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BALLARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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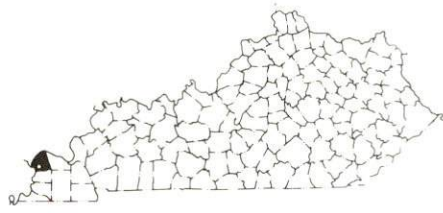
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
BALLARD COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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BALLARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Ballard County, with a 1988 estimated population of 8,000, has a land area of 254 square miles. Wickliffe, the county seat of Ballard County, is located in western Kentucky's Jackson Purchase region. In 1988, Wickliffe had an estimated population of 830. Wickliffe is located 166 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; 174 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri; and 250 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky.

Barlow, located seven miles northeast of Wickliffe, had a 1988 estimated population of 620. Kevil, located 16 miles northeast of Wickliffe, had a 1988 estimated population of 370. LaCenter, located 11 miles northeast of Wickliffe, had a 1988 estimated population of 910.

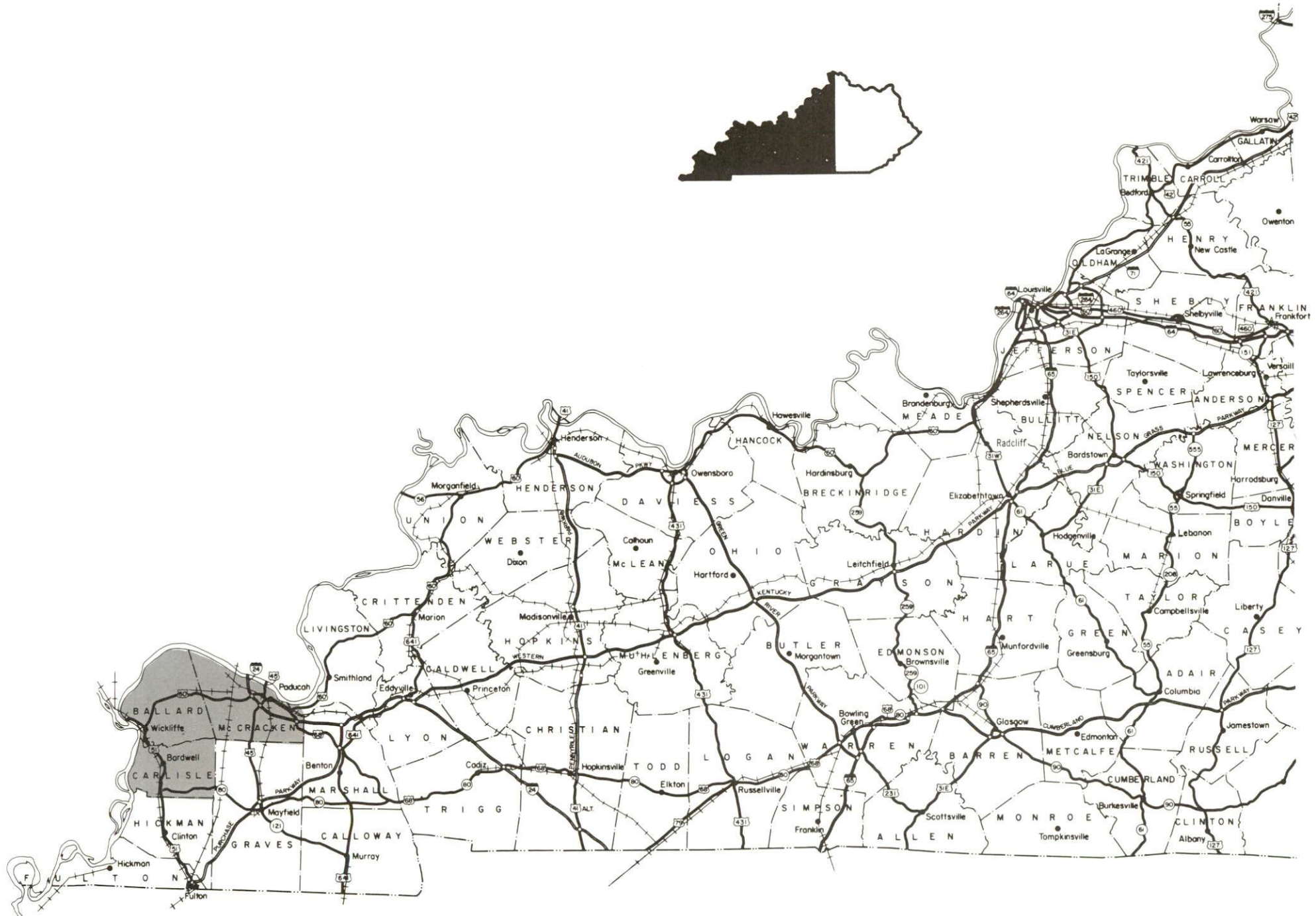
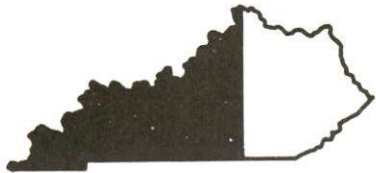
The Economic Framework - The total number of Ballard County residents employed in 1989 averaged 2,920. In 1988, manufacturing firms in the county reported 870 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 310 jobs; 300 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 320 employees; and contract construction firms provided 75 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 9,600 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 5,370 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Major "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Ballard County include U.S. Highways 51, 60, and 62, and Kentucky Routes 121, 286, and 358. Sixteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Ballard County. Illinois Central Railroad provides main line rail access to Wickliffe. Barkley Regional Airport provides the nearest scheduled airline service near Paducah, 25 miles northeast of Wickliffe. Scheduled commercial airline service is also available at Evansville Dress Regional Airport near Evansville, Indiana, 163 miles northeast of Wickliffe; and at the Nashville Metropolitan Airport near Nashville, Tennessee; 172 miles southeast of Wickliffe. Public port facilities are available at the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport, 35 miles east of Wickliffe.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Barlow, Kevil, LaCenter, and Wickliffe. Ballard County is also provided electric power by the Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation. Commonwealth Service Corporation provides natural gas service to Barlow, Kevil, LaCenter, and Wickliffe.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Ballard County by the Ballard County School System. Six institutions of higher learning are located within 75 miles of Wickliffe. Vocational training is provided by the Ballard County Area Vocational Education Center in Barlow, Kentucky, seven miles northeast of Wickliffe, and by the West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School in Paducah, Kentucky, 33 miles east of Wickliffe.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Ballard County Labor Market Area includes Ballard County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Carlisle and McCracken. The Northern and western boundaries of Ballard County is formed by the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The labor market area is supplemented by Alexander and Pulaski Counties, Illinois and Mississippi County, Missouri.

