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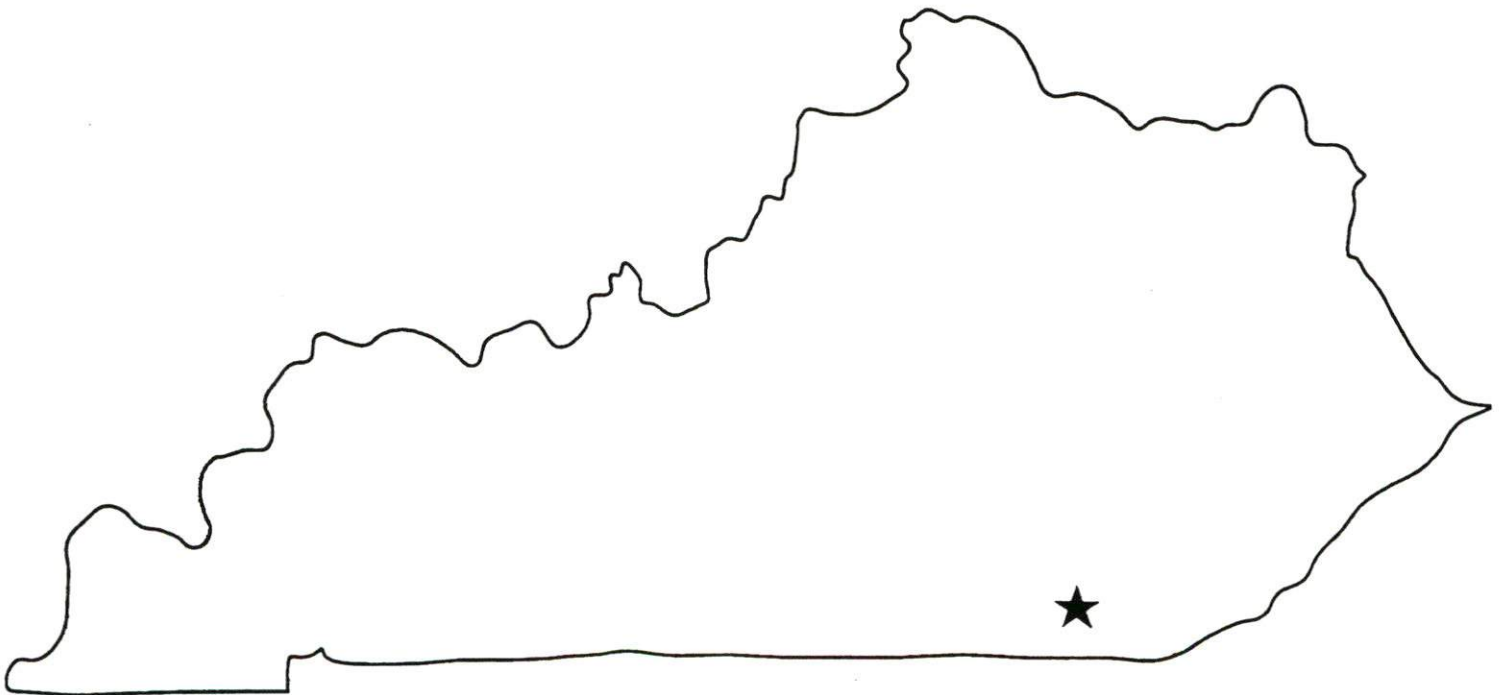
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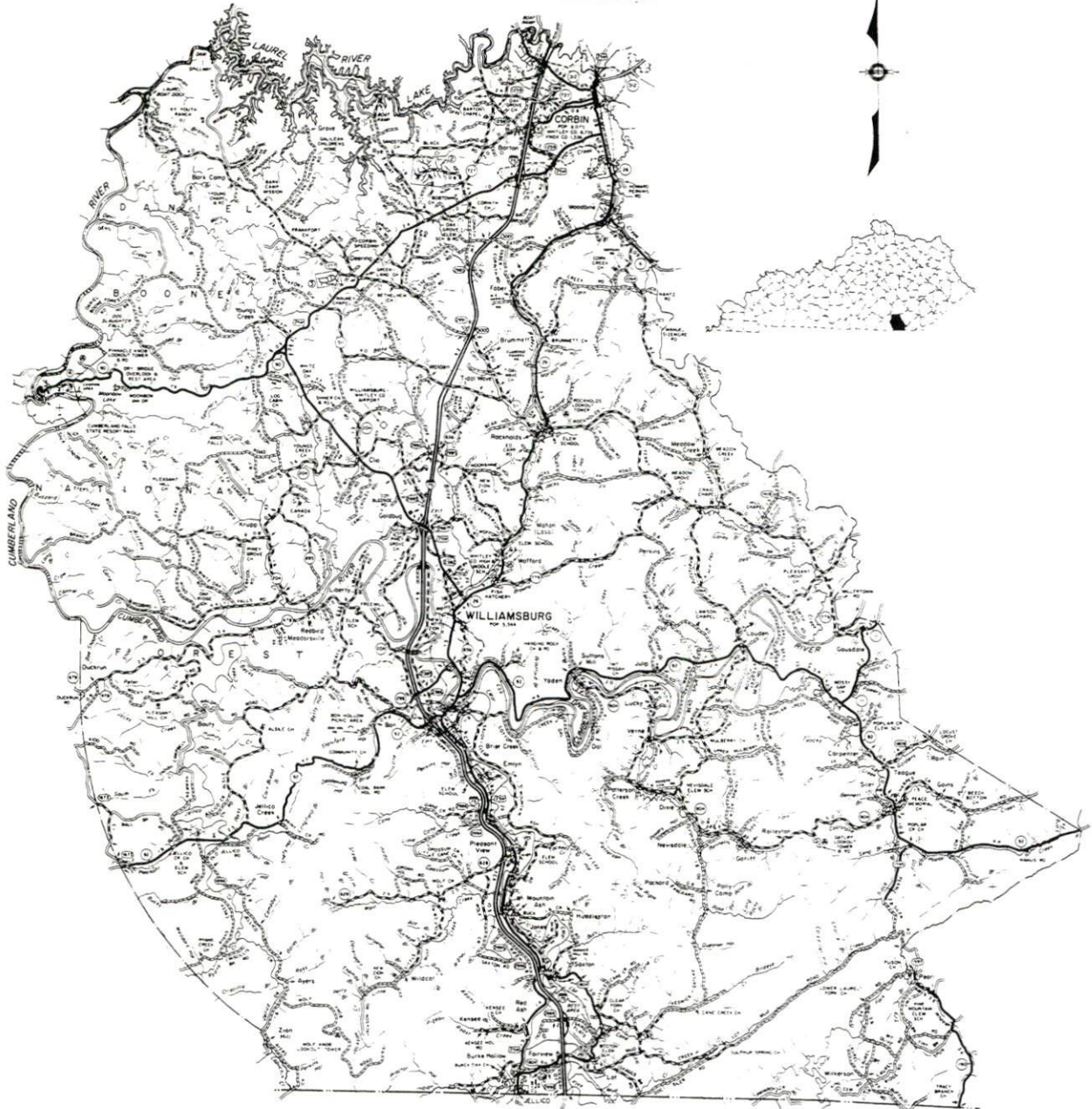
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**WHITLEY COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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## WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Williamsburg, the county seat of Whitley County, is located on the southern border of the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. The city of Williamsburg is located 71 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 102 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky; 181 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 183 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. Williamsburg had an estimated 1994 population of 6,355.

