

# KENTUCKY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

March 2011 as of June 3, 2011

## **KY Composite Index of Leading Indicators increased by 5.3 percent in March.**

- The Leading Index has increased for three consecutive months.
- The month-over-same-month-last-year growth rate has been positive for fourteen consecutive months with 2.6 percent growth in March.
- Component indicators leaned positive, 3:1.
  - + KY Labor Intensity Index increased by 5.9 percent.
  - KY Index of Initial UI Claims decreased by 1.9 percent.
  - + US Retail Sales increased by 10.9 percent.
  - + US Manufacturer's New Orders Index increased by 31.8 percent.

*Component weights for March are 62.5, 17.3, 14.1, and 6.2 respectively.*

## **KY Composite Index of Coincident Indicators increased by 3.4 percent in March.**

- The Coincident Index growth has alternated directions for the last two months.
- The month-over-same-month-last-year growth rate has been positive for twelve consecutive months with 2.8 percent growth in March.
- Component indicators leaned positive: 2:1.
  - + KY Non-farm Employment increased 4.3 percent.
  - + US Industrial Production Index increased 9.0 percent.
  - US Personal Income Less Transfers decreased 0.0 percent.

*Component weights for March are 37.7, 29.0, and 20.7 respectively. Component weights do not sum to one because the two US components were discounted to give the Kentucky component more weight.*

CURRENT LEADING INDEX IMPLICATION: Kentucky reference series is in expansion

LAST LEADING INDEX TURNING POINT: August 2009<sup>1</sup>

### **\* Second Consecutive Month of Growth for Kentucky Leading Index**

For the third month in a row, three of the four index components were positive. The three contributing components for March, the Kentucky Labor Intensity Index, US Retail Sales and the US Manufacturer's New Orders Index, were all strongly positive. For the last three months the drivers of growth for the leading index have changed considerably. In January, US Retail Sales contributed the most to the index's growth. In February, the Index of Initial UI Claims was the leading contributor. In March, the leading contributor was the Kentucky Labor Intensity Index. The Kentucky Labor Intensity Index, which has the largest weight in the Kentucky Leading Index, has been positive for seven of the last eight months.

### **\* The Kentucky Labor Intensity Index Increases**

This is the third robust increase in the Kentucky Labor Intensity Index in the past 12 months. Four of the five employment sectors improved in March. There were small to modest gains in each sector. The largest gain was in fabricated metals employment, which grew by 1.5 percent (19.0 percent annual rate), for a net increase of 258 seasonally adjusted jobs. Average weekly hours increased in three of the five industries including chemical products, lumber products, and transportation equipment. The biggest increase was in lumber products, which grew by 7.7 percent to 42.5 average weekly hours.

### **\* The Money Supply Is Becoming More Volatile**

The highest weighted component in the US Leading Index is the money supply. As with the Kentucky Leading Index, components are weighted based on an inverse relationship with the variance of the series. That is, if the series has a low variance, then the series gets a high weight in the leading index. Historically, the money supply (M2) is a relatively stable and low variance series (compared to the other nine series in the US Leading Index), and therefore it has a 'high' weight. Keep in mind, that variance is a measure based on distance from the mean. A series which is constant over time would have zero variance, while a series which bobs up and down uniformly every month would have a 'low' variance. A series which steadily increases by a constant amount over time would also have a 'low' variance, but higher than the bobbing series. A logarithmic (or exponential) series, such as most personal income series, would have a higher variance than both the bobbing series and the series which increases at a constant rate. It is normal, therefore, for an increasing

<sup>1</sup> August 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.

series, to have higher and higher variance when new points of data are added. This is what happens with most component series in the Kentucky and US Leading Indices.

For M2, though, the variance is growing at an increasing rate. That is, the series is varying more and more over the last five years. In other words, M2 has an increasing variance above what is normal for adding additional monthly observations. The result is that M2 is more erratic on a month to month basis and for the last five years, the weight in the leading index series has slowly declined. This long-term analysis is certainly evident in the most recent months, as M2 has alternated sign for four consecutive months. The 'high' variance reached a peak in November of 2010, at \$7,880.4 billion. The variance is still increasing, but not at the same extreme rate as in November. Net annual money supply (M2) growth from 2004 to 2010 was 2.8, 1.4, 3.6, 2.3, 9.9, -0.6 and 3.1 percent.

