

GLOBAL LEX UPDATE

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LEXINGTON
Global Lex

Our Global Community

Fayette County Public School (FCPS) Data

About 1 in 5 FCPS students are active English learners

The top 10 languages are:

1. English	2. Spanish	3. Swahili	4. Arabic	5. Nepali
6. French	7. Kinyarwanda	8. Japanese	9. Mandarin Chinese	10. Haitian Creole

FCPS – UK – LFUCG Data

231 distinct languages tracked cummalatively in Fayette County.

115 distinct active languages in 2025.



Kentucky Economic Impact

Nearly 540 international facilities employing more than 116,000 people across the state

According to the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, immigrants in KY are:

4.5% Population	5% Workforce	7% All Businesses	13% Main St. Businesses	12% Construction Workers	16% Physicians	24% Software Developers
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In 2023, immigrants in KY contributed*: \$5.2 billion in spending power \$1.7 billion in state and local taxes

Global Lex

Global Lex works to strengthen Lexington by connecting residents, organizations, and local government through language access, education, partnerships, and cultural engagement.

We work to ensure that all who call Lexington home can participate fully in civic life and help shape the city's future.

What We Do

Community Support & Resources

Education & Integration Programs

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

Arts & Cultural Events

Government Support & Language Access



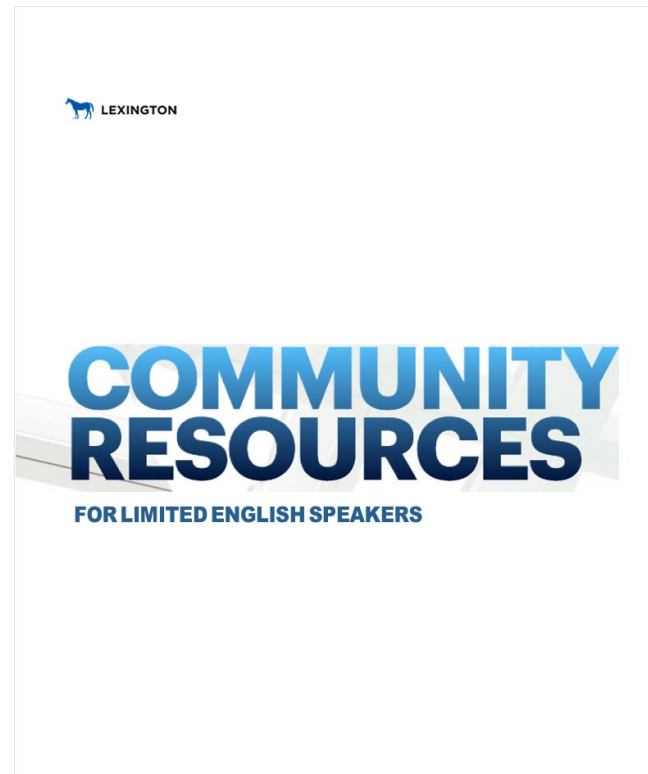
Community Support & Resources

■ How?

- Open to the public M-F 8 AM – 5 PM
- No appointment necessary
- Multimodal support
in-person, phone, virtual, email, WhatsApp
- Free language access provided
 - 9 languages supported by team
 - Technology: VASCO; Language Line

■ What?