Whitley County covers a total land area of 440 square miles. Whitley County is a well-dissected upland with a hilly to mountainous terrain. The county's southern boundary is formed by the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. Whitley County had an estimated 1994 population of 34,969.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Whitley County residents employed in 1996 averaged 12,776. In 1995, manufacturing firms in the county reported 2,171 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,606 jobs; 2,741 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,815 employees; contract construction firms provided 318 jobs; and 456 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 24,181 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1998 through 2002, 11,888 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Williamsburg is served directly by Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor, and by U.S. Highway 25W and Kentucky Highway 92. Sixteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Williamsburg. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Williamsburg. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at the McGhee-Tyson Airport near Knoxville, Tennessee, 81 miles south of Williamsburg. The Whitley County Airport, eight miles north of Williamsburg, maintains a 2,500-foot paved runway designed to accommodate small aircraft.

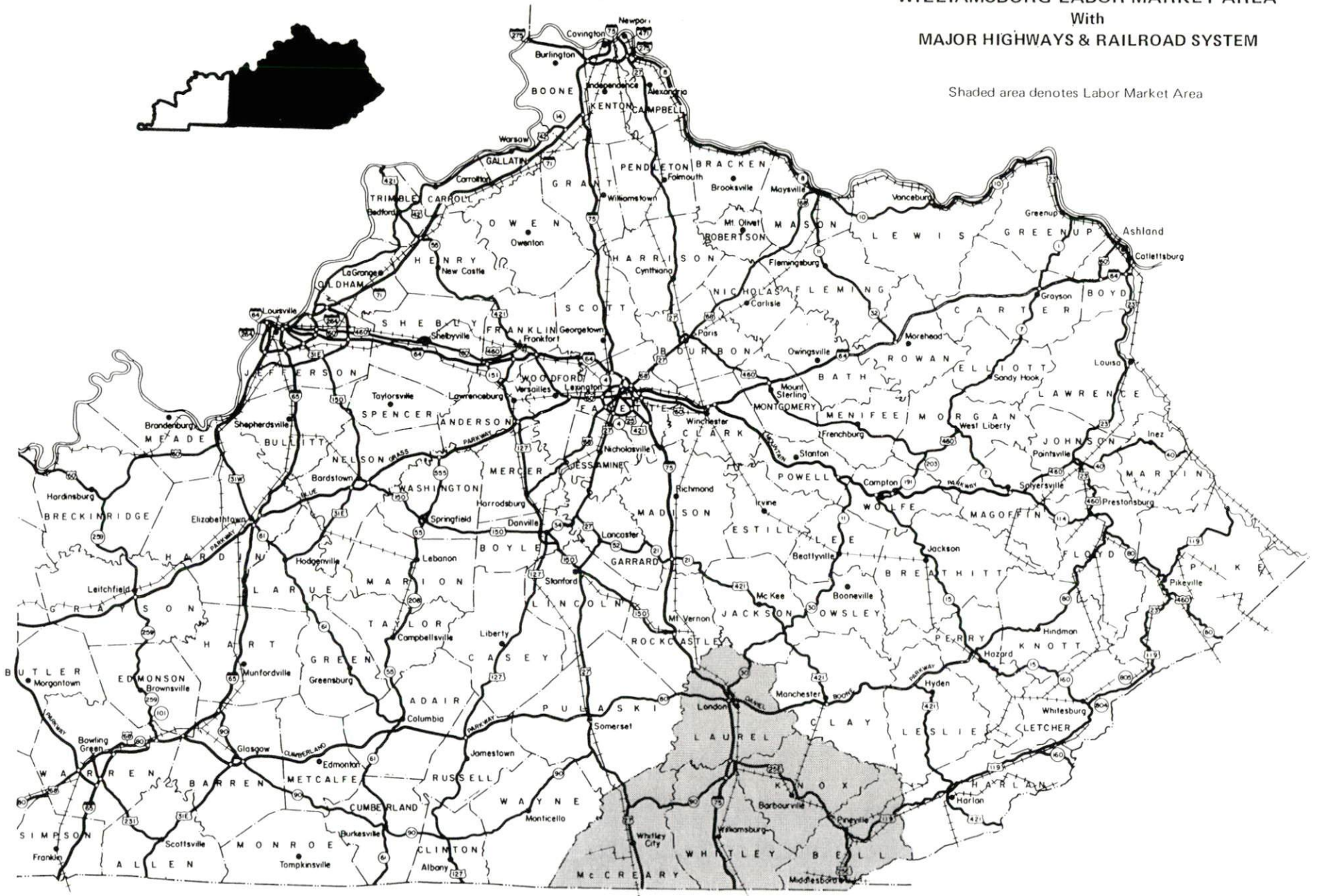
**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Williamsburg and parts of Whitley County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Portions of Whitley County are served by the Cumberland Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided to Williamsburg by the Delta Natural Gas Company.

**Education** - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Williamsburg Independent School System and the Whitley County School District. Cumberland College, established in 1889, is a four-year co-educational liberal arts college located in Williamsburg. In addition, nine other institutions of higher learning are located within 75 miles of Williamsburg. Vocational-technical education is available at the Laurel County Regional Technology Center in London, 33 miles north of Williamsburg; and at the Corbin Area Technology Center, 19 miles north of Williamsburg.



# WILLIAMSBURG LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Williamsburg Labor Market Area includes Whitley County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bell, Knox, Laurel, and McCreary.

