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Helping Others in Need

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For Susan Taylor, donating her hair began years ago as a simple act. Over time, that act has taken on a much deeper meaning.

Susan first donated her hair to Locks of Love - something that she and her daughter did together years ago. Since then, Susan has been donating hair to the organization Children with Hair Loss. Her husband has also donated a few times as well.

But what began as a thoughtful gesture would later become personal after Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020.

"I had chemotherapy and lost all my hair," Susan shared.

In 2024, after Susan's hair grew back, she donated 14 inches. Her most recent donation just last week was 12 inches, making this the fourth time she has donated her hair.

"It's something I can do to help others facing



Susan Taylor recently donated 12 inches of her hair to the organization Children with Hair Loss. Photo submitted.

hair loss, especially children and cancer patients," Susan said. "It takes on a special meaning since I lost my hair during breast cancer treatments. I know what it's like to lose your hair."

Although Susan is now breast cancer free, she said she will continue to donate her hair and encourages others to do so as well.

"It usually takes 10 to 12 ponytails to make one wig," she said. "The longer you can grow it, the better. After you get your hair cut, just mail it to the address on the website."

Organizations that you can donate hair to include Wigs for Kids, Hair We Share, Locks of Love, and Children with Hairloss. You can visit the websites online for more information.

Jobs, Unemployment Report Mixed

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted January 2026 unemployment rate was 4.3%, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics, an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

The January 2026 jobless rate was down 0.1 percentage points from December 2025 and down 0.5 percentage points from one year ago.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for January 2026 was 4.3%, which was down from the 4.4% reported for December 2025 and up from the 4.0% recorded in January 2025, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,114,515 in January 2026, a decrease of 5,476 individuals from December 2025. The number of people employed in January was 2,024,289, a decline of 3,119 from December. The number of unemployed was 90,226, a decrease of 2,357 from December 2025.

"The latest estimates indicate that Kentucky's labor force contracted in January," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research Director Mike Clark, Ph.D. "There were both fewer people employed and fewer people unemployed for the month. Overall, these losses contributed to Kentucky having a lower unemployment rate in January."

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 5,600 jobs to 2,034,900 in January 2026 compared to December 2025. Kentucky's nonfarm employment was up 7,400 jobs or 0.4% compared to January 2025.

"While fewer workers reported being employed, preliminary estimates for January indicated that businesses expanded their payroll in January," said Clark. "Employment increased in the trade, transportation and utilities; education

and health care; and manufacturing sectors."

According to the survey from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics, employment increased from December to January for seven of Kentucky's major nonfarm job sectors and decreased for four.

Employment in Kentucky's trade, transportation and utilities sector jumped by 2,000 positions from December to January. Employment was down 400 jobs in the wholesale trade subsector; up 1,500 jobs in retail trade; and up 900 positions in transportation, warehousing and utilities. The whole sector was down 2,700 jobs compared to a year ago.

"After eight months of decline, employment in Kentucky's trade, transportation and utilities sector increased," said Clark. "Employment in the sector is still down compared to a year ago."

The educational and health services sector reported 1,700 more jobs in January 2026. Employment was up 2,000 jobs in the health care and social assistance subsector from December to January and down 300 positions in the educational services subsector. Since last January, this sector has grown by 3,400 jobs or 1.1%.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector increased by 1,300 jobs from December 2025 to January 2026. All of the job gains were in durable goods manufacturing. Employment in the nondurable goods manufacturing subsector was unchanged. Kentucky manufacturing was down 1,400 positions compared to January 2025.

"Durable goods manufacturing increased after several months of decreases," said Clark. "While the increase is encouraging, it represents one month and does not necessarily reflect a reversal in the trend."

Kentucky's professional and business services sector rose by 1,100 jobs in January

2026. Among the subsectors, employment was unchanged in professional, scientific and technical services; down 200 jobs in management of companies; and up 1,300 jobs in administrative, support and waste management. The whole sector had 2,700 more positions compared to January 2025.

Employment in the financial activities sector was up 600 jobs from December 2025 to January 2026. Employment levels were up by 500 jobs in the finance and insurance subsector and up by 100 jobs in the real estate, rental and leasing subsector. The full sector had 1,000 more positions compared to January 2025.

In the government sector, employment rose by 400 jobs from December 2025 to January 2026. Federal jobs numbers were down by 100; unchanged in state government; and up 500 in local government. The total number of government jobs rose by 600 positions or 0.2% compared to January 2025.

