Marion County continues to struggle with unemployment

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Marion County continues to struggle with the higher than state average unemployment.

Oldham, Shelby, and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the commonwealth at 4% each. They were followed by Fayette and Scott counties, 4.1% each; and Boone, Campbell, Cumberland, Spencer, Todd, and Washington counties, 4.2% each.

Martin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 9.5%. It was followed by Magoffin County, 9.1%; Lewis County, 8.8%; Elliott County, 8.6%; and Wolfe County, 8%.

According to the Kentucky (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet, unemployment rates fell in 115 counties, rose in four counties and stayed the same in Harlan County between

June 2024 and June 2025, Marion County's rate

dropped from 5.7% in June 2024 to 5.5% in June 2025. Although lower than a year ago, the June rate was over half a percent higher than the 4.9% recorded in May. Not only is Marion County's rate higher than the state average, it was also among the highest in the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. Within the Lincoln Trail ADD, Grayson County recorded the highest jobless rate at 6% followed by Breckinridge at 5.6% and Marion at 5.5%. The lowest jobless rate in the Lincoln Trail ADD was recorded in neighboring Washington County at 4.2%.

KYSTATS always reminds readers of the report, "Kentucky's county Center for Statistics unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations

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thority will be on display for public review and comment at the Le banon Housing Authority for a period of 45 days beginning Friday, August 1, 2025 through Monday, September 15, 2025. The Agency Plan can be viewed at 101 Hamilton Heights, Lebanon, KY 40033 by appointment only

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Lebanon Housing Authority is announcing a public hearing to be held on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the main of fice located at 101 Hamilton Heights, Lebanon, KY 40033. Anyone wishing to participate in the public hearing but unable to attend should contact the Lebanon Housing Authority for other options. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Comprehensive Agency Plan.

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The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2025 was 57.7 cents on real property and 57.7 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$12,085,396.56. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 57.4 cents on real property and 57.4 cents on personal property, which includes exonerations, is expected to produce \$12,813,537.70. Of this amount \$4,202,519.81 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2026 is 55.1 cents on real property and 55.1 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$12,300,387.84.

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