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THE MERIT SHOP SCORECARD

A Review & Ranking of State Construction Environments

Kentucky

Project Labor Agreements

State prohibits government-mandated project labor agreements on public construction projects.

Prevailing Wage

No.

Right to Work

Yes.

Public-Private Partnerships

State may solicit proposals for and enter into build-to-suit leases with an option to purchase on vertical projects. State may enter into P3s for transportation or other infrastructure projects. The state has also established the Local Government Public-Private Partnership Board to oversee the establishment and maintenance of P3 agreements.

Workforce Development Incentives

Current labor supply satisfies 94% of peak labor demand.

State offered \$4,000,000 in grants and incentives for workforce preparation and development in 2019.

Career and Technical Education

98% of CTE high school graduates are placed in colleges or careers.

Kentucky recognizes NCCER as an approved curriculum for CTE programs.

Job Growth Rate

1.4%.

Industry Overview

OVERALL RANK 10

Project Labor Agreements A

Prevailing Wage A

Right to Work A

Public-Private Partnerships A

Workforce Development Incentives D

Career & Technical Education A

Job Growth Rate D

Compared to the National Average

KENTUCKY		NATIONAL
A	PLA	B
A	PPP	C
D	WDI	C
A	CTE	B
D	JGR	C

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Prompt Pay	<p><u>Private</u>: Owner must pay sub within 30 days of invoice.</p> <p><u>Public</u>: Owner must pay sub within 30 days of invoice.</p> <p><u>Subs</u>: For both public and private, the contractor must pay subs within 15 days of being paid by owner. Subs must pay lower tiers within 15 days.</p>
Immigration/E-Verify Mandate	No law in place.
Percentage of State GDP From Nonresidential Construction	4.2%.
Incidence Rate	3.1.
Occupational Safety & Health Oversight (State vs. Federal)	State plan covers private workplaces and state and local government workplaces.
Percentage of Union Membership in Private Construction	12.2%.
Marijuana Legalization Status	Fully illegal.

Business Facts

Minimum Wage	\$7.25
Percentage of Pensions Funded	33.9%
Effective Real-Estate Tax Rate	0.86%
Corporate Income Tax Rate(s)	5%.
State and Local Public Construction Expenditures (in millions)	\$3,684.