

Fort Knox and the Compatible Use Plan



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Agenda



Range Training Data Points







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Sounds of Freedom!





M1 Abrams Tank Live Fire





Small-arms Live Fire





Anti-Tank-4 Weapon Live Fire





Nighttime Sling Load Operation





500-lb. Payload Drop





Nighttime Aerial Live Fire





Multiple Launch Rocket System Fire





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High-Mobility Artillery Rocket System Fire





155 mm Howitzer Fire





Mine Clearing Line Charge Detonation





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Range Training Data Points





Capability & Capacity

Fort Knox is home to possibly the PREMIER training range complex in the Department of Defense

- Supports a <u>full complement</u> of small & largescale training needs for military units & other government agencies – be it in the air, on the water or on the ground
 - Features...
 - Village & city sites simulating real-world environments
 - Long & wide ranges providing a myriad of training possibilities from tank gunnery to integrated air & ground training to long-range sniper training
 - 360-degree riverine live fire

NOTE: Fort Knox & its geographic footprint also support expedient deployment

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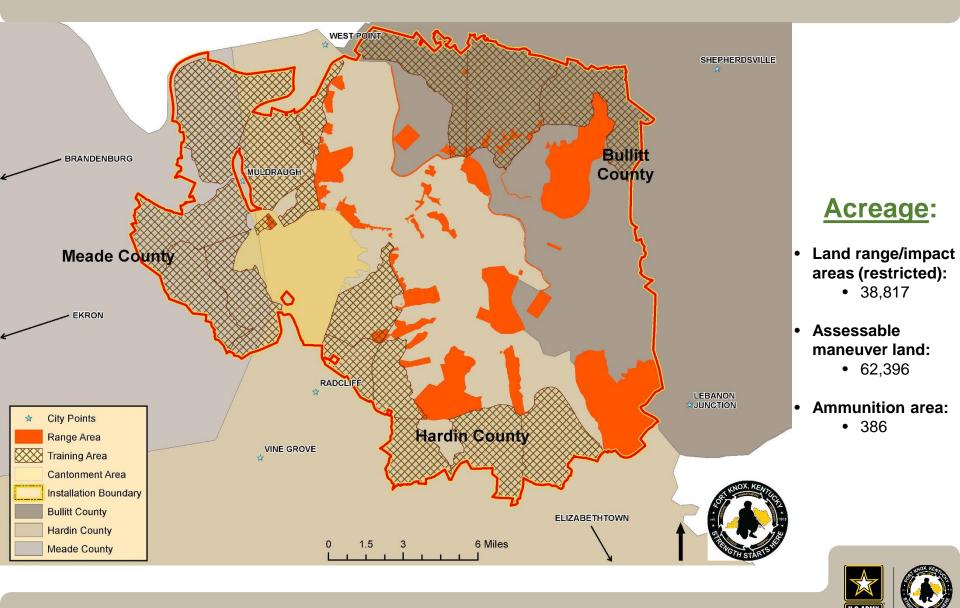






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Footprint



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Did You Know?

Training Throughput

- "10,000 cadets in 100 days"
 - Cadet Summer Training is the Army's singlelargest training event
 - Range complex still supports other units' & agencies' training needs during summer months
- Range complex's utilization rates routinely rank among the highest of all military installations within the continental United States
 - More than 10,000 range utilizations days in one year
 - More than 100 training events occurring in a single day during portions of the summer







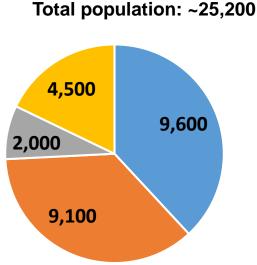
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Fort Knox Today





Scope – Population, Economics & Size



Daytime workweek population

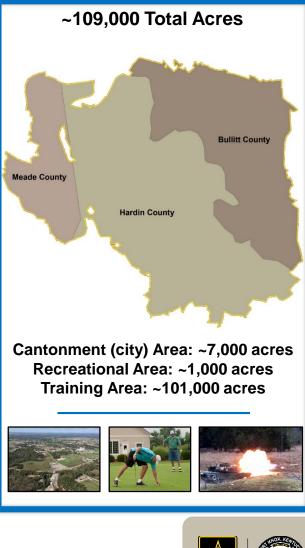
- Active-duty military
- DOD civilian employees, contractors & others
- Reserve component military
- Dependents of active-duty military living on post

