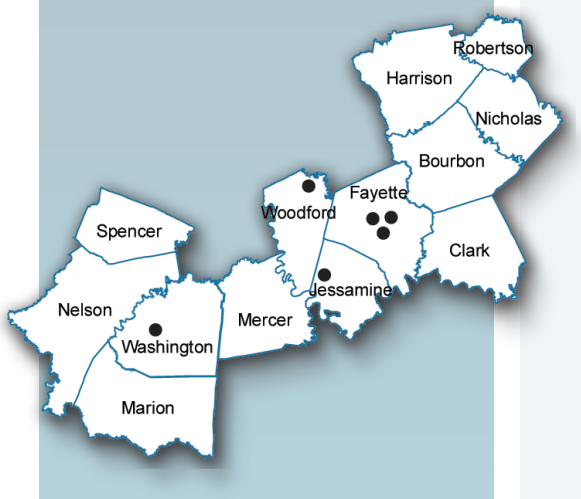


Doubling the Numbers in the

Central Region

could raise average household income by $26,000.

This area encompasses 13 counties and 2 area development districts with a population of 501,515. Twenty-six percent of the population has a bachelor's degree or above, and 19 percent has less than a high school diploma.

This region is the University of Kentucky's area of geographic responsibility, but **as the state's flagship university, UK serves the entire state.** This region also includes 5 other postsecondary institutions, 16 K-12 public school districts, and 13 county adult education programs. All of these providers play a vital role in this plan.

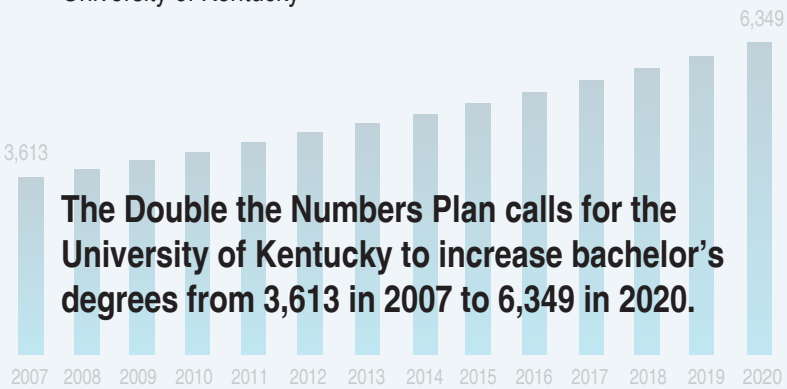
The table below highlights the increases needed from this region for the state to reach its Double the Numbers goal. **The bachelor's degree target reflects the contributions of the 6 public and independent postsecondary partners in this area.**

Strategies	2020 Target
1. Increase high school graduates	5,517
2. Increase GED graduates	1,364
3. Increase 2- to 4-year transfers	1,597
4. Increase bachelor's degrees produced	7,518
5. Import bachelor's degree holders to KY	10,284

Area public and independent (AIKCU) colleges and universities

- Asbury College
- Bluegrass Community & Technical College
- Midway College
- St. Catharine College
- Transylvania University
- University of Kentucky

If this region doubles the numbers, average household income could increase from $37,399 to $63,485.



The Double the Numbers Plan calls for the University of Kentucky to increase bachelor's degrees from 3,613 in 2007 to 6,349 in 2020.

The University of Kentucky is a land-grant research university serving 27,209 undergraduate and graduate students.