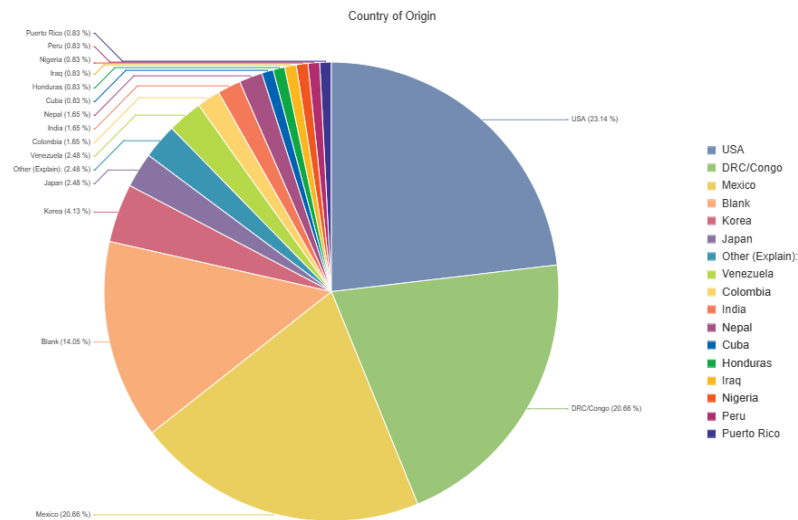
- Referrals
- Technical Assistance
- Case Advocacy



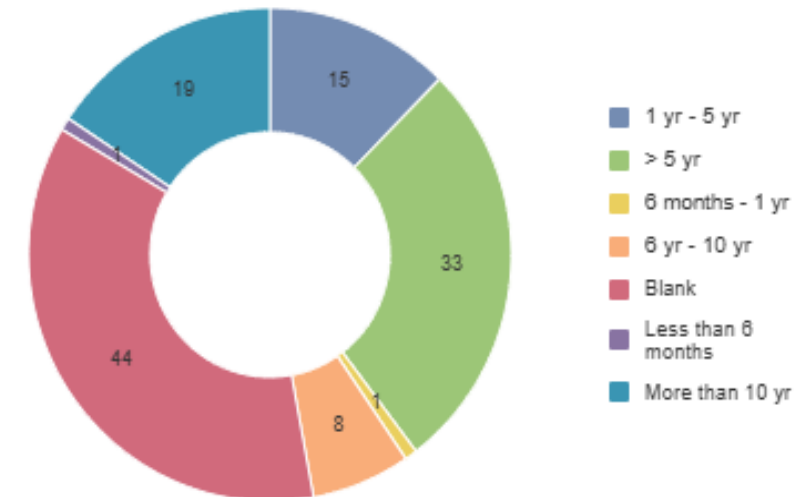
Community Support & Resources

Country of Origin	Percentage
USA	23.14%
DRC/ Congo	20.66%
Mexico	20.66%
South Korea	4.13%
Japan	2.48%
Venezuela	2.48%
Colombia	1.65%
India	1.65%
Nepal	1.65%
Cuba	0.83%

Country of Origin
Reporting Dates: 1/1/26 - 5/26/26



Length in U.S.

