

Kentucky Jobs Analysis of THRIVE Act

TALKING POINTS

Topline:

Kentucky has an opportunity to supercharge its economy and create more than a hundred thousand good, family-supporting jobs by tackling the climate crisis head on.

A new report from the experts at the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst shows that a recovery package modeled on the **THRIVE Agenda would generate 129,000 jobs in Kentucky in the first year alone**, and sustain this higher level of employment for the next decade.

Key Points:

1. **129,000 jobs for Kentucky:** An economic recovery package modeled on THRIVE would invest \$13 billion in Kentucky, generating 129,000 jobs in the first year. That's equivalent to 6.1% of the current state labor force--a massive improvement at a time when so many are in need of good, family-sustaining jobs.
2. **Slashing Unemployment:** 129,000 new jobs for Kentucky would cut unemployment to near zero, sparking a genuine economic rebound in the wake of the COVID pandemic and creating conditions for many people to return to the workforce.
3. **Investments to Meet the Moment:** Right now, Kentucky faces severe and overlapping crises, from worsening climate change to crumbling infrastructure to growing racial and economic inequity. A recovery package modeled on THRIVE would invest in ways that address *all* of these challenges, transforming our economy and improving quality of life for all Kentuckians.
4. **Climate Solutions:** Kentucky would generate and sustain 21,000 clean energy jobs by investing in renewable energy and improving the efficiency of vehicles, buildings and industries--a critical step toward slashing pollution and saving the planet from climate catastrophe.
5. **Infrastructure:** Kentucky would generate and sustain 40,240 jobs by investing in things like affordable transportation, high-speed broadband, clean water, and upgraded parks--the public resources we need to support a historic economic revival.
6. **Sustainable Agriculture:** Kentucky would generate and sustain 42,200 jobs by investing in regenerative agriculture, land restoration, and local food systems, giving a much-needed boost to family farmers--especially young farmers and farmers of color.
7. **A New Care Economy:** Kentucky would generate and sustain 25,600 jobs by enhancing care infrastructure for children, the elderly, and the sick--and improving job quality standards for the people providing that care.

8. **The THRIVE Agenda has broad, nationwide support:** The THRIVE Agenda Resolution has already been endorsed by more than 100 members of Congress, including Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, along with hundreds of major labor unions, racial justice organizations, and climate organizations.
9. **The THRIVE Act will be introduced in April:** A historic piece of legislation, the THRIVE Act enacts the THRIVE Agenda on a national scale, investing \$1 trillion annually over 10 years to create millions of good jobs, take on the climate crisis, and advance racial, Indigenous, gender, and economic justice.