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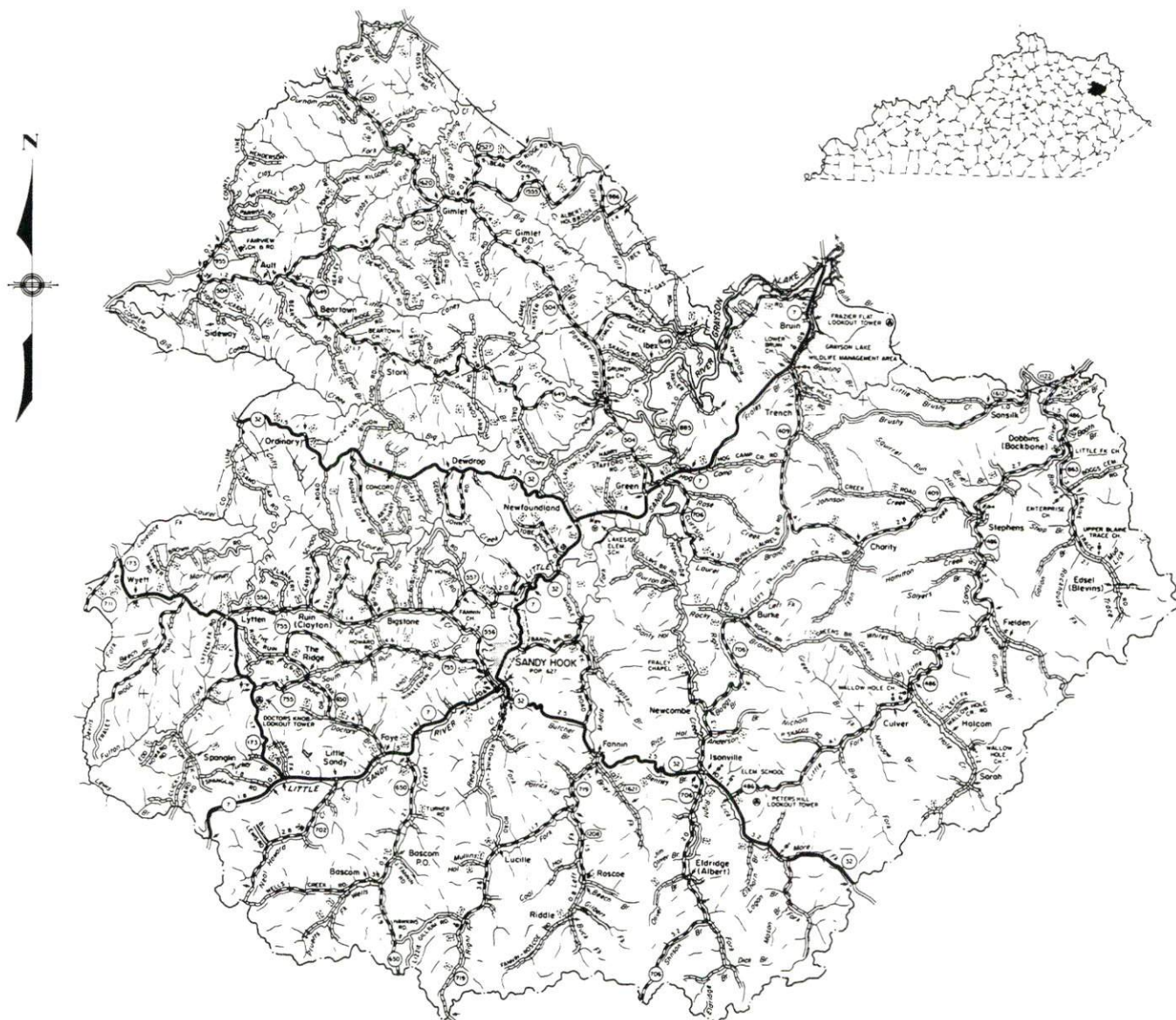
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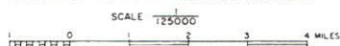
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
ELLIOTT COUNTY
 KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
 KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET
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ELLIOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Sandy Hook, the county seat of Elliott County, had an estimated 1994 population of 557. The city is located 53 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia, and 93 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky. Elliott County covers a land area of 234 square miles in Kentucky's Eastern Coal Field Region and had an estimated 1994 population of 6,557.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Elliott County residents employed in 1996 averaged 2,377. In 1995, wholesale and retail trade provided 75 jobs; 73 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 317 employees; and contract construction firms provided 6 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 12,845 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1998 through 2002, 5,498 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

