



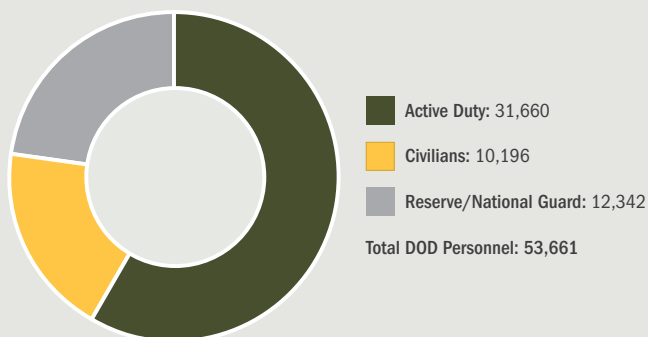
OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the state of Kentucky received \$14.6 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

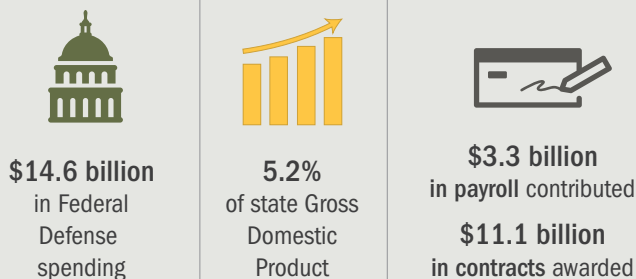
The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DOD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DOD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2008 through FY 2024, DOD and its partners have contributed over \$1.0 million to REPI projects supporting one installation in Kentucky.

DOD IN KENTUCKY

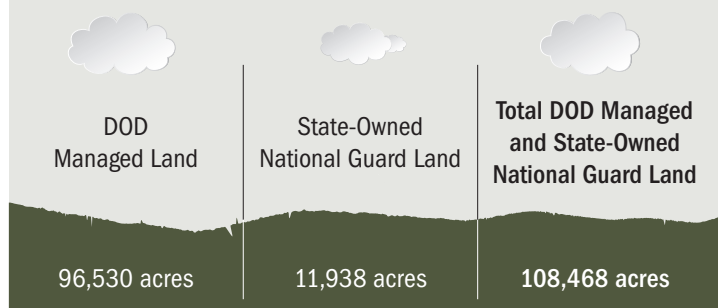
DOD Personnel (as of 30 Sep 2023)



Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2023)

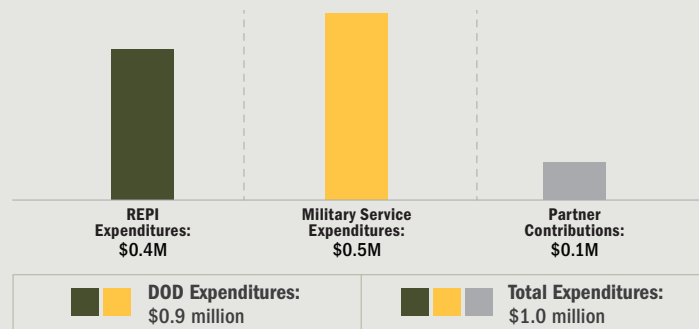


Acres of DOD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2023)



REPI PROJECTS* IN KENTUCKY

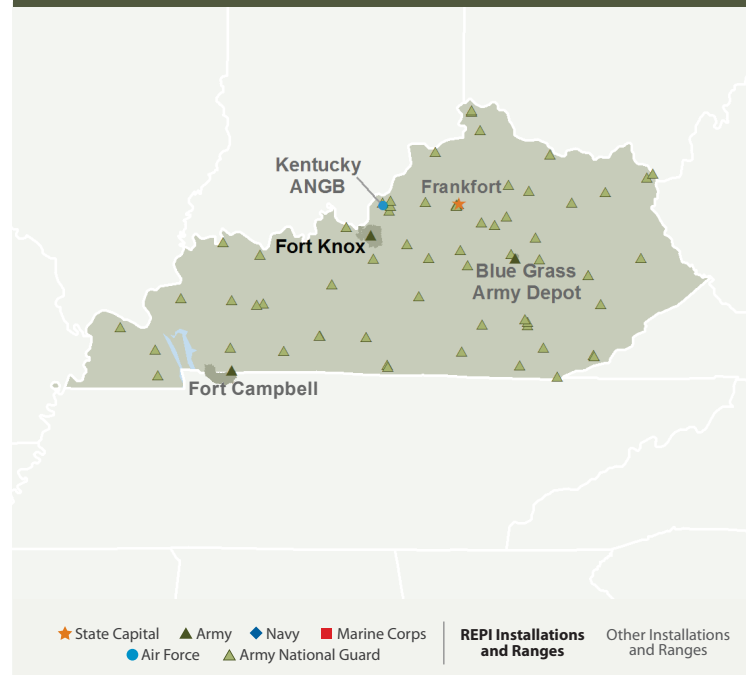
Funding Summary (from FY 2008 through FY 2024)



Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding.

* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 2684a to include the acquisition of real property interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development or improve military installation resilience. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army REPI partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible entities include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

Total Acres Protected (FY 2008 through FY 2024): 462



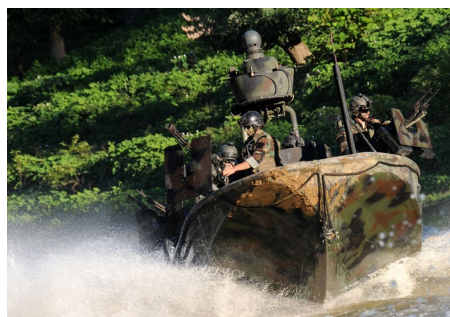
MILITARY PRESENCE

- Blue Grass Army Depot provides conventional ammunition services, including **special operations requirements for all Military Services**; chemical defense management; and limited manufacturing capabilities for the Army.
- The military is the **largest single employer** among organizations that could relocate outside of Kentucky.
- Fort Knox, situated near Louisville, Kentucky, is renowned as the home of the U.S. Bullion Depository, which stores a significant portion of the country's gold reserves. Additionally, Fort Knox serves as a center for leadership and human resources training for the U.S. Army.
- Fort Knox encompasses **109,000 acres** and boasts sole responsibility for all Soldier career management, from swearing in to departing service.

REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Fort Knox	Bullitt, Hardin, Meade	2nd

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx



A squadron engages in a live-fire training exercise (top), while a special boat team participates in a drill at the riverine training range at Fort Knox (left).

Key REPI Partners

- Compatible Lands Foundation
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture
- Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
- Kentucky Division of Conservation
- Kentucky Forest Service
- Kentucky Land Trust
- Kentucky Nature Preserves
- Land Trust for Tennessee
- Lincoln Trail Area Development District
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Department of Agriculture—Natural Resources Conservation Service

Data Sources

- For Economic Impact Information:
 - Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development: www.kyaerodefensemap.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2018-EIA-Summary_FINAL.pdf
- For Land Information: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: “Base Structure Report – FY24 Baseline” (as of 30 Sept 2023)
- For Federal Spending and Personnel Information: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: “Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2023”: www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023
- For REPI Projects Information: “2025 REPI Report to Congress”: www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2025RTC.pdf

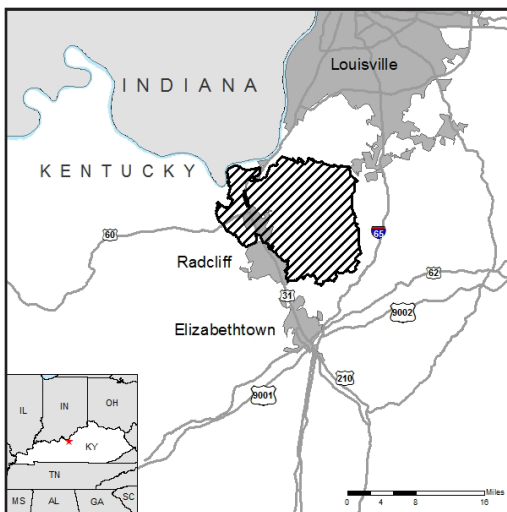


FORT KNOX

Located 35 miles south of Louisville, Fort Knox covers parts of three counties and has a population of 40,000 soldiers, family members, and civilian employees combined.

Training at Fort Knox includes basic combat operations, maneuver, aerial gunnery, and amphibious operations. Ranges provide qualification for weapons firing and anti-tank weapons, demolitions, helicopter and aerial gunnery, unmanned aerial vehicles, tank firing, and other types of training. The installation's facilities, training areas, and firing ranges are utilized 356 days a year.

Growth and urban sprawl emanating around Fort Knox and Louisville threatens to further restrict training, create safety concerns, and increase the loss of habitat for



the endangered gray and Indiana bats. Training already requires workarounds to avoid conflict with development east of the post. For this REPI project, Fort Knox's partners are acquiring undeveloped lands bordering Fort Knox's Yano Range and other training areas along the eastern boundary.

Sustaining habitat in this traditionally agricultural area also prevents the need to impose restrictions on training activities using smoke and fire, which affects the bats and their habitat. Fort Knox will meet its mission of

providing realistic day-and-night training that produces large amounts of noise and smoke, while preserving nearby open space, habitat, and agricultural lands.

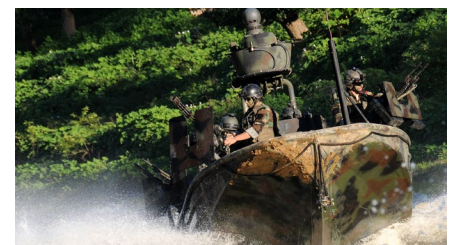
BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands
- Protects habitat for endangered species
- Provides recreational opportunities

MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire, maneuver, helicopter, and night flying training that produces significant noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity
- Provides for future mission growth



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CONTACT

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FAST FACTS FROM FY 2008 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: Completed

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	3	462	\$1.0 million

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