

## Hancock County

### 1) Brief History

Hancock County, the eighty-third in order of formation, was formed on January 3, 1829, from parts of Ohio, Breckinridge, and Daviess counties and named in honor of John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Hawesville, in the northern part of the county along the Ohio River, has been the county seat since 1829.

Settlement began about 1799, with pioneers arriving by flatboat along the Ohio River or by trails leading from Elizabethtown and Louisville through Breckinridge County and along the ridgelines to Owensboro and beyond. During the 1850s, coal mines were opened in Hawesville and cannel coal deposits were developed in Bennetsville. A railroad was built from Bennetsville to haul cannel coal to Cloverport for shipment to New Orleans and from there to England. A rail line also led from the Hawesville mines to the river. Miners from Britain and Germany were attracted to these jobs.

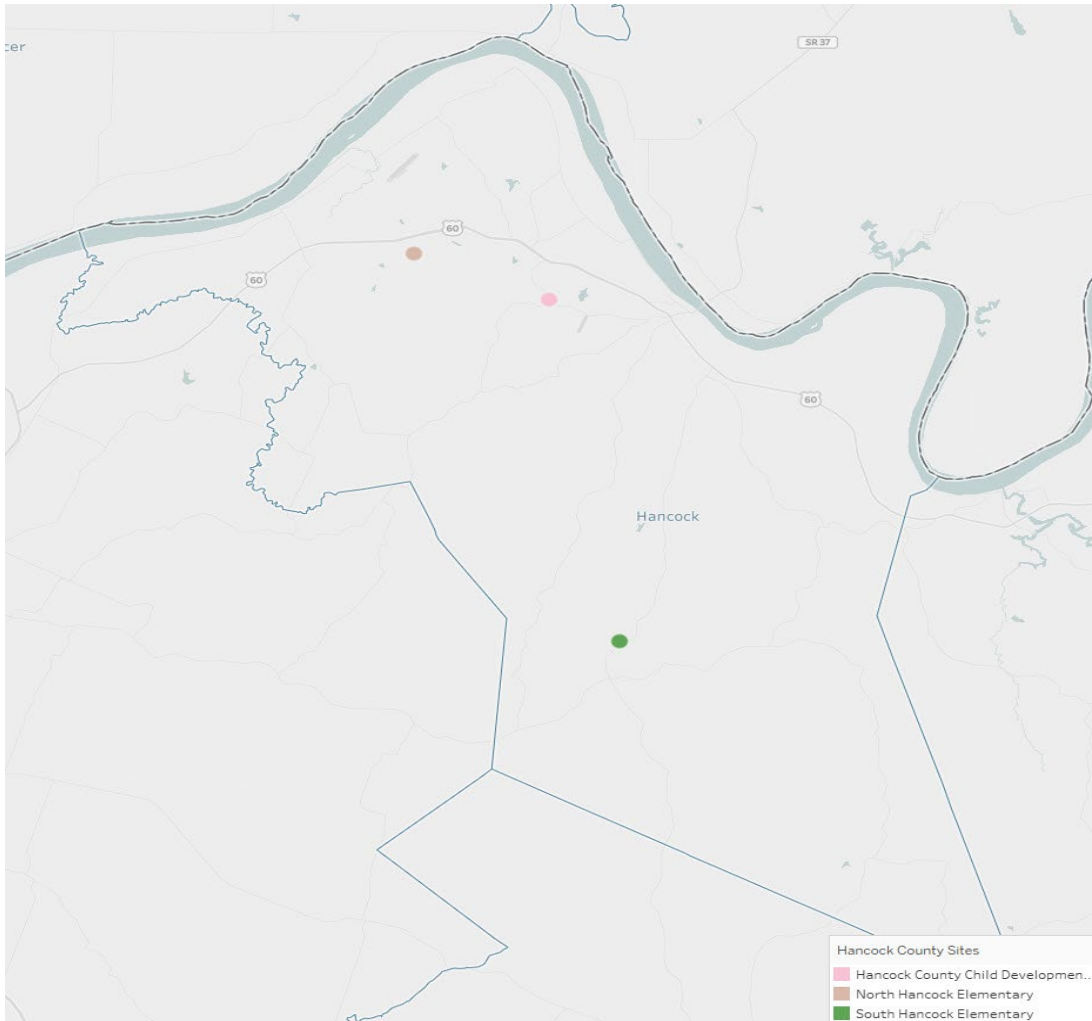
The building of the Louisville, Henderson, & St. Louis Railroad (now part of CSX Transportation) through the county, completed in 1888, stimulated the coal mining and timbering industries, and furnished additional markets for Hancock County's farmers. Beginning in the 1950s, an economic transformation occurred in Hancock County, turning it from a depressed agricultural area into one of the most industrialized rural counties in Kentucky.