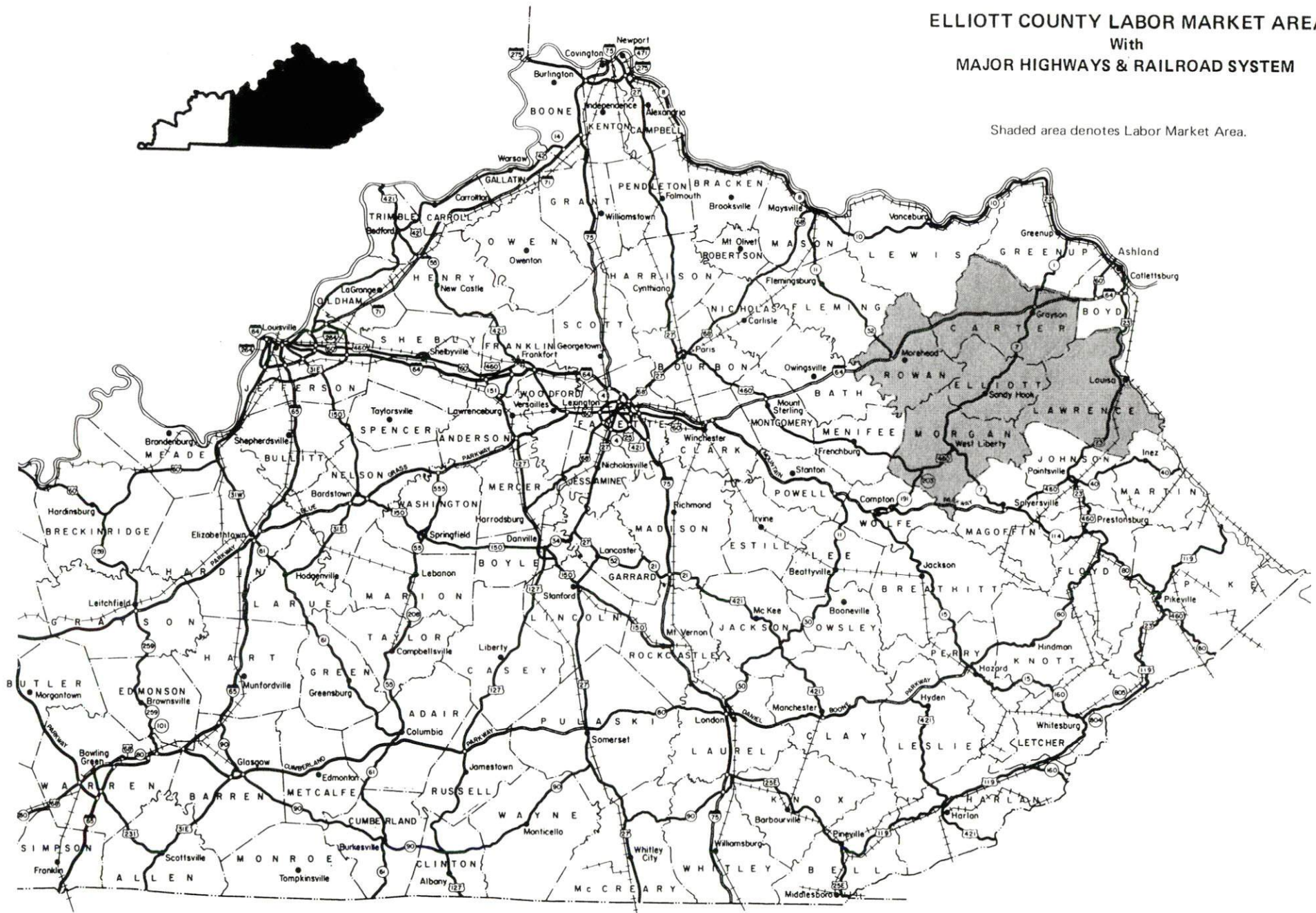
Transportation - Highways serving Elliott County include Kentucky Routes 7, 32, and 173. Interstate 64 is accessible 26 miles northeast of Sandy Hook via Kentucky 7. Eight common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Elliott County. CSX Transportation provides the nearest rail service to Elliott County at Louisa, 40 miles east of Sandy Hook, and at Paintsville, 39 miles southeast of Sandy Hook. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Tri-State Airport near Huntington, West Virginia, 50 miles northeast of Sandy Hook. The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport, 19 miles south of Sandy Hook, maintains a 2,400-foot paved runway.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Elliott County by Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, which is supplied by East Kentucky Power.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Elliott County School System. Morehead State University, 28 miles northwest of Sandy Hook in Morehead, Kentucky, offers degrees in associate, bachelors, masters, and specialty degree programs. In addition, there are four other colleges and universities within 55 miles of Sandy Hook. The Rowan Regional Technology Center in Morehead, Kentucky, 28 miles northwest; the Morgan County Area Technology Center in West Liberty, Kentucky, 19 miles south; and the Ashland Regional Technology Center in Ashland, 48 miles northeast, each provide vocational-technical training to the area.

