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KNOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

Knott County, with an estimated 1998 population of 17,989, is located within the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region. Hindman, the county seat, had an estimated 1998 population of 766. Hindman is located approximately 227 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 178 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 108 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia.

The Economic Framework – Knott County firms employed 3,491 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 40 jobs; mining and quarrying firms in the county employed 1,368; manufacturing firms in the county reported 12 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 338 jobs; 611 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 808 jobs.

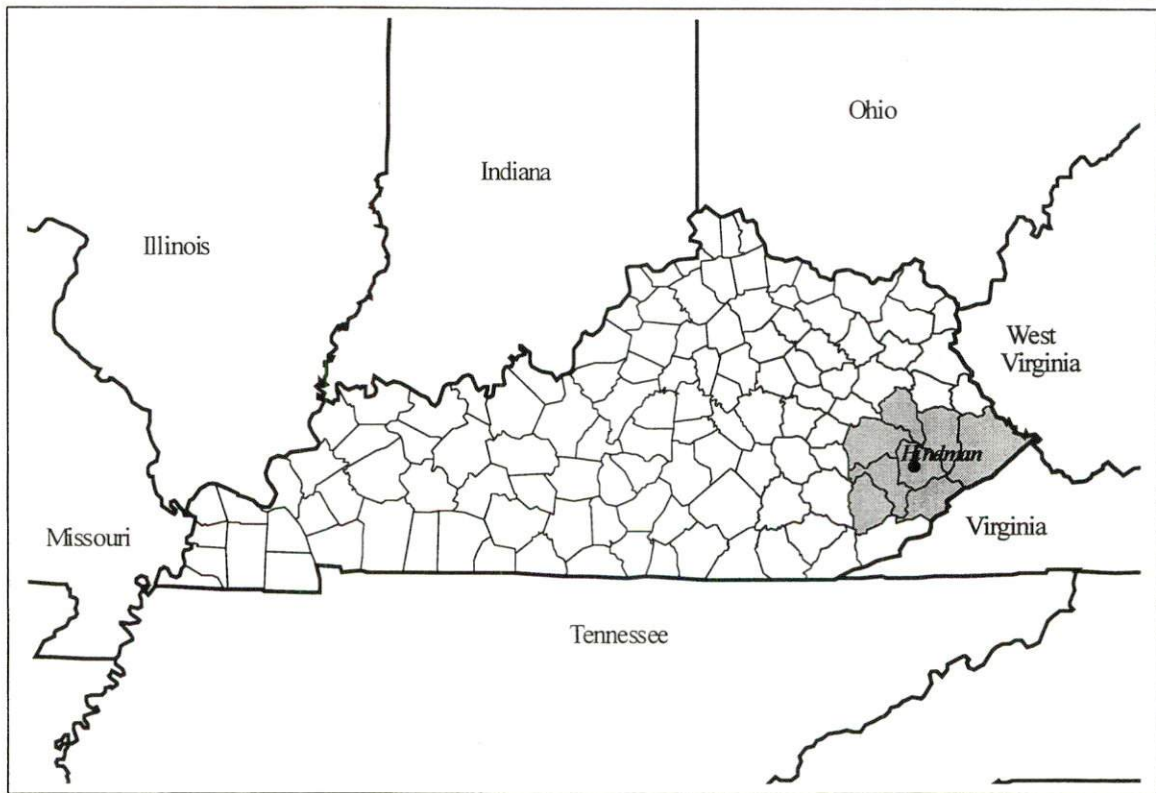
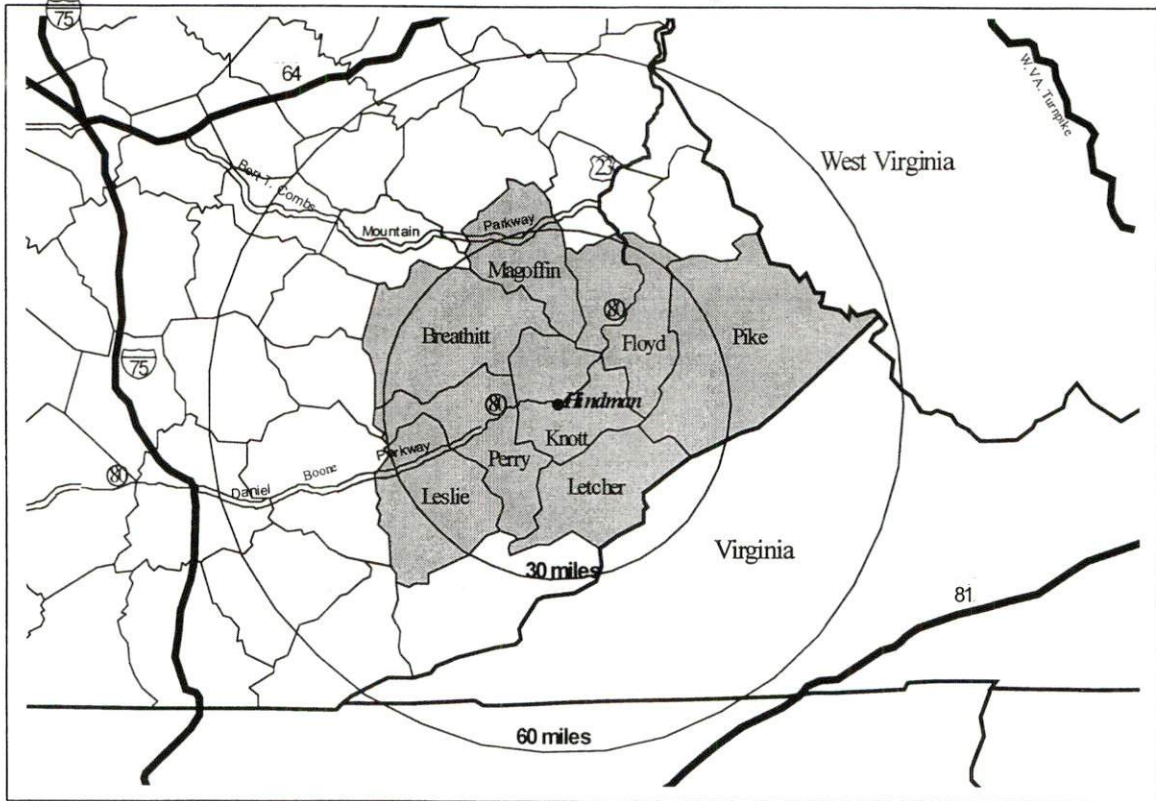
Labor Supply – There is a current estimated labor supply of 32,933 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 through 2003, approximately 20,606 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation – Major highways serving Knott County include Kentucky Routes 15, 80, 160 and 550. Ten common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hindman and Knott County. The nearest rail service is provided by CSX Transportation at Hazard, Kentucky, 22 miles southwest of Hindman. The nearest commercial airline service is available at Tri-Cities Regional Airport near Bristol, Tennessee, 101 miles southeast of Hindman; Tri-State Airport near Huntington, West Virginia, 107 miles northeast; and Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 141 miles northwest. The Eastern Kentucky Regional Wendell H. Ford Airport, 31 miles northwest of Hindman, maintains two runways of 5,000 and 3,200 feet.

