ELIZABETHTOWN/HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

AN OVERVIEW

Elizabethtown is the seat of government for Hardin County, one of the larger counties in Kentucky with a population of over 108,000. Additionally, the Elizabethtown/Fort Knox Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has a population of approximately 150,000. Geographically, Elizabethtown is located at 37°42'10"N 85°51'58"W. The city has a total area of 24.4 miles. There are many businesses and a diverse industrial base that call the Hardin County area home. It is also home to the military installation at Fort Knox.

HARDIN COUNTY BUSINESS CLIMATE

Elizabethtown/Hardin County is located in the heart of the Eastern United States along Interstate 65. With its business-friendly attitude, low cost of doing business and low taxes, it offers a supportive and progressive climate for industry. Close cooperation between state and local government and the private sector has helped Elizabethtown attract and retain valued industries. This attitude is reflected in the participation of top government officials in economic development activities. The Mayor and County Judge Executive both serve on the Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation Board of Directors, a not-for-profit corporation that recruits new industries to the area. Top local officials also serve on the Board of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce and work closely with state and federal legislators to promote legislation conducive to maintaining a healthy business climate. The Mayor and County Judge Executive's willingness to serve in these capacities demonstrates their accessibility to the local business community.

THE ELIZABETHTOWN/HARDIN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION

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The Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation, a not-for-profit economic development organization, works with new and existing business and industry to enhance the overall economic growth and vitality of the Hardin County region through the creation of new jobs and capital investment. The Foundation is committed to providing assistance to ensure a company's success in Kentucky. The Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation has land available in two developed parks located in Elizabethtown. There are currently over 400 acres available with lots ranging from 2 acres to 150+ acres. The Foundation also manages the Glendale Certified Megasite for Hardin County Government. The site contains 1,551 acres and is bordered by CSX Rail and Interstate 65.

WORKFORCE

The Elizabethtown and Hardin County area is well know for having a highly trained and productive workforce. The potential labor pool extends beyond Hardin County to include the entire Lincoln Trail Region.

PROFILE:

Elizabethtown population: 29,335
Hardin County population: 108,191
Lincoln Trail Area population: 265,797

Hardin County (May2017)
- Civilian Labor force 49,461
- Employment: 47,298
- Unemployment 2,163
- Unemployment rate: 4.4%

Lincoln Trail Region (May 2017)
- Civilian Labor force 126,758
- Employment: 121,130
- Unemployment 5,628
- Unemployment rate: 4.4%

EXISTING EMPLOYERS

Elizabethtown/Hardin County has a well-established base of businesses. These companies have found the city's pro-business attitude a real strength for their continued growth and success. In addition to diverse manufacturing, the companies located here are part of the international community. We have industries from Asia, Europe and Mexico located in our industrial park. The following list of Elizabethtown's top manufacturing & service providers highlights the diversity of companies that call it home.

FACILITY NAME	PRODUCT	EMPLOYMENT
Metalsa	Truck frames	1792
Akebono Brake	Auto disc & drum brakes	1500
Altec Industries	Aerial devices for service trucks	850
AGC Automotive	Automobile safety glass	700
Jack Henry & Assoc.- iPay Solutions, Inc.	Electronic payments	366
Mouser Cabinetry	Custom wooden kitchen, bath cabinets & vanities	236
Flint Group	Organic pigments	230
Summit Polymers	Injection molded thermoplastics	205
Dow Corning Corp	Silicone sealants	200
Gates Corporation	Polyurethane belts	170
TMS Automotive / A & M Carriers	Transportation, warehousing & distribution of auto parts. Processing/sub-assembly etc.	150
Amaray	Consumer packaging	150
Flex Films (USA)	Production of flexible packaging solutions	140
Soudal/Accumetric	Manufacturer and packages adhesives and sealants	140
Knight's Mechanical	Full service mechanical contractor	120
Akebono Brake Corp. N.A. Hdqtr.	Headquarters for Akebono Brake Manufacturing	114
UPS Supply Chain Solutions	e-Commerce Distribution	111
Fischbach USA, Inc.	Molded caulking cartridges, plungers, nozzles	108

TRANSPORTATION

Access to transportation has always been key to doing business in Hardin County. Its central location, excellent highway system and rail and truck service make the region a prime spot for business.

