly from elected officials, campaign professionals, and policy experts about the realities of running for office and serving in public leadership roles, built connections with peers from across the Commonwealth, and engaged with leaders including U.S. Congressman James Comer, members of the General Assembly, and local officials.

“Kentucky’s future depends on strong leaders who are willing to step forward, engage in their communities, and help solve the challenges facing our Commonwealth,” said Kentucky Chamber Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Kate Shanks.



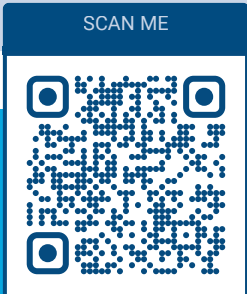
Kentucky Chamber Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Kate Shanks, Senator Keturah Herron, Representative Josh Ray, Senator Greg Elkins, and Paducah City Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tempore Sandra Wilson

The following individuals completed the 2026 program:

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| ▪ Josh Berkley | ▪ Kelly McNew |
| ▪ Justin Brown | ▪ Sarah Pollom |
| ▪ Jill Cutler | ▪ Edna Schack |
| ▪ Chaz English | ▪ Chad Spencer |
| ▪ Aaron Garofola | ▪ Polly Steenbergen |
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Kentucky Chamber Foundation's 2025 Impact Report Highlights

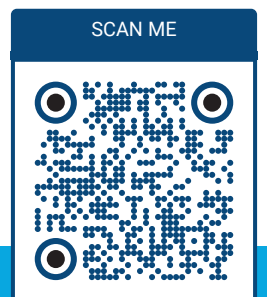
EMPLOYER-LED WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION SOLUTIONS

The Kentucky Chamber Foundation released its 2025 Impact Report, highlighting employer-led efforts to strengthen Kentucky's workforce, expand education partnerships, and support long-term economic growth across the Commonwealth.

"The Kentucky Chamber Foundation plays a critical role in aligning business, education, and government around real solutions. When we bring the right partners together with a shared focus on outcomes, we can create lasting opportunity for Kentuckians and strengthen the future of our Commonwealth," said Les Fugate, Kentucky Chamber Foundation Board Chair and Vice President Director, Public Affairs, U.S. State and Local, Canada, & Latin America, Brown-Forman.

One example featured in the report is the launch of Epic Flight Academy at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, created to help meet the growing demand for aviation maintenance workers as the airport expands into a global cargo and logistics hub. The program's first cohort of 17 FAA-certified mechanics completed training in 2025, with additional cohorts already underway.

The report also highlights broader statewide impact in 2025, including helping 283 employers improve hiring and workforce practices, engaging 3,252 students in career exploration experiences, and supporting leadership training for 40 school principals who impact more than 19,000 students.



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Scan the QR Code to read the full report, *Kentucky Chamber Foundation 2025 Impact Report*, or visit kychamberfoundation.org.



Kentucky Chamber Foundation Director of Implementation Callie Miracle, Chamber Board Member John Phillips of AE Electrical Solutions, Clayton Abernathy of Gray Construction, Richard Vincent of the Associated General Contractors of Kentucky, Don Wilkins of Marine Solutions, Inc., and Justin Sensabaugh of Kentucky American Water

KENTUCKY CHAMBER FOUNDATION CONNECTS EMPLOYERS AND EDUCATORS TO

Strengthen Talent Pipelines

As workforce shortages continue across many of Kentucky's key industries, employers are taking a more active role in building the state's future talent pipeline. Through programs like Educator's Guide to Industry, the Kentucky Chamber Foundation brings businesses, educators, and workforce partners together to connect classroom learning with real-world careers and strengthen long-term workforce development efforts.

Nearly 50 educators and school counselors from six Kentucky school districts gathered in April at Kentucky American Water's Lexington operations facility for an Educator's Guide to Industry event designed to connect educators with skilled trade professionals and provide firsthand insight into high-demand careers across Kentucky. The experience also helped teachers and counselors better understand the career pathways, workplace expectations, and skills shaping Kentucky's future workforce.

