

# Kentucky recidivism rate decreases for second year in a row

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET

Kentucky's recidivism rate has declined for the second consecutive year, securing another record low for the commonwealth. Nearly 70% of people released from state custody over the past two years have not returned to prison, making

communities safer for future generations.

In 2023, over 14,000 inmates were released from state custody, nearly 10,000 of which have not returned. For those inmates, the current recidivism rate is 30.32%, which is 0.49% lower than the prior year. Kentucky defines recidivism as reincarceration within 24 months of

release from custody. In 2020, the state recorded the lowest rate ever at 27.15%.

"My faith teaches me about the importance of second chances, and in Kentucky, we're making sure all of our people have the tools they need to succeed," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "What we're doing is working, and by keeping more Kentuckians

from returning to prison, we're ending generational cycles of crime and making our communities safer for our kids and families."

The Beshear-Coleman Administration has taken several steps to prepare inmates for success upon release and enhance public safety by:

- Launching different technical

education courses in prisons across the commonwealth for a current total of 35, including a pre-apprenticeship welding program in partnership with Ironworkers Local Union #70, for inmates to prepare for employment upon release. So far, 1,779 inmates have completed at least one course.

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## GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Between Feb. 15 and Feb. 21, 2026, the Grant County Sheriff's Office:

- Served 74 summons and/or subpoenas
- Spent 14 hours serving court
- Served one Emergency Protective Order
- Investigated one collision (in county residence)
- Executed nine arrests/warrants (out of county residence)
- Drove 240 miles transporting prisoners

### ARRESTS

2/16 – Deputy Dakota Combs arrested Christina R. Harris, 49, of Williamstown at 10:54 a.m. on Barnes Road, Williamstown via warrant on offense or charge of non payment of fines 2X. Harris was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

2/17 – Deputy Dylan Bosse arrested Hunter Marple, 25, of Williamstown at 8:13 a.m. on Helton Heights, Williamstown

via warrant on offense or charge of nonpayment of fines. Marple was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

2/18 – Deputy Dylan Bosse arrested Matthew D. Mann, 37, of Dry Ridge at 8:03 a.m. on Lemon Northcutt Road, Dry Ridge via warrant on offense or charge of nonpayment of fines 2X. Mann was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

2/19 – Deputy Trenton Dalton arrested Paul Edwards, 53, of Corinth at 12:30 p.m. on Blanchet Road, Corinth via warrant on offense or charge of nonpayment of fines 2X. Edwards was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

2/21 – Deputy Trenton Dalton arrested David L. Moore, 29, of Williamstown at 9:33 a.m. on US 25 and Cherry Grove Road, Williamstown via warrant on offense or charge of failure to appear. Moore was lodged in the Grant

County Detention Center.

2/21 – Deputy Dustin Grady arrested Matthew Kitchen, 39, of Corinth at 3:35 p.m. on Corinth Road, Corinth via warrant on offense or charge of nonpayment of fines. Kitchen was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

### GRANT COUNTY JAIL REPORT

Population analysis, Feb. 26, 2026  
Total Inmates: 317 (Male: 263, Female: 54)  
Inmates by County:  
49 Grant  
29 Gallatin (Paying)  
0 Owen (Paying)  
14 Pendleton (Paying):  
3 Other (Arrested in Grant County on Warrants, awaiting pickup)  
State Inmates:  
100 SAP (Substance Abuse Program - Pays Extra)  
60 SOAR I & 2 (Supporting Others in Active Recovery, Levels I & II, Pays Extra)  
62 Other (Regular Rate)

## GRANT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE REPORT

### PROPERTY TRANSFERS:

2/19 – Walter Ray Webster, Angela L. Lawwill and Mark Lawwill to Johnathan T. Morris, Betty Morris and Zackeriah K. Morris, 5.00 acres Knoxville Road for \$10.00  
2/19 – ZBPG, LLC to Valley View Mobile Home Park, LLC, Lot 2 Ron Weimer Subdivision for \$250,000  
2/20 – Jimmy Dan Hedger and Misty Lynn Hedger to Steven R. Brown and Margaret Brown, tract 8 - 10.8449 acres Cason Lane for \$232,200  
2/20 – Winston B. Smith, Jr. and Melissa A. Smith to Winston B. Smith, Jr. Trustee and Melissa A. Smith Trustee, 40 Acres Corinth for \$1.00  
2/20 – Russell Robertson,