The other services sector added 100 jobs from December to January and 200 jobs compared to one year ago. This sector includes repairs and maintenance, personal care services and religious organizations.

Kentucky's information services sector lost 100 positions from December to January. The state's mining and logging sector fell by 200 jobs from December to January, with 500 fewer jobs in January 2026 compared to January 2025.

Employment in the construction sector dropped by 300 jobs in January 2026 compared to December 2025. Construction increased by 3,000 positions or 3.3% from one year ago.

Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector contracted by 1,000 jobs from December to January. Arts, entertainment and recreation was down 100 jobs, while the accommodations and food services lost 900 jobs, while this whole sector was up 1,800 positions from the previous year.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
40th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CUMBERLAND CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 26-CI-00006

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

BETH MILLER,
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BETH MILLER,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL, INC.
THE MEDICAL CENTER AT ALBANY,
MARK S. ALLEN, D.M.D.
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Cumberland Circuit Court entered in the office of the Cumberland Circuit Court Clerk on March 26, 2026, in the above styled action, the undersigned Master Commissioner of the Cumberland Circuit Court will sell at public auction, on April 24, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at the west door of the Cumberland County Courthouse, Burkesville, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property, lying and being in Cumberland County, Kentucky, with said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

PIDN: 088-00-00-033.00
Property Address: 6368 Albany Road, Burkesville, Kentucky 42717.

Being a certain parcel of real property in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Bear Creek Community of Cumberland County lying on the south side of Highway 90 approximately one thousand five hundred feet west of Bear Creek Loop Road and being more specifically described as follows:

Three hacks, unless otherwise noted. The basis of bearings being correlated to Kentucky state plan single zone grid North (NAD83-2011) per network GPS observations taken on 1.23:23 using a trimble R12 network rover."
"Beginning on an existing 5/8 inch rebar #2488 on the south side of Highway 90 (150' R.O.W.), being a corner to Larry Stalcup Lumber Company, Inc. (Deed Book 131 Page 253); thence, with same South 00 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds East, 495.44 feet to an existing quad sycamore on the North bank of Bear Creek; thence, South 00 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds East 27.30 feet to a point in Bear Creek, being a corner to Phillip Berrong (Deed Book 137 Page 639); thence, with Bear Creek, North 82 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, 49.82 feet; thence, South 84 degrees 41 minutes 53 seconds West 151.71 feet; thence, South 76 degrees 36 minutes 15 seconds West, 236.65 feet; thence, North 66 degrees 35 minutes 29 seconds West, 71.45 feet; thence, North 57 degrees 01 minutes 15 seconds West, 145.04 feet to a point, being a corner to Ricky Neal Scott (Deed Book 153 Page 84); thence, leaving Bear Creek with Scott North 11 degrees 56 minutes 31 seconds West, passing an existing 5/8 inch rebar #3914 online at 64.87 feet for a total distance of 268.87 feet to an existing 5/8 inch rebar #3914 on the South side of Highway 90; thence with same North 73 degrees 06 minutes 25 seconds East, 698.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.42 acres per survey by Wm. Derek Bell, PLS 3914, with Bell Land Surveying & Mapping, 412 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 749, Burkesville, Kentucky 42717 on the 23rd day of January, 2023. This survey subject to any Easements, Right-of-Ways or other conveyances that a subsequent title search may disclose.

Being the same property conveyed to Beth Miller, by a deed recorded February 13, 2023 in Deed Book 188, Page 604 and recorded in the Cumberland County Clerk's Office.

The successful bidder or bidders may elect to pay the purchase price in full at the time of the sale or be required to pay 10% percent of bid purchase price down on the date of the sale and balance of purchase price will be due and payable on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the sale with interest at the rate of 6% per annum; however, the purchase may pay all or part of the purchase price prior to the maturity with all accrued interest due at the time of said payment. If the sale be had on credit, the purchaser shall execute and deliver to the order of the Master Commissioner, his or her bond due and payable in thirty (30) days, bearing interest at the legal rate of 6% per annum from date of sale until paid, with good and sufficient surety thereon and said sale shall likewise be secured by a lien upon said property sold, which shall have the same force and effect of a judgment and said bond with acceptable surety shall be executed immediately after the sale; upon default of the terms of said bond the Master Commissioner shall immediately resell the property on the same terms and conditions set out herein.

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