"At Kentucky American Water, we see every day how closely education and workforce readiness are connected," said Ellen Williams of Kentucky American Water. "Hosting

this event gave educators a firsthand look at the careers behind essential services like water, so they can help students better understand the real-world opportunities available to them right here in Kentucky. It was successful because it created meaningful connections between educators and industry and gave participants the chance to see these career pathways in action."

For many participating employers, workforce development is no longer viewed solely as an education issue but as a business priority directly tied to long-term growth, talent availability, and economic competitiveness.

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Larry Krauter of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport opens the inaugural Economic Summit

Kentucky Chamber Economic Summit

EXAMINES TRENDS SHAPING GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Kentucky Chamber hosted its inaugural Economic Summit, presented by the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG), to provide updates on the economy and issues impacting growth.

Business leaders, economists, and policy experts discussed the trends affecting Kentucky's economy, including workforce challenges, artificial intelligence, and entrepreneurship.

Curtis Dubay, chief economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said affordability remains a major challenge for consumers. He also highlighted policy uncertainty surrounding tariffs and trade, which is making businesses more cautious.

Kentucky Chamber Chair-elect Kim Halbauer of Fifth Third Bank and Chamber board members Hollie Harris of Appalachian Regional Healthcare and Jonathan Westbrook of East & Westbrook Construction also discussed how business leaders are making decisions during continued uncertainty. Despite those challenges, the panel highlighted Kentucky's advantages in location, affordability, logistics network, and workforce potential as strengths that continue supporting business growth.

Regional economic development and tax policy leaders said Kentucky's long-term competitiveness will depend on strong communities, workforce development, and a business climate that continues attracting investment and talent.



Kentucky Chamber Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Kate Shanks with Chamber Board Members Jonathan Westbrook of East and Westbrook Construction, Hollie Harris of Appalachian Regional Healthcare, and Chamber Chair-elect Kim Halbauer of Fifth Third Bank



Kentucky Chamber Board Member Seema Sheth of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and Julianne Dunn of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

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Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts, Chamber Board Member Purna Veer of V-Soft Consulting, and Chamber Board Chair Conrad Daniels of HJI Supply Chain Solutions



Kentucky Chamber Foundation Senior Vice President Beth Davisson with Chamber Board Member Matt Grimshaw of CHI Saint Joseph Health, Dr. Gerard Colman of Baptist Health, and Chamber Board Member Garren Colvin of St. Elizabeth Healthcare

HEALTHCARE SUMMIT FOCUSES ON WORKFORCE, INNOVATION, AND *the Future of Care*

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Leaders from across the Commonwealth gathered in Louisville for the Kentucky Chamber's 2nd Annual Healthcare Innovation Summit, presented by Consoliplex, to explore how innovation and collaboration are reshaping Kentucky's healthcare future.

Throughout the Summit, discussions focused on one central theme: strengthening healthcare is directly tied to strengthening the state's workforce and long-term economic competitiveness. Speakers emphasized that improving access to care, addressing workforce shortages, and embracing new technology will be critical to supporting a healthier Kentucky.

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Chamber Board Member Dr. Stephen Behnke of Lexington Clinic, Jaime Grund of St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Dr. Curtis Koons of Bluegrass Precision Wellness, and Dr. Richard Lozano of Pathology & Cytology Labs



Jordan Harris of Deloitte welcomes attendees of the 2026 Workforce Summit

HOW KENTUCKY EMPLOYERS ARE PREPARING THE *Workforce of Tomorrow*

PRESENTED BY **Deloitte.**

As workforce needs continue to evolve, Kentucky leaders gathered in Lexington for the 11th Annual Kentucky Workforce Summit, presented by Deloitte, to discuss the challenges and opportunities shaping the Commonwealth's future workforce.