Population rankings

- 15th largest active city in Kentucky*
- 19th largest U.S. Army post** *419 total active cities

**174 total U.S. Army locations (i.e., posts, camps, stations, bases, depots, plants, ammunition points, sites, complexes)







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Major Units & Organizations

U.S. Army Cadet Command

- 1st ROTC Brigade
- 7th ROTC Brigade
- School of Cadet Command
- Cadet Summer Training

1st Theater Sustainment Command*





U.S. Army Reserve Aviation Command

- 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation Regiment
- 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment



- - **Recruiting and Retention College**

Marketing and Engagement Brigade

U.S. Army Recruiting Command

Medical Recruiting Brigade

3rd Recruiting Brigade

★★ U.S. Army Human Resources Command





- **100th Training Division TASS Training Center**
- 83rd Army Reserve
- **Readiness Training Center**



U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Knox





19th Engineer Battalion



Mission and Installation Contracting Command

First U.S. Army Division East



4th Cavalry Brigade Brigade





U.S. Army Reserve Careers Division



Public Health Activity

- Ireland Army Health Clinic
- Dental Activity
- **Public Health Command**

Fort Knox: STRENGTH STARTS HERE!

The motto is reflective of the U.S. Army's Soldier recruitment, commissioning & career management missions all headquartered at Fort Knox.



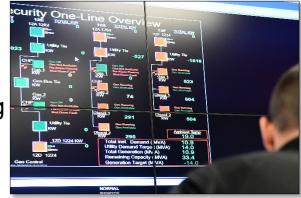
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Energy Security

Fort Knox's Energy Program is widely regarded the BEST in the Department of Defense

- **ONLY** military installation that has proven its ability to operate completely independent of external power
 - Harvest natural gas
 - Convert gas into power using power generating sites
 - Use generation sites to "peak shave" during high demand periods, saving about \$10 million annually
 - Use solar power
 - 10-acre solar farm & several buildings with solar roofing
 - Use geothermal technology as well as absorption chillers at generation sites to help heat & cool buildings
- Energy Program has earned 14 Secretary of the Army Energy Awards since 1998 – the most of any Army post







Fort Knox Tomorrow





Immediate Future

As it stands today, Fort Knox has the capability & capacity to support additional missions

- Fort Knox is a valuable post for a **myriad** of factors
- It's why there's...
 - 8 general officer commands here
 - High demand to use the range complex
 - Continued Cadet Summer Training growth
 - ~\$23 million invested in a recently opened middle/high school
 - ~\$65 million invested in a new clinic
 - ~\$45 million invested to transform Yano Range into the only Digital Air-Ground Integration Range east of the Mississippi River
 - 1 of only 7 primary inactive mobilization platforms here
 - 1 of only 4 consolidated Army data centers operating here
 - The only consolidated personnel claims center operating here







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Long-range Future

It depends...

• What will be the needs of our Department of Defense & nation?

- Impossible to predict the future with 100% certainty
- However, important points to bear in mind...
 - Cost prohibitive to simply purchase more lands for additional military installations
 - Base Realignment and Closures (BRACs) illustrate that the number of military installations are continually reduced
 - Therefore, be good & responsible stewards of what we do have
 - A sound Compatible Use Plan put into effect maintains & protects Fort Knox – a regional, military & national asset
 - Failure to do so affects the viability of Fort Knox because of:
 - 1. Degraded and/or erased ability to carry out training & missions
 - 2. Increased public contempt over Fort Knox activities (e.g., noise)
 - A curtailed or closed Fort Knox affects this entire region's economy
- Effective planning with execution is possible
 - Example: Hardin County & the Commonwealth of Kentucky's work on Kentucky Highway 313 (Joe Prather HWY)

The time is <u>NOW</u> to make a difference!



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