



# Speak Up, Kentucky

**Regional Public Meetings  
In Preparation for the State's  
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice  
Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024  
Annual Action Plan for 2020**

**Hopkinsville, KY  
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# Welcome

Our goal today is to listen to your experiences, opinions, comments and ideas on how to address affordable housing, fair housing and community development issues across Kentucky.

Our presentation is brief.

We want to provide most of our time to hear what you have to say.



# Background Information

# Kentucky receives approximately \$48 million from HUD annually

These funds are spent on:

- Rehabilitating housing and building new housing
- Providing new water and sewer lines
- Creating new jobs and assisting businesses
- Providing drug rehabilitation treatment
- Assisting persons and families who are homeless
- Many other activities

# Kentucky must plan for how it will invest funds for the next five years

- What is the best way to invest the funds and help the most people?
- Are conditions better or worse than five years ago?
- Are there projects that are working well and should be continued?
- Are there new projects or ideas that the State should consider?



# Recent Trends 2010-2017

# Population Change, 2010-2017

Statewide Median: +1.3%

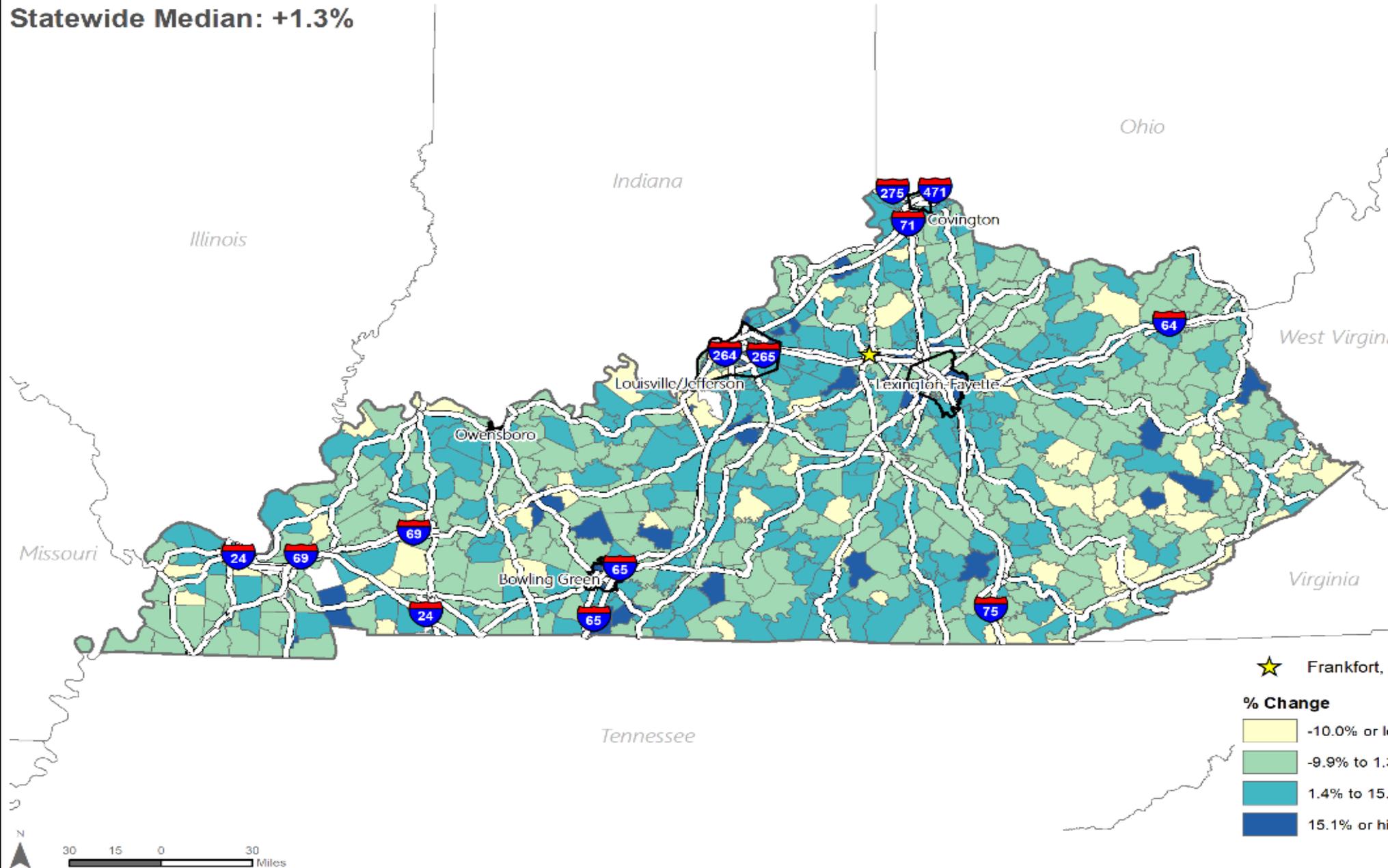


## Between 2010-2017:

US population increased 4%

KY population increased 9.5%

Jefferson and Fayette Counties accounted for 50% of KY's growth



# Minority Population, 2017

Statewide Median: 8.4%

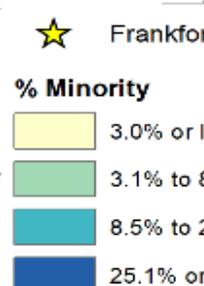
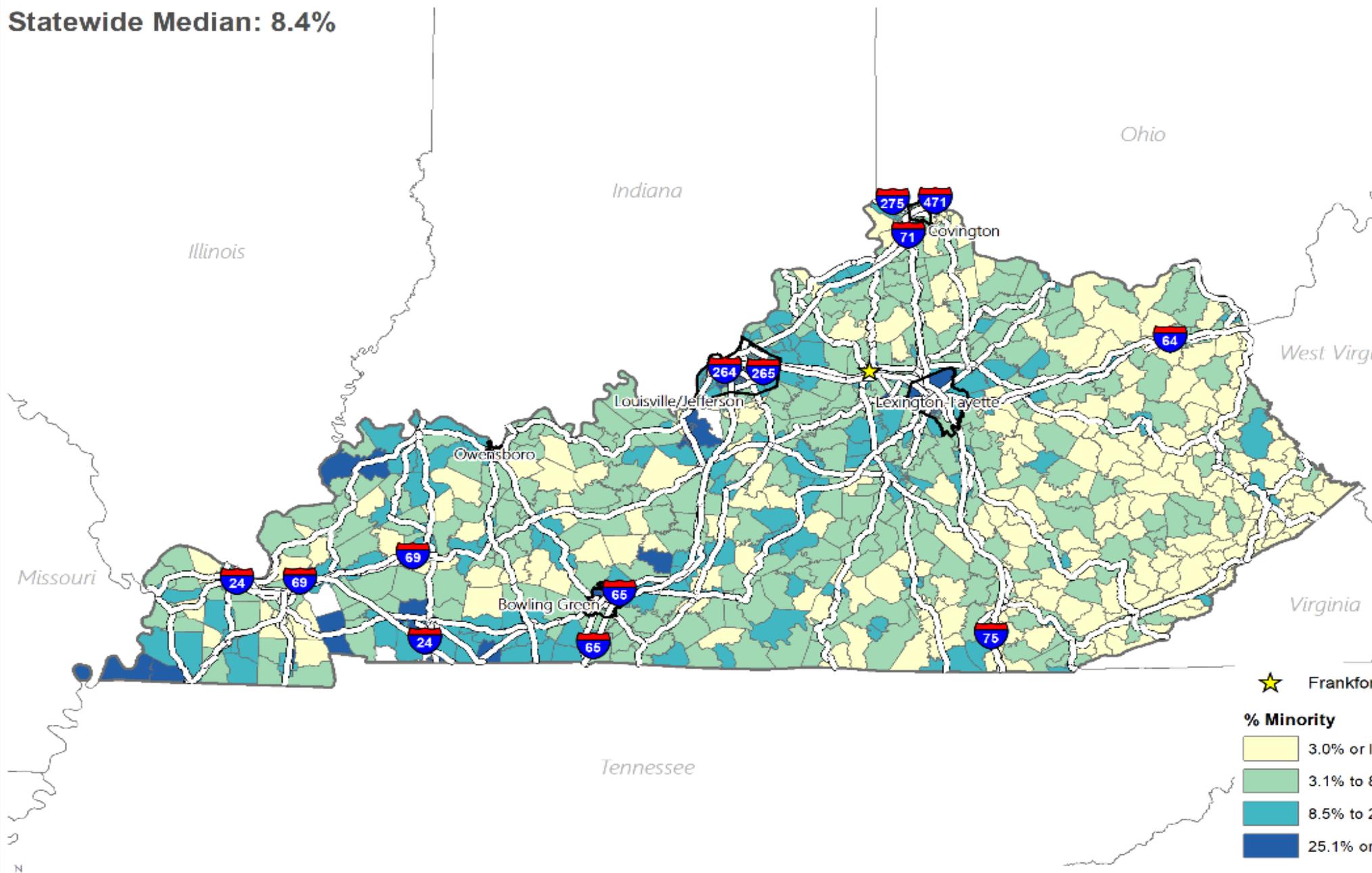