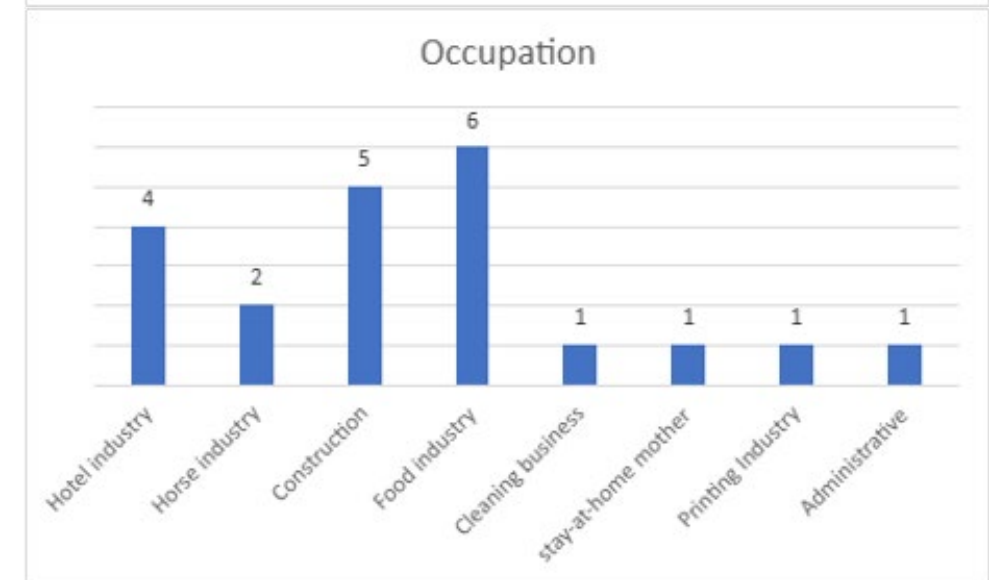
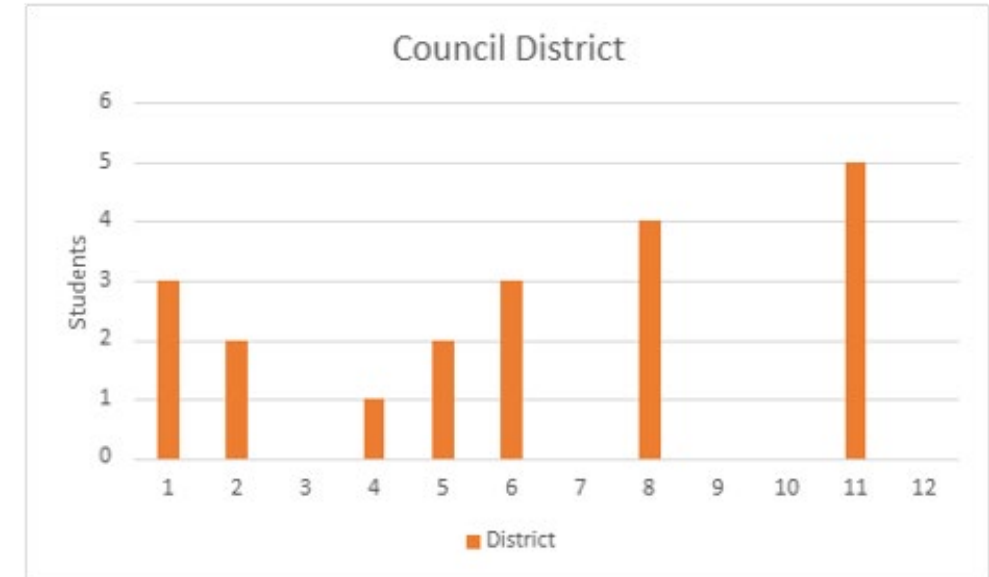


Education & Integration Programs

Global Lex – Synchronous Learning Series



Hybrid Language Classes (*targeted: Spanish speakers*)
 Winter-Spring 2026



Education & Integration Programs

Global Lex – Synchronous Learning



Community Health, Education, & Safety Event

January – May 2026 Offerings

Weekly English classes for beginners

- Hybrid
- Targeted: Spanish speakers

2x a week English Class series for beginners

- In community
- Faith institution partners

Weekly Citizenship & Civics class series

- Targeted: African community

Tax Fraud Awareness Workshop

Community Health, Education, & Safety Event

- Partners: UK HAMP LAB; Fire; EMS; DSVC; CBOs

LFUCG Supported Programming

Tenants & Landlord Rights (Community & Resident Services)

- Woodhill Community Center (Spanish)
- Black & Williams Center (Swahili & French)

