

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives  
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**County Formation and Courthouse Disasters**

County	Founding Date	Founding Order	Parent County	County Seat	*Disasters
Adair County	1802	44	Green	Columbia	
Allen County	1815	57	Barren, Warren	Scottsville	1902
Anderson County	1827	82	Franklin, Mercer, Washington	Lawrenceburg	1859, 1915
Ballard County	1842	93	Hickman, McCracken	Wickliffe	1880
Barren County	1799	37	Green, Warren	Glasgow	
Bath County	1811	56	Montgomery	Owingsville	1864
Bell County	1867	112	Harlan, Knox	Pineville	1914, 1918, 1944, 1976
Boone County	1799	30	Campbell	Burlington	1880s
Bourbon County	1786	5	Fayette	Paris	1872, 1901
Boyd County	1860	107	Carter, Greenup, Lawrence	Catlettsburg	
Boyle County	1842	94	Lincoln, Mercer	Danville	1860
Bracken County	1797	23	Campbell, Mason	Brooksville	1848
Breathitt County	1839	89	Clay, Estill, Perry	Jackson	1866, 1873
Breckinridge County	1800	39	Hardin	Hardinsburg	1958
Bullitt County	1797	20	Jefferson, Nelson	Shepherdsville	
Butler County	1810	53	Logan, Ohio	Morgantown	1872
Caldwell County	1809	51	Livingston	Princeton	1864
Calloway County	1821	72	Hickman	Murray	1906
Campbell County	1795	19	Harrison, Mason, Scott	Alexandria, Newport	
Carlisle County	1886	119	Ballard, Breckinridge, Green	Bardwell	1980
Carroll County	1838	87	Gallatin, Henry, Trimble	Carrollton	
Carter County	1838	88	Greenup, Lawrence	Grayson	
Casey County	1807	46	Lincoln	Liberty	
Christian County	1797	21	Logan	Hopkinsville	1864
Clark County	1793	14	Bourbon, Fayette	Winchester	
Clay County	1807	47	Floyd, Knox, Madison	Manchester	1936
Clinton County	1836	85	Cumberland, Wayne	Albany	1864, 1980
Crittenden County	1842	91	Livingston	Marion	1865, 1870
Cumberland County	1799	32	Green	Burkesville	1826, 1865, 1933
Daviess County	1815	58	Ohio	Owensboro	1865
Edmonson County	1825	79	Grayson, Hart, Warren	Brownsville	
Elliott County	1869	114	Carter, Lawrence, Morgan	Sandy Hook	1957
Estill County	1808	50	Clark, Madison	Irvine	1864
Fayette County	1780	1 of 3 original counties	Kentucky (Virginia)	Lexington	1803, 1897

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Fleming County	1798	26	Mason	Flemingsburg	
Floyd County	1800	40	Fleming, Mason, Montgomery	Prestonsburg	1808
Franklin County	1795	18	Mercer, Shelby, Woodford	Frankfort	1995
Fulton County	1845	99	Hickman	Hickman	
Gallatin County	1799	33	Franklin, Shelby	Warsaw	
Garrard County	1797	25	Lincoln, Madison, Mercer	Lancaster	
Grant County	1820	67	Pendleton	Williamstown	
Graves County	1821	75	Hickman	Mayfield	1864, 1887
Grayson County	1810	54	Hardin, Ohio	Leitchfield	1864
Green County	1793	16	Lincoln, Nelson	Greensburg	
Greenup County	1804	45	Mason	Greenup	1937
Hancock County	1829	83	Breckinridge, Davless, Ohio	Hawesville	
Hardin County	1793	15	Nelson	Elizabethtown	1864, 1932
Harlan County	1819	60	Floyd, Knox	Harlan	1863
Harrison County	1794	17	Bourbon, Scott	Cynthiana	1851, 1997
Hart County	1819	61	Green, Hardin	Munfordville	1928
Henderson County	1799	38	Christian	Henderson	
Henry County	1799	31	Shelby	New Castle	1804
Hickman County	1821	71	Caldwell, Livingston	Cinton	
Hopkins County	1807	49	Henderson	Madisonville	1829, 1864
Jackson County	1858	105	Clay, Estill, Laurel, Owsley, Madison, Rockcastle	McKee	1949
Jefferson County	1780	1 of 3 original counties	Kentucky (Virginia)	Louisville	1905
Jessamine County	1799	36	Fayette	Nicholasville	
Johnson County	1843	97	Floyd, Lawrence, Morgan	Paintsville	
Kenton County	1840	90	Campbell	Covington, Independence	
Knott County	1884	118	Breathitt, Floyd, Letcher, Perry	Hindman	1929
Knox County	1800	41	Lincoln	Barbourville	
Larue County	1843	98	Hardin	Hodgenville	1865
Laurel County	1826	80	Clay, Knox, Rockcastle, Whitley	London	1958
Lawrence County	1822	69	Floyd, Greenup	Louisa	
Lee County	1870	115	Breathitt, Estill, Owsley, Wolfe	Beattyville	
Leslie County	1878	117	Clay, Harlan, Perry	Hyden	
Letcher County	1842	95	Harlan, Perry	Whitesburg	
Lewis County	1807	48	Mason	Vanceburg	
Lincoln County	1780	1 of 3 original counties	Kentucky (Virginia)	Stanford	
Livingston County	1799	29	Christian	Smithland	
Logan County	1792	13	Lincoln	Russellville	