**\* Kentucky Mixed Signs in Unemployment Insurance Data**

First payments jumped 136.5 percent in March, but it is still well below the March 2010 record levels. This is the sixth month in a row that first payments have changed directions. Many of the changes were substantial. Still there was a net improvement of almost 2,000 seasonally adjusted first payments from September 2010 to March 2011. The sharp increase in Kentucky first payments outweighed the modest decrease in US initial claims and led to a modest decline in the Kentucky Index of Initial Claims, an inverted index.

Kentucky first payments increased sharply in March. First payments is a count of those persons who are receiving a payment for the first month during a new UI benefit year. That is, these are persons who have not received any payments during their last personal benefits year. Each person's benefits year dates are determined by their own work history; it is not defined by the calendar or fiscal year. Kentucky initial claims fell by 51.3 percent in March. Initial claims are the sum of new applications and additional applications. Note: not all claims for UI result in a the award of a UI benefits payment. There are several criterion which must be passed before an applicant may receive a payment and it is possible that the employer contests the claim. Moreover, the initial claims data is more inclusive than the more narrowly defined 'first payments' category. It is common that these two series move together, but it is not required. Kentucky exhaustees, those persons in their last month of UI payments during their own benefits year, fell by 74.8 percent in March. Exhaustees reached record levels in 2009 and are still in the process of moving back to historically normal levels.

**\* CPI Growth Increasing**

Prices, as measured by the consumer price index for all consumer goods for all urban areas, rose by 6.8 percent in March. This is the fourth consecutive month of high inflation and the ninth consecutive month of increases in the CPI measure.

**\* Kentucky Non-farm Employment Improves**

Kentucky employment rose by 4.3 percent over February. This is the third consecutive month of growth for state employment. This is a promising sign as non-farm employment has shown considerable weakness throughout 2010. Growth permeated most of the subsectors in the Kentucky economy as only three subsectors (manufacturing, financial services and business services) reported declines for the month. The largest increase occurred in the leisure and hospitality sector, which increased by 36.2 percent, gain of 4,500 seasonally adjusted jobs.

