

Poverty isn't a **LINE**.
It's a **TIGHT KNOT** of social maladies.


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POVERTY, BY AMERICA

KENTUCKY

RED FLAG

The 5th lowest median income in the nation

| KENTUCKY | | NATIONAL | |
|--|---------------|----------|---------------|
|  EDUCATION | | | |
| Preschool enrollment: | 41.2 % | | 48 % |
| High school graduation gap: <i>(between high- and low-income)</i> | 6 % | | 11.5 % |
| Avg. student loan debt: | \$33K | | \$43K |

| HEALTH | | | |
|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| Uninsured <i>(medical)</i> : | 6.4 % | | 9.2 % |
| SNAP recipients: <i>(food stamps)</i> | 1 in 8 | | 1 in 9 |
| SNAP per household member <i>(monthly)</i> : | \$123 | | \$121 |


| FINANCE | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Poverty rate: | 14.9 % | | 11.9 % |
| Child poverty rate: | 19.4 % | | 16 % |
| Minimum wage: | \$7.25 | | \$7.25 |
| Median income: | \$55.6K | | \$70.7K |
| Prison min. wage: | \$0.13–\$0.33 | | \$0.14–\$1.41 |
| Unbanked households: | 6.5 % | | 5.4 % |


| HOUSING | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| Student homelessness: | 3.6 % | | 2.7 % |
| Eviction filing rate: | 7.6 % | | 7.8 % |
| Avg. housing voucher wait list time: | 12 mos. | | 28 mos. |
| Renters paying 30%+ income on rent: | 44.6 % | | 49.6 % |

CONSIDER THESE SELECT


ANTIPOVERTY POLICIES

DOES YOUR STATE...

have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations? 

protect housing voucher holders from discrimination? 

prohibit or highly regulate payday lending? 

spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance? 

have a progressive tax rate? 

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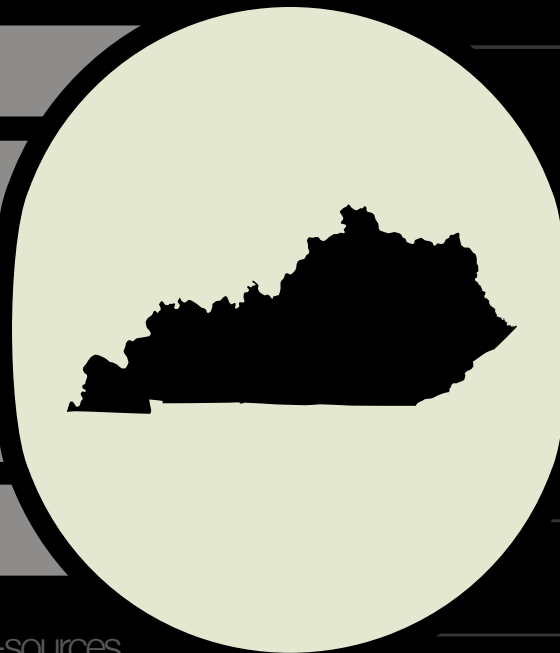
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