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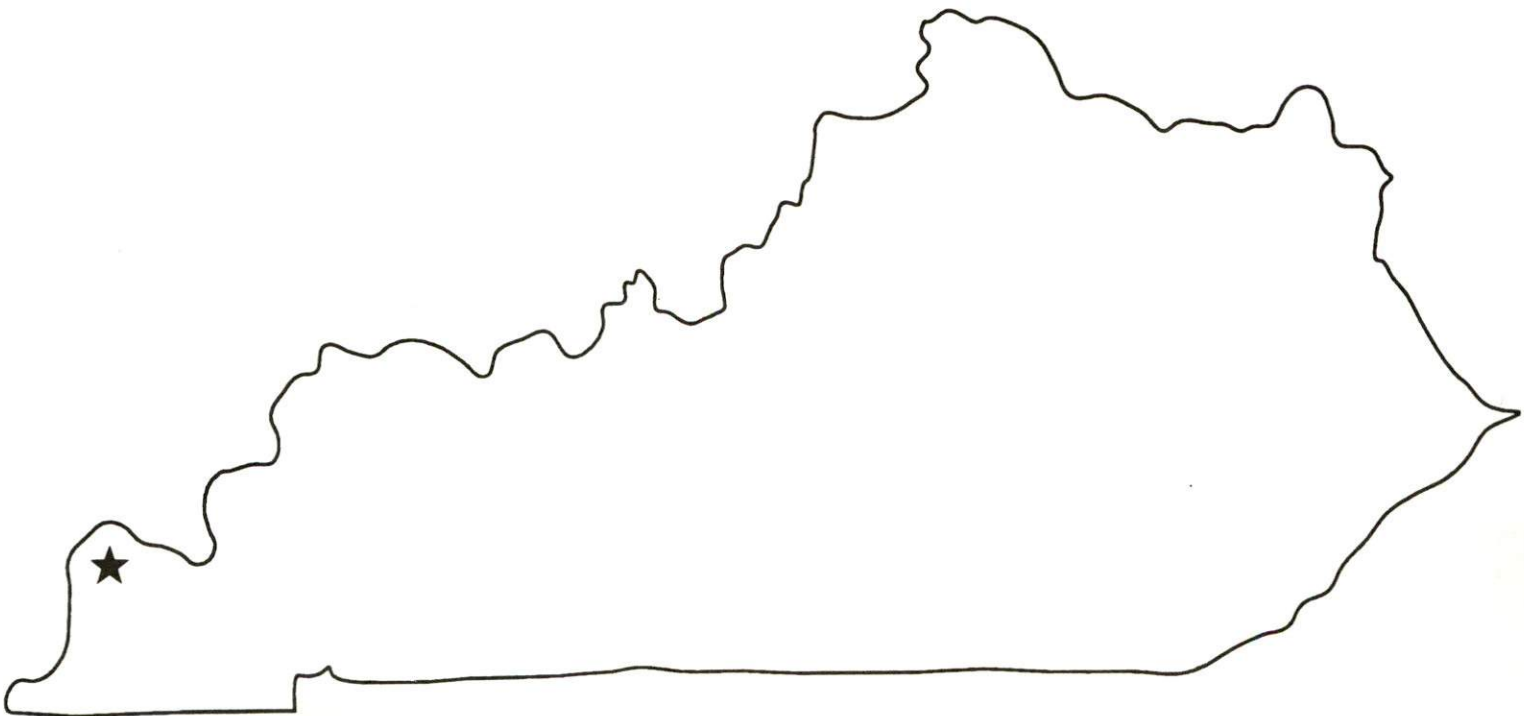
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
BALLARD COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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BALLARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Ballard County, with a 1992 estimated population of 7,837, has a land area of 251 square miles. Wickliffe is the county seat of Ballard County which is located in west Kentucky's Jackson Purchase region. Wickliffe had a 1992 estimated population of 844. 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 1992 estimated population of 688. Kevil, located 16 miles northeast of Wickliffe, had a 1992 estimated population of 338. La Center, located 11 miles northeast of Wickliffe, had a 1992 estimated population of 978.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Ballard County residents employed in 1993 averaged 3,476. In 1992, manufacturing firms in the county reported 799 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 340 jobs; 234 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 354 employees; and contract construction firms provided 165 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 10,634 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1995 through 1999, 8,277 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