### POPULATION

|                   | <u>1994*</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>1980</u> | <u>1970</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Labor Market Area | 160,393      | 153,549     | 152,581     | 118,889     |
| Williamsburg      | 6,355        | 5,493       | 5,560       | 3,687       |
| Whitley County    | 34,969       | 33,326      | 33,396      | 24,145      |

\*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 | 170,702     | 183,145     | 192,819     |
| Whitley County    | 37,257      | 40,460      | 43,452      |

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* | 24,181         | 4,276             | 19,905                    | 11,888   |
| Whitley County     | 4,655          | 884               | 3,771                     | 2,480  |

\* 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.

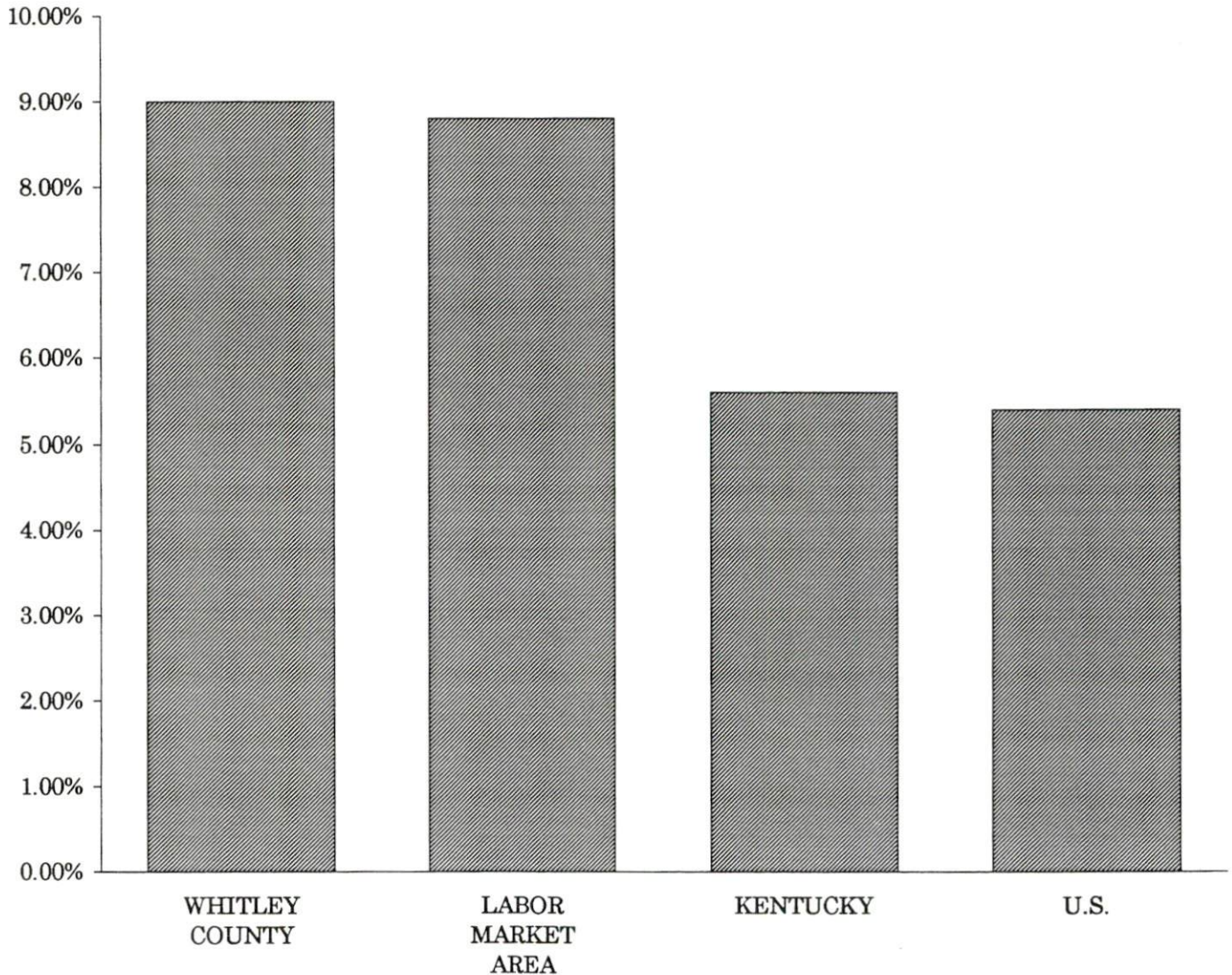


LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1996

|                          | <u>Whitley County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force     | 14,038                | 63,086                   |
| Employment               | 12,776                | 57,545                   |
| Unemployment             | 1,262                 | 5,541                    |
| Rate of Unemployment (%) | 9.0                   | 8.8                      |

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1996



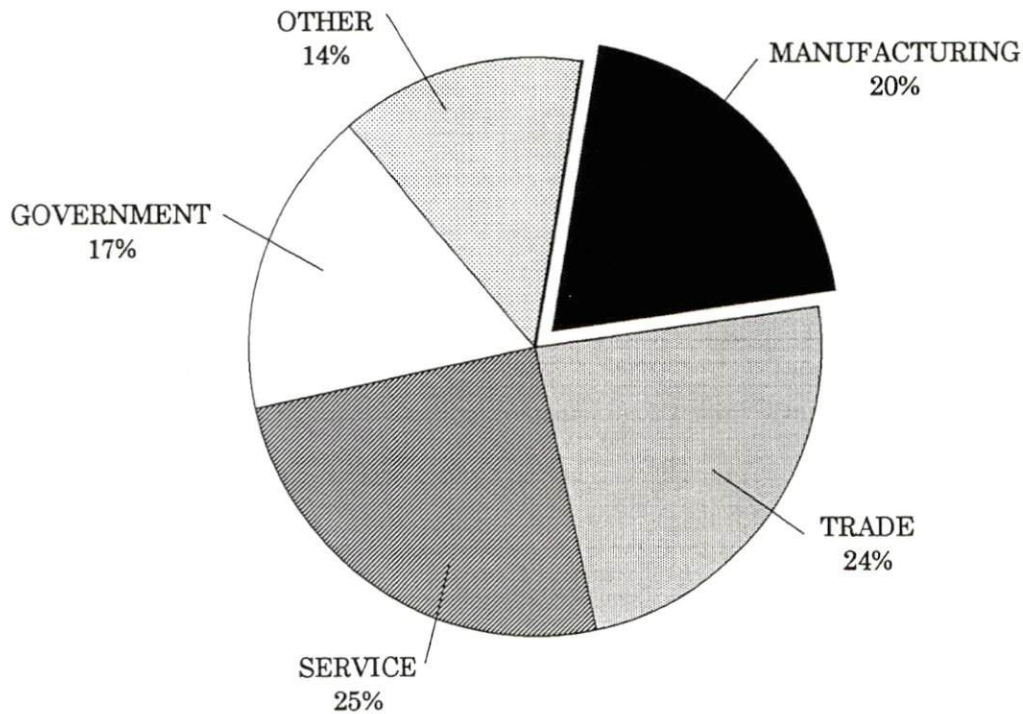
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

