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GREATER LOUISVILLE INC.
The Metro Chamber of Commerce

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Welcome!

We're glad you chose to Live in Lou!

Whether you're an immigrant professional, a student enrolled in one of our universities, or a foreign-born worker transferring to Louisville, we're happy to help you learn how you can actively participate in and enjoy your life in greater Louisville.

This Relocation Guide – funded by UPS – is meant to support your transition to our community and lead your journey to enjoying a fulfilling life in Louisville.

For expanded information on these and a variety of other topics, visit **LiveInLou.com**.

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What is Greater Louisville?

Louisville is the largest city in Kentucky. It is considered the economic engine of the state. Louisville Metro is the city itself and the people who live, work and play here come from a number of surrounding counties on both sides of the Ohio River.

We consider this "Kentuckiana" and we reference this area as the Greater Louisville region.

Louisville Metro's economy is driven by the companies located here, the visitors who come to our city, and the economic activity of our surrounding counties.

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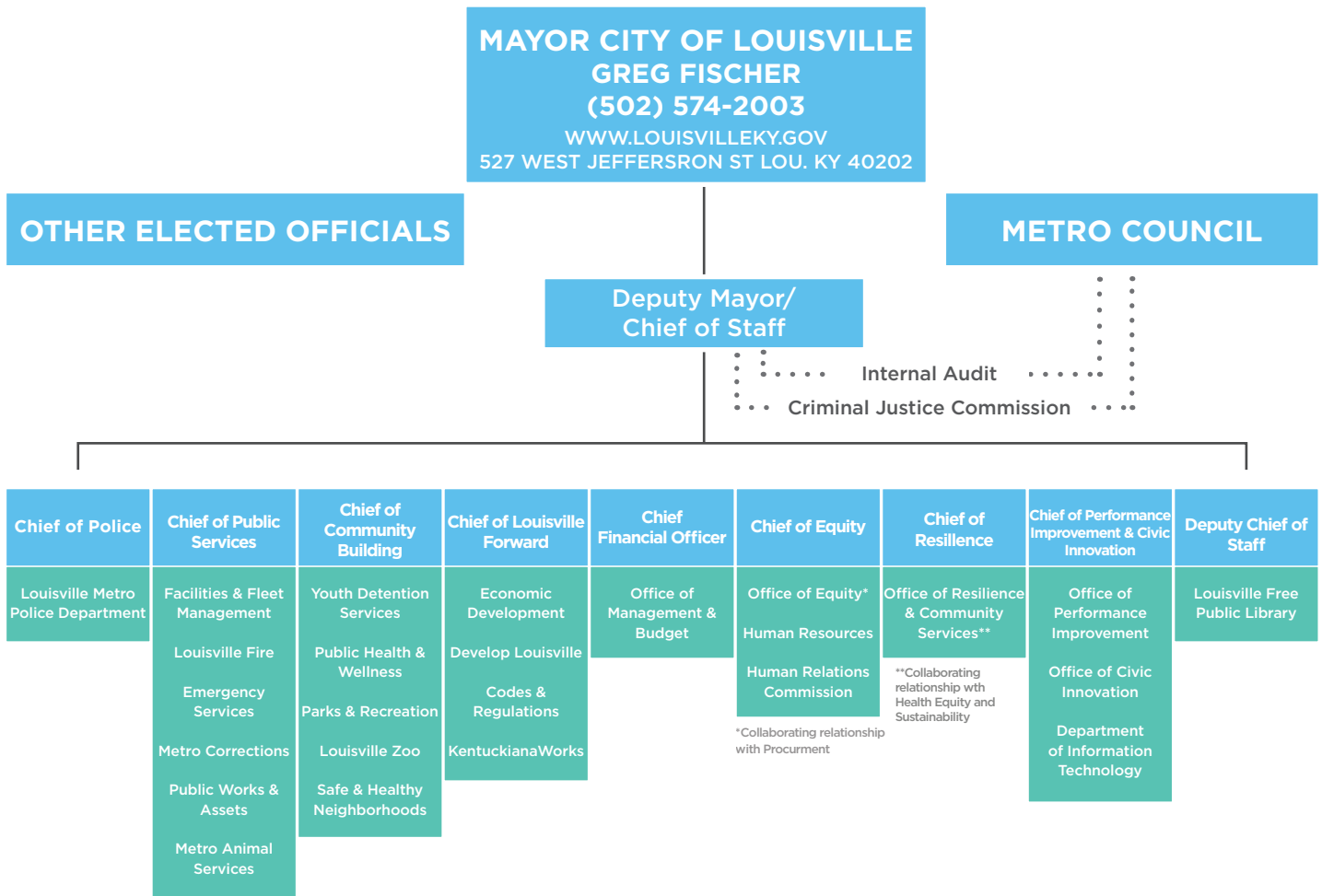Spencer

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Nelson

Meade

Hardin

Our History

Louisville owes its growth to its strategic position on the Ohio River. At the base of the **Falls of the Ohio**, the only land impediment between the Ohio River and the Gulf of Mexico, travelers were required to stop, remove their boats from the water and travel around the Falls to resume their trip. As people stopped to rest, Louisville became a port and businesses and opportunities soon began to grow.

