

Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives®

Economic Development 101













"Everyone in your community is an Economic Developer"



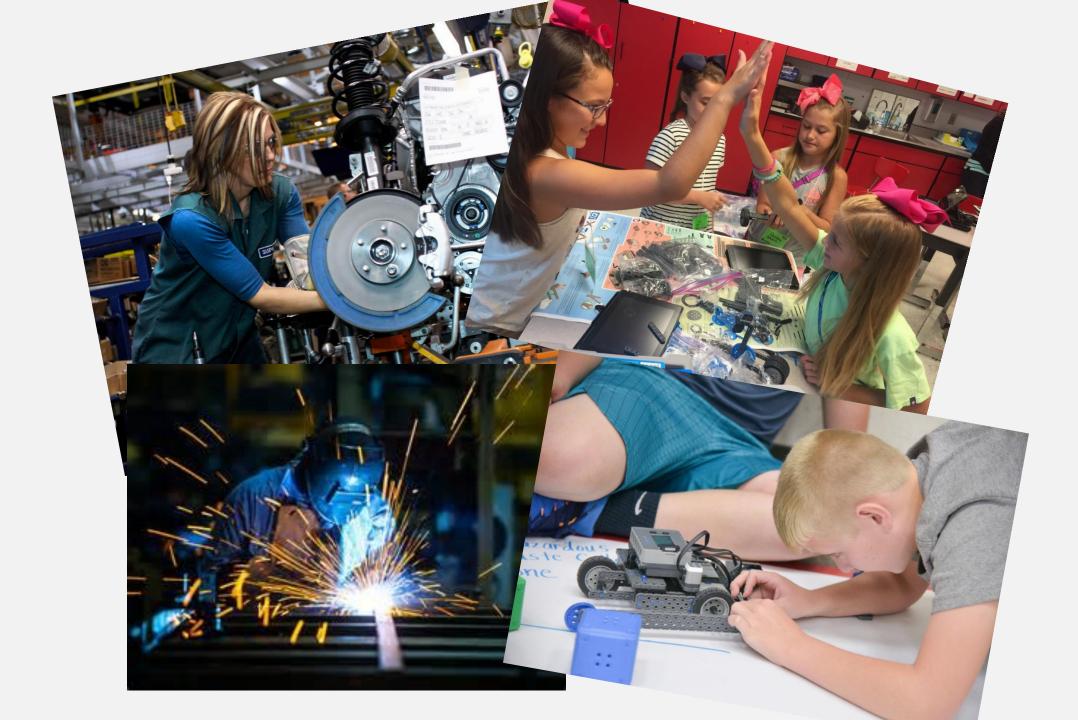
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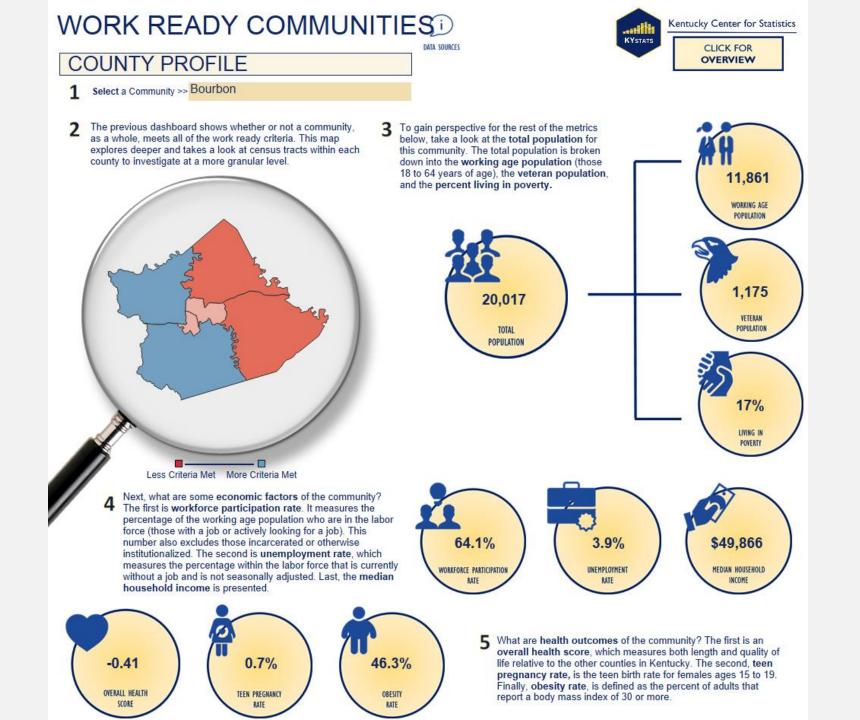


