

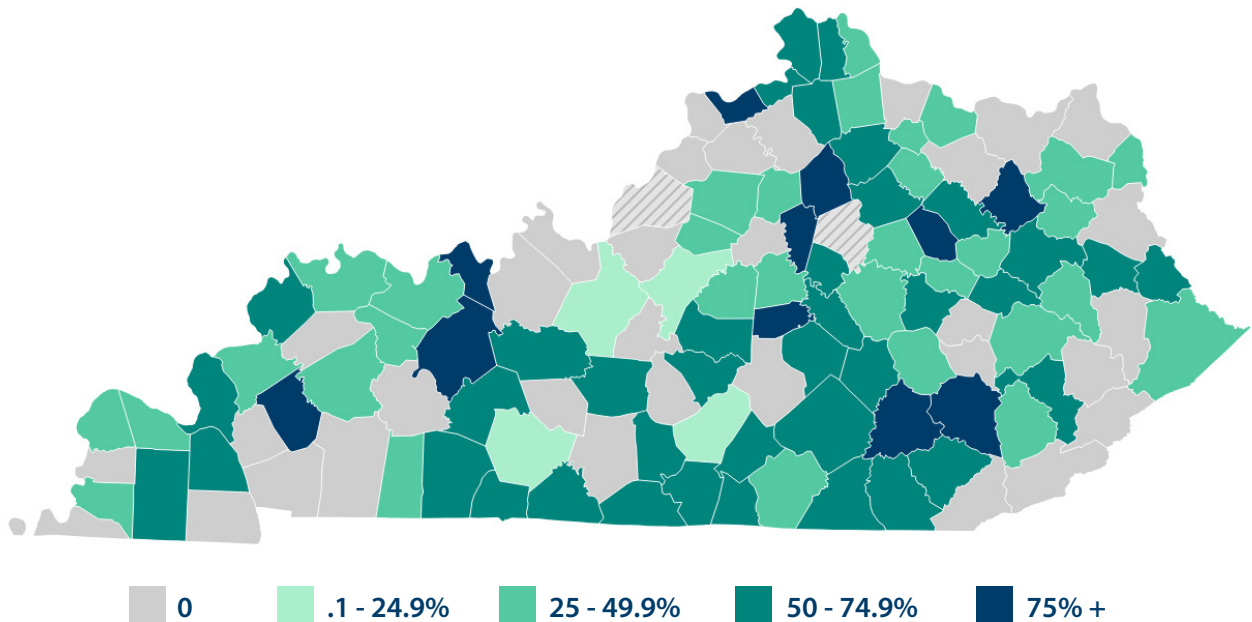
2026 County Occupational Tax

Occupational license fees are taxes that may be imposed as a percentage of payroll on those working within a county and/or as a percentage of net profits of business activities in the county.

- As of January 2026, 87 counties levied an occupational license fee with all 87 levying the tax on payroll and 70 counties levying the tax on net profits.
- Rates range from 0.50 percent to 2.5 percent, with a median rate of 1 percent.
- Excluding Fayette and Jefferson, counties collected a total of \$430.7 million in occupational license fees on payroll and net profits in FY 2024, making up 45.8 percent of all tax revenue.

Source: Kentucky Association of Counties

Occupational Tax as a Percent of Total Tax Revenue



Excludes Fayette and Jefferson counties.

Source: KACo analysis of Uniform Financial Information Reports (UFIRS), FY 2024



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2026 County Occupational Tax Rates

County	Payroll Tax Rate
Adair	0.50%
Allen	1.00%
Anderson	N/A
Ballard	1.50%
Barren	N/A
Bath	2.00%
Bell	N/A
Boone	0.80%
Bourbon	1.25%
Boyd	1.00%
Boyle	1.25%
Bracken	N/A
Breathitt	2.00%
Breckinridge	N/A
Bullitt	N/A
Butler	1.00%
Caldwell	1.50%
Calloway	N/A
Campbell	0.90%
Carlisle	N/A
Carroll	1.50%
Carter	1.00%
Casey	N/A
Christian	N/A
Clark	1.50%
Clay	1.00%
Clinton	1.25%
Crittenden	1.50%
Cumberland	1.25%
Daviess	1.00%
Edmonson	N/A
Elliott	1.00%
Estill	2.00%
Fayette	2.25%
Fleming	N/A
Floyd	N/A
Franklin	1.00%
Fulton	N/A
Gallatin	1.00%
Garrard	2.00%

County	Payroll Tax Rate
Grant	2.50%
Graves	1.00%
Grayson	0.50%
Green	N/A
Greenup	N/A
Hancock	1.60%
Hardin	1.00%
Harlan	N/A
Harrison	1.50%
Hart	0.80%
Henderson	1.00%
Henry	N/A
Hickman	1.00%
Hopkins	0.50%
Jackson	1.85%
Jefferson	1.25%
Jessamine	1.00%
Johnson	0.50%
Kenton	0.70%
Knott	N/A
Knox	1.00%
LaRue	N/A
Laurel	1.00%
Lawrence	N/A
Lee	N/A
Leslie	1.00%
Letcher	N/A
Lewis	N/A
Lincoln	1.00%
Livingston	1.00%
Logan	0.75%
Lyon	N/A
Madison	1.00%
Magoffin	1.00%
Marion	1.00%
Marshall	1.00%
Martin	2.00%
Mason	1.00%
McCracken	1.00%
McCreary	1.50%

County	Payroll Tax Rate
McLean	1.00%
Meade	N/A
Menifee	1.25%
Mercer	1.00%
Metcalfe	1.00%
Monroe	1.00%
Montgomery	2.00%
Morgan	1.50%
Muhlenberg	N/A
Nelson	0.50%
Nicholas	1.00%
Ohio	1.25%
Oldham	N/A
Owen	N/A
Owsley	N/A
Pendleton	1.00%
Perry	1.00%
Pike	1.00%
Powell	1.75%
Pulaski	1.00%
Robertson	1.50%
Rockcastle	1.50%
Rowan	1.50%
Russell	1.00%
Scott	1.00%
Shelby	1.00%
Simpson	1.25%
Spencer	0.80%
Taylor	1.00%
Todd	1.00%
Trigg	N/A
Trimble	N/A
Union	0.50%
Warren	1.00%
Washington	0.75%
Wayne	0.90%
Webster	N/A
Whitley	1.00%
Wolfe	1.25%
Woodford	1.50%

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