



FY2025

IMPACT REPORT



KENTUCKY
SCIENCE CENTER





A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At Kentucky Science Center, we believe science is more than a subject, it's a way to spark curiosity, build confidence, and connect communities. In FY2025, that belief came to life in bold, exciting ways.

This year, we surpassed the milestone of serving more than 300,000 individuals—our strongest reach in years and the second-highest total in the past decade. We opened Who Forted? + Construction Zone, a dynamic redesign of our beloved building exhibit, and launched PlayPort, our first outdoor learning experience created in partnership with Waterfront Park.

We also deepened engagement with schools, educators, and members, all while expanding our commitment to accessible, hands-on learning for every family we serve. These milestones reflect not just our growth, but our deepening connection to the city, state, and science that surrounds us.

Thank you for believing in our mission and making this work possible.

Mike Norman
President & CEO
Kentucky Science Center

OUR IMPACT

MEMBERS



12,167
TOTAL MEMBERS



93,987
MEMBER ATTENDANCE

SCIENCE IN PLAY2GO

250K VISITORS
TOTAL

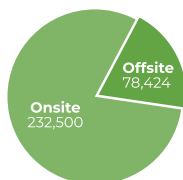


32 KENTUCKY
COUNTIES

Kentucky Science Center is proud of the impact we have on our community in Louisville, in Kentucky, and beyond. We loved Doing Science with you this year!

IMPACT

310,924 TOTAL
SERVED



CAMPERS



2,321 ON-SITE
CAMPERS

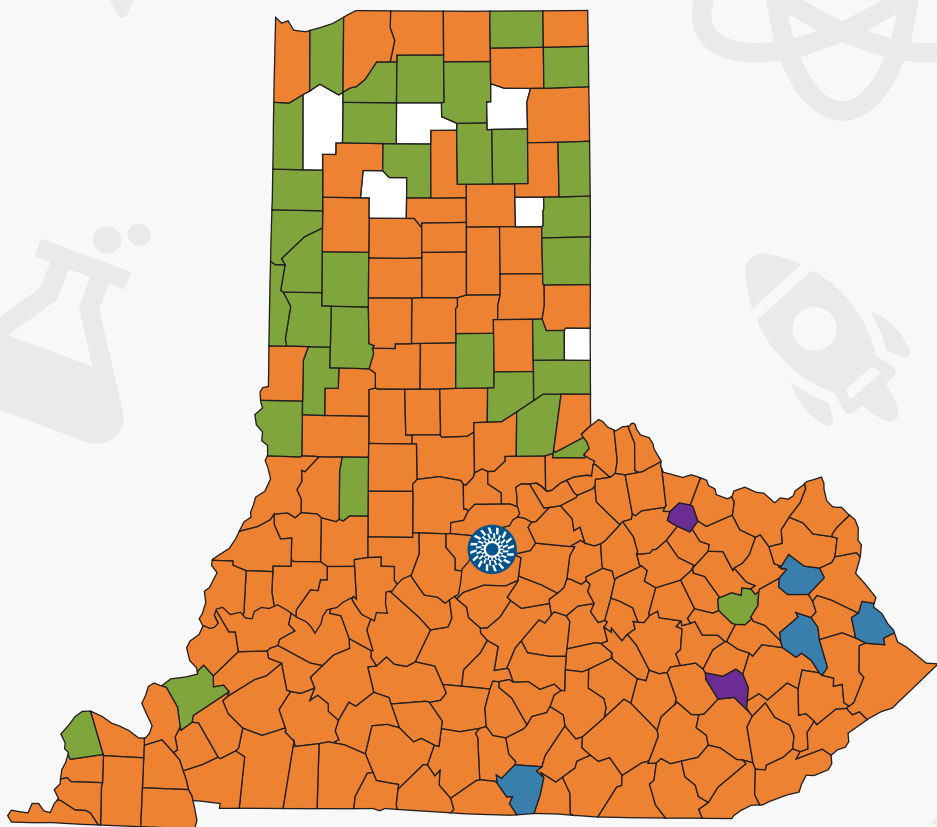
COMMUNITY ACCESS MEMBERSHIP



4,923
TOTAL MEMBERS



24,101
MEMBER ATTENDANCE



100%

Kentucky Counties

93%

Indiana Counties

Impact Type



Multiple

Any combination of 2 or more



Member

Member resides in the County



Onsite

Public visitor to flagship facility



Offsite

Science Travels to You programming



Kentucky Science Center Flagship Location



WHO FORTED?

+ CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Renovated and reimagined in November 2024, Who Forted? invites visitors of all ages to design, build, and test their own forts using real tools and materials. Presented by Buffalo Construction, the exhibit blends teamwork and creativity with hands-on exploration of engineering and design.



