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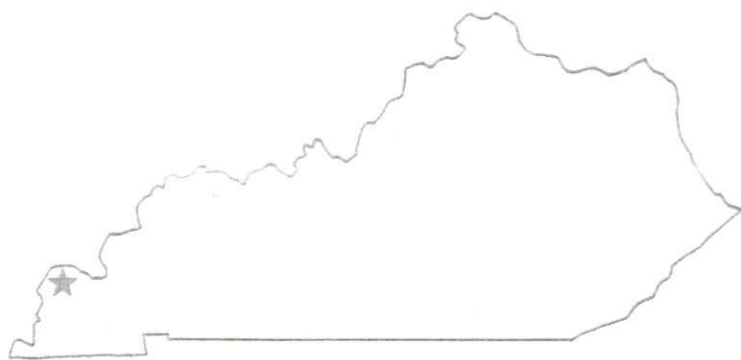
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Resources for Economic Development

Ballard County



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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BALLARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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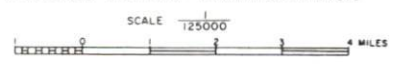
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
BALLARD COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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BALLARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Ballard County, with a 1990 population of 7,902, has a land area of 254 square miles. Wickliffe, the county seat of Ballard County, is located in west Kentucky's Jackson Purchase region. Wickliffe had a 1990 population of 851. Wickliffe is located 161 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; 171 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri; and 237 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky.

Barlow, located seven miles northeast of Wickliffe, had a 1990 population of 706. Kevil, located 16 miles northeast of Wickliffe, had a 1990 population of 337. LaCenter, located 11 miles northeast of Wickliffe, had a 1990 population of 1,040.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Ballard County residents employed in 1991 averaged 3,100. In 1990, manufacturing firms in the county reported 861 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 373 jobs; 349 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 321 employees; and contract construction firms provided 107 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 8,968 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 5,274 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 and 286. Nineteen 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 commuter airline service near Paducah, 25 miles northeast of Wickliffe. Scheduled commercial airline service is also available at Evansville Regional Airport near Evansville, Indiana, 152 miles northeast of Wickliffe; and at the Nashville Metropolitan Airport near Nashville, Tennessee; 167 miles southeast of Wickliffe. Public port facilities are available at the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport, 35 miles east of Wickliffe.

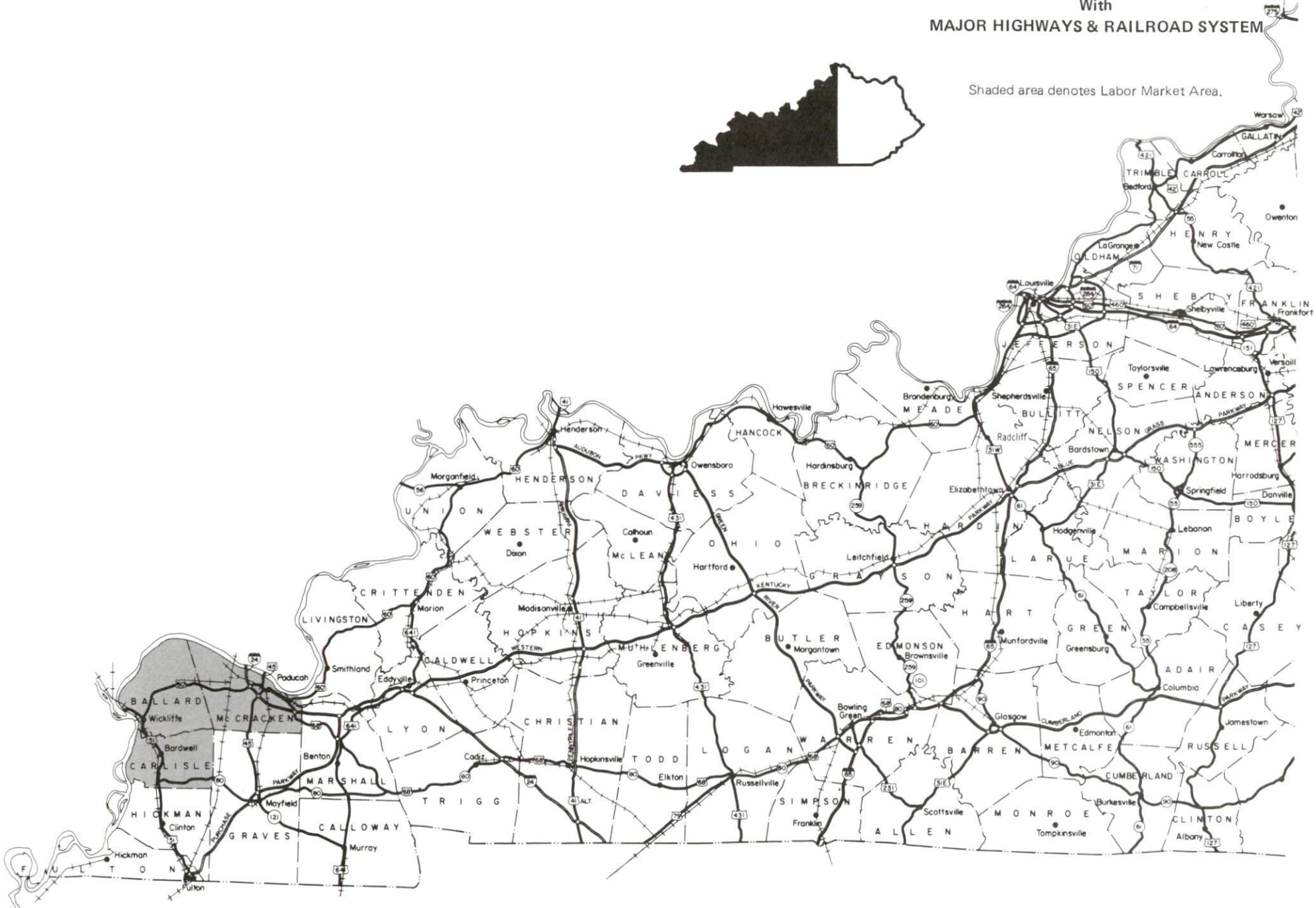
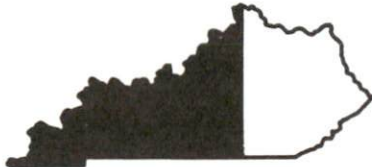
Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Barlow, Kevil, LaCenter, and Wickliffe. Ballard County is also provided electric power by the Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation. Commonwealth Service Corporation provides natural gas service to Barlow, Kevil, LaCenter,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

