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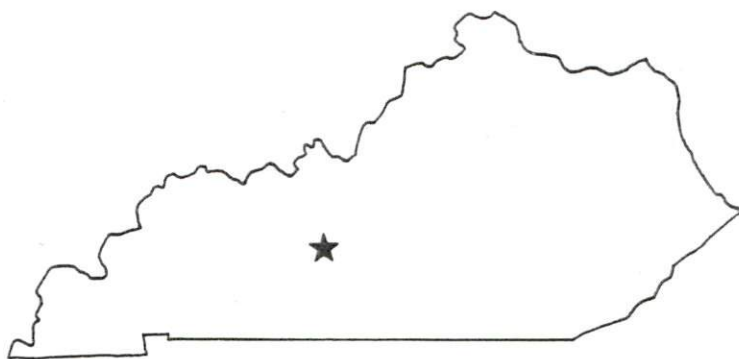
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# *Resources for Economic Development*

## **Brownsville**



**KENTUCKY**  
*Open for Business*

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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY

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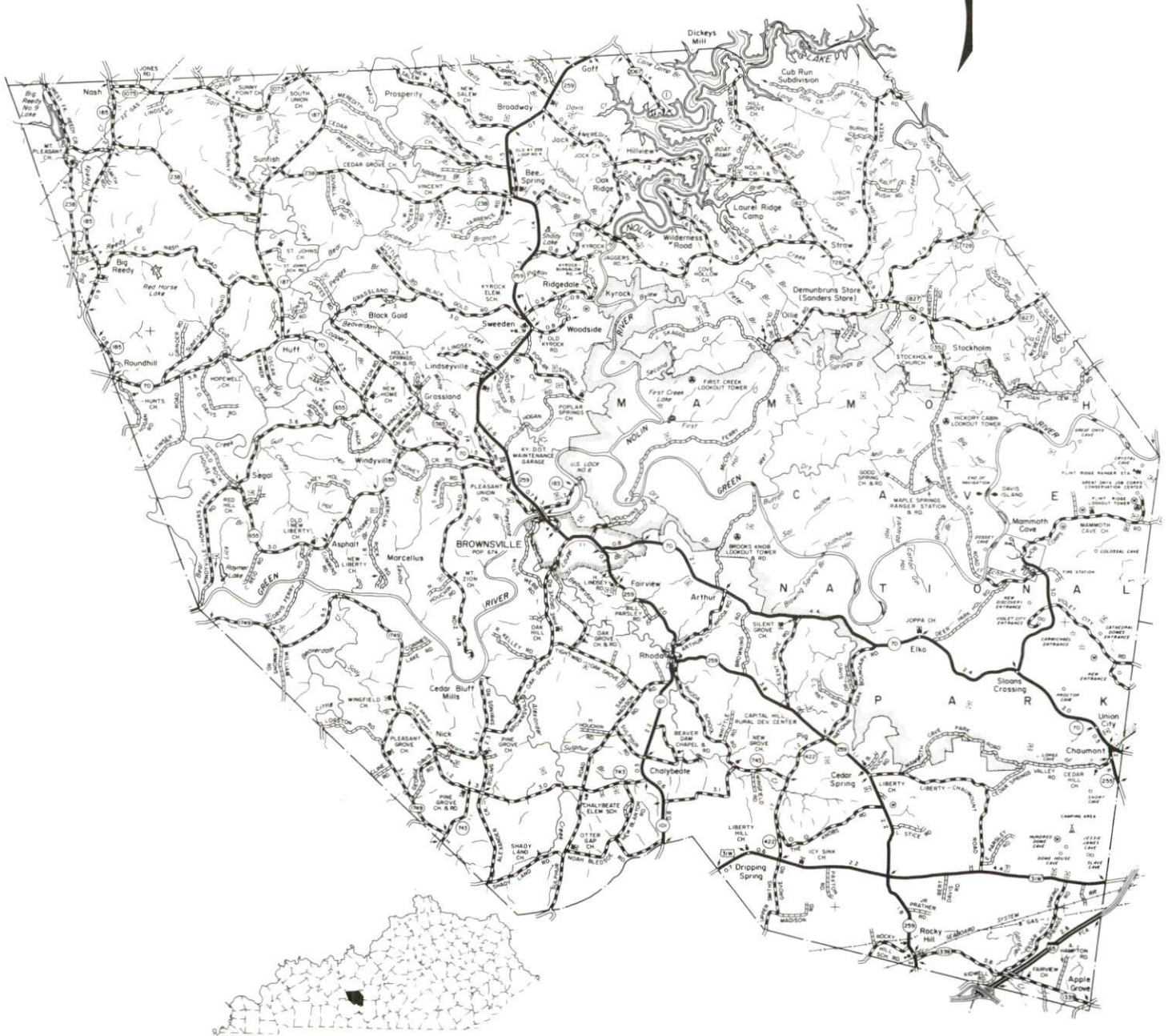
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# GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP EDMONSON COUNTY KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
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DIVISION OF PLANNING  
IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



## BROWNSVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Brownsville, the county seat of Edmonson County, is a small community located in the central section of the county at the western edge of Mammoth Cave National Park. Nearly 47,000 acres of Mammoth Cave lay beneath Edmonson County. Brownsville, with an estimated 1988 population of 840, is located 30 miles northeast of Bowling Green, Kentucky; 91 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee; 96 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; and 303 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri.

Edmonson County, with a land area of 302 square miles, is located in south central Kentucky, partly within the Western Coal Field Region and partly within the Mississippian Plateaus Region. In 1988, Edmonson County had an estimated population of 9,900.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Edmonson County residents employed in 1989 averaged 3,609. Wholesale and retail trade provided 179 jobs; 245 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 322 employees; and contract construction firms provided 67 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 20,185 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 11,917 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Kentucky Highway 259, a "AA"-rated trucking highway, provides direct access from Brownsville to Interstate Highway 65, 15 miles southeast of Brownsville, and to the Western Kentucky Parkway, 24 miles north of Brownsville. There are 11 trucking companies providing interstate and/or intrastate service to Brownsville. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Standiford Field near Louisville, 94 miles northeast and at the Nashville Metropolitan Airport, 97 miles southwest of Brownsville near Nashville. The CSX Transportation Company provides main line rail service at Cave City, 21 miles east of Brownsville.

**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Brownsville and parts of Edmonson County by the Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Edmonson County is also provided electric power by the Kentucky Utilities Company and Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is currently not available in Brownsville.

