

S.No.	Governor	Term of Office	Party	Election
1	Isaac Shelby (1750–1826)	June 4, 1792 – June 1, 1796 (did not run)	Democratic- Republican	1792
2	James Garrard (1749–1822)	June 1, 1796 – September 5, 1804 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1796 1800
3	Christopher Greenup (1750–1818)	September 5, 1804 – September 1, 1808 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1804
4	Charles Scott (1739–1813)	September 1, 1808 – August 24, 1812 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1808
5	Isaac Shelby (1750–1826)	August 24, 1812 – September 5, 1816 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1812
6	George Madison (1763–1816)	September 5, 1816 – October 14, 1816 (died in office)	Democratic- Republican	1816
7	Gabriel Slaughter (1767–1830)	October 14, 1816 – August 29, 1820 (did not run)	Democratic- Republican	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
8	John Adair (1757–1840)	August 29, 1820 – August 24, 1824 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1820
9	Joseph Desha (1768–1842)	August 24, 1824 – August 26, 1828 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1824
10	Thomas Metcalfe (1780–1855)	August 26, 1828 – September 4, 1832 (term-limited)	National Republican	1828
11	John Breathitt (1786–1834)	September 4, 1832 – February 21, 1834 (died in office)	Democratic	1832

12	James Turner Morehead (1797–1854)	February 21, 1834 – August 30, 1836 (did not run)	National Republican	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
13	James Clark (1779–1839)	August 30, 1836 – August 27, 1839 (died in office)	Whig	1836
14	Charles A. Wickliffe (1788–1869)	August 27, 1839 – September 2, 1840 (did not run)	Whig	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
15	Robert P. Letcher (1788–1861)	September 2, 1840 – September 4, 1844 (term-limited)	Whig	1840
16	William Owsley (1782–1862)	September 4, 1844 – September 6, 1848 (term-limited)	Whig	1844
17	John J. Crittenden (1787–1863)	September 6, 1848 – July 31, 1850 (resigned)	Whig	1848
18	John L. Helm (1802–1867)	July 31, 1850 – September 2, 1851 (did not run)	Whig	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
19	Lazarus W. Powell (1812–1867)	September 2, 1851 – September 4, 1855 (term-limited)	Democratic	1851
20	Charles S. Morehead (1802–1868)	September 4, 1855 – August 30, 1859 (term-limited)	Know Nothing	1855
21	Beriah Magoffin (1815–1885)	August 30, 1859 – August 18, 1862 (resigned)	Democratic	1859
22	James Fisher Robinson (1800–1882)	August 18, 1862 – September 1, 1863 (did not run)	Democratic	Succeeded from president of the Senate

23	Thomas E. Bramlette (1817–1875)	September 1, 1863 – September 3, 1867 (term-limited)	Democratic	1863
24	John L. Helm (1802–1867)	September 3, 1867 – September 8, 1867 (died in office)	Democratic	1867
25	John W. Stevenson (1812–1886)	September 8, 1867 – February 3, 1871 (resigned)	Democratic	Succeeded from lieutenant governor  1868 (special)
26	Preston Leslie (1819–1907)	February 3, 1871 – August 31, 1875 (term-limited)	Democratic	Succeeded from president of the Senate  1871
27	James B. McCreary (1838–1918)	August 31, 1875 – September 2, 1879 (term-limited)	Democratic	1875
28	Luke P. Blackburn (1816–1887)	September 2, 1879 – September 5, 1883 (term-limited)	Democratic	1879
29	J. Proctor Knott (1830–1911)	September 5, 1883 – August 30, 1887 (term-limited)	Democratic	1883
30	Simon Bolivar Buckner (1823–1914)	August 30, 1887 – September 2, 1891 (term-limited)	Democratic	1887
31	John Y. Brown (1835–1904)	September 2, 1891 – December 10, 1895 (term-limited)	Democratic	1891
32	William O'Connell Bradley (1847–1914)	December 10, 1895 – December 12, 1899 (term-limited)	Republican	1895
33	William S. Taylor (1853–1928)	December 12, 1899 – January 31, 1900 (removed from office)	Republican	1899