Education - Primary and secondary public education is provided to Ballard County by the Ballard County School System. Six institutions of higher learning are located within 70 miles of Wickliffe. Vocational training is provided by the Ballard County Area Vocational Education Center in LaCenter, Kentucky, seven miles northeast of Wickliffe, and by the West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School in Paducah, Kentucky, 33 miles east of Wickliffe.

BALLARD COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA

With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



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 are formed by the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The labor market area is supplemented by Alexander and Pulaski Counties, Illinois and Mississippi County, Missouri.

POPULATION			
	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	76,019	75,595	71,911
Barlow	706	746	746
Kevil	337	382	274
LaCenter	1,040	1,044	1,044
Wickliffe	851	1,034	1,211
Ballard County	7,902	8,798	8,276

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, January 1991.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	2000	2010	2020	2030
Labor Market Area	69,810	67,470	64,510	60,900
Ballard County	7,630	7,300	6,870	6,340

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current				Future
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996
Labor Market Area*	8,968	2,363	3,210	3,395	5,274
Ballard County	1,670	375	368	927	561

* 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).

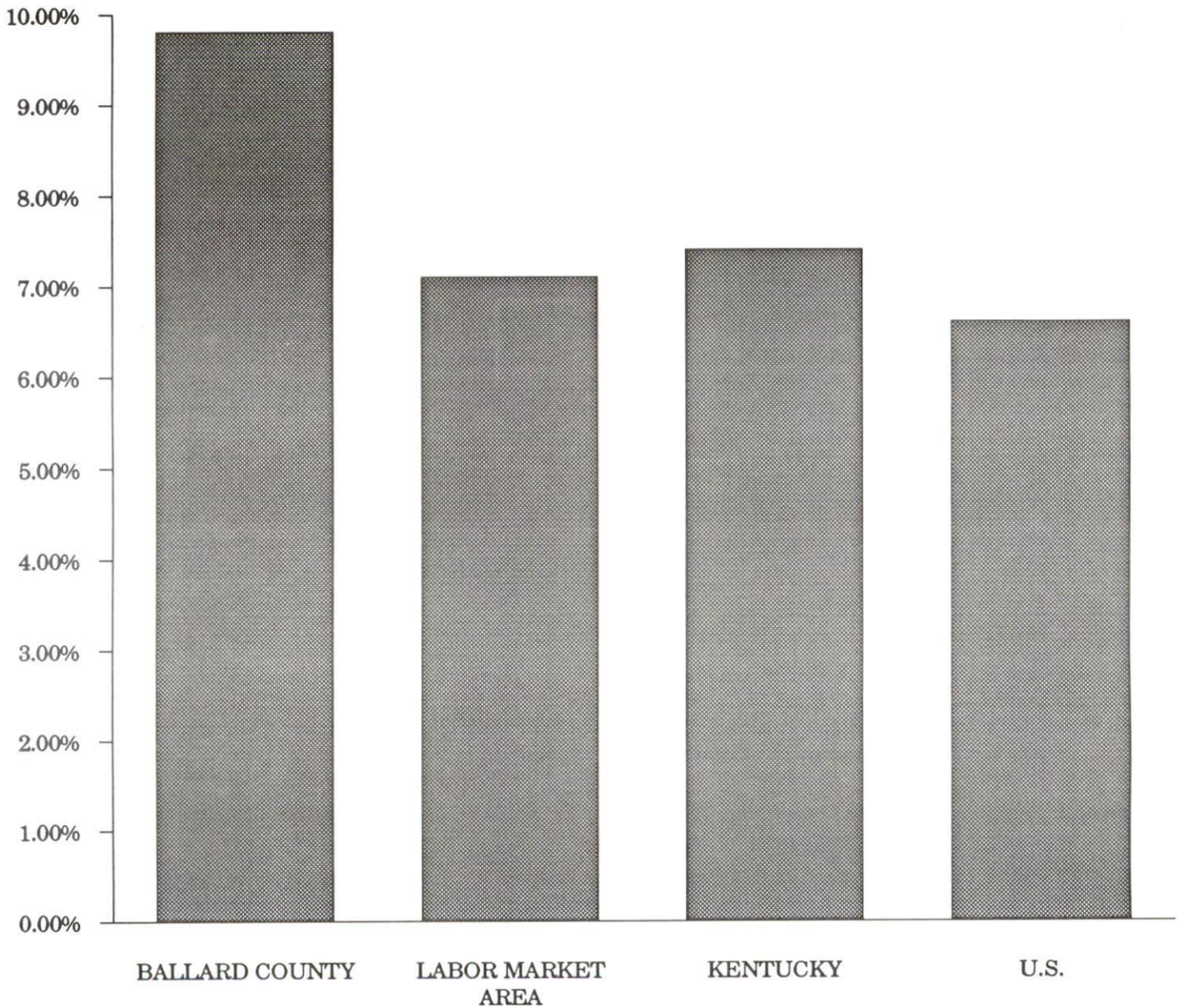
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1991

	<u>Ballard County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,437	33,914
Employment	3,100	31,490
Unemployment	337	2,424
Rate of Unemployment (%)	9.8	7.1

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1991.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1991**

