

# Nelson County, Kentucky

## LISTING OF CITIES

Bardstown  
Bloomfield  
Boston  
Chaplin  
Cox's Creek  
Deatsville  
Fairfield  
Highgrove  
Howardstown  
Lenore  
New Haven  
New Hope  
Samuels  
Trappist



Bardstown City Sign

## POPULATION TRENDS –

1980 census – 27,584	2005 estimate – 40,977
1990 census – 29,710	2010 estimate – 45,000
2000 census – 37,477	2015 estimate – 48,601
	2020 estimate – 51,858

Median Age – 34.9

## HOUSEHOLDS

Number of Households	13,953
Persons per Household	2.6
Median Household Income	\$42,674

## PERSONAL INCOME AVERAGES

1998 average	\$22,114
2003 average	\$26,906
Percentage change	+ 21.7%

## EDUCATION

High School graduates, age 25+	29,607 (79%)
Bachelor's Degree or higher, age 25+	5,022 (13.4%)

**Average Travel Time to Work** 26.5 minutes

## TOP FIVE EMPLOYERS BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

American Greetings Corporation	598
Tower Automotive Inc.	564
Heaven Hill Distilleries Inc.	420
American Fuji Seal Inc.	400
Jideco of Bardstown Inc.	370

## VISITOR ATTRACTIONS

**Heaven Hill Distillery** - America's largest family-owned distillery, aging more than 25 million gallons of bourbon on site. Tour features state-of-the-art bottling process as bottles are prepared, filled, capped, labeled and loaded into cases for worldwide distribution. Highway 49, Loretto Road, Bardstown. (502) 348-3921. <http://www.heaven-hill.com/>

**My Old Kentucky Dinner Train** - 1940s vintage dining cars allow passengers to "relive the golden days of railroad dining...against a backdrop of ever-changing scenery." Highway 150, Bardstown. (502) 348-7500.

<http://www.kydinnertrain.com/>

**My Old Kentucky Home State Park** - This plantation typifies the antebellum South and was the inspiration for Stephen Foster's world famous ballad. Guides in period costume tell the story of the Rowan family who lived here. Summers feature the long-running outdoor drama "The Stephen Foster Story", featuring more than 50 songs. Interstate 65, Exit 112, Bardstown.

(800) 323-7803. [www.state.ky.us/agencies/parks/kyhome.htm](http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/parks/kyhome.htm)

**Old Talbott Tavern** - Built in 1779, this restaurant and hotel is the oldest western stagecoach stop in America. Features include a mural room with paintings done by King Louis Phillippe, bullet holes shot by Jesse James, and Kentucky cooking. 107 W Stephen Foster Ave., Bardstown. (502)348-3494. <http://www.talbotts.com/>

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Bardstown/Nelson County Chamber of Commerce

Dorothy White, Executive Director

One Court Square

Bardstown, KY 40004

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#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation

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#### **COUNTY SEAT**

Dixie Hibbs

Mayor of Bardstown

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#### **JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

Dean Watts

Nelson County Judge Executive

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#### **COUNTY CLERK**

Phyllis S. Mattingly

Nelson County Clerk

113 East Stephen Foster Avenue

Bardstown, KY 40004

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#### **INFORMATION ON NELSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

<http://www.kyvacaion.com/nelsoncounty.html>

<http://www.bardstowntourism.com/>