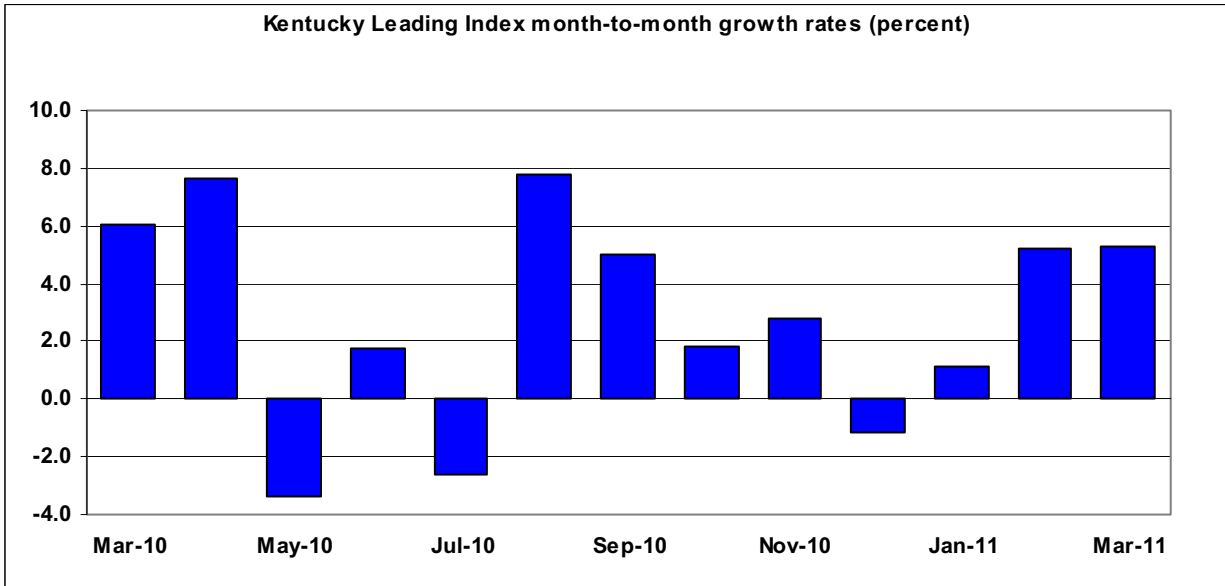
**\* US Leading Index Up Robustly**

The US Leading Index rose by 8.8 percent in March. This was the ninth consecutive increase for the national index produced by the Conference Board. The US Leading Index is made up of 10 components. While the highest-weighted component, M2, declined moderately in March, US manufacturing average weekly hours, vendor performance and manufacturer's new orders improved robustly generating the robust growth in the leading index for March. Despite falling modestly in March, the money supply (M2) contributed significantly to seven of those nine consecutive increases in the US Leading Index. Four of the 10 components declined in March.

**\* Modest Growth In US Employment**

US non-farm employment grew by 2.1 percent in March. This is the sixth consecutive month of modest growth in employment. US non-farm employment is now 1.4 million seasonally adjusted jobs or 1.0 percent better off than in March of 2010. Services employment and manufacturing employment fared equally well in March with 1.7 and 2.1 percent growth respectively.

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 Reference Series

Inflation-adjusted personal income less transfer payments and policy-adjusted General Fund tax receipts are combined to form the GOEA composite reference series.

#### 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.
- **Louisville Help-Wanted Index:** The Conference Board computes an index of help-wanted advertisements for major regions across the United States; Louisville is the only city in Kentucky covered by the Conference Board.