Power and Fuel – American Electric Power provides electric power to Hindman and a major portion of Knott County. A portion of northern Knott County is provided power by the Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Columbia Gas of Kentucky provides natural gas service to Hindman.

Education – The Knott County Public School System provides primary and secondary education to residents of Knott County. Hindman Settlement School, a privately funded institution, provides unique education and training programs to the area. Alice Lloyd College, a private four-year college, is located in Pippa Passes. In addition, six other colleges are located within 60 miles of Hindman. The nearest area technology center (ATC) providing secondary education is available locally at the Knott County ATC. The nearest technical colleges providing postsecondary education are the Hazard Technical College in Hazard and the Laurel Co. Technical College Southeast Campus in Hazard.

Labor Market Area Maps



Note: To obtain detailed topographical and general highway maps contact Maps and Publications at 502-564-4715, or for industrial site maps contact the Site Evaluation Division at 502-564-7140.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Knott County labor market area includes Knott County and the following additional counties: Breathitt, Floyd, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Perry, and Pike.

Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1995*</u>	<u>1998*</u>
Labor Market Area	257,678	233,781	236,477	233,790
Knott County	17,940	17,906	18,196	17,989
Hindman	876	798	795	766
Pippa Passes	340	195	193	186

Note: * Population estimates. N/A – Data not available.

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

Population Projections

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	234,592	235,736	234,724
Knott County	17,965	17,927	17,853

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

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1998</u>			<u>Under-employed</u>	<u>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>		
Labor Market Area	32,933	5,750	6,633	20,550	20,606
Knott County	1,588	373	506	709	1,581

Note: Unemployed – people not working but actively seeking work. Potential Labor Supply – represents the number of persons not in the labor force, but would like a job (based on national estimates). Underemployed – people employed in wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services. See Appendix for further explanation.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1999 through 2003.

Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1998

	<u>Knott County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	5,881	80,545
Employed	5,508	74,795
Unemployed	373	5,750
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	7.1

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Work Force Commuting Patterns, 1990

Workers commuting into Knott County	776
Workers commuting out of Knott County	2,148
Workers residing and working in Knott County	2,439

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

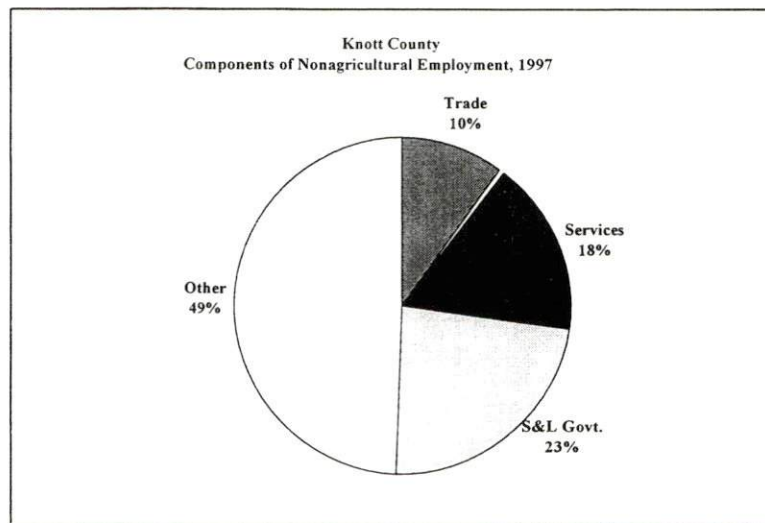
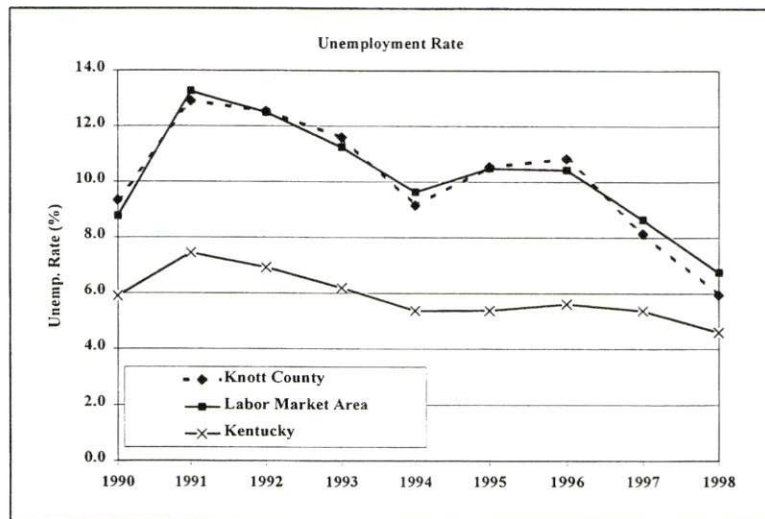
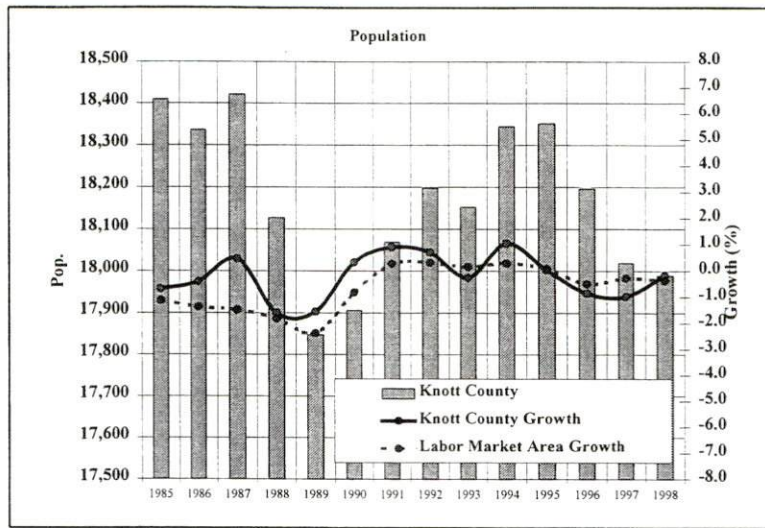
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Knott County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	3,491	64,338
Mining & Quarrying	1,368	10,939
Contract Construction	40	1,939
Manufacturing	12	1,795
Transportation & Public Utilities	260	3,925
Wholesale & Retail Trade	338	15,866
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	48	2,033
Services	611	14,692
State & Local Government	808	12,282
Other	N/A	248

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers. N/A – Data not available.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997.

