

KENTUCKY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

December 2012 as of March 27, 2013

KY Composite Index of Leading Indicators increased by 4.6 percent in December.

- The Leading Index increased for the fourth consecutive month.
- The month-over-same-month-last-year growth rate was 1.3 percent and has been positive for thirty-five consecutive months.
- Leading index components leaned positive for December: 3 increases, 1 decrease.
 - + KY Labor Intensity Index increased by 2.0 percent.
 - + KY Index of Initial UI Claims increased by 22.4 percent.
 - + US Retail Sales increased by 6.1 percent.
 - US Manufacturer's New Orders Index decreased by 3.0 percent.

Component weights for December are 63.4, 16.8, 14.0, and 5.7 respectively.

CURRENT LEADING INDEX IMPLICATION: Kentucky reference series is in expansion
LAST LEADING INDEX TURNING POINT: December 2009¹

KY Composite Index of Coincident Indicators increased by 9.6 percent in December.

- The Coincident Index increased in nine of the 12 months in 2012.
- The month-over-same-month-last-year growth rate was 2.9 percent and has been positive for thirty-three consecutive months.
- Component indicators leaned positive in December: 2 increases, 1 decrease.
 - KY Non-farm Employment decreased 2.8 percent.
 - + US Industrial Production Index increased 4.6 percent.
 - + US Personal Income Less Transfers increased 42.4 percent.

Component weights for December are 39.0, 26.5, and 21.5 respectively. Component weights do not sum to one because the two US components were discounted to give the Kentucky component more weight.

*** KY Leading Index Rises**

The Kentucky leading index increased by 4.6 percent in December. This was the fourth consecutive month of growth for the index following a shaky 2012 summer. The strong growth is the result of a modest increase in the labor intensity index and very strong improvements in the UI claims index and US retail sales. The solid leading index growth rate in December and a robust 75 percent diffusion index indicate the improvements in the economy are becoming more widespread.

*** Large Increase in US Personal Income**

US personal income less transfer payments increased sharply, rising 42.4 percent over November. This is the largest single month increase in US personal income less transfer payments since December 2004. The source of the increase was a very large increase in dividends, interest and rent income. Dividends, interest and rent income rose by a seasonally adjusted (not annual rate) of 6.8 percent in the second quarter of FY13. That is the largest single-quarter increase in dividends, interest and rent income since the second quarter of FY13. Some of the increase can be attributed to persons intentionally taking early distribution payments and dividends to avoid the higher tax rates which took effect January 1, 2013. It should be expected that future dividends, interest and rent payments will be depressed as a result of these early distributions, compounded by the normal demand-effect reduction due to the higher tax rates.

*** Kentucky Non-farm Employment Falls**

Kentucky non-farm employment declined by 2.8 percent in December. This is the second significant decline in the last three months. The losses were widespread across six supersectors. The construction; natural resources & mining; manufacturing; trade, transportation & utilities; business services; and government employment all lost jobs in December. Construction employment lost the largest number of jobs in percentage terms, with an 18.4 percent decline, or 1,100 jobs in one month. Trade, transportation & utilities employment lost the most jobs in absolute terms, falling 2,400 jobs in one month. Leisure & hospitality employment was one of the few bright spots gaining 1,100 jobs in December. On net, Kentucky non-farm employment lost 4,400 jobs in December. Despite the large losses in October and December of 2012, non-farm employment is still up a net 1,600 jobs compared to December 2012.