#### 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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	2010										2011		
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
<b>KY Leading Index (1992=100)</b>	107.9	108.5	108.2	108.4	108.1	108.8	109.3	109.4	109.7	109.6	109.7	110.1	110.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	6.0	7.7	-3.4	1.8	-2.6	7.8	5.0	1.8	2.8	-1.1	1.2	5.2	5.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.9	2.5	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.6
<b>KY Leading Index Diffusion Index</b>	75.0	75.0	66.7	58.3	62.5	62.5	66.7	62.5	75.0	75.0	75.0	79.2	75.0
<b>KY Coincident Index (1992=100)</b>	128.6	129.3	130.0	130.0	130.2	130.3	130.3	130.7	130.9	131.3	131.8	131.8	132.2
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.7	6.2	7.0	0.2	1.5	0.9	0.3	3.6	1.9	3.2	5.2	-0.1	3.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-0.1	0.7	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.8
<b>KY Labor Intensity Index (1992=100)</b>	98.1	98.9	98.5	98.9	98.0	99.3	99.4	99.5	99.8	99.3	99.3	99.5	100.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.1	10.0	-3.8	4.6	-10.8	18.2	1.2	0.9	3.3	-5.7	0.3	2.0	5.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	-0.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	1.9
<b>KY Index of Initial UI Claims (1992=100)</b>	98.0	98.3	98.3	98.1	98.8	97.9	98.6	99.1	99.1	99.9	99.6	101.1	100.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	8.0	3.6	0.1	-2.1	8.3	-10.0	8.3	6.6	0.4	9.8	-4.1	20.5	-1.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.4	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.0	2.3	2.1	3.8	3.0
<b>US Retail Sales (\$ billions)</b>	359.9	361.9	359.2	358.4	359.5	363.0	366.7	371.4	374.2	376.3	379.3	384.0	387.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	29.9	7.1	-8.8	-2.6	4.0	12.3	12.9	16.4	9.3	7.2	9.8	16.2	10.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	8.2	8.6	6.8	5.2	5.4	3.9	7.4	8.0	7.5	7.6	8.0	9.1	7.6
<b>US Manufacturer's New Orders Index (1992=100)</b>	102.5	104.8	104.0	104.2	107.0	105.6	108.7	106.5	106.6	106.2	107.1	106.7	109.2
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-4.5	30.3	-8.7	2.1	37.0	-14.3	42.0	-22.4	1.6	-4.6	10.8	-4.5	31.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	8.1	11.5	8.4	9.2	6.8	8.2	10.7	6.2	7.4	5.9	4.4	3.7	6.5
<b>KY First Pays</b>	12,497.2	10,802.5	10,774.1	11,273.7	9,735.7	11,288.4	10,960.0	9,379.2	10,841.9	9,655.9	9,726.6	8,365.7	8,987.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-65.2	-82.6	-3.1	72.3	-82.8	490.5	-29.8	-84.6	469.2	-75.1	9.1	-83.6	136.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-33.9	-41.2	-42.1	-36.5	-24.3	-23.0	-21.4	-30.2	-12.6	-23.3	-18.9	-38.7	-28.1
<b>US Initial Claims for UI (000s)</b>	459.6	465.6	465.7	467.2	459.0	475.7	452.9	451.2	432.9	417.9	429.6	392.3	390.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-32.2	16.8	0.3	3.9	-19.1	53.5	-44.5	-4.4	-39.2	-34.5	39.3	-66.4	-6.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-29.6	-25.1	-25.0	-22.8	-18.4	-15.3	-16.4	-14.4	-12.9	-12.0	-11.4	-17.4	-15.1
<b>Manufs' New Orders, Cons. Goods and Materials</b>	115,620	115,742	115,071	114,774	118,574	117,130	117,796	115,377	118,169	118,910	118,373	116,438	118,679
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	24.7	1.3	-6.7	-3.1	47.8	-13.7	7.0	-22.0	33.2	7.8	-5.3	-17.9	25.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.5	4.3	0.9	3.3	3.5	2.4	2.6	2.6
<b>Manufs' New Orders, Non-def. Capital Goods</b>	37,003.0	41,118.0	40,523.0	41,300.0	41,351.0	40,734.0	46,044.0	45,017.0	41,219.0	39,441.0	41,899.0	43,874.0	45,608.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-66.8	254.4	-16.0	25.6	1.5	-16.5	335.1	-23.7	-65.3	-41.1	106.6	73.8	59.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	23.0	45.7	24.8	31.4	16.6	28.9	40.0	30.0	25.2	15.8	12.9	8.2	23.3
<b>GF Total Tax Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)</b>	628.6	760.2	611.7	767.7	621.9	624.0	744.3	680.5	710.5	843.6	722.7	527.6	656.6
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.5	-5.5	3.3	5.2	4.5	4.2	5.6	9.2	4.0	10.1	6.7	5.2	4.5
<b>GF Sales &amp; Use Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)</b>	210.6	255.0	230.9	241.8	264.3	234.4	218.6	254.9	228.7	249.4	302.0	178.1	225.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.6	8.5	1.1	2.8	8.1	1.4	0.2	5.5	2.7	10.0	2.3	1.4	7.3
<b>GF Income Tax Receipts (NSA, \$ millions)</b>	188.0	358.7	251.2	315.2	253.3	272.4	320.0	277.9	266.7	284.5	275.6	215.5	201.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	12.3	-13.6	2.4	4.0	3.3	5.0	3.3	7.0	2.6	5.8	18.1	5.0	7.3