Highways

Elizabethtown, with its network of highway access, is within a day's drive of nearly two thirds of the nation's population. Connecting to three major highways has helped it earn its nickname of "Hub City."

- **Interstate 65 that connects Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico.**
- **Bluegrass Parkway that connects Hardin County to the east and ends near Lexington and Interstates 64 and 75.**
- **Western Kentucky Parkway that ends at Interstate 24 with highway connections to Memphis and St. Louis.**

Air Service

Local air service is provided at Elizabethtown Regional Airport, Addington Field, which can accommodate corporate jets, and has a 6000 X 100 ft. runway. An Instrument Landing System has been installed at the airport. Fuel and repair service is available, as well as hangers and tie-downs. The airport is located in the Hughes Industrial Park.

Louisville International Airport is located just 35 miles north of Elizabethtown. It is one of the largest and most sophisticated airports serving a city of Louisville's size, handling more than 3.36 million passengers annually. It is served by 6 major airline brands. Airfares are consistently lower than those in a major hub. Louisville International Airport currently has 27 non-stop destinations and also offers a network of international travel flights.

UPS Worldport—Many companies have located in or near Louisville because of the UPS presence at the Louisville International Airport. A recent expansion of over $1 Billion increased the hub to 5.2 million square feet, increasing its sorting capacity to 416,000 per hour, making it the heart of the company's international operations.

In addition, the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport is located just 90 miles north of Louisville. It offers daily departures to 48 non-stop cities including non-stop international service to Paris, Cancun, Freeport Montego Bay, Punta Cana and Toronto. It is also home to DHL's North American Hub.

Rail

Two railroads, CSX and Paducah & Louisville, serve the industrial parks.

STATE AND LOCAL INCENTIVES

In addition, to low taxes and low costs of doing business, Elizabethtown and the State of Kentucky offer a variety of benefits to your company.

Direct Financial Benefit

Kentucky offers a number of progressive incentives for businesses. The new consolidated program is the Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) Program. Eligible companies must be engaged in one of the following activities: 1) manufacturing; 2) agribusiness; 3) be a regional or national headquarters; or 4) be involved with certain non-retail service or technology activities. The minimum requirements for eligible projects are as follows: 1) it must create a minimum of 10 new, full-time jobs for Kentucky residents; 2) the entity must incur at least $100,000 in costs; and 3) a minimum level of wages and benefits must be met. The tax incentives involved with this program are available for up to 15 years for enhanced incentive counties or up to 10 years for all other counties. The incentive may be taken as: 1) up to 100 percent of the tax paid on corporate income or limited liability entity tax arising from the project; 2) a wage assessment incentive of up to 5 percent of the gross wages of each employee in enhanced counties or up to 4 percent (including up to 1 percent required local participation) of the gross wages of each employee in other counties.

In addition, the City of Elizabethtown has the ability to abate property tax for a period of five years.

Employment Services

The Kentucky Department of Employment Services has a Career Center located in Elizabethtown. They can and will, at the direction of the company, recruit, test, assess and screen applicants, referring qualified applicants to the company.

Training

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) provides customized training grants. BSSC, an independent corporation within the Cabinet for Economic Development, provides grants to new, expanding and existing Kentucky businesses for customized skills training. Reimbursements are awarded for entry level through advanced training of Kentucky citizens. The Skills Training Investment Credit Act allows companies to claim state income tax credits for up to 50% of the cost of approved occupational and skills upgrade training.

KY FAME is a partnership of manufacturers that have teamed up to address the shortage of technically skilled workers needed in advanced manufacturing. KY FAME offers an innovative education and helps Kentucky create one of the most highly skilled and effective advanced manufacturing workforces on the planet.
How does KY FAME work? Students attend classes two days per week at their local community college and work an additional 24 hours per week for a sponsoring employer. Upon completion of the program, students receive an associate degree in Applied Sciences, and, with the practical skills gained during their paid work experience, most begin full-time employment with the sponsor. Others decide to further their technical education to obtain an engineering degree.

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EDUCATION

The Elizabethtown/Hardin County area is served by two excellent, public school systems and there are several private and religious-based schools in the area that offer excellent secondary educational opportunities as an alternative. Additionally, Elizabethtown is home to an outstanding community and technical college and a regional postsecondary center, which makes baccalaureate degrees available through a state university.