### 2) Geographical Description

Hancock County is bordered by Daviess, Ohio, and Breckinridge counties as well as the state of Indiana and has an area of 189 square miles. Limestone underlies the eastern and southeastern part of the county, with frequent outcroppings such as those at Jefferies Cliffs. Bottomland covers much of the northern and northwestern part of the county. Several veins of bituminous coal are found in these formations, and in the southeastern part of the county are rich deposits of cannel coal.

*Source: kyenc.org*

### 3) Location of Centers



Hancock County CDC  
100 KY-271  
Lewisport, KY 42351

North Hancock Elementary  
330 Frank Luttrell Road  
Lewisport, KY 42351

South Hancock Elementary  
8631 State Route 69  
Hawesville, KY 42348

#### 4) Demographic Data

##### a) Population Description and Projected Growth

Annual Estimates of Resident Population											
April 1, 2010								April 1, 2020	Population Estimate (as of July 1)		
Census	Estimates Base	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Estimates Base	2020	2021	2022
8,565	8,565	8,681	8,641	8,723	8,778	8,738	8,722	9,097	9,105	9,083	9,021

Age Group as a Percent of Population														
	Under 5		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-34		35-44	
Total population	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%
9,050	555	6.1%	590	6.5%	680	7.5%	604	6.7%	508	5.6%	986	10.9%	1,093	12.1%
	45-54		55-59		60-64		65-74		75-84		85 yrs+			
	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%	Actual	%		
	1,231	13.6%	765	8.5%	514	5.7%	918	10.1%	454	5.0%	152	1.7%		

##### a) Households and Families

Households and Families			
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		Estimate	%
Total households		3,449	
Households with one or more people under 18 years		1,161	33.7%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over		1,015	29.4%
Average household size		2.60	
Average family size		3.03	
GRANDPARENTS			
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years		317	
Grandparents responsible for grandchildren		225	71.0%
UNITS IN STRUCTURE			
Total housing units		3,880	
1-unit structures		2,815	72.6%
2-or more-unit structures		286	7.4%
Mobile homes, Boat, RV, etc.		779	20.1%
HOUSING TENURE			
Owner-occupied		2,792	81.0%
Renter-occupied		657	19.0%
VEHICLES AVAILABLE			
Occupied housing units		3,449	
No vehicles available		154	4.5%
1 vehicle available		720	20.9%

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS		
Lacking complete plumbing facilities	8	0.2%
Lacking complete kitchen facilities	0	0.0%
No telephone service available	6	0.2%

b) Racial and Ethnic Demographics

Racial & Ethnic Demographics								
Total Population:	Not Hispanic or Latino							Hispanic or Latino:
	White	Black or African American	American Indian & Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian & Other Pac. Islander	Other race	2 or more races:	
8,975	8,610	127	6	28	0	0	204	150

c) Characteristics and Projected Growth

Census 2010 and 2020			
Actual			
Census 2010	Census 2020	Net Change	% Change
8,565	9,095	530	6.19%

Population Projections 2025-2040											
Projections											
2025	Net Change	% Change	2030	Net Change	% Change	2035	Net Change	% Change	2040	Net Change	% Change
9,302	207	2.28%	9,516	214	2.30%	9,685	169	1.78%	9,832	147	1.52%