POPULATION			
	<u>1988*</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	72,700	75,595	71,911
Barlow	620	746	746
Kevil	370	382	274
LaCenter	910	1,044	1,044
Wickliffe	830	1,034	1,211
Ballard County	8,000	8,798	8,276

* Population estimates.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, August 1989, November 1989.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	72,713	72,099	70,389	68,022
Ballard County	8,112	8,016	7,736	7,346

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center.

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current				Future
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994</u>
Labor Market Area*	9,602	2,679	3,199	3,724	5,373
Ballard County	1,729	394	371	964	619

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Employed Part-Time - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally).

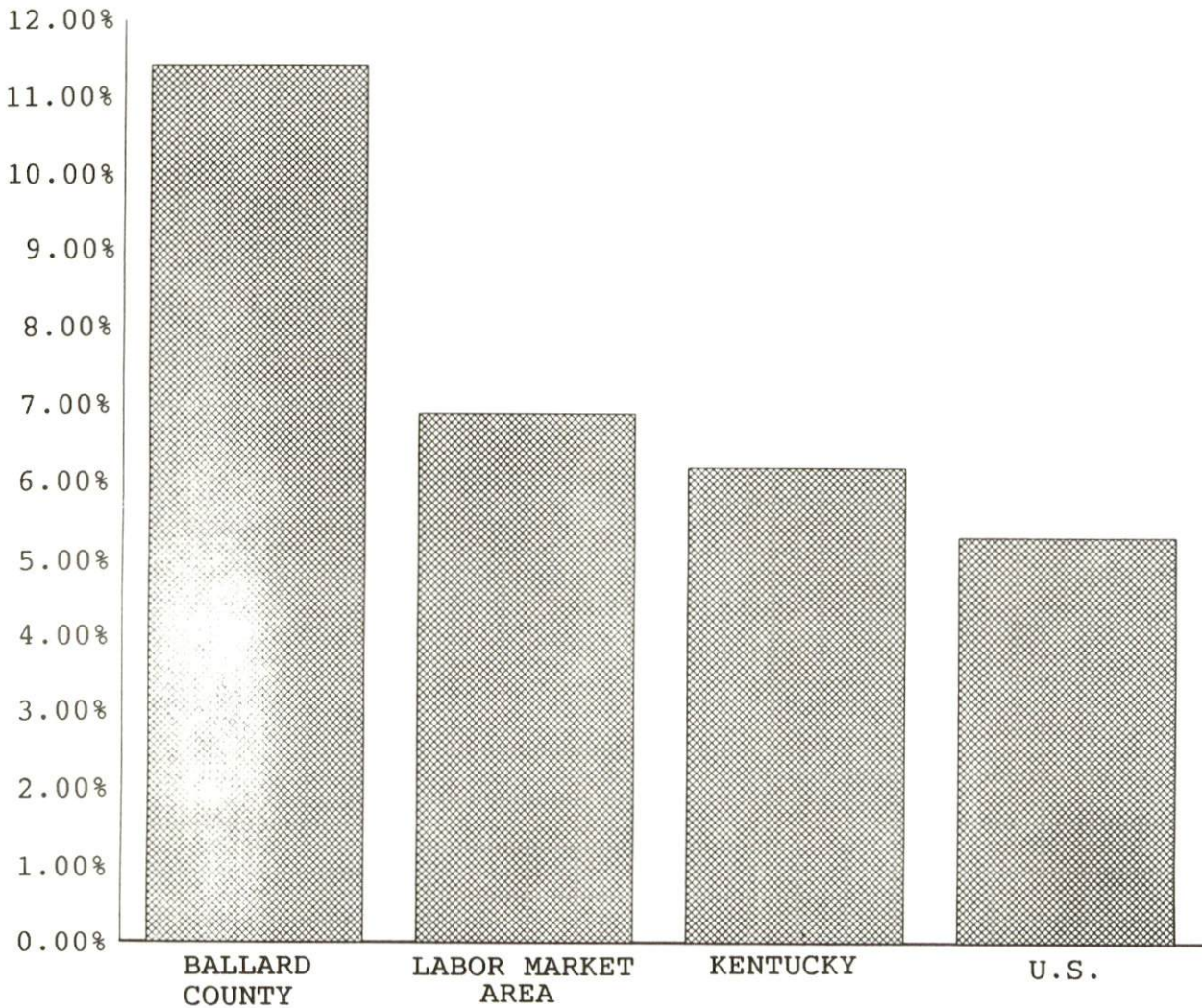
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1988. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1989