Post-Secondary Training Options

The Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (ECTC) offers a wide range of educational programs that satisfy a variety of training and educational needs. Strong technical programs provide students the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills in preparation for new careers or to enhance current careers. New associate in applied science degree programs, diplomas, and certificate options have opened doors for students in areas as diversified as electrical, industrial maintenance, machine tool, welding, and automotive.

Through Workforce Solutions, ECTC strives to train business and industry employees in the following areas: technical training, team and employee development, computer skills and leadership and supervisory skills. Training is customized and designed to meet specific needs, delivers training based on those needs, and assists business and industry in assessing the results.

KCTCS-TRAINS is part of the Kentucky Skills Network, which is a partnership of workforce professionals from the Cabinet for Economic Development, Kentucky Career Center (Education & Workforce Development Cabinet), Labor Cabinet and KCTCS who are dedicated to providing solutions-based services. KCTCS-TRAINS classes offered at ECTC provide the training employees need to keep companies competitive in today's global economy. Companies receive funding to assist with the cost of providing workforce training and assessment services to current, as well as, potential employees. Funds are distributed on a project basis and require a company cash match of 50%. The Workforce Solutions staff will assist companies in developing training plans and applying for funding. Companies may apply individually or as a training network with other companies. The training networks meet common training needs of business and industry from various sectors of the economy.

The network approach is successful because companies who only need one or two employees trained are able to join with other companies to obtain cost-effective and timely training. Workforce Solutions staff will assist companies in developing the training networks.

The Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation Training Consortium (EIFTC), formed in 1987, is a partnership dedicated to workforce excellence and includes representatives from business, industry, the Industrial Foundation, and ECTC. The primary purpose of this organization is to develop and implement various training programs for local industry, to upgrade skills of current employees, and to provide continuity of educational development for students who may be considered for employment after graduation. Although initial course offerings were in the maintenance area, the selection has broadened to include computer applications, regulatory activities and management training. Several thousand participants from over 50 businesses, industries, governmental agencies, and the general public have completed EIFTC courses.

The Regional Postsecondary Education Center located on the campus of ECTC opened in April of 2002. The Postsecondary Education Center is a unique partnership between ECTC and Western Kentucky University. The Center houses a bookstore, and assessment center as well as programs in Air Conditioning Technology, Electrical Technology, Electronics Technology, Fluid Power, and Industrial Maintenance Technology. In addition, it includes smart classrooms and ITV classrooms where both ECTC and Western Kentucky University offer classes. WKU offers baccalaureate degree programs on the ECTC campus.

ECTC has a campus in Springfield that houses electrical, industrial maintenance, machine tool, and fluid power offerings. There are campuses located at nearby Fort Knox and Leitchfield and there are seven (7) off-site campus locations.

The University of Louisville, **located 45 miles to the north, is a public institution that was founded in 1798. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 15,962, its setting is urban, and the campus size is 345 acres. University of Louisville's ranking in the 2016 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 168. Students at U of L, as it is known, can major in more than 170 areas of study. The School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies currently has more than 137 programs offering approximately 35 doctoral, 74 masters, 3 professional and 25 certificate degrees. Additionally, The J. B. Speed School of Engineering at U of L is a nationally recognized engineering school.**

SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Elizabethtown Independent School (EIS) has three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. The system consistently ranks among Ken-

tucky's top ten. EIS offers English as a Second Language system wide – kindergarten through grade 12. Project Lead the Way programs are in place at both the junior and senior high levels.

EIS Profile 2015-2016 District Report Card

- **Students 2,386**
- **Student/internet connection ratio: 2.5:1**
- **Attendance rate: 95.9%**
- **Student/Teacher ratio: 14:1**
- **Percentage of graduates who continue their education: 80.1% college, 1.6% technical training, 2.6% work/part-time college.**

The Hardin County School District (HCS) is the fourth largest in Kentucky with approximately 14,000 students. HCS offers students a diverse curriculum from its thirteen elementary, five middle and three high schools. The HCS provide computer labs, fully automated libraries and specialists in art, music and physical education. Project Lead the Way programs are in place at the junior and senior high schools. The Work Ethic Certification Program is now in place at the high schools and the Early College and Career Center is located adjacent to

the campus of the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

HCS Profile 2015-2016 District Report Card

- **Students: 14,024**
- **Student/internet connection ratio 1.5:1**
- **Attendance rate: 94.8%**
- **Student/Teacher ratio: 15:1**
- **Percentage of graduates who continue their education 52.1%, college, 2.3% technical training, 8.7% work/part-time college.**

COST OF LIVING

Elizabethtown/Hardin County offers a low cost of living that includes some of the most diverse and affordable housing in the state. Low taxes, utility rates and health-care costs contribute to an overall cost of living that is well below the U.S. average.