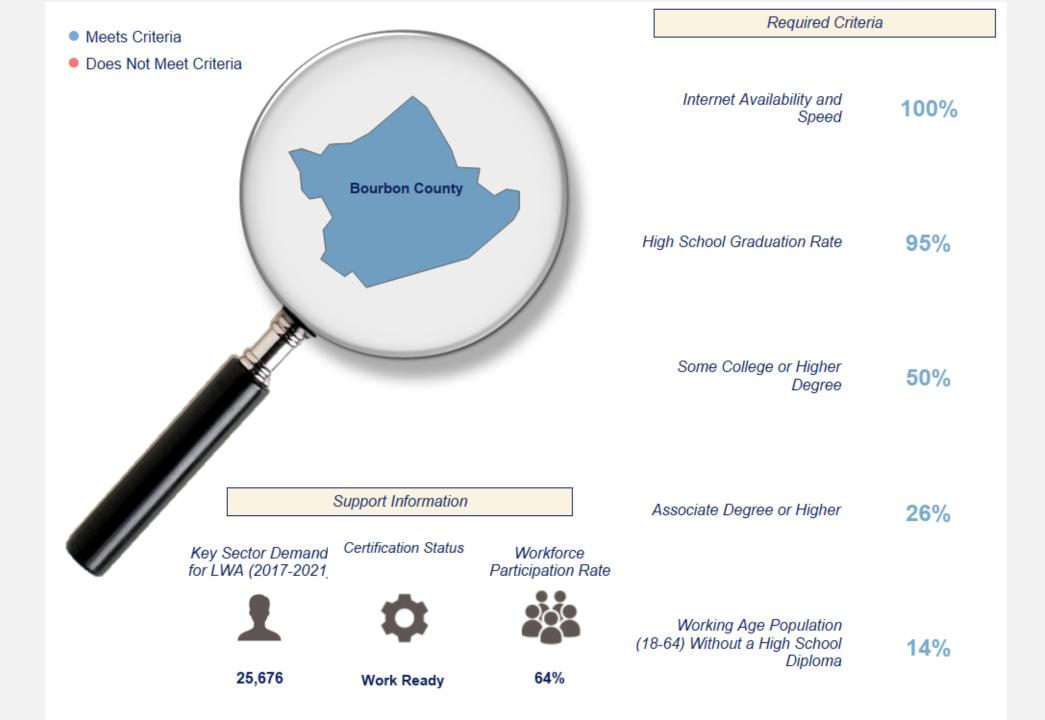


Workforce

- Availability
- Skills
- Education In Line with Employer Skill Requirements
 - i.e. Project Lead The Way; Apprenticeships; VexRobotics
 - Allowing Area Industries to Influence Curriculum









Quality of Life

- Recreational Opportunities
- College / Universities
- Green Space / Parks
- Hospitals
- Shopping
- Main Street









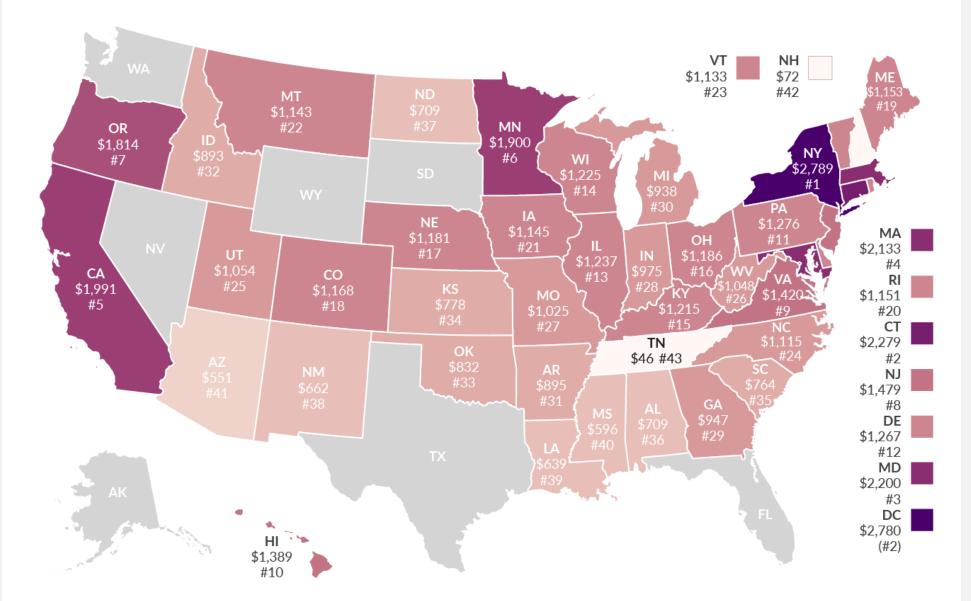


Government

- Cooperation between City and County
- Proactive / Forward Thinking
- Open
- Planning and Zoning
- Infrastructure
- Local Taxation
- Partners
 - Chamber; Tourism; Historic Preservation; Water Districts; Energy Providers; School Districts; etc...