	<u>Ballard County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,295	50,377
Employment	2,920	46,921
Unemployment	375	3,456
Rate of Unemployment (%)	11.4	6.9

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1989.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1989

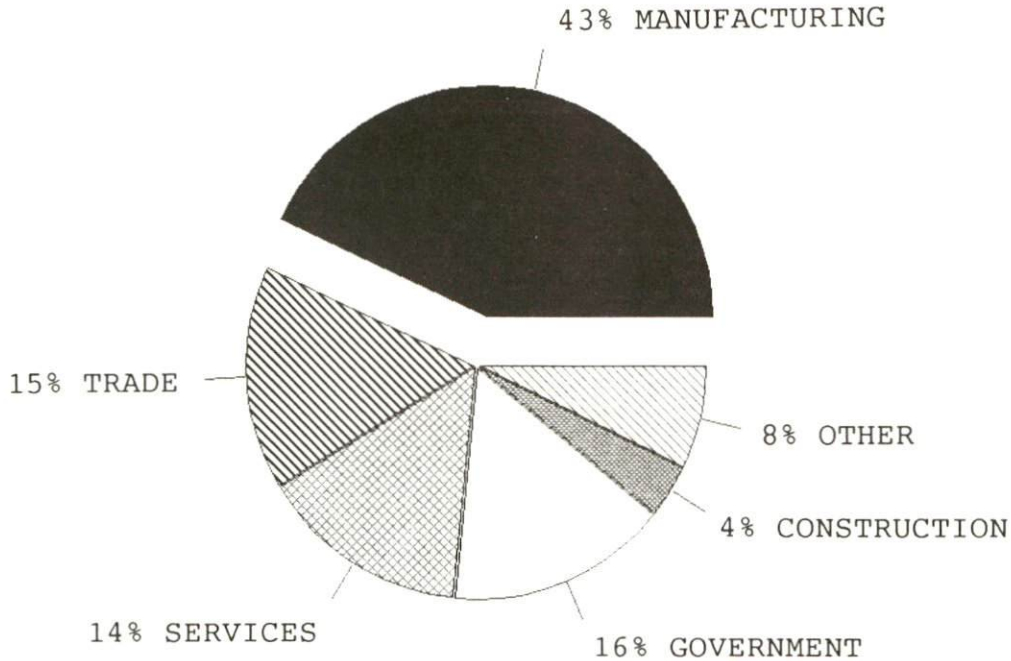


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Ballard County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	2,018	40,901
Manufacturing	870	8,548
Wholesale & Retail Trade	314	12,515
Services	298	9,049
State/Local Government	316	4,539
Contract Construction	75	1,832

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.
Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1988.