Local cost of living index (Average city USA = 100.0)

Overall	88
Housing	75
Health Care	90
Utilities	89
Groceries	92.3
Miscellaneous	94

The average cost of construction for a new home in the area ranges from $80.00 to $130.00 per square foot depending on style. Lots range from $25,000 up.

Current homes in Hardin County listed for sale by price.

$0 - $99,000	61
$100,000 - $199,999	184
$200,000 - $299,999	94
$300,000 - $399,999	32
$400,000 - $499,999	17
$500,000 - UP	16

*data as of 06/17

UTILITIES

Elizabethtown/Hardin County features some of the lowest utility rates in the nation. The industrial areas are served by two electric utilities, Kentucky Utilities and Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative.

Water service is provided by the Hardin County Water District #2. Wastewater and natural gas services are also provided by the City of Elizabethtown. Natural gas service to the Glendale site is provided by LG&E Energy. All utility providers can provide detailed quotes based on projected usage.

Elizabethtown Wastewater Treatment Plant

HEALTH CARE

Hardin Memorial Health (HMH), headquartered in Elizabethtown, serves a 10-county region across Central Kentucky. The only comprehensive health care system devoted to the region, HMH provides for the health and well-being of more than 400,000 residents.

The HMH system includes a 300-bed, acute care hospital and more than 45 additional locations throughout the service area, providing primary care and 40 specialties including orthopedic, oncology, cardiology, occupational therapy and more.

HMH is critically important and growing rapidly. The hospital's new North Tower boasts 56 private, patient-centric rooms. More than 1,600 babies are born each year at the HMH BirthPlace, ranking it 9th out of the 48 delivering Kentucky hospitals. BirthPlace also provides the region's only level II neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) with a highly trained team including two neonatologists providing 24-hour coverage. The HMH Emergency Department, the 4th busiest in the state, is undergoing a multi-million-dollar renovation to better accommodate the more 65,000 patients treated there each year.

With more than 290 best-in-class physicians, many with long-standing regional ties, and a staff of more than 2500, HMH prides itself on providing the highest level of care, treating patients like family because in many cases they are family!

The results of strong physicians, state of the art facilities and warm, friendly care, speak for themselves. The hospital has been recognized as a Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals® based on clinical processes and outcomes, patient safety, operational efficiency and financial stability. The hospital has also been named one of Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals® Performance Improvement Leaders. Most recently, Becker's Hospital Review named HMH one of the top 10 healthcare systems in the nation with strong finances.

Prospective employers and site selectors can be confident the health and wellness needs of employees and families can be met close to home. HMH also works with regional employers to assist with pre- employment screenings, physicals or to execute any other worksite wellness needs.

RECREATION

Elizabethtown is strategically located in the center of Kentucky's crossroads, surrounded by some of the state's richest historic landmarks, breathtaking lakes, forests and natural wonders. The town itself is anchored with museums, quaint shops and currently has 1,525 hotel rooms.

- The Elizabethtown Sports Park,is an all-inclusive recreation location that fulfills a variation of community needs. Families, visitors, even national tournaments benefit from this recreation center. Facilities include: 12 soccer/lacrosse/field hockey natural turf fields; 3 quads for baseball/softball/fast pitch; 12 total lit diamonds; 2 championship fields with synthetic turf; 3 large pavilions for ceremonies/events/ meeting space; event officials meeting room; official's locker rooms; stadium lawn seating; convenient parking and playgrounds with misters; bus parking; plaza/vendor areas; ample shade; family restrooms; wi-fi and 3 miles of multi-model path.