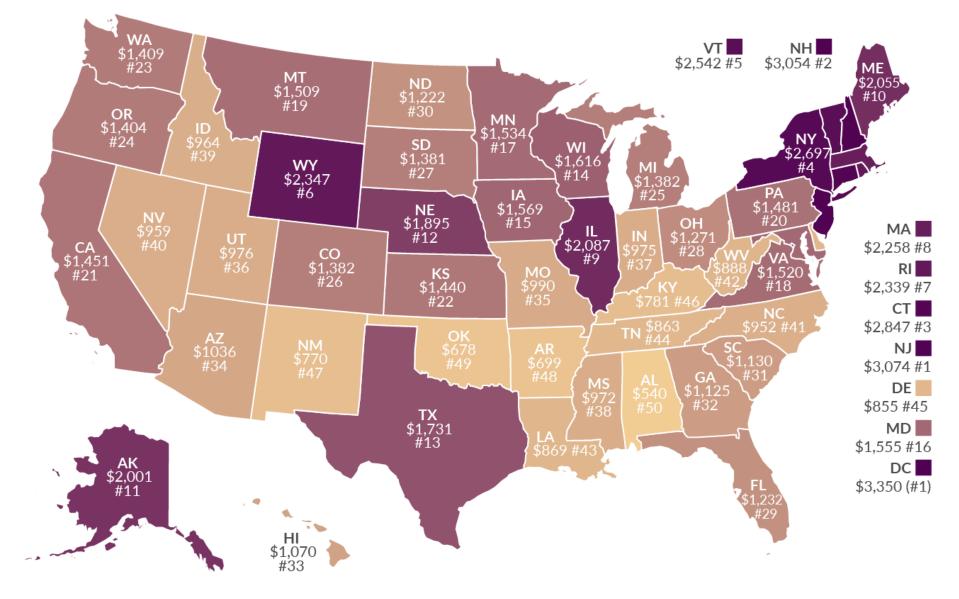
How Much Does Your State Collect in State and Local Income Taxes Per Capita?

State & Local Individual Income Tax Collections per Capita, FY 2015



How High Are Property Tax Collections in Your State?

State & Local Property Tax Collections per Capita, FY 2015



Note: D.C.'s rank does not affect states' ranks, but the figure in parentheses indicates where it would rank if included

State & Local PropertyTax



Recruitment

- Learn Your Strengths
- How are Existing Companies Treated?
- Tell Your Story
- Perceptions
- Population Trends
- Seek Partners and Utilize Friends
- Strategize





Retention

- Open Communication
- Workforce Training and Availability
 - Connecting to Education
- Becoming a Part of the Community
- Solving Pain Points
- Brag On / Tell Their Story





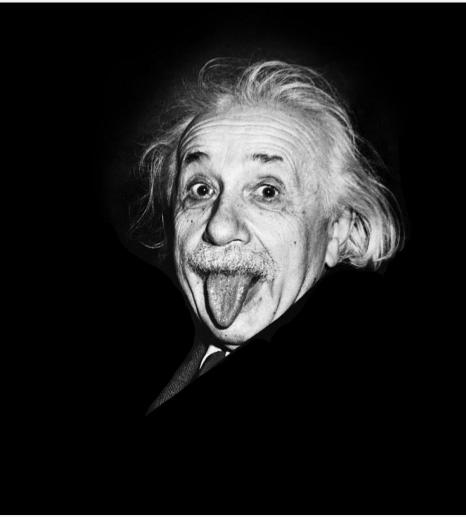
Organic Growth

- Entrepreneurial Assistance
- Funding Programs
- Mentors
- Develop Entrepreneurial Educational Opportunities
 - Leader In Me; Lemonade Stand







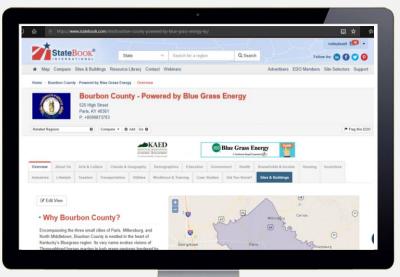




Marketing

- Coordinated Marketing Across All Channels
- Target Industries
- Fresh
- Data Driven
- One Stop
- Spokesperson













Five Things To Do Right Now

- Understand Who You Are SWOT
 - Labor Market Analysis
 - Target Industry Identifications
- Be Ready
- Make Friends; Ignore Boundaries
- Develop Your Story
- Brag On Your Community

- Megaphone moments
- People are taking notice
- Kentucky Rural / Urban divide Opportunities await i.e. Tariffs

TAKING NOTES. Don't believe everything said about Rural



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Questions?