Council District 2 Public Safety Event

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships



African Community Leadership
& Partner Meeting

Community Based Organizations

Casa De La Cultura

FLACA

Marafiki Center

Bluegrass Irish Society

Get HAAPI

Japan America Society of Kentucky

Korean American Society of Kentucky

Bluegrass Indo-American Civic Society



Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

Partners & Collaborators

Mayor's International Affairs Advisory Commission

Sister Cities Commission

County Clerk Office

Commerce Lexington

LexArts

Lexington Public Library

Global Engagement

Chinese Embassy (DC) Partner Luncheon

Mexican Consulate (Indianapolis) Community Reception

Kazakhstan Delegation Visit through State Department's IVLP Program

Taipei Economic & Cultural Office (Atlanta) University of Kentucky Event

Fayette County Public Schools

FCPS x CivicLex Civic Day

Cardinal Valley Elementary – Day of the Child

Millcreek Elementary – ESL students graduations

Bryan Station Middle School – Career Fair

Frederick Douglas High School – Multicultural fair

University of Kentucky

UK Martin School of Public Policy and Administration

International Student Center

College of Nursing

Bluegrass Community & Technical College

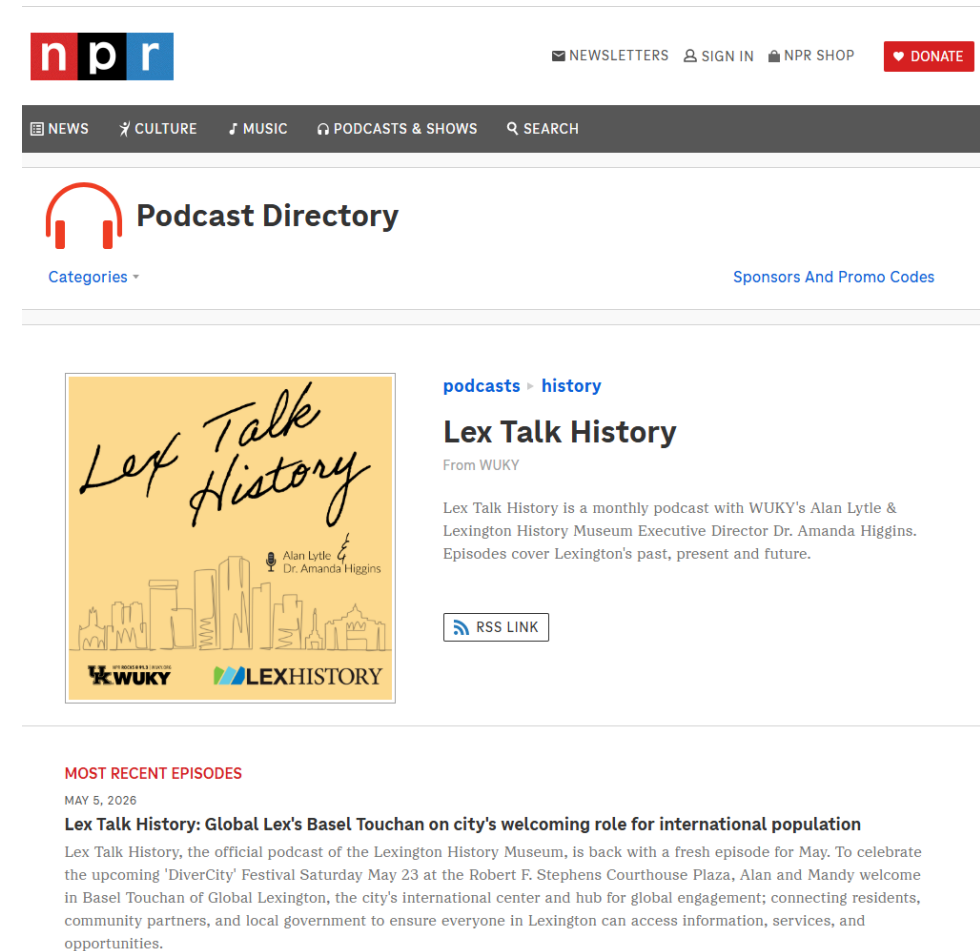
Global Learning Center

Hubert H Humphrey Fellows

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

Outreach Channels	Reach (Jan-May 2026)
Convenings Hosted	12 convenings hosted
Community Tabling	2004 residents interacted with
Newsletter	49.5% Open Growth Rate YoY 52.94% Click Growth Rate MoM
Social Media	36,901 views (last 90 days)
Public Information Dissemination (WhatsApp/Email)	12,581 unique multilingual messages delivered
Grant Letters of Support	4
Advisory Group Participation	12

Engagement & Outreach Footprint



Podcast Directory

podcasts > history

Lex Talk History

From WUKY

Lex Talk History is a monthly podcast with WUKY's Alan Lytle & Lexington History Museum Executive Director Dr. Amanda Higgins. Episodes cover Lexington's past, present and future.