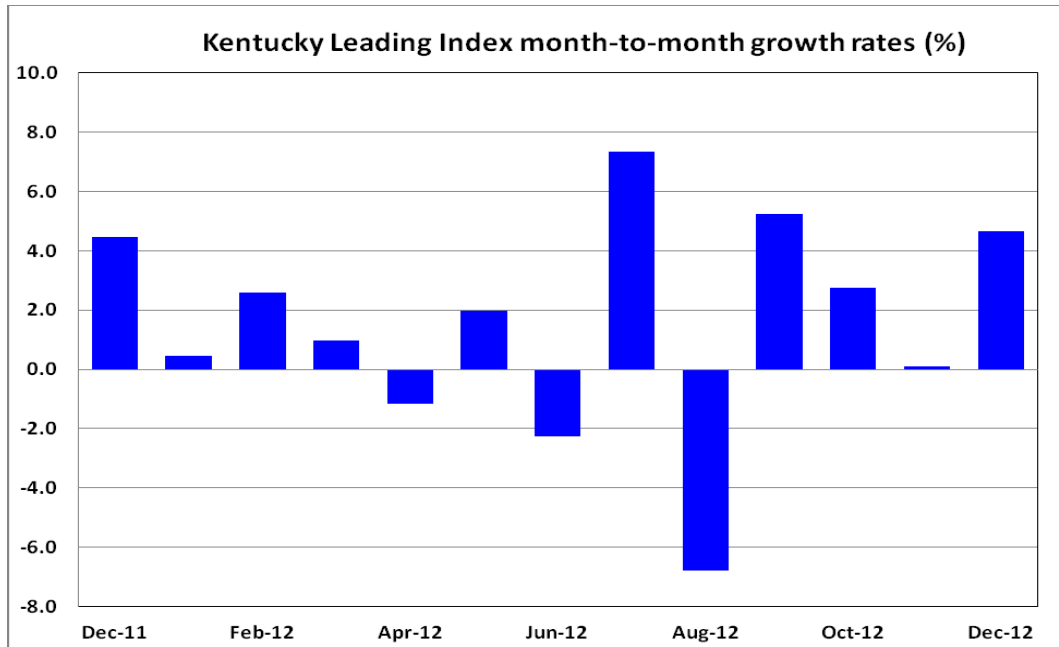
*** Money Supply Increases Sharply**

The US money supply, as measured by M2, rose by 13.7 percent in December, which is the second double-digit increase in 2012 and the tenth increase of 4.5 percent or more in the last 12 months. The money supply grew by \$95.0 billion in December alone.

¹ December 2009 was the third month of the trio of positive monthly growth rates, which indicated the state reference series would soon transition from contractionary to expansionary.

The money supply has grown by a net 6.4 percent since December 2011. The majority of the increase in money is the result of the dual monetary policies of buying \$40 billion per month in mortgage-backed securities and \$45 billion in long-term securities. The Federal Reserve Bank has stated several times that it intends to continue these policies until unemployment falls to 6.5 percent. Forecasts show that this will not occur until 2015 or later.

Our indices are compiled and published on a monthly basis, roughly two weeks following the Conference Board release of the U.S. Leading Index. A complete description of the Index of Leading Indicators and methodology was published in the University of Kentucky Center for Business and Economic Research, *Kentucky Annual Economic Report, 2000*.



About the Indicators

Kentucky Leading Indicators

- **GOEA Labor Intensity Index:** Composed of seasonally adjusted weekly hours multiplied by employment for the following manufacturing industries: lumber products; chemical and allied products; petroleum, coal, rubber and plastic products; fabricated metals; and transportation equipment.
- **GOEA Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims Index:** This index has two components: Kentucky claims in their first month of payment and total U.S. initial claims. Additional claims for UI are the subset of initial claims filed by workers who have previously filed UI claims but are currently filing new claims with intermittent workforce attachment since their original claim. The claims in their first month of payment without intermittent qualified experience performed better in the testing process and were chosen accordingly.
- **U.S. Retail Sales:** Inflection points used to determine turning points.
- **U.S. Manufacturer’s New Orders Index:** This index has two components: U.S. Manufacturer’s New Orders for Nondefense Capital Goods and U.S. Manufacturer’s New Orders for Consumer Goods and Materials. Separately these two series slightly missed one or two turning points in the official reference series. But together they preceded each turning point.

Notes:

- Growth rates are computed with precise numbers. Due to rounding, two observations may have the same reported value but still exhibit growth at a more precise level.
- More information is available on our website, <http://www.osbd.ky.gov/>.

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**Table 1: Kentucky Leading Index and Components
Seasonally Adjusted**

