



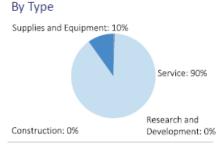
Brigadier General (USAF Ret) Steve Bullard

Executive Director

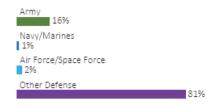
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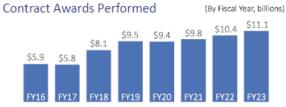
□ DEFENSE CONTRACTS



By Service

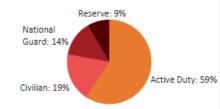






A DEFENSE PERSONNEL

Allocations, By Type



Allocations, By Service

Army	93%
Navy/Marines 1%	
Air Force/Space Force ■ 3%	
Other Defense ■ 3%	

\$3.3 BILLION TOTAL PAYROLL 53,661 TOTAL PERSONNEL

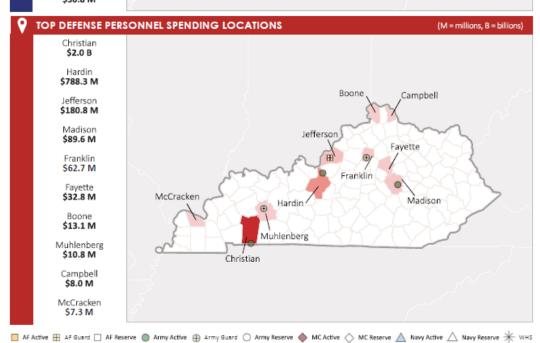
Top Defense Personnel Locations

County	Active Duty	Civilian	National Guard	Reserve	Total
Christian	26,913	2,351	91	101	29,456
Hardin	4,584	4,346	69	2,607	11,606
Jefferson	149	1,260	1,765	576	3,750
Madison	17	964	597	24	1,602
Franklin	ND	297	1,133	ND	ND
Fayette	48	124	285	494	951
Boone	24	22	409	ND	ND
Campbell	ND	30	0	405	ND
Muhlenberg	0	66	313	0	379
McCracken	ND	14	124	131	ND

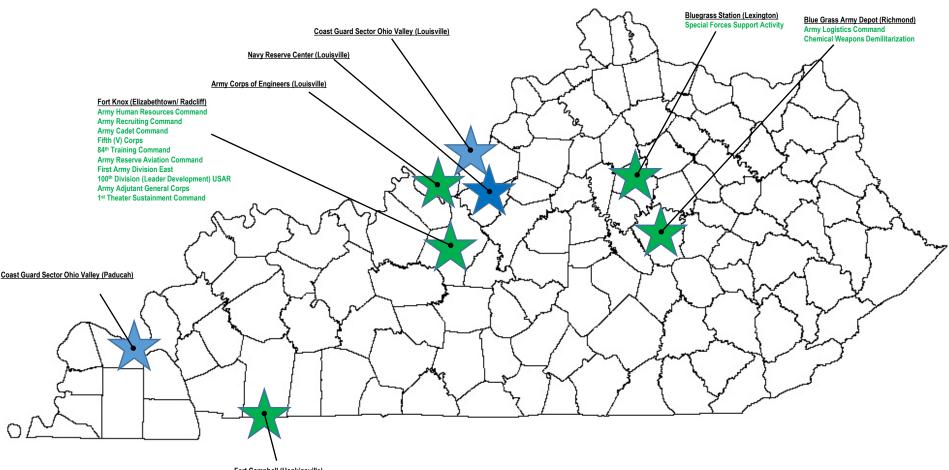
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FISCAL YEAR 2023

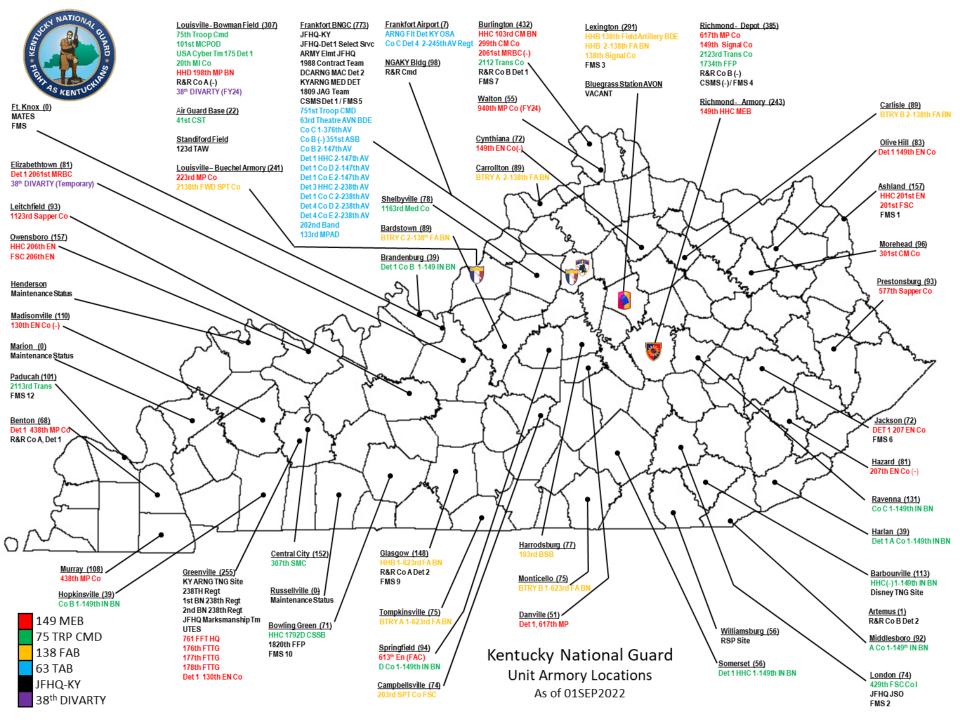




U.S. Military in Kentucky



Fort Campbell (Hopkinsville)
101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)
160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment
5th Special Forces Group