Selected Charts



Per Capita Personal Income

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Percent Change (1993-1997)</u>
Knott County	\$11,175	\$13,514	20.9%
Kentucky	\$17,309	\$20,570	18.8%
U.S.	\$21,368	\$25,288	18.3%
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,183 - \$14,613	\$11,847 - \$17,186	-

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1998.

Average Placement Wages

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services local office in Hazard serves Knott County. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard 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 ended on June 30, 1998, the local employment office filled Knott County job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

	<u>Number of Placements</u>	<u>Average Wage (\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,975	5.55
Professional, Technical & Managerial	55	6.92
Clerical	601	5.10
Sales	116	5.12
Domestic	7	4.99
Services (excluding domestic)	731	4.89
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	21	4.91
Processing	42	6.24
Machine Trades	74	7.68
Bench Work	112	5.14
Structural	73	5.50
Motor Freight & Transportation	45	5.69
Packaging & Materials Handling	24	5.66
Other	74	13.66

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Hazard local office serves Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Pe Counties.

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

Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Knott County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$550.60	\$488.00	\$521.00	\$555.00
Mining & Quarrying	766.57	790.00	839.00	772.00
Contract Construction	354.69	516.00	561.00	544.00
Manufacturing	269.63	644.00	621.00	644.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	529.03	648.00	653.00	761.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.72	337.00	391.00	392.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	599.24	613.00	696.00	748.00
Services	348.97	440.00	495.00	580.00
State & Local Government	488.61	484.00	494.00	530.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
All Industries	\$530.00	\$553.00	\$634.00	\$578.00
Mining & Quarrying	849.00	773.00	881.00	961.00
Contract Construction	604.00	619.00	765.00	610.00
Manufacturing	732.00	776.00	792.00	737.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	633.00	669.00	764.00	724.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	351.00	384.00	452.00	411.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	624.00	682.00	938.00	863.00
Services	452.00	486.00	575.00	547.00
State & Local Government	510.00	567.00	615.00	576.00

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes salaries and wages of all persons working for that type of business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers are excluded. Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar. N/A – Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1997, December 1998.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Knott County Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Hindman Knott Publication Co. Inc.	Weekly newspaper publishing & typesetting	7	1980
Kite Hydraulic Repair Inc	Machine shop: hydraulic cylinders, high pressure components & general machining	5	1984
Triple H Lumber Co.	Logging	3	1976
Pippa Passes Pippa Valley Printing Co.	Offset printing, computer typesetting, desktop publishing & spiral plastic binding	6	1969
Vest Quicksand Craft Center Inc.	Custom woven rugs	2	1962

Note: N/A - Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers published by Harris InfoSource in cooperation with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

Labor Organizations in Knott County

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Knott County.

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

Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of Hindman

Miles	City	Custom Plastics Producers	Electric Motor Repair	Heat Treating Facilities	Industrial Waste Removal	Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Metal Castings	Metal Finishers	Metal Service Centers	Mill- wrights & Riggers
17	Whitesburg		X							
24	Allen								X	
26	Lynch				X					
26	Prestonsburg								X	
28	Pikeville				X				X	
44	Turkey Creek								X	

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from city center to city center; not road miles.

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major highways serving Knott County include Kentucky Routes 15, 80, 160 and 550. Kentucky 550 west of Hindman, Kentucky 15, and Kentucky 80 are AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Kentucky 80 is a four-lane highway throughout the county. Kentucky 550, east of Hindman, and Route 160 are AA-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways.

The Daniel Boone Parkway, a limited-access toll road, is accessible 18 miles west of Hindman via Kentucky 80. Access to Interstate 75 is available 77 miles west via Kentucky 80 and the Daniel Boone Parkway.