Louisville was **founded** in 1778 by **George Rogers Clark,** who named the city in honor of **King Louis XVI** of France for his efforts during the revolutionary war. As time progressed, Louisville's ideal location made it a hub for logistics, first with steamboats and today with international air travel from **UPS Worldport.**

The first **Kentucky Derby,** the most exciting two minutes in sports, was first held in Louisville on May 17, 1875 and takes place the **first Saturday in May** each year. Louisville is also known as the home of the **Louisville Slugger,** humanitarian and **World Heavyweight Champion Muhammad Ali,** the birthplace of **President Abraham Lincoln** and inventor **Thomas Edison,** and is also home to many corporate headquarters.

Market Street and Lincoln Savings Bank. Louisville, Kentucky, 1907.

Metro Louisville has a Mayor Council Form of Government

MAYOR CITY OF LOUISVILLE
GREG FISCHER
(502) 574-2003
WWW.LOUISVILLEKY.GOV
527 WEST JEFFERSRON ST LOU. KY 40202

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

METRO COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor/ Chief of Staff

Internal Audit

Criminal Justice Commission

Chief of Police	Chief of Public Services	Chief of Community Building	Chief of Louisville Forward	Chief Financial Officer	Chief of Equity	Chief of Resilience	Chief of Performance Improvement & Civic Innovation	Deputy Chief of Staff
Louisville Metro Police Department	Facilities & Fleet Management	Youth Detention Services	Economic Development	Office of Management & Budget	Office of Equity*	Office of Resilience & Community Services**	Office of Performance Improvement	Louisville Free Public Library
	Louisville Fire	Public Health & Wellness	Develop Louisville		Human Resources	**Collaborating relationship wth Health Equity and Sustainability	Office of Civic Innovation	
	Emergency Services	Parks & Recreation	Codes & Regulations		Human Relations Commission		Department of Information Technology	
	Metro Corrections	Louisville Zoo	KentuckianaWorks		*Collaborating relationship with Procurment			
	Public Works & Assets	Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods						
	Metro Animal Services							

Metro Louisville also includes 81 small cities throughout its boundaries. Each city has its own mayor and council and may operate services and offer amenities beyond Metro Louisville including garbage collection, road improvements, snow removal, street signage and much more.

For a list of small cities and contacts/lists of services visit:
jeffersoncountyleagueofcities.com

Louisville Metro Council Map
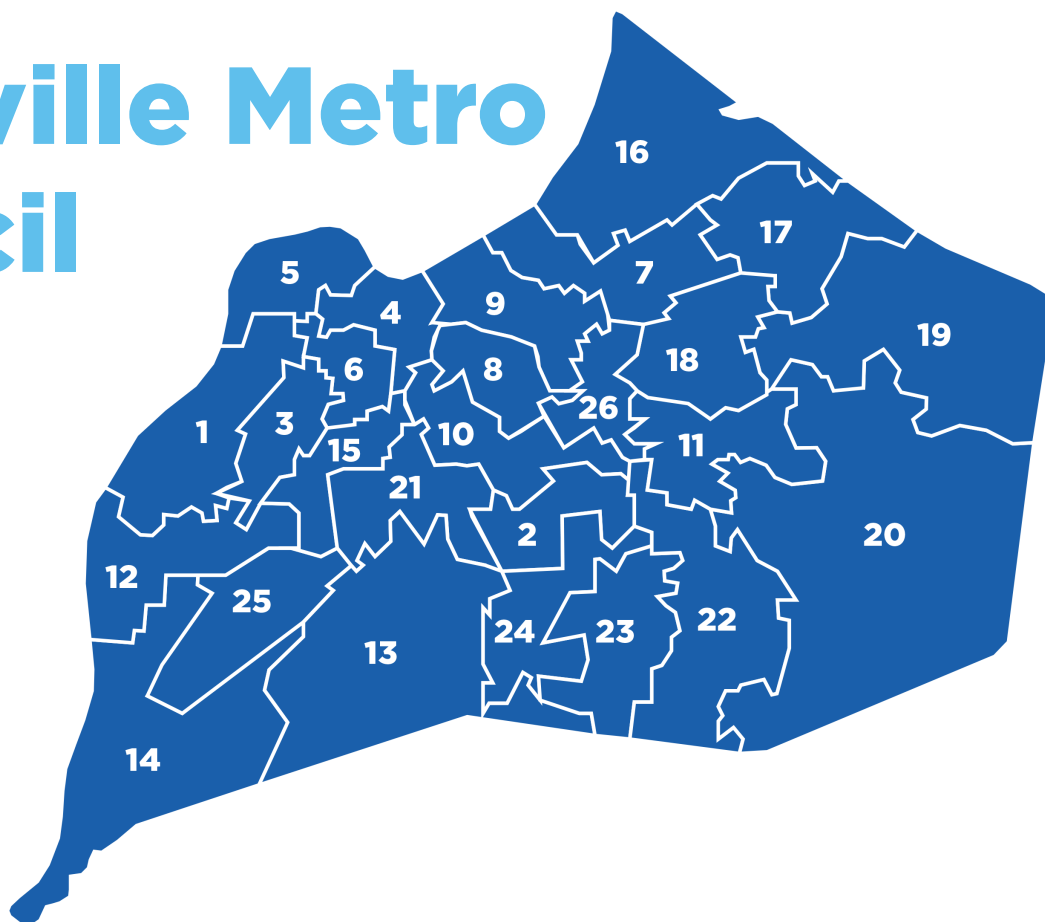
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Build Your Life

Choose a Bank or Credit Union

Banks: These might be well-known brands in your local community (or nationwide), and they offer most of the basic services you need.