PLAYPORT

Opened in March 2025, PlayPort is an outdoor learning space at Waterfront Park created in partnership with Kentucky Science Center. Featuring industrial artifacts transformed into play structures, the exhibit sparks curiosity through hands-on exploration, science prompts, and QR-linked learning.

PlayPort was also spotlighted on Mission Unstoppable with Miranda Cosgrove.





SCIENCE IN PLAY2GO

Science in Play2Go has now reached **more than 250,000 children and families across Kentucky**. Launched in 2015 as a mobile version of Kentucky Science Center's award-winning early childhood exhibit, the program brings free, play-based STEAM learning to communities statewide through a partnership with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

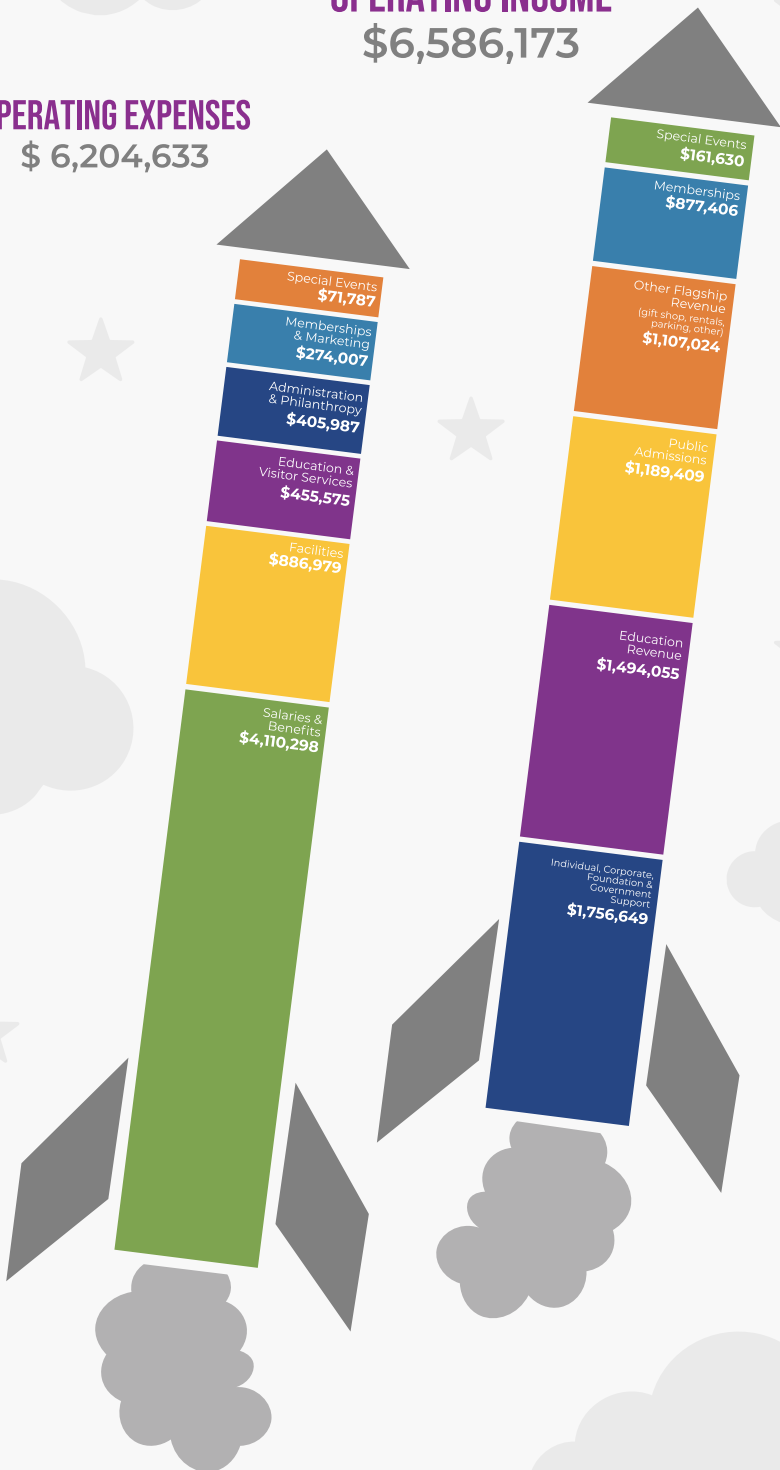
With interactive zones designed for children ages 8 and under, Science in Play2Go has traveled to 32 counties—adapting even during the pandemic—and continues to spark curiosity, creativity, and early science skills in every corner of the Commonwealth.

OPERATING INCOME

\$6,586,173

OPERATING EXPENSES

\$ 6,204,633



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