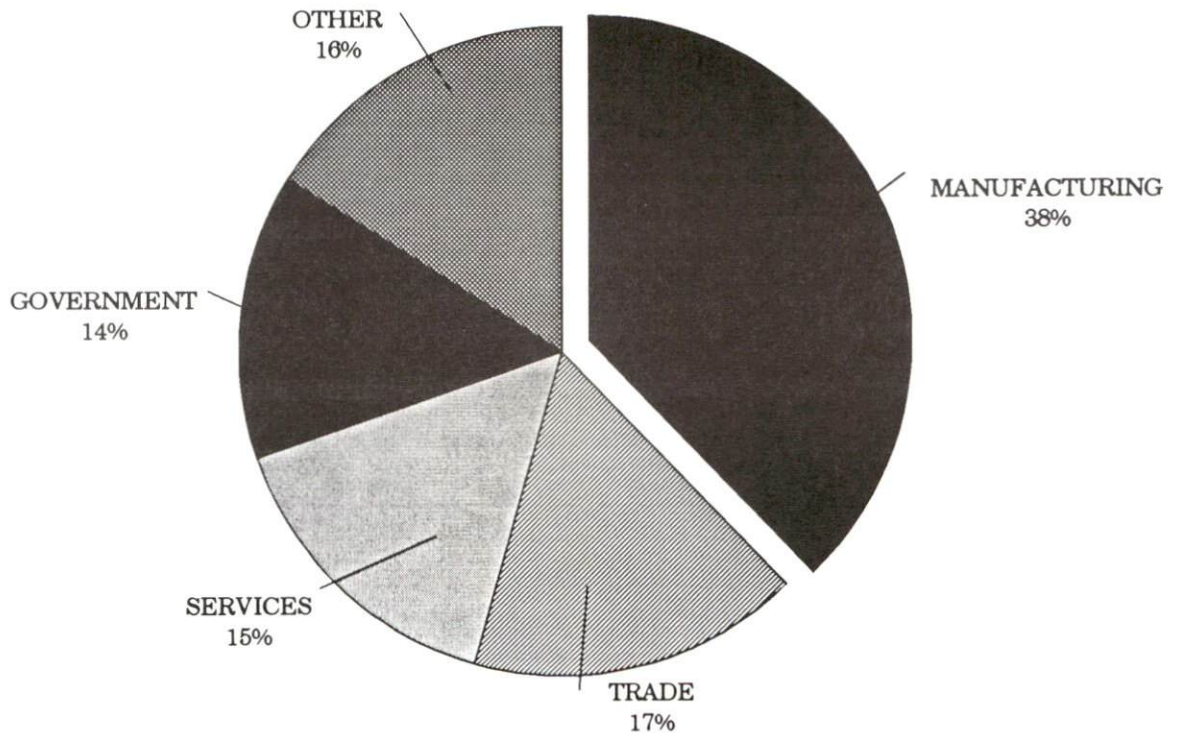


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990

	Ballard County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	2,261	33,438
Manufacturing	861	4,490
Wholesale & Retail Trade	373	11,043
Services	349	8,748
State/Local Government	321	3,465
Contract Construction	107	1,614

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, 1990.

BALLARD COUNTY

