



Northern Kentucky 101

Northern Kentucky, the top of the South & the end of the North, is perfectly situated along the Ohio River across from big sister Cincinnati. Encompassing the historic towns of Newport and Covington as well as the suburban centers along the Covington/Cincinnati International Airport, NKY is a strong part of the Cincinnati USA region with its roots firmly planted in Kentucky.

Famous Northern Kentuckians:

George Clooney: Raised along the Ohio River in Augusta, Ky., George attended Northern Kentucky University before becoming a box-office smash in Hollywood. George returned to his NKY roots while in CincinnatiUSA to film the award-winning *Ides of March* in 2012.

John T. Thompson: Born and raised in Newport, Ky., this U.S. Army General is well-known for his creation of the first automatic machine gun, the Thompson Gun or Tommy Gun.

Frank Duveneck: Born and raised in Covington, Ky., Frank is a painter, sculptor and educator known for many local art pieces. Duveneck Square in downtown Covington is named for him.

Nicholas Joseph "Nick" Clooney: Born in Maysville, Ky., Nick has worn many hats over the years: journalist, politician, anchorman, game show host. But his most well-known roles may be father of actor & film director George Clooney and brother of Rosemary Clooney.

Daniel Carter Beard: American illustrator, author, youth leader and social reformer who founded Boy Scouts of America in 1910. Daniel lived in Covington, near the Licking River, where he learned the stories of Kentucky pioneer life.

Rosemary Clooney: Born in Maysville, Ky., Rosemary came to prominence in the early 1950s and received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002. One of her most memorable acting roles was in *White Christmas* with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye.

Heather Renee French Henry: Born in Augusta, Ky., this Miss America 2000 has received numerous awards for her work with veterans.

Josh Hutcherson: Born in Union, Ky., Josh is the star of numerous critically acclaimed and award-winning films including *The Kids Are All Right* (2010), *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island* (2012), and played the main character, Peeta Mellark, in *The Hunger Games* (2012) series.

NKY Facts

Population: 384,790 (2015)

Metro Population: Northern Kentucky is part of the CincinnatiUSA MSA encompassing 2,137,406 people and is the 28th largest metro area in the U.S.

Major Cities: Covington, Newport, Florence, Erlanger, Hebron, Union, Fort Thomas, Bellevue

Airport: CVG International Airport serviced by Delta, United, Frontier, Allegiant, Southwest, Apple Air

Signature Events: Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon, held the first Saturday of May, is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. The second-largest multi-cultural music event in the U.S., P&G Music Fusion Weekend, is hosted here in July. Oktoberfest Cincinnati occurs the second weekend in October and is the largest Oktoberfest outside of Munich, Germany.

Professional Sports: Cincinnati Reds: season April – October. Cincinnati Bengals: season September – December.

Arts in Region: 100 plus arts & culture venues in the region including ballet, pops orchestra, chamber orchestra, Opera, Broadway theater and more.

Culinary: Germanic and Southern fusion cuisine with a dash of bourbon and a craft beer from the more than 32 active breweries in the region.



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