	2011			2012									
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
KY Leading Index (1992=100)	112.5	112.5	112.8	112.9	112.7	112.9	112.7	113.4	112.7	113.2	113.5	113.5	113.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.5	0.4	2.6	1.0	-1.2	2.0	-2.3	7.4	-6.8	5.2	2.7	0.1	4.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.9	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.3
KY Leading Index Diffusion Index (%)	66.7	66.7	75.0	83.3	79.2	70.8	58.3	62.5	50.0	54.2	58.3	62.5	75.0
KY Coincident Index (1992=100)	132.2	132.9	133.3	133.3	133.6	133.8	133.9	134.2	133.9	134.2	133.9	135.0	136.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.5	6.5	4.0	-0.4	2.8	1.5	1.1	2.4	-2.3	2.9	-2.9	9.9	9.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.6	2.4	2.9
KY Labor Intensity Index (1992=100)	100.3	100.5	100.5	100.7	100.7	101.0	101.0	101.2	100.9	101.0	101.3	101.4	101.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.9	2.3	0.2	2.1	0.1	3.7	-0.9	3.3	-3.9	1.2	4.0	1.1	2.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.2
KY Index of UI Claims (1992=100)	101.4	101.7	102.3	102.5	102.1	101.9	101.8	103.2	102.2	102.2	102.2	101.4	103.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	8.5	3.7	7.3	2.2	-4.7	-1.9	-2.1	18.6	-11.6	0.1	0.9	-9.5	22.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.6	2.3	1.7	2.0	3.7	3.4	2.1	3.2	1.9	2.1	1.7	0.7	1.7
US Retail Sales (\$ billions)	397.1	400.2	402.8	406.2	404.1	403.6	400.6	403.6	407.7	412.7	412.0	414.0	416.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-1.0	9.9	8.1	10.6	-6.0	-1.4	-8.6	9.2	12.9	15.8	-2.0	6.1	6.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.3	5.3	5.2	3.5	4.0	4.9	5.4	3.9	4.2	4.8
US Manufacturer's New Orders Index (1992=100)	122.4	117.4	118.4	115.1	115.5	116.4	115.6	119.3	110.4	115.6	117.0	117.5	117.2
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	60.2	-39.6	10.9	-29.0	4.2	9.7	-7.7	45.3	-60.5	73.7	15.0	5.4	-3.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	9.7	5.1	7.7	-0.3	4.1	3.0	3.2	2.2	-3.5	1.6	1.8	-0.2	-4.3
KY First Pays	8,810	8,034	7,373	7,267	6,677	7,407	7,270	5,742	7,409	7,118	7,574	6,637	6,342
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-60.8	-66.9	-64.3	-15.9	-63.8	247.2	-20.1	-94.1	2,031.0	-38.2	110.8	-79.5	-42.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-8.0	-20.3	-14.6	-20.4	-51.8	-46.6	-28.3	-43.8	-23.3	-28.2	-19.3	-30.3	-28.0
US Initial Claims for UI (000s)	377.2	376.9	367.3	363.3	384.3	378.7	386.4	366.1	371.8	375.7	367.2	408.2	359.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-35.2	-1.0	-26.6	-12.3	96.3	-16.2	27.3	-47.7	20.4	13.3	-24.0	256.2	-78.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-10.2	-12.5	-9.4	-9.7	-10.6	-10.7	-8.5	-10.3	-8.6	-8.0	-8.1	4.4	-4.8
Manufs' New Orders, Cons. Goods & Materials (\$ mil 1982)	132,560	128,153	129,022	128,678	129,555	130,090	128,272	132,037	128,335	129,111	130,139	131,638	130,146
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	32.5	-33.4	8.4	-3.2	8.5	5.1	-15.5	41.5	-28.9	7.5	10.0	14.7	-12.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	4.0	2.0	4.8	0.8	4.6	4.0	3.4	2.2	2.1	3.1	2.1	1.7	-1.8
Manufs' New Orders, Non-def. Capital Goods (\$ mil 1982)	52,116	48,366	49,154	43,095	42,666	43,622	44,626	46,447	35,346	43,414	44,581	43,539	44,982
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	240.8	-59.2	21.4	-79.4	-11.3	30.5	31.4	61.6	-96.2	1,078.9	37.5	-24.7	47.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	35.5	18.4	20.4	-4.5	2.1	-1.0	2.2	2.3	-22.9	-4.5	0.3	-7.5	-13.7
GF Total Tax Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)	876.2	787.0	550.3	710.6	812.7	724.5	871.4	647.6	617.3	860.0	693.6	742.8	919.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.9	8.9	4.3	8.2	-0.9	-0.5	8.6	-3.5	2.3	4.7	3.9	7.6	5.0
GF Sales & Use Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)	251.2	322.2	193.3	241.0	275.7	244.0	265.0	266.3	243.5	251.0	250.3	245.4	255.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.7	6.7	8.5	6.7	4.3	0.8	13.4	-5.6	2.2	1.2	-2.5	4.6	1.7
GF Income Tax Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)	299.0	257.8	215.2	223.7	398.4	333.9	354.1	270.3	267.2	364.4	302.8	279.0	329.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	5.1	-6.5	-0.1	10.9	2.2	-3.3	12.4	-4.3	0.3	8.1	3.7	10.7	10.1