Highway Miles from Hindman, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	388	Indianapolis, IN	339
Baltimore, MD	501	Kansas City, MO	736
Birmingham, AL	432	Knoxville, TN	178
Charleston, WV	156	Lexington, KY	155
Chicago, IL	521	Louisville, KY	227
Cincinnati, OH	232	Minneapolis, MN	932
Cleveland, OH	392	Nashville, TN	280
Columbia, SC	342	New Orleans, LA	776
Columbus, OH	226	New York, NY	687
Dallas, TX	943	Pittsburgh, PA	383
Des Moines, IA	816	Raleigh, NC	349
Detroit, MI	495	Richmond, VA	412
Evansville, IN	344	St. Louis, MO	487
Huntington, WV	108	Tallahassee, FL	659

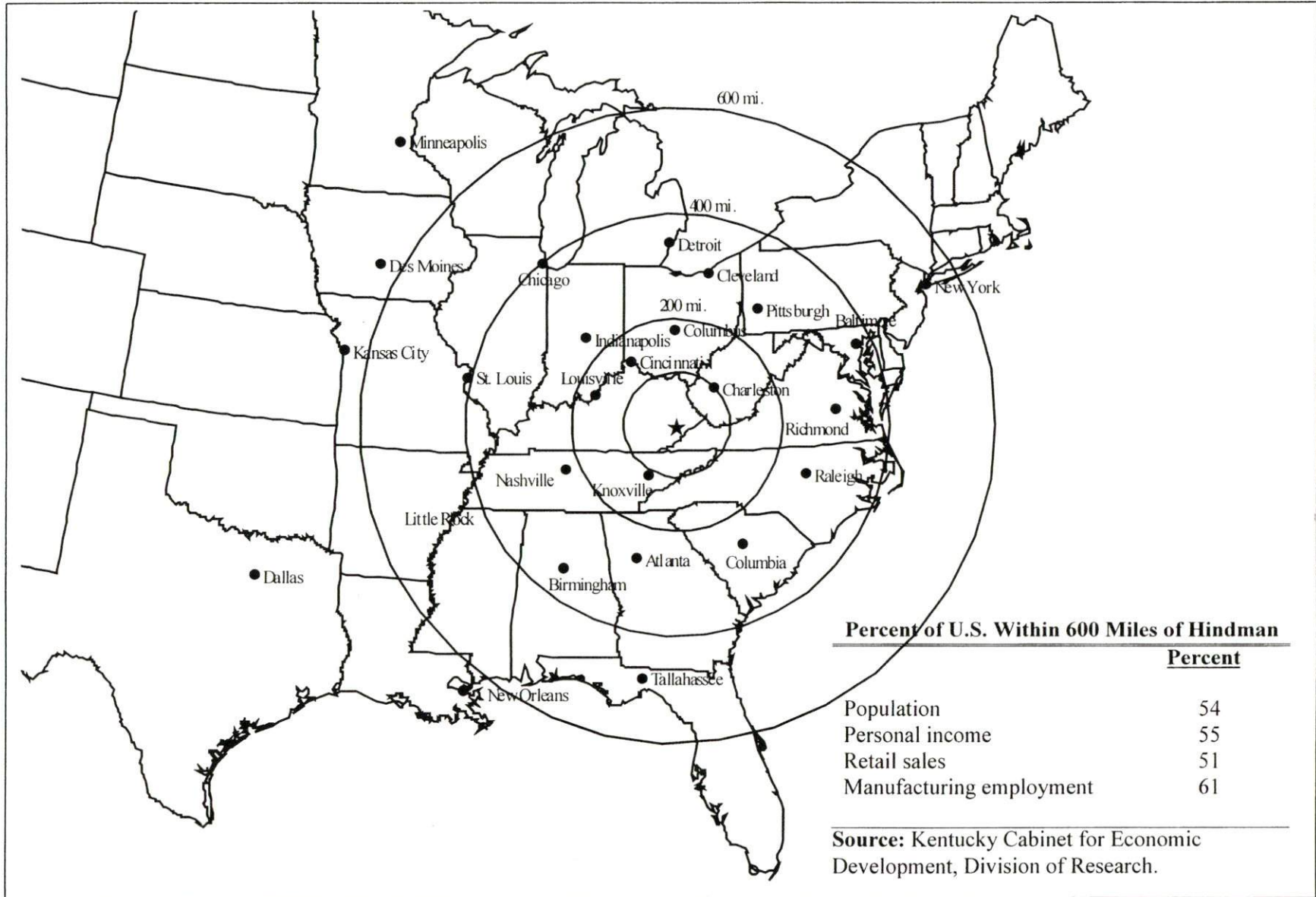
Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

Source: AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

Truck Service

Ten common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hindman and Knott County. American Motor Carrier Directory, 2000 Edition.

