

# Boyle County, Kentucky is a **Work Ready COMMUNITY**

**O**n November 15, 2012, Boyle County was certified as a Work Ready Community. Boyle is the fifth county to earn “work ready” status in the state of Kentucky.

## **WHAT IS A WORK READY COMMUNITY?**

A Work Ready Community is a measure of the quality of a county’s workforce. It is an assurance to business and industry that the community is committed to providing the highly-skilled workforce required in today’s competitive global economy.

Kentucky’s initiative certifies the quality of the workforce based on six criteria specified by economic developer’s, site selectors, businesses and industries. Counties must meet goals for high school graduation rates, soft skills development, educational attainment, community collaboration, digital literacy and National Career Readiness Certificate holders.

On behalf of the Governor, the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board certifies counties as Work Ready when each of the six criteria are met.



## **BOYLE COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS**

**Population: 28,550**

**Graduation rate: 84.3 percent**

High school graduation rate calculated with the method used in reporting for the State of Kentucky.

**Educational attainment: 25.20 percent**

The percentage of working-age (18-64) adults in a community with at least a two-year degree.

**Digital literacy: 99.3 percent\***

The percentage of households in a community with broadband Internet available.

\*Data from [www.broadband.gov](http://www.broadband.gov).

**Community commitment**

Community and government agencies in Boyle County have committed to remaining certified. The community has demonstrated true collaboration and progress toward achieving strategic goals that bring together education, workforce, economic development and elected leadership.

**National Career Readiness Certificate**

Boyle County has implemented a plan to raise the rate to 15 percent of working-age adults (18-64) within three years. Plan includes promotional strategies, training availability, and encouraging employer recognition of the certificate.

**Soft/professional skills development**

A Certified Work Ready Community must have a program or programs to address work ethic/soft skills development and credentialing for both the secondary school and post secondary adult populations. Boyle County is implementing a Work Ethics Seal program at all four high schools.



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