

## **Notification of Tentative Census Poverty and Hold Harmless Percentages Used to Determine School Year 2025-2026 Title I, Part A Funding**

Although at this point we do not have a Title I, Part A allocation for the state or for districts, we can provide this planning tool that will help you arrive at an **estimate** of your allocation for the 2025-2026 school year. **Keep in mind that all numbers provided here are tentative and are subject to change.**

Below, you will find a brief explanation of factors used in determining allocations, including definitions of some key terms and a table that shows your poverty and hold harmless percentage. A more detailed explanation of Title I, Part A allocation procedures can be found in the Title I, Part A Handbook. Any questions can be directed toward your Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) [Title I, Part A consultant](#) via email or phone at 502-564-3791.

### **Formula Children**

The U.S. Department of Education bases Title I, Part A allocations on estimates of the number and percentage of formula children in each district (as provided by the U.S. Census Bureau), along with updated state per-pupil expenditure data. Formula children are defined below.

- Children ages 5-17 residing in the geographic boundaries of the school district from families below the poverty level identified from census data compiled by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Census poverty children comprise the greatest portion of formula children. The U.S. Department of Education uses updated Census estimates to calculate Title I allocations.
- Children ages 5-17 in licensed facilities for foster children updated annually by the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children and reported to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. This is the number of children living in foster care for at least 30 consecutive days, at least one day of which was in the month of October.
- Children ages 5-17 in local institutions for neglected children reported annually by the Kentucky Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Education. This is the number of children who resided in an institution for neglected children for at least 30 consecutive days, at least one day of which was in the month of October.

For school year 2025-2026, the tentative formula child estimate for each district can be found in the chart at the end of this document. **Keep in mind that the numbers in the chart do not reflect free and reduced lunch numbers nor do they reflect enrollment numbers.** Census numbers are gathered through decennial data, household survey data, administrative records data, and population estimates. In addition, the numbers for foster and neglected children are not included in the counts, as they are not available at this time. For comparison purposes, the final poverty percentage that was used to help determine the current school year's Title I, Part A funds is included.

The population and poverty estimates data are here for your review and to aid in planning. The Census Bureau has established a period for reviewing these data, which ends **March 17, 2025**. A district may challenge these poverty estimates if it believes that they are incorrect and can document non-statistical errors that have been made such as 1) processing input data and 2) processing information that defines a school district's geographic boundaries. To initiate a challenge of these estimates and to obtain information on that process, a school district is required to contact the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) Branch at the Census Bureau at:

(301) 763-3193 or  
Email: [sehsd.saipe@census.gov](mailto:sehsd.saipe@census.gov)

When sending an email, include your name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and organization affiliation. For more information and guidance concerning the Census Bureau's challenge procedures, please see the following website:

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe/about/contact/challenges.html>

Information about the data sources and the methodology used to prepare these data is available at:

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe/about.html>

If your district challenges the Census estimates provided, please also notify your KDE Title I, Part A consultant. Please note, the Kentucky Department of Education cannot revise your Census estimates. Only the U.S. Census Bureau can do so.

## **Title I, Part A Funding Sources**

The U.S. Department of Education allocates funding to districts through four funding sources, each with its own qualification requirement. To be eligible to receive funding through each pot, individual districts must meet the minimum poverty criteria, as follows:

- **Basic Grants:** The number of formula children must be at least 10 **and** more than 2% of the total school-aged population.
- **Concentration Grants:** The number of formula children within the district must exceed either 6,500 **or** 15% of the total number of children aged 5 through 17. To qualify for this funding source, an LEA must meet the eligibility criteria in the current year or have met the criteria at least once in the four years prior to the current year. Because falling out of eligibility for this funding source can greatly affect your total allocation, KDE will contact you if this applies.
- **Targeted Grants:** The number of formula children must be at least 10 **and** at least 5% of the total number of children aged 5 through 17.

- **Education Finance Incentive Grants:** The number of formula children must be at least 10 **and** at least 5% of the total number of children aged 5 through 17.

### **Hold-Harmless Provisions**

Title I, Part A has a variable hold-harmless guarantee, which sets the minimum allocation for each district, as long as the district is eligible to receive funds from the same Part A funding sources as in the previous year and sufficient funds are appropriated by the U.S. Congress. Districts can estimate their minimum allocations for next school year by multiplying their hold harmless rate found in the chart below by the current year’s final allocation. Be aware, the final hold-harmless percentage for next year’s allocation depends on the total formula child count for each district. Since the total formula child count is not available, the **tentative** hold-harmless percentage provided here is based solely on the census poverty percentage. The tentative hold harmless rate for a district could change with the addition of the other formula students.

