

Jessamine County Survival Guide



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Jessamine County Adult Education and
Family Literacy Program

501 East Maple Street, Nicholasville KY

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English as a Second Language (ESL) Class Information



TELEPHONE: 859-887-9052

PLACE:

Jessamine County Adult Education and Family Literacy Program
501 East Maple Street
Nicholasville, KY 40356

TIME:

Mondays and Wednesdays 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (Childcare provided)
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (No childcare)

COST: Free!

PLACE:

Wilmore United Methodist Church (Basement)
209 East Main Street
Wilmore, KY 40390

TIME:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Childcare provided)

COST: Free!



Jessamine County, Kentucky

www.jessamineco.com

Jessamine County was formed in 1799. It is located in the Inner Bluegrass region of the state. The elevation in the county ranges from 497 to 1072 feet above sea level. In 2000 the county population was 39,041 in a land area of 173.13 square miles, an average of 225.5 people per square mile. The county seat is Nicholasville.



Jessamine County sits between Fayette County to the north and the Kentucky River to the south. The city of Lexington is in Fayette County. It is only about 15 miles from Nicholasville.

The state of Kentucky was formed in 1792. It was the 15th state to join the United States. The state is called the “Bluegrass State” because of a type of grass that grows here. Kentucky is famous for horse farms, tobacco farms, and bluegrass music. The largest cities are Lexington and Louisville. The population of Kentucky is over 4,000,000 people. The capital of Kentucky is Frankfort.

The country of the United States was formed from 13 British colonies in 1776. These colonies declared independence from Great Britain. This Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, and began a war for independence. Today, July 4 is celebrated as Independence Day.

There are many people in the United States who came from different countries. Americans are proud of their different cultures. The mixing of cultures is called “the melting pot”.

Welcome to Kentucky and the United States!

Jessamine County Courthouse

101 North Main Street
Nicholasville
885-4500

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday
8:00 a.m. - Noon

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The Courthouse is the home of Jessamine County government. This is the place where you pay for the following:

- Driver's license
- Property taxes
- Traffic tickets
- Marriage license
- Auto/Truck/Boat license

Driver's License Requirements for Non-US Citizens

- A non U.S. citizen must present all of his or her *BCIS* documents to Driver Licensing personnel, such as *Visa with I-94, Employment Authorization Card (I-688A or I688B or I-766)* or *I-94* with stamped picture. College students must also present an *I-20* form completed by university, along with a letter from the Universities Registrars Office, stating enrolled full-time and in good standing. *J-1* exchange visitors must have *form DS2019*.
- Applicants on work related *Visa* (excluding Employment Authorization Cards) must show proof of employment within the last 30 days (such as payroll check or verification on company letterhead). The spouse of someone with a work status visa (if in the U.S. on a dependent Visa) must show spouse's Visa, I-94 and proof of employment.
- Non U.S. citizens must also provide either a *social security card, tax ID number* or ineligibility letter from the Social Security Administration.

Jessamine County Public Library

600 South Main Street
Nicholasville
885-3523

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Thursday 11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

www.jesspublib.org



You can find books, CDs, magazines, videos, and DVDs at the public library. You can check out these items for free. You can also use computers at the library for writing papers or using the Internet. The computers are also free. You need a library card to check out things or use the computers.

People who live or work in Jessamine County can get free library cards. People may get cards by bringing a photo ID and proof of current address. Proof of current address is a piece of paper that shows your name and address, like a utility bill. You will receive your card in the mail. You can check out only 2 items before getting the card.

Children who are under 18 years of age need a guardian's signature in order to get a card. The guardian must also have a library card. You cannot let someone else use your library card. You must show the librarian your own card each time you check out materials or use the computers.

The library also offers programs for children, adults, and families. Children can go to story times, and adults and families can take short classes and make crafts. Check with the library for days and times.

The library can be a very fun place. Here are some rules for using the library:

- Talk as quietly as possible.
- Keep children by your side.
- If you need help finding something, ask a librarian.

Jessamine County Health Department

215 East Maple Street
Nicholasville
885-4149

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

www.jessaminecohealthdept.org



The Health Department provides a variety of low-cost health services to residents of Jessamine County. They offer classes, medical exams, medical tests, dental services, and vaccinations.

The cost of services depends on your income. This cost is called “sliding scale fees.” The less money you make, the less you pay for services. You should always call for an appointment for vaccinations or exams.

The Health Department also offers classes on health topics, like smoking or diabetes. They help you learn to live a healthier life.

If you need help paying for food and medicines, the counselors at the Health Department can help you find the services you need.

Fire and Police

Emergency – 911



Nicholasville and Wilmore have police and fire departments. They help protect people and property. Here are situations when you should call the police:

- Your house has been robbed.
- Someone has tried to beat you or kill you.
- Someone has said that they want to kill you.
- You had a car accident.
- Someone stole your car, bicycle, or other possessions.

