

# Gov. Beshear: Kentucky Tops \$50 Billion in Exports in 2025, Setting All-Time Record for Products Shipped Globally

*Canada remains Kentucky's top export destination; aerospace products and parts remain top export*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 25, 2026) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced Kentucky once again set an all-time record for products shipped globally, with \$50.6 billion in exports in 2025. This year's record represents a 5.65% increase over 2024.

"The global demand for Kentucky-made products, made by hard-working Kentuckians right here in the commonwealth, has never been higher," said Gov. Beshear. "For the third consecutive year we have set a new state record for exports, and that wouldn't be possible without great companies and our hard-working and talented workforce. The commonwealth's commitment to developing partnerships all over the globe is critical for our long-term economic success. Now

more than ever, the rest of the world is realizing that you just can't beat a Kentucky-made product."

According to data recently made available by the U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division and WISERTrade, Canada once again led the way as Kentucky's top export destination, with over \$8.3 billion in products. The United Kingdom (nearly \$5.4 billion), France (over \$5.3 billion), China (more than \$4.7 billion) and Mexico (nearly \$4 billion) remain in the top five destinations for Kentucky-made products. Other top trade partners included Brazil, Malaysia, Singapore, Netherlands and Austria.

"To ensure this success continues, we need the Trump administration to follow through with the Supreme Court

ruling and roll back the tariffs," said Gov. Beshear. "These trade partnerships bring Kentucky-made products to the world, and it helps everyone involved to see that these exports continue to grow."

Aerospace products and parts remained Kentucky's top export in 2025. The industry shipped nearly \$23 billion in products out of the United States, representing a nearly 22.2% increase over the previous year.

Industrial machinery, motor vehicles and pharmaceuticals/medicines remain among Kentucky's leading exports. Industrial machinery saw \$5.7 billion in products distributed while \$4.6 billion worth of motor vehicles/parts and \$3.6 billion worth of pharmaceuticals were shipped globally.

Kentucky's export growth furthers what has been the best six-year period for economic growth in state history.

Since the beginning of his administration, Gov. Beshear has announced more than 1,300 private-sector new-location and expansion projects totaling over \$45 billion in announced investments, creating more than 68,000 jobs. This is the highest investment figure secured during the tenure of any governor in the commonwealth's history and \$24 billion more than the next highest total.

Gov. Beshear has announced some of the largest economic development projects in state history, which have solidified Kentucky as the battery capital of the United States: AESC's \$2 billion, 2,000-job gigafactory project in

Warren County; Ford Motor Co.'s \$2 billion, 2,200-job commitment in Louisville, as well as its \$2 billion, 2,100-job project at the Kentucky 1 plant in Hardin County; Shelbyville Battery Manufacturing's \$712 million investment, creating 1,572 jobs in Shelby County; and Toyota's \$1.3 billion investment in Scott County, among others.

The Governor's administration also secured the largest General Fund budget surplus and Rainy Day Fund. In 2023, Kentucky recorded over 2 million jobs filled for the first time ever and has stayed above that number ever since.

Kentucky also secured rating increases from major credit rating agencies Fitch Ratings, S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Investors Ser-

vice.

Last year, Site Selection magazine ranked Kentucky in the top five nationally and second in the South Central region for economic development projects per capita in its 2024 Governor's Cup rankings. Site Selection also placed Kentucky second in the South Central region and No. 6 nationally in its 2025 Prosperity Cup ranking, which recognizes state-level economic development agencies for their success in landing capital investment projects.

Gov. Beshear also announced a new initiative, called New Kentucky Home, to increase economic investment, attract and retain talent, and increase tourism across the state.

For more information on Kentucky exports, visit [kyexports.com](http://kyexports.com).

## MCC Announces Summer and Fall Open Registration

MADISONVILLE, KY – Madisonville Community College is excited to announce that open registration for the Summer and Fall 2026 semesters will begin on March 15. Students can choose from a wide range of online and in-person courses.

Offerings include general education classes and technical program options designed to support a variety of academic and career goals.

New, readmit, transfer, and visiting students are encouraged to contact the MCC

Enrollment Center at (270) 824-8657 or the Muhlenberg County Campus at (270) 757-9881 for advising and registration assistance. Students currently enrolled in Spring 2026 classes should contact their assigned academic advisor to begin plan-

ning their upcoming schedules.

Summer course offerings include a 4-week intersession beginning May 18 and a 6-week summer session starting June 15. The 16-week Fall semester will begin Monday, August 17.

Advisors are available to help students navigate program requirements, select courses, and answer questions throughout the registration process. "We know many of our prospective students are anxious about starting college, and we want to

relieve that anxiety and make enrolling as easy as possible," said Dean of Enrollment Management Aimee Wilkerson.

For more information about enrollment or available programs, contact the MCC Enrollment Center or visit [madisonville.kctcs.edu](http://madisonville.kctcs.edu).

## Meetings

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE. [For Year 2026]

The Muhlenberg County Board of Elections meets regularly at 8:15 AM on the first Tuesday of each month in the Fiscal Courtroom on the 2nd floor of the Muhlenberg County Courthouse located at 100 S Main Street, Greenville. Changes to meeting date, time or location are posted on the Fiscal Courtroom door and elevator of the Muhlenberg County Courthouse in advance of any cancellation/rest.

- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets every Sunday at 4 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, 217 West Depot Street in Greenville. The meal is at 4 p.m., large group worship at 5 p.m. and small group sharing time at 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided.
- **AL-ANON** (Clean Slate) is a support group for family and friends of those who have been impacted by alcoholism. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Greenville United Methodist Church Coffee Shop, 144 Main Street.
- Break the Cycle **RECOVERY MEETING** directed by TrueNorth Treatment Center is held every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at Righteous Souls Ministry, 701 Temple Road in Central City.
- **The GREENVILLE TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING** will be held on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at 125 S Main Street in Greenville.
- **The MUHLENBERG COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING** will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the district office, 340 Dean Road in Greenville.
- **The MUHLENBERG COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING** will be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 1 p.m.
- **MUHLENBERG COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD MEETING** will be held on the third Thursday of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Harbin Memorial Public Library 117 S. Main Street in Greenville.
- **The WARM HEART QUILTERS** will meet on the fourth Tuesday each month January through October at 9 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 158 S. Main St. in Greenville.
- **2026 MUHLENBERG COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** Meeting Dates: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, all meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. Work Session Dates: April 7, July 9, October 1, all meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m.
- **THE MUHLENBERG COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** will meet Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Second Baptist Church, Greenville, Kentucky. Gary Adkins from AARP, will be the guest speaker concerning Frauds and Scams Prevention. All retired teachers are welcome to attend!

## Happenings

- **28th ANNUAL BUTLER CO. FFA FARM TOY & ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW** will be Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Butler County High School. For more details on attending, including becoming a vendor or displaying a farm scene, or the antique tractor show, please contact: Madilyn Dowell (270) 526-2204, (270) 893-1374 or Ryan Pendley (270) 999-0767.
- **THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS HOSTING A CANDIDATE FORUM** on Thursday March 5th at the Merle Travis Center, at 6 pm! All are invited to this free event where you can meet your local Republican candidates and hear them speak. Please join us!

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