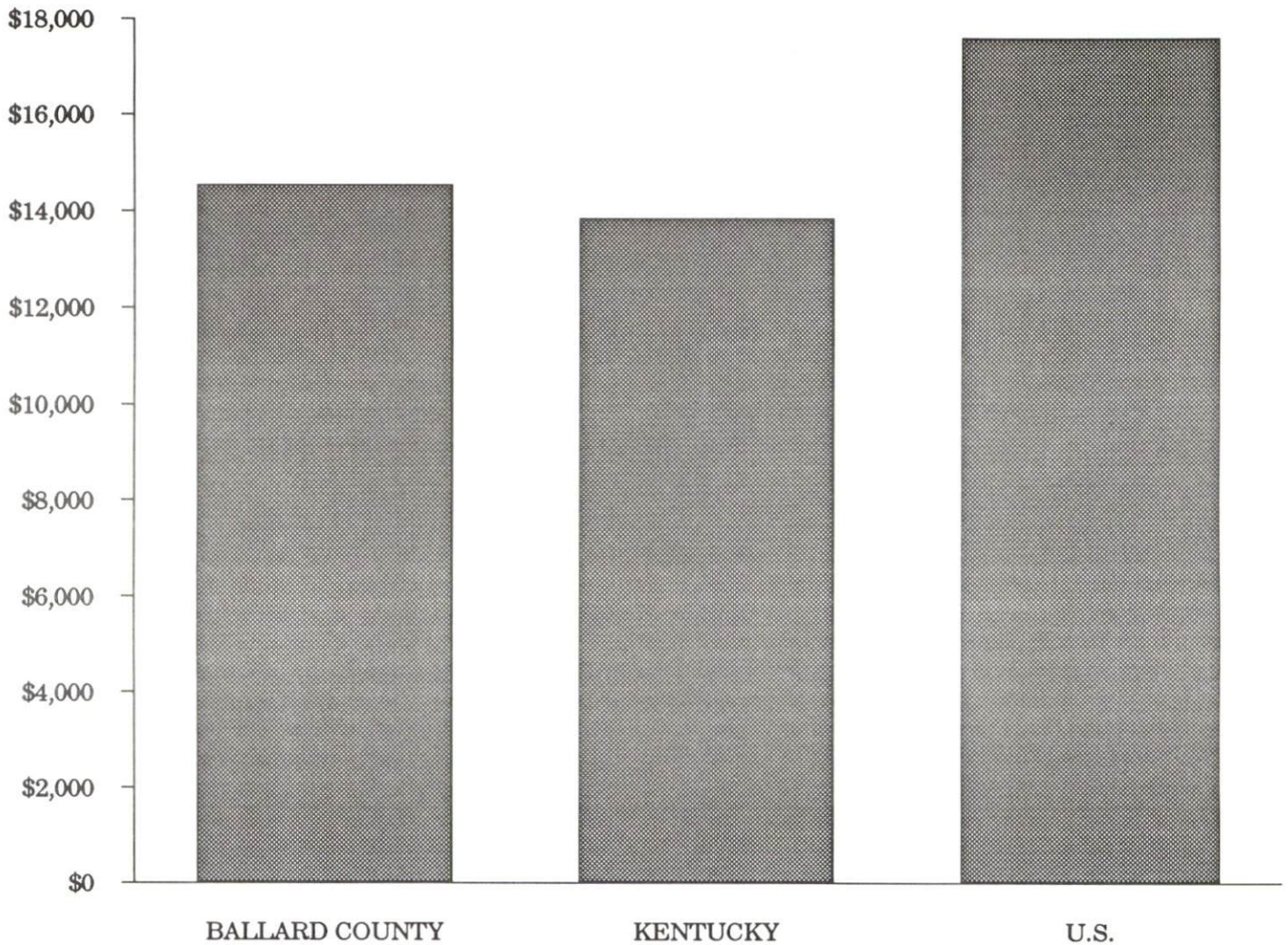


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1985	1989	Percent Change
Ballard County	\$10,750	\$14,515	35.0
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,441 - \$12,781	\$13,566 - \$17,054	-
Kentucky	\$10,755	\$13,823	28.5
U.S.	\$13,899	\$17,594	26.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1991.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1989