Credit Unions: A credit union is a customer-owned financial institution that provides many of the same services and products that banks provide. These organizations often have competitive rates. Review fee schedules carefully. Learn more about credit unions and how you can join one.

Online Banks and Credit Unions: Some institutions operate entirely online. There's no branch to visit (or pay for), and you'll handle most service requests yourself. If you're comfortable with your computer or mobile device, an online bank may help you earn higher interest rates on savings and get free checking. That said, you don't have to pick just one type of bank — it's wise to open an online bank account and keep your brick-and-mortar bank.

BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS
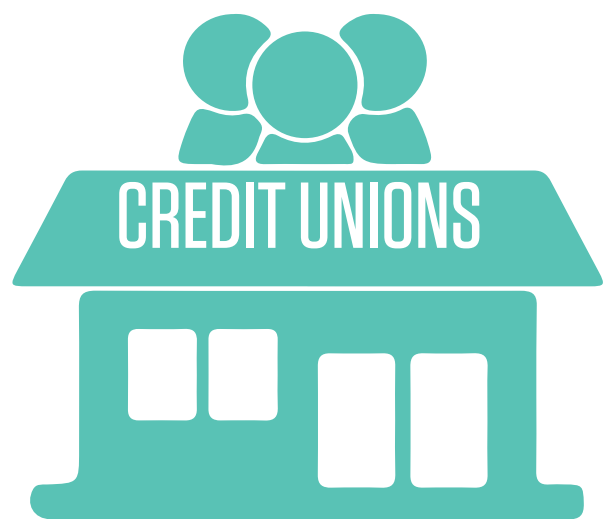
Visit the Bank Branch or Website

The easiest way to open an account is to visit the institution's website. Search for the bank on Google, or visit the website listed on the bank's marketing materials (be careful when you type in the web address — impostor sites with similar names may exist).

Start Your Life in Greater Louisville

Getting a Government ID

Jefferson Circuit Court Clerk:
kycourts.gov/courts/Jefferson/Jefferson-Clerk

Driver's License Branches:

Bowman Field: (502) 595-4405

Dixie Highway: (502) 595-4709

Downtown: (502) 595-4924

Middletown: (502) 244-6098

Outer Loop: (502) 239-4292

West Louisville: (502) 595-1281

Finding a Home

To find a real estate agent, or connect to resources for rental options, contact the Greater Louisville Real Estate Association:
louisvillerealtors.com
(502) 894-9860

To build a home in Greater Louisville, contact the Building Industry Association (BIA):
louisvillebia.com
(502) 429-6000

For assistance with refugee housing, contact the Catholic Charities of Louisville:
cclou.org
(502) 637-9786

Utility Services

Power: Gas and Electric Services

Duke Energy (Indiana)
dukeenergy.com
1-800-521-2232

LGE-KU (Kentucky)
lge-ku.com
(502) 589-1444
1-800-331-7370

Water Services:

Indiana American Water
amwater.com
1-800-492-8373

Louisville Water Company
louisvillewater.com
(502) 521-2232

Wastewater Services (sewers):

City of Jeffersonville
cityofjeff.net/sewer
(812) 285-6418

City of New Albany
cityofnewalbany.com
(812) 948-5320

Louisville MSD
louisvillemsd.org
(502) 540-6000

TV/Phone/Internet:

AT&T U-Verse (888) 862-0474 or **att.com**

Direct TV (877) 986-1443 or **directtv.com**

Dish (855) 623-8054 or **dish.com**

Mediacom (844) 987-3260 or **mediacomcable.com**

Spectrum (844) 395-8165 or **spectrum.com**

Helpful Numbers

Emergency Services

If you are experiencing an emergency dial 9-1-1 from any phone to immediately be connected to an emergency responder.

DIAL 9 1 1

Possible reasons to dial 9-1-1:
- Someone is hurt and needs an ambulance or a medic immediately.
- There is a dangerous situation that requires a police officer.
- You feel physically unsafe or see a crime taking place.
- You are in a fire or see one occurring.

Metro United Way Help Line

This organization can help direct people who are looking for resources to help them face difficult life challenges.

DIAL 2 1 1

Possible reasons to dial 2-1-1:
- If you are in an emotionally or physically abusive situation and are looking to be connected with resources that can help you.
- If you are struggling with alcohol or drug addiction and need to know where to get help.
- If you have suicidal thoughts or have been sexually assaulted.

Metro Louisville Government Help

If you would like to ask a general question about Louisville, call 3-1-1.

DIAL 3 1 1

Possible reasons to dial 3-1-1:
- You have questions about garbage, recycling or yard waste pick-up services, maintenance questions.
- You need to lodge a complaint with the city.

Before You Dig (BUD) 811

DIAL 8 1 1

Many community services are buried under ground. If you intend to dig on your property, dial 8-1-1 at least two business days before you begin to ensure a safe excavation of your area. Representatives will come out to your property and identify any buried telephone lines, power lines, sewer lines, water lines, natural gas lines, or any other impediments you should be aware of. Visit **kentucky811.org** for more information.

