

KENTUCKY NEWS ROUNDUP

‘Other’ leads way in voter registration for 4th month in row

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

The political party that is the biggest winner when it comes to new voter registrations in the state is not Democrats or Republicans, it’s “Other,” according to the latest figures from Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams.

He announced Kentucky voter registration as Independent or under “other” political affiliations accounted for two-thirds of new registrations in June and marks the fourth straight month “other” registrants had more new voters than the two major political parties.

“We see in Kentucky what we are seeing nationally: a surge in independent and third-party voter registration, driven by the decline of the Democratic Party,” said Adams, a Republican.

In June, 4,228 voters were removed from the rolls in the state, including 3,006 who had died, 547 received felony convictions, 410 who moved out of state, 188 who voluntarily de-registered, 54 adjudged mentally incompetent, 13 were non-citizens and there were 10 eliminated because they were duplicate registrations.

Republican registration heading into July accounts for 47 percent of the electorate, with 1,583,527 voters. Republican registration rose by 828, a .05 percent

increase. Democratic registration constitutes 42 percent of the electorate, with 1,390,282 voters. Democratic registration dropped by 890, a .06 percent decrease. There are 362,747 voters registered as Independent or under other political affiliations, making up 11 percent of the electorate. “Other” registration jumped by 1,579, a .44 percent increase.

There is no General Election in Kentucky this year. In 2026, Kentucky voters will have plenty of races where they can voice their choices. Among them, the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican Mitch McConnell of Louisville. The 83-year-old, who has been in that office since 1985 and is the longest serving U.S. Senator in Kentucky history, has announced he is not seeking an eighth term.

In addition, Kentucky’s six Congressional seats, all 100 in the Kentucky House and the even-numbered state Senate districts will also appear on the ballot next year.

June home sales increase from May

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Kentucky REALTORS®, the largest professional association of REALTORS® in the state, has released housing market data for June 2025, showing

that the total volume of real estate sold had an increase from May and from a year ago.

“Summer is peak buying season, and our real estate market in Kentucky is as strong as ever,” said Barb Curtis, President of Kentucky REALTORS®. “The total sales volume across the Commonwealth continues to increase month-over-month, reaching an incredible \$1.5 billion in June. As total sales, total number of listings and median sales price continue to rise, we expect the market to maintain its strength as we head into Q3.”

That sales volume of \$1.5 billion, reflected a 3.57 percent increase month-over-month (MoM) and a 13.7 percent rise year-over-year (YoY). The number of listings sold saw a slight increase with 4,612 transactions completed last month, and the average number of days on the market remains steady at 13 days. The median sales price also continues to rise, up 2.2% MoM and up 4% YoY to \$285,000.

The number of new listings dipped to 6,481 in June, a drop of 4.19 percent MoM, but up 8.3 percent YoY. Despite the decrease, Kentucky REALTORS® reports 3.27 months of inventory available across the state, which is calculated monthly by taking a count of the number of active listings and pending sales on the last day of the month.

“The metrics we track continue to increase year-over-year, which is a great indicator of the strength and longevity of Kentucky’s market,” stated Josh Summers, CEO of Kentucky REALTORS®. “As we’ve seen throughout the first half of 2025, both buyers and sellers across the state continue to engage with confidence.”

In addition to keeping up with market trends, Kentucky REALTORS® encourages buyers to explore housing affordability factors using the Purchasing Power Calculator, a tool that puts the power in consumers’ hands and helps buyers learn how changes in income, down payment or interest rates could affect their ability to purchase a home.

Lawmaker to file geoengineering bill

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Violators who commit criminal atmospheric pollution would be charged with a Class D felony and be required to pay a civil penalty of no less than \$500,000 under legislation Representative John Hodgson, R-Fisherville, plans to file when lawmakers convene the 2026 Regular Session in January.

Hodgson’s current draft would ban geoengineering, with language similar to House Bill 22 that he

filed during the 2025 Regular Session.

This legislation seeks to protect against the potentially harmful effects of geoengineering and assert Kentucky’s 10th Amendment sovereignty to avoid federal or international sanctioned geoengineering over Kentucky. Several other states are pursuing similar measures, with Tennessee passing legislation to that effect in 2024.

“The idea governments can ‘play God’ and intentionally manipulate the climate of our planet to achieve their political goals is some seriously arrogant and crazy talk, with unknown and potentially catastrophic consequences,” said Hodgson.

Geoengineering is the intentional dispersal of chemicals and pollutants into the atmosphere, including but not limited to weather modification, solar radiation modification (SRM), stratospheric aerosol injection (SAI), and cloud seeding.

Concerns about weather modification are not a new

phenomenon. From 1967 to 1972, during the Vietnam War, the U.S. attempted to use weather modification against the North Vietnamese in Operation Popeye. Several years later, in 1980, the U.S. government signed a treaty to not use weather modification as a weapon of war, highlighting longstanding awareness of the potential dangers of the practice by the U.S. government.

While the use of SRM and SAI are still in discussion, cloud seeding, the practice of adding atmospheric contaminants into the air to change the amount or type of precipitation, has been used by several states out west since 1946 to increase rainfall. Some suspect this practice has contributed to natural disasters, although the facts are still in dispute. Currently, there are no commercial “rainmaking” operations in Kentucky, and this proposed legislation seeks to keep it that way, at least until the effects of this practice are fully understood.

Public Notice

CITY OF GEORGETOWN

Seeking bids for Civil Engineering Services for a bridge repair, replacement project

The City of Georgetown is seeking bids for Civil Engineering Services for the Clubhouse Drive Bridge Repair/Replacement Project until Friday, August 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Copies of the Invitation

to Bid Package may be obtained at <http://www.publicpurchase.com/>. Public Purchase registration instructions can be found on the City of Georgetown website under “Public Procurement Opportunities”

at www.georgetownky.gov. All inquiries regarding these bids shall be submitted through the Public Purchase portal, and all bid responses shall be submitted via Public Purchase. Virtual bid openings will

be held at the aforementioned date and time. For questions regarding the bid process please contact the Grants Administrator Karyn Leverenz (KarynLeverenz@georgetownky.gov).

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GEORGETOWN

Surplus auction to dispose of excess and unneeded property Aug. 14

PUBLIC NOTICE: SURPLUS AUCTION
The Housing Authority of Georgetown will hold a Surplus Auction to dispose of excess and unneeded property.
Date: August 14, 2025
Time: 11:00 am
Location: 139 Scroggins

Park, Georgetown, KY 40324
Items Include:
2005 Chevrolet Colorado, 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, John Deere Gator, small trailer, pallet jack, small hand tools, power tools, 2 snakes, HVAC parts and

various miscellaneous items. All items are sold as-is, where-is, with no warranties expressed or implied.

Inspection: Items may be inspected August 14, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Terms: Payment by cash, credit card, or

certified funds. Full payment is due at time of purchase.

Don’t miss this opportunity to bid on quality surplus items!

For more information, contact: Jake Graves, Missy Evans at info@townha.org

GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

Georgetown-SC Airport board meeting canceled

The regularly scheduled board meeting for the Georgetown-Scott County Airport Board

on July 23, 2025 has been canceled. The next board meeting will be August 27th, 2025, at 8:30 am.

Seeking owner of a 2024 Hyundai Elantra

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