Selected Market Centers Map



Rail

Rail service is provided to the area by CSX Transportation. A CSX line extends through eastern Knott County and at Hazard, 22 miles southwest of Hindman. Hindman is not served directly by rail. The nearest intermodal facilities are located at Kingsport, Tennessee, 87 miles southeast of Hindman.

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

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

Air

Local

	Eastern Kentucky Regional Wendell H. Ford Airport
Location:	Hazard, KY
Distance from Hindman:	31 miles northwest
Phone:	(606) 439-5140
Number of runways:	2
Length and type of longest runway:	5,000 feet (asphalt)

Commercial/International

	Tri-Cities Regional Airport
Location:	Bristol, TN
Distance from Hindman:	101 miles southeast
Air service:	ASA, Comair, Corporate Express, US Airways, US Airways Express
Daily arrivals & departures:	60

	Tri-State Airport
Location:	Huntington, WV
Distance from Hindman:	107 miles northeast
Air service:	ASA Airlines, US Airways Express
Daily arrivals & departures:	44

	Blue Grass Airport
Location:	Lexington, KY
Distance from Hindman:	141 miles northwest
Phone:	(606) 254-9336
Air service:	ASA, Comair, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest Airlin, TW Express, United Express, US Airways
Daily arrivals & departures:	192

UTILITIES

Electricity

Service area: **Hindman and a major portion of Knott County**
Company: American Electric Power
Source of power: American Electric Power
For industrial rates contact:

American Electric Power
Economic Development Manager
1701 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 1428
Ashland, KY 41105-1428
(606) 327-1244

Service area: **portion of northern Knott County**
Company: Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power: East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
504 Eleventh Street
Paintsville, KY 41240-1422
(606) 789-4095

and/or

East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Industrial Development Department
4775 Lexington Road
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, KY 40391
(606) 744-4812

Natural Gas

Service area: **Hindman**
Company: Columbia Gas of Kentucky
Source of supply: Columbia Gas Transmission Company
For rates and supplies contact:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky
Economic Development Department
2001 Mercer Road
P.O. Box 14241
Lexington, KY 40512-4241
(606) 288-0227

Public Water Supply

Service area:
Company:

Hindman
Hindman City Water & Sewer Company
24 Fessea Clark Circle
P.O. Box 496
Hindman, KY 41822
(606) 785-5545

Treatment facilities information:

Source of raw water:	Wells
Well pumping capacity:	150 gallons per minute
Treatment plant capacity:	465,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption:	275,000 gallons per day
Peak daily consumption:	290,000 gallons per day
Storage capacity:	200,000 gallons per day
Water pressure:	50 psi to 160 psi
Additional water source (maximum available for purchase in parentheses):	Beaver Elkhorn Water District (50,000 gallons per day)

Improvements: Installation of more storage tanks, rehab to the water plant and water distribution system and new line extensions should be completed by 2002.

Sewerage

Service area:
Company information:

Hindman
Hindman City Water & Sewer Company
Michael D. Webb, Public Works Supervisor
24 Fesser Clark Circle
P.O. Box 496
Hindman, KY 41822
(606) 785-5545

Design capacity:	120,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow:	45,000 gallons per day
Type of treatment:	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into:	Troublesome Creek

Improvements: An increase in the size of the treatment plant, extension of sewer lines and rehab of the present collection system should be completed by 2002.

CLIMATE

Knott County

Temperature

Normal (59-year record)	55.9 degrees
Average annual, 1996	56.1 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (51-year record)	102 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (51-year record)	-21 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,406
Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)	972

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	40.72 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	18.6 inches
Total precipitation, 1996	49.64 inches
Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	132.5
Mean number days thunderstorms (54-year record)	42.4

Prevailing Winds (24-year record) Southwest

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	57 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Notes: Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F. Cooling degree day totals are the sums of positive departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Local Climatological Data, 1996.

Station of record: Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Hindman 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. Knott County is governed by a county/executive and four magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

Knott County is presently not served by a planning and zoning agency.

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 Hindman requires businesses operating within the city to obtain business licenses, with the fee ranging from \$10 to \$125 per year. An annual unloading license of \$50 is also assessed within the city.

Sales and Use Tax

A state sales and use tax is levied at the rate of 6.0% on the purchase or lease price of taxable goods and on utility services. Local sales taxes are not levied in Kentucky.

State and Local 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 the city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. 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).