Car registration (Jefferson Circuit Clerk)
(502) 574-5700

Court system (district)
(502) 595-4475

Court system (circuit)
(502) 595-3055

Drivers Licenses (Jefferson Circuit Clerk)
(502) 595-3055

Jefferson County Animal Control
(502) 333-9072

Jefferson County Clerk
(502) 574-5700

Metro United Way
(502) 583-2821

Poison Control Center
(800) 222-1222

Sheriff's office
(502) 574-5400

You can call any of these numbers for general information about:

7-Day Weather Forecast: (502) 968-6025

Traffic Report: (502) 574-2445

Parking Tickets: (502) 574-3817

Support/Transition Resources

Louisville is proud to have a diverse and growing international community. To help our international residents, there are a number of organizations you can contact:

Americana Community Center

This office provides resources to help immigrants, refugees and underserved communities build strong and healthy families, create a safe and supportive community and help bridge the gap from surviving to thriving.

⌨ **americanacc.org**

☎ (502) 366-7813

Catholic Charities of Louisville

This organization welcomes and helps the international community overcome barriers by assisting, empowering, providing social enterprise opportunities and helping to strengthen families.

⌨ **cclou.org**

☎ (502) 637-9786

Community Services Translations

Community Services accommodates Limited English Proficiency (LEP) by providing outreach and eligibility information in non-English languages.

☎ (502) 574-4377

Global Louisville

This office is a part of Louisville Metro Government and works to enhance multi-culturalism by connecting immigrants and refugees to resources.

⌨ **louisvilleky.gov/government/globalization**

☎ (502) 574-1547

Kentucky Refugee Ministries

This oganization is dedicated to providing resettlement services fore refugees, working to help promote self-sufficiency and successful integration into our community.

⌨ **kyrm.org**

☎ (502) 479-9180

World Affairs Council

The World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Southern Indiana is the regional hub for international exchange, dialogue, and learning.

⌨ **worldkentucky.org**

☎ (502) 561-5422

World Trade Center

WTC-KY is the leading provider of trade education, trade advisory and trade missions across the state.

⌨ **wtcky.org**

☎ (502) 574-1599

Schools

Public Schools

Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) is the largest school district in the state and encompasses all of Metro Louisville and Jefferson County. The system serves students from Early Childhood (3 years old) through 12th grade. They offer traditional schools, optional magnets schools, and workforce focused learning academies. To learn more about JCPS, and see what options of schooling are best for your family, visit **jefferson.kyschools.us** or call (502) 313-4357.

> If you are living in a surrounding county in the Greater Louisville region you can use the list below to help learn more about the schools in your area

Indiana Counties

Greater Clark County Schools
gcs.k12.in.us or (812) 283-07011

Harrison County Schools
North: (812) 347-2407
South: (812) 738-2168

New Albany –Floyd County Consolidated Schools
nafc.k12.in.us or (812) 949-4200

Scott County IN Schools
District 1: (812) 752-8921
District 2: (812) 794-8750

Washington County IN
East: (812) 967-3926
West: (812) 755-4872

Kentucky Counties

Bullitt County Public Schools
bullitt.k12.ky.us or (502) 869-8000

Hardin County Schools
hardin.k12.ky.us or (270) 769-8880

Henry County Public Schools
henry.kyschools.us or (502) 845-8600

Meade County Schools
meade.kyschools.us or (270) 422-7550

Nelson County Schools
nelson.kyschools.us or (502) 349-7000

Oldham County Schools
oldham.k12.ky.us or (502) 241-3500

Shelby County Public Schools
shelby.kyschools.us or (502) 633-2375

Spencer County Schools
spencer.kyschools.us or (502) 477-3250

Trimble County Schools
trimble.kyschools.us or (502) 255-3201

More School Options

If public school is not what best fits your family's needs, there are a number of other scholastic options in Louisville. **openhouse.education.ky.gov/directory**

Parochial Schools: Parochial schools are elementary, middle and high schools run by religious organizations whose purpose is to infuse a general education curriculum with the values of their particular faith. They are private and primarily funded through student tuition and include many options serving students in grades K-12.
louisvillecatholicschools.com or visit **openhouse.education.ky.gov/directory**

Private Schools: For those who want the small class size offered in parochial schools but who do not want faith-based teaching, there are also a number of private schools in Louisville. Unlike many other cities, most Louisville private schools do not have significant waiting lists to enroll, however the tuition costs to attend can be significant.
louisvilleindependentschools.org

Children

Finding the right childcare to suit your needs can be challenging. The good news is there are many different options available.

Community Coordinated Childcare is a nonprofit organization that operates as a resource center for parents, employers and childcare professionals. You can visit **4cforkids.org** or call (502) 636-1358 to learn more.

The Association of Community Ministries (ACM) represents 15 independent community ministries and more than 340 religious congregations providing social services to Jefferson County residents. Programs range from childcare to eldercare, classes of all types, and summer programs and are neighborhood-specific. Visit **louisvilleministries.org** or call (502) 329-8299 for more information.

Daycare providers are designed to provide care for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years old (pre-kindergarten). Daycares, or child care centers, are private businesses that care for children part-time or full-time, 5 days a week, with hours ranging from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Each daycare provider is different, so consider doing extensive research to find a reputable center that meets your needs, is safe, licensed, and registered as a legitimate business. The organizations listed above can help you in that search, as well as resources like the Better Business Bureau (**bbb.org** or (502) 583-6546) or the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (**chfs.ky.gov** or (502) 595-4958).

