



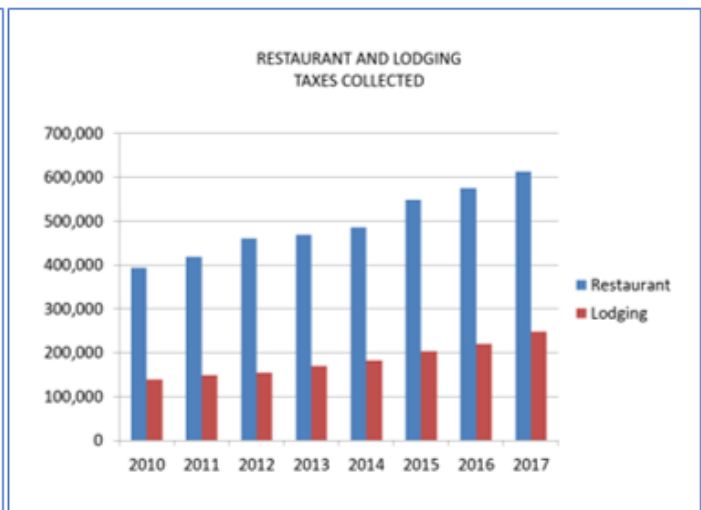
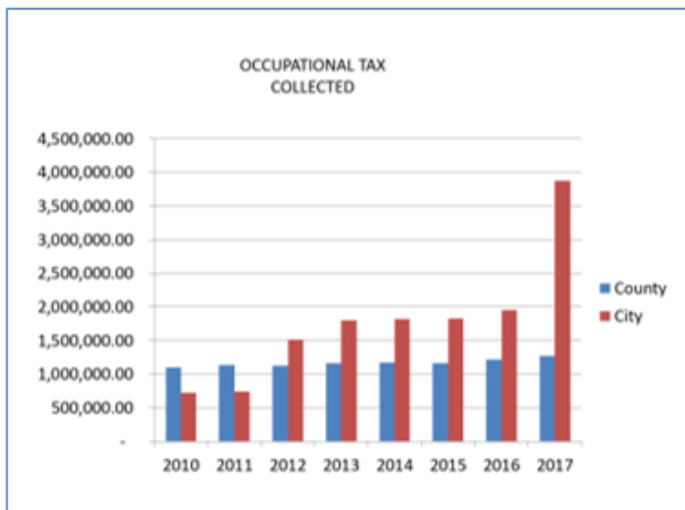
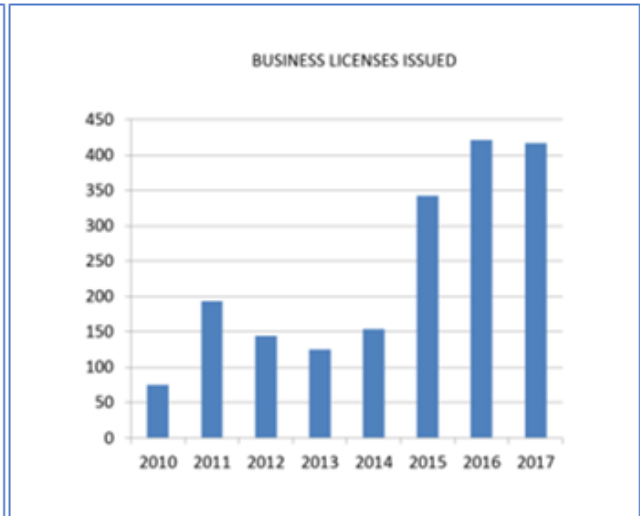
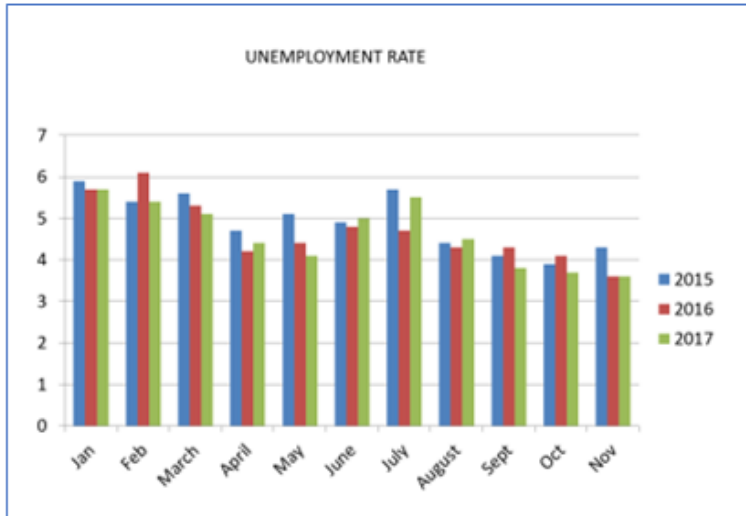
2017 Economic Development Highlights and Indicators

Bardstown and Nelson County

January 2018

- In March, Site Selection Magazine ranked Bardstown the #7 “Best Micropolitan in the U.S.” for economic development projects with over \$233 million in announced investments.
- On May 31st, Gov. Matt Bevin held a ceremonial bill signing of HB 100 at Heaven Hill Distillery. The bill expects to boost the bourbon industry.
- The Bourbon Capital Community Alliance welcomed seven distilleries as new members of the Bourbon Capital Compass.
- Barton 1792 Distillery hosted the celebration of the Commonwealth's 225th birthday on June 1st with state dignitaries in attendance.
- Lux Row Distillery installed their new still and will begin bourbon production in early 2018. The distillery will open in late spring.
- Bardstown Bourbon Company announced its second expansion that would bring capacity up to 6 million proof gallons per year. The company also hired a new Food Director and Director of Distilling Operations.
- Hardin Memorial Hospital (HMH) officials, physicians and others held a groundbreaking in June for a new 70,000 sq. ft. medical facility on East John Rowan Boulevard for the Family Medical Center and other medical specialists.
- Bardstown Main Street held their inaugural Farm-to-Table event in June. Over 120 attendees enjoyed a fabulous seven course outdoor dinner with locally sourced food, prepared by local restaurants, and served in the heart of downtown Bardstown.
- Nelson County Area Technology Center was awarded a \$65,000 Workforce Development grant by Gov. Bevin as a way to improve Nelson County’s workforce training.
- The Bardstown-Nelson County Chamber of Commerce successfully hosted its first ever Bardstown Bourbon Mixer during the Kentucky Bourbon Festival.
- Gov. Matt Bevin announced The Stoli Group will purchase the 400+ acre Haydon Materials Quarry for the development of Kentucky Owl Park and Distillery. The project will include a distillery, rickhouses, hotel/convention center and restaurants.
- Takigawa Corporation Japan announced in November that they selected Bardstown as the site for their new U.S. manufacturing facility. The facility will be located in the Nelson County Industrial Park and will employ 180 people.
- Bardstown Main Street announced the creation of 63 new jobs and total investment of \$1,730,500 in the downtown district in 2017.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR 2017



It is important to review historical data and see how we are trending. As we continue to focus our efforts on recruiting new businesses, building new infrastructure, expanding our tourism efforts, and enhancing our quality of life; we need to continue to strategically plan and prepare for the future of Nelson County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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