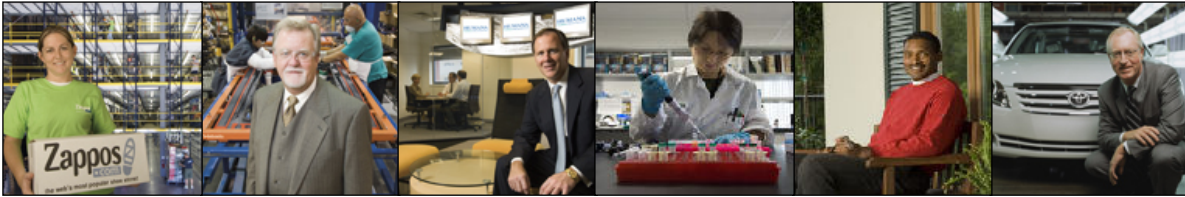


## Kentucky Economic Development Rankings

- Kentucky ranked 10th in the 2007 Site Selection Governor's Cup awarded annually to U.S. states with the most new and expanded industry activity. Kentucky has the smallest population of any of the states in the top 10. (Site Selection, March 2008)
- Kentucky ranked 12th in the 2007 Site Selection magazine list of states with the most new corporate facilities and expansions from 2005 to 2007. (Site Selection, March 2008)
- Kentucky ranked 5th for the 2007 Top States with Most Top Micropolitans with 6. (Site Selection, March, 2008)
- Kentucky tied for 9th for 2007 Top States with Most Top Metros with 6. (Site Selection, March, 2008)
- Six Kentucky communities ranked in Site Selection's Top Micropolitans for new and expanded facilities expansions in 2007. The communities are Glasgow (T28), Paducah (T28), Danville (T38), Frankfort (T62), Madisonville (T62), and Mayfield (T62). (Site Selection, March 2008)
- Kentucky was awarded 4th in the Top 10 Competitive States of 2007 Rankings. (Site Selection, May 2008)
- Kentucky ranked 8th in the 2007 Annual Business Climate Rankings. It is the third consecutive year in which Site Selection has placed Kentucky in its top 10. In addition to expansion activity, equal weight is given to a state's overall rank based on the results of a survey of corporate real estate executives, in which they were asked to rank their top 10 states according to ease of doing business, overall business costs and related factors. Kentucky placed 10th in the Executive Survey. (Site Selection, November 2007)
- Kentucky's Workforce Training Programs, which includes the Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC), ranked 5th in the U.S. For the 5th consecutive year, Kentucky has ranked in the Top Ten, placing 8th in 2006, 3rd in 2005, 5th in 2004 and 8th in 2003. The ranking considered the programs' efforts in facilitating customized business and industry training services for new, expanding and existing companies. Programs were judged in terms of financial value, ease of usage and applicability. (Expansion Management, August 2007)
- Kentucky is the third top state for automotive manufacturing growth according to the 2007 rankings report by Business Facilities. (Business Facilities, July 2007)



- Kentucky received the Silver Shovel Award in the 3 million to 10 million population category from Area Development Magazine for being most successful in creating new jobs and securing investments in new and expanded facilities. (Area Development, July 2007)
- Louisville ranked number 72 on Forbes magazine's list of "Best Cities for Jobs in 2008". The Kentucky city ranked number 16 in the cost-of-living category, number 52 in income growth, number 72 in median income, number 82 in unemployment and number 84 in job growth. Cincinnati ranked number 78, and Knoxville, TN ranked number 76. (Forbes, January 2008)
- Forbes ranks Lexington the 5th and Louisville 91st in their annual survey of Best Places for Business and Careers, based on a review of the country's biggest metro areas. Forbes also ranks Bowling Green 12th, Owensboro 52nd, and Elizabethtown 120th in their annual survey of Best Places for Business and Careers, based on a review of the country's small metro areas. (Forbes, March 2008)
- Fortune magazine's annual Fortune 500 largest U.S. based companies lists 5 Kentucky companies in the 2007 listing. The Kentucky companies on the Fortune 500 list with their respective rankings are: Humana (98), Yum Brands Inc. (253), Ashland Inc. (322), Omnicare Inc. (386), Lexmark International Inc. (470). (Fortune, April 2008)
- Fortune magazine's annual Fortune 1000 largest U.S. based companies lists 3 Kentucky companies in the 2007 listing. The Kentucky companies on the Fortune 1000 list with their respective rankings are: General Cable (502), Kindred Healthcare Inc. (518), and Brown-Forman Corp. (823). (Fortune, April 2008)
- Louisville-based Yum! Brands Inc. and Humana have been named as two of "America's Most Admired Companies" by Fortune magazine. Out of 622 companies in 65 industries, Yum! Brands ranked third in the food-service industry and Humana ranked fourth in health care: insurance and managed care industry. (Fortune, March 2008)