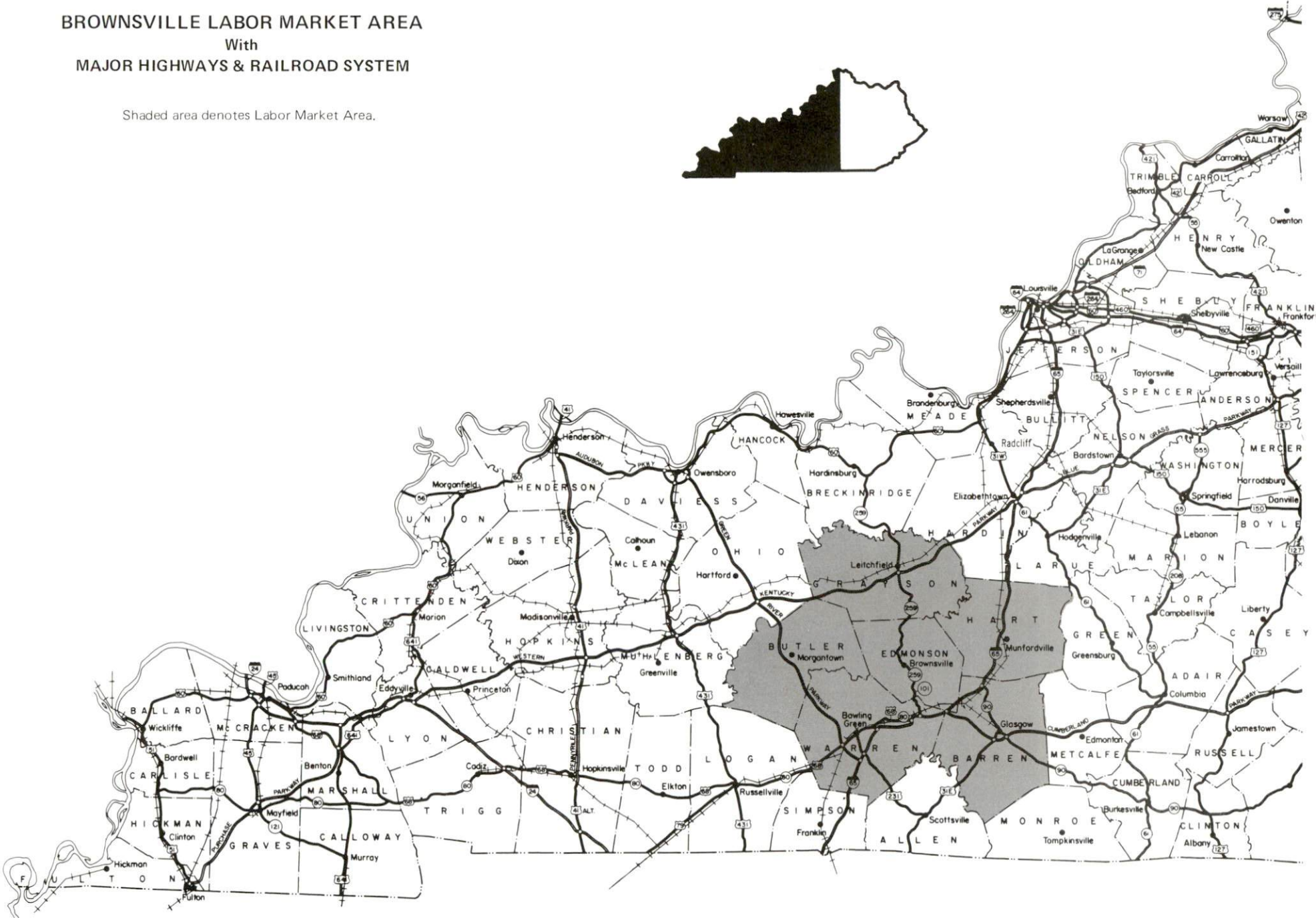
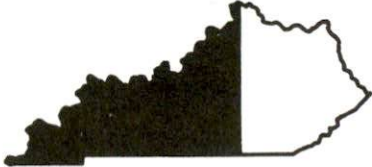
**Education** - The Edmonson County School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, provides primary and secondary education in Edmonson County. There are three institutions of higher learning within 70 miles of Brownsville. Vocational education is available at the Bowling Green State Vocational-Technical School at Bowling Green, 30 miles southwest of Brownsville; the Grayson County Area Vocational Education Center in Leitchfield, 29 miles north; and at the Barren County Area Vocational Education Center in Glasgow, 33 miles southeast.



# BROWNSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

With  
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Brownsville Labor Market Area includes Edmonson County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Barren, Butler, Grayson, Hart, and Warren.

### POPULATION

	1988*	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	172,900	163,119	135,460
Brownsville	840	674	542
Edmonson County	9,900	9,962	8,751

\* Population estimates.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, August 1989; November 1989.

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	2000	2010	2020	2030
Labor Market Area	192,980	204,270	211,030	211,810
Edmonson County	10,270	10,240	9,940	9,430

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

### ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	Current				Future
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994
Labor Market Area*	20,185	5,977	9,623	4,585	11,917
Edmonson County	2,081	392	543	1,146	814

\* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Employed Part-Time - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally).