Hold harmless rates apply as follow:

- 95% if the district’s poverty percentage is 30% or greater;
- 90% if the district’s poverty percentage is between 15% and 30%; or
- 85% if the district’s poverty percentage is below 15%.

***Note: Poverty percentages are reported to two decimal places and will not be rounded to the nearest whole number in the determination of hold harmless percentages.***

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
ADAIR COUNTY	763	2,862	26.66%	90%	33.01%
ALLEN COUNTY	790	3,702	21.34%	90%	20.67%
ANCHORAGE INDEPENDENT	11	461	2.39%	85%	3.96%
ANDERSON COUNTY	487	4,324	11.26%	85%	15.96%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
ASHLAND INDEPENDENT	843	3,533	23.86%	90%	29.57%
AUGUSTA INDEPENDENT	47	220	21.36%	90%	24.20%
BALLARD COUNTY	241	1,153	20.90%	90%	21.03%
BARBOURVILLE INDEPENDENT	143	403	35.48%	95%	43.86%
BARDSTOWN INDEPENDENT	473	2,277	20.77%	90%	20.45%
BARREN COUNTY	929	5,309	17.50%	90%	18.41%
BATH COUNTY	628	2,424	25.91%	90%	28.54%
BEECHWOOD INDEPENDENT	77	1,433	5.37%	85%	7.18%
BELL COUNTY	642	2,018	31.81%	95%	33.65%
BELLEVUE INDEPENDENT	98	622	15.76%	90%	18.08%
BEREA INDEPENDENT	207	982	21.08%	90%	23.76%
BOONE COUNTY	1,837	24,623	7.46%	85%	7.69%
BOURBON COUNTY	399	2,535	15.74%	90%	17.89%
BOWLING GREEN INDEPENDENT	814	3,737	21.78%	90%	33.49%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
BOYD COUNTY	575	3,493	16.46%	90%	19.76%
BOYLE COUNTY	353	2,625	13.45%	85%	14.04%
BRACKEN COUNTY	208	1,278	16.28%	90%	20.42%
BREATHITT COUNTY	667	1,824	36.57%	95%	55.52%
BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY	675	3,223	20.94%	90%	25.95%
BULLITT COUNTY	1,388	13,619	10.19%	85%	11.65%
BURGIN INDEPENDENT	47	458	10.26%	85%	12.11%
BUTLER COUNTY	398	2,103	18.93%	90%	23.07%
CALDWELL COUNTY	455	2,097	21.70%	90%	24.16%
CALLOWAY COUNTY	651	3,888	16.74%	90%	19.58%
CAMPBELL COUNTY	664	7,467	8.89%	85%	8.98%
CAMPBELLSVILLE INDEPENDENT	416	1,400	29.71%	90%	35.17%
CARLISLE COUNTY	151	812	18.60%	90%	22.58%
CARROLL COUNTY	462	2,194	21.06%	90%	22.14%
CARTER COUNTY	1,016	4,462	22.77%	90%	24.12%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
CASEY COUNTY	698	2,737	25.50%	90%	34.12%
CAVERNA INDEPENDENT	253	869	29.11%	90%	30.78%
CHRISTIAN COUNTY	2,576	11,380	22.64%	90%	25.93%
CLARK COUNTY	969	6,164	15.72%	90%	20.32%
CLAY COUNTY	1,655	3,060	54.08%	95%	47.47%
CLINTON COUNTY	457	1,436	31.82%	95%	33.88%
CLOVERPORT INDEPENDENT	70	241	29.05%	90%	21.90%
CORBIN INDEPENDENT	533	1,983	26.88%	90%	27.77%
COVINGTON INDEPENDENT	1,499	4,582	32.71%	95%	36.20%
CRITTENDEN COUNTY	383	1,510	25.36%	90%	27.41%
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	316	979	32.28%	95%	33.30%
DANVILLE INDEPENDENT	449	2,168	20.71%	90%	20.40%
DAVISS COUNTY	1,869	13,685	13.66%	85%	11.59%
DAWSON SPRINGS INDEPENDENT	128	396	32.32%	95%	52.55%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
DAYTON INDEPENDENT	227	881	25.77%	90%	28.13%
EAST BERNSTADT INDEPENDENT	46	189	24.34%	90%	34.41%
EDMONSON COUNTY	366	1,659	22.06%	90%	27.83%
ELIZABETHTOWN INDEPENDENT	418	2,304	18.14%	90%	18.66%
ELLIOTT COUNTY	247	961	25.70%	90%	29.18%
EMINENCE INDEPENDENT	131	646	20.28%	90%	18.03%
ERLANGER-ELSMERE INDEPENDENT	580	2,973	19.51%	90%	21.07%
ESTILL COUNTY	552	2,257	24.46%	90%	26.67%
FAIRVIEW INDEPENDENT	121	560	21.61%	90%	22.52%
FAYETTE COUNTY	8,222	48,630	16.91%	90%	15.05%
FLEMING COUNTY	591	2,687	21.99%	90%	26.51%
FLOYD COUNTY	1,599	5,803	27.55%	90%	45.68%
FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT	147	3,243	4.53%	85%	4.03%
FRANKFORT INDEPENDENT	146	675	21.63%	90%	25.49%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
FRANKLIN COUNTY	1,028	7,415	13.86%	85%	19.13%
FULTON COUNTY	173	616	28.08%	90%	31.88%
FULTON INDEPENDENT	166	423	39.24%	95%	42.65%
GALLATIN COUNTY	260	1,520	17.11%	90%	16.83%
GARRARD COUNTY	743	3,020	24.60%	90%	19.39%
GLASGOW INDEPENDENT	563	2,202	25.57%	90%	26.52%
GRANT COUNTY	726	4,249	17.09%	90%	16.04%
GRAVES COUNTY	800	4,751	16.84%	90%	15.88%
GRAYSON COUNTY	1,033	4,472	23.10%	90%	21.27%
GREEN COUNTY	385	1,783	21.59%	90%	23.91%
GREENUP COUNTY	561	2,959	18.96%	90%	23.16%
HANCOCK COUNTY	202	1,612	12.53%	85%	16.26%
HARDIN COUNTY	2,861	17,345	16.49%	90%	14.29%
HARLAN COUNTY	1,262	4,089	30.86%	95%	32.31%