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<b>US Leading Index (2004=100)</b>	108.6	108.6	109.0	108.8	109.0	109.1	109.9	110.1	111.4	112.3	112.5	113.5	114.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	16.8	0.0	4.5	-2.2	2.2	1.1	9.2	2.2	15.1	10.1	2.2	11.2	8.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	11.5	10.1	9.1	8.2	7.2	6.4	6.1	5.9	6.0	5.7	5.4	5.9	5.2
<b>US Coincident Index (1996=100)</b>	100.3	100.8	101.1	101.2	101.3	101.3	101.4	101.5	101.7	102.1	102.6	102.5	102.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.7	6.1	3.6	1.2	1.2	0.0	1.2	1.2	2.4	4.8	6.0	-1.2	2.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-0.1	0.8	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.5	2.4
<b>Money Supply (M2, \$billions chained 1996)</b>	7,671.1	7,684.0	7,727.8	7,765.4	7,766.0	7,794.5	7,832.4	7,852.5	7,880.4	7,887.0	7,878.4	7,894.3	7,881.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-4.8	2.0	7.1	6.0	0.1	4.5	6.0	3.1	4.3	1.0	-1.3	2.4	-1.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.1	-0.6	-0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.2	3.1	2.5	2.7
<b>US Manufacturing Average Weekly Hours</b>	41.0	41.2	41.5	41.0	41.1	41.1	41.3	41.2	41.2	41.3	41.1	41.3	41.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	19.4	6.0	9.1	-13.5	3.0	0.0	6.0	-2.9	0.0	3.0	-5.7	6.0	6.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	4.3	4.3	5.3	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.3	2.5	2.0	1.7	0.7	2.2	1.2
<b>Interest Rate Spread, NSA</b>	3.57	3.65	3.22	3.02	2.83	2.51	2.46	2.35	2.57	3.11	3.22	3.42	3.27
<b>Vendor Performance Diffusion Index (%)</b>	64.1	59.8	60.6	57.7	58.0	55.9	53.8	52.3	58.1	56.7	58.6	59.4	63.1
<b>Index of 500 Common Stocks (NSA, 1941-3=10)</b>	1,152.1	1,197.3	1,125.1	1,083.4	1,079.8	1,087.3	1,122.1	1,171.6	1,198.9	1,241.5	1,282.6	1,321.1	1,304.5
% Chg Previous Month AR	96.1	58.8	-52.6	-36.4	-3.9	8.6	45.9	67.9	31.9	52.1	47.8	42.6	-14.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	52.2	41.2	24.7	17.0	15.4	7.7	7.4	9.7	10.2	11.8	14.2	21.3	13.2
<b>US Consumer Expectations (NSA, 1966=100)</b>	67.9	66.5	68.8	69.8	62.3	62.9	60.9	61.9	64.8	67.5	69.3	71.6	57.9
% Chg Previous Month AR	-8.4	-22.1	50.4	18.9	-74.4	12.2	-32.1	21.6	73.2	63.2	37.1	48.0	-92.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	26.9	5.4	-0.9	0.9	-1.4	-3.2	-17.1	-9.8	-2.6	-2.0	-1.1	4.7	-14.7
<b>Building Permits for New Private Housing (000s)</b>	688.0	632.0	582.0	585.0	575.0	575.0	562.0	555.0	564.0	630.0	568.0	534.0	574.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	80.4	-63.9	-62.8	6.4	-18.7	0.0	-24.0	-14.0	21.3	277.3	-71.2	-52.3	137.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	34.1	21.3	4.7	-2.7	-3.4	-6.7	-7.7	-4.8	-9.5	-5.1	-10.7	-18.5	-16.6
<b>US Non-farm Employment (Mil.)</b>	129.4	129.7	130.2	130.0	129.9	129.9	129.8	130.0	130.1	130.3	130.3	130.6	130.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.8	2.6	4.3	-1.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	1.6	0.9	1.4	0.6	2.2	2.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-2.0	-1.3	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0
<b>US Service-Providing Employment (Mil.)</b>	111.7	112.0	112.4	112.2	112.1	112.1	112.1	112.2	112.3	112.5	112.5	112.6	112.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	1.7	2.3	5.0	-2.0	-0.8	-0.6	-0.2	1.8	0.9	1.6	0.3	1.7	1.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-0.9	-0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
<b>US Manufacturing Employment (000s)</b>	11,471	11,509	11,536	11,548	11,580	11,551	11,545	11,539	11,554	11,565	11,618	11,655	11,675
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.9	4.0	2.9	1.3	3.4	-3.0	-0.6	-0.6	1.6	1.1	5.6	3.9	2.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-6.1	-4.4	-2.8	-1.5	-0.8	-0.7	-0.3	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.7	1.8
<b>US Industrial Production Index (1992=100)</b>	88.4	88.7	89.9	90.0	90.8	91.0	91.2	91.1	91.4	92.6	92.7	92.4	93.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	6.7	4.3	17.5	1.3	11.1	2.6	3.4	-1.4	3.6	16.5	1.4	-3.1	9.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.3	4.6	7.2	7.7	7.5	6.8	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.8	5.6	5.2	5.3
<b>US Personal Income Less Trans. (\$billions chained 2000)</b>	9,112.7	9,188.7	9,240.0	9,250.6	9,249.7	9,252.4	9,253.7	9,288.0	9,305.7	9,331.8	9,432.2	9,435.0	9,434.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.1	10.5	6.9	1.4	-0.1	0.4	0.2	4.5	2.3	3.4	13.7	0.4	0.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.6	1.0	1.3	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.5	3.5	3.5