|                          | <u>Whitley County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| All Industries (total)   | 10,844                | 49,030                   |
| Manufacturing            | 2,171                 | 9,479                    |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 2,606                 | 14,130                   |
| Services                 | 2,741                 | 9,950                    |
| State/Local Government   | 1,815                 | 7,980                    |
| Contract Construction    | 318                   | 2,019                    |
| Mining & Quarrying       | 456                   | 1,898                    |

**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.

WHITLEY COUNTY



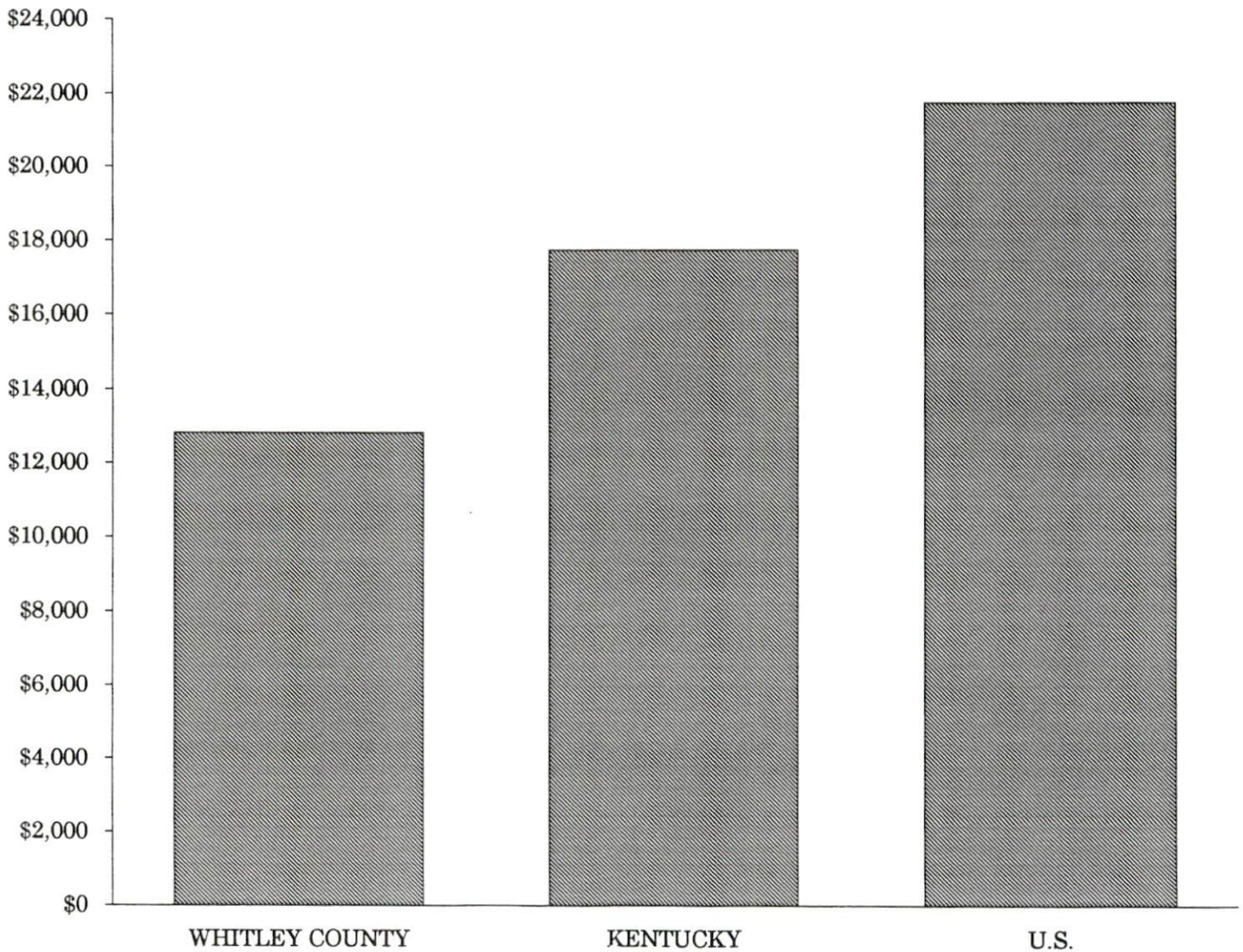


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

| <u>Area</u>                | <u>1990</u>        | <u>1994</u>         | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Whitley County             | \$11,028           | \$12,815            | 16.2                  |
| Labor Market Area<br>Range | \$7,823 - \$12,068 | \$10,601 - \$14,259 | -                     |
| 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

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Whitley County is served by the Corbin local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin 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 3,243 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