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

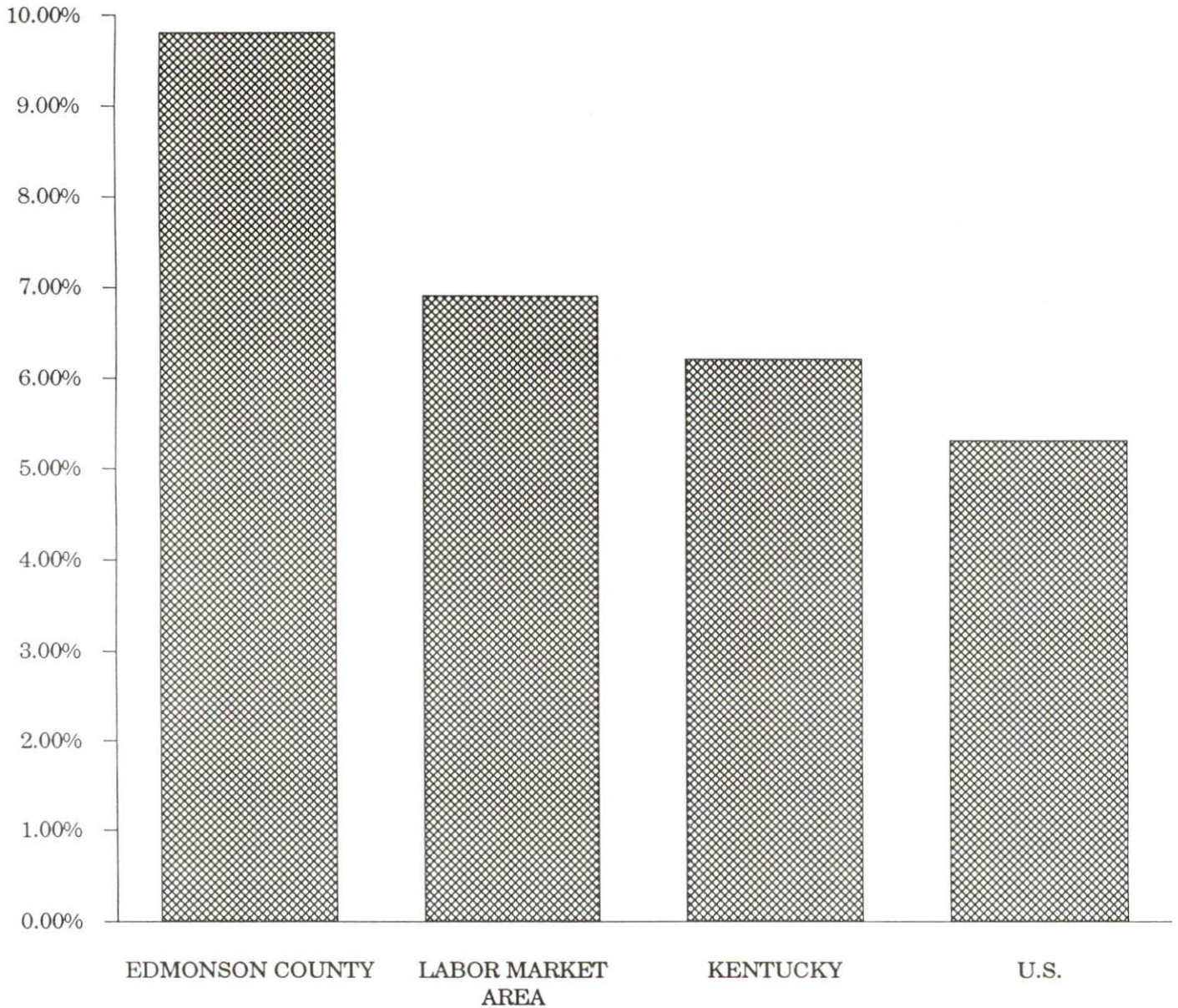


LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1989

	<u>Edmonson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,001	86,938
Employment	3,609	80,961
Unemployment	392	5,977
Rate of Unemployment (%)	9.8	6.9

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1989.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1989



SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989

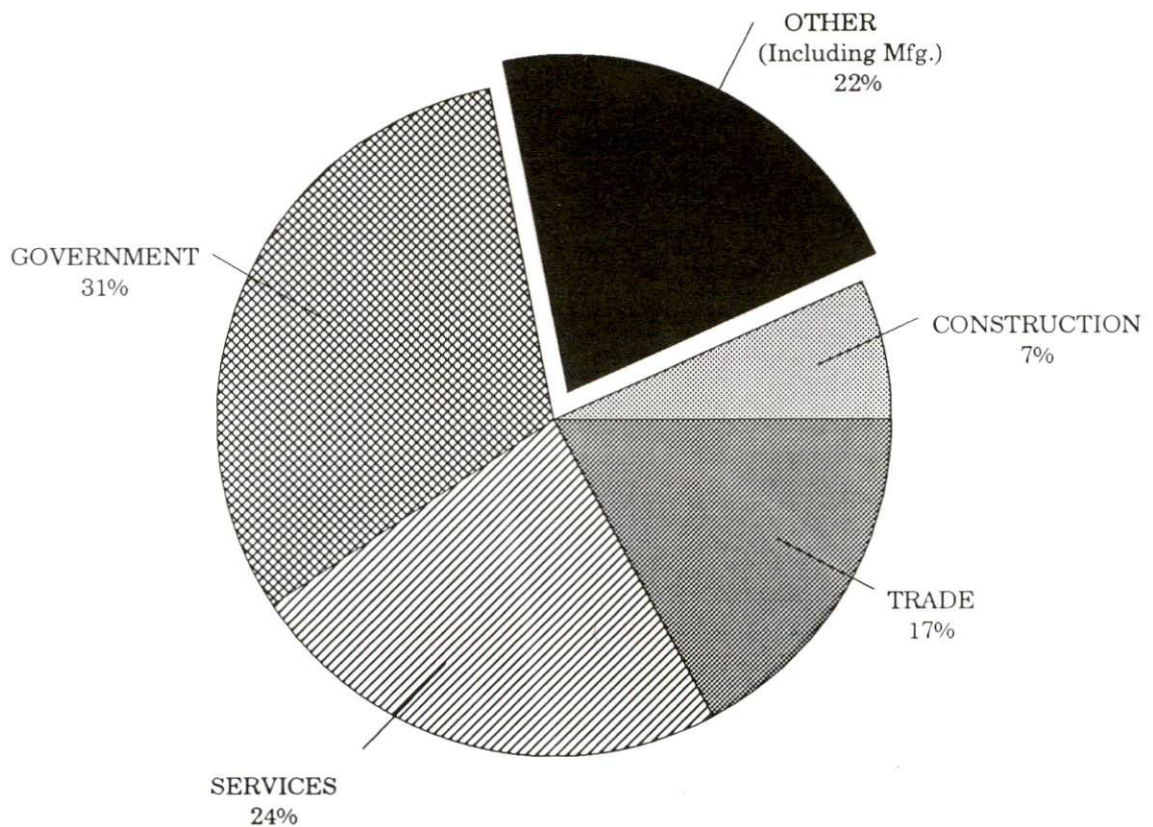
	Edmonson County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	1,036	60,378
Manufacturing	*	17,508
Wholesale & Retail Trade	179	15,191
Services	245	10,781
State/Local Government	322	8,773
Contract Construction	67	3,265

\* Information not reported.

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, 1989.

