

**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
  - 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  
Greensburg, Green County  
Greenville, Muhlenberg County  
Guthrie, Todd 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  
Junction City, Boyle 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  
Midway, Woodford 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  
Pikeville, Pike 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  
Greenup, Greenup 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  
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

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  
Sadieville, Scott 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  
Wurtland, Greenup County

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

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ch. 281, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1980; and ch. 389, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1980. -- Amended 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 64, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978; ch. 73, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978; ch. 89, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978; ch. 191, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978; ch. 252, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978; ch. 319, sec. 1, 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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ch. 49, secs. 1, 2, and 3; and ch. 89, secs. 1, 2, 3, and 4.