**Table 2: US Leading Index and Components
Seasonally Adjusted**

	2011					2012							
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
US Leading Index (2004=100)	92.2	92.2	92.9	93.1	92.9	93.3	92.7	93.1	92.7	93.2	93.4	93.4	93.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	8.1	0.0	9.5	2.6	-2.5	5.3	-7.4	5.3	-5.0	6.7	2.6	0.0	6.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.5	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.8
US Coincident Index (2004=100)	103.0	103.3	103.7	103.6	103.8	104.0	104.0	104.3	104.1	104.2	104.2	105.1	106.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.8	3.6	4.7	-1.2	2.3	2.3	0.0	3.5	-2.3	1.2	0.0	10.9	12.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.2	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.6	2.4	3.0
US Manufacturing Average Weekly Hours	41.6	41.8	41.8	41.6	41.7	41.6	41.6	41.7	41.6	41.5	41.5	41.6	41.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.9	5.9	0.0	-5.6	2.9	-2.8	0.0	2.9	-2.8	-2.8	0.0	2.9	2.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.7	2.0	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
ISM New Orders Diffusion Index (%)	55.1	56.5	54.9	56.8	57.6	57.2	49.6	47.5	48.9	51.7	52.8	51.1	49.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	6.8	35.1	-29.2	50.4	18.3	-8.0	-81.9	-40.5	41.7	95.1	28.7	-32.5	-28.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-6.3	-10.6	-12.4	-9.4	-9.7	9.2	-8.3	-7.4	-7.6	0.2	1.1	-6.8	-9.8
Average Consumer Expectations for Business Conditions	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	-0.7	-1.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0
Interest Rate Spread, NSA	1.91	1.89	1.87	2.04	1.91	1.64	1.46	1.37	1.55	1.58	1.59	1.49	1.56
Leading Credit Index	0.2	-0.7	-1.1	-1.0	-0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8	-1.5	-1.0	-1.4	-1.6
Index of 500 Common Stocks (NSA, 1941-3=10)	1,243	1,301	1,352	1,389	1,386	1,341	1,323	1,360	1,403	1,443	1,438	1,395	1,422
% Chg Previous Month AR	17.9	71.7	59.9	37.9	-2.4	-32.8	-14.8	38.4	46.1	40.1	-4.6	-30.7	26.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.1	1.4	2.4	6.5	4.1	0.2	2.8	2.6	18.4	23.0	19.1	13.7	14.4
Manuf.'s New Orders Non-def. Goods excl. Aircraft (\$mil 1982)	41,332	39,910	40,981	39,980	39,343	40,211	39,060	36,766	36,906	36,728	37,863	39,026	38,903
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	103.1	-34.3	37.4	-25.7	-17.5	29.9	-29.4	-51.6	4.7	-5.6	44.1	43.8	-3.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	5.6	4.8	9.3	1.7	0.8	0.1	-3.5	-9.5	-6.1	-9.3	-8.3	0.2	-5.9
US Building Permits for New Private Housing (000s)	701	684	707	769	723	784	760	811	801	890	868	900	909
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-12.7	-25.5	48.7	174.2	-52.3	164.3	-31.1	118.0	-13.8	254.1	-25.9	54.4	12.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	10.9	20.8	31.9	30.3	25.1	25.6	20.1	29.3	24.2	44.5	30.1	26.9	29.7
US Industrial Production Index (1992=100)	95.9	96.6	97.1	96.5	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.9	97.0	97.2	97.0	98.3	98.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	10.8	8.5	5.9	-7.0	10.4	-0.2	0.3	8.3	-10.7	2.6	-3.2	18.6	4.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.8	4.5	5.2	3.7	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	3.0	3.0	2.1	3.4	2.9
US Personal Income Less Trans. (\$billions 2000)	9,335.7	9,400.4	9,440.5	9,465.3	9,463.7	9,496.5	9,513.3	9,513.9	9,496.4	9,497.1	9,494.1	9,623.3	9,910.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.1	8.6	5.2	3.2	-0.2	4.2	2.1	0.1	-2.2	0.1	-0.4	17.6	42.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.0	0.6	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.5	3.3	6.2

