

81.010 Classification of cities.

Cities are classified as follows:

- (1) First class:
 - Louisville, Jefferson County
- (2) Second class:
 - Ashland, Boyd County
 - Bowling Green, Warren County
 - Covington, Kenton County
 - Frankfort, Franklin County
 - Henderson, Henderson County
 - Hopkinsville, Christian County
 - Jeffersontown, Jefferson County
 - Lexington, Fayette County
 - Newport, Campbell County
 - Owensboro, Daviess County
 - Paducah, McCracken County
 - Radcliff, Hardin County
 - Richmond, Madison County
- (3) Third class:
 - Campbellsville, Taylor County
 - Danville, Boyle County
 - Erlanger, Kenton County
 - Flatwoods, Greenup County
 - Florence, Boone County
 - Glasgow, Barren County
 - Hazard, Perry County
 - Independence, Kenton County
 - Mayfield, Graves County
 - Maysville, Mason County
 - Middlesboro, Bell County
 - Murray, Calloway County
 - Nicholasville, Jessamine County
 - Paris, Bourbon County
 - Prospect, Jefferson County
 - Pikeville, Pike County
 - Shively, Jefferson County
 - Somerset, Pulaski County

- Winchester, Clark County
- (4) Fourth class:
- Albany, Clinton County
- Alexandria, Campbell County
- Anchorage, Jefferson County
- Augusta, Bracken County
- Barbourville, Knox County
- Bardstown, Nelson County
- Beaver Dam, Ohio County
- Bellevue, Campbell County
- Benton, Marshall County
- Berea, Madison County
- Cadiz, Trigg County
- Calvert City, Marshall County
- Carlisle, Nicholas County
- Carrollton, Carroll County
- Catlettsburg, Boyd County
- Cave City, Barren County
- Central City, Muhlenberg County
- Columbia, Adair County
- Corbin, Whitley and Knox Counties
- Crescent Springs, Kenton County
- Crestview Hills, Kenton County
- Cumberland, Harlan County
- Cynthiana, Harrison County
- Dawson Springs, Hopkins County
- Dayton, Campbell County
- Douglass Hills, Jefferson County
- Earlington, Hopkins County
- Edgewood, Kenton County
- Elizabethtown, Hardin County
- Elkhorn City, Pike County
- Elkton, Todd County
- Elsmere, Kenton County
- Eminence, Henry County
- Falmouth, Pendleton County
- Flemingsburg, Fleming County

Fort Mitchell, Kenton County
Fort Thomas, Campbell County
Fort Wright, Kenton County
Franklin, Simpson County
Fulton, Fulton County
Georgetown, Scott County
Graymoor/Devondale, Jefferson County
Grayson, Carter County
Greenville, Muhlenberg County
Harlan, Harlan County
Harrodsburg, Mercer County
Hickman, Fulton County
Highland Heights, Campbell County
Hillview, Bullitt County
Hodgenville, Larue County
Horse Cave, Hart County
Hurstbourne, Jefferson County
Indian Hills, Jefferson County
Irvine, Estill County
Jackson, Breathitt County
Jenkins, Letcher County
LaGrange, Oldham County
Lancaster, Garrard County
Lawrenceburg, Anderson County
Lebanon, Marion County
Leitchfield, Grayson County
London, Laurel County
Ludlow, Kenton County
Lyndon, Jefferson County
Madisonville, Hopkins County
Manchester, Clay County
Marion, Crittenden County
Martin, Floyd County
Middletown, Jefferson County
Monticello, Wayne County
Morehead, Rowan County
Morganfield, Union County

Mount Sterling, Montgomery County
Mount Washington, Bullitt County
Oak Grove, Christian County
Olive Hill, Carter County
Owingsville, Bath County
Paintsville, Johnson County
Park Hills, Kenton County
Pineville, Bell County
Pioneer Village, Bullitt County
Prestonsburg, Floyd County
Princeton, Caldwell County
Providence, Webster County
Russell, Greenup County
Russellville, Logan County
Saint Regis Park, Jefferson County
Salyersville, Magoffin County
Scottsville, Allen County
Shelbyville, Shelby County
Shepherdsville, Bullitt County
Southgate, Campbell County
Springfield, Washington County
St. Matthews, Jefferson County
Stanford, Lincoln County
Stanton, Powell County
Sturgis, Union County
Taylor Mill, Kenton County
Union, Boone County
Vanceburg, Lewis County
Versailles, Woodford County
Villa Hills, Kenton County
Vine Grove, Hardin County
Warsaw, Gallatin County
West Liberty, Morgan County
Whitesburg, Letcher County
Williamsburg, Whitley County
Wilmore, Jessamine County