- The Elizabethtown Nature Park has 104-acres of gently rolling former pastureland. The park houses the Hardin County Veteran's Tribute Memorial.
- Freeman Lake Park is home to historical structures. The Lincoln Heritage House a double log house crafted in part by Abraham Lincoln's father, Thomas Lincoln. A one-room school house which was built with handmade shingles in 1892. Fishing, walking trails, boating, picnic shelters, disc golf, lighted tennis complex, a bandstand and seasonal ice skating.
- Hardin County is within a two-hour drive of seven of Kentucky's recreational lakes. Excellent fishing, boating and other water-related activities are available at these locations.
- The American Legion Park is home to the Funtopia Playground a community-wide project that gives small children a safe and exciting place to play. Also

located in the park is a newly built water park with spray pads, slides and swimming pool.
- Greenbelt Walking Tours, soccer complexes, softball fields, tennis courts, and T-ball courts round out the recreational opportunities in Elizabethtown.
- Throughout the spring and summer, Elizabethtown and the surrounding communities host a myriad of festivals that include Lincoln Days, Crusin' the Heartland and the BBQ, Blues and Bikes Festival.
- The Elizabethtown area offers six excellent golf courses. The Louisville area has 21 public golf courses and 31 private golf courses, including courses designed by Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Fuzzy Zoeller.
- The Louisville Zoo, open year-round, currently exhibits more than 1,500 animals on 134 acres of natural settings representing zoogeographical areas, specific habitat types or special education areas including: Glacier Run, Africa, Islands, New World Exhibits (North, Central and South America), Australian Outback, the HerpAquarium and the Metazoo Education Center. The Zoo's award-winning Islands, Gorilla Forest and Glacier Run exhibits have been recognized by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for their excellence and innovation.
- Louisville hosts more that 100 fairs and festivals each year, including the two-week Kentucky Derby Festival, which kicks off with Thunder Over Louisville, the nation's largest fireworks display.

MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS

Hardin County and the surrounding region offer a variety of museums and other attractions emphasizing history and science.

- **The Black History Gallery is home to pictures, articles, biographies and prints from a variety of sources depicting the accomplishments and events pertinent to the Black American experience.**

- **Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum displays antique and classic cars of the past. The Museum features vehicles ranging from the early 1900's to the 1970's in a variety of makes and models in original and restored condition. The collection consists of 62 museum quality machines which include cars like the 1914 Model T and the 1925 Pierce Arrow to the 1972 Mustang "Mach 1". There are vintage models including Ford, Dodge, Cadillac, Chrysler, Chevrolet, Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Hudson and more.**

- **The Hardin County History Museum opened its doors in the fall of 2003. The staff members of the museum have and are continuing to collect and preserve artifacts, documents and other items that tell the story of Hardin County from its early Indian inhabitants to modern times. Additionally, there are a variety of permanent and rotating exhibits, speakers and promotions.**

- **The Brown-Pusey House located on North Main Street in Elizabethtown boosts a rich history in the community. Built in 1825, the warm stately old home was a hotel operated as the Hill House. Among the guest at the Hill House were General George Armstrong Custer and his wife. General Custer 's assignment in Elizabethtown was to combat the influence of illegal distilleries. Famous opera star, Jenny Lind, was also a guest at the Hill House Hotel and performed for a large crowd there. The museum located at the Brown-Pusey House contains Civil War related items associated with Confederate General Ben Hardin Helm and other notable figures. There are genealogical records dating from 1793 to 1900.**

- **The Speed Art Museum, located in Louisville, KY offers visitors a variety of "art experiences" outside of its collection and international exhibitions, including the Speed Concert Series, the Art Sparks Interactive Family Gallery, and the popular late-night event, *Art After Dark*. The Speed houses ancient, classical, and modern art from around the world. The focus of the collection is Western art, from antiquity to the present day. Holdings of paintings from the Netherlands, French and Italian works, and contemporary art are particularly strong, with sculpture prominent throughout. The Speed Art Museum recently completed a $50 million expansion and renovation project. The expansion created a space for larger special exhibitions, new contemporary art galleries, a family education welcome center, 150-seat theater, indoor/outdoor café, museum shop, and a multifunctional pavilion for performances, lectures and entertaining. Additionally, a new art park and public piazza was created for the display of sculpture.**