Speakers focused on the growing need for stronger alignment between employers, education, and workforce systems as industries face persistent talent shortages and changing workforce demands. Conversations centered on ways employers, educators, and workforce leaders can better align efforts to prepare Kentuckians for high-demand careers.

The Summit also highlighted how closely workforce growth is tied to broader issues impacting Kentucky families and employers—from housing and child care to health care access and emerging technology.



Stephen Moret of the Strada Education Foundation speaks on connecting education with opportunity



Greg Walker of the College Board discusses the importance of engaging the future of workforce



Kentucky Chamber Foundation Director of Implementation Callie Miracle, Casey Jones of Lofted Spirits, Anne McKay of Taylor Made Farms, and Kellie Burke of Humana



Terri Bradshaw of the Kentucky Association for Economic Development, Andrew Games of the Elizabethtown Hardin County Industrial Foundation, Anetha Dunn Sanford of the Home Builders Association of Kentucky, and Charles Aull of the Kentucky Chamber

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NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

KENTUCKY CHAMBER ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL

Next Generation Leadership Council

The Kentucky Chamber has launched its inaugural Next Generation Leadership Council, bringing together rising leaders from across the Commonwealth to help shape the future of Kentucky's business community.

Representing a broad mix of industries and regions across the state, council members will work to advance key issues impacting Kentucky's economy and long-term growth.

The Next Generation Leadership Council for the 2026-2028 term includes:

- **Danna Barnett**, Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Louisa
- **Jake Boswell**, Independence Bank, Owensboro
- **Cara Brooks**, Duke Energy, Cincinnati/NKY
- **Kyle R. Bunnell**, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, Lexington
- **Dalton Hatfield**, Kentucky Power, Ashland
- **Kavonte Jones**, Brown-Forman, Louisville
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Additional positions on the council will become available in 2027, and nominations may be submitted at any time. Learn more at kychamber.com/nextgeneration.

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- June 18, 2026** | Best Places to Work in Kentucky – Lexington
- June 23, 2026** | AI Business Accelerator – Lexington
- July 14-15, 2026** | 29th Annual Kentucky Environmental Permitting & Reporting Conference – Lexington
- August 25-27, 2026** | 42nd Annual KYSHRM Conference – Louisville
- August 31-November 23, 2026** | A Virtual SHRM Certification Prep Course – Online
- September 21, 2026** | 3rd Annual Young Professionals Summit – Louisville
- September 29, 2026** | OSHA Recordkeeping and Reporting – Lexington
- September 30, 2026** | OSHA Forklift – Lexington
- November 17, 2026** | 2027 Kentucky Legislative Preview Conference – Lexington
- December 8-9, 2026** | OSHA 10 Hour Voluntary Compliance Course – Lexington
- December 8-11, 2026** | OSHA 30 Hour Voluntary Compliance Course – Lexington
- December 10-11, 2026** | Supervising and Managing People – Lexington
- January 7, 2027** | 32nd Annual Kentucky Chamber Day Dinner – Lexington

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22ND ANNUAL BEST PLACES TO WORK IN KENTUCKY *Award Winners Announced*

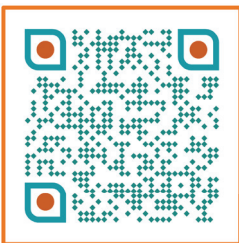


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The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, SHRM Kentucky, and Saint Joseph Health announced the 100 companies that made the 22nd Annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky list. The winner rankings were announced at an awards dinner in June at Central Bank Center in Lexington.

Winners from across the Commonwealth were selected in three categories: small companies of 15-149 employees, medium companies of 150-499 employees, and large companies with more than 500 employees. The selection process, managed by Workforce Research Group, is based on an assessment of company policies and procedures as well as the results of an internal employee survey.

The competition is a multi-year initiative designed to encourage companies across Kentucky to strengthen workplace culture and move their organizations toward excellence. Research continues to show a strong connection between profitability and creating a positive workplace environment.



WINNERS

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