



Kentucky should...

promote family housing stability by making common sense changes to the eviction process

When families have access to safe, stable housing, children can grow and thrive.

An eviction record is created as soon as a landlord files a claim for eviction with the court. Even if the case is dismissed or doesn't result in an eviction, the tenant has a mark on their housing record, which can be viewed by any prospective landlord when applying for housing for years to come.

Families with an eviction record, even if the case is dismissed, encounter long-term barriers to securing stable housing.

Because landlords often turn away applicants with an eviction on their housing record regardless of the outcome, families regularly experience housing instability or unsafe housing.

Eviction also increases the likelihood of job loss and is associated with reduced earnings.

Families with children are 2x more likely to face eviction than other households.

- Sometimes minors are listed on eviction filings, causing irreversible damage to their housing record before they are even old enough to sign a lease.
- 10% of children under the age of five living in rental housing are threatened with eviction each year.
- Children in households facing eviction encounter educational disruptions, including increased absences from school.
- Evictions put kids at risk of negative health outcomes, developmental delays, and toxic stress associated with Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Eviction Rates in Kentucky:

- Kentucky sees an average of **147 eviction** filings per day.
- **Up to 55% of filings** in Kentucky between 2022 – 2024 did not result in an eviction judgement. Yet, those households still have an eviction record which creates barriers to future housing opportunities.
- The average family facing eviction in Kentucky has **at least 1 child** in the household.



Blueprint for Kentucky's Children Policy Solution:

Expunge dismissed eviction cases and prohibit minors from being named on eviction filings.