EDMONSON COUNTY



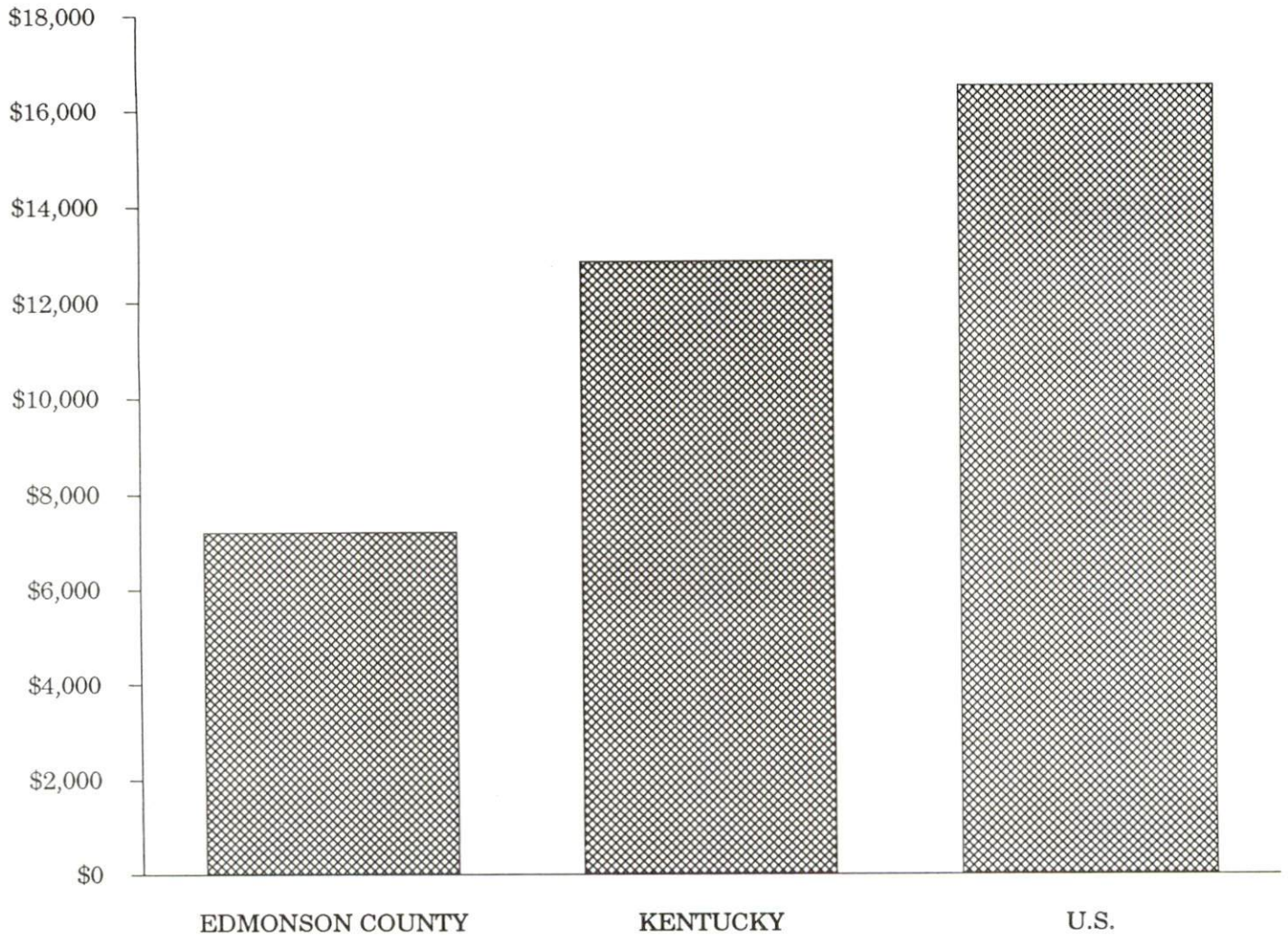


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1984	1988	Percent Change
Edmonson County	\$5,717	\$7,200	25.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,717 - \$9,441	\$7,200 - \$11,963	-
Kentucky	\$10,411	\$12,830	23.2
U.S.	\$13,116	\$16,490	25.7

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1990.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1988



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Edmonson County is served by the Bowling Green local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Bowling Green local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 4,792 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	4,792	5.11
Clerical	971	6.20
Sales	98	4.20
Services (excluding domestic)	790	3.65
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	62	4.25
Processing	87	4.98
Machine Trades	424	6.13
Bench Work	911	4.49
Structural	268	5.44
Motor Freight/ Transportation	186	7.54
Packaging and Materials Handling	888	5.30
Other	24	4.77