(5) Fifth class:

Adairville, Logan County
Auburn, Logan County
Audubon Park, Jefferson County
Barbourmeade, Jefferson County
Bardwell, Carlisle County
Beattyville, Lee County
Beechwood Village, Jefferson County
Benham, Harlan County
Bloomfield, Nelson County
Brandenburg, Meade County
Brodhead, Rockcastle County
Bromley, Kenton County
Brooksville, Bracken County
Brownsville, Edmonson County
Burgin, Mercer County
Burkesville, Cumberland County
Burnside, Pulaski County
Butler, Pendleton County
Calhoun, McLean County
Camargo, Montgomery County
Campbellsburg, Henry County
Clay, Webster County
Clay City, Powell County
Clinton, Hickman County
Cloverport, Breckinridge County
Cold Spring, Campbell County
Columbus, Hickman County
Corydon, Henderson County
Crestwood, Oldham County
Crittenden, Grant County
Crofton, Christian County
Devondale, Jefferson County
Drakesboro, Muhlenberg County
Dry Ridge, Grant County
Eddyville, Lyon County
Edmonton, Metcalfe County
Evarts, Harlan County

Ferguson, Pulaski County
Fleming-Neon, Letcher County
Fredonia, Caldwell County
Goshen, Oldham County
Grand River, Livingston County
Greensburg, Green County
Greenup, Greenup County
Guthrie, Todd County
Hardin, Marshall County
Hardinsburg, Breckinridge County
Hartford, Ohio County
Hawesville, Hancock County
Hebron Estates, Bullitt County
Hindman, Knott County
Hollow Creek, Jefferson County
Hurstbourne Acres, Jefferson County
Hustonville, Lincoln County
Indian Hills-Cherokee, Jefferson County
Irvington, Breckinridge County
Jamestown, Russell County
Jeffersonville, Montgomery County
Junction City, Boyle County
Kuttawa, Lyon County
La Center, Ballard County
Lakeside Park, Kenton County
Lebanon Junction, Bullitt County
Lewisburg, Logan County
Lewisport, Hancock County
Liberty, Casey County
Livermore, McLean County
Louisa, Lawrence County
Loyall, Harlan County
Lynch, Harlan County
Lynnview, Jefferson County
McKee, Jackson County
Meadowvale, Jefferson County
Midway, Woodford County

Millersburg, Bourbon County
Minor Lane Heights, Jefferson County
Morgantown, Butler County
Morton's Gap, Hopkins County
Mt. Olivet, Robertson County
Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County
Muldraugh, Meade County
Munfordville, Hart County
New Castle, Henry County
North Middletown, Bourbon County
Northfield, Jefferson County
Nortonville, Hopkins County
Orchard Grass Hills, Oldham County
Owenton, Owen County
Park City, Barren County
Perryville, Boyle County
Pewee Valley, Oldham County
Plantation, Jefferson County
Powderly, Muhlenberg County
Raceland, Greenup County
Ravenna, Estill County
Rolling Hills, Jefferson County
Russell Springs, Russell County
Sandy Hook, Elliott County
Sebree, Webster County
Silver Grove, Campbell County
Simpsonville, Shelby County
Smiths Grove, Warren County
South Shore, Greenup County
Taylorsville, Spencer County
Tompkinsville, Monroe County
Uniontown, Union County
Van Lear, Johnson County
Walton, Boone County
Washington, Mason County
Watterson Park, Jefferson County
West Buechel, Jefferson County

West Point, Hardin County
White Plains, Hopkins County
Wickliffe, Ballard County
Wilder, Campbell County
Williamstown, Grant County
Windy Hills, Jefferson County
Woodlawn Park, Jefferson County
Worthington, Greenup County

(6) All other incorporated cities belong to the sixth class.