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	2010										2011		
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
<b>KY Non-farm Employment (000s)</b>	1,760.0	1,768.9	1,774.6	1,772.9	1,770.4	1,771.4	1,769.6	1,779.4	1,781.5	1,777.7	1,781.9	1,783.5	1,789.8
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	6.2	6.2	3.9	-1.1	-1.7	0.7	-1.2	6.9	1.4	-2.5	2.9	1.1	4.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.0	-0.2	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.7
<b>KY Construction Employment (000s)</b>	69.2	69.3	68.2	67.2	67.2	67.1	66.7	67.7	68.2	63.7	64.1	65.1	65.2
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	13.0	1.7	-17.5	-16.2	0.0	-1.8	-6.9	19.6	9.2	-55.9	7.8	20.4	1.9
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-9.3	-6.9	-7.5	-8.3	-7.1	-6.9	-7.0	-5.4	-5.1	-10.5	-8.2	-5.0	-5.8
<b>KY Natural Resources &amp; Mining Employment (000s)</b>	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.2	22.3	22.5	22.6	22.6	22.7	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-2.3	11.0	12.1	12.4	10.0	7.2	5.5	0.3	8.4	-4.9	4.4	-15.1	20.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-14.7	-12.6	-9.9	-7.1	-3.0	-0.8	-0.8	2.3	3.6	3.6	5.1	3.8	5.6
<b>KY Manufacturing Employment (000s)</b>	207.4	208.2	208.7	209.2	209.0	209.7	210.3	211.4	211.4	211.7	210.8	213.2	211.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	24.1	4.7	2.9	2.9	-1.1	4.1	3.5	6.5	0.0	1.7	-5.0	14.6	-9.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-4.8	-3.4	-1.8	-0.8	-0.9	0.4	0.8	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.7	1.9
<b>KY Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities Employment (000s)</b>	359.9	360.3	360.1	360.0	359.8	360.5	359.1	358.4	359.0	359.9	361.7	359.0	360.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.7	1.3	-0.7	-0.3	-0.7	2.4	-4.6	-2.3	2.0	3.1	6.2	-8.6	4.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.2	0.1
<b>KY Information Services Employment (000s)</b>	26.3	26.3	26.2	26.1	25.8	25.8	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	25.9	26.0	26.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.0	0.0	-4.5	-4.5	-13.0	0.0	9.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.5	4.7	0.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-4.7	-4.0	-3.7	-3.0	-4.1	-3.7	-1.9	-2.3	-1.9	-2.3	-1.9	-1.1	-1.1
<b>KY Financial Services Employment (000s)</b>	86.3	86.2	86.1	86.0	85.8	85.6	85.4	86.0	86.7	85.7	86.1	85.3	84.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	8.8	10.2	-13.0	5.7	-10.6	-5.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-3.1	-3.0	-3.0	-2.7	-2.7	-2.6	-2.6	-1.7	-0.6	-1.5	-0.8	-1.3	-1.6
<b>KY Business Services Employment (000s)</b>	175.8	179.1	180.0	180.6	180.1	179.9	180.3	182.4	182.0	184.2	185.8	185.9	185.3
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	11.6	25.0	6.2	4.1	-3.3	-1.3	2.7	14.9	-2.6	15.5	10.9	0.6	-3.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	3.5	6.4	7.0	8.1	6.6	5.6	5.6	5.8	3.8	5.3	5.5	6.7	5.4
<b>KY Education &amp; Health Services Employment (000s)</b>	249.8	249.8	249.6	249.1	249.3	249.4	250.0	251.1	252.0	251.2	252.7	252.8	253.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.4	0.0	-1.0	-2.4	1.0	0.5	2.9	5.4	4.4	-3.7	7.4	0.5	1.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.6	1.5	1.3
<b>KY Leisure &amp; Hospitality Employment (000s)</b>	165.7	167.8	166.7	167.2	166.1	166.7	166.8	171.3	170.7	170.1	171.1	172.4	176.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.2	16.3	-7.6	3.7	-7.6	4.4	0.7	37.6	-4.1	-4.1	7.3	9.5	36.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-2.4	-0.7	-1.4	-0.7	-1.1	0.0	-0.3	2.6	2.3	2.7	3.6	4.2	6.8
<b>KY Other Services Employment (000s)</b>	69.1	70.0	70.3	70.9	71.6	71.3	71.1	72.5	71.8	71.3	70.6	70.8	72.1
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	9.1	16.8	5.3	10.7	12.5	-4.9	-3.3	26.4	-11.0	-8.0	-11.2	3.5	24.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-2.9	-0.8	0.3	1.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	4.5	3.8	3.3	2.2	3.2	4.3
<b>KY Government Employment (000s)</b>	328.9	330.2	336.8	334.4	333.2	332.8	331.4	330.0	331.0	331.2	330.5	330.7	331.7
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	4.5	4.8	26.8	-8.2	-4.2	-1.4	-4.9	-5.0	3.7	0.7	-2.5	0.7	3.7
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.6	1.9	3.7	3.0	2.3	2.1	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
<b>CPI, All Urban (1982-84=100)</b>	217.6	217.6	217.3	216.9	217.6	218.1	218.4	219.0	219.2	220.2	221.1	222.3	223.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	0.3	0.1	-1.7	-2.5	4.3	2.5	2.0	3.0	1.5	5.3	4.9	6.8	6.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.7
<b>Ave. Prime Interest Rate (% , NSA)</b>	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