BALLARD COUNTY

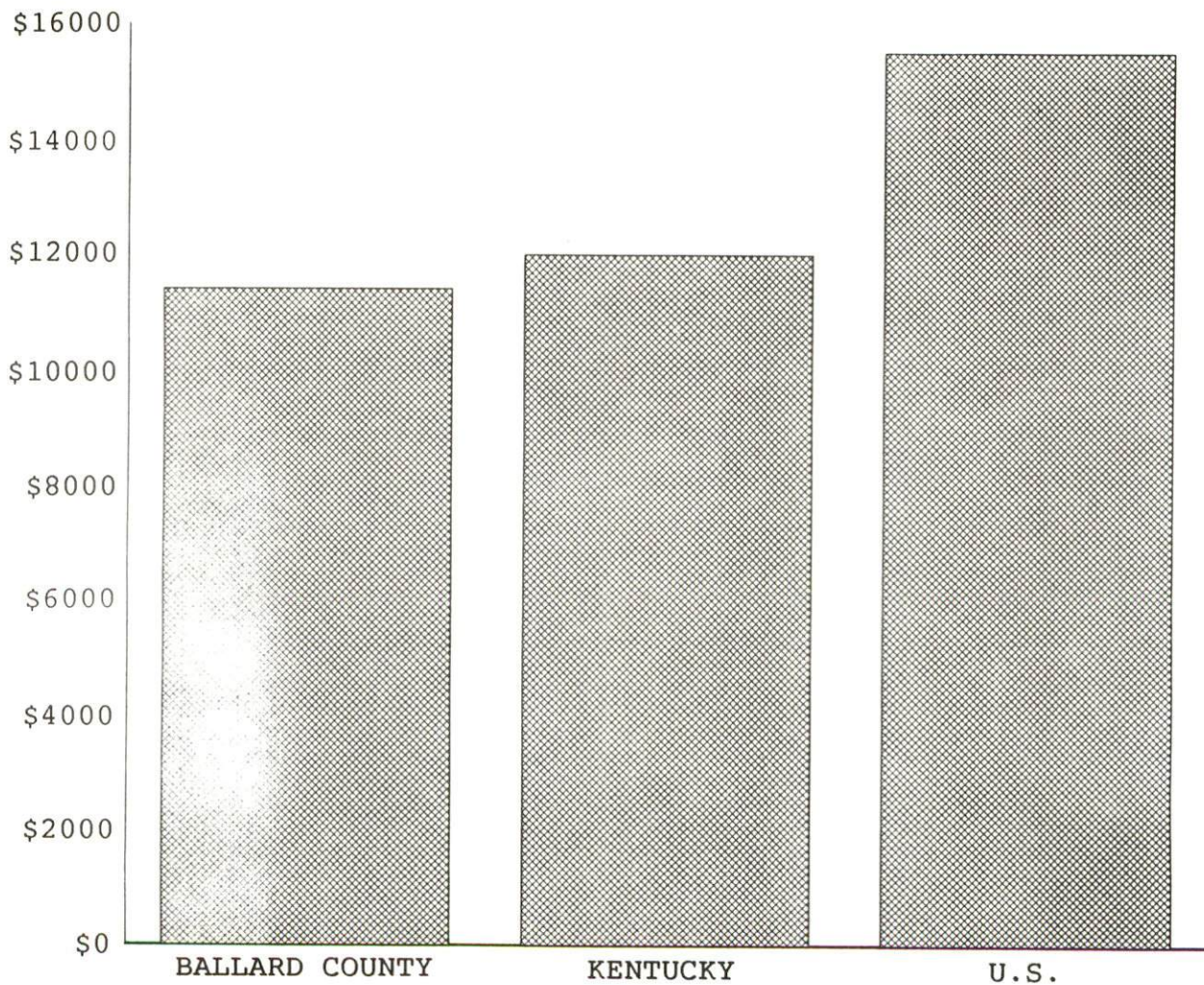


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1983	1987	Percent Change
Ballard County	\$9,569	\$11,408	19.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$7,798 - 11,447	\$11,387 - 14,728	-
Kentucky	\$9,513	\$11,997	26.1
U.S.	\$12,098	\$15,484	28.0

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, August 1988 and April 1989.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1987



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

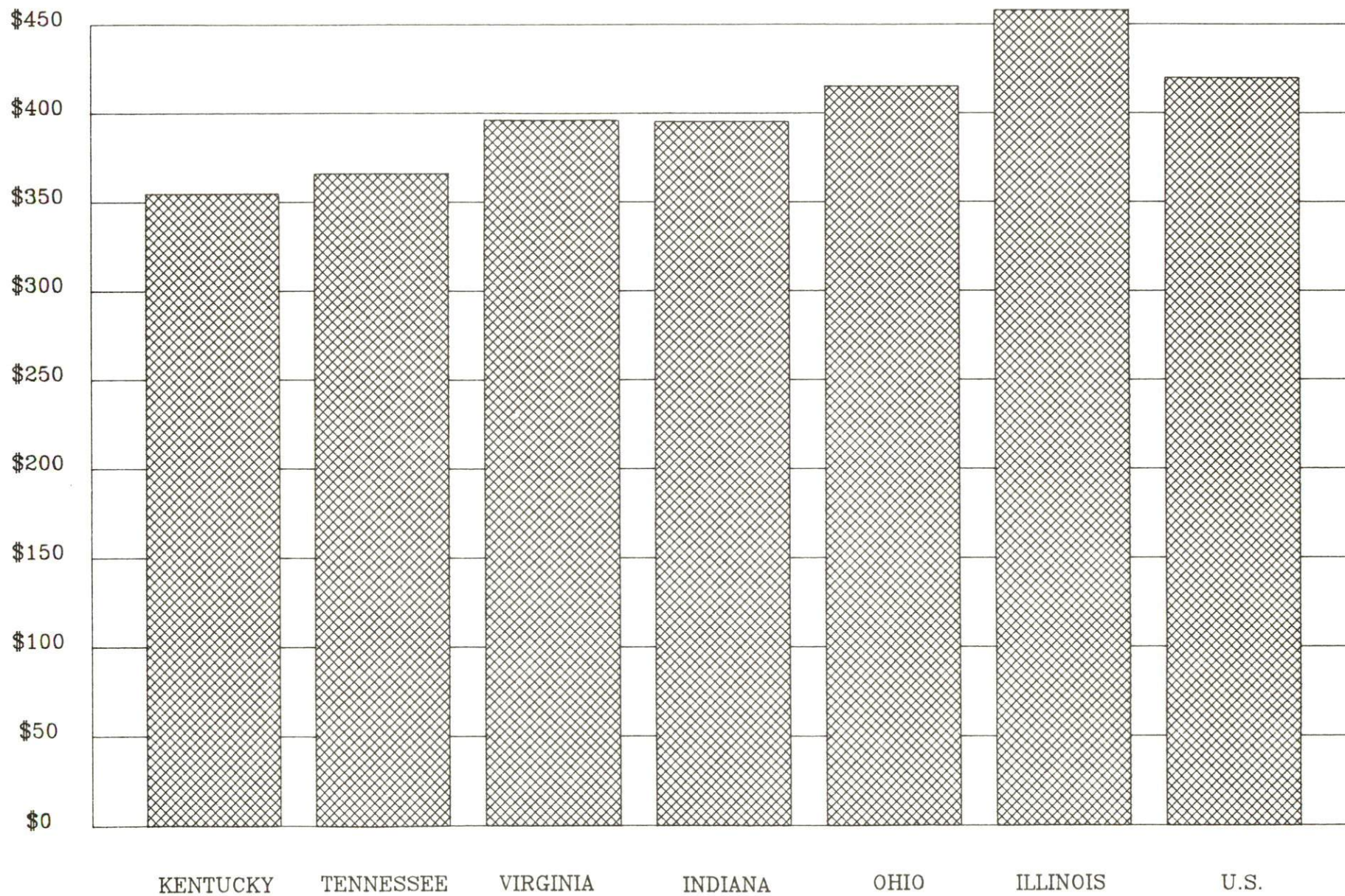
Ballard County is served by the Paducah local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Paducah local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1989, the local employment office filled 3,017 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	3,017	5.70
Clerical	604	3.83
Sales	112	4.29
Services (excluding domestic)	341	3.53
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	27	3.74
Processing	241	7.39
Machine Trades	141	8.09
Bench Work	48	5.54
Structural	614	7.99
Motor Freight/ Transportation	121	6.41
Packaging and Materials Handling	667	5.54
Other	9	5.04