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

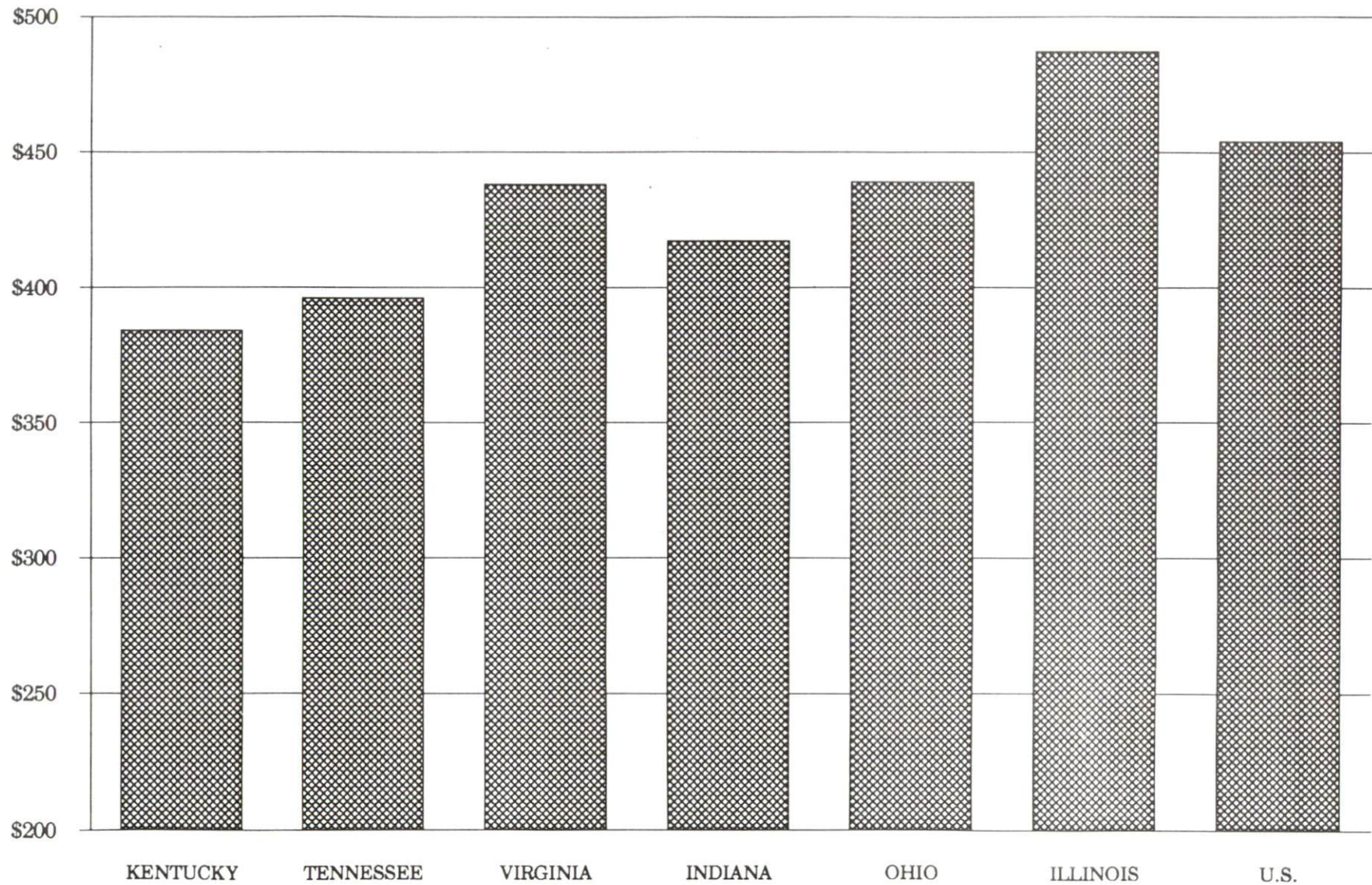
Ballard County is served by the Paducah local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Paducah local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 3,777 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	3,777	6.53
Clerical	619	3.78
Sales	247	3.70
Services (excluding domestic)	456	3.77
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	38	4.09
Processing	257	8.09
Machine Trades	172	7.96
Bench Work	69	6.93
Structural	1,082	10.19
Motor Freight/ Transportation	98	6.39
Packaging and Materials Handling	680	5.29
Other	4	7.06