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Lyon County	1854	102	Caldwell	Eddyville	
Madison County	1786	7	Lincoln	Richmond	
Magoffin County	1860	108	Floyd, Johnson, Morgan	Salyersville	1957
Marion County	1834	84	Washington	Lebanon	1863
Marshall County	1842	92	Calloway	Benton	1888, 1914
Martin County	1870	116	Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Pike	Inez	1892
Mason County	1789	8	Bourbon	Maysville	
McCracken County	1821	78	Hickman	Paducah	
McCreary County	1912	120	Pulaski, Wayne, Whitley	Whitley City	1927, 1951
McLean County	1854	103	Davless, Muhlenberg, Ohio	Calhoun	
Meade County	1824	76	Breckinridge, Hardin	Brandenburg	1974
Menifee County	1869	113	Bath, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell, Wolfe	Frenchburg	
Mercer County	1786	6	Lincoln	Harrodsburg	1928
Metcalfe County	1860	106	Adair, Barren, Cumberland, Green, Monroe	Edmonton	1865, 1867
Monroe County	1820	65	Barren, Cumberland	Tompkinsville	1863, 1887
Montgomery County	1797	22	Clark	Mount Sterling	1851, 1863
Morgan County	1823	73	Bath, Floyd	West Liberty	1862, 1925
Muhlenberg County	1799	34	Christian, Logan	Greenville	
Nelson County	1785	4	Jefferson	Bardstown	
Nicholas County	1800	42	Bourbon, Mason	Carlsle	
Ohio County	1799	35	Hardin	Hartford	1864
Oldham County	1824	74	Henry, Jefferson, Shelby	LaGrange	1873
Owen County	1819	62	Franklin, Gallatin, Scott	Owenton	
Owsley County	1843	96	Breathitt, Clay, Estill	Booneville	1929, 1967
Pendleton County	1799	28	Bracken, Campbell	Falmouth	1997
Perry County	1821	68	Clay, Floyd	Hazard	1885, 1911
Pike County	1822	70	Floyd	Pikeville	1977
Powell County	1852	101	Clark, Estill, Montgomery	Stanton	1863, 1864
Pulaski County	1799	27	Green, Lincoln	Somerset	1838, 1871
Robertson County	1867	111	Bracken, Harrison, Mason, Nicholas	Mount Olivet	
Rockcastle County	1810	52	Knox, Lincoln, Madison, Pulaski	Mount Vernon	1871
Rowan County	1856	104	Fleming, Morgan	Morehead	1864, 1880s
Russell County	1826	81	Adair, Cumberland, Wayne	Jamestown	1976
Scott County	1792	11	Woodford	Georgetown	1837, 1876
Shelby County	1792	12	Jefferson	Shelbyville	
Simpson County	1819	63	Allen, Logan, Warren	Franklin	1882
Spencer County	1824	77	Bullitt, Nelson, Shelby	Taylorsville	1865, 1914

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Taylor County	1848	100	Green	Campbellsville	1864
Todd County	1820	64	Christian, Logan	Elkton	
Trigg County	1820	66	Caldwell, Christian	Cadiz	1864, 1892, 1920
Trimble County	1837	86	Gallatin, Henry, Oldham	Bedford	1952
Union County	1811	55	Henderson	Morganfield	
Warren County	1797	24	Logan	Bowling Green	1864
Washington County	1792	10	Nelson	Springfield	1795, 1814
Wayne County	1801	43	Cumberland, Pulaski	Monticello	1898
Webster County	1860	109	Henderson, Hopkins, Union	Dixon	
Whitley County	1818	59	Knox	Williamsburg	1930
Wolfe County	1860	110	Breathitt, Morgan, Owsley, Powell	Campton	1886, 1913
Woodford County	1789	9	Fayette	Versailles	1965

\*Disaster indicates an event (fire, flood, tornado. . .) causing damage to county facilities which may or may not have resulted in loss of records.

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