Jewish Community Center (JCC): JCC has a variety of childcare programs open to members and non-members. There are options for infants, toddler and a drop-in babysitting service. JCC also offers a variety of summer camps for children age 20 months through 9th grade. JCC is open to the public of all faiths. More information is available at **jccoflouisville.org** or (502) 459-0660.

YMCA offers childcare programs that create a nurturing environment to engage children and help develop skills that will serve them throughout their lives. Childcare is offered year-round, grades K-8. More information is available at **ymcalouisvillechildcare.org** or (502) 637-1575.

Transportation
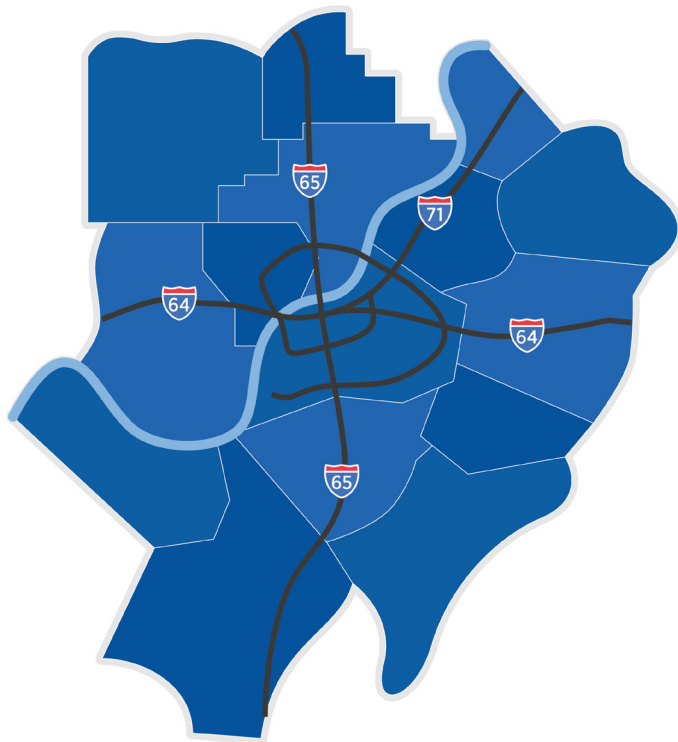
Average commute time between home and work is 26 minutes.

Average time to the Muhammad Ali International Airport is 10 minutes – 45 minutes (depending on where you live in the region).

The highway systems in Greater Louisville provide one-day access to more than 66% of the U.S. market via Interstates I-65, I-64, and I-71.

There are many different ways to get around:

Cars

Louisville has a number of ways to navigate the city, but the easiest way is driving a car. Buying or leasing a car from a dealership or private party is fairly simple. Most dealers have large inventories of cars and sale prices are negotiable. Good credit, stable income, insurance eligibility, and a driver's license can lead to a car purchase in a couple of hours. Financing is available through banks and through the car dealers themselves. You can learn more about best practices to buy or sell a vehicle at **dmv.org**.

Public Transportation

The Transit Authority of River City (TARC) provides public transportation in the Greater Louisville area with bus routes in Jefferson, Bullitt and Oldham counties in Kentucky and Clark and Floyd counties in Indiana. All TARC buses are handicapped accessible and are equipped with bicycle racks. Map routes and schedules are available at **ridetarc.org**.

Ride Sharing

Louisville, like many other cities, has seen a number of ride sharing companies pop up locally. Taxis, Uber, Lyft, and RideShare are just a few local options for alternate transportation. You can download mobile apps to use these ride sharing options.

Bike Louisville

Louisville has a number of bike lanes and bike routes that have been installed all over the city, making travel by bike among the easiest in the nation. Visit **louisvilleKy.gov/government/bike-louisville** for information on routes, safety, bike plans, trails and more.

LouVelo

Louisville also has a bike sharing program. Low hourly rates and membership plans, coupled with convenient locations makes bike sharing easier than ever. Visit **louvelo.com** for more information.

KIPDA

The Kentucky Indiana Planning Development Authority (KIPDA) offers a variety of rideshare options from van pooling to carpooling. For more information on how to utilize this service and its pricing levels visit **everycommutecounts.org** or call (502) 267-5400.
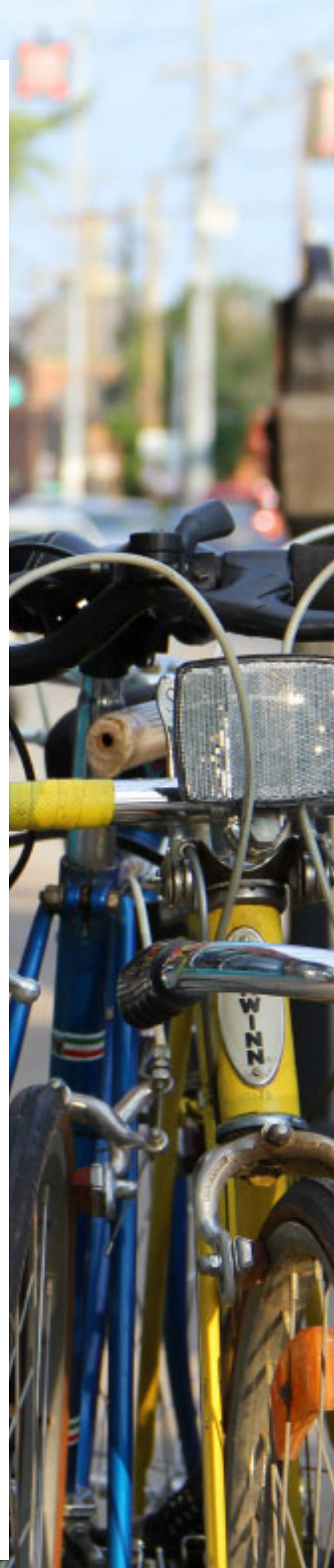
Taking Care of
Your Health