ELLIOTT COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Elliott County Labor Market Area includes Elliott County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Carter, Lawrence, Morgan, and Rowan.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	82,121	76,794	77,241	63,538
Sandy Hook	557	548	627	561
Elliott County	6,557	6,455	6,908	5,933

*Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	88,815	96,458	102,247
Elliott County	7,281	8,451	9,661

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1998 thru 2002</u>
Labor Market Area*	12,845	3,770	9,075	5,498
Elliott County	1,219	465	754	537

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; 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). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

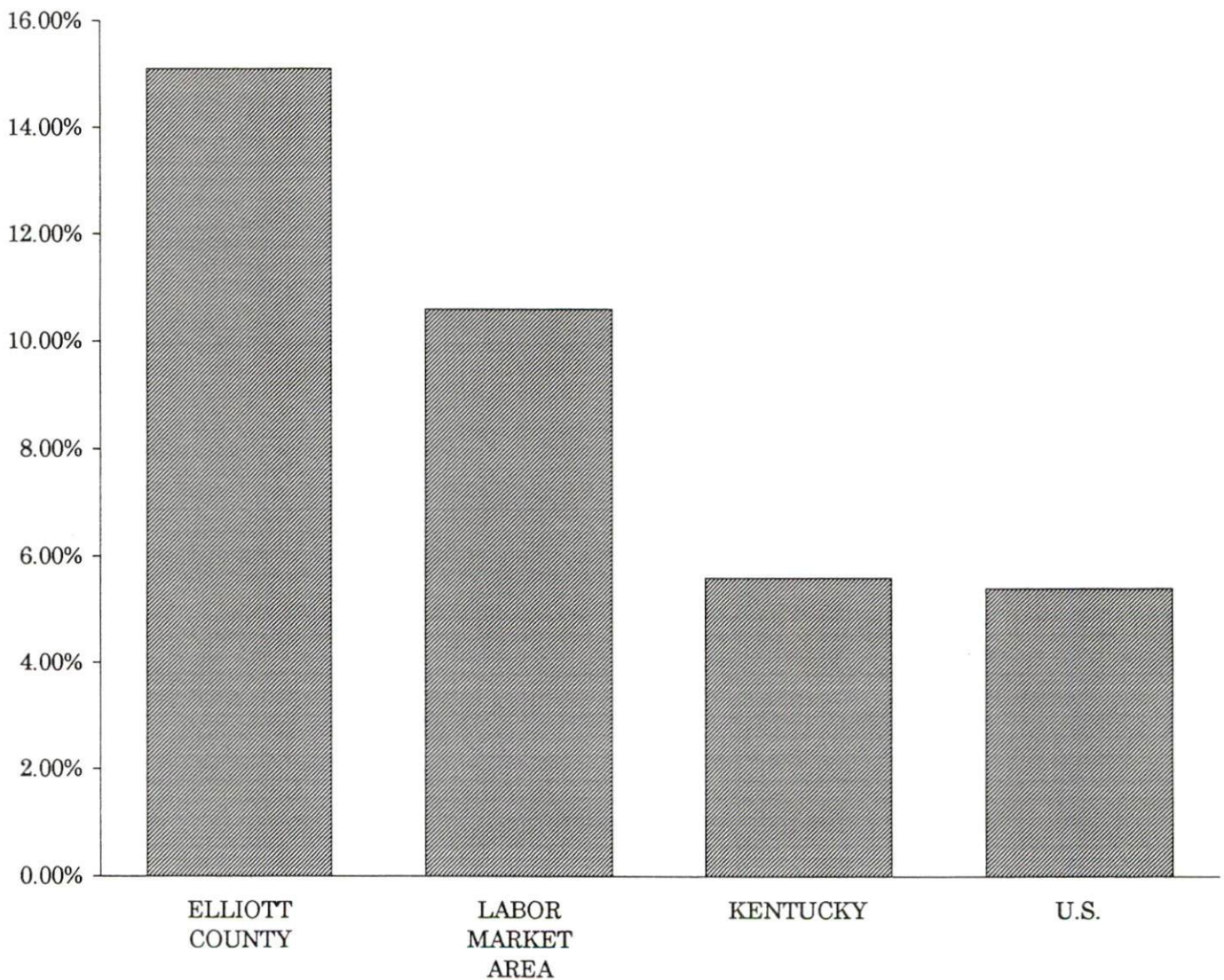
Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1995. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1998 thru 2002.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1996