The Paducah local office also serves Carlisle, Livingston, McCracken, and Marshall Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Employment Services.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE F.Y. 1987-88



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Ballard County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$436.65	\$352.31	\$363.12	\$392.56
Mining & Quarrying	0	603.27	495.85	596.88
Contract Construction	460.35	380.71	394.27	422.27
Manufacturing	634.99	464.92	416.73	452.60
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	425.73	468.17	485.13	554.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	196.98	238.88	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	307.21	401.17	269.27	466.23
Services	291.29	298.98	343.48	391.67
State/Local Government	295.53	377.81	403.21	457.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$392.63	\$411.08	\$454.10	\$416.33
Mining & Quarrying	635.77	579.73	674.62	660.40
Contract Construction	449.87	465.46	584.10	469.85
Manufacturing	532.06	569.98	555.83	517.62
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	502.69	519.17	584.83	542.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406.58	444.33	579.88	532.52
Services	317.98	348.48	402.38	384.31
State/Local Government	395.31	428.10	453.12	442.71

N/A Not Available.

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes the salaries and wages of all persons working for that type business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1988. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, August 29, 1989.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

BALLARD COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1989</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Barlow		
Harris Engineering, Inc. (1975)	Aluminum bipods	8
Kevil		
Central Service, Inc. (1977)	Telephone reconditioning service	75
Credence Speakers, Inc. (1977)	Crossover component loud speakers	30
D & D Specialty (1982)	Metal plating	12
Dynacom Plastics (1989)	Extruded plastics parts	10
Kevil Tool & Die (1969)	Machine shop	11
PMC, Inc., (1979)	PVC Stabilizer	2
LaCenter		
Graphics Unlimited (1986)	Job printing	6
Natural Fragrance Company (1985)	Bottled perfume	12
Western Cutterheads (1988)	Dies, wooden legs	12
Wickliffe		
Advance - Yeoman (1892)	Newspaper, job printing	13
Bass Maintenance Corporation (1985)	Steel pipe; metal fabrication; paint, waterblast, sandblast	30
Waldschmidt Lumber Company (1951)	Lumber	30
Westvaco Corporation (1970)	Bleached chemical wood pulp, uncoated business and printing papers	550

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; Ballard County Industrial Development Board.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers, AFL-CIO	Bass Maintenance Corporation
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers	Bass Maintenance Corporation
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America	Bass Maintenance Corporation; Central Service, Inc.
Laborer's International Union of North America, AFL-CIO	Bass Maintenance Corporation
Operative Plasters' and Cement Masons' International Association of The United States and Canada, AFL-CIO	Bass Maintenance Corporation; Waldschmidt Lumber Company
United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO	Bass Maintenance Corporation
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO	Bass Maintenance Corporation
United Paperworkers International Union, AFL-CIO	Westvaco Corporation

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Wickliffe</u>
Custom Data Processing	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Custom Plastics Producers	Fulton, Kentucky	35
Electric Motor Repair	Mayfield, Kentucky	31
	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Mayfield, Kentucky	31
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville, Indiana	160
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Mayfield, Kentucky	31
	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Industrial Gases	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Industrial Waste Removal	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Kevil, Kentucky	16
Metal Castings	Elkton, Kentucky	90
Metal Finishers	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Metal Service Centers	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	70
Millwrights	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	70
Public Warehouse Facilities	Mayfield, Kentucky	31
	Paducah, Kentucky	33