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 - 1990



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990*

	Ballard County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$478.74	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	0	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	435.23	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	740.16	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	560.85	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	191.13	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	345.40	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	281.56	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	333.00	392.28	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$417.00	\$439.00	\$487.00	\$454.00
Mining & Quarrying	746.00	619.00	747.00	714.00
Contract Construction	475.00	504.00	624.00	503.00
Manufacturing	561.00	595.00	590.00	555.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	519.00	553.00	610.00	578.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442.00	478.00	619.00	571.00
Services	349.00	382.00	444.00	423.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

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, 1990. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1990, November 1991.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

BALLARD COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Barlow		
Harris Engineering, Inc. (1975)	Bipods for firearms	20
Kevil		
Central Service, Inc. (1977)	Telephone reconditioning, reassembly	75
Credence Speakers, Inc. (1977)	Crossover component loud speakers	70
D & D Specialty (1982)	Bases for ceramic lamps, plating	14
Dynacom Plastics (1972)	Plastic telephone components	10
Kevil Tool & Die (1969)	Machine shop	17
PMC, Inc. (1979)	PVC stabilizer, viscosity depressants	2
LaCenter		
Unlimited Graphics, Inc. (1986)	Job printing	6
Western Cutterheads (1988)	Lathe knives	12
Wickliffe		
Advance-Yeoman (1890)	Newspaper	3
Bass Maintenance Corporation (1985)	Steel pipe; metal fabrication; paint, waterblast, sandblast metal	72
Pfizer Specialty Minerals, Inc. (1990)	Precipitated calcium carbonate	10
Waldschmidt Lumber Company (1951)	Lumber, rough hardwoods	30
Westvaco Corporation (1970)	Coated publication papers, bleached chemical wood pulp, uncoated business and printing papers	625

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

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Ballard County Technology Park was recently developed in Kevil which offers 42 acres of space for business and industrial development. A 9,600-square-foot office complex was recently constructed and leased out to Science Applications International Corporation which provides environmental consulting services to Martin-Marietta Energy Systems in McCracken County. Total cost of the building approximated \$500,000.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

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

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 Paducah, Kentucky	31 33
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Mayfield, Kentucky	31
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville, Indiana	152
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Mayfield, Kentucky Paducah, Kentucky	31 33
Industrial Gases	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Industrial Waste Removal	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Kevil, Kentucky	16
Metal Castings	Elkton, Kentucky	121
Metal Finishers	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Metal Service Centers	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	101
Millwrights	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	101
Public Warehouse Facilities	Mayfield, Kentucky Paducah, Kentucky	31 33

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, 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 and 286. Ballard County is located near several multi-lane highways including Interstates 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 ten miles northwest of the city via U.S. 51 and 62. Interstate 55, which connects with Interstate 57, is located 30 miles west of Wickliffe. Access to the Purchase Parkway is available near Mayfield, Kentucky 29 miles southeast of Wickliffe via Kentucky 121.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	402	Los Angeles, CA	1,956
Baltimore, MD	814	Louisville, KY	237
Birmingham, AL	341	Nashville, TN	161
Chicago, IL	371	New Orleans, LA	562
Cincinnati, OH	337	New York, NY	992
Cleveland, OH	584	Pittsburgh, PA	620
Detroit, MI	573	St. Louis, MO	171
Knoxville, TN	337		

