

A Kentucky Original, Lincoln County Continues to Grow

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The Halls Gap Overlook, five miles south of Stanford, is the highest point in the Bluegrass region. One can see Mercer, Garrard, Boyle, Jessamine and Lincoln counties.

One of Kentucky's three original counties, Lincoln County was founded in 1780 and originally comprised about one-third of the state. Much smaller today, at 336 square miles, it is known as Kentucky's "Land of Firsts."

It was named in honor of Revolutionary Army Officer Benjamin Lincoln, who was asked by Congress to conduct the war in the southern colonies. The county seat of Stanford was named for the fort that in 1775 withstood fierce battles with Indians. It became known as "standing fort," which later became Stanford.

Lincoln County is the home of Kentucky's first governor, Isaac Shelby. It also is the location of the first brick house west of the

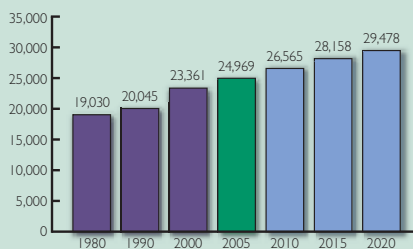
Alleghenies, the first chartered school in the state and the first courthouse west of the Alleghenies.

Stanford's Main Street, once a part of Wilderness Road, is the oldest in Kentucky. The oldest church in the state also is in Stanford.

Lincoln County's economy moves forward, with an investment of \$8.7 million from manufacturing companies since 2003. The manufacturing sector leads the workforce with 21 percent employment. Trade, transportation and utilities employs almost 18 percent, while services employs about 13 percent.

Median household income is on the rise, with a 1.7 percent increase from \$28,443 in 2002 to \$28,929 in 2003. ●

POPULATION TRENDS



HOUSEHOLDS

Number of households9,206
 Persons per household2.5
 Median household income\$28,929

PERSONAL INCOME

1998\$16,884
 2003\$18,690
 Percentage change+10.7

MEDIAN AGE

35.9

TOP FIVE EMPLOYERS BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Brake Parts Inc.....425
 DecoArt Inc.107
 Lincoln Manufacturing USA LLC.....88
 Wolford & Wethington Mills Inc.27
 Stanford Wood Products Co. Inc.....20



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