Quick facts about the military in Kentucky:

- Fourth largest industry sector in Kentucky by employment
 - **❖** Automotive 103,500 employees
 - **❖** Distribution & Logistics − 91,800 employees
 - **❖** Food & Beverage − 57,500 employees
 - **❖** Defense 53,661 employees
- Fort Knox is the sixth largest urban community in Kentucky
 - Certified as a Kentucky city
 - **❖** Daytime population of 26,000 soldiers, civilians and family
 - ❖ 109,000 acres across Bullitt, Hardin, and Meade Counties
 - U.S. Department of Treasury's Kentucky Bullion Depository (adjacent)
 - **❖** Neighboring Glendale site hosts the new BlueOvalSK Battery Park
 - \$5.8 billion, 5,000 new jobs joint venture to produce advanced batteries for future Ford and Lincoln electric vehicles
- Fort Campbell is home to the Army's most-deployed contingency forces
 - **❖** Between 400-to-500 soldiers transition from the Army back to the civilian community on a monthly basis

Partnership with Office of Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC)

- Kentucky COMPETES grant project
 - Collaborative Opportunities to Modernize Practices, Engagement, Teams, and the Economy for Success
 - > \$1.7M grant with University of Louisville
 - > Fourth since 2015
 - > Requested by DOD

Grant objectives

- > Evaluate KY Defense Industrial Base (DIB)
- Identify for DOD DIB trends affecting defense readiness
- > Increase engagement with KY DIB community
- Examine role of emerging technologies
- > Prepare a resilient workforce
- Evaluate cybersecurity and artificial intelligence implications and impacts
- Final Report Spring 2025





Legislative Successes (www.kcma.ky.gov)

- ✓ Over 200 military/veterans' bills passed since 1954
- √ Tax exemption for military personnel (2009 Special Session)
- ✓ Uniform Military and Overseas Voting Rights
- ✓ Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
- ✓ Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act
- **✓** Prohibition of patriot penalties in insurance
- National Guard Adoption Benefit Program
- ✓ National Guard Life Insurance Program
- ✓ Modernized Kentucky Code of Military Justice
- Military Family Assistance Trust Fund
- ✓ Numerous educational protections/benefits
- ✓ Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund
- ✓ Military Specialty and Unit Heritage License Plates
- ✓ Commercial Driver's License transferability
- ✓ Military and Spouse Professional Licensure and Certification benefits
- ✓ Provisional Teaching Certificate/Certification
- ✓ Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Benefits
- ✓ Protection Against Discrimination, and much more ...

2024 Legislative Successes

PASSED

- ✓ HB 56 DOD priority Social Work Occupational Licensure Compact)
- ✓ HB 200 KCMA omnibus legislation (Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, Space Force, Army Reserve Aviation Command name change)
- ✓ HB 397 Support for military personnel and spouses in occupational licensing.
 - ➤ Mirrors federal SCRA law mandating occupational licensing for military families
- ✓ HB 453 DOD priority Child Abuse case reporting to military installations
- **✓** HB 469 Purple Star Schools
- **✓** HB 471 Support for Advance Enrollment of military connected students
- ✓ HB 715 Military Family Assistance Trust Fund expansion

2025 Session Priorities

- ☐ Dietician Occupational Licensure Compact
- ☐ Heroes to Healers (Council on Post-Secondary Education KCTCS Kentucky Board of Nursing)

2026 Session Priorities

- □ Collegiate Purple Star School Program (Council on Post-Secondary Education)
- ☐ Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction

Partnership with Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO)

- ➤ New Southeast Region Liaison Samantha "Sam" Sliney
 - Succeeds Eric Sherman, who is a consultant with the Council of State Governments
- DSLO Priorities for Kentucky
 - **☐** Occupational Licensure Compacts
 - **❖** Briefed on next slide
 - ☐ Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction







DOD-priority occupational licensing compacts (16 total)

- Social Work Compact (Member, 2024)
- Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Military Spouse Licensing (2023)
 - Requires state reciprocity in accepting occupational licenses from other jurisdictions
 - Reinforced by Executive Orders and Legal Ruling
- Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact (Member, 2023)
- Cosmetology Licensure Compact (Member, 2023)
- Licensed Professional Counseling Compact (Member, 2022)
- Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (Member, 2022)
- Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology Compact (Member, 2021)
- Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (Member, 2021)
- Nurse Licensure Compact (Member, 2017)
- Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (Member, 2017)

Not yet a member ...

- Dietician Licensure Compact
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Licensure Compact
- Dental and Dental Hygienist Compact
- Interstate Massage Therapy Compact
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact
- Physician Associates
- Interstate Compact for School Psychologists

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Questions?