

## 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.

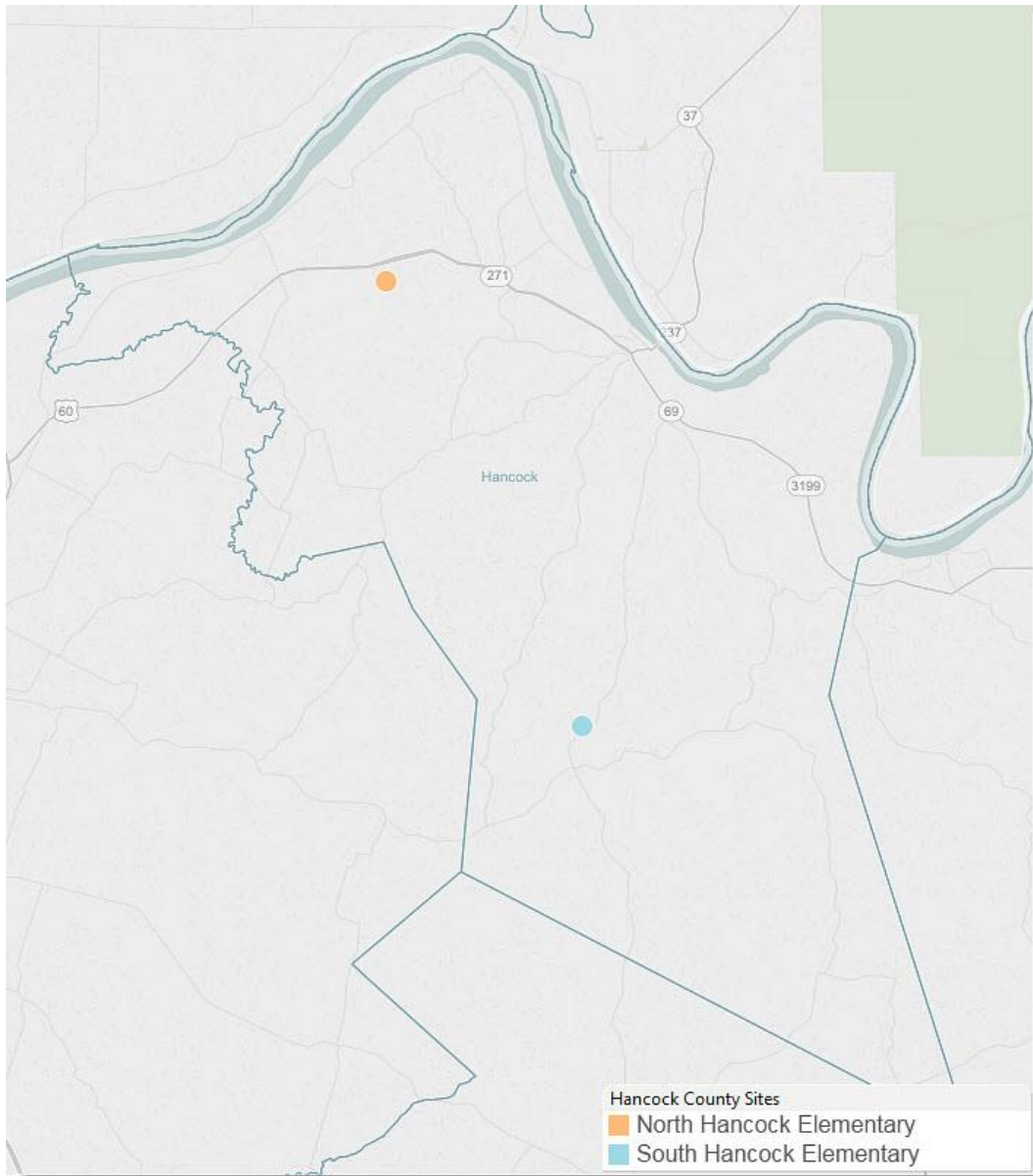
The building of the Louisville, Henderson, & St. Louis Railroad (now part of CSX Transportation) through the county, completed in 1888, stimulated the coal mining and timbering industries, and furnished additional markets for Hancock County's farmers. Beginning in the 1950s, an economic transformation 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



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		Population Estimate (as of July 1)								5 YR Net Change	
Census	Estimates Base	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	%
8,565	8,565	8,551	8,589	8,643	8,630	8,685	8,645	8,737	8,801	158	1.8%

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	%
8,716	548	6.3	550	6.3	675	7.7	549	6.3	545	6.3	883	10.1	1,139	13.1
	45-54		55-59		60-64		65-74		75-84		85 yrs+			
	1,284	14.7	615	7.1	513	5.9	897	10.3	389	4.5	129	1.5		

