

**Kentucky Board of Education**  
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**Report from the Secretary**  
**Education and Workforce Development Cabinet**

**Kentucky Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS)**

About the office: The Office of Education and Workforce Statistics manages and oversees the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System. The System is a data repository housing early childhood through postsecondary education, and training and employment information. The Office removes individual identifiers from the data and links information across agencies, schools, and institutions to provide a complete picture of the education-to-employment process to better inform decisions made by state and local policy makers, the general public, and other stakeholders. The office conducts studies and provides feedback about the performance of high school graduates after they go to college; the outcome of teacher preparation, college, adult education, and other programs; and develops the Kentucky County Profiles book. The Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics Board is comprised of the heads of the five participating agencies and includes the commissioner of the Department of Education, the president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, the secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, the Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board, and the CEO/Executive Director of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. The board is charged with developing a detailed access and use policy for data and information request, overseeing the Office and establishing its research agenda, and overseeing compliance by the Office with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other relevant federal and state privacy laws.

Current projects: KCEWS is finalizing the annual data submission received from education and workforce agencies. The Center is in various stages of developing a series of annual reports, to be released by the end of FY 2016. These reports include outcomes for early childhood, high school graduates, career readiness, teacher preparation, adult education and postsecondary education. KCEWS is also working to collect and integrate data required as a part of Kentucky's transition to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and coordinates work with the various training providers and state agencies required to submit annual performance measures.

KCEWS has received national attention being recently selected to present on Kentucky's processes at the Longitudinal Data System Best Practices Conference. Work is wrapping up on the 2012 SLDS grant, which focused on the integration of workforce data and using workforce as an outcome for education. The KCEWS team is now fully involved in work from the recently awarded national grant with the main focus on developing a dynamic reporting solution which will allow stakeholders at all levels access to data they need to make decisions about education and workforce programs in their specific area.