	<u>Elliott County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	2,800	32,712
Employment	2,377	29,238
Unemployment	423	3,474
Rate of Unemployment (%)	15.1	10.6

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1996.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1996



SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

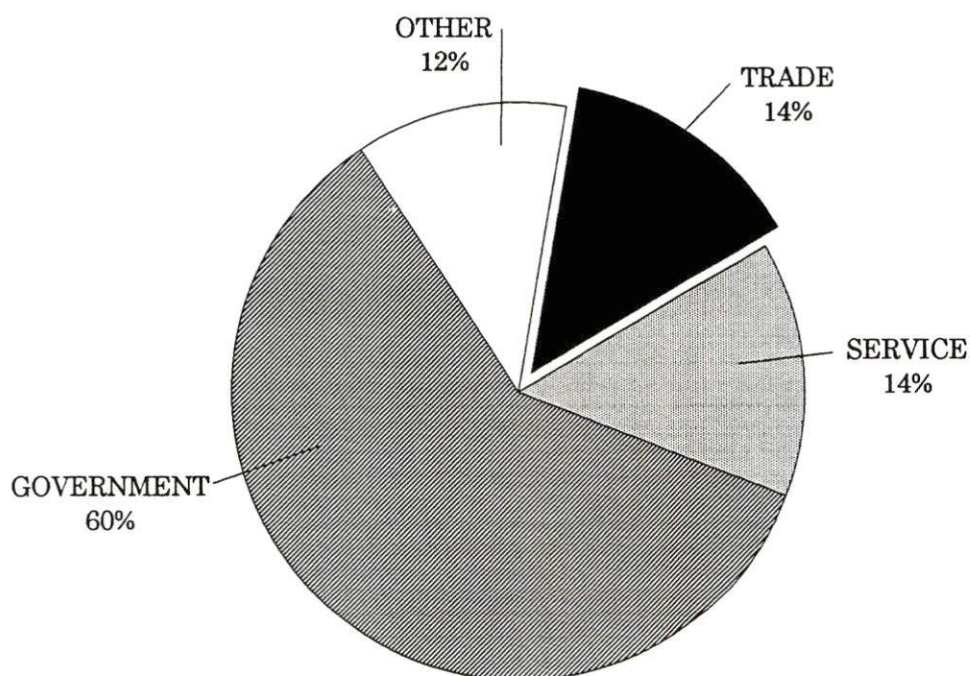
	<u>Elliott County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	535	18,473
Manufacturing	N/A	2,598
Wholesale & Retail Trade	75	4,753
Services	73	3,528
State/Local Government	317	5,320
Contract Construction	6	681
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	87

N/A: Not Available.

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1995.

