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Kentucky Canadian Studies Consortium  
<http://www.uky.edu/OtherOrgs/KCSA/>

Kentucky Educational Television  
<http://www.dl.ket.org/>

offers foreign language distance learning opportunities to Kentucky high school students, both via satellite and the world-wide web.

Kentucky Council on the teaching of Foreign Languages  
<http://www.kctfl.org/>

Kentucky World Language Association  
<http://www.kwla-online.org/>

Other World Languages - KY Department of Education  
<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/High+School/Language+Learning/Other+World+Languages/default.htm>

Kentucky Framework for World Language Learning  
<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/High+School/Language+Learning/Other+World+Languages/Kentucky+Framework+for+World+Language+Learning.htm>

Kentucky Institute for International Studies  
<http://kiis.org/xkiis/index.php>

312 Faculty Hall  
Murray State University  
Murray, KY 42071-3341

Kentucky Foreign Languages Conference  
<http://www.uky.edu/AS/KFLC/>

### **International Baccalaureate Programs in Kentucky**

Apollo High School  
2280 Tamarack Road  
Owensboro KY 42301  
<http://www.ahs.dcps.org>

Holmes High School  
<http://www.hhs.covington.k12.ky.us/>  
25th and Madison Avenue  
Covington Independent Schools  
Covington  
Kentucky  
41014

Atherton High School  
<http://www.athertonhighschool.com/>  
3000 Dundee Road  
Louisville  
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Sacred Heart Academy  
<http://sacredheartacad.com>  
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**Sister Cities:**

A Louisville sister city is Montpellier, France  
gave statue of Louis XVI  
Montpellier scholarship distributed through Alliance Française

A Lexington sister city is Deauville, France

France Etats-Unis: une histoire d'une relation énigmatique, a story of a troubled relationship.  
<http://sobota.free.fr/cofahc/>

This web study is co-authored by the Primary School St Matthews, Louisville, Kentucky and Collège Louis-Pasteur, Montbard, France

### **Kentucky Francophone Demography:**

There are nearly 13,000 French, French creole and cajun French speakers over 5 years old in Kentucky.

It has nearly 66,000 residents of declared Franco-American heritage and nearly 8000 of French Canadian heritage

### **FRANCOPHONE PLACE NAMES IN KENTUCKY**

La Belle Riviere, Bayou du chien, Riviere Ouabache, Riviere Saint Jerome, Versailles, La Grange, rue La Grange, Fayette County, LaFayette, Bourbon County, Paris, Beaumont, Bellevue, De Mossville, Etoile, La Center, Lebrun, Louisville, LaRue County, Frenchtown, Frenchbourg, Bourbonville, Bellefonte, Paducah (from French Padouca), Bellville, Canada, Lamont, Bourbon Springs, Bevier, Levee, Savoyard, Lyon County, Mozelle, Nappier. Belle Point, Leburn, Langnau, Lesbas, Belmont, Bellefonte, Bondurant, Bourne, Richelieu, Audubon State Park

### **SOME FRENCH MOMENTS IN KENTUCKY HISTORY**

1680 - Louis Hennepin, a Catholic Priest, descended the Mississippi River and visited Kentucky

about 1682 - La Salle stopped near the site of present-day Wickliffe while looking for the mouth of the Mississippi.

1682 - Robert Cavelier, sieur de La Salle stopped at what is now Wickliffe Mounds.

1685 and 1688 - Captain Henri de Tonty visited West Kentucky.