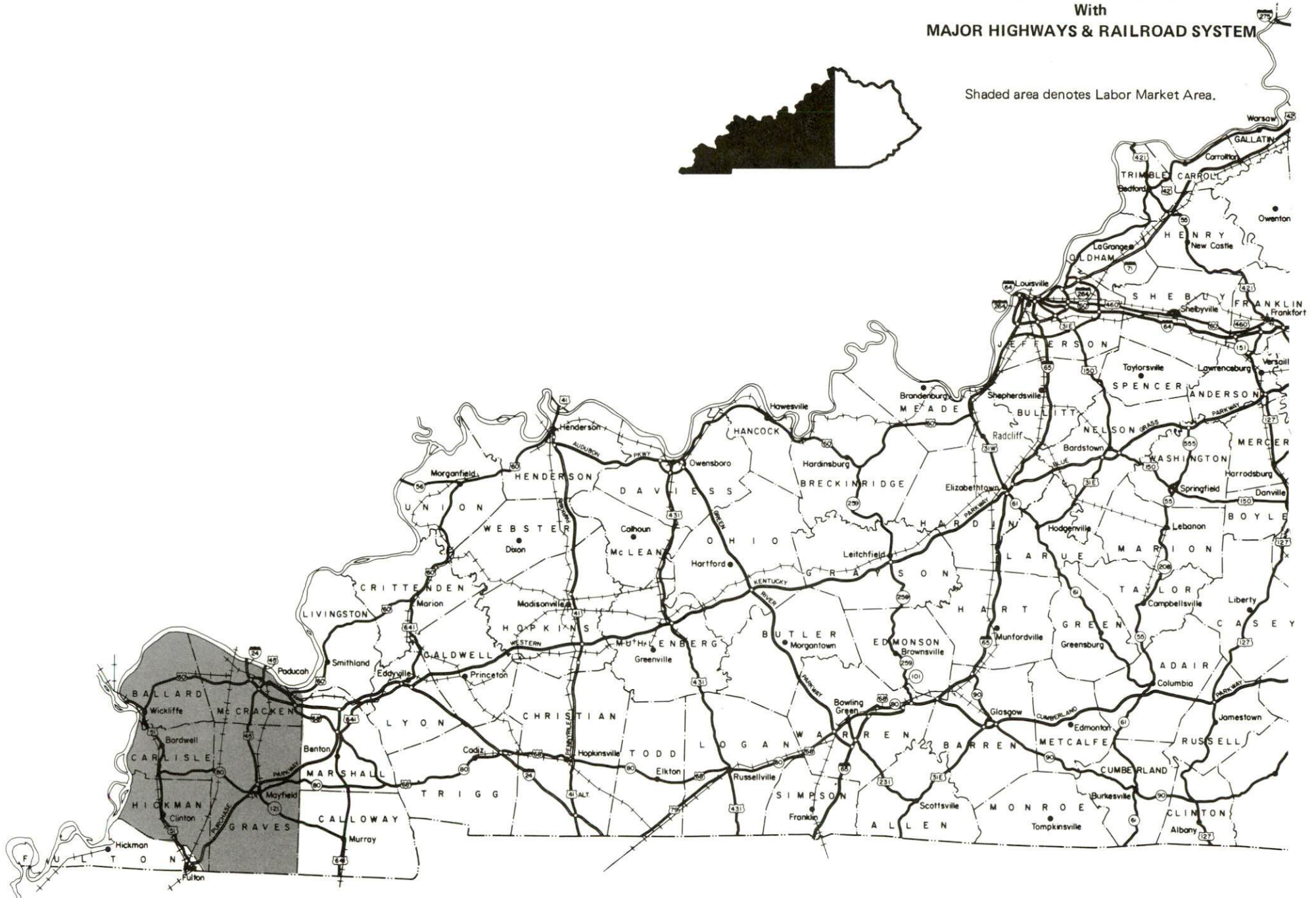
Transportation - Major "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Ballard County include U.S. Highways 51, 60, and 62, and Kentucky Routes 121 and 286. Sixteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Ballard County. Illinois Central Railroad provides main line rail service 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 International 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, La Center, and Wickliffe. Ballard County is also provided electric power by the Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation. New Commonwealth Natural Gas Company provides natural gas service to Barlow, Kevil, La Center, 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 La Center, 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, Graves, Hickman, 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

	<u>1992*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	116,164	115,135	115,709	109,114
Barlow	688	706	746	746
Kevil	338	337	382	274
La Center	978	1,040	1,044	1,044
Wickliffe	844	851	1,034	1,211
Ballard County	7,837	7,902	8,798	8,276

* Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	115,839	116,080	115,608	114,426
Ballard County	7,713	7,523	7,136	6,762

Note: Population projections are from Moderate 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 1995 thru 1999</u>
Labor Market Area*	10,634	3,575	7,059	8,277
Ballard County	1,091	375	716	587

* 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.