The police officer will ask you questions and you will need to fill out a report. You can ask for someone to translate for you.

In an **EMERGENCY**, call **911**. Emergencies are fires, accidents, and very sick or hurt people who must go to a hospital immediately.

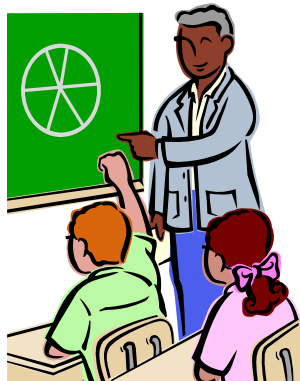
For situations that are not emergencies, use these telephone numbers:

Nicholasville Fire: 887-5447
Nicholasville Police: 885-9468

Wilmore Fire: 858-3222
Wilmore Police: 858-3535

Schools

Jessamine County Schools Central Office 885-4179
www.jessamine.k12.ky.us



Public school is free. Children under the age of 18 must attend school. If they do not go to school, the parents must sign a form that withdraws the child from school.

There are 3 levels of school: elementary, middle, and high. Elementary school is grades 1-5. Middle school is grades 6-8. High school is grades 9-12. Your child must have current vaccinations before going to school.

Which school should your child go to? That depends on where the child lives in Jessamine County. If you have questions about which school your child should go to, call the Jessamine County Schools Central Office at 885-4179.

In winter, bad weather sometimes closes the schools. You can find out if schools are closed by checking the local TV stations. If it snows, watch Channel 18, 27, or 36 in the morning. The school closings will be listed on the bottom of the screen. Look for "Jessamine County Schools."

Jessamine County is also home to 2 places of higher education: Asbury College (858-3511) and Asbury Seminary (858-3581).

NICHOLASVILLE:

Brookside Elementary School
199 Brookside Drive
Nicholasville
887-2012

Warner Elementary School
821 Wilmore Road
Nicholasville
885-3085

Rosenwald-Dunbar Elementary School
1500 Wilmore Road
Nicholasville
885-6670

Nicholasville Elementary School
414 West Maple Street
Nicholasville
885-5351

East Jessamine Middle School
851 Wilmore Road
Nicholasville
885-5561

East Jessamine High School
851 Sulphur Well Road
Nicholasville
885-7240

WILMORE:

Jessamine Early Learning Village (pre-school and kindergarten for Wilmore and Nicholasville)
210 South Lexington Avenue
Wilmore
858-0868

Wilmore Elementary School
150 Campground Lane
Wilmore
858-3134

West Jessamine Middle School
1400 Wilmore Road
Nicholasville
885-2244

West Jessamine High School
2101 Wilmore Road
Nicholasville
887-2421

Head Start (pre-school)
1330 Drake Lane
P.O. Box 116
Wilmore
858-2585

Playgrounds and Parks

Parks in Jessamine County are free. Most parks are open during daylight hours. They open when the sun rises and close when the sun sets. Most parks have picnic tables where you can bring food for a picnic. Please remember to keep the parks clean. Do not leave any trash.

The **City County Park** is at the end of Park Road on the south side of Nicholasville.



Lake Mingo Park is on Lake Street (between Main Street and North Central Avenue) in the middle of Nicholasville.



The **Scenic Trail** in Wilmore is on Route 29 on the north side of Wilmore. This has a path where you can walk.



The **Wilmore Mini-Park** has a playground for children and a covered picnic area.



Post Office

www.usps.com

Nicholasville

410 South Main Street

887-5666

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – Noon



Wilmore

301 East Main Street

858-3548

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – Noon



The post office is where you mail letters and packages. You can also buy stamps and money orders. The clerks will help you send mail internationally.

Utilities



Utilities are services to your house. These include water, garbage, sewer, electricity, natural gas, cable/Internet, and telephone.

If you live in the city of **Nicholasville**, these companies provide services to your house:

Cable:	Insight Communications	514-1400
Electricity:	City of Nicholasville	885-9473
Garbage:	Rumpke	1-877-786-7537 (toll-free) 1-800-223-1170 (toll-free)
Natural Gas:	Delta Gas	885-4141
Sewer:	City of Nicholasville	885-9473
Telephone:	Windstream	1-866-971-9463
Water:	City of Nicholasville	885-9473

If you live in the city of **Wilmore**, these companies provide services to your house:

Cable:	Time Warner Cable	1-888-683-1000 (toll-free)
Electricity:	Kentucky Utilities	255-2100
Garbage:	City of Wilmore	858-4411
Natural Gas:	Delta Gas	885-4141
Sewer:	City of Wilmore	858-4411
Telephone:	Windstream	1-866-971-9463 (toll-free)
Water:	City of Wilmore	858-4411

Call the companies above to turn on services. Sometimes you will have to wait a day or two before service begins. Also, most companies require that you pay a deposit before starting service. A deposit is a certain amount of money. Usually the company will return the deposit after a period of time.