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1987; Division of Research and Planning.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Ballard County include U.S. Highways 51, 60, and 62, and Kentucky Routes 121, 286, and 358. Ballard County is located near several multilane highways including Interstate 24, 55, and 57, and the Purchase Parkway. Interstate 24 is accessible via U.S. 60, 28 miles east of Wickliffe, while Interstate 57 is located 10 miles northwest of the city via U.S. 51 and 62. Interstate 55, which connects with Interstate 57, is located 31 miles west of Wickliffe. Access to the Purchase Parkway is available near Mayfield, Kentucky 29 miles southeast of Wickliffe.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	417	Los Angeles, CA	1,960
Baltimore, MD	848	Louisville, KY	250
Birmingham, AL	371	Nashville, TN	166
Chicago, IL	381	New Orleans, LA	560
Cincinnati, OH	351	New York, NY	998
Cleveland, OH	595	Pittsburgh, PA	638
Detroit, MI	610	St. Louis, MO	174
Knoxville, TN	352		

Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

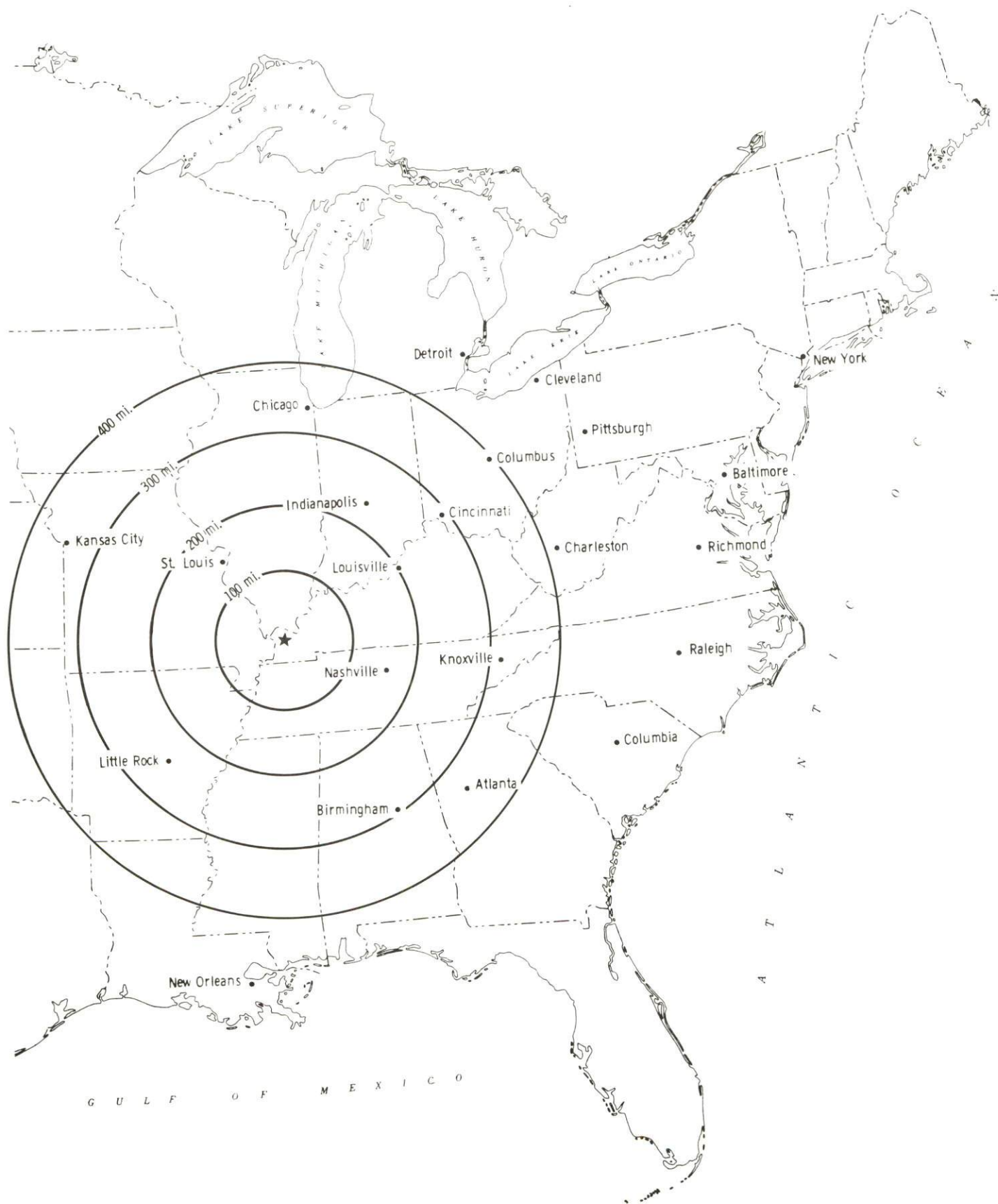
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

Sixteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Ballard County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1990.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Illinois Central Railroad provides mainline rail access to Wickliffe. The nearest piggyback facilities are provided by Paducah and Louisville Railway in Paducah, Kentucky 33 miles east of Wickliffe.

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services contact:

Industrial Development Department
Illinois Central Railroad
233 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 819-7477

Air

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Barkley Regional Airport

Location: 6 miles west of Paducah, Kentucky;
25 miles northeast of Wickliffe

Scheduled commercial airline service is also available at Evansville Dress Regional Airport near Evansville, Indiana, 163 miles northeast of Wickliffe; and at the Nashville Metropolitan Airport near Nashville, Tennessee, 172 miles southeast of Wickliffe.