Summary Indicators												
Population			Median age (years)					Ratio Analysis				
Total	Male	Female	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	Median age (years)	Under 18 years	Male	Female	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	65 years and over	Male	Female	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)
9,050	4,656	4,394	106.0	40.2	2,233	3,458	3,359	102.9	1,524	747	777	96.1

d) Social and Economic Status of Population

Educational Attainment					
Less than a High School Diploma or Equivalent	High School Diploma or Equivalent	Some College but No Degree	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
14.5%	42.7%	16.9%	10.6%	10.3%	5.1%

Basic Facts						
Total Population	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income	Living In Poverty	Without Medical Insurance	Unemployment Rate	Access to Broadband Internet (2021)
9,050	\$61,622	\$28,509	12.6%	7.0%	4.2%	32.7%

5) Estimated Number of Head Start Eligible Children

Estimated Number of Early Head Start Eligible Children							
Total population (Estimate)	%	Under 5 Years	Children 0-2 Years Old	2021 Child Poverty Rate	Estimated Eligible Income	Funded Enrollment	Difference
9,050	6.3%	555	334	16.8%	56	8	-48
Estimated Number of Head Start Eligible Children							
Total population (Estimate)	%	Under 5 Years	Children 3-4 Years Old	2021 Child Poverty Rate	Estimated Eligible Income	Funded Enrollment	Difference
9,050	6.3%	555	238	16.8%	40	36	-4

6) Nutrition

Health Outcomes and Factors															
Health Outcomes		Health Factors		Length of Life		Quality of Life		Health Behaviors		Clinical Care		Social & Economic Factors		Physical Environment	
Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank	Z-Score	Rank
-0.90	14	-0.53	19	-0.51	12	-0.39	21	-0.12	27	-0.12	18	-0.30	22	0.01	73

Health Care Providers								
Primary Care Physicians			Dentists			Mental Health Providers		
# Primary Care Physicians	PCP Ratio	Z-Score	# Dentists	Dentist Ratio	Z-Score	# Mental Health Providers	MHP Ratio	Z-Score
		0.00	6	1511:1	-1.01	5	1813:1	0.41

7) Children with Disabilities

Services Received by Children													
Children 0-2 Years Old		Children 3-4 Years Old		<u>Risk Factors</u> - Birth to Teenage Girls 15-19 - Rate per 1,000 Females Ages 15-19	<u>Risk Factors</u> - Preterm Babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)	Children Living Below 100% Poverty		Children Living Below 150% Poverty		Children Living Below 200% Poverty			
334	3.8%	238	2.7%		13	15.1%	235	33.6%	304	43.5%	348	49.8%	

Children Receiving Medicaid Insurance	Children Receiving KCHIP Health Insurance	KCHIP Expansion	<u>Risk Factors</u> - Low Birth Weight Babies (born >5.5 pounds)	<u>Risk Factors</u> - Children 0-17 years old with Substantiated Abuse / Neglect
925	28	188	13	X

## 8) Strengths and Needs of Head Start Eligible Children and Families as Defined by the Families

Families in each county were given the opportunity to be involved in our Family Partnership Agreement process which included completing an individualized family goal, pre-assessment, and post assessment. The main areas for both assessments include: education, employment, housing, transportation, emergency assistance, child birth, relative child, family literacy, resources/training, volunteering, and community involvement. The purpose of the pre-assessment is to better understand the family's unique strengths and needs to determine if any follow-up of services or resources are needed.

Pre & Post Assessment with Families			
Assessment	1	2	+/-
Employment & Job Skills	3.5	3.6	▲0.1
Money Management	3.3	3.4	▲0.1
Safe and Stable Housing	3.9	4	▲0.1
Transportation Access	3.9	4	▲0.1
Medical, Dental & Vision Care	3.9	3.9	-
Mental Wellness	3.7	3.8	▲0.1
Nutrition	2.5	2.6	▲0.1
Parenting Practices	4	4	▲0
Actively Involved with Child	3.4	3.6	▲0.2
Language Development	3.4	3.7	▲0.3
Parent as Educator	3.3	3.9	▲0.6
Adult Education	2.1	2.1	-
Transitional Services	4	4	-
Support Network	3.5	3.6	▲0.1
Civic/Community Involvement	1.4	1.5	▲0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>▲1.7</b>

