

BLUEGRASS Rankings

Commerce
Lexington
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#1

CHAMBER OF THE YEAR

Commerce Lexington was named Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, recognizing the dual role chambers have in leading business and communities, honoring excellence in operations, member services, and community leadership.

ACCE, 2016

#10

HIGH-TECH STARTUP DENSITY

The Kauffman Foundation ranks Lexington No. 10 in the country in the small to mid-metropolitan category for high-tech startup density. The city ranked No. 4 for the largest increase in startup density since 1990.

Kauffman Foundation, 2013

#2

RAPID RECOVERY LEADER

Business Facilities evaluated U.S. metros that had the most impressive surge in job creation, wages, and salaries between 2013 and 2014, ranking Lexington No. 2. The analysis noted Lexington's high-tech economy and local partnerships between the city, university, and Commerce Lexington as key contributing factors.

Business Facilities, 2014

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AMERICA'S TOP HIGH-TECH HOTSPOTS

Lexington is a leading location for high-tech information jobs, including a large number of tech jobs in traditional industries like film, news, publishing, and telecommunications. Lexington had a growth of 14.2% in high-tech information jobs from 2007-2012.

The Atlantic CityLab, 2013

#7

BEST CITY IN TERMS OF BUSINESS COSTS

Competitive Alternatives is KPMG's comprehensive guide for comparing business costs. Internationally, Lexington is the seventh most economical city to do business in the Northeast US.

KPMG Competitive Alternatives, 2014

#8

LOWEST STARTUP COSTS

Lexington is a great place for entrepreneurs! SmartAsset.com ranked Lexington No. 6 for lowest startup costs, based on utility costs, office space, filing fees, legal and accounting costs, and typical first year payroll.

Smart Assets, 2016

Editor's Location Pick

Business Facilities, 2010

"Lexington is no horse-and-buggy town. In fact, it is rapidly emerging as Kentucky's high-tech hub. Hardly a week goes by without another ribbon-slicing at a cutting edge facility."

A Top 5 Best Buy for Recent College Grads and Young Professionals

Who's Your City by Richard Florida

Choosing a spouse and choosing a career are important life decisions - but perhaps even more predictive of our all-around personal happiness is our choice of living location, argues Florida. As globalization makes the world effectively smaller, economic growth concentrates in certain mega-regions of large superstar cities, leaving other regions in the proverbial dust. The areas where we live are also affected by our increasingly mobile culture, housing priorities that change as we age and the global economy.

GOOD FOR BUSINESS

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