<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
HARLAN INDEPENDENT	166	497	33.40%	95%	38.91%
HARRISON COUNTY	534	3,190	16.74%	90%	19.06%
HART COUNTY	616	3,045	20.23%	90%	22.91%
HAZARD INDEPENDENT	248	787	31.51%	95%	32.74%
HENDERSON COUNTY	1,277	7,446	17.15%	90%	21.14%
HENRY COUNTY	355	2,113	16.80%	90%	16.16%
HICKMAN COUNTY	169	658	25.68%	90%	24.88%
HOPKINS COUNTY	1,334	7,312	18.24%	90%	22.78%
JACKSON COUNTY	640	2,249	28.46%	90%	33.06%
JACKSON INDEPENDENT	69	188	36.70%	95%	50.00%
JEFFERSON COUNTY	23,960	123,758	19.36%	90%	20.00%
JENKINS INDEPENDENT	141	484	29.13%	90%	36.89%
JESSAMINE COUNTY	1,242	9,732	12.76%	85%	16.22%
JOHNSON COUNTY	830	3,187	26.04%	90%	28.92%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
KENTON COUNTY	1,668	19,051	8.76%	85%	9.64%
KNOTT COUNTY	630	2,105	29.93%	90%	40.69%
KNOX COUNTY	1,706	4,571	37.32%	95%	39.09%
LARUE COUNTY	554	2,615	21.19%	90%	21.07%
LAUREL COUNTY	2,790	10,511	26.54%	90%	24.63%
LAWRENCE COUNTY	643	2,963	21.70%	90%	28.34%
LEE COUNTY	339	953	35.57%	95%	48.75%
LESLIE COUNTY	464	1,599	29.02%	90%	36.34%
LETCHER COUNTY	789	2,923	26.99%	90%	32.35%
LEWIS COUNTY	638	2,151	29.66%	90%	30.36%
LINCOLN COUNTY	994	4,452	22.33%	90%	24.08%
LIVINGSTON COUNTY	302	1,369	22.06%	90%	21.57%
LOGAN COUNTY	611	3,981	15.35%	90%	17.38%
LUDLOW INDEPENDENT	136	671	20.27%	90%	19.40%
LYON COUNTY	159	1,012	15.71%	90%	20.49%
MADISON COUNTY	1,967	14,006	14.04%	85%	15.66%
MAGOFFIN COUNTY	620	1,884	32.91%	95%	34.43%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
MARION COUNTY	604	3,580	16.87%	90%	20.20%
MARSHALL COUNTY	735	4,789	15.35%	90%	17.75%
MARTIN COUNTY	866	1,557	55.62%	95%	39.14%
MASON COUNTY	577	2,944	19.60%	90%	24.55%
MAYFIELD INDEPENDENT	488	1,773	27.52%	90%	26.70%
MCCRACKEN COUNTY	1,254	7,776	16.13%	90%	18.01%
MCCREARY COUNTY	1,022	2,725	37.50%	95%	41.58%
MCLEAN COUNTY	254	1,609	15.79%	90%	17.01%
MEADE COUNTY	584	4,507	12.96%	85%	14.64%
MENIFEE COUNTY	278	842	33.02%	95%	38.32%
MERCER COUNTY	557	3,309	16.83%	90%	17.43%
METCALFE COUNTY	643	1,850	34.76%	95%	32.13%
MIDDLESBORO INDEPENDENT	657	1,446	45.44%	95%	46.42%
MONROE COUNTY	525	1,972	26.62%	90%	28.53%
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	840	4,942	17.00%	90%	17.92%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
MORGAN COUNTY	507	1,919	26.42%	90%	29.42%
MUHLENBERG COUNTY	1,189	4,726	25.16%	90%	25.49%
MURRAY INDEPENDENT	293	1,414	20.72%	90%	23.90%
NELSON COUNTY	735	5,827	12.61%	85%	11.19%
NEWPORT INDEPENDENT	477	1,620	29.44%	90%	36.57%
NICHOLAS COUNTY	335	1,419	23.61%	90%	22.69%
