

**Report to
Kentucky General Assembly
Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue**

**From
Public Protection Cabinet
Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction**

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The mission of the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction is to protect the life and property of the citizens of the Commonwealth through educational, licensing, plan review, permitting, inspection, and compliance programs in the administration of codes and standards relating to the construction and maintenance of buildings and structures pursuant to KRS Chapters 198B, 224.60, 227, 227A, 236, 318 and KAR Title 815. DHBC accomplishes this mission by providing oversight of building construction through enforcement of building and fire codes to include: building plan review and inspection, plumbing plan review and inspection, boiler inspection, HVAC inspection, electrical inspection, elevator inspection, manufactured housing inspection, recreational vehicle inspection, and hazardous materials plan review and inspection. DHBC also ensures fire and life safety in existing buildings; licenses/certifies plumbers, boiler contractors, HVAC installers, electricians, elevator mechanics and contractors, manufactured housing installers and retailers, recreational vehicle retailers, underground storage tank installers, sprinkler contractors and inspectors, fire alarm inspectors; and serves as the headquarters for the State Fire Marshal.

Included in the enacted 2022-2024 Executive Budget is the following report submission requirement:

The Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction shall submit a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 01 of each fiscal year detailing the number of full-time inspectors and reviewers, in addition to the number of completed inspections and plan reviews.

FY22 COMPLETED		• DHBC Program	06.30.2022
Inspections	Plan Reviews		Staffing Level
117,680	4,532	• Plumbing	57 Inspectors and 6 Reviewers
3,948	n/a	• Boilers	7 Inspectors
11,425	n/a	• HVAC	26 Inspectors
2,616	n/a	• Electrical	7 Inspectors
22,734	4,769	• Building Code Enforcement	16 Inspectors and 12 Reviewers
12,296	1,439	• Elevators	15 Inspectors
8,306	2,381	• Manufactured Housing	7 Inspectors
2,314	837	• Hazardous Materials	7 Inspectors
10,645	n/a	• General Inspection	13 Inspectors

DHBC is working diligently to fill inspector and reviewer positions utilizing the increased spending authority enacted for FY23 and FY24. From 07.01.22 to date, DHBC has already hired four new inspectors with multiple registers currently pending for additional inspector and reviewer positions.