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

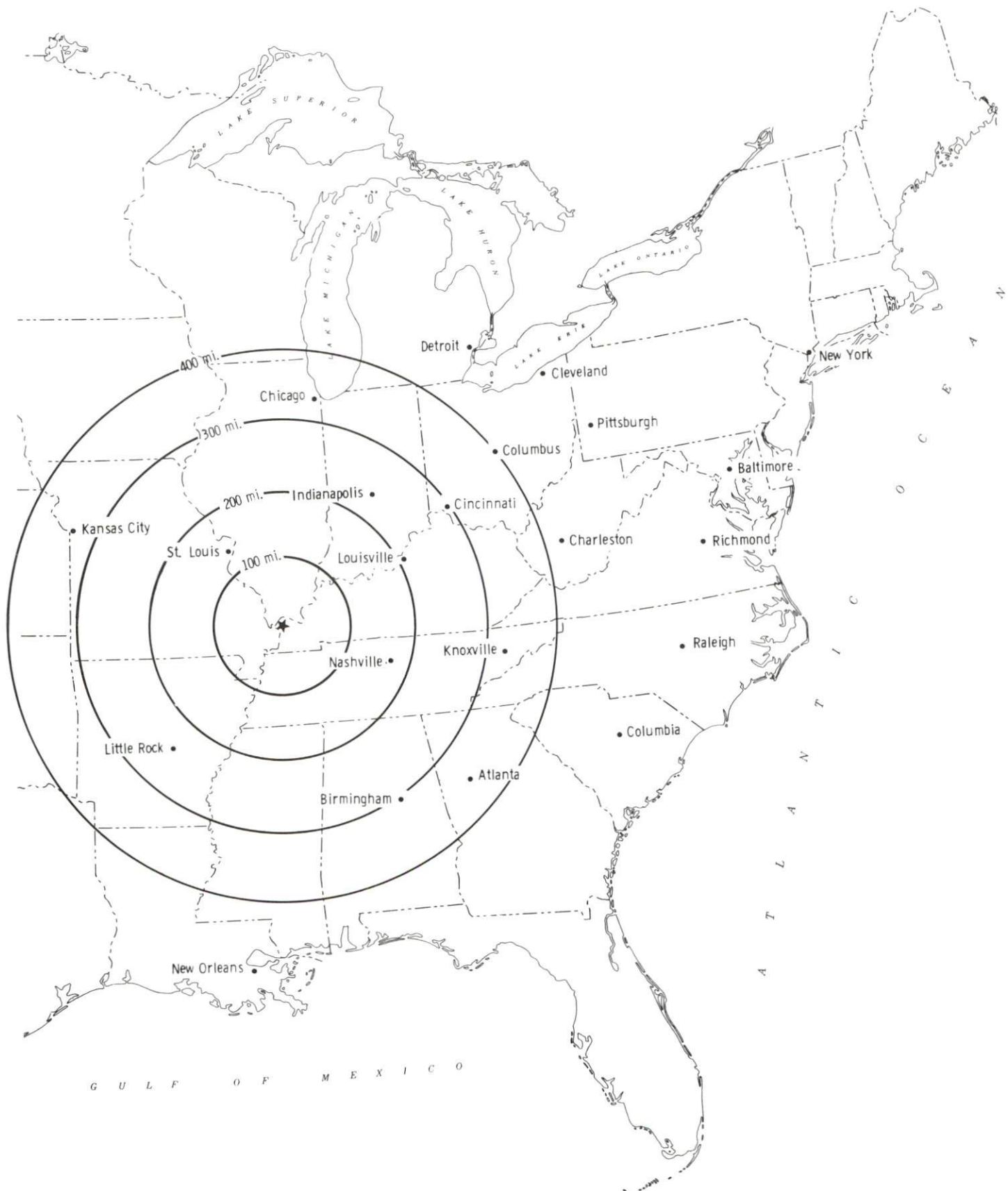
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

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

¹ Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1992.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Illinois Central Railroad provides main line 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 (Commuter)

Barkley Regional Airport

Location:	6 miles west of Paducah, Kentucky; 25 miles northeast of Wickliffe
Runways	2 paved
Length:	6,500 feet; 4,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Control tower, ILS, VOR and NDB approaches
Lighting:	HIRL, MIRL, and MITL
Services:	American Eagle, Transworld Express, Northwest Airlink; 100LL and jet-A fuel; storage; hangar; tie-downs; major and minor A & P repairs; National Weather Service; FAA Flight Service; Avionics; car rental; taxi
Air Freight Services:	Air carriers accept freight on space available basis

Scheduled commercial airline service is also available at Evansville Regional Airport near Evansville, Indiana, 152 miles northeast of Wickliffe; and at the Nashville Metropolitan Airport near Nashville, Tennessee, 167 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) 255-2100

Company serving northern and southern 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

and/or

Manager of Economic Development
Big Rivers Electric Corporation
P.O. Box 24
Henderson, Kentucky 42420
(502) 827-2561

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 - two local wells (total pumping capacity: 300 gallons per minute)
Treatment plant capacity - 150,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 65,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 80,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 113,000 gallons
Water pressure - 50 psi to 60 psi

Company serving **Kevil** - City of Kevil Water System
P.O. Box 70
Kevil, Kentucky 42053-0070
(502) 462-3104

Source - local wells (total pumping capacity: 250 gallons per minute)
Treatment plant capacity - 360,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 10,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 20,700 gallons
Storage capacity - 175,000 gallons
Water pressure - 48 psi to 64 psi

