

### Did you know?

April Unemployment in the Barren River Area Development District was the **4th Lowest** of the state's 15 Area Development Districts.

Lowest was the Bluegrass ADD at 4.4%, followed by Northern KY at 4.6%, KIPDA (Louisville Area) at 5.0%, and the Barren River Area Development District at 5.5%. The highest in the state for April was the Kentucky River Area Development District at 8.3%.

### Kentucky Labor Trends:

- Kentucky's April 2003 unemployment rate was 5.7%. Kentucky's unemployment rate remained the same as March 2003 and April 2002 when both months recorded 5.7%.
- Kentucky's initial claims for unemployment was 25,169 in April 2003, up from the 23,595 recorded in March, 2003, and also up from the 23,093 recorded in April 2002.
- The nation's unemployment rate increased from 5.8% in March to 6.0% in April 2003. The April 2003 rate was a .1% increase over a year ago when it was 5.9%.

### DES Locations in your Area:

Bowling Green Area Career Center  
803 Chestnut Street, Bowling Green, Ky.  
Phone: 270-746-7425

Glasgow Area Career Center  
445 North Green Street, Glasgow, Ky.  
Phone: 270-651-2121

152 North Blakey Street  
Russellville, Ky.  
Phone: 270-726-3897

210 West Cedar Street  
Franklin, Ky.  
Phone: 270-586-5251

Visit our web site for a complete listing of full and part time locations, phone and fax numbers:

[www.job.state.ky.us](http://www.job.state.ky.us)



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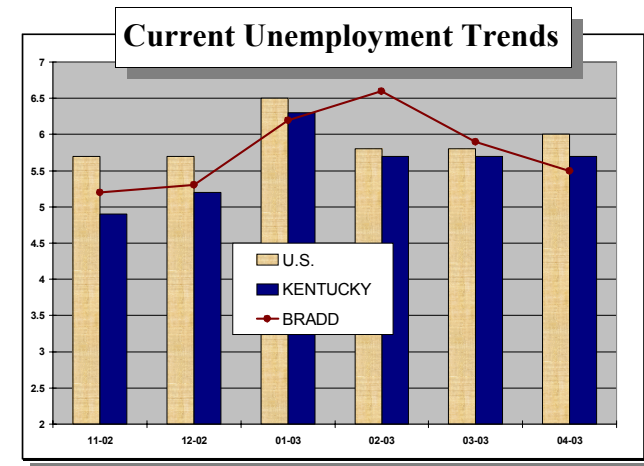
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## Labor Market Information

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## Local DES Offices "Shorts"

### NEW Kentucky Employment Network (KEN)-

As a part of a state wide initiative, the Bowling Green and Glasgow DES Offices will begin a New Program in June 2003, to help laid off workers receiving Unemployment Insurance move back into the labor force quicker. Most new Unemployment Insurance recipients that are permanently laid off will be required to attend a newly developed 2 hour workshop that will help the worker develop a re-employment plan. The motivational workshops will cover methods to find jobs in the hidden job market, resume preparation, evaluation of worker strengths and weaknesses, self-marketing, interviewing techniques, job lead follow-up, use of the internet to find jobs, properly completing job applications, and more.

DES staff will also be providing more intensive one-on-one re-employment services to help the UI Claimant register and search for jobs in the Department's Internet based **Employ Kentucky Operating System (EKOS)** that was rolled out to the public in 2002.

Employers benefit from workers returning to work earlier, as the health and integrity of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund is preserved.

### Unemployment Rates by County

County	April 2002	April 2003
Allen	5.1%	5.7%
Barren	4.0%	4.9%
Butler	7.7%	7.4%
Edmonson	5.5%	6.6%
Hart	4.6%	4.9%
Logan	8.1%	6.0%
Metcalfe	4.3%	3.9%
Monroe	6.3%	10.2%
Simpson	7.0%	4.8%
Warren	4.7%	5.1%

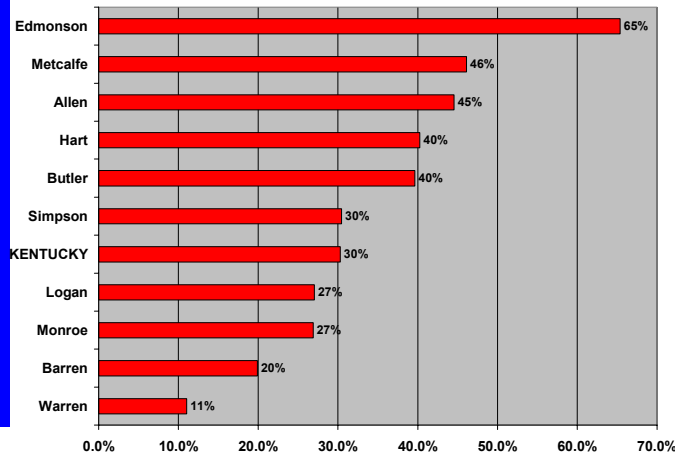
### Commonly Used Web Sites

Bowling Green Area Career Center  
[www.job.state.ky.us](http://www.job.state.ky.us)  
 Cabinet for Workforce Development  
[www.kycwd.org](http://www.kycwd.org)  
 US Dept. Of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics  
[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)  
 Department for Employment Services  
[www.desky.org](http://www.desky.org)  
 Glasgow Employment Services Web Site  
[www.glasgow.desky.org](http://www.glasgow.desky.org)  
 Kentucky State Government Web Page  
[www.kentucky.gov](http://www.kentucky.gov)

### Consumer Price Index

The April 2003 issue of the Consumer Price Index revealed that the average cost of all items remained the same as March, 2003 at \$1.84. The base period is 1982-84 when all items cost \$1.00. The rate of inflation has risen 2.2 percent since April, 2002.

### Per cent Of Workers Commuting To Work Outside Their Resident County Source: 2000 Census



### Applicants Available

There are currently **26,778** applicants actively registered for work at your 2 local Department for Employment Services Offices. The Largest Groups available by qualifications are:

- Production & Manufacturing 7,210
- Office and Administrative Support 3,866
- Food & Lodging 2,210
- Sales and Related 2,153
- Management 1,613
- Construction & Extractive 1,448
- Health Care 1,183
- Computer & Mathematical 1,108

### Initial Unemployment Ins. Claims January through April of each year

	2002	2003
Allen County	354	595
Barren County	1185	907
Butler County	416	459
Edmonson Co.	293	295
Hart County	444	460
Logan County	501	599
Metcalfe County	266	239
Monroe County	342	1,216
Simpson County	614	393
Warren County	2,125	2,384
<b>Region Totals</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>7,547</b>
<b>Kentucky Totals</b>	<b>108,813</b>	<b>111,215</b>

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