### a) Households and Families

Households and Families	Total	Married Couples	Male Householder, No Wife Present	Female Householder, No Husband Present
Total households	3,254	1,989	134	401
Average household size	2.6%	3.1%	2.5%	3.4%
<b>Families</b>				
Total families	2,524	1,989	134	401
Average family size	3.0%	3.0%	2.2%	3.0%
<b>Age of Own Children</b>				
Households with own children under 18 years	1,051	742	73	236
Under 6 years only	20.0%	17.1%	16.4%	30.1%
Under 6 years and 6 to 17 years	15.8%	19.7%	0.0%	8.5%
6 to 17 years only	64.2%	63.2%	83.6%	61.4%
<b>Selected Households by Type</b>				
Households with one or more people under 18 years	38.3%	42.7%	70.1%	75.6%
Households with one or more people 60 years and over	37.3%	39.3%	30.6%	17.5%
Householder living alone	19.9%	(X)	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	6.6%	(X)	(X)	(X)
<b>Units in Structure</b>				
1-unit structures	70.3%	76.4%	53.0%	56.6%
2-or-more-unit structures	7.8%	2.8%	6.0%	19.5%
Mobile homes and all other types of units	21.9%	20.8%	41.0%	23.9%
<b>Housing Tenure</b>				
Owner-occupied housing units	77.0%	85.4%	76.1%	57.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	23.0%	14.6%	23.9%	42.1%

b) Racial and Ethnic Demographics

Racial & Ethnic Demographics							
Total:	Not Hispanic or Latino						
	White	Black or African American	American Indian & Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian & Other Pac. Islander	Other race	2 or more races:
8716	8369	68	0	8	0	0	154
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:
117	64	32	0	0	0	3	18

c) Characteristics and Projected Growth

Census 2000 and 2010			
Actual			
Census 2000	Census 2010	Net Change	% Change
8,320	8,475	155	1.90%

Population Projections 2015-2030											
Projections											
2015	Net Change	% Change	2020	Net Change	% Change	2025	Net Change	% Change	2030	Net Change	% Change
8,621	146	1.70%	8,741	120	1.40%	8,827	86	1.00%	8,878	51	0.60%

Summary Indicators										
Population			Median age			Ratio Analysis				
Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	Age dependency	Old-age dependency	Child dependency	
8,716	4,500	4,216	41.4	40.1	42.2	106.7	69.7	27.6	42.2	

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
13.2%	47.2%	21.2%	6.9%	8.1%	3.4%

Basic Facts							
Total Population	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income	Living In Poverty	Eligible for Medicaid	Without Medical Insurance	Unemployment Rate	Access to Broadband Internet
8,687	\$51,189	\$22,686	14.2%	14.9%	13.9%	7.2%	96.8%

Employment by Sector							
Manufacturing and Construction	Utilities, Trade and Transportation	Information and Communication	Finance, Professional, and Other Services	Health and Education Services	State and Local Government and Public Education	Agriculture, Mining, and Other Natural Resources	Suppressed Employment
71.6%	6.7%	0.0%	1.9%	9.4%	9.7%	0.4%	0.0%

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	2015 Child Poverty Rate	Estimated Eligible Income	Funded Enrollment	Difference
8,716	6.3%	550	322	20.0%	64	0	-64

Estimated Number of Head Start Eligible Children							
Total population (Estimate)	%	Under 5 Years	Children 3-4 Years Old	2015 Child Poverty Rate	Estimated Eligible Income	Funded Enrollment	Difference
8,716	6.3%	550	228	20.0%	46	36	-10

### 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
-0.73	25	-0.49	18	-0.27	37	-0.46	19	-0.04	50	-0.17	10	-0.27	9	-0.01	54

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	5	1762:1	-0.75	5	1762:1	0.41

### 7) Children with Disabilities

Services Received by Children										
Children 0-2 Years Old		Children 3-4 Years Old		Children Receiving WIC	Children Living Below 100% Poverty		Children Living Below 150% Poverty		Children Living Below 200% Poverty	
322	3.7%	228	2.6%	171	197	29.4%	258	38.5%	321	47.9%

Families Served by the First Steps Program	# Families Served by the HANDS Home Visitation Program	<i>Risk Factors</i> - Birth to Teenage Girls 15-19 - Rate per 1,000 Females Ages 15-19		<i>Risk Factors</i> - Preterm Babies (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy)	
0	24	14	51.2	15	13.2%

## 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.

<b>Pre &amp; Post Assessment with Families</b>			
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Employment & Job Skills	3.4	3.4	▲0
Money Management	3.5	3.5	-
Safe and Stable Housing	4	4	-
Transportation Access	4	4	-
Medical, Dental & Vision Care	4	4	-
Mental Wellness	4	4	-
Nutrition	3.3	3.4	▲0.1
Parenting Practices	3.9	4	▲0
Actively Involved with Child	3.2	3.3	▲0
Language Development	3.1	3.6	▲0.5
Parent as Educator	3.3	3.8	▲0.5
Adult Education	2.1	2.1	-
Transitional Services	4	4	-
Support Network	3.8	3.9	▲0.2
Civic/Community Involvement	1.8	1.9	▲0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>▲1.4</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						
Head Start Enrollment	Preschool	Kindergarten	3- and 4-Year-Olds with Disabilities	3- and 4-Year-Olds Income eligible	3- and 4-Year-Olds with Disabilities	At-Risk 4-Year-Olds at or Below 160% FPL
35	46	119	23	30	1	20

Total Child Care Capacity	Children Receiving Child Care Assistance (CCAP Program)	CCAP at Licensed Centers	CCAP at Licensed Homes	CCAP at Certified Homes	CCAP at Registered Providers
24	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

Child Care Providers				
Percent of Total Child Care Facilities by STAR Rating				
One Star	Two Stars	Three Stars	Four Stars	Unrated
0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Licensed/Certified Child Care Centers and Capacity by STAR Rating							
STARS Licensed	STARS Certified	STARS Licensed Child Care Capacity	STARS Certified Child Care Capacity	Not STARS Licensed	Not STARS Certified	Not STARS Licensed Child Care Capacity	Not STARS Certified Child Care Capacity
1	0	24	0	0	0	0	0

## 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

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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