Since the United States does not have a universal health care system like many other countries, our health care system is made up of a variety of providers including general doctors and specialists, hospitals and urgent care centers. Additionally, all individuals are responsible for acquiring their own health protection plans either through their employers or through individual plans.

About Health Insurance

Health insurance protects you from the potentially high cost of medical care by covering specific health care services. Although those who are insured generally pay a monthly premium, as well as co-payments or co-insurance costs for specific services, the cost for insurance is far less than the cost for medical care when paid solely by you. Many people obtain health insurance through their employers, but if you haven't or cannot, individual health insurance is available. To learn more about obtaining an individual policy, visit **healthcare.gov**.

Always carry your health insurance card and a photo ID with you in case you are hospitalized.

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Types of Providers

Generally, you will see a doctor if you become ill, but there are different types of doctors for different needs.

Primary Care Physician

This doctor can be a family doctor, general practitioner, pediatrician or an internal medical doctor who takes care of your basic needs from his or her office. Pediatricians specialize in children's physical and emotional well-being.

Specialist

This is a doctor who focuses in a specific area or field, like the heart or lungs. In many cases, your primary care physician must refer you to see a specialist for health insurance to cover your visit. Be sure to review your policy and check with your insurance company prior to visiting the specialist to ensure your visit will be covered.

Nurse Practitioner

While they are not doctors, nurse practitioners are nurses with advanced training who are licensed to diagnose conditions. Nurse practitioners will often be found in urgent care centers and clinics.

Dentist

Dentists are doctors who care for your teeth and gums. Dental insurance is different than health insurance, so be sure to check your plan to see whether or not your insurance covers dental as well.

Where to Get Care

There are many different options to seek medical assistance when you become ill. While hospitals are the best option for emergencies, they are not when you have a cold or the flu.

Hospital

The hospital is where you go in an emergency or in the case of severe pain. Many insurance companies carry restrictions on when your hospital visit is covered, so this option should only be used when your life is in danger, it is absolutely necessary or there is no other option.

Urgent Care

Urgent care facilities are walk-in centers that treat illnesses or injuries that require prompt care but are not typically so serious that they require a visit to a hospital. If your doctor's office is closed and you become ill, or if you cut your finger and require stitches, urgent care centers are a good option.

Clinic

Like urgent care facilities, clinics are facilities that diagnose and treat outpatient needs. Clinics are typically smaller than urgent care facilities and may be found in local neighborhoods or even in grocery stores.

Medical Care Decisions

Finding a physician, health insurance and a good medical plan that fits your needs is a very personal choice.
Visit **greaterlouisville.com** or **bbb.org** to find reputable services.
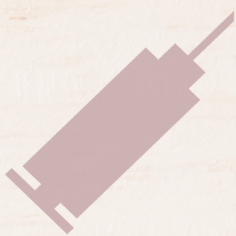
Finding a job in
Greater Louisville:

To get special training and assistance in finding a job, visit any of these agencies:

Career Placement Centers

Americana Community Center
americanacc.org

Catholic Charities
cclou.org

Jewish Family and Career Services
jfcslouisville.org

Kentucky Career Center
kentuckianaworks.org/kentuckycareercenters.aspx

Kentucky Refugee Ministries
kyrm.org

KentuckianaWorks
kentuckianaworks.org

Louisville Central Community Center
lcccnews.org

WorkOne
workone.com

WorkOne Southern Indiana
workoneregion10.com

Training Centers

Code Louisville
codelouisville.org

Ivy Tech Community College
ivytech.edu/sellersburg

Jefferson Community and Technical College
jefferson.kctcs.edu

KentuckianaBuild
ul.org/jobs/kybuilds

Kentucky Health Career Center
kentuckianaworks.org/khcc

Kentucky Manufacturing Career Center
kentuckianaworks.org/kmcc

Software Guiid
thesoftwareguild.com/lp/louisville

Region's Largest Employers

United Parcel Service
ups.com

Jefferson County Public Schools
jefferson.k12.ky.us

Ford Motor Co. (2 plants)
ford.com

Norton Healthcare
NortonHealthcare.com

Humana Inc.
humana.com

University of Louisville
louisville.edu

Amazon.com
amazon.com

Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government
louisvilleky.gov

Baptist Healthcare Systems Inc.
baptisthealth.com

GE Appliances, a Haier company
geappliances.com

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For the lastest job postings visit:
liveinlou.com

Regional Colleges & Universities

ATA College
ata.edu

Bellarmine University
bellarmine.edu

Campbellsville University - Louisville Education Center
campbellsville.edu/academics/regional-centers/louisville-education-center