**SELECT EMPLOYMENT SERIES  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	2010										2011		
	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
<b>Transportation Equipment Employment (000s)</b>	41.0	40.9	40.5	41.0	40.8	41.2	41.8	42.3	41.4	41.7	41.2	41.1	41.2
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	166.8	-0.8	-11.3	13.5	-4.2	10.8	20.7	14.1	-23.1	10.2	-12.8	-4.6	4.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-1.1	-2.8	-0.7	1.1	-5.4	0.8	2.6	1.9	1.7	2.5	0.5	8.8	0.6
<b>Fabricated Metals Employment (000s)</b>	17.0	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	11.3	6.7	5.1	4.8	14.5	3.5	0.3	8.1	9.2	4.7	6.3	-13.4	19.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-7.0	-4.4	-2.8	-1.1	1.8	2.3	2.9	4.0	5.3	5.8	7.3	4.9	5.5
<b>Petroleum, Coal, Plastics and Rubber Products Emp. (000s)</b>	15.1	15.1	15.0	15.1	15.0	15.0	15.0	14.9	14.9	14.7	14.7	14.6	14.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	2.3	2.5	-8.7	6.1	-8.0	-3.0	1.7	-3.0	-3.6	-15.3	-2.3	-6.1	2.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-4.9	-4.4	-4.4	-2.5	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3	-2.7	-2.0	-4.5	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3
<b>Chemical Products Employment (000s)</b>	12.7	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	3.8	7.9	5.3	0.2	5.5	1.2	5.1	-2.4	-3.4	-6.0	7.0	-3.7	3.2
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-3.1	-1.5	0.0	0.8	1.6	2.4	3.2	2.4	1.5	0.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
<b>Lumber Products Employment (000s)</b>	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.8	9.0	9.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	25.5	20.6	0.9	9.0	-9.8	-5.7	-3.6	10.2	-21.5	-6.5	-2.9	22.9	-3.5
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-6.2	-2.1	0.0	2.3	2.1	2.2	3.3	4.5	2.2	1.1	0.1	2.3	0.1
<b>Transportation Equipment Average Weekly Hours</b>	41.0	42.1	43.0	42.7	42.4	42.6	43.5	43.1	42.5	40.7	38.5	42.1	43.0
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-42.2	34.5	29.4	-7.3	-8.0	4.2	28.4	-8.3	-15.9	-40.9	-47.9	185.9	29.0
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-4.4	-2.5	1.9	-0.5	-1.6	-4.5	-0.3	-2.1	-3.3	-13.2	-10.4	-2.1	4.7