ELLIOTT COUNTY

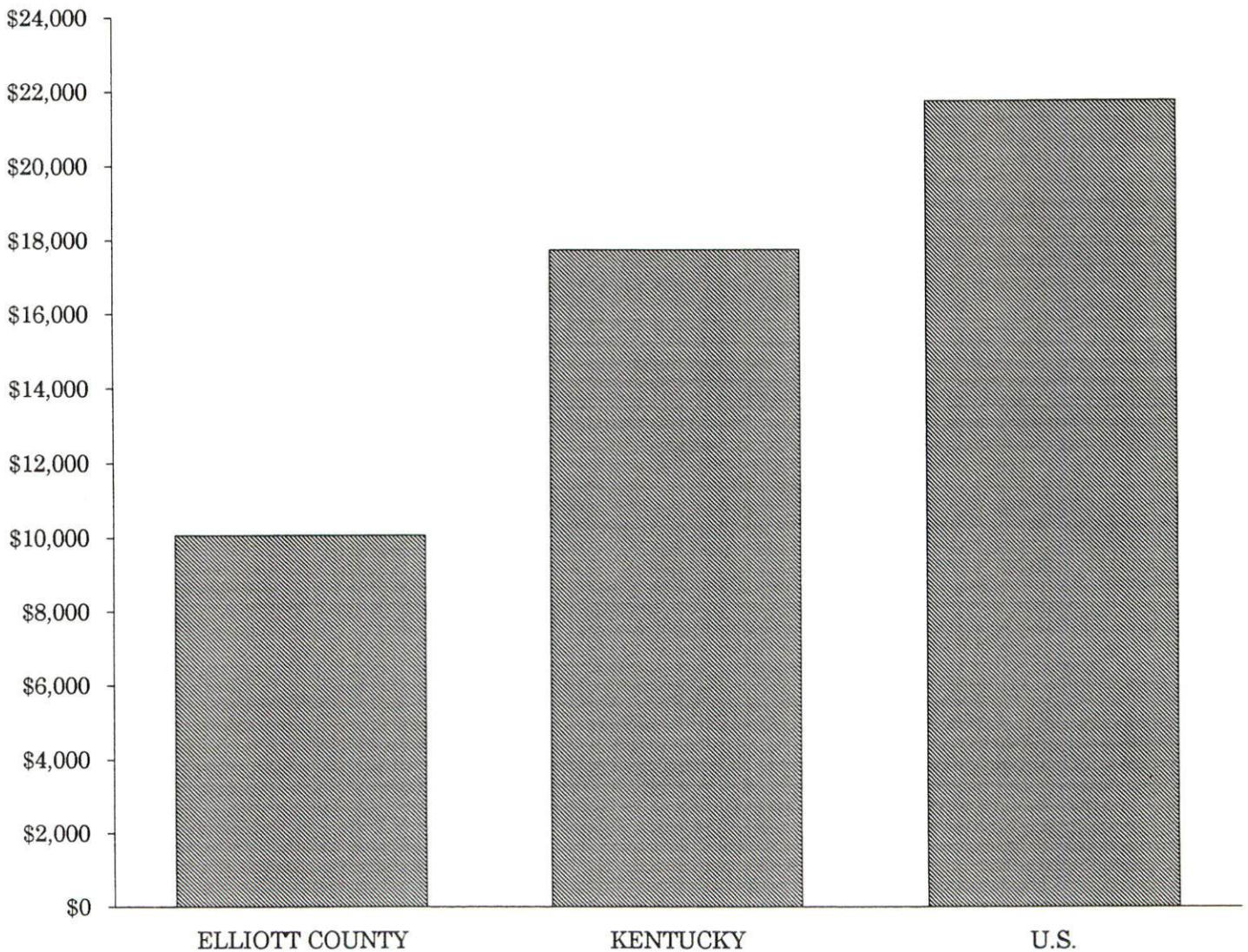


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Elliott County	\$8,175	\$10,079	23.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,175 - 10,491	\$10,079 - \$12,584	-
Kentucky	\$14,747	\$17,721	20.2
U.S.	\$18,666	\$21,696	16.2

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1994



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

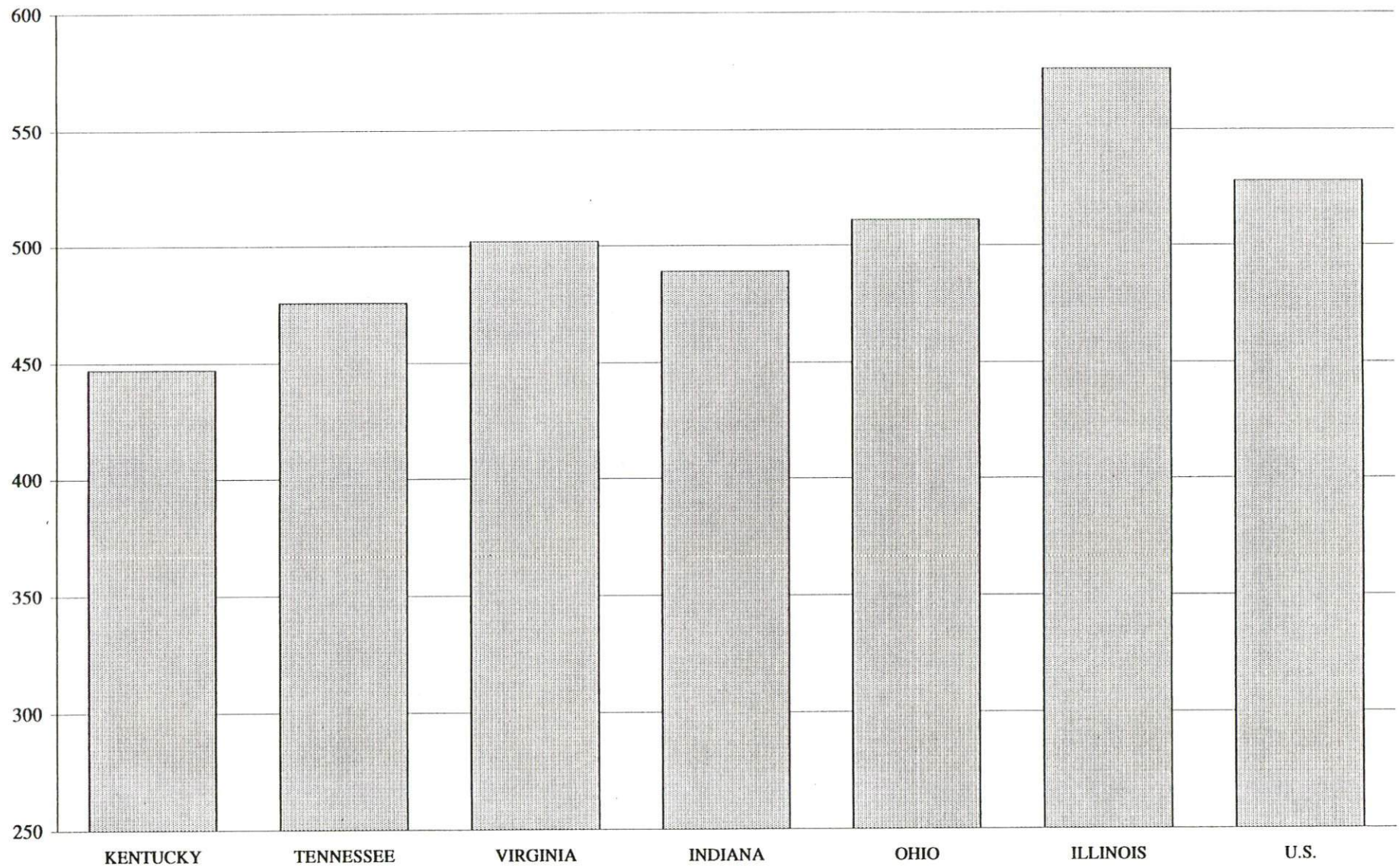
Elliott County is served by the Ashland local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Ashland local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1996, the local employment office filled 2,058 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	2,058	5.51
Clerical	206	4.41
Sales	40	4.51
Services (excluding domestic)	700	4.50
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	2	4.88
Processing	699	6.23
Machine Trades	16	5.11
Bench Work	38	4.30
Structural	93	7.63
Motor Freight/ Transportation	62	7.04
Packaging and Materials Handling	133	6.68
Other	0	0.00