State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>State Rate, 1998</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.153	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

Source: Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1998

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
<u>County</u>			
Knott County	0.1810	0.1736	0.1870
<u>Cities</u>			
Hindman	0.1100	0.1100	0.1150
Pippa Passes	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<u>School Districts</u>			
Knott County	0.4320	0.4320	0.4700

Source: Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-97

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u>	<u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u>
Knott County	3,429	6,947	14.9

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-97

<u>County-wide</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>	<u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u>
Total High School Graduates	196	
To College	123	62.8
To Vocational/Technical School	9	4.6
To Workforce	31	15.8
To Work & School	2	1.0
To Military	3	1.5
Other	28	14.3

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Nonpublic Schools, 1997-98

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
June Buchanan Elementary	80	K-6
June Buchanan High School	90	7-12

Source: Kentucky Schools Directory 1997-98, Kentucky Department of Education.

Hindman Settlement School

The Knott County area is afforded unique educational opportunities at the Hindman Settlement School. Founded in 1902, the privately funded institution has provided for various needs and responds to current and future demands. Programs include the school for dyslexic children; literacy services for adult basic education and GED testing center; the Eastern Kentucky Teachers Network, which provides education and training opportunities for members; 4-H program in cooperation with the University of Kentucky; scholarship assistance for needy students in Knott County; public library services for the county; workshops on Appalachian life and culture; meeting facilities for regional and local groups; and a crafts shop that accepts juried crafts on consignment.

Colleges and Technical Schools

Area Colleges and Universities within 60 Miles of Hindman

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
6	Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	501
13	Hazard Community College	Hazard	2,224
24	Southeast Community College	Cumberland	2,112
26	Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	2,573
28	Pikeville College	Pikeville	830
33	Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia	Wise, VA	1,387
59	Union College	Barbourville	1,011

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Hindman, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Kentucky Technical Schools within 60 Miles of Hindman

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (1997-98)</u>		
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	<u>Total</u>
-	Knott Co. ATC	Hindman	612	12	624
13	Hazard Technical College	Hazard	83	414	497
13	Laurel Co. Technical College Southeast Campus	Hazard	0	709	709
17	Letcher Co. ATC	Whitesburg	499	60	559
21	Floyd Co. ATC (GARTH)	Martin	222	0	222
25	Leslie Co. ATC	Hyden	641	15	656
27	Breathitt Co. ATC	Jackson	376	19	395
30	Pike Co. ATC	Millard	143	0	143
35	Mayo Technical College	Paintsville	95	861	956
39	Laurel Co. Technical College Harlan Campus	Harlan	126	307	433
43	Lee Co. ATC	Beattyville	429	21	450
43	Pike Co. ATC	Belfry	443	0	443
43	Morgan Co. ATC	West Liberty	221	0	221
44	Martin Co. ATC	Inez	245	0	245
45	Clay Co. ATC	Manchester	248	35	283
47	Phelps ATC	Phelps	145	0	145
56	Bell Co. ATC	Pineville	321	0	321
56	Laurel Co. Technical College Cumberland Valley Campus	Pineville	0	171	171
59	Knox Co. ATC	Barbourville	371	32	403

Notes: Kentucky Tech secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers (ATC), are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post-secondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed

by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Adult courses may be offered at some secondary technical schools. Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Hindman, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

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 at the Hazard Technical College.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. The Career Connections Assessment Center serving the Knott County area is located at the Hazard Technical College.

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 equivalency diploma. In Knott County, adult basic education and adult literacy programs are administered through the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) was established in 1984 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent, de jure corporation to stimulate economic development through customized business and industry specific skills training programs. The BSSC works with business and industry and Kentucky's educational institutions to establish programs of skills training. The BSSC is attached to the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes, in recognition of the relationship between economic development and skills training efforts.

The BSSC is comprised of two economic development tools, matching grants and the newly authorized Skills Training Investment Credit Act. The BSSC grant program is available to new, expanding and existing business and industry. Eligible training activities include pre-employment skills training and assessment; entry level, skills upgrade and occupational upgrade training; train-the-trainer travel; and capacity-building. The Skills Training Investment Credit Act provides tax credits to existing businesses for skills upgrade training.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 7

Dentists - 5

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
ARH Regional Medical Center	Hazard (22 miles west of Hindman)	308

Other Medical Facilities and Services

East Kentucky Health Services Center

June Buchanan Primary Care Center

Kentucky River Community Care, Inc.

Knott County Ambulance Service

Knott County Emergency Rescue Squad

Knott County Nursing Home

Golden Years Rest Home

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

The Bank of Hindman

The Knott County Branch of the Pikeville National Bank & Trust

Newspapers

Troublesome Creek Times (weekly)

Telephone Service

Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc.

