Kentucky

LOGISTICS LEAD THE WAY

Just the Facts:

**over 275 Million**

Kentucky has 275 million tons of freight move across its roadways each week.

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**over 2,600 Miles**

Kentucky has 2,600 miles of railroad track leading to all points in the U.S.

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**over 1,000 Miles**

Kentucky has nearly 1,600 kilometers of commercially navigable waterways.

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**3 Major Air Cargo Hubs**

Kentucky has three major air-cargo delivery hubs operated by DHL, UPS and Amazon.

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Interstate highways and state parkways.

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Global shipping hubs: DHL, UPS and Amazon.

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**5**

Commercial airports, including two international airports.

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**1,000**

Miles of commercially navigable waterways.

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**2,600**

Miles of railroads track that serve Kentucky, including 2,300 miles of Class I track.

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Active or developing riverports.

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Kentucky is within one day’s drive of two-thirds of the U.S. population.
Kentucky businesses are served by three major air hubs at Kentucky’s two international airports: UPS, DHL and Amazon Air, which began operation in 2021. Add to that a significant FedEx ground network, and Kentucky can easily be viewed as the logistics epicenter of the U.S.

The presence of these global companies gives Kentucky a lot more than jobs. They serve as a catalyst for dozens of other technology and logistics-based companies to locate or expand operations in Kentucky. Companies know they will have easy and immediate access to deliver Kentucky-made products to the worldwide marketplace. In fact, the carriers help position the commonwealth as a national leader in air cargo shipments.

**UPS**

The UPS Worldport at Louisville International Airport is the largest fully automated package-handling facility in the world. The operation turns more than 300 flights daily, processing an average of 2 million packages a day.

UPS chose to locate Worldport, its global logistics hub, in Louisville based on several important factors:

- proximity to population centers
- the airport’s strong record for staying open in inclement weather
- the community’s quality of life
- the willingness of city and state government to work together

**DHL**

DHL’s global hub at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) in Northern Kentucky handles about 90 percent of the DHL shipments that enter the United States. DHL Express U.S. specializes exclusively in international shipping for importers and exporters, employing more than 2,000 workers at CVG, where nearly 100 flights operate daily, connecting shipments across the United States and around the globe.

**AMAZON**

In 2021, Amazon opened its new air hub at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) in Hebron. The $1.5 billion project is creating more than 2,000 full- and part-time jobs in Northern Kentucky and will feature 100 daily flights at full capacity. The new hub builds on the company’s presence in the commonwealth, which includes 15 fulfillment centers and over 18,000 employees statewide.

**FEDEX**

FedEx, which maintains operations across the commonwealth including a distribution station in Paducah and a freight operation in London in Eastern Kentucky’s Laurel County, is in growth mode as its package volume doubled in the past decade.

FedEx’s other Kentucky facilities include a 500-employee ground package operation in Northern Kentucky, an expanding freight facility in Lexington and its East Louisville Ground Station, opened in 2016. From its East Louisville facility, FedEx Ground offers one-day service as far south as Birmingham, north to the Wisconsin border and east to Pittsburgh.

Numerous railroads also serve Kentucky with 2,600 miles of track, including 2,300 miles of Class I track. Railroads operating in the state include CSX, Norfolk Southern, Canadian National Railway Company, and the Paducah and Louisville Railway. The state also offers regional and local distribution networks of shortline railroads and intermodal freight facilities.

Note:

Commercial airports include Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky, Louisville Muhammad Ali International, Blue Grass (Lexington), Barkley Regional (Paducah) and Owensboro-Daviess County Regional.