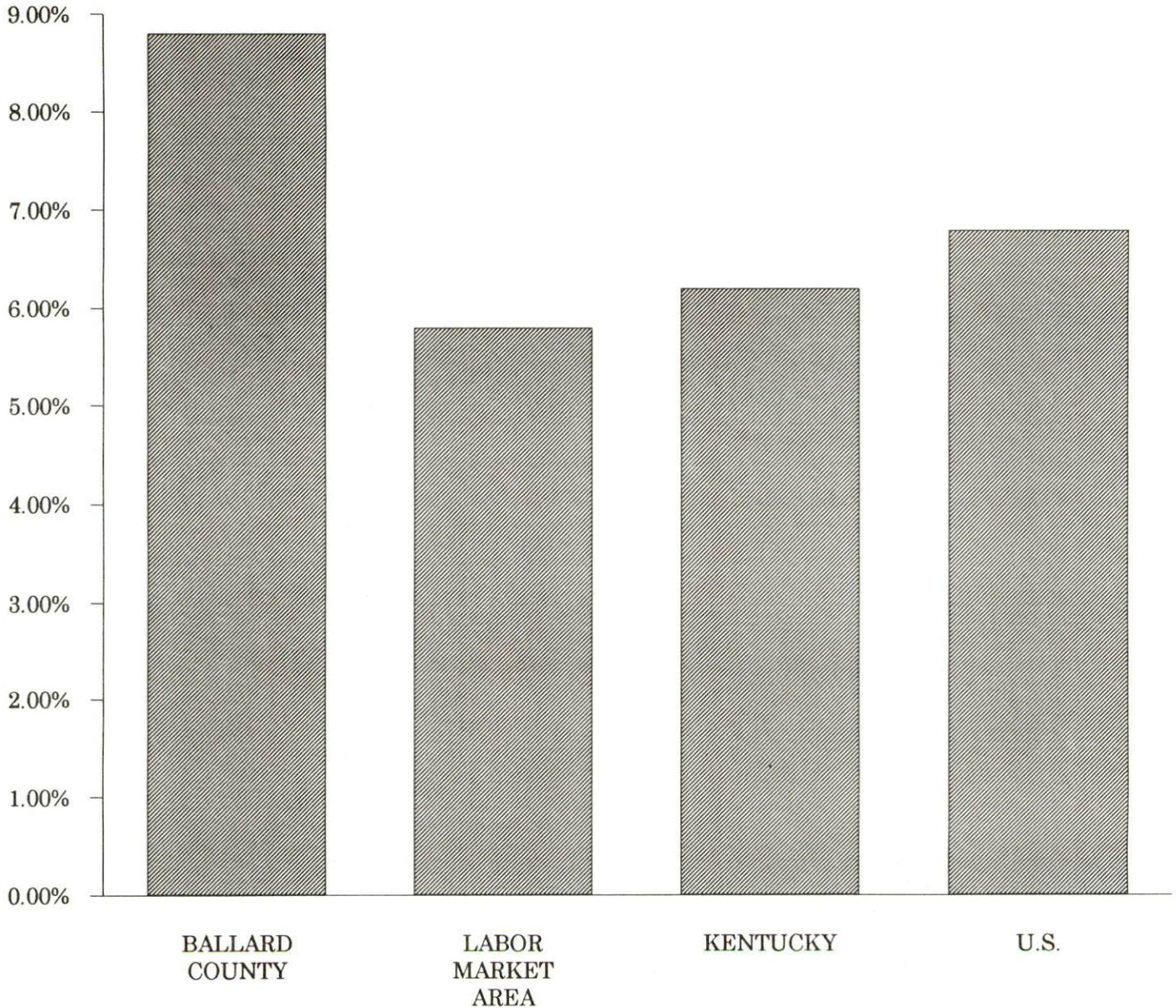
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1995 thru 1999.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1993

	<u>Ballard County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,813	56,638
Employment	3,476	53,340
Unemployment	337	3,298
Rate of Unemployment (%)	8.8	5.8

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1993.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1993**