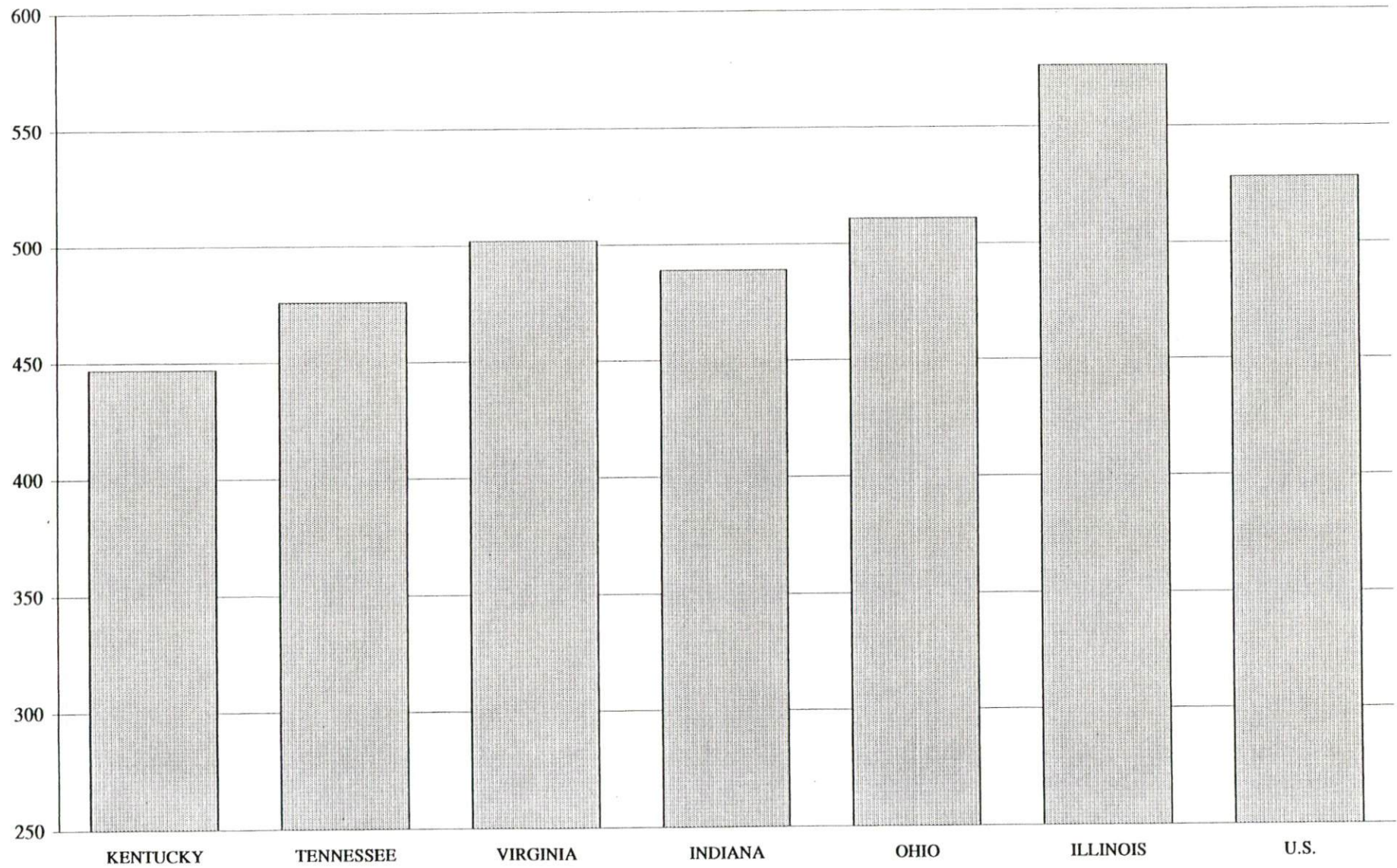
| <u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>          | <u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u> | <u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| All Occupations                       | 3,243                       | 5.36                    |
| Clerical                              | 192                         | 4.84                    |
| Sales                                 | 40                          | 5.51                    |
| Services (excluding domestic)         | 452                         | 4.47                    |
| Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc. | 18                          | 5.26                    |
| Processing                            | 325                         | 5.46                    |
| Machine Trades                        | 31                          | 6.89                    |
| Bench Work                            | 1,432                       | 4.59                    |
| Structural                            | 212                         | 7.29                    |
| Motor Freight/ Transportation         | 62                          | 4.79                    |
| Packaging and Materials Handling      | 402                         | 7.62                    |
| Other                                 | 17                          | 11.33                   |

The Corbin local office also serves Clay, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, and Rockcastle Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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**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>Whitley<br/>County</u> | <u>Kentucky<br/>(Statewide)</u> | <u>Tennessee</u> | <u>Virginia</u> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| All Industries  | \$366.18                  | \$447.03                        | \$476.00         | \$502.00        |
| Mining & Quarrying                                      | 610.18                    | 739.22                          | 671.00           | 736.00          |
| Contract Construction                                   | 423.89                    | 466.73                          | 505.00           | 497.00          |
| Manufacturing   | 328.15                    | 577.94                          | 559.00           | 589.00          |
| Transportation,<br>Communications &<br>Public Utilities | 396.73                    | 586.90                          | 612.00           | 679.00          |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade                                | 270.91                    | 308.87                          | N/A              | N/A             |
| Finance, Insurance &<br>Real Estate                     | 443.75                    | 546.83                          | 614.00           | 643.00          |
| Services  | 414.15                    | 404.99                          | 459.00           | 524.00          |
| State/Local Government                                  | 383.09                    | 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,<br>Communications &<br>Public Utilities | 589.00                    | 623.00                          | 710.00           | 674.00          |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade                                | N/A                       | N/A                             | N/A              | N/A             |
| Finance, Insurance &<br>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

### WILLIAMSBURG MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

| <u>Firm</u><br><u>(Establishment date)</u>                         | <u>Product</u>  | <u>1996</u><br><u>Average Employment</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Firestone Industrial Products<br>(1989)                            | Motor vehicle air springs   | 300                                      |
| Lawson Tool Company,<br>Inc. (1976)                                | High-speed metal cutting<br>tools                                     | 6  |
| Lion Apparel, Inc. (1959)  | Government uniform clothing<br>and industrial work clothing           | 260                                      |
| Print Shop (1985)  | Commercial printing   | 2  |
| Tri-County Manufacturing<br>& Assembly, Inc.<br>(TCA, Inc.) (1978) | Electronics, miscellaneous<br>manufacturing, typewriter<br>components | 350                                      |
| Whitley County Concrete II,<br>Inc. (1963)                         | Concrete septic tanks,<br>ready-mixed concrete                        | 7  |
| Williamsburg Plastics<br>(1992)                                    | Plastic refrigerator<br>components                                    | 240                                      |

**Sources:** Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; City of Williamsburg.

## RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Firestone Industrial Products plans a \$5.9 million expansion in 1997 and an additional investment of \$5.6 million in 1998. Thirty-six new jobs will be created over the two-year period.

Lion Apparel, Inc. plans an expansion creating approximately 25 new jobs with an investment of approximately \$275,000.

## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no labor unions representing manufacturing workers in Williamsburg.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

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| <u>Types of Services</u>  | <u>Location</u>       | <u>Mileage from Williamsburg</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Custom Plastics Producers | Corbin, Kentucky      | 19                               |
| Electric Motor Repair     | Corbin, Kentucky      | 19                               |
| Heat Treating Facilities  | Richmond, Kentucky    | 71                               |
| Industrial Waste Removal  | Corbin, Kentucky      | 19                               |
| Machine Shops, Tool & Die | Corbin, Kentucky      | 19                               |
| Metal Castings            | Middlesboro, Kentucky | 51                               |
| Metal Finishers           | Middlesboro, Kentucky | 51                               |
| Metal Service Centers     | Corbin, Kentucky      | 19                               |
| Millwrights & Riggers     | Knoxville, Kentucky   | 71                               |

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



## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Interstate 75, a major north-south multi-lane highway, directly serves Williamsburg. The city is also served directly by U.S. Highway 25W, a AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway; and Kentucky Highway 92, a AA-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Access to the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is available 33 miles north of Williamsburg at London.

#### HIGHWAY MILES FROM WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

| City           | Highway<br>Miles | City            | Highway<br>Miles |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Atlanta, GA    | 261              | Los Angeles, CA | 2,218            |
| Baltimore, MD  | 589              | Louisville, KY  | 181              |
| Birmingham, AL | 324              | Nashville, TN   | 248              |
| Chicago, IL    | 456              | New Orleans, LA | 663              |
| Cincinnati, OH | 183              | New York, NY    | 788              |
| Cleveland, OH  | 429              | Pittsburgh, PA  | 450              |
| Detroit, MI    | 443              | St. Louis, MO   | 438              |
| Knoxville, TN  | 71               |                 |                  |

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

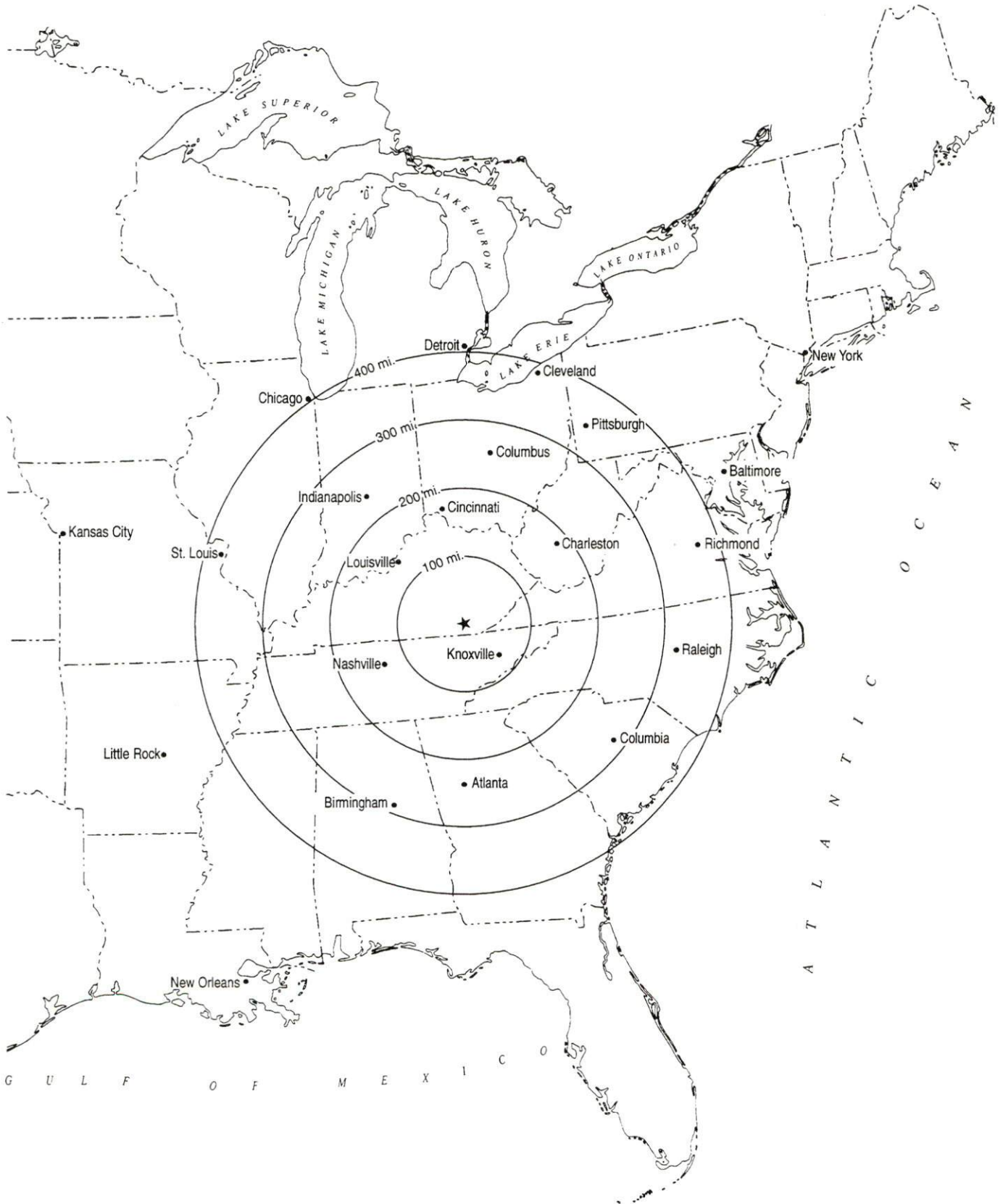
**Sources:** Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1993. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

### Truck Service

Sixteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Williamsburg.

**Source:** American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1997.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Williamsburg. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by Norfolk Southern Corporation in Knoxville, Tennessee, 71 miles south of Williamsburg.

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

### Local

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Location: | Whitley County Airport<br>8 miles north of Williamsburg                 |
| Runways:  | 1 paved   |
| Length:   | 2,500   |
| Traffic   |   |
| Control:  | Wind sock   |
| Lighting: | None  |
| Services  | Tie-downs, hangar, flight instruction,<br>major and minor A & P repairs |

The Williamsburg-Whitley County Airport Board received a \$40,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize plans on a new airport site and to evaluate its potential construction and operating costs. At this time, the Airport Board has initiated the federal land appraisal and reappraisal process and is preparing to acquire the property. In addition, the board continues negotiations with the FAA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky to secure funds for the airport's construction. The proposed \$6 million project consists of a new 5,000-foot by 75-foot runway, full parallel taxiway, apron, lighting, terminal and associated landside facilities. The project is expected to be completed in 1997.