## Between 2010-2017:

US minority population increased 1.7%

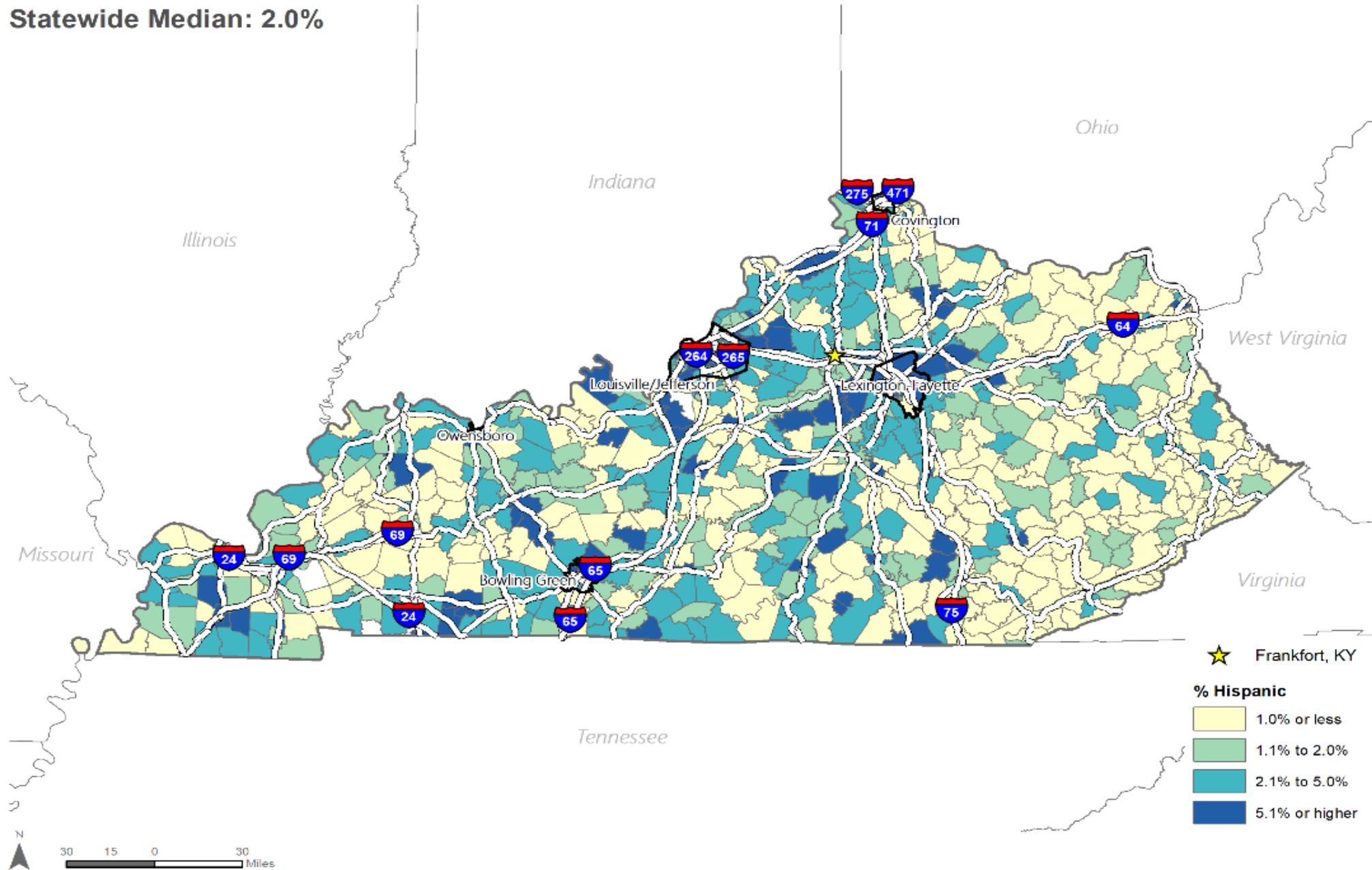
KY minority population increased 6%

Jefferson and Fayette Counties accounted for 45% of KY's minority population growth



# Hispanic Population, 2017

Statewide Median: 2.0%



## Between 2010-2017:

US Hispanic population increased 12%

KY Hispanic population increased 14.4%

Jefferson and Fayette Counties accounted for 37% of KY's Hispanic population growth