1729 - French explored the Ohio River landing in Boone County Kentucky  
1739 - Capt. Charles Lemoyne de Longueuil discovered Big Bone Lick (Boone County), and collected some fossils for Louis XV.  
1741 (Nov. 15) - Chicasaw attack against the French on the Kentucky  
1749 -  
Some time before 1753, French fur traders and Shawnee Indians settled opposite the mouth of the Scioto River in Greenup County.  
1753 - Geo. Washington sent by British to warn the French that they had built forts on English soil.  
1756 - French traders establish the first village in Kentucky, opposite Portsmouth, Ohio.  
1761 - Pierre St. Martin, Andrieu Renaud explored Kentucky Appalachians near Virginia.  
1763 - France ceded area including Kentucky to Britain (Treaty of Paris).  
1775 - Charles LeCompte led Marylanders to explore what is now Fincastle County  
1778 - Louisville was founded and  
1780 - named for King Louis XVI of France, in gratitude for French aid in the Revolution.  
1792 - French priests, Revs., Flaget, Levadoux, and Richard, met in Louisville and said a Mass there for the first time  
1793 - George Rogers Clark accepted the title of major general in the armies of France and commander-in-chief of the French Revolutionary Legions on the Mississippi River, .  
1793 - French priest, Father Stephen Badin (Jansenist), was sent to minister to Kentucky Catholic congregations.  
1798 - Charlotte Victorie (LECLERE) MENTELLE and her husband, Augustus Waldermarde Metelle, who had escaped from France during the revolution, opened a "French School" at the Transylvania Seminary in Lexington. Mary (Todd) Lincoln attended 1832-1836.  
1785 - Bourbon county named to honor the French royal family, and then county seat name changed from Hopewell to Paris (1790)  
1806 - A French colony under the leadership John A. and Louis Tarascon arrived at Louisville.  
1814-1815 (July to July) - Louis Philippe of France was the guest in the new house of Thomas D. Owings (Owingsville)  
1815 - John James Audubon (son of a French captain) moved to Kentucky  
after 1815 - A small but prominent group of French people came to Louisville , and lived mainly in the community of Shippingport.  
1815-1816: The paintings in the Cathedral of St. Joseph (Bardstown) were given by Louis Philippe of France, who may have visited the town earlier.  
1819 - consecration of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral (Bardstown), built through the efforts of French priest Benedict Joseph Flaget  
early 1830s - The French Dubocq family, refugees from the Haitian insurrection, moved to Shippingport  
1830  
1831 - (early December) Alexis de Tocqueville traveled a road from Westport to

Louisville, then Later from Louisville to Nashville.

1848 - Abbey Of Gethsemani in Trappist KY was founded by French Trappists Monks

French Jesuits banished from France after the July Revolution of 1830 had founded a college in Marion County, Kentucky

Dupre, Huntly. "The French in Early Kentucky." *Publications at The Filson Historical Society* 15 (1941): 78-104.

"At the time of the first settlement of Kentucky a Canadian French trader, named Loramie, established a store or trading station among the Indians.

Kentucky State Park Isn't Just For The Birds  
<http://www.friendsofauubon.org/Cromwell/Cromwellc.htm>

History of Saint Joseph Proto-Cathedral (Bardstown)  
<http://www.bardstown.com/~stjoe/history.html>

## **KENTUCKY AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**

### **Kentucky and International Trade & Affairs**

World Affairs Council of Louisville and Southern Indiana  
<http://licc-online.org/>

Kentucky International Trade News  
<http://www.einnews.com/kentucky/newsfeed-KentuckyInternationalTrade>

Kentucky Exports and Foreign Direct Investment  
<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/kyedc/pdfs/kyexport.pdf>

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development - International Trade  
<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/kyedc/inttrade.asp>

Kentucky World Trade Center  
<http://www.kwtc.org/>

333 West Vine Street  
Suite 1600  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

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Phone: 859-258-3139  
Fax: 859-233-0658  
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224 South Second Street  
Louisville, KY 40202  
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Phone: 502-574-2400  
Fax: (502) 574-1585  
E-mail: kwtc@louisvilleky.org

U.S. Department of Commerce  
International Trade Office  
601 West Broadway, Room 634B  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202  
Phone: 502-582-5066  
FAX 502-582-6573  
<http://www.commerce.gov/>

Somerset Export Assistance Center  
2292 S. Hwy 27, Suite 240  
Somerset, Kentucky 42501  
Phone: 606-677-6160  
FAX 606-677-6161  
Email : sara.melton@doc.gov

## *So, who buys what Kentucky makes?*

Value of exports from Kentucky in 2003 in millions of dollars:

total:	10,733.8
from Canada	3,424.4
from France	740.5
from Belgium	236.6
from Switzerland	121.3

Over 42% of Kentucky's exports went to French-speaking countries

In 2003 also, Kentucky ranked 8th in the US for the dollar value of its exports to France.

Value of exports from Kentucky in 2004 in millions of dollars:

total:	12,992.0
from Canada	4,632.9
from France	1,084.2
from Belgium	224.1
from Switzerland	153.3

Currently, 121,100 jobs in Kentucky that are sustained by exports (direct, indirect and induced). Kentucky is export-dependant. At \$3,134 per capita (2004), it ranked 9th in the nation, where the average per capita figure for exports was \$2,785.

Nearly 47% of Kentucky's exports went to French-speaking countries.

And no wonder; Kentucky's top two trading partners are Francophone countries. That's right. Canada is Kentucky's top trading partner, accounting for over 35% of Kentucky's total exports, and France is now Kentucky's 2nd largest export market, accounting for nearly 8.3%.

Value of exports from Kentucky in 2005 in millions of dollars:

total:	14,899.0
from Canada	5,087.0
from France	1,288.0
from Belgium	252.0
from Switzerland	150.