**Table 3: Kentucky Non-farm Employment and Supersectors
Seasonally Adjusted**

	2011					2012							
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
KY Non-farm Employment (000s)	1,804.3	1,813.4	1,818.7	1,820.1	1,822.8	1,824.5	1,826.3	1,828.7	1,831.4	1,840.4	1,831.9	1,837.7	1,833.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.2	6.2	3.6	0.9	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.8	6.1	-5.4	3.9	-2.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.9	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.0	2.2	1.6
KY Construction Employment (000s)	66.5	69.0	70.0	69.2	66.6	67.0	65.4	64.9	64.7	65.2	64.2	65.6	64.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	11.5	55.7	18.8	-12.9	-36.8	7.5	-25.2	-8.8	-3.6	9.7	-16.9	29.5	-18.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-0.7	3.0	3.6	1.5	-2.3	-2.0	-4.8	-3.9	-5.5	-3.8	-5.0	-0.5	-3.0
KY Natural Resources & Mining Employment (000s)	21.8	22.1	22.1	22.1	21.8	22.1	21.7	21.1	21.3	21.1	20.8	20.8	20.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-21.6	15.2	1.0	-2.1	-12.6	16.8	-19.3	-30.5	12.2	-7.5	-16.2	-1.4	-3.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-3.1	-1.7	-1.7	-1.8	-4.0	-3.1	-4.8	-7.9	-6.6	-6.6	-7.9	-6.6	-5.0
KY Manufacturing Employment (000s)	214.9	216.0	214.6	213.7	218.5	218.9	219.4	221.1	220.6	218.7	218.8	217.1	216.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.0	6.3	-7.5	-4.9	30.5	2.2	2.8	9.7	-2.7	-9.9	0.6	-8.9	-4.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.7	2.8	2.0	1.4	3.5	3.8	4.1	3.9	3.6	2.6	1.6	1.4	0.7
KY Trade, Transportation & Utilities Empl. (000s)	368.2	368.1	367.1	367.5	367.2	366.4	368.0	366.8	369.4	376.2	375.0	380.2	377.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	5.4	-0.3	-3.2	1.3	-1.0	-2.6	5.4	-3.8	8.8	24.5	-3.8	18.0	-7.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.7	3.4	2.8	3.7	2.6
KY Information Services Employment (000s)	26.5	26.6	26.1	26.4	26.5	27.1	26.8	27.5	27.6	27.7	27.2	26.7	27.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-4.4	4.6	-20.4	14.7	4.6	30.8	-12.5	36.3	4.5	4.4	-19.6	-20.0	19.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.9	-1.8	-3.3	-1.5	-0.7	1.5	0.8	3.8	3.8	4.1	1.5	0.4	2.3
KY Financial Services Employment (000s)	83.5	83.0	82.7	83.4	83.7	83.4	84.0	84.2	84.4	84.7	85.2	85.4	85.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-2.8	-7.0	-4.3	10.6	4.4	-4.2	9.0	2.9	2.9	4.3	7.3	2.9	2.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.9	-2.2	-2.7	-1.7	-1.2	-1.4	-0.7	-0.4	0.5	0.8	1.7	2.0	2.5
KY Business Services Employment (000s)	193.8	198.9	201.9	202.3	204.4	205.0	207.3	207.9	208.3	208.5	206.2	206.5	205.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	9.1	36.6	19.7	2.4	13.2	3.6	14.3	3.5	2.3	1.2	-12.5	1.8	-7.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	4.3	7.9	9.8	9.8	10.5	11.1	12.6	10.4	9.9	8.6	8.0	7.3	5.8
KY Education & Health Services Employment (000s)	258.9	259.2	259.7	260.3	261.3	259.3	259.5	260.8	259.1	258.8	257.8	258.0	258.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.9	1.4	2.3	2.8	4.7	-8.8	0.9	6.2	-7.5	-1.4	-4.5	0.9	2.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.5	1.7	1.8	2.2	1.3	1.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.2
KY Leisure & Hospitality Employment (000s)	172.3	173.1	175.3	176.9	174.5	177.7	175.0	175.7	176.6	178.7	178.2	178.9	180.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	16.7	5.7	16.4	11.5	-15.1	24.4	-16.8	4.9	6.3	15.2	-3.3	4.8	7.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.4	2.6	5.0	3.7	3.4	4.4	6.1	5.1	5.2	4.5
KY Other Services Employment (000s)	70.0	70.4	70.7	70.3	70.7	70.5	70.8	71.0	70.7	71.2	70.8	71.1	71.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-3.4	7.1	5.2	-6.6	7.0	-3.3	5.2	3.4	-5.0	8.8	-6.5	5.2	0.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.9	0.0	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.6
KY Government Employment (000s)	327.7	327.2	328.7	328.1	327.6	327.1	328.2	327.7	328.7	329.4	327.8	327.3	326.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.4	-1.8	5.6	-2.2	-1.8	-1.8	4.1	-1.8	3.7	2.6	-5.7	-1.8	-2.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.3	-1.4	-1.2	-1.2	-0.8	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4