Shopping

There are many stores in Jessamine County. You can buy groceries, medicines, clothes, and other items. Here are some of the most popular stores in Nicholasville and Wilmore.

Wal-Mart 1024 North Main Street
Nicholasville 885-3299



Kroger 995 South Main Street
Nicholasville 881-9086



CVS Pharmacy	301 North Main Street	Nicholasville	881-0347
Dollar General	976 North Main Street	Nicholasville	887-2042
	116 South Main Street	Nicholasville	887-2088
	113 Lexington Avenue	Wilmore	858-2792
Dollar Tree	957 South Main Street	Nicholasville	881-4181
Goody's Clothing	953 South Main Street	Nicholasville	887-4505
Kohl's Department Store	150 Kohls Drive	Nicholasville	885-5055
La Chiquita Mexican Groceries	105 Edgewood Plaza	Nicholasville	885-1109
Lowe's Hardware Store	1421 Keene Road	Nicholasville	881-6200
Rite Aid Pharmacy	951 South Main Street	Nicholasville	885-6094
Save-A-Lot Groceries	701 Edgewood Drive	Nicholasville	887-8025

Fitch's IGA Grocery Store 102 East Main Street
Wilmore 858-3135



Nicholasville and Wilmore also have Farmers' Markets in spring, summer, and early fall. You can buy fresh fruits and vegetables. The Nicholasville Farmers' Markets are on Oak Street and Catnip Hill Road. The Wilmore Farmers' Market is on Main Street by the railroad tracks. The days and times vary; look for signs in each town.

Restaurants



There are 2 different kinds of restaurants: fast food and sit-down. In fast food restaurants you place your order at a counter and then take your food to sit down at a table. In sit-down restaurants, you sit at a table first (or a host takes you to a table) and then you place your order with a server.

In sit-down restaurants, it is custom to give your server a tip. This is a small amount of money that is 15-20% of the cost of your food. For example, if your food costs \$10.00, then a usual tip would be \$1.50 or \$2.00. Leave the tip on the table for the server after you pay the bill.

Fast Food Restaurants

Arby's	902 South Main Street	Nicholasville	887-2729
CiCi's Pizza	121 Bryant Drive	Nicholasville	885-0666
Dairy Queen	900 South Main Street	Nicholasville	885-4070
Domino's Pizza	800 South Main Street	Nicholasville	885-6061
Fazoli's	1016 North Main Street	Nicholasville	887-1592
Hardee's	903 South Main Street	Nicholasville	885-6975
Kentucky Fried Chicken	900 North Main Street	Nicholasville	881-5757
McDonald's	100 Hendren Way	Nicholasville	881-1573
	100 Imperial Way	Nicholasville	885-4100
Papa John's Pizza	935 North Main Street	Nicholasville	885-5696
Solomon's Porch	111 East Main Street	Wilmore	858-9060
Sonic	100 Village Parkway	Nicholasville	885-8188
Starbuck's Coffee	123 Bryant Drive (off US 27)	Nicholasville	885-3941
Subway	100 East Main Street	Wilmore	858-8168
Taco Bell	1011 North Main Street	Nicholasville	885-1694
Wendy's	1623 US 27	Nicholasville	885-1509

Sit-Down Restaurants

Applebee's	113 North Plaza Drive (off US 27)	Nicholasville	936-7400
Fiesta Mexico	801 South Main Street	Nicholasville	887-0453
Golden Corral	110 Retail Road (off US 27)	Nicholasville	881-8122
John Michael's	220 North Plaza Drive (off US 27)	Nicholasville	881-3371
Los Dos Amigos	107 Edgewood Plaza	Nicholasville	887-0594
Pizza Hut	521 North Main	Nicholasville	885-6201
Wah Mei Chinese	103 Edgewood Plaza	Nicholasville	885-7716

Entertainment / Attractions

There are places in Jessamine County to go for fun and entertainment.



Bowling:
JD Legends
315 North Second Street
Nicholasville
859-881-5665



Swimming:
Jessamine County Aquatic Park
300 Martin Luther King Blvd. (off US 27 south of Nicholasville)
Nicholasville
859-887-2853



Movies:
AmStar Cinema
350 Langley Drive (off US 27 north of Nicholasville)
Nicholasville
859-245-4545

Historic Sites

Camp Nelson (off US 27 about 5 miles south of Nicholasville)

Camp Nelson was built in 1863, during the Civil War. It was used as a supply depot, recruitment center, and hospital by the Union Army (the North). Today it is a historic site and a national military cemetery. Camp Nelson sits on 400 acres of grounds. There are tours and demonstrations of Civil War life. Contact the Camp Nelson Preservation Office at 859-881-9126 for further information on events and the site.

High Bridge (at the end of KY Route 29, south of Wilmore)

High Bridge is a railroad bridge that was built in 1877. This bridge goes over the Kentucky River. For many years it was the tallest bridge in the world. It is still used today for commercial trains. There is a small park in near High Bridge.





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