Tammy Robertson and Kristine Robertson to Russell Robertson, Tammy Robertson, Lot B Paris & Falmouth Street Subdivision for \$1.00  
2/20 – Richard Lee Mathley and Vicki Charlene Mathley to Richard Lee Mathley Trustee, Vicki Charlene Mathley Trustee and Richard and Vicki Mathley Living Trust, 0,135 Acre Falmouth Street for \$1.00  
2/23 – Rodger W. Bingham to Angela Lynn Bingham Hedenbert, 2 tracts Violet Road with Life Estate for love and affection between parties  
2/23 – Barbara Kells to Ruth Mercer and Johnny Beckham, 15.33 Acres State Route 330 for \$0.00 conveyance between parent and children  
2/24 – Barbara Kells to

Amanda Adams, 5.01 Acres on Turner Road for \$0.00

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The Board of Education of Grant County, Kentucky (the "Board of Education") at a regular meeting on February 12, 2026, passed and adopted a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY ("BOARD"), AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$7,850,000 (SUBJECT TO AN INCREASE OR DECREASE OF UP TO \$785,000) (THE "BONDS") THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH ARE TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED, OF THE PROCEEDS OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE BONDS AND THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO KRS § 66.480; PROVIDING FOR DELEGATION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

The Resolution authorizes the issuance of a principal amount of \$7,850,000 of the Board of Education's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2026 ("Bonds") (subject to permitted adjustment) to be issued for the purpose of financing High School Athletic Improvements (the "Project"). To assure the payment of the Bonds, it is necessary that the Board of Education authorize the levy of a tax ("Bond Tax") sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds; provided, however, it is now anticipated that other available taxes and revenues of the Board of Education will be sufficient to meet the debt service requirements of the Bonds without the collection of the Bond Tax. Section 5(C) of the Bond Resolution, which levies the Bond Tax reads as follows: That pursuant to Section 157 of the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS § 66.111, there is hereby authorized to be levied, and the Board hereby does so levy, without limitation as to rate or amount, each year that the Bonds remain outstanding, a Tax in an amount sufficient to provide for the full payment of the principal and interest requirements on said Bonds; provided, however, that said Tax shall be collected only to the extent that other receipts from existing Board taxes or other sources are not sufficient to provide for the full payment of the debt service payments on the Bonds each year. That by the adoption of the Resolution the Board of Education covenants with Owners of the Bonds that it shall, if necessary, collect each year a Bond Tax in a sufficient amount and appropriate in its annual budget, together with other monies available to it, an amount of funds sufficient to pay the "debt charges" on the Bonds as defined in Section 66.011 (4) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. The Bonds are to be sold at a publicly advertised competitive sale. The Bonds will mature over a term not to exceed 20 years. The Resolution establishes a Sinking Fund to provide for the payment of the principal and interest requirements of the Bonds as same become due. A copy of the Resolution is available in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education. This summary has been prepared by David B. Malone of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Louisville, Kentucky, Bond Counsel to the Board of Education. BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
By: /s/ Todd Moody, Secretary

### REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Williamstown will be accepting sealed bids for bi-weekly trimming at the Williamstown Cemetery at the Williamstown City Building, which is located at 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097 until 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at which time all bids will be opened.

Specifications may be picked up at the Williamstown City Building Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., or by accessing them on the City of Williamstown's web site at [www.wtownky.org](http://www.wtownky.org). All bids are to be sealed and clearly marked "SEALED BID FOR CEMETERY TRIMMING" and made to the Mayor's attention.

The City of Williamstown reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formality in bidding.

/s/ David A. Henson  
Mayor  
City of Williamstown, Kentucky

GRANT COUNTY SCHOOL BUS GARAGE  
3989 DIXIE HIGHWAY  
DRY RIDGE, KENTUCKY 41035  
859-824-3332

February 2nd, 2026

### INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received in the Grant County School Bus Garage, 3989 Dixie Highway, Dry Ridge, Kentucky until **March 20, 2026 @ 09:00 A.M.** for the following items:

1. CDL Physicals
2. Custodial Supplies
3. Employee Physicals
4. Maintenance Supplies
5. Motor Vehicle Fuel
6. Propane Fuel
7. Transportation Supplies
8. Trash/Waste Collection

Specifications can be procured at the Board of Education Office. Bids will be opened by the Board's designated agent on the above-mentioned date. *The bids will be awarded at the regular April Board meeting.* The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive all informalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the school system can be reserved. Contract period will be from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. All bidders will be notified by mail of the Board's action.