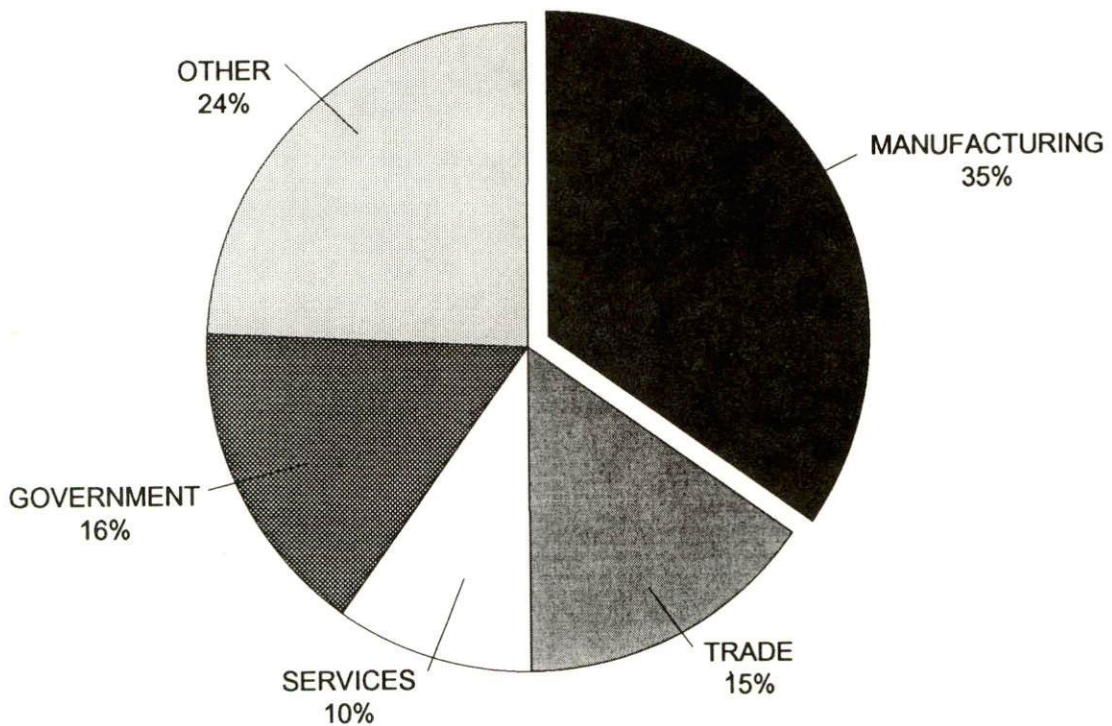


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992

	<u>Ballard County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,253	46,435
Manufacturing	799	9,883
Wholesale & Retail Trade	340	13,388
Services	234	10,557
State/Local Government	354	5,314
Contract Construction	165	2,085

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, 1992.

