

Kentucky
(Dollars in Thousands)

Kentucky	2012 Total*	5% Sequester	Revised Total
Estimate of Total Interior Funding	52,405	-2,453	49,952

* The 2012 Total does not include project specific funding for land acquisition, construction, and Bureau of Reclamation projects or competitive grant allocations.

Interior funding in Kentucky totaled about \$52 million in 2012. A five percent sequester of Interior funding at this level would mean a loss of about \$2.5 million. This estimate will be updated once the sequestration order is issued and allocations are finalized. There could be further reductions in competitive grants, land acquisition and construction projects, and wildland fire expenditures that are not included in this estimate.

- The Department of Interior has a presence in Kentucky with over 400 employees. Kentucky has three units of the National Park System within its borders and shares one park and one national historic trail with adjoining States. In addition, Kentucky hosts one refuge and one fish hatchery.
- The Department of Interior assets in Kentucky attracted over 1.5 million visitors, created over 1,600 jobs, and generated \$92 million for local economies in 2011.
- Under the sequester, Interior operations in Kentucky stand to lose an estimated:
 - \$70 thousand from Bureau of Indian Affairs activities.
 - \$733 thousand from Fish and Wildlife Service sites like *Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge and Work Creek National Fish Hatchery*.
 - \$606 thousand from National Park Service sites like *Mammoth Cave National Park and Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park*.

Within this total, major grants and direct payments to Kentucky would drop by about \$3.3 million.

Interior Grants and Payments	Estimate Total	Sequester	Revised Total
Abandoned Mine Land Grants	44,708	-2,280	42,428
Historic Preservation Fund	814	-41	773
LWCF State Grants w/GOMESA	630	-32	598
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,891	-96	1,795
Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration	15,172	-774	14,398
State and Wildlife Grants	636	-32	604
Mineral Revenue Payments	486	-25	461
Total, Kentucky	64,337	-3,279	61,058

Note: The sequester is an across-the-board reduction that reduces every account and activity (with few exemptions). The result will be reduced levels of direct services provided to the American public. Cut backs in visitor hours and programs will impact tourism and travel and have ripple effects on communities and economies that are reliant on these activities. Reductions in permanent and seasonal staffing and reductions in contracts will impact surrounding communities where employees live and where supplies and services are acquired. Reductions in grants and payments will impact the abilities of States, Tribes and counties to sustain ongoing services in emergency response, education, and others. As these impacts are defined, we will provide details.