### NOTICE TO:

Respondent, Ismael Ortiz, Jr., the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a PETITION in regards to the minor child, EVERETT SISCO, born on 04/04/2020; it further appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in the Juvenile Court of Sumner County, Tennessee located at 155 E. Main Street, Gallatin, Tennessee, 37066 on **April 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** to personally answer the PETITION. Failing to appear for the hearing on this date and time, without good cause, pursuant to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, will result in the loss of your right to contest the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Sumner County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office.

# POSTED NO TRESPASSING

\*\*No Trespassing Persons are notified that the land and property belonging to the below listed persons are posted against hunting, fishing, trapping, 4-wheeling or dirt bike riding, walking, horseback riding, woodcutting, dumping or any other kind of trespassing. Owners are not responsible for any accidents.

**Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.**

## POSTED PROPERTY LISTINGS ARE BELOW.

**Property of Doering Family Ltd. Partnership on Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Rd., Dry Ridge.**

**PROPERTY LOCATED AT - 5340 Stewartsville Rd., Williamstown.**

**Dimitt Property 7120 Warsaw Rd Dry Ridge (Old Kelly Martin Farm).**

**DEGLOW, RICHARD & LINDA. Farm at 1495 Heekin Road, Williamstown, KY.**

**MCINTIRE PROPERTY located on Old Cynthiana Rd. and Oak Ridge Pike.**

**MARTIN PROPERTY - Lots on Sunny Hill Drive, Dry Ridge, KY.**

**West-Marsh Property located at 2975 Falmouth Rd., Williamstown, KY**

**Henry Family Farm at 1115 Smokey Rd., Williamstown, KY 41097**

**PICKETT Property located at 10490 Taft Hwy, Williamstown (Route 22 & White Chapel Road)**

**Janice & Jack Bowling property located on White Chapel Road.**

**Littrell Property located at 800 & 940 Ashbrook Rd. Williamstown, KY 41097 NO TRESPASSING & NO HUNTING**

**The Darlington Properties located at Lawrenceville Rd (East of Eagle Creek) Williamstown, Ky. and 10765 Taft Hwy., Williamstown, Ky.**

**Kathy and James Havens, 5843 Baton Rouge Rd.**

**Tri-State Land Company**  
Real Estate Development  
**859-485-1330**  
[www.tristatelandcompany.com](http://www.tristatelandcompany.com)

**9 Ac. Crittenden,** pasture, views, quiet country road, city water, electric available, \$146,900. Owner financing available.

**5 Ac. Williamstown area,** all pasture, single wide homes welcome, partially fenced, city water at street, \$85,900, \$3,000 down, \$844 per mo.

**27 Ac. Grant Co., near Mason,** ideal location for homesite, weekend get away, hunting, 7 miles off I-75, \$189,900, \$8,000 down.

**14 Ac. Grant County,** scattered cedar trees, small pond, blacktop dead-end road, city water, \$136,900, \$4,000 down, \$1,370 per mo.

**5 Ac. Grant Co, near Mt. Zion area,** restricted homesite, open pasture, rolling down into woods, Arnolds Creek frontage, city water, \$92,900, owner financing.

**8 Ac. Corinth, Bracht Road,** mostly pasture, double wides welcome, view, city water available, \$99,900, \$3,000 down, \$997 per mo.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE PROPERTIES**  
[www.tristatelandcompany.com](http://www.tristatelandcompany.com)

### NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2026, to be effective on March 31, 2026. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0316 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0286 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is a decrease of \$0.0030, or -9.49%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 363; Industrial: 17,055; Other Public Authority: 1,282; and Sales for Resale: 19,349. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the decreased fee applies is: Residential: -\$0.12; Commercial: -\$1.09; Industrial: -\$51.17; Other Public Authority: -\$3.85; and Sales for Resale: -\$58.05. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <https://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <https://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.