BALLARD COUNTY

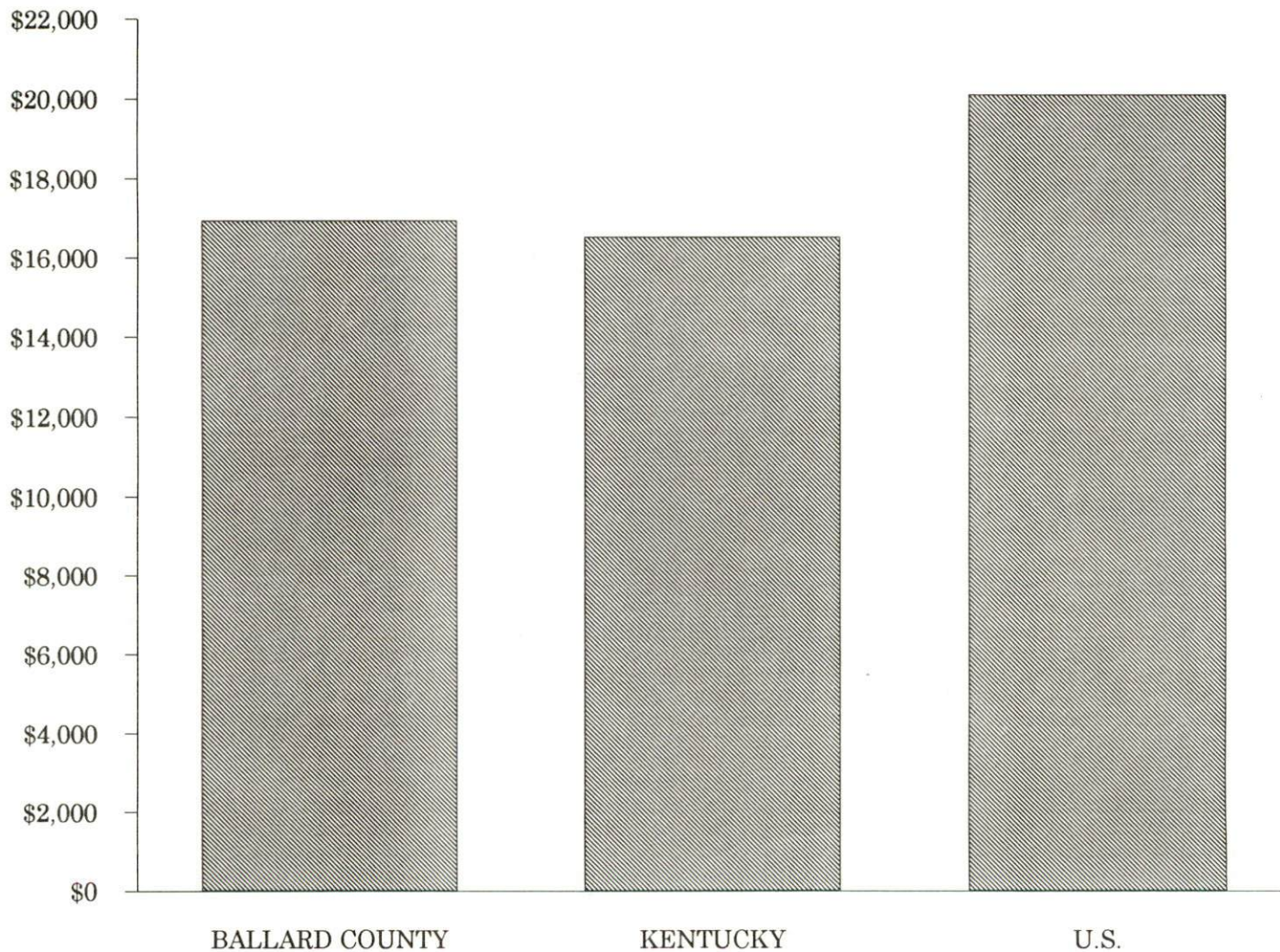


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Ballard County	\$12,308	\$16,946	37.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,808 - \$14,607	\$15,134 - \$19,169	-
Kentucky	\$12,751	\$16,528	29.6
U.S.	\$16,610	\$20,105	21.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, April 1994.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1992