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Location: | London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field)<br>28 miles north of Williamsburg  |
| Runways:  | 1 paved  |
| Length:   | 6,000 feet   |
| Traffic   |  |
| Control:  | Wind sock and FSS advisory service, beacon,<br>runway and obstruction lights, REIL, VASI   |
| Services: | (100 octane and jet-A fuels), minor A & P repairs<br>tie-downs, hangar, aircraft rental, taxi, weather<br>data, flight training, and charter flights |

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Location:                       | McGhee-Tyson Airport<br>10 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee;<br>81 miles south of Williamsburg  |
| Air Service:                    | AirTrans, Comair-Delta Connection, Continental<br>Express, Corporate Express, Delta, Lone Star,<br>Northwest, Northwest Airlink, TWA, United,<br>United Express, US Airways, US Airways<br>Express |
| Daily Arrivals<br>& Departures: | 98   |

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Williamsburg and parts of Whitley County** - Kentucky Utilities Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:

Economic Development Department  
Kentucky Utilities Company  
One Quality Street  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507  
(606) 255-2100

Company serving a **major portion of Whitley County** - Cumberland Valley Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - East Kentucky Power  
For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Cumberland Valley Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
U.S. Highway 25E  
Gray, Kentucky 40734  
(606) 528-2677

### Natural Gas

Company serving **Williamsburg** - Delta Natural Gas Company  
Source of supply - Wiser Oil Company Local Production,  
Columbia Gas Transmission Company  
For rates and supplies contact:

VP-Public and Consumer Affairs  
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
3617 Lexington Road  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-6171



## Public Water Supply

Company serving **Williamsburg** - City of Williamsburg  
P.O. Box 119  
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769  
(606) 549-6040 Fax (606) 549-6080

Source - Cumberland River  
Treatment plant capacity- 2,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 1,500,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 2,000,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 2,500,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 30 psi to 150 psi

Name of water district - Cumberland Falls Highway Water District  
3822 Cumberland Falls Highway  
Corbin, Kentucky 40701  
(606) 528-0222 Fax (606) 528-9875

Area served - Central Whitley County  
Source of supply of treated water -  
Corbin City Utilities: 270,000 gallons per day  
City of Williamsburg: 270,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 400,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 438,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 500,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 50 psi to 100 psi

The Cumberland Falls Highway Water District plans to construct a 300,000 gallon water storage tank, a 50,000 gallon water storage tank, and install additional water lines. The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000 and completion is scheduled for 1997.

## Sewerage

Company serving **Williamsburg** - City of Williamsburg  
P.O. Box 119  
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769  
(606) 549-6039

Design capacity - 800,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - At capacity  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River

## CLIMATE

### Whitley County

#### Temperature

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Normal (29-year record)   | 57.60 degrees  |
| Average annual 1995   | 58.90 degrees  |
| Record highest, September 1954 (54-year record)   | 103.00 degrees |
| Record lowest, January 1985 (54-year record)  | -24.00 degrees |
| Normal heating degree days (29-year record)<br>(Heating degree day totals are the sums of<br>negative departures of average daily<br>temperatures from 65 degrees F.) | 3,937          |

#### Precipitation

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Normal (29-year record)   | 47.14 inches |
| Mean annual snowfall (52-year record)                                 | 11.50 inches |
| Total precipitation 1995  | 42.83 inches |
| Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)<br>(53-year record) | 126.50       |
| Mean number days thunderstorms (53-year record)                       | 47.00        |

#### Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

Northeast

#### Relative Humidity (35-year record)

|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| 1 a.m. | 81 percent |
| 7 a.m. | 86 percent |
| 1 p.m. | 59 percent |
| 7 p.m. | 63 percent |

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1995. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The City of Williamsburg is governed by a mayor, six council members, and a full-time city administrator. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members each serve two-year terms. Whitley County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Williamsburg Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city only

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

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 business privilege license is required by the City of Williamsburg for persons or firms engaged in any trades, professions, or businesses within the city limits. The license fee ranges from \$30 to \$1,000 annually. A city auto sticker fee of \$10 is levied by the City of Williamsburg. A building permit fee of \$10 plus one dollar per \$1,000 of total expenditures is also charged.

## 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<br><u>State Rate</u> | Local Taxation<br><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,<br>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 &amp; Tangibles</u> | <u>Motor Vehicles</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Whitley County             | \$0.1842           | \$0.1829                              | \$0.1809              |
| School Districts:          |                    |                                       |                       |
| Williamsburg Independent   | 0.4570             | 0.4570                                | 0.5400                |
| Whitley County             | 0.4830             | 0.4830                                | 0.5540                |
| City:                      |                    |                                       |                       |
| Williamsburg               | 0.2370             | 0.3175                                | 0.3175                |



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

|  | <b>Williamsburg<br/>Independent</b> | <b>Whitley<br/>County</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total Enrollment<br>(Fall, 1996)                         | 918                                 | 4,263                     |
| Pupil-Teacher Ratio<br>(1995-96)                         | 16.0-1                              | 16.6-1                    |
| Percent High School<br>Graduates to College<br>(1995-96) | 76.0                                | 40.7                      |
| Expenditures Per Pupil<br>(1995-96)                      | \$4,390.68                          | \$3,702.00                |

### Williamsburg Independent School District

The Williamsburg Independent School District is a model for Kentucky schools. It has received state and national recognition for its Technology Innovation Center, maximum cash rewards for highest test scores and recognition for efforts in school reform. The Williamsburg High School ranked #1 in the top 10 schools for twelfth grade scores 1992-94. Awards for Principal of the Year, School Superintendent of the Year, and Board Member of the Year have been bestowed on Williamsburg Independent. Teachers have received honors as 1994 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics teaching; the KIRIS number one district rating from 1994-96; the National Blue Ribbon Award; and 1993-95 National Milken Educator Award.

### Whitley County School District

In the past five years the Whitley County School District has constructed a new school, Whitley North Elementary, and completed major renovations and additions to three other elementary schools. The school district has been a reward district in the state's KIRIS test program for the past two testing cycles. Advances have also been made with the addition of more computers and other technology in the district.