The Ashland local office also serves Boyd, Carter, Greenup, and Lawrence Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1995



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995*

	<u>Elliott County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$337.50	\$447.03	\$476.00	\$502.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	739.22	671.00	736.00
Contract Construction	228.50	466.73	505.00	497.00
Manufacturing	N/A	577.94	559.00	589.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	322.62	586.90	612.00	679.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	189.95	308.87	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	N/A	546.83	614.00	643.00
Services	275.98	404.99	459.00	524.00
State/Local Government	386.12	457.63	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$489.00	\$511.00	\$576.00	\$528.00
Mining & Quarrying	770.00	684.00	828.00	871.00
Contract Construction	558.00	569.00	699.00	562.00
Manufacturing	671.00	716.00	715.00	668.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	589.00	623.00	710.00	674.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	552.00	601.00	815.00	742.00
Services	418.00	449.00	526.00	503.00
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.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1995. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1995, December 1996.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

ELLIOTT COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	1996 <u>Average Employment</u>
Sandy Hook		
Little Sandy Lumber, Inc. (1977)	Lumber, wood chips	12
Fannin Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturing Company (1966)	Kitchen cabinets	4

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Elliott County Judge/Executive's Office.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no labor unions representing workers in Elliott County manufacturing firms.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Sandy Hook</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Flemingsburg, Kentucky	55
	Wurtland, Kentucky	55
Electric Motor Repair	Morehead, Kentucky	28
Heat Treating Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	93
Industrial Waste Removal	Olive Hill, Kentucky	35
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Morehead, Kentucky	28
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	98
Metal Finishers	Ashland, Kentucky	48
Metal Service Centers	Morehead, Kentucky	28
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	93

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Kentucky Routes 7, 32, and 173 are AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Elliott County. Kentucky 32, east of Sandy Hook, is a AA-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Interstate 64 is accessible 26 miles northeast of Sandy Hook via Kentucky 7. Access to the Mountain Parkway, a four-lane limited-access highway, is 42 miles south via Kentucky 7 and U.S. 460.

There are plans to reconstruct a five-mile segment of Kentucky Route 7/32 east of Sandy Hook. A new 1,200-foot bridge is also planned for construction as part of this highway improvement project.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM SANDY HOOK, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	430	Los Angeles, CA	2,258
Baltimore, MD	480	Louisville, KY	167
Birmingham, AL	475	Nashville, TN	305
Chicago, IL	412	New Orleans, LA	814
Cincinnati, OH	127	New York, NY	663
Cleveland, OH	307	Pittsburgh, PA	328
Detroit, MI	354	St. Louis, MO	428
Knoxville, TN	240		