# Poverty Rate, 2017

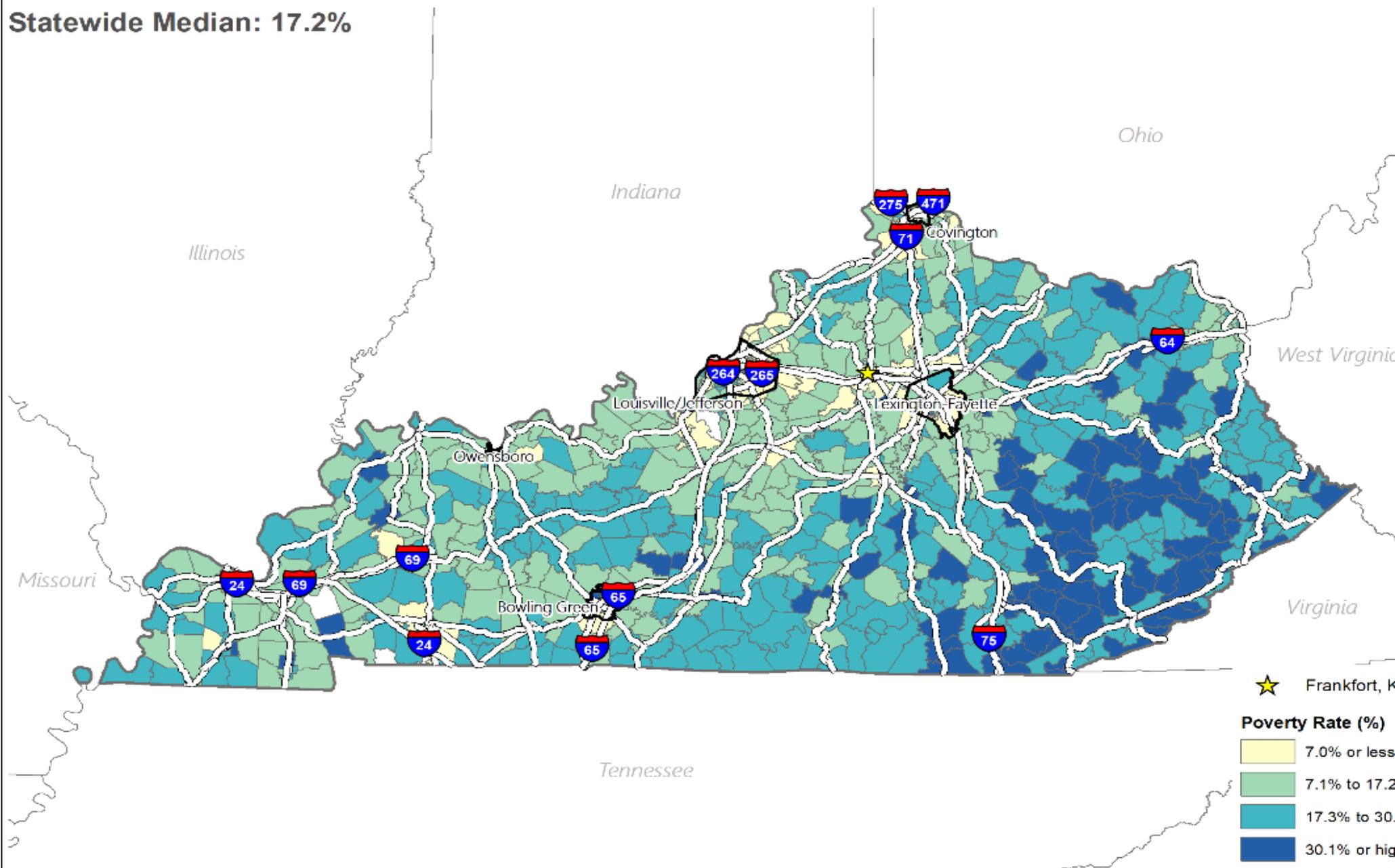
Statewide Median: 17.2%



US poverty rate was 14.6%

KY poverty rate was 18.3%

Darkest counties on map have poverty rates of 30% and higher



★ Frankfort, KY

### Poverty Rate (%)

- 7.0% or less
- 7.1% to 17.2%
- 17.3% to 30.0%
- 30.1% or higher

# Homeownership Rate, 2017

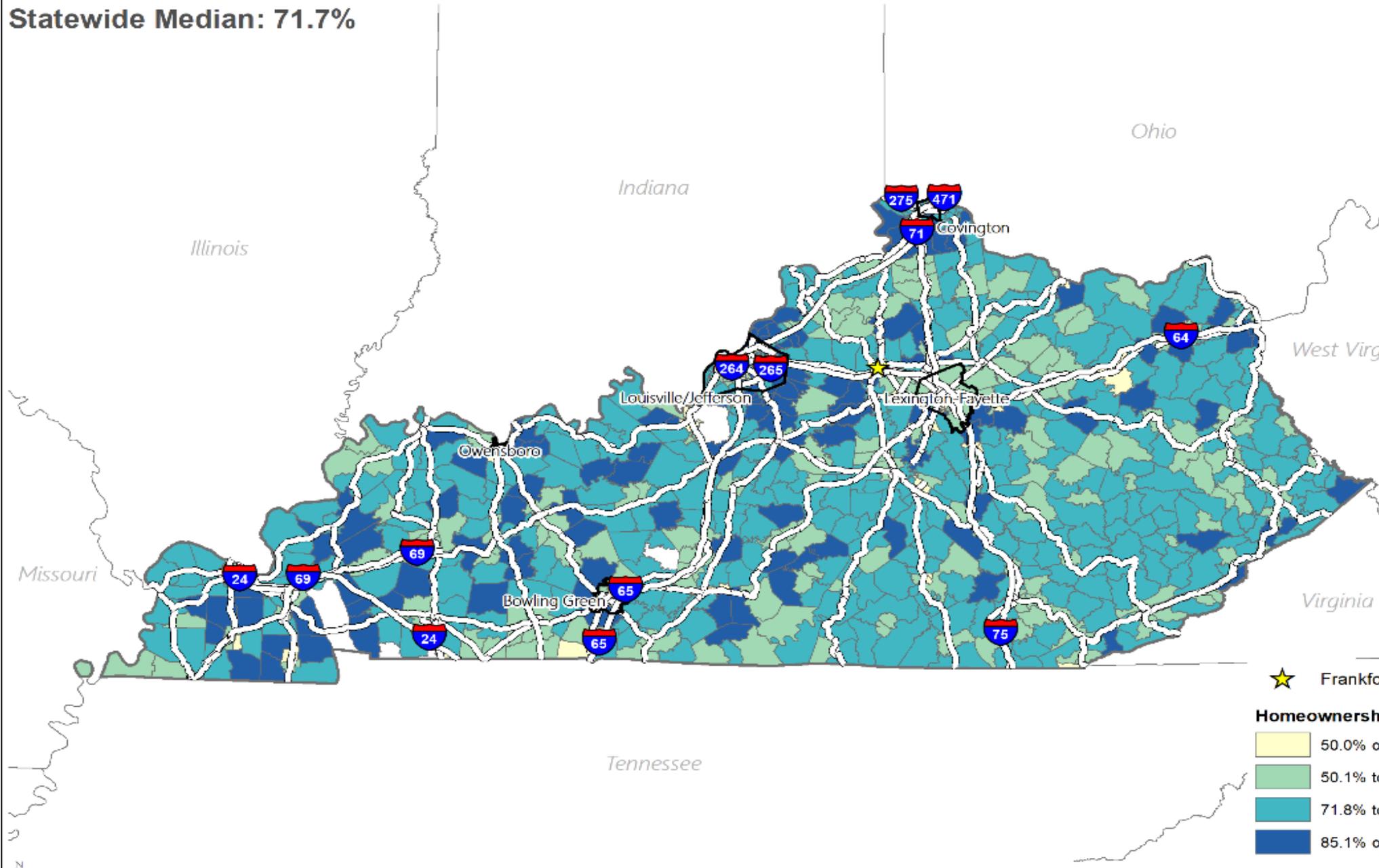
Statewide Median: 71.7%



US homeownership rate was 63.8%

KY homeownership rate was 67%

Darkest counties on map have homeownership rates of 85% and higher



# Kentucky is committed to providing fair housing choice

- Federal and State law protect residents to choose and keep their housing free from discrimination based on:
  - Race
  - Skin color
  - Religion
  - Sex
  - National origin
  - Familial status
  - Disability status



# Small Group Activity

# Break out into Small Groups

- Select a Group Leader and a Scribe
- Instructions and pens are being passed around now
- There are five questions we want you to answer in your groups
- Then identify the five most important answers to each question
- When all groups are finished, we'll get back together and hear what each group has to say
- We'll be walking around to each group to answer questions

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# Five Questions

1. What is the greatest challenge to finding and keeping safe, decent and affordable housing in Kentucky?