<b>Fabricated Metals AWH</b>	39.1	42.5	39.3	40.3	36.8	41.3	41.0	41.8	42.0	42.9	43.9	43.8	43.6
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-17.6	168.0	-61.0	38.5	-67.0	308.5	-8.7	23.2	7.5	28.9	31.2	-2.7	-5.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-4.0	4.7	-4.1	0.0	-9.4	1.7	2.0	3.7	3.6	3.6	11.0	10.1	11.5
<b>Petroleum, Coal, Plastics &amp; Rubber Products AWH</b>	43.0	42.9	42.9	43.2	42.3	45.1	45.9	44.0	45.5	45.4	46.8	46.1	44.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	24.2	-3.2	0.1	10.1	-22.8	115.7	23.9	-39.8	49.9	-3.6	43.3	-16.0	-26.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	8.1	6.9	6.0	6.1	6.7	13.3	11.0	4.2	5.5	8.9	11.5	9.2	4.5
<b>Chemical Products AWH</b>	43.5	43.0	43.5	43.6	42.8	43.6	43.0	44.5	44.8	43.6	42.7	43.5	43.9
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-2.6	-13.4	16.1	1.6	-19.5	23.9	-14.5	50.6	8.7	-27.0	-22.7	24.8	11.4
% Chg Same Month Last Year	0.5	-0.8	0.2	0.2	-1.9	0.0	-1.2	3.0	4.2	1.9	-0.9	-0.2	0.9
<b>Lumber Products AWH</b>	38.7	39.3	40.1	40.4	39.4	40.9	41.1	40.7	42.2	39.9	39.4	39.5	42.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	21.0	20.8	24.9	9.7	-25.1	53.9	7.6	-11.9	54.5	-48.9	-12.6	1.0	143.1
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-0.8	1.3	4.4	5.7	2.8	7.9	8.4	8.1	11.4	4.1	3.4	3.6	9.8
<b>KY Initial Claims</b>	29,309.5	27,411.5	26,324.4	26,676.6	28,858.0	28,995.6	27,787.6	26,085.8	28,091.0	25,115.5	28,056.8	23,223.9	21,871.4
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-97.5	-55.2	-38.5	17.3	156.8	5.9	-40.0	-53.2	143.2	-73.9	277.7	-89.7	-51.3
% Chg Same Month Last Year	-49.9	-46.1	-51.4	-45.4	-26.6	-23.6	-23.0	-21.7	-16.5	-15.9	0.1	-41.7	-25.4
<b>KY Exhaustees</b>	6,539.8	5,439.6	5,201.2	5,726.9	4,662.7	5,035.1	4,505.3	4,347.7	5,043.9	4,114.3	4,790.2	4,309.3	3,841.5
% Chg Previous Month SAAR	-12.0	-89.0	-41.6	217.5	-91.5	151.4	-73.7	-34.8	494.4	-91.3	520.4	-71.9	-74.8
% Chg Same Month Last Year	34.8	-3.4	-22.3	-25.2	-39.6	-41.0	-44.4	-43.0	-34.8	-39.6	-23.9	-34.8	-41.3
<b>US Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	9.7	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.4	9.0	8.9	8.8
<b>KY Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	10.8	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.2