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

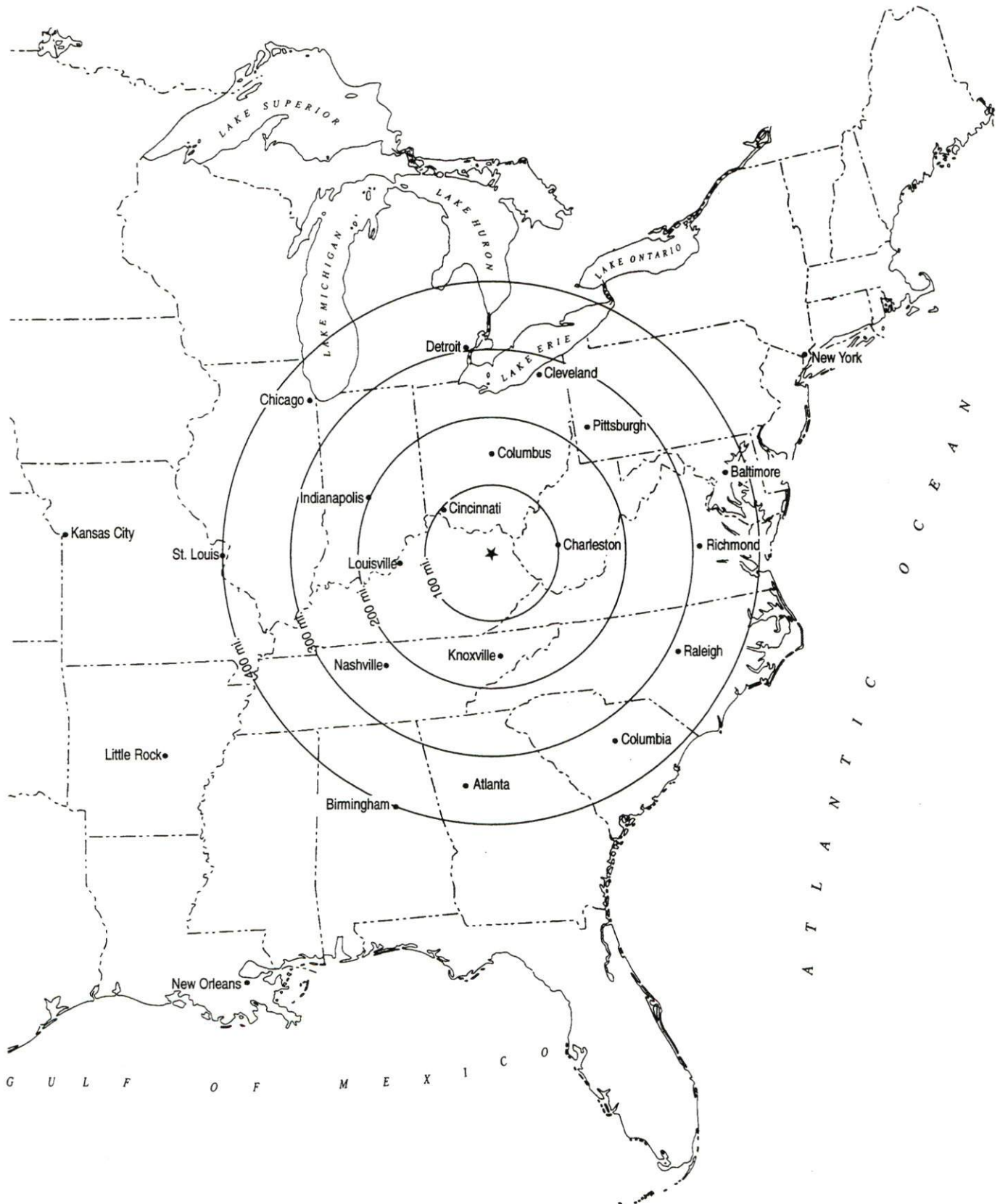
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1993. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Eight common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Elliott County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1997.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Elliott County is not served directly by rail. The nearest rail service is provided by CSX Transportation at Louisa, 40 miles east of Sandy Hook, and at Paintsville, 39 miles southeast of Sandy Hook. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by Norfolk Southern at Georgetown, Kentucky, 102 miles west of Sandy Hook.

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

Manager
Industrial Development
CSX Transportation
9420 Bunsen Parkway
Suite 212
Louisville, Kentucky 40220
(502) 499-3025

Air

Nearest Small Craft Airport

Location:	West Liberty-Morgan County Airport West Liberty, Kentucky 19 miles south of Sandy Hook
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	2,400 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	None
Services:	Hangar, tie-down
Air Freight	
Service:	Chartered air freight service must be arranged

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Tri-State Airport 3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 50 miles northeast of Sandy Hook
Air Service:	C.C. Air, Comair, USAirways Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	44

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Sandy Hook and Elliott County** - Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - East Kentucky Power
For industrial rates contact:

Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
109 Bagby Park
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
(606) 474-5136

and/or

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

Natural Gas

Natural gas service is presently not available in Elliott County. However, several local private wells have potential for commercial use.

