

[Kentucky Newspaper Database](#) Project (free and open to the public)  
[Newspapers.com](#) (subscription-based, prepaid)  
 Google searches of public archives

## Word Frequencies

Here is a list of word frequencies has been added to show where the interns from Fall 2024 have begun the process of datamining of articles. These word frequencies begin to indicate that there are common themes in the incidents of racial violence. Clicking on any one of the above words leads users to a list of article featuring the word. This function is part of the initial process of creating a narrative of common themes for future users.

You can find this list at:

<https://drvk.createuky.net/news-articles/word-frequency>

For Spring 2025, this project would like to add new words to the word frequencies list and present a more aesthetically coherent page for users to research.

**This page displays the top 20 most frequent words appearing in every transcription contained in the Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky project.**

[mob](#): 713  
[negro](#): 627  
[men](#): 441  
[jail](#): 439  
[county](#): 382  
[night](#): 302  
[taken](#): 241  
[morning](#): 233  
[body](#): 232  
[man](#): 228  
[said](#): 226  
[last](#): 187  
[house](#): 184  
[found](#): 183  
[shot](#): 178  
[near](#): 178  
[lynching](#): 177  
[clock](#): 168  
[went](#): 168  
[made](#): 161

**The following is a list of words deemed important by Dr. Nikki Brown, manager of the DRVK project.**

[fiend](#): 12  
[brute](#): 21  
[rapist](#): 7  
[innocent](#): 14  
[murderer](#): 37  
[girl](#): 103

judge: 108  
governor: 64  
trial: 72  
indecent: 3  
white: 122  
drunk: 4  
confession: 10  
tree: 120  
swing: 2  
bullet: 20  
woman: 78  
women: 24  
assault: 63  
wound: 13  
fight: 16  
farm: 36  
jailer: 149  
jail: 439

#### **Related and upcoming project**

Using a semi-structured data-set of legal proceedings in Kentucky related to the passage of Jim Crow laws. This includes mining of legislative archives and legal documents from 1890 to 1975 showing the evolution of Jim Crow laws. This project can be done concurrently with the Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky project. Please contact Nikki Brown for more information on this associated project.