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

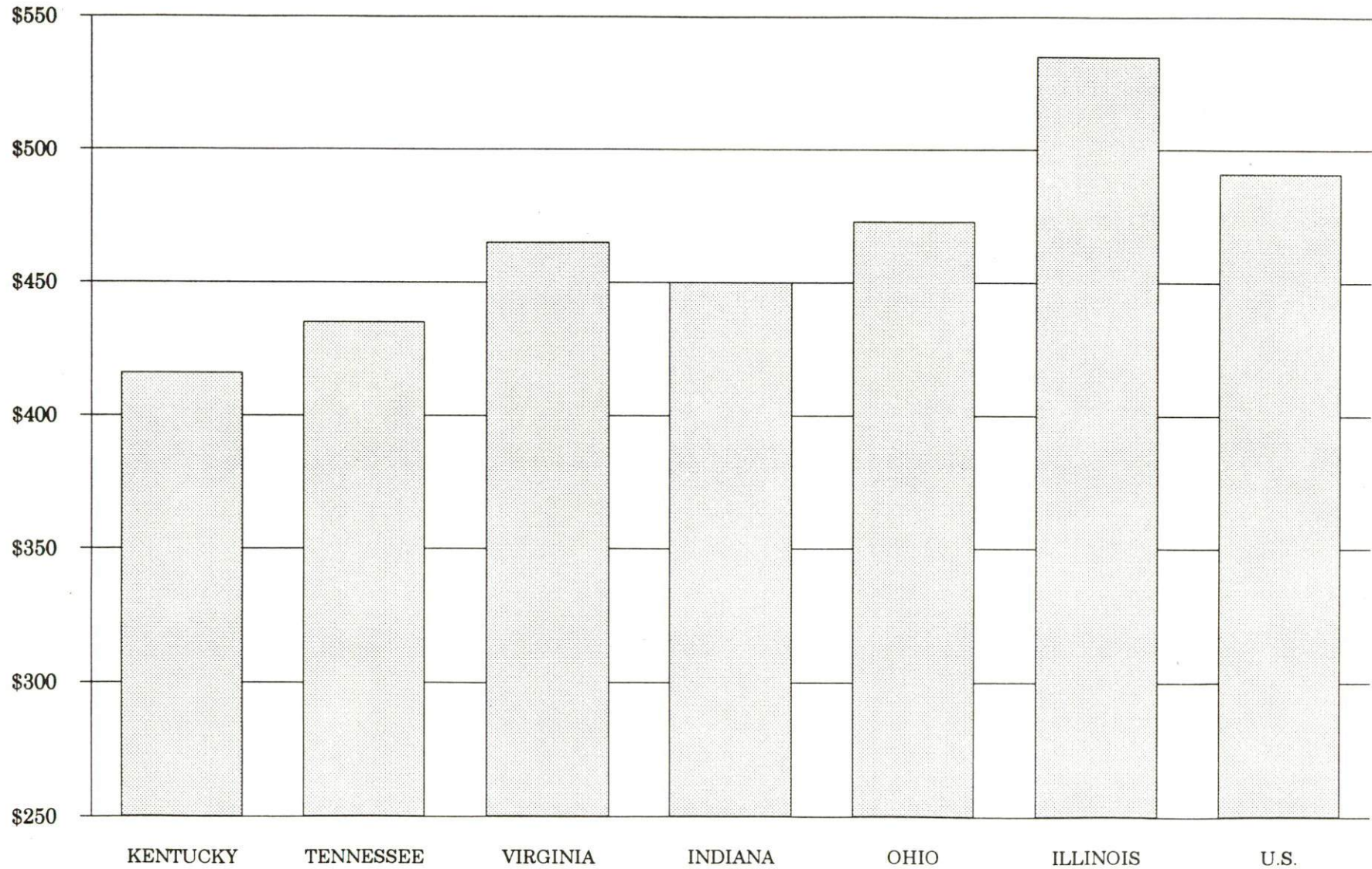
Ballard County is served by the Paducah local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Paducah local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1993, the local employment office filled 2,857 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	2,857	5.06
Clerical	523	4.52
Sales	642	4.33
Services (excluding domestic)	569	4.33
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	30	4.61
Processing	133	7.64
Machine Trades	79	7.36
Bench Work	151	4.39
Structural	297	6.80
Motor Freight/ Transportation	87	5.02
Packaging and Materials Handling	297	5.66
Other	6	6.38

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 - 1992**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992*

	Ballard County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$511.49	\$415.94	\$435.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	0	685.48	564.00	690.00
Contract Construction	414.84	431.97	456.00	456.00
Manufacturing	854.83	535.73	510.00	535.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	456.87	560.84	561.00	637.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	222.09	282.29	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	391.21	493.68	548.00	576.00
Services	210.18	371.91	419.00	483.00
State/Local Government	352.03	434.01	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$450.00	\$473.00	\$535.00	\$491.00
Mining & Quarrying	731.00	639.00	787.00	799.00
Contract Construction	504.00	525.00	658.00	527.00
Manufacturing	609.00	653.00	652.00	612.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	548.00	590.00	674.00	632.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	511.00	545.00	728.00	670.00
Services	386.00	419.00	488.00	468.00
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, 1992. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1992, October 1993.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

BALLARD COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1993</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)	Loud speakers	80
D & D Specialty (1982)	Metal lamp bases, brass plating	15
Dynacom Plastics, Inc. (1972)	Plastic telephone components	10
Kevil Tool & Die (1969)	Machine shop, replacement parts for industrial machinery	17
PMC, Inc. (1979)	PVC stabilizer, viscosity depressants	2
La Center		
Unlimited Graphics, Inc. (1986)	Offset printing	7
Western Cutterheads (1988)	Lathe cutterheads	21
Wickliffe		
Advance-Yeoman (1890)	Newspaper	3
Bass Maintenance Corporation (1985)	Steel pipe; metal fabrication; paint, waterblast, sandblast metal	72
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;
Ballard County Economic and Industrial Development Board, Inc.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

West Kentucky Technology Park recently opened in the Kevil area of Ballard County. The 42-acre park provides complete utility access and was designed to specifically target information businesses and light industry. A 36,000-square-foot building is located on-site and is currently leased to Martin-Marietta Energy Systems under contract with the U.S. Department of Energy. This operation currently employs about 140 persons.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Representing workers at:

Bass Maintenance Corporation

Unions

International Association of
Bridge, Structural and
Ornamental Iron Workers,
AFL-CIO;

International Brotherhood of
Boilermakers, Iron Ship
Builders, Blacksmiths,
Forgers and Helpers;

International Brotherhood of
Painters and Allied Trades of
the United States and Canada,
AFL-CIO;