34	William Goebel (1856–1900)	January 31, 1900 – February 3, 1900 (died in office)	Democratic	1899
35	J. C. W. Beckham (1869–1940)	February 3, 1900 – December 10, 1907 (term-limited)	Democratic	Succeeded from lieutenant governor 1900 (special) 1903
36	Augustus E. Willson (1846–1931)	December 10, 1907 – December 12, 1911 (term-limited)	Republican	1907
37	James B. McCreary (1838–1918)	December 12, 1911 – December 7, 1915 (term-limited)	Democratic	1911
38	Augustus Owsley Stanley (1867–1958)	December 7, 1915 – May 19, 1919 (resigned)	Democratic	1915
39	James D. Black (1849–1938)	May 19, 1919 – December 9, 1919 (lost election)	Democratic	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
40	Edwin P. Morrow (1877–1935)	December 9, 1919 – December 11, 1923 (term-limited)	Republican	1919
41	William J. Fields (1874–1954)	December 11, 1923 – December 13, 1927 (term-limited)	Democratic	1923
42	Flem D. Sampson (1875–1967)	December 13, 1927 – December 8, 1931 (term-limited)	Republican	1927
43	Ruby Laffoon (1869–1941)	December 8, 1931 – December 10, 1935 (term-limited)	Democratic	1931
44	Happy Chandler (1898–1991)	December 10, 1935 – October 9, 1939 (resigned)	Democratic	1935

45	Keen Johnson (1896–1970)	October 9, 1939 – December 7, 1943 (term-limited)	Democratic	Succeeded from lieutenant governor  1939
46	Simeon Willis (1879–1965)	December 7, 1943 – December 9, 1947 (term-limited)	Republican	1943
47	Earle Clements (1896–1985)	December 9, 1947 – November 27, 1950 (resigned)	Democratic	1947
48	Lawrence Wetherby (1908–1994)	November 27, 1950 – December 13, 1955 (term-limited)	Democratic	Succeeded from lieutenant governor  1951
49	Happy Chandler (1898–1991)	December 13, 1955 – December 8, 1959 (term-limited)	Democratic	1955
50	Bert Combs (1911–1991)	December 8, 1959 – December 10, 1963 (term-limited)	Democratic	1959
51	Ned Breathitt (1924–2003)	December 10, 1963 – December 12, 1967 (term-limited)	Democratic	1963
52	Louie Nunn (1924–2004)	December 12, 1967 – December 7, 1971 (term-limited)	Republican	1967
53	Wendell Ford (1924–2015)	December 7, 1971 – December 28, 1974 (resigned)	Democratic	1971
54	Julian Carroll (b. 1931)	December 28, 1974 – December 11, 1979 (term-limited)	Democratic	Succeeded from lieutenant governor  1975
55	John Y. Brown Jr. (1933–2022)	December 11, 1979 – December 13, 1983 (term-limited)	Democratic	1979

56	Martha Layne Collins (b. 1936)	December 13, 1983 – December 8, 1987 (term-limited)	Democratic	1983
57	Wallace Wilkinson (1941–2002)	December 8, 1987 – December 10, 1991 (term-limited)	Democratic	1987
58	Brereton C. Jones (b. 1939)	December 10, 1991 – December 12, 1995 (term-limited)	Democratic	1991
59	Paul E. Patton (b. 1937)	December 12, 1995 – December 9, 2003 (term-limited)	Democratic	1995 1999
60	Ernie Fletcher (b. 1952)	December 9, 2003 – December 11, 2007 (lost election)	Republican	2003
61	Steve Beshear (b. 1944)	December 11, 2007 – December 8, 2015 (term-limited)	Democratic	2007 2011
62	Matt Bevin (b. 1967)	December 8, 2015 – December 10, 2019 (lost election)	Republican	2015
63	Andy Beshear (b. 1977)	December 10, 2019 – Incumbent	Democratic	2019

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