### Area Colleges and Universities

| <u>Name</u>                             | <u>Location<br/>(Miles from Williamsburg)</u> | <u>Enrollment<br/>(Fall, 1996)</u> |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Cumberland College                      | Williamsburg, Kentucky                        | 1,613                              |
| Sue Bennett College                     | London, Kentucky (33)                         | 404                                |
| Union College                           | Barbourville, Kentucky (36)                   | 988                                |
| Lincoln Memorial University             | Harrogate, Tennessee (54)                     | 2,003                              |
| Somerset Community College              | Somerset, Kentucky (52)                       | 2,555                              |
| Berea College                           | Berea, Kentucky (66)                          | 1,526                              |
| Johnson Bible College                   | Knoxville, Tennessee (71)                     | 432                                |
| Knoxville College                       | Knoxville, Tennessee (71)                     | 434                                |
| University of Tennessee at<br>Knoxville | Knoxville, Tennessee (71)                     | 24,578                             |
| Eastern Kentucky University             | Richmond, Kentucky (71)                       | 15,161                             |

## CUMBERLAND COLLEGE

Cumberland College, a four-year co-educational liberal arts college, is located in Williamsburg. Established in 1889, Cumberland College is one of Kentucky's largest private colleges. The college offers the degrees of Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, and Master of Arts in Education.

The O. Wayne Rollins Center was opened during the spring semester of 1990 and dedicated by former president Jimmy Carter. The building provides a 1,700-seat basketball arena. Combined with the Cralle Chapel, the facility can seat up to 3,000 people for special events. The building also contains a swimming pool, a fully equipped weight room, a sports medicine and sports training facility, a bowling alley and game room, offices, and classrooms. The James H. Taylor, II Football Stadium seats approximately 1,500 people and includes a football field, a regulation eight-lane track, and a soccer field.

The college's newest building is the Cumberland Museum, located adjacent to the Cumberland Lodge on Interstate 75 at exit 11. This facility contains the Henkelmann Life Science Museum, the Carl Williams Cross Collection, an Appalachian life-style exhibit, a nutcracker collection, the college's archives, and several other collections including Indian artifacts, stamps, coins, and Ray Harm prints. In addition, the Cumberland Museum houses a craft center where arts and crafts produced by local artisans are displayed and sold.

The Cumberland Lodge and Center for Leadership Studies includes a lodge to provide overnight accommodations, a restaurant and snack bar, a bakery, and a conference center.

The Cumberland Museum, Lodge, and Center for Leadership Studies provides Cumberland's students with work opportunities as well as experience in actual business operations in hotel and restaurant management. In addition, the facility benefits the residents of southeastern Kentucky by increasing the area's tourism and by providing an outlet for local crafts.

## 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<br/>(Mileage from<br/>Williamsburg)</u> | <u>Number of<br/>Program<br/>Offerings</u> | <u>Cumulative<br/>Enrollment<br/>1995-1996</u> | <u>Approximate<br/>Number<br/>Completing<br/>Programs<br/>Annually</u> |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Laurel County Regional<br>Technology Center | London (33)   | 11   | <u>Sec</u><br>246 <u>P/S</u><br>195            | 100  |
| Corbin Area Technology<br>Center            | Corbin (19)   | 6  | <u>Sec</u><br>243 <u>P/S</u><br>53             | 31   |

### 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 Laurel County 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. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Laurel County 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 Williamsburg, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Whitley 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 - 9  
Dentists - 4

### Hospitals

| <u>General Hospitals</u>        | <u>Location</u>                                    | <u>Beds</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Jellico Community Hospital      | Jellico, Tennessee; 11 miles south of Williamsburg | 54          |
| Baptist Regional Medical Center | Corbin, Kentucky; 19 miles north of Williamsburg   | 263         |

### Jellico Community Hospital

Medical staff - 14 active staff physicians, 49 registered nurses, 17 licensed practical nurses

### Baptist Regional Medical Center

Medical staff - 73 active staff physicians, 34 courtesy physicians, 18 consulting physicians, 274 registered nurses, and 52 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Appalachian Health Service  
Associates in Eye Care  
Cumberland River Clinic  
Mountain Lifeline Ambulance Service  
Occupational Health Clinic  
Whitley County Health Department  
Williamsburg Family Medical Center

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Community Trust Bank  
Cumberland Valley National Bank and Trust Company  
First National Bank  
Williamsburg National Bank

### Newspaper

Whitley Republic - News Journal

### Telephone Service

BellSouth  
Enhanced "911" emergency dispatch communication system



## RECREATION

### Local

Williamsburg, the "Gateway to the Cumberlands," is located about mid-way between Knoxville, Tennessee and Lexington, Kentucky on I-75, one of the busiest interstates in America. Exit 11 at Williamsburg is one of the busiest exits on I-75, making the Williamsburg Tourist Information Center a valuable asset to not only the people of southeast Kentucky but for I-75 travelers. The Williamsburg Tourism and Convention Center offers excellent meeting and convention facilities for groups of 10 to 1000 in size.

Public recreation facilities in Williamsburg include four parks which feature a swimming pool, softball fields, baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic areas, horseshoe pits, a walking track, and a boat ramp. Private recreational facilities include a country club with golf course and swimming pool, a movie theatre, and a drive-in theatre.

Whitley County is located in the southern portion of the **Daniel Boone National Forest**, which covers 640,000 acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

**Cumberland Falls State Resort Park** is located on Kentucky Highway 90, 19 miles northwest of Williamsburg near Corbin in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The park is famous for its "Falls" which drop 68 feet over a 125-foot wide ledge and shows one of only two known "moonbows" in the world. A "moonbow" is like a rainbow but is formed during a full moon on a clear night. The park offers a modern lodge with 53 rooms, 20 woodland duplexes, 26 cabins, camping, fishing, swimming, hiking, rafting, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis, planned recreation, a playground, and a gift shop. Also featured is a complete meeting facility which holds up to 300 people; meals are catered to large groups. Cumberland Falls attracts more than one million visitors a year.

The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 28 miles west of Williamsburg near Whitley City, was developed as an outdoor recreation area by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the National Park Service. The area lies along the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River in Kentucky and Tennessee and encompasses some of the state's most rugged and scenic terrain. Recreational opportunities include hiking, camping, horseback riding, picnicking, whitewater rafting, canoeing and kayaking trips. The Big South Fork Scenic Railway offers views of fascinating scenery by rail. The train operates on a regular schedule between Stearns and Blue Heron. A restored mining camp and interpretive museum are located within the Recreation Area.

### Area (Within 55 miles)

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park  
Pine Mountain State Resort Park  
Dr. Thomas Walker State Historic Site  
General Burnside State Park  
Cumberland Gap National Historic Park