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

Source - local wells (total pumping capacity: 500 gallons per minute)
Treatment plant capacity - 720,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 140,801 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 233,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 75,000 gallons
Water pressure - 44 psi to 49 psi

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

Source - local well (total pumping capacity: 375 gallons per minute)
Treatment plant capacity - 500,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 200,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 300,000 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 at Thebes, Illinois - 198,100 cfs (59 years, USGS, unadjusted); Ohio River at Metropolis, Illinois - 272,100 cfs (62 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 - 125,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 49,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Shawnee Creek

Company serving **Kevil** - City of Kevil Sewer System
P.O. Box 70
Kevil, Kentucky 42053-0070
(502) 462-3104

Design capacity - 51,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 49,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Humphries Creek

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

Design capacity - 169,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 135,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Humphries Creek

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

Design capacity - 250,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 75,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Mayfield Creek

CLIMATE

Ballard County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	57.20 degrees
Average annual 1990	59.50 degrees
Record highest, August 1988 (7-year record)	104.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (7-year record)	-15.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,283

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	46.89 inches
Mean annual snowfall (7-year record)	12.00 inches
Total precipitation 1990	56.63 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (7-year record)	108.00
Mean number days thunderstorms (7-year record)	59.60

Prevailing winds

N/A

Relative Humidity (6 year record)

Midnight	82 percent
6 a.m.	86 percent
Noon	58 percent
6 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1990. 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.

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)

Local Fees and Licenses

A four and one-half percent insurance premium tax is levied on all policies written within the city limits of Wickliffe. The City of Wickliffe charges \$25 annually for vendor license which covers peddling, and loading and unloading activities.

PROPERTY TAXES

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside of city limits may also be subject to city property taxes.

Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1991 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.187	YES
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	NO
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	NO
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.050	NO
Goods in Process	0.050	NO
Finished Goods	0.050	YES
Motor Vehicles	0.450	YES
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.450	YES
Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand)	0.250	NO

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1991

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Ballard County	\$0.262	\$0.247	\$0.278
School Districts:			
Ballard County	0.385	0.385	0.370
Cities:			
Barlow	0.342	0.342	0.342
Kevil	0.297	0.297	0.297
LaCenter	0.489	0.489	0.489
Wickliffe	0.330	0.330	0.330

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Ballard County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1991)	1,460
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	15.3-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	59.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$3,644.64

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Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1991)</u>
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (33)	3,182
Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, Missouri (40)	8,716
University of Tennessee, at Martin	Martin, Tennessee (46)	5,494
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (52)	8,328
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Carbondale, Illinois (65)	24,869
Bethel College	McKenzie, Tennessee (70)	581

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>Cumulative Enrollment 1990-1991</u>
Ballard County Area Vocational Education Center	LaCenter (11)	433
West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School	Paducah (33)	1,203

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5
Dentists - 1

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</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 130
licensed practical nurses

Western Baptist Hospital

Medical staff - 185 physicians, 276 registered nurses, and 127
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 Saving & 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 each of its communities. The LaCenter Park contains tennis courts, a playground, and a picnic area. The ten-acre Wickliffe Park features tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic shelters and a playground. Kevil Park offers a picnic area and a rail caboose museum. 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. An 18-hole golf course is also available seven miles south of 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.

The Barlow House Museum, a circa 1903 victorian-style mansion, located in Barlow, offers tours of the home to Vivian J. Barlow, grandson of the town's founder. The restored mansion features period furniture, numerous household articles, and 200 years of Barlow Family memorabilia.

Ballard County offers one of the prime goose 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)

Columbus-Belmont Battlefield State Park at Columbus, Kentucky is located 22 miles south of Wickliffe. Attractions at the 156-acre park include a 38-site campground, a gift shop, an 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 an array of recreational and cultural opportunities. Points of interest include the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, Barkley Museum, historic Whitehaven Mansion, Paducah Symphony 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. Facilities also include 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, picnicking, swimming at the lodge pool or at the sand beach, and tennis.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Ballard County Technology Park was recently developed in Kevil which offers 42 acres of space for business and industrial development. A 9,600-square-foot office complex was recently constructed and leased out to Science Applications International Corporation which provides environmental consulting services to Martin-Marietta Energy Systems in McCracken County. Total cost of the building approximated \$500,000.

Ballard County Fiscal Court in cooperation with Ballard County School System is in the process of developing additional recreation attractions at Ballard County High School. The project includes construction of pavilions, developing a hiking trail and handicapped access to the ball fields.

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A project to renovate and expand the Ballard County Courthouse is scheduled to begin in 1994.

The Ballard County Road Department recently relocated in Barlow which now provides a central location in the county.