- **The Kentucky Science Center is the largest hands-on science center in Kentucky, with three floors of interactive exhibits and experiences, a four-story theater, teaching laboratories, educational programs and distance learning capabilities. Kentucky Science Center features interactive exhibits and engaging programs for children, families and adults – reaching all audiences through its mission to DO SCIENCE in ways that are engaging, educational and entertaining to inspire a lifetime of learning. The Center committed to expanding its capacity as a leader in science, math, engineering and technology (STEM)-skills that are critical to workforce development and innovation, preparing future leaders to meet the opportunities and face the challenges of the 21st century**

- **The Louisville Slugger Museum offers interactive displays and a film that highlights the company's history and baseball's greatest hitters. In mid-1998, the museum installed the world's largest baseball glove, a 30-ton slab of Kentucky limestone that was sculpted into a ten-foot long, four-foot tall glove, in an interior lobby. The glove is a counterpart to the world's largest bat, a seven-story metal behemoth that leans against, and towers over, the museum's West Main Street facade.**

- **The Kentucky Derby Museum boasts a 360-degree high-definition presentation of the Kentucky Derby, "the greatest two minutes in sports." Other highlights include racing-related exhibits with hands-on computerized exhibits, artifacts and fine arts, and tours of Churchill Downs. The Kentucky Derby Museum, in addition to preserving the history of the Kentucky Derby, offers so much more to the community. The education department offers free educational programs to all public and parochial schools within the states of Kentucky and Indiana that focus on Core Academic standards. Through these programs, students learn about the economics, history and significance of the Kentucky Derby.**

- **Headquartered in the city where Muhammad Ali's story began, is the Muhammad Ali Center. The cultural center features exhibitions regarding Ali's core values. An orientation theater helps present Ali's life from birth to the present. Ali's boxing memorabilia and history are also housed in the Center. A large projector displays *The Greatest*, his signature fight, onto a full-sized boxing ring. Another exhibit offers individuals the chance to explore sense of self, others and purpose through an interactive terminal program. Two art galleries, feature rotating exhibits are located on the third floor.**

- **The Frazier History Museum, located in downtown Louisville on Museum Row, is a Smithsonian Affiliate. There are traveling exhibitions on display that are on loan from various sources. The museum focuses on historical objects from the last 1,000 years. Items in the collection include a rifle reputedly once owned by George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt's "Big Stick" hunting rifle, and items once owned by "Buffalo Bill" Cody and the outlaw Jesse James. The facilities include 75,000 square feet of exhibition space over three floors, as well as two areas for interpretations, a 120-seat auditorium, and various displays (including multimedia, interactive and audio-visual). The Frazier Museum Store is on the first floor in the front of the museum that offers local Kentucky gifts.**

ARTS

The Hardin County community is very proud of the Hardin County Schools Performing Arts Center. It has a seating capacity of 800, and facilities include makeup and dressing rooms, dance rehearsal studio, lighting and sound system, performers' green room, a scene shop and an orchestra pit. It is ideal for student and community productions.

- The Historic State Theater in downtown Elizabethtown was constructed in 1942, and it features the typical Art Deco theater architecture of the late 1930's and 1940's. The theater shows movies and is available for performances, art exhibits, business and community meetings and other special events.

Louisville, only 45 miles north, is known for its rich diversity of cultural activities. The Performing Arts include professional theater, opera and ballet companies and a symphony orchestra.

- The Louisville Orchestra is the primary orchestra in Louisville, KY. The Louisville Orchestra offers a wide variety of concert series to the community, including classical programs featuring international guest artists, pops performances, and education and family concerts. The orchestra is the resident performing group for the Louisville Ballet and the Kentucky Opera, and presents several concerts across the Kentucky/Indiana area.
- The 12th-oldest opera company in the nation, Kentucky Opera, presents traditional works by Verdi, Puccini and Mozart and also has a strong history of exploring contemporary works.
- The Louisville Ballet, a civic ballet company is recognized as one of the most highly-regarded regional ballet company in the county.
- Actor's Theatre of Louisville is considered to be among the nation's premier drama groups. For more than 45 years, the company has been a major force in revitalizing American playwriting, receiving international recognition for its Humana Festival of New American Plays, as well as for its regular season offerings.
- The Kentucky Center has hosted presidential debates, the Governor's School for the Arts, the Arts Reach Program, various international known speakers, dance theater and for more than two decades, the PNC Bank Broadway Series. Which has brought big-name Broadway stage hits to Louisville, including Fiddler on the Roof, Phantom of the Opera, Mary Poppins, Evita, The Blue Man Group, Stomp, Wicked, and The Lion King.
- Nationally recognized for its cutting-edge approach to children's theater, Stage One Professional Theatre for Young Audiences offers classic fairy tales and contemporary dramas to entertain and inspire children of all ages.