**Table 4: US Non-farm Employment and Supersectors
Seasonally Adjusted**

	2011					2012							
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
US Non-farm Employment (000s)	132,498	132,809	133,080	133,285	133,397	133,522	133,609	133,762	133,927	134,065	134,225	134,472	134,691
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.1	2.9	2.5	1.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.4	2.2	2.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
US Construction Employment (000s)	5,612	5,629	5,644	5,640	5,636	5,615	5,622	5,627	5,630	5,633	5,649	5,673	5,711
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	7.8	3.7	3.2	-0.8	-0.8	-4.4	1.5	1.1	0.6	0.6	3.5	5.2	8.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.6	3.6	3.0	2.8	2.5	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.3	1.7	1.8
US Mining and Logging Employment (000s)	833	844	851	852	852	855	853	852	849	847	841	853	860
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	15.6	17.0	10.4	1.4	0.0	4.3	-2.8	-1.4	-4.1	-2.8	-8.2	18.5	10.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	13.5	14.4	15.0	12.7	10.9	10.2	8.2	6.6	5.7	4.4	2.7	3.6	3.2
US Manufacturing Employment (000s)	11,797	11,841	11,870	11,910	11,920	11,926	11,935	11,957	11,943	11,925	11,931	11,938	11,951
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.9	4.6	3.0	4.1	1.0	0.6	0.9	2.2	-1.4	-1.8	0.6	0.7	1.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
US Trade, Trans & Utilities Employment (000s)	25,285	25,372	25,377	25,381	25,409	25,463	25,467	25,485	25,520	25,550	25,623	25,720	25,769
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.9	4.2	0.2	0.2	1.3	2.6	0.2	0.9	1.7	1.4	3.5	4.6	2.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.9
US Information Services Employment (000s)	2,682	2,670	2,681	2,679	2,679	2,681	2,675	2,684	2,682	2,670	2,671	2,685	2,676
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.3	-5.2	5.1	-0.9	0.0	0.9	-2.7	4.1	-0.9	-5.2	0.5	6.5	-3.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-0.1	-0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.2	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.2
US Financial Services Employment (000s)	7,728	7,730	7,740	7,763	7,768	7,782	7,788	7,788	7,795	7,806	7,817	7,822	7,831
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.1	0.3	1.6	3.6	0.8	2.2	0.9	0.0	1.1	1.7	1.7	0.8	1.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
US Business Services Employment (000s)	17,588	17,677	17,753	17,796	17,841	17,878	17,913	17,965	17,994	18,009	18,062	18,117	18,152
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.2	6.2	5.3	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.4	3.5	2.0	1.0	3.6	3.7	2.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.2
US Education & Health Services Employment (000s)	20,080	20,106	20,175	20,221	20,243	20,290	20,296	20,331	20,363	20,412	20,446	20,460	20,496
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.7	1.6	4.2	2.8	1.3	2.8	0.4	2.1	1.9	2.9	2.0	0.8	2.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1
US Leisure & Hospitality Employment (000s)	13,541	13,585	13,632	13,684	13,698	13,702	13,716	13,743	13,788	13,818	13,840	13,861	13,901
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.3	4.0	4.2	4.7	1.2	0.4	1.2	2.4	4.0	2.6	1.9	1.8	3.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.7
US Other Services Employment (000s)	5,402	5,417	5,413	5,418	5,418	5,424	5,429	5,439	5,438	5,450	5,457	5,464	5,470
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.5	3.4	-0.9	1.1	0.0	1.3	1.1	2.2	-0.2	2.7	1.6	1.6	1.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3
US Government Employment (000s)	21,950	21,938	21,944	21,941	21,933	21,906	21,915	21,891	21,925	21,945	21,888	21,879	21,874
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-1.0	-0.7	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.5	0.5	-1.3	1.9	1.1	-3.1	-0.5	-0.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.4	-1.4	-1.2	-1.1	-1.2	-1.0	-1.1	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3