9) Strengths and Needs of Head Start Eligible Children and Families as Defined by the Community

10) Other Child Development Programs

Early Care and Education Programs				
Kindergarten	Preschool	Head Start Enrollment	Total Child Care Capacity	Children Receiving Child Care Assistance (CCAP Program)
94	19	52	66	0

Child Care Providers				
Percent of Total Child Care Facilities by STAR Rating				
One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars	Unrated
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%

Licensed/Certified Child Care Centers and Capacity by STAR Rating				
STARS Licensed	STARS Certified	STARS Licensed Child Care Capacity	STARS Certified Child Care Capacity	Public Preschool
2		66		2



## Access and Availability of Community Resources

### **Career Training, Employment, and Job Readiness**

#### **Hancock County One-Stop Career Center Information**

Phone: 270-927-8066

#### **Hancock County Career Center**

1605 U.S. Hwy 60 West

Hawesville, Kentucky 42348 [CareerCenter@HancockKy.us](mailto:CareerCenter@HancockKy.us)

#### **Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation**

Toll Free: 800-372-7172

275 E. Main Street Mail Drop 2-EK

Phone: 502-564-4440

Frankfort, KY 40621

Fax: 502-564-6745

Fax: 502-564-1268

### **Child Services**

#### **Protection and Permanency**

Phone: 270-927-8142

P.O. Box 126

240 Hartford Road

Hawesville, KY 42348-0126

#### **Child Support Office**

Phone: 270-927-8445

250 Main Street

P.O. Box 356

Hawesville, KY 42348-0356

#### **Family Education Assessment Treatment (F.E.A.T.)**

Phone: 859-824-5074

#### **Health Access Nurturing Development Services (H.A.N.D.S.)**

Phone: 502-564-3756

#### **Parenting Help for Teens**

<http://members.tripod.com/xila/teens.html>

**Clothing**

**Salvation Army**  
215 Ewing Road  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Phone: 270-685-5576

**Disability Services**

**Protection & Advocacy**  
100 Fair Oaks Lane, Suite 302  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
\*Issues related to disability [www.kypa.net](http://www.kypa.net)

Phone: 800-372-2988  
Fax: 502-564-0848

**Center for Accessible Living**  
1051 N. 16th Street Suite C  
Murray, KY 42071

Phone: 270-753-7676

**Domestic Violence**

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**

Toll Free: 800-779-SAFE

**Battered Women Justice Project**

Toll Free: 800-903-0111

**National Network to End Domestic Violence**

Phone: 202-543-5566

**Educational Opportunities**

**Hancock County GED Information**

Phone: 270-927-8066

**Hancock County One-Stop Career Center Information**  
**Hancock County Career Center**

1605 U.S. Hwy 60 West  
Hawesville, Kentucky 42348 [CareerCenter@HancockKy.us](mailto:CareerCenter@HancockKy.us)

Phone: 270-927-8066

**Ex-Offender/Sex Offender Assistance & Advocacy****Bluegrass Reentry Council****Chrysalis House**

1589 Hill Rise

Lexington, KY 40504

[www.KentuckyReentry.org/](http://www.KentuckyReentry.org/)

Phone: 859-977-2502

Fax: 859-233-9231

**Protection & Advocacy**

100 Fair Oaks Lane, Suite 302

Frankfort, KY 40601

\*Issues related to disability [www.kypa.net](http://www.kypa.net)