"911" dispatch service

Television

TV 12 (cable channel)

Radio

WKCB (AM-FM)

RECREATION

Knott County provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities for the entire family including three community parks, a scenic lake, festivals, and crafts shops.

Knott County Park offers a Little League baseball field, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a playground, a walking track, and a picnic area and shelter.

Ball Creek Community Park is a mini-park which features a basketball court, a tennis court, a walking track, a playground, and a picnic shelter.

Kite Community Park, another mini-park, offers a basketball court, a walking track, and a playground.

Carr Fork Lake, located approximately 11 miles south of Hindman, is a 710-acre flood control lake which provides excellent recreational facilities. Kentucky Highways 15 and 160 provide easy access to the lake area. The lake provides swimming, boating, productive fishing, and a camping area with hookups and primitive campsites. The area formerly known as Irishman Creek is now Carr Creek State Park. The 29-acre park provides a full service 32-site campground with electricity, water, a bathhouse and laundry. There is also a beach at the park.

Pioneer Village, located 15 miles south of Hindman on Kentucky Highway 15, showcases the work of 100 eastern Kentucky crafts people. The village features several circa-1800 log cabins.

The Quicksand Craft Center on Kentucky Highway 160 near Vest, Kentucky, in operation since 1963, makes handwoven rugs, placemats, wall hangings, and aprons. The center staff hand weave rugs, bedspreads, and draperies for Shakertown at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, for use in their guest rooms. It is open from 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday.

The Knott County area offers numerous special events for all ages. The annual Gingerbread Festival, held the first Thursday after Labor Day through Sunday, features arts and crafts exhibits, a parade, music, games, a carnival, booths, and contests.

Other events include the annual Christmas Parade, and the Cypress Trail Ride, featuring a two-day horseback ride and camp out in scenic Robinson Forest.

Area (Within 45 miles)

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park
Daniel Boone National Forest
Fishtrap Lake
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Lilley Cornett Woods

APPENDIX A - DEFINITIONS

Geographic definition of the labor market area

A county's labor market area is defined as the base county, adjacent counties, and any other major commuting counties. Adjacency is used to define the labor market area primarily because of the small size of Kentucky's counties. The major commuting counties are defined from the point of view of the base county. Major commuting counties are those counties that comprise 90% of the base county's total commuters. The source of the commuting patterns is the 1990 journey-to-work data available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Example – Logan County

To determine the labor market area for Logan County the following steps are taken. First, the counties with workers commuting into Logan county are listed in ascending order (see the table below). The cumulative percent is calculated. Next, all counties that comprise up to 90% of the commuters are included in the labor market area (actually the cut-off will be the county that breaks the 90% threshold – Montgomery County, TN at 92.6% in this case). Although Robertson is not a major commuter county, it is included since it is adjacent. The Logan County labor market is then comprised of the seven bold-faced counties in the table below.

Labor Market Area – Logan County (Example Only)				
<u>Adjacent to Logan</u>	<u>Commuter County</u>	<u>Commuters into Logan</u>	<u>Percent of Total Commuters</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Y	Todd	385	24.4%	24.4%
Y	Warren	377	23.9	48.4
Y	Muhlenberg	365	23.2	71.5
Y	Simpson	162	10.3	81.8
Y	Butler	116	7.4	89.1
	Montgomery, TN	55	3.5	92.6
	Christian	36	2.3	94.9
	Sumner, TN	35	2.2	97.1
Y	Robertson, TN	25	1.6	98.7
	Davidson, TN	20	1.3	100.0
	<i>Total Commuters into Logan County</i>	1,576	100.0	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Economic Information System, CD-ROM. August 1997.

Potential Labor Supply

The potential labor supply is an estimate of those persons not classified as in the labor force (not employed and not unemployed), but who want a job. The assumption is that people not in the labor force at the local level would like a job at the same rate as the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics provides national, yearly estimates of the percent of the people not in the labor force who want a job. This percent is applied to the county-level number of people not in the labor force.

Underemployed

Wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services have historically paid low wages. The assumption is that workers in these industries would take higher paying jobs if they were available. Non-professional services excludes Miscellaneous Repair Services (SIC 7600), Health Services (SIC 8000), Legal Services (SIC 8100), and Engineering and Management Services (SIC 8700).

Total Available Labor

Total available labor is the sum of the number of unemployed, potential labor supply, and underemployed. Please note that the number of unemployed is the only generally accepted measure of labor availability. The other concepts are weaker measures and should be used with caution.