**Table 5: Kentucky Labor Intensity Index Components
Seasonally Adjusted**

	2011					2012							
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Transportation Equipment Employment (000s)	44.2	45.4	44.9	46.8	47.6	48.9	49.7	54.9	51.3	51.0	50.9	50.6	50.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	8.5	35.8	-10.9	62.6	23.8	35.0	23.0	232.7	-56.3	-6.1	-2.5	-5.8	4.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	6.1	10.3	7.8	12.8	14.6	18.6	19.0	33.0	20.6	18.9	17.8	15.3	14.9
Fabricated Metals Employment (000s)	18.8	18.9	18.9	19.1	19.2	19.3	19.4	19.6	19.4	19.5	19.3	19.5	19.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	5.3	7.4	5.0	11.5	5.6	9.4	6.0	8.4	-9.2	5.4	-10.2	10.1	5.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	5.6	5.7	5.0	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.5	6.5	5.4	5.4	3.7	4.3	4.3
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics and Rubber Products Emp. (000s)	15.1	15.4	15.4	15.4	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.7	15.7	15.8	15.7	15.7	15.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.1	29.5	-4.7	0.5	2.0	12.9	1.7	10.7	2.6	3.0	-1.6	-0.2	3.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.1	2.0	2.0	1.3	0.6	3.3	3.3	4.7	5.4	6.0	4.6	4.6	4.7
Chemical Products Employment (000s)	12.9	12.9	13.0	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-4.5	-1.0	5.3	-7.8	-2.2	4.6	-8.1	-3.0	1.8	2.2	-0.6	-4.2	-4.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.1	0.0	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.0	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-0.8	-0.8	-1.5	-1.5
Lumber Products Employment (000s)	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-0.3	-1.8	7.8	0.2	-5.3	0.6	0.1	-1.1	6.5	14.6	24.1	11.3	0.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.3	-1.0	-2.2	-1.1	-1.1	0.0	-2.3	-2.1	-1.1	0.0	3.2	4.4	4.5
Transportation Equipment Average Weekly Hours	42.3	43.3	43.0	43.6	42.8	44.5	44.0	43.1	42.0	41.4	39.6	41.4	41.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	29.7	29.8	-6.1	16.8	-19.2	58.2	-13.6	-21.5	-26.1	-14.9	-41.5	66.5	2.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.9	11.5	1.2	4.3	4.0	11.0	11.3	5.2	-1.2	-1.1	-6.8	-0.2	-2.1
Fabricated Metals AWH	43.4	43.1	43.0	42.9	43.1	43.1	42.6	42.4	41.6	39.0	40.9	41.4	41.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	6.7	-9.4	-3.0	-1.8	6.9	-0.9	-14.0	-4.9	-19.3	-54.2	77.8	15.1	9.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.3	-0.2	-0.6	-2.2	1.0	1.4	-0.1	0.2	-3.4	-9.8	1.6	-4.1	-4.0
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics & Rubber Products AWH	48.1	48.3	48.2	48.4	48.5	48.8	49.0	49.6	49.8	52.1	49.9	50.0	51.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	13.2	3.9	-2.0	6.5	0.8	8.1	4.5	16.7	4.0	74.8	-40.2	0.3	43.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	6.2	3.7	4.1	8.9	1.8	1.3	1.2	5.0	10.6	18.7	3.6	4.9	7.0
Chemical Products AWH	44.6	44.5	44.4	44.7	44.7	44.8	44.7	44.4	44.0	43.7	44.1	44.5	44.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.0	-2.1	-3.2	7.9	2.5	0.9	-1.7	-8.6	-9.3	-7.4	10.9	9.8	2.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.5	3.8	1.7	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.0	-1.7	-0.9	-0.1	0.0
Lumber Products AWH	37.6	37.6	37.7	37.6	37.3	37.4	37.2	37.4	37.5	39.2	40.9	39.5	39.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-5.0	0.6	4.6	-4.5	-8.5	2.4	-4.7	4.7	4.3	69.5	66.5	-33.2	-14.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-6.2	-4.6	-4.6	-7.6	-6.0	-4.6	-5.1	-4.5	-2.3	4.4	13.5	4.8	3.8