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Sandy Hook** - Sandy Hook Water District
P.O. Box 196
Sandy Hook, Kentucky 41171
(606) 738-6282

Source -	Wells
Treatment plant capacity-	324,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	139,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	282,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	261,000 gallons
Water pressure -	35 psi to 95 psi

Sewerage

Company serving **Sandy Hook** - City of Sandy Hook Sewer
Department
P.O. Box 274
Sandy Hook, Kentucky 41171
(606) 738-6489 Fax (606) 738-5192

Design capacity -	150,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	125,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Little Sandy River

The City of Sandy Hook recently renovated and expanded its wastewater treatment plant.

CLIMATE

Elliott County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1995	55.20 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (54-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1994 (54-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (54-year record)	4,665
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	41.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall (33-year record)	25.90 inches
Total precipitation 1995	42.45 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(54-year record)	139.90
Mean number days thunderstorms (33-year record)	41.50

Prevailing winds

N/A

Relative Humidity (33-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent (33-year record)
7 a.m.	83 percent (34-year record)
1 p.m.	58 percent (34-year record)
7 p.m.	61 percent (34-year record)

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1995. Station of record: Huntington, West Virginia.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Sandy Hook is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Elliott County is governed by a county judge/executive and seven magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

There is presently no planning and zoning agency in Elliott County.

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

There are presently no local fees and licenses assessed in Elliott County.

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. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	1996 <u>State Rate</u>	Local Taxation <u>Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.163	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, 1996

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Elliott County	\$0.3620	\$0.3791	\$0.3860
School District:			
Elliott County	0.4930	0.5110	0.5650
City:			
Sandy Hook	0.2000	None	None

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Elliott County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1996)	1,309
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1995-96)	13.9-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1995-96)	52.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1995-96)	\$5,117.00

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Sandy Hook)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1996)</u>
Kentucky Christian College	Grayson, Kentucky (24)	530
Morehead State University	Morehead, Kentucky (28)	8,354
Ashland Community College	Ashland, Kentucky (48)	2,477
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (52)	2,698
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia (53)	13,164

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

Kentucky Tech schools are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and provide secondary (Sec) and postsecondary (P/S) vocational-technical training.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Sandy Hook)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Enrollment 1995-1996</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Rowan Regional Technology Center	Morehead (28)	14	<u>Sec</u> 137	<u>P/S</u> 319	100
Ashland Regional Technology Center	Ashland (48)	15	<u>Sec</u> 0	<u>P/S</u> 678	128
Morgan County Area Technology Center	West Liberty (19)	6	<u>Sec</u> 161	<u>P/S</u> 26	30

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its training and development coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a training and development coordinator located at the Ashland Regional Technology Center or the Rowan Regional Technology Center.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. Career Connections Assessment Centers are located at the Ashland Regional Technology Center and the Rowan Regional Technology Center.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalence diploma. In Elliott County, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Elliott County Literacy Council.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC), 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. Programs range from entry level for new workers to advanced training for experienced employees.

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

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3

Dentists - 2

Hospitals

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Sandy Hook)</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital	West Liberty (19)	45
St. Claire Medical Center	Morehead (28)	159

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Sandy Hook Health Center
Elliott County Ambulance Service
Elliott County Disaster Emergency Services
Elliott County Medical Center
Elliott County Nursing Home
St. Claire HomeCare & Hospice Services

The Elliott County Medical Center plans construction of an emergency room. The Medical Center is a branch of the St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead.

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Peoples Bank of Sandy Hook (with branch in Bruin)

Newspapers

The Elliott County News (weekly)

Telephone Service

Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative
Corporation, Inc.

"911" emergency dispatch communication system

RECREATION

Local

Sandy Hook and Elliott County provide recreation through the local school facilities which include: softball and baseball fields, basketball courts, gymnastics and karate classes, and the F.D. Blair swimming pool.

Grayson Lake State Park is located in northern Elliott County and in southern Carter County near Grayson. Facilities available include 71 campsites, a beach, and a picnic area. Grayson Lake provides excellent fishing and boating opportunities. Organized recreation programs are available during the summer. The park is located within the 7,350-acre Grayson Lake Wildlife Area.

Special events in the county include the annual Fourth of July Celebration sponsored by the local Lions Club. Attractions include fireworks, music, and booths. The Elliott County Tobacco Festival, held each Labor Day weekend, provides a source of entertainment for the area. Attractions include: a carnival, crafts, music, booths, contests, and a mule show.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Ashland, Kentucky
Carter Caves State Resort Park
Daniel Boone National Forest
Greenbo Lake State Resort Park
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

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