



In 2020, the Prichard Committee urged all Kentuckians to join the work of creating a Big Bold Future for our Commonwealth.

To frame that work, we identified twelve indicators. Together, these data points let us:

- Compare our work to other states
- Analyze trends over the years
- See results for Kentuckians of varied backgrounds and ages
- Find cause for celebration
- Recognize areas of concern

In 2022, returning to those indicators, we see some bright spots.

Bluntly, we also see shadows.

Many indicators warrant our concern. Our effort to build a Big Bold Future are struggling.

This 2022 reporting confirms the need for renewed and expanded efforts.

Let's look at the data and then consider how to engage the challenges.



## Early Childhood





## K-12 Learning



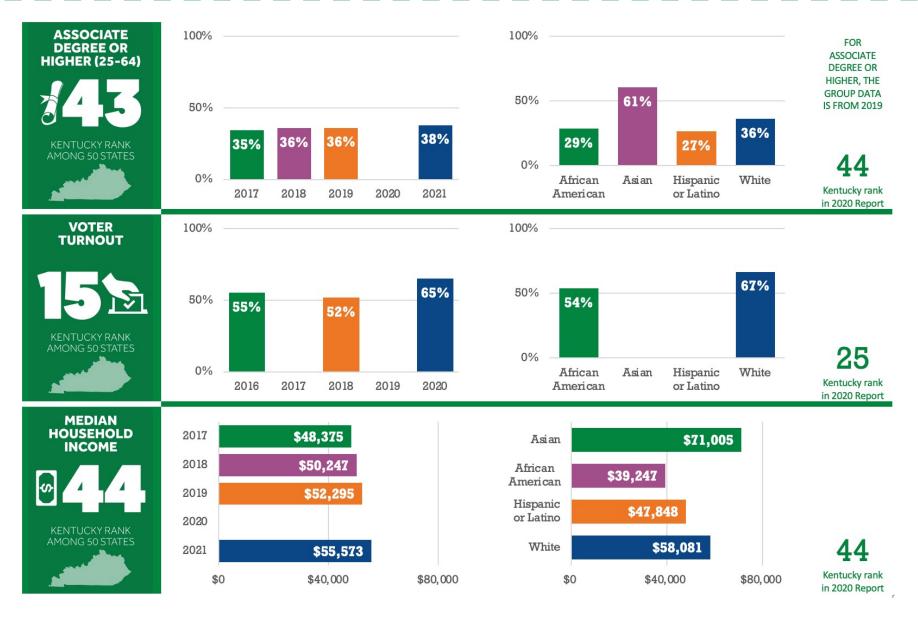


## Postsecondary





## Quality of Life





## Overall, a tough season for Kentucky

#### **Bright Spots**

- 3rd in high school graduations
- 6th in two-year postsecondary graduations
- 15th in voter turnout
- Middle third & rising on birthweight, four-year postsecondary graduations

#### **Cloudy Weather**

- 29<sup>th</sup> in grade 4 reading (lowest ranks since 50 state NAEP participation began)
- 41<sup>st</sup> in grade 8 mathematics (also lowest)
- Bottom third & falling on children above 200% of poverty, preschool enrollment, postsecondary enrollment
- Bottom fifth on associate attainment, median income
- Failure to create full access, opportunity, respect and support for Black and Latino Kentuckians

# ...and time to join in new work



## Join Us to Build a Big Bold Future

For Kentuckians to flourish, education must become a pathway that works for all of us. We invite you to join us in work to:

- ✓ Build a Groundswell of local community action to equip each and every student for success and meet each learner's unique needs
- Advocate state policies that build toward excellence with equity at all levels of learning
- ✓ Press for Big Bold Ask financial investments in learning from early childhood to postsecondary education



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