[RSS LINK](#)

MOST RECENT EPISODES

MAY 5, 2026

Lex Talk History: Global Lex's Basel Touchan on city's welcoming role for international population

Lex Talk History, the official podcast of the Lexington History Museum, is back with a fresh episode for May. To celebrate the upcoming 'DiverCity' Festival Saturday May 23 at the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza, Alan and Mandy welcome in Basel Touchan of Global Lexington, the city's international center and hub for global engagement; connecting residents, community partners, and local government to ensure everyone in Lexington can access information, services, and opportunities.

Lexington History Muesem
Lex Talk History Podcast



LEXINGTON

Arts & Cultural Events



Korean American Society of Kentucky (KASK) Korean Culture Exhibit



St. Patrick's Festival

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE
2026 EVENTS

FREE **FRIDAY APRIL 24TH, 5 PM - 7 PM**
@ CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
LISA LOW POETRY READING!
ARTWORK DISPLAYED DURING ALL OF AAPI HERITAGE MONTH IN MAY!

art gallery

WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH, 7:30 PM
@ THE KENTUCKY THEATRE
MOVIE SHOWING - ENTER THE DRAGON
* TICKETS AVAILABLE ON KENTUCKYTHEATRE.ORG *

movie night

FREE **FRIDAY MAY 15TH**
5:30 PM - 7 PM
@ CARNEGIE CENTER
* HEAR FROM LOCAL AAPI AUTHORS AND ENJOY TRADITIONAL MUSICAL STYLINGS A SHORT FASHION SHOW! *

poetry & tea tasting

SATURDAY MAY 30TH, 6 PM
(RAINDATE: MAY 31ST)
@ MOONDANCE AMPHITHEATRE
* LIVELY CELEBRATION OF LOCAL AAPI PERFORMERS, DANCERS, MUSICIANS AND MORE! *

moondance celebration **FREE**

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AAPI Heritage Month Celebrations

Government Support & Language Access

- Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or **national origin** in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- Essential to maintaining millions of dollars in federal funding



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Title VI PROGRAM PLAN

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

Linda Gorton, Mayor

Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer

Kacy Allen Bryant, Title VI Coordinator

Government Support & Language Access

Service Type
Data Collection & Sharing
Language Access
Training
Technical Assistance
Program Design
Outreach Strategy

2026 Internal Partners
Department of Social Services
Mayor's Office
Council
Lexington Police Department
Fire
Emergency Management
Community & Resident Services
Parks & Rec
Partners for Youth
Youth Services
Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition

LEXINGTON Non-English Home Language Summary



On the Horizon (Summer 2026)

Community Support & Resources

Driver Ed Videos 2 New Languages

Education & integration Programs

Targeted English Class (African seniors)

Targeted English Class (Spanish speakers)

Arts & Cultural Events

Swahili Day – June 13

Kentucky Refugee & immigrant Inclusion Summit – June 18

Lexington Sporting Club International fest – June 20

4th of July Parade

Bastille Day – July 14

Reggae Week – July 22-26

DiverCity – August 29

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

THE WELCOMING STANDARD



SAFE COMMUNITIES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



EQUITABLE ACCESS



EDUCATION



GOVERNMENT &
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



CONNECTED COMMUNITIES



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

WELCOMING
AMERICA 

Government Support & Language Access

FY 27 Title VI Plan

Title VI Training

Modernizing, streamlining, and increasing efficiencies across language access systems

Questions?

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