Water

The Ohio River forms the northern boundary of Ballard County, while the Mississippi River forms the county's western boundary. Both rivers converge at Wickliffe. Public port facilities are available at the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport, located 35 miles east of Wickliffe. The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority operates an ice-free, deep water inland waterways port located at Mile 1 on the Tennessee River, at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers, 48 river miles east of where the Ohio River flows into the Mississippi River, and at the head of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Barlow, Kevil, LaCenter, Wickliffe, and surrounding areas - Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
Kentucky Utilities Company
One Quality Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-1461

Company serving majority of Ballard County - Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Cooperative Corporation
For industrial rates contact:

Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation
2900 Irvine Cobb Drive
P.O. Box 3188
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-3188
(502) 442-7321 or (800) 633-4044

Natural Gas

Company serving Barlow, Kevil, LaCenter, and Wickliffe - Commonwealth Service Corporation
Source of supply - Trunkline Gas Company
For rates and supplies contact:

Commonwealth Service Corporation
P.O. Box 295
Wickliffe, Kentucky 42087
(502) 335-3116

Public Water Supply

Company serving Barlow - Barlow Water and Sewer Department
P.O. Box 147
Barlow, Kentucky 42024
(502) 334-3500

Source - local wells
Treatment plant capacity - 100,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 70,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 100,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 111,000 gallons
Water pressure - 55 psi to 65 psi

(Continued)

Company serving Kevil - Kevil Water System
P.O. Box 206
Kevil, Kentucky 42053
(502) 462-3104

Source - local wells
Treatment plant capacity - 125,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 80,343 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 112,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 210,000 gallons
Water pressure - 52 psi to 62 psi

Company serving LaCenter - LaCenter Municipal Water
Department
P.O. Box 371
LaCenter, Kentucky 42056
(502) 665-5162

Source - local wells
Treatment plant capacity - 345,600 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 150,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 200,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 75,000 gallons
Water pressure - 54 psi to 64 psi

Company serving Wickliffe - Wickliffe Water Department
P.O. Box 175
Wickliffe, Kentucky 42087
(502) 335-3557

Source - Westvaco Corporation
Treatment plant capacity - 500,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 225,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 346,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 350,000 gallons
Water pressure - 35 psi to 75 psi

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and Mayfield
Creek
Average discharge - Mississippi River - Unlimited; Ohio River at
Metropolis, Illinois - 269,100 cfs (60 years, USGS, unadjusted)
Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm throughout Ballard County

Sewerage

Company serving Barlow - Barlow Water and Sewer Department
P.O. Box 147
Barlow, Kentucky 42024
(502) 334-3500

Design capacity - 70,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 49,880 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary and secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Shawnee Creek

Company serving Kevil - Kevil Sewer System
P.O. Box 206
Kevil, Kentucky 42053
(502) 462-3104

Design capacity - 51,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 36,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - Humphries Branch

Company serving LaCenter - LaCenter Municipal Sewer
Department
Third and Broadway
P.O. Box 371
LaCenter, Kentucky 42056
(502) 665-5162

Design capacity - 864,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 120,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Humphries Creek

LaCenter Municipal Sewer Department recently completed an expansion of its existing wastewater treatment system. The \$1 million project doubled its capacity.

Company serving Wickliffe - Wickliffe Sewer Department
P.O. Box 175
Wickliffe, Kentucky 42087
(502) 335-3557

Design capacity - 250,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 100,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary, secondary, and tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - Mayfield Creek

CLIMATE

Ballard County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	57.20 degrees
Average annual 1988	57.20 degrees
Record highest, August 1988 (5-year record)	104.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (5-year record)	-15.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,283

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	46.89 inches
Mean annual snowfall (5-year record)	14.70 inches
Total precipitation 1988	42.97 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (5-year record)	106.60
Mean number days thunderstorms (23-year record)	59.20

Prevailing winds

N/A

Relative Humidity (4 year record)

Midnight	81 percent
6 a.m.	86 percent
Noon	57 percent
6 p.m.	62 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1988. Station of record: Paducah, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The Cities of Barlow, Kevil, LaCenter, and Wickliffe are each governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor serves a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Ballard County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

State and Local Property Taxes

All property in Kentucky, except items exempted by the state constitution, is taxed by the state. Property which also may be taxed by local jurisdictions includes land and buildings, finished goods inventories, automobiles, trucks, office furniture and office equipment. Local taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky include counties, cities, and school districts.

All property in Kentucky is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

COMBINED STATE AND LOCAL RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1989

	<u>City of Barlow</u>	<u>City of Kevil</u>	<u>City of LaCenter</u>
Land and Buildings	1.141	1.096	1.288
Manufacturing			
Machinery	0.150	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control			
Equipment	0.150	0.150	0.150
Inventories			
Raw Materials	0.001	0.001	0.001
Goods in Process	0.001	0.001	0.001
Finished Goods	0.944	0.899	1.091
Automobiles & Trucks	1.392	1.347	1.539
Other Tangible			
Personal Property	1.393	1.348	1.540
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250	0.250	0.250
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit			
Status	0.001	0.001	0.001
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015	0.015

* Accounts receivable are taxed at 85 percent of face value, for an effective rate of \$0.2125 per \$100 valuation.