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effective June 17, 1978; ch. 353, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978; ch. 377, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978; ch. 393, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978; and ch. 397, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978. -- Amended 1976 Ky. Acts ch. 26, sec. 1; ch. 40, sec. 1; ch. 131, sec. 1; ch. 156, sec. 1; ch. 325, sec. 1; and ch. 370, sec. 1. -- Amended 1974 Ky. Acts ch. 94, sec. 1; ch. 102, sec. 1; ch. 129, sec. 1; ch. 171, sec. 1; ch. 197, sec. 1; ch. 233, sec. 1; ch. 234, sec. 1; ch. 240, sec. 1; and ch. 344, secs. 1 and 2. -- Amended 1972 Ky. Acts ch. 7, sec. 1; ch. 10, sec. 1; ch. 68, sec. 1; ch. 69, sec. 1; ch. 106, sec. 1; and ch. 350, sec. 1. -- Amended 1970 Ky. Acts ch. 31, sec. 1; ch. 52, sec. 1; ch. 107, sec. 1; ch. 113, sec. 1; ch. 144, sec. 1; ch. 187, sec. 1; ch. 235, sec. 1; and ch. 253, sec. 1. -- Amended 1968 Ky. Acts ch. 5, sec. 1; ch. 6, sec. 1; ch. 7, sec. 1; ch. 9, sec. 1; ch. 16, sec. 1; ch. 20, sec. 1; ch. 57, sec. 1; ch. 86, sec. 1; and ch. 111, sec. 1. -- Amended 1966 Ky. Acts ch. 14, sec. 1; ch. 54, sec. 1; ch. 56, sec. 1; ch. 57, sec. 1; ch. 58, sec. 1; ch. 65, sec. 1; ch. 86, sec. 1; ch. 98, sec. 1; ch. 101, sec. 1; ch. 141, sec. 1; ch. 169, sec. 1; ch. 186, sec. 1; ch. 197, sec. 1; and ch. 206, sec. 1. -- Amended 1964 Ky. Acts ch. 1, sec. 1; ch. 11, sec. 1; ch. 29, sec. 1; ch. 39, sec. 1; ch. 44, sec. 1; ch. 52, sec. 1; ch. 54, sec. 1; ch. 62, sec. 1; ch. 64, sec. 1; ch. 94, sec. 1; and ch. 198, sec. 1. -- Amended 1962 Ky. Acts ch. 4, sec. 1; ch. 77, sec. 1; ch. 128, sec. 1; ch. 192, sec. 1; and ch. 287, sec. 1. -- Amended 1960 Ky. Acts ch. 30, sec. 1; and ch. 50, sec. 1. -- Amended 1958 Ky. Acts ch. 14, sec. 1; ch. 16, sec. 1; ch. 19, sec. 1; ch. 30, sec. 1; ch. 31, sec. 1; ch. 32, sec. 1; ch. 79, sec. 1; ch. 84, sec. 1; and ch. 91, sec. 1. -- Amended 1956 Ky. Acts ch. 6, sec. 1; ch. 7, sec. 1; ch. 40, sec. 1; ch. 42, sec. 1; ch. 70, sec. 1; ch. 92, sec. 1; ch. 111, sec. 1; and ch. 127, sec. 1. -- Amended 1954 Ky. Acts ch. 6, sec. 1; ch. 19, sec. 1; ch. 70, sec. 1; ch. 72, sec. 1; ch. 127, sec. 1; ch. 184, sec. 1; and ch. 228, sec. 1. -- Amended 1952 Ky. Acts ch. 10, sec. 1; ch. 39, sec. 1; ch. 66, sec. 1; ch. 81, sec. 1; ch. 95, sec. 1; ch. 102, sec. 1; ch. 108, sec. 1; ch. 205, sec. 1; ch. 217, sec. 1; and ch. 229, sec. 1. -- Amended 1950 Ky. Acts ch. 14, sec. 1; ch. 19, sec. 1; ch. 37, sec. 1; ch. 40, sec. 1; ch. 46, sec. 1; ch. 49, sec. 1; ch. 61, sec. 1; ch. 80, sec. 1; ch. 82, sec. 1; ch. 83, sec. 1; ch. 84, sec. 1; ch. 100, sec. 1; ch. 114 sec. 1; ch. 116, sec. 1; ch. 135, sec. 1; ch. 136, sec. 1; ch. 144, sec. 1; ch. 148, sec. 1; and ch. 149, sec. 1. -- Amended 1948 Ky. Acts ch. 13, sec. 1; and ch. 215, sec. 1. -- Amended 1946 Ky. Acts ch. 9, sec. 1; and ch. 42, sec. 1. -- Amended 1944 Ky. Acts ch. 57, sec. 1; and ch. 116, sec. 1. -- Amended 1942 Ky. Acts ch. 177, sec. 1. -- Recodified 1942 Ky. Acts ch. 208, sec. 1, effective October 1, 1942, from Ky. Stat. sec. 2740, 2741.

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