

Cabinet Overviews

Cabinet for Economic Development

As the primary state agency encouraging job creation, retention and business investment in Kentucky, the Cabinet for Economic Development (CED) works to attract new industries and assists existing companies to grow and expand. The Cabinet also provides support and resources for entrepreneurs, startups and small business owners. Additionally, it helps prepare communities for economic development opportunities.

[Learn more about CED.](#)

Cabinet for Health and Family Services

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) is home to most of the state's human services and health care programs, including the Department for Medicaid Services; the Department for Community Based Services; the Department for Public Health; the Department for Aging and Independent Living; and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. CHFS is one of the largest agencies in state government, with nearly 8,000 full and part-time employees located across the Commonwealth focused on improving the lives and health of Kentuckians. The Cabinet's mission is to be a diverse and inclusive organization providing programs, services and supports that protect and promote the health and well-being of all Kentuckians and their communities. The vision of CHFS is a commonwealth where every Kentuckian – regardless of ability, race, ethnicity, region, zip code, religion or economics – reaches their full human potential and all communities thrive.

[Learn more about CHFS.](#)

Education and Labor Cabinet

Kentucky succeeds when her people succeed. While the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet (ELC) cannot guarantee success for everyone, it can give people the opportunity to succeed by starting them with a strong foundation during their early childhood years as well as providing world-class education and training throughout school and into adulthood for safe, meaningful careers. ELC can give employers an opportunity to succeed by creating a qualified and prepared workforce that meets their business needs without compromising safety and fairness for all employees. ELC is also there for Kentucky workers when they need help because of job loss, illness or disability. The Cabinet's services promote the well-being of both business and employees so all Kentuckians can prosper.

[Learn more about ELC.](#)

Energy and Environment Cabinet

The Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) improves the quality of life for all Kentuckians by protecting our land, air and water resources by working with regulated customers to create a base for strong economic growth while ensuring compliance and utilizing natural resources in an environmentally conscientious manner that encourages low-cost, reliable and sustainable energy.

- The Department for Environmental Protection protects and enhances Kentucky's environment through its divisions of Air Quality, Waste Management, Water, Enforcement and Environmental Program Support.
- The Department for Natural Resources provides oversight, technical assistance, education and funding to sustain Kentucky's natural resources. This includes all forestry and mining operations and is home to the divisions of Abandoned Mine Lands, Forestry, Mine Permits, Conservation, Oil and Gas, Mine Safety and Mine Reclamation.
- The Office of Energy Policy brings a common-sense approach that ensures the Commonwealth thrives amid rapid changes occurring in the production, delivery and use of energy.
- The Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves works to protect the Commonwealth's natural heritage and educate Kentuckians about its importance.

[Learn more about EEC.](#)

Finance and Administration Cabinet

The Finance and Administration Cabinet is the primary support agency for state government. The Cabinet serves a diverse customer base of state agencies, local governments, businesses, vendors and individual taxpayers.

The Cabinet provides a broad spectrum of services, including:

- State Revenue Administration
- Statewide Fiscal Management
- State Purchasing, Contracts and Accounting
- Operations Assistance, including for Disaster Recovery
- Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance
- Fleet Management
- Mailroom Operations
- Information Technology
- Historic Property Preservation and Events
- Facility and Construction Management
- Surplus Property
- Administrative Support

[Learn more about the Finance & Administration Cabinet.](#)

Justice and Public Safety Cabinet

The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet is the second largest cabinet in state government with more than 7,000 employees. The Cabinet oversees five departments: the Kentucky State Police, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Criminal Justice Training and the Department of Public Advocacy. The Cabinet also administers the Office of the State Medical Examiner and the Office of Drug Control Policy.

The Cabinet's mission is to ensure the safety and security of Kentucky communities through a fair and impartial administration of taxpayer resources. The Cabinet's approach centers on protecting citizens, restoring victims and reforming wrongdoers – all in a focused environment where everything is measured for accountability and performance. The Cabinet also seeks the best possible return from our public safety investment by using evidence-based programs, fiscal discipline and data-driven strategies. Likewise, the Cabinet is committed to holding offenders to the highest standards of personal accountability and responsibility.

[Learn more about the Justice & Public Safety Cabinet.](#)

Kentucky Personnel Cabinet

The Kentucky Personnel Cabinet takes pride in providing top-tier health and wellness benefits as well as human resources administrative support to state agencies, which impacts over 30,000 state employees and 290,000 benefits participants. The Personnel Cabinet's goal is for all Kentuckians to understand the career opportunities available to them through employment in the Commonwealth. Because of this, you may have seen the Personnel Cabinet at your local career fair promoting employment opportunities where they educate prospective employees about state government's robust benefits and programs; however, the Cabinet's primary function is to serve and support those who are serving our Commonwealth. The Personnel Cabinet continues to support our workforce and promote state government as an employer of choice by remaining innovative and creating a positive, inclusive work environment that supports the holistic well-being of all employees.

[Learn more about the Personnel Cabinet.](#)

Public Protection Cabinet

The Public Protection Cabinet (PPC) keeps Kentuckians safe in business, leisure and daily life. PPC ensures safe and fair operation of some of the most important institutions in the Commonwealth. From sporting events to building and banking, PPC's diverse agencies share a common goal—providing the best service to every citizen and business in the state.

[Learn more about PPC.](#)

Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet

The Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet (TAHC) is dedicated to fostering and promoting the state's rich heritage as well as continuing Kentucky's long history of being a premiere travel destination for all travelers to enjoy. The Cabinet serves as Kentucky's top tourism agency and collaborates with local tourism partners to coordinate tourism, arts and heritage efforts through legislation, tourism development and marketing/outreach. Kentucky tourism is a multi-billion dollar industry that brings millions of visitors to the Commonwealth each year. As one of the state's largest economic generators, tourism serves as a mechanism for driving economic growth in communities within all 120 Kentucky counties.

[Learn more about TAHC.](#)

Transportation Cabinet

The more than 4,000 employees at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) are driven to provide a safe, efficient and equitable network to keep Kentucky moving across all modes of transportation. We're all about improving the quality of life for Kentuckians across our four departments: Department of Highways, Department of Vehicle Regulation, Department of Rural & Municipal Aid and the Kentucky Department of Aviation. Our work spans every corner of the state to keep Kentuckians connected by executing services like construction projects, maintaining nearly 28,000 miles of highways and 9,000 state bridges, keeping state routes passable during winter weather and expanding electric vehicle charging stations to support long-distance travel. There's more to us than roads and bridges. Kentucky boasts a booming aviation industry that spurs the economy and we are home to three global air cargo hubs. We also oversee the state's motor vehicle and driver services, including driver's license issuance.

[Learn more about KYTC.](#)