2. What is the greatest challenge to creating **more** affordable housing for Kentuckians?
3. What other needs are required in your community to improve the quality of life for residents? (examples: better paying jobs, water service, sewer service, substance abuse treatment, etc.)
4. Have you been discriminated against in your search for housing or in your efforts to keep your housing? What was the outcome?
5. In your opinion, what is the single most important thing the state should be doing to create more affordable housing across Kentucky?

1. What is the greatest challenge to finding and keeping safe, decent and affordable housing in Kentucky?

- Lack of landlord-tenant code in all jurisdictions (URLTA)
- Affordable housing in college towns geared to students
- Few starter homes are being built
- Lack of funding
- Lack of accessible units in a range of sizes
- Lack of homeowner education programs and reputable credit repair programs

## 2. What is the greatest challenge to creating *more* affordable housing for Kentuckians?

- There are not enough incentives for developers to build affordable housing
- Local officials do not understand the need for affordable housing and homeless shelters, often do not approve them
- Lack of funding

3. What other needs are required in your community to improve the quality of life for residents? (examples: better paying jobs, water service, sewer service, substance abuse treatment, etc.)

- Better paying jobs are needed
- Reliable transportation that operates on the weekends and during second- and third-shift hours
- Childcare that is both affordable and available to second shift workers
- Parks and playgrounds for youth

4. Have you been discriminated against in your search for housing or in your efforts to keep your housing? What was the outcome?
- Discrimination based on familial status exists
  - Discrimination against victims of domestic violence because landlords think that the offender will cause trouble and then the police will be called frequently
  - Discrimination against persons with a history of contact with the criminal justice system

5. In your opinion, what is the single most important thing the state should be doing to create more affordable housing across Kentucky?

- Enforce statewide laws for landlord responsibilities
  - Mandate URLTA
- Educate elected/appointed local officials on the value of affordable housing
- Develop building codes prioritizing the development of more affordable housing
- Increase access to funding for developing more affordable housing
- Alignment and streamlining of local, state and federal policies
- Look to other communities for innovative solutions such as the Minnesota Mall shelter

# Thank you, Kentucky

Today's results will be posted online next week:

<http://www.kyhousing.org/speak-up/Pages/default.aspx>

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