**Table 6: Miscellaneous Economic Series
Seasonally Adjusted**

	2011	2012											
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Money Supply (M2, \$billions chained 1996)	8,403.8	8,446.6	8,450.1	8,461.9	8,498.2	8,551.7	8,588.8	8,662.5	8,694.5	8,732.5	8,791.1	8,848.1	8,943.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.7	6.3	0.5	1.7	5.3	7.8	5.3	10.8	4.5	5.4	8.4	8.1	13.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	7.1	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.7	8.0	7.6	6.6	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.6	6.4
CPI, all goods, all urban consumers (1982-4=100)	227.1	227.6	228.3	229.0	229.0	228.6	228.9	228.8	230.0	231.2	231.6	231.1	231.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.5	2.5	3.5	3.7	0.0	-1.6	1.5	-0.5	6.4	6.4	2.1	-2.8	0.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.7	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.8
CPI for Energy (1982-4=100)	243.7	243.5	248.6	251.4	246.8	239.6	238.2	235.2	246.1	255.9	256.1	247.3	245.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-13.0	-0.9	28.3	14.6	-20.0	-29.7	-6.9	-14.2	72.4	59.2	1.3	-34.2	-9.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	7.0	6.2	6.7	4.3	0.6	-3.6	-3.5	-4.9	-0.5	2.1	3.8	0.3	0.7
CPI for Food (1982-4=100)	231.7	232.2	232.3	232.7	233.1	233.2	233.6	233.8	234.2	234.4	234.8	235.4	235.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.3	2.8	0.5	2.0	2.1	0.8	2.0	1.1	2.2	0.6	2.5	2.6	2.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	4.7	4.4	3.9	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8
CPI for Housing (1982-4=100)	220.8	221.1	221.4	221.7	222.1	222.1	222.4	222.4	222.9	223.4	223.9	224.4	224.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.6	2.0	0.3	1.5	0.2	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.7	1.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7
Core CPI (CPI less Food & Energy) (1982-4=100)	227.2	227.7	227.9	228.4	228.9	229.4	229.9	230.1	230.2	230.6	231.0	231.3	231.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.0	2.7	1.1	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	1.2	0.7	1.9	2.1	1.4	1.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
Prime Interest Rate (%)	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25
US Civilian Labor Force (000s)	153,945	154,356	154,825	154,707	154,451	154,998	155,149	154,995	154,647	155,056	155,576	155,319	155,511
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-1.2	3.3	3.7	-0.9	-2.0	4.3	1.2	-1.2	-2.7	3.2	4.1	-2.0	1.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.2	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	1.0
US Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.8
KY Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.0
KY Initial Claims	24,041	23,162	19,944	19,915	21,233	22,770	20,744	28,776	24,216	21,297	25,036	21,642	20,781
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-71.6	-36.0	-83.4	-1.7	115.7	131.4	-67.3	4,976.2	-87.4	-78.6	596.6	-82.6	-38.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-6.8	-15.7	-20.1	-14.2	-34.3	-32.2	-18.2	9.4	-4.5	-19.4	1.3	-19.0	-13.6
KY Exhaustees	3,379	4,082	3,568	3,138	3,962	3,036	2,739	2,579	2,636	2,864	3,721	2,933	3,189
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-8.3	864.9	-80.1	-78.6	1,544.2	-95.9	-70.9	-51.4	29.9	170.6	2,217.1	-94.2	172.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-17.7	-8.8	-11.3	-16.7	4.2	-19.7	-15.8	-29.6	-29.9	-10.5	-1.9	-13.8	-5.6
KY Private Housing Building Permits (all structures)	609	583	648	721	467	710	728	626	707	981	643	620	523
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-83.3	-40.8	255.5	260.0	-99.5	15,151.0	35.0	-83.7	330.7	4,993.3	-99.4	-35.4	-87.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.4	10.4	12.1	53.1	-13.4	39.8	27.9	43.2	24.0	52.6	7.2	-12.3	-14.1
KY Private Housing Bldg. Permits (1-unit structures)	408	414	405	388	365	525	406	459	380	431	465	459	441
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	150.0	19.1	-23.2	-40.2	-52.0	7,741.5	-95.4	336.0	-89.6	353.2	148.7	-14.4	-38.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	9.1	16.0	3.3	-5.6	2.8	46.2	-1.7	35.4	2.7	6.9	18.6	21.4	8.1