

WELCOME TO NICHOLAS COUNTY, KENTUCKY!



Kentucky Governor: Steve Beshear

United States Senators: Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul

U.S. Congressman: Andy Barr

State Senator: Walter “Doc” Blevins

State Representative: Sannie Overly

Nicholas County Judge/Executive: Mike Pryor

Carlisle Mayor (County Seat): Kevin Booth

Nicholas County Total Population	7,092	(Carlisle: 1,968)
Median Age	39.4	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (Age 25+)	616	12.55%
High School Degree or Higher(Age 25+)	3,759	76.60%
Labor Force	3,465	
Median Household Income	\$41,832	
Median Earnings for Workers	\$26,696	

Did You Know?

- Nicholas County lies in the Bluegrass area of Kentucky just 35 miles northeast of Lexington, and an easy two hour drive from Louisville or Cincinnati. The general region is noted for its scenic beauty, history, horse farms and hospitality. Nicholas County has a picturesque rural character. Its rolling countryside is typical of the Bluegrass belt where winding roads lead past manicured farms, through wooded glades and small villages. We cordially invite you to visit our county, enjoy our community and spend a day touring our sites. Please come back soon and often!
- Nicholas County was formed in 1799 and named for Colonel George Nicholas, a Revolutionary War veteran and “Father of the Kentucky Constitution” from Fayette County
- Nicholas County is the location of Forest Retreat, the former home of United States Senator and Kentucky Governor Thomas Metcalf
 - Built in 1795, Forest Retreat is the location of the Metcalf family burial ground as well as the resting place of the 1954 Kentucky Derby winning horse, *Determine*
- Part of the 6,900 acre Clay Wildlife Reserve is located here in Nicholas County
- Carlisle is home to the North Central 4-H Camp which serves 31 counties across the Bluegrass
- Carlisle is also home to the annual Blackberry Festival set in the beautiful downtown district
- Daniel Boone himself frequented Nicholas County and one of his cabins is still located right here in the community