Kentucky Job Growth Has Picked Up but State Still Faces Significant Jobs Deficit

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
What Job Growth We’ve Had Is Concentrated in a Few Counties
## What Industries Have Had the Biggest Job Growth in the Recovery?

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<th>Sector</th>
<th>Job growth Dec. 2009-2014 (thousands of jobs)</th>
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<td>Food services and drinking places</td>
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<td>Motor vehicle and parts manufacturing</td>
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<td>Health care and social assistance</td>
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<td><strong>Total net job growth</strong></td>
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics CES
Kentucky Has Lost ¼ of Manufacturing Jobs Since 2000

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics CES
Share of Prime Working Age Population Employed Remains Depressed
Kentucky Employment to Population Ratio, Ages 25-54
Share of Prime Age Kentuckians in Workforce Continues to Drop
Kentucky Labor Force Participation Rate, Ages 25-54
Share of Kentucky Part-Time Workers Who Would Prefer Full-Time Work Declined in 2014 but Still High
Share of Unemployed Who Are Long-Term Unemployed
Declining but Still High, Workforce Dropouts an Issue

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPS
Prior to Decade of Wage Stagnation and Decline, Real Wages Rose in 1990s for Kentucky Workers at Median

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPS
Real Kentucky Wages Stagnant or Declining Across Middle and Bottom Since 2001

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPS
Real Wage Growth of Last Year Concentrated at Top or Because of Zero Inflation

Change in Real Kentucky Wages, 2013-2014

10th percentile
20th percentile
30th percentile
40th percentile
50th percentile (Median)
60th percentile
70th percentile
80th percentile
90th percentile

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPS
Kentucky Workers with College Education Have Higher Median Wages, but Their Wages Aren’t Growing Either

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics CPS
Growth of real hourly median compensation for production/nonsupervisory workers and productivity, Kentucky, 1979-2013

Share of All Income Held by Top 1 Percent is Climbing Back Toward Level Preceding Great Depression

Source: Economic Policy Institute analysis of IRS data
Policy Directions

• Manage the economy to full employment (fiscal/monetary/trade policies).
• Make work pay: raise the minimum wage, expand the EITC, protect collective bargaining.
• Increase economic security while making room for more jobs through policies for secure retirement, leave, overtime, etc.
• Invest in regional & sectoral economic & workforce development strategies to create good jobs from within.