Phone: 800-372-2988

Fax: 502-564-0848

**Financial Assistance****Family Support Office**

240 Hartford Road

Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-8156

**HELP Office**

180 Main Cross Street

P.O. Box 327 Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-6500

**Salvation Army of Owensboro**

215 Ewing Road

Owensboro, KY 42301

Phone: 270-685-5576

**Food Assistance****HELP Office**

180 Main Cross Street

P.O. Box 327 Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-6500

**Family Support Office**

240 Hartford Road

Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-8156

**Food Assistance (Continued)**

Phone: 270-927-8313

**Hancock County Senior Services**

295 Main Street  
P.O. Box 203 Hawesville, KY 42348

**Salvation Army of Owensboro**

215 Ewing Road  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Phone: 270-685-5576

**Saint Vincent De Paul**

1001 West Seventh Street  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Phone: 270-683-1747

**God's Pantry- Emergency Food Box Program**

Phone: 859-288-5319

**Gambler's Anonymous****1-888-GA-HELPS****Government Agencies (Includes State and Local Officials/Police Agencies)****Hancock County One-Stop Career Center**

Hancock County Career Center  
1605 U.S. Hwy 60 West  
Hawesville, KY 42348 [CareerCenter@HancockKy.us](mailto:CareerCenter@HancockKy.us)

Phone: 270-927-8066

**Family Support Office**

240 Hartford Road  
Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-8156

**Hancock County Emergency Operations Center**

655 Hawes Blvd.  
Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-1310

**Halfway Houses, Homeless Shelters, and Housing****Salvation Army of Owensboro**

215 Ewing Road  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Phone: 270-685-5576

**Healthcare****River Valley Behavioral Health**

1000 Industrial Drive  
Owensboro, KY 43202

Phone: 270-689-6800

**Hancock County Health Department**

175 Harrison Street  
P.O. Box 275 Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-8803

**HIV/AIDS****Heartland Cares**

619 N. 30th Street  
Paducah, KY 42001 [www.hcares.org](http://www.hcares.org)

Phone: 270-444-8183

**KY HIV- AIDS Program**

Toll Free:800-420-7431

**Identification: Birth Certificates, Driver's License, Social Security****Birth Certificate Information****Office of Vital Statistics**

275 E. Main Street, 1E-A  
Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: 502-564-4212

**Driver's License Information****Hancock Circuit Clerk**

Courthouse  
200 Court Street  
P. O. Box 250 Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-8144

**Social Security Information****Social Security Office – Main Office**

601 W. Broadway, Room 101  
Louisville, KY 40202

Local #: 866-716-9671  
National: 800-772-1213  
TTY: 502-582-5517

**Hancock Social Security Office**

Cigar Factory Complex Room, E207  
1100 Walnut Street  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Phone: 270-685-3931

**Legal Help****Kentucky Legal Aid**

1700 Destiny Lane  
Bowling Green, KY 42104 [www.klaid.org](http://www.klaid.org)

Toll Free: 866-452-9243

**Dept of Public Advocacy**

100 Walnut Street  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Phone: 270-687-7030

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services****River Valley/Hancock County Office**

107 Harrison Street  
Hawesville, KY 42348

Phone: 270-927-8659  
Crisis #: 800-433-7291

**Western State Hospital**

P.O Box 2200  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Phone: 270-889-6025

**Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration [SAMHSA]**

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/databases/facility-search.aspx?state=KY>

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Kentucky**

C/O Somerset Community College  
808 Monticello Street  
Somerset, Kentucky 42501

Phone: 606-451-6935  
Toll Free 800-257-5081

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (Continued)****Alcoholics Anonymous**

Toll Free:800-467-8091

**Narcotics Anonymous**

Toll Free 800-662-HELP

**Mental Health Association of Kentucky**

120 Sears Avenue Suite 213  
Louisville KY 40207

Phone: 502-638-3501  
Toll Free:888-705-0463

**Medication Assistance Programs**

Partnership for Prescription Assistance: [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)

RXAssist: <http://www.rxassist.org/>

**Transportation****Audubon Area Community Action Agency**

1800 W. Fourth Street  
Owensboro, KY 42302

Phone: 270- 686-1600

**Veteran's Services****Kentucky Department of Veteran's Affairs**

1111 B Louisville Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
[www.veterans.ky.gov](http://www.veterans.ky.gov)

Toll Free:800-572-6245  
Phone: 502-564-9203  
Fax: 502-564-9240

**Readjustment Counseling Services [RCS]**

US Department of Veteran's Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Phone:877-WAR-VETS