RESTAURANTS

Elizabethtown is home to a variety of dining opportunities—some of which are locally owned and many that are well known nation-wide:

AMERICAN DINING	BAKERIES, COFFEE HOUSES, SWEETS AND DELICATESSENS	INTERNATIONAL	QUICK FOODS/PIZZA
Buffalo Rings and Things	Amazin Glazin Donuts	123 Far East House	Arby's
Buffalo Wild Wings	Auntie Anne's Pretzels	2B Thai	Burger King
Back Home Restaurant	Baskin-Robbins	China Garden	Captain D's
Beef O'Brady's	Cobblers' Café	Double Dragon	Chick-Fil-A
Bob Evans	The Cookie Store	El Acapulco	Dairy Queen
Bub's Café	E'town Donut	El Tapatio	Domino's Pizza
Cheddar's	Firehouse Subs	Family Buffet	Fazoli's
Cracker Barrel	Honey Baked Ham	Ginza Hibachi & Sushi	Hardee's
Denny's	McAlister's Deli	Green Bamboo	KY Fried Chicken
Marks' Feed Store	Main Street Deli	Kansai Steakhouse	Little Caesar's
Golden Corral	Panera Bread	Kingdom Buffet	Long John Silvers
IHOP Restaurant	Penn Station	Las Chalupas	McDonalds
Longhorn Steak House	Ray's Market	Los Nopales	Gatti's Pizza
O'Charley's	Reuben's Deli Catering	Mexico Lindo	Papa John's
Rafferty's	Starbucks	MiJalisco	Papa Murphy's
Red Lobster	Subway	Namaste	Pizza Hut
Roxie's	Vibe Coffee House	Olive Garden	Popeyes
Ruby Tuesday	The Café at Swope Toyota	Panda Express	Qdoba Mexican Eats
Stone Hearth		Silver Palace	Rally's
Sonny Boys Backyard BBQ		Sim Steak & Seafood	Red Mango
Texas Outlaw BBQ		Woo Hoo It's Greek Food	Sonic Drive-In
Texas Roadhouse			Steak N' Shake
The 19th Hole in the Heartland			Taco Bell
Waffle House			Topp't Pizza
Wicked Eye Woman			Towne Mall Food Court
*Tony York's On Main			Wendy's
*The Whistle Stop			White Castle
			Zaxby's

*5 Miles South on I-65

RETAIL

Nationally known stores are abundant in Elizabethtown, from an up-to-date indoor Mall and several large retail centers to many small locally-owned specialty shops. Listed below are many of the national chains along with locally owned boutiques in Elizabethtown:

- Academy Sports
- American Eagle
- Barnes & Noble
- Bath & Body Works
- Bed, Bath & Beyond
- Belk's
- Best Buy
- Big Lots
- Burke's Outlet
- Carnival Shoes
- Children's Place
- Christopher & Banks
- Claire's
- CVS Pharmacy
- Dollar General Stores
- Dress Barn
- Family Dollar Store
- Finish Line Shoes
- F.Y.E.
- Game Stop
- Gap Outlet
- GNC
- H. H. Gregg
- Hallmark Stores
- Hobby Lobby
- Home Depot
- J. C. Penney's
- Justice
- Kay Jewelers
- Kirkland's
- Kohl's
- Kroger
- Layne Bryant
- Lowes
- Michael's Craft
- Old Navy
- One Stop Sports
- Payless Shoes
- Pier One
- Regis Salon
- Rite Aide
- Rogers Jewelers
- Ross Dress For Less
- Roses
- Rue 21
- Sam's Club
- Sears
- Shoe Depot
- Sleep Number Beds
- Spencer's Gifts
- Staples
- Target
- Urban Trends
- Victoria's Secret
- Walgreens
- Wal-Mart
- Zales

Locally Owned Boutiques :

- Allies Bubblegum
- Boutique at 910
- Brandi's Boutique
- The Bugs Ear
- Dressed to the Nines
- O'Neals
- Swanky Shop
- That Cute Little Shop
- The Urban Loft
- Walker Lane Boutique