International Brotherhood of
Teamsters;

International Union of
Operating Engineers,
AFL-CIO;

Laborers International Union
of North America, AFL-CIO;

Millwrights, Conveyors, and
Machinery Erectors Union;

Operative Plasterers' and
Cement Masons' International
Association of the United
States and Canada, AFL-CIO;

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<u>Representing workers at:</u>	<u>Unions</u>
	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	Laborers 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 Plastics Producers	Mayfield, Kentucky	31
	Fulton, Kentucky	35
Electric Motor Repair	Kevil, Kentucky	16
Heat Treating Facilities	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	101
Industrial Waste Removal	Mayfield, Kentucky	31
	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Kevil, Kentucky	16
Metal Castings	Elkton, Kentucky	121
Metal Finishers	Madisonville, Kentucky	114
Metal Service Centers	Mayfield, Kentucky	31
	Paducah, Kentucky	33
Millwrights & Riggers	Mayfield, Kentucky	31

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

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 multilane 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 connects with Interstate 57, 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.

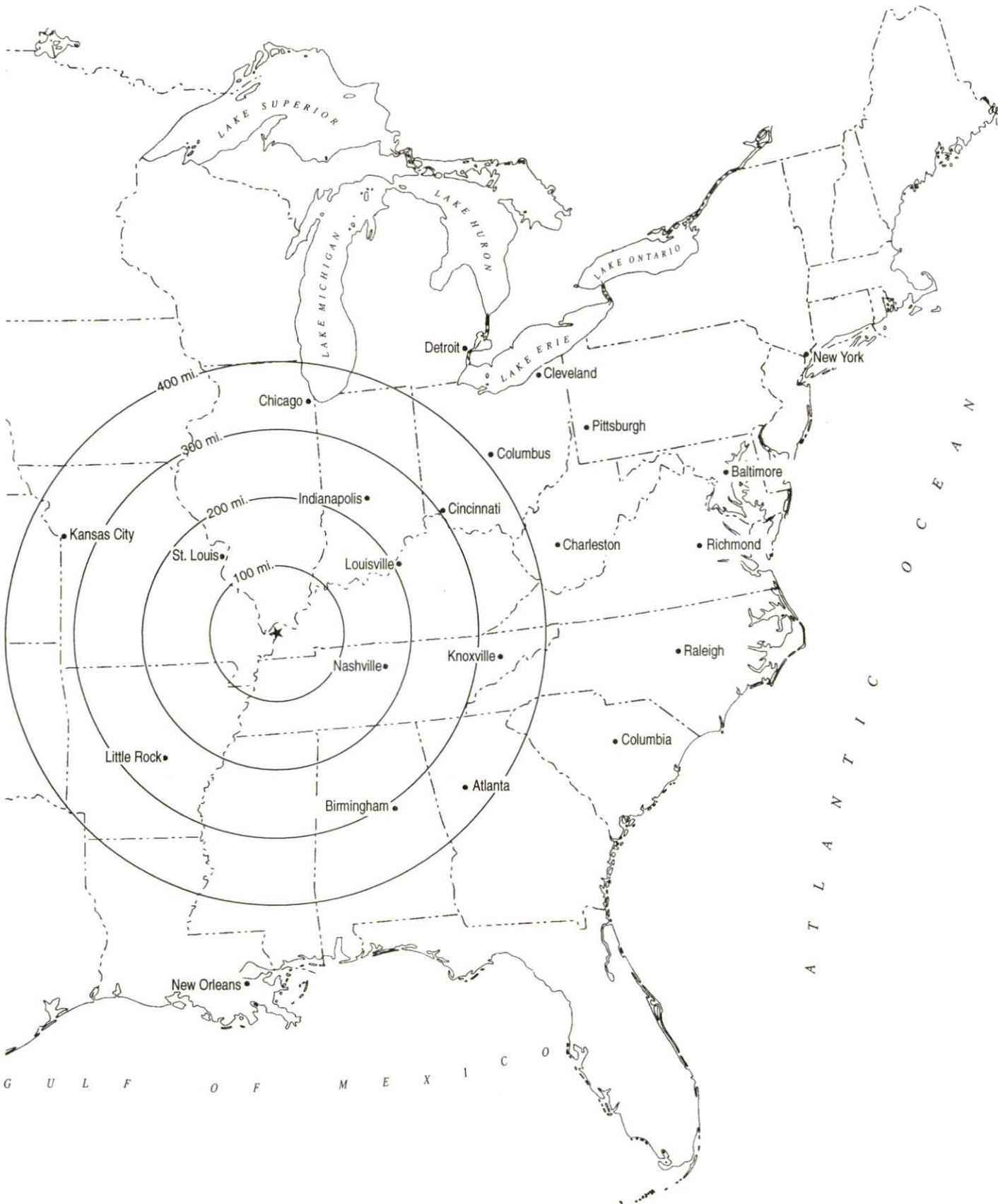
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1994.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Illinois Central Railroad provides main line rail service to Wickliffe. The nearest intermodal 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
Air Service:	American Eagle, Northwest Airlink, TW Express 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 International 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. A municipally-owned facility at an industrial site is located in Wickliffe with potential for accommodating river borne commerce. 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, La Center, Wickliffe, and surrounding areas** - 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 **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, La Center, and Wickliffe** - New Commonwealth Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Source of supply - Trunkline Gas Company and Woodward Marketing
For rates and supplies contact:

New Commonwealth Natural Gas Company, Inc.
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: 280 gallons per minute)
Treatment plant capacity - 113,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 69,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 98,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 113,000 gallons
Water pressure - 50 psi to 60 psi

Company serving **Kevil** - 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 - 90,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 148,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 175,000 gallons
Water pressure - 48 psi to 64 psi

Company serving **La Center** - La Center Water Department
P.O. Box 371
La Center, 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 - 150,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 200,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 75,000 gallons
Water pressure - 45 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: 390 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 85 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 - 273,300 cfs (65 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 - 100,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 50,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary and 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 - 60,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - At capacity
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Humphrey Creek

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

Design capacity - 169,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 140,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Humphrey 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 - Primary, secondary, tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - Mayfield Creek

CLIMATE

Ballard County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	57.20	degrees
Average annual 1992	58.40	degrees
Record highest, August 1988 (9-year record)	104.00	degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (9-year record)	-15.00	degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,283	
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)		

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	46.89	inches
Mean annual snowfall (9-year record)	9.70	inches
Total precipitation 1992	40.84	inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (9-year record)	108.70	
Mean number days thunderstorms (9-year record)	59.70	

Prevailing winds

N/A

Relative Humidity (8-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, 1992. Station of record: Paducah, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Barlow, Kevil, La Center, and Wickliffe are each governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayors serve four-year terms, 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

The City of Wickliffe charges \$25 annually for vendor's peddling licenses. Otherwise, there are no manufacturing or business license fees levied in Ballard 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>	<u>1993 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.180	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, 1993

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Ballard County	\$0.2584	\$0.2796	\$0.2800
School Districts:			
Ballard County	0.3840	0.3840	0.4000
Cities:			
Barlow	0.3420	0.3420	0.3420
Kevil	0.2970	0.2970	0.2970
La Center	0.4890	0.4890	0.4890
Wickliffe	0.3300	0.3300	0.3300

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Ballard County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1993)	1,447
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	15.3-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	61.0
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,811.74

Ballard County School System recently constructed a new elementary school between La Center and Barlow which consolidated all five elementary schools in the county. Total cost of the project was \$4.5 million.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1993)</u>
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (33)	3,241
Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, Missouri (40)	8,080
University of Tennessee, at Martin	Martin, Tennessee (46)	5,537
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (52)	8,120
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Carbondale, Illinois (65)	21,241
Bethel College	McKenzie, Tennessee (70)	508

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>Vocational Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Wickliffe)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1992-1993</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Ballard County Area Vocational Education Center	Wickliffe	6	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 312 9	57
<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>				
West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School	Paducah (33)	29	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 17 993	247
Purchase Training Center	Mayfield (31)	4	* *	*

* Enrollment and completion figures included in West Kentucky SVTS totals.

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 needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located on the campus of West Kentucky SVTS.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills and academic potential. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of West Kentucky SVTS.

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 a major 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.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 4
Dentists - 1

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Lourdes Hospital	Paducah, Kentucky, 33 miles east of Wickliffe	389
Western Baptist Hospital	Paducah, Kentucky, 33 miles east of Wickliffe	379

Other Medical Facilities and Services

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

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Citizens State Bank (Wickliffe)
First National Bank of La Center
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 La Center 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 through the Ballard County School System, Ballard County Industrial Development Board and Ballard County Fiscal County recently provided funding for and development of four ball fields, several tennis courts, a running track, a grandstand, a physical fitness center, a hiking trail, and a picnic pavilion. A private 18-hole golf course is also available seven miles south of La Center.

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 of 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.