OHIO COUNTY	797	4,253	18.74%	90%	23.21%
OLDHAM COUNTY	631	13,626	4.63%	85%	3.30%
OWEN COUNTY	330	1,797	18.36%	90%	18.75%
OWENSBORO INDEPENDENT	1,355	5,012	27.04%	90%	23.34%
OWSLEY COUNTY	283	653	43.34%	95%	44.88%
PADUCAH INDEPENDENT	991	3,173	31.23%	95%	31.81%
PAINTSVILLE INDEPENDENT	151	523	28.87%	90%	33.84%
PARIS INDEPENDENT	223	956	23.33%	90%	28.87%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
PENDLETON COUNTY	427	2,530	16.88%	90%	18.60%
PERRY COUNTY	1,240	3,942	31.46%	95%	28.55%
PIKE COUNTY	1,909	7,736	24.68%	90%	31.04%
PIKEVILLE INDEPENDENT	219	881	24.86%	90%	27.57%
PINEVILLE INDEPENDENT	92	233	39.48%	95%	41.56%
POWELL COUNTY	612	2,290	26.72%	90%	28.68%
PULASKI COUNTY	1,854	9,160	20.24%	90%	21.37%
RACELAND INDEPENDENT	84	684	12.28%	85%	27.98%
ROBERTSON COUNTY	102	412	24.76%	90%	24.79%
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY	645	2,572	25.08%	90%	28.78%
ROWAN COUNTY	763	3,531	21.61%	90%	24.60%
RUSSELL COUNTY	740	3,198	23.14%	90%	25.65%
RUSSELL INDEPENDENT	298	2,055	14.50%	85%	16.41%
RUSSELLVILLE INDEPENDENT	259	950	27.26%	90%	30.65%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
SCIENCE HILL INDEPENDENT	54	320	16.88%	90%	20.63%
SCOTT COUNTY	1,200	10,839	11.07%	85%	9.69%
SHELBY COUNTY	1,016	8,084	12.57%	85%	12.18%
SIMPSON COUNTY	597	3,532	16.90%	90%	19.00%
SOMERSET INDEPENDENT	367	1,341	27.37%	90%	36.14%
SOUTHGATE INDEPENDENT	80	263	30.42%	95%	29.23%
SPENCER COUNTY	270	3,553	7.60%	85%	8.43%
TAYLOR COUNTY	564	3,038	18.56%	90%	17.51%
TODD COUNTY	543	2,442	22.24%	90%	22.95%
TRIGG COUNTY	427	2,300	18.57%	90%	20.36%
TRIMBLE COUNTY	228	1,434	15.90%	90%	15.75%
UNION COUNTY	331	1,836	18.03%	90%	22.88%
WALTON VERONA INDEPENDENT	126	1,958	6.44%	85%	7.83%
WARREN COUNTY	2,634	20,421	12.90%	85%	16.91%
WASHINGTON COUNTY	328	2,142	15.31%	90%	17.56%
WAYNE COUNTY	1,051	2,943	35.71%	95%	36.22%

<b>Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA)</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Formula Children</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 5-17 Population</b>	<b>Tentative SY 2025-2026 Percent Poverty</b>	<b>Tentative Hold Harmless Percentages for SY 2025-2026</b>	<b>Final SY 2024-2025 Percent Poverty (for Comparison Purposes Only)</b>
WEBSTER COUNTY	424	2,259	18.77%	90%	20.79%
WHITLEY COUNTY	1,202	4,344	27.67%	90%	35.62%
WILLIAMSBURG INDEPENDENT	265	870	30.46%	95%	41.47%
WILLIAMSTOWN INDEPENDENT	132	712	18.54%	90%	19.60%
WOLFE COUNTY	385	1,046	36.81%	95%	42.45%
WOODFORD COUNTY	504	4,423	11.39%	85%	13.65%