Elizabethtown Community & Technical College
elizabethtown.kctcs.edu

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
worldwide.erau.edu/locations/louisville

Galen College of Nursing
galencollege.edu/campuses/louisville

Indiana University Southeast
ius.edu

Indiana Wesleyan University - Louisville Education Center
indwes.edu/adult-graduate/locations/louisville

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana
ivytech.edu

Jefferson Community and Technical College
jefferson.kctcs.edu

Louisville Bible College
.louisvillebible.net

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
lpts.edu

McKendree University – Radcliff/Shephedrville
mckendree.edu/admission/info/external/kentucky/radcliff

Mid-America College of Funeral Service
mid-america.edu

Northwood University - Louisville Program Center
northwood.edu/locations/louisville

Ottawa University - Jeffersonville Campus
ottawa.edu/degreesppc/jeffersonville.asp

Purdue Polytechnic New Albany
polytechnic.purdue.edu/new-albany

Simmons College of Kentucky
simmonscollegeky.edu

Spalding University
spalding.edu

Sullivan College of Technology & Design
sullivan.edu/college-of-technology-and-design

Sullivan University
sullivan.edu

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
sbts.edu

University of Louisville
louisville.edu

Webster University – Louisville & Fort Knox
webster.edu/louisville

Western Kentucky University – Elizabethtown/FortKnox
wku.edu/regionalcampuses/etown-ftknox/index.php

FUN FACTS

- Louisville is named to honor France's King Louis XVI, in honor of France's assistance during the American Revolution. Hence, the city's symbol is the fleur-de-lis.

- The original cheeseburger is said to have been created in Louisville at Kaelin's Restaurant in 1934.

- The first woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean, Tori Murden-McClure, is a Louisvillian.

- Louisville is the home of the first electric trolley.

- Louisville is the world's center for Braille printing.

- Thunder Over Louisville, the nation's largest annual fireworks display, kicks off the celebration leading up to the Kentucky Derby.

- The world's largest baseball bat, six stories high, and the largest fielder's mitt, weighing 17 tons and carved from Kentucky limestone, are at Hillerich & Bradsby's Louisville Slugger Museum in downtown Louisville.

- Hillerich & Bradsby has been producing baseball bats for the World Series since 1903.

- Thomas Edison worked here as a telegraph operator. He was fired (so the story goes) for spilling acid on his boss' desk.

- A pair of Louisville sisters, Mildred and Patty Hill, wrote the world's most performed song, "Happy Birthday to You."

- Louisville company Omega National Products produces 90 percent of the country's disco balls.

- In Jeffersonville, Indiana, the world's second-largest clock sits atop the Colgate-Palmolive plant, overlooking the Ohio River. The massive clock measures 40 feet in diameter, and has hands that are 16 and 20.5 feet in length.

- The nearly 375 million-year-old, fossilized coral beds at the Falls of the Ohio create the only point in the 981-mile-long Ohio River that was unnavigable (before the river was dammed).

- Recent music acts from Greater Louisville: Slint, Nappy Roots, Days of the New, Will Oldham (AKA Bonnie Prince Billy), the Shipping News, VHS or Beta, My Morning Jacket, Tantric, the VilleBillies and Bryson Tiller.
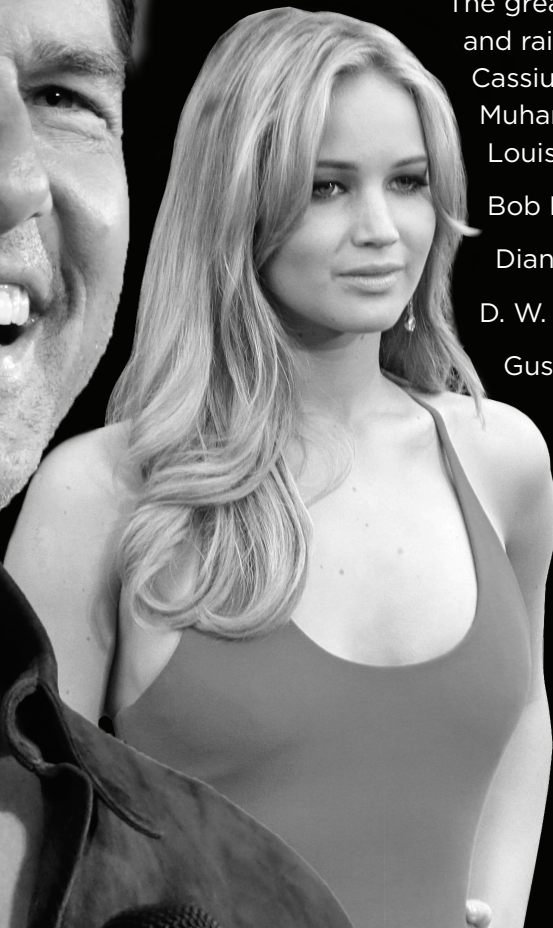
MOVIES

(Filmed in and around the Louisville area) Louisville and Kentucky have been the scene of a number of iconic movies including:

Seabiscuit - Elizabethtown
Secretariat - Stripes
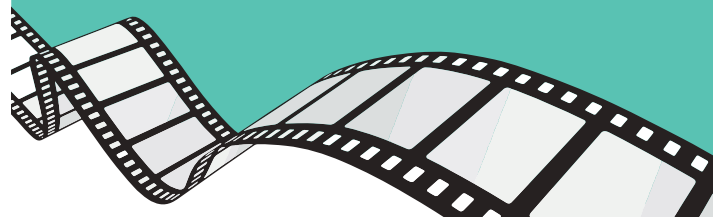
CELEBRITIES

The greatest professional fighter of all times was born and raised in Louisville. His native-born name was Cassius Clay but he is known to the world as Muhammad Ali. Here are a few other famous Louisvillians:

Bob Edwards – Newscaster

Diane Sawyer – Newscaster

D. W. Griffith – Film Director

Gus Van Soot – Film Director (Good Will Hunting, My Own Private Idaho)

Irene Dunne – Movie Star

Jennifer Lawrence – Movie Star

Ned Beatty – Movie Star

Tod Browning – Film Director (Dracula, Freaks)

Tom Cruise – Grew up in Louisville and was known as Tom Mapother

Victor Mature – Movie Star

Public Safety

Other important non-emergency public safety numbers are:

Bullitt County Police:	(502) 921-1000
Elizabethtown, Hardin County Police:	(270) 765-4125
Louisville Metro Police:	(502) 574-2111
St. Matthews Police:	(502) 893-9000
Jeffersontown Police:	(502) 267-0503
Jeffersonville, Indiana Police:	(812) 283-6633
Kentucky State Police Post 4 in Elizabethtown:	(270) 766-5078
Meade County Police:	(270) 422-4937
New Albany, Indiana Police:	(812) 944-6411
Nelson County Police:	(502) 348-1870
Oldham County Police:	(502) 222-1300
Shelby County Police:	(502) 633-4324
Shively Police:	(502) 448-6181

Things To Do

Olmstead Parks System
Louisville has over 20 parks designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, who also designed Central Park in New York City. Visit **olmsteadparks.org** to learn more about the beautiful green spaces Louisville has to offer.

Waterfront Park
Located right along the banks of the Ohio River downtown, this park has a large main lawn, accessible playgrounds and even hosts concerts and festivals. Visit **louisvillewaterfront.com** for more information.

Louisville Zoo
Currently home to more than 1,500 animals in 134 acres of natural settings, you are sure to see your favorite animal up close and in person! In addition to the animals, the Louisville Zoo also has a splash park, an adventure ropes course, and more. You can visit **louisvillezoo.org** or call (502) 459-2181 to learn more.

Muhammad Ali Center
A testament to the life and principles of one of Louisville's most beloved citizens, the Ali Center is more than just a museum. With interactive exhibits, educational programming and events for all ages, the Ali Center will help you discover your own heart of a champion. Visit **alicenter.org** or call (502) 584-9254 for more information on admission and exhibits.

Louisville City FC
Often referred to as LouCity, this is Louisville's only fully professional fútbol (soccer) club. A member of the United Soccer League, LouCity is one level below MLS and their season lasts March thru October. Visit **louisvillecityfc.com** or call (502) 384-8799 for schedules and additional information.

Kentucky Science Center
The largest hands-on science museum in Kentucky, this fun space also hosts summer camps, programs for kids, and evening events aimed at young professionals. Visit **kysciencecenter.org** or call (502) 561-6100 to get involved.

Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory
This museum is dedicated to the iconic Louisville Slugger baseball bat. You can take a tour of the factory, and see how today's Sluggers are made right before your eyes. Visit **sluggermuseum.com** or call (877) 775-8443 for ticket and tour information.

Louisville Free Public Library
In addition to being a repository for books, the Louisville Free Public Library also offers classes, adult education, children's programming, and more, and is a wonderful resource for everyone who calls Louisville home. Visit **lfpl.org** or call (502) 574-1611 to find a location near you.

Yew Dell Gardens
Yew Dell Gardens is an internationally recognized center of gardening, plants, and education. It is located just outside Metro Louisville in Oldham County, Ky and is a perfect location for a day-trip, a walk in nature or a special event. Visit **yewdellgardens.org** or contact them at (502) 241-4788 for more details.

The Parklands of Floyds Fork
A system of parks stretching from Shelbyville Road to Bardstown Road including over 100 miles of hiking, biking, and walking trails, 19 miles of canoe routes, and numerous facilities for family picnics and community events. Learn more at the **theparklands.org**

The Louisville Bats
The Louisville Bats are a professional Minor League Baseball team located in Louisville and affiliated with the Cincinatti Reds. They play their games at the Louisville Slugger Field in Downtown Louisville during their April through September season. Tickets and schedules can be found at **milb.com/louisville** or by calling (855) 288-8497 .

other resources

Live In Lou
Whether you're looking for school or neighborhood information, fun things to do in Louisville or even a job, you can find everything Louisville at **liveinlou.com**.

Louisville Tourism
As the city's primary destination marketing organization, Louisville Tourism looks for smart, innovative ways to bring more visitors here to experience everything the Bourbon City has to offer. Learn more at **gotolouisville.com**.

Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI)
GLI is the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Louisville. GLI can help you make business connections, assists small businesses, advocates for business interests in the state and nation's capital, and helps flame economic development by attracting and retaining new businesses and talent. Visit **greaterlouisville.com** or call (502) 625-0000 for more information.