Total francophone exports among top 25 countries: 6777

Nearly 45.5% of Kentucky's exports went to French-speaking countries in 2005.

Here are figures for the dollar value of transborder surface trade between Kentucky and all Canadian Provinces between October 2004 and October 2005:

All Canadian Provinces to Kentucky	\$4,381,754,722
Kentucky to All Canadian Provinces	\$5,202,747,104

Can Kentucky keep that ballance favorable?

Kentucky Export Growth (American Chamber of Commerce in Canada)

[http://www.amchamcanada.ca/p\\_states.php?state=KY&article=Kentucky%20Export%20Growth](http://www.amchamcanada.ca/p_states.php?state=KY&article=Kentucky%20Export%20Growth)

### **Foreign Direct Investment:**

Kentucky, with 5.4% of its work force employed by foreign-owned companies ranks 13th in the country in its dependence on foreign-direct investment. Nearly 20 percent of its manufacturing employees work for foreign affiliates

In 1995, 121,151 acres of Kentucky farmland was owned by foreign investors

strong foreign investment in Northern Kentucky, with French-owned A-Carb LLC

A-CARB (aircraft carbon brake disk manufacturer) located in Northern Kentucky, is a subsidiary of Messier-Bugatti, French Company based near Paris.

Lafarge Gypsum plant

Gov. Paul Patton, who recruited the French-owned company to Northern Kentucky

<http://www.kypost.com/2001/mar/20/kedita032001.html>

Lafarge Corp.'s French company in Silver Grove, Ky (pasteboard)

latest move : US\$120-million, 100-job expansion scheduled for completion by mid-2007

Faurecia Exhaust Systems, a French auto parts manufacturer is located in Louisville

Kentucky Fried Chicken (Louisville) operates 3000 franchises outside the US 40%

KFC France: <http://www.kfc.fr>

KFC Canada: <http://www.kfc.ca>

Little Kentucky Smokehouse (Union County) has partnership projects with Fleury Michon company in France

I believe "Wild Turkey" is still owned by Moulinex

Laughing Cow in Leitchfield KY is part of La Vache qui Rit (a French brand)

Ferry Morris Seed Company in Fulton KY is owned by Limangrain SA, headquartered in France)

French-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cincinnati  
<http://www.france-cincinnati.com/facc/index.html>

Canadian business: There is also a branch of Dofasco, Gallatin Steel, located in Gallatin County, Kentucky (Ghent). joint venture between Dofasco, Inc. and Gerdau Ameristeel employing over 400 people more than 1.4 million tons of hot band coils on an annual basis

Bel/Kaukauna USA makes Laughing Cow (vache-qui-rit) in their Leitchfield, Kentucky. This plant actually undroduces for its American market

French firm plans \$59 million investment in local facility (Louisville)  
<http://www.bizjournals.com/louisville/stories/2005/03/28/daily36.html>

Arkema Inc in Louisville is a French firm

NKU is also in the center of a large Francophone community

Canadian Economic relations with Kentucky  
<http://www.canadianembassy.org/statetrade/ky-en.asp>

The award-winning William H. Natcher Bridge, spanning the Ohio River between between Owensboro, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, had French firm EGIS Project as a co-developer.

Kentucky: Exports, Jobs, and Foreign Investment (November 2005)  
[http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state\\_reports/kentucky.html](http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/kentucky.html)

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development - International  
Offices  
<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/kyedc/intltrad.asp>

Kentucky World Trade Centers  
<http://www.kwtc.org/>

*Here are some Kentucky-based Companies with important  
subsidiaries in France:*

Alltech Biotech, Inc. - Nicholasville, KY

Ashland, Inc. - Covington, KY

Exstream Software, Inc. - Lexington, KY

Ge Consumer & Industrial - General Electric Company - Louisville, KY

Lexmark International Inc. - Lexington, KY

Rev-A-Shelf Inc - Louisville, KY

Yum! Brands, Inc. - Louisville, KY

Also, the Dana Corporation, Owensboro's largest manufacturer has an operation with Penven in Cergy France.

Field Packing Co    Groupe Bongraine

### **French-Speaking Kentucky celebs:**

Johnny Depp (born John Christopher Depp in Owensboro)  
speaks French

Ashley Judd earned a BA in French from the University of  
Kentucky

### **Direct Political Advocacy in Kentucky**

Kentucky members of the US Congress:

<http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/cgi-bin/newseek.cgi?site=ctc&state=ky>

Directory of Kentucky House Members

<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/House/hseadd.htm>

Directory of Kentucky Senate Members

<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/Senate/senadd.htm>