COMBINED STATE AND LOCAL RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1989

	<u>City of Wickliffe</u>	<u>Unincorporated Ballard County</u>
Land and Buildings	1.129	0.799
Manufacturing		
Machinery	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control		
Equipment	0.150	0.150
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.001	0.001
Goods in Process	0.001	0.001
Finished Goods	0.932	0.602
Automobiles & Trucks	1.380	1.050
Other Tangible		
Personal Property	1.381	1.051
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250	0.250
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.001	0.001
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015

Planning and Zoning

There are no planning and zoning commissions in Ballard County at the present time.

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

* Accounts receivable are taxed at 85 percent of face value, for an effective rate of \$0.2125 per \$100 valuation.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Ballard County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1989)	1,479
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1988-89)	17-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1988-89)	46.6
Expenditures Per Pupil (1988-89)	\$2,960.37

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Wickliffe)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1989)</u>
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (33)	2,544
Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, Missouri (40)	8,431
University of Tennessee, at Martin	Martin, Tennessee (51)	5,088
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (52)	8,019
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Carbondale, Illinois (65)	24,596
Bethel College	McKenzie, Tennessee (74)	674

Vocational Training

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is the primary source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Wickliffe)</u>	<u>Cummulative Enrollment 1988-1989</u>
West Kentucky State Vocational- Technical School	Paducah, Kentucky (33)	1,014
Ballard County Area Vocational Education Center	Barlow, Kentucky (7)	466

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5
Dentist - 2

Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Lourdes Hospital	Paducah, Kentucky 33 miles east of Wickliffe	385
Western Baptist Hospital	Paducah, Kentucky 33 miles east of Wickliffe	373

Lourdes Hospital

Medical staff - 175 physicians, 350 registered nurses, and 165
licensed practical nurses

Western Baptist Hospital

Medical staff - 161 physicians, 277 registered nurses, and 131
licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Ballard County Ambulance Service (county-wide)
Ballard County Health Department (LaCenter)
Western Kentucky Regional Mental Health-
Mental Retardation Board, Inc. (Barlow)

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Citizens State Bank (Wickliffe)
First National Bank of LaCenter
Kevil Bank

Newspapers

Advance-Yeoman (weekly)

Telephone Service

Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative
Corporation, Inc.

RECREATION

Local

Ballard County provides numerous recreational opportunities in its communities. The LaCenter Park contains tennis courts, a playground, and a picnic area. A joint effort between the Ballard County School System and Ballard County Fiscal Court provided funding for four ball fields, several tennis courts, a running track, a grandstand, and a physical fitness center. A nine-hole golf course is also available in LaCenter.

The Wickliffe Mounds, an ancient buried city in Wickliffe provides the whole family a cultural and historical learning experience. Overlooking the Mississippi River, this ceremonial site and trade center was occupied for 300 years by people of the Mississippian period, 800-1350 A.D. Artifacts and relics are on display in the museum.

Ballard County offers one of the prime goose and duck hunting areas in the United States. Nearly 200,000 geese winter at the 8,200-acre Ballard County Wildlife Management Area and at the 2,400-acre public hunting area nearby. Swan Lake Wildlife Management Area and Ballard County Wildlife Refuge provide additional hunting opportunities. The county also offers some of the finest whitetail deer hunting anywhere. Private hunting lodges are available locally.

Area (Within 55 miles)

A Confederate cannon, a network of earthen trenches, and a massive chain and anchor give the feeling of being transported back to the Civil War. All of this and more can be discovered at Columbus-Belmont Battlefield State Park at Columbus, 22 miles south of Wickliffe. Other attractions at the 156-acre park include a 38-site campground, a gift shop, a historical hiking trail, miniature golf, a picnic area, and a playground. A visit to the museum at the park, which is housed in a building that served as a Civil War infirmary, offers a display of Civil War relics and early Indian artifacts and an audiovisual slide program on the Battle of Belmont.

Paducah is located 33 miles east of Wickliffe. As Kentucky's seventh largest city, Paducah provides many recreational opportunities. Points of interest include the Alben W. Barkley Monument, Barkley Museum, historic Whitehaven Mansion, and many other attractions.

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, located 52 miles east of Wickliffe near Gilbertsville, is one of the largest and most popular vacation resorts in Kentucky. A modern lodge with 72 rooms, 67 cottages, and a 221-site campground make up the accommodations. The park includes a 4,000-foot lighted airstrip. There is also a dining room overlooking Kentucky Lake, a coffee shop a snack bar, two gift shops, a meeting room, an activities center, and a recreation room. Recreational activities to choose from include boating and fishing at the largest docking facility in the Kentucky parks system, golf at the 18-hole Village Green Course, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, picknicking, swimming at the lodge pool or off the sand beach, and tennis.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

LaCenter Municipal Sewer Department recently completed an expansion of its existing wastewater treatment system. The \$1 million project doubled its capacity.

A joint effort between the Ballard County School System and Ballard County Fiscal Court provided funding for a park at the school in LaCenter. Recreation facilities include four ball fields, several tennis courts, a running track, a grandstand, and a physical fitness center. Total cost of the project approximated \$450,000.

The Wickliffe Community Park recently opened. This 10-acre development features tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic shelters, and a playground. Total cost of construction was \$250,000.

The Kevil Community Park recently opened. Facilities include a picnic shelter and a playground.