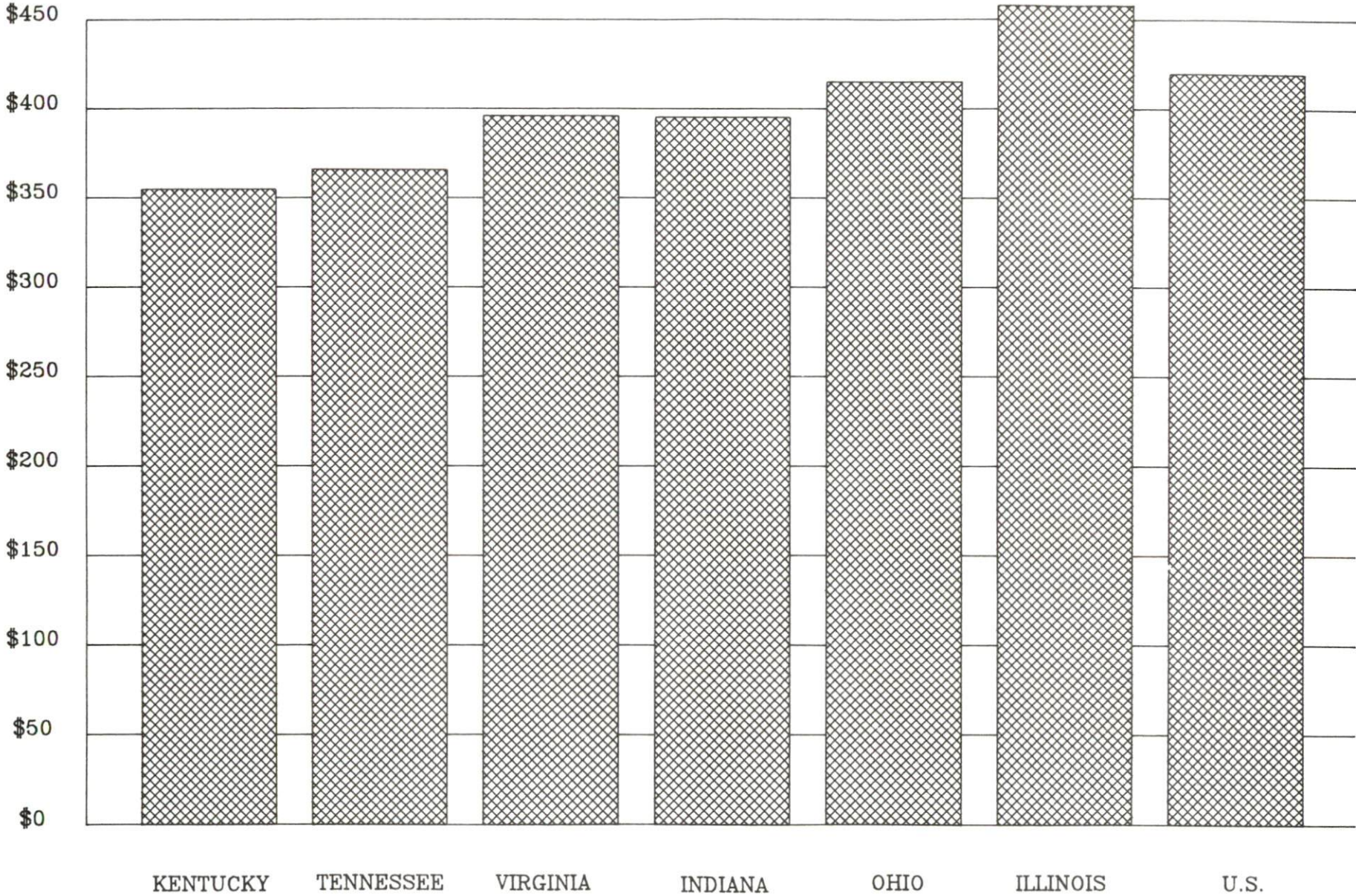
The Bowling Green local office also serves Allen, Butler, Logan, Simpson, and Warren Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Employment Services.



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1988





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Edmonson County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$240.15	\$352.31	\$363.12	\$392.56
Mining & Quarrying	*	603.27	495.85	596.88
Contract Construction	204.37	380.71	394.27	422.27
Manufacturing	167.69	464.92	416.73	452.60
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	220.13	468.17	485.13	554.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	166.30	238.88	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	291.75	401.17	269.27	466.23
Services	224.08	298.98	343.48	391.67
State/Local Government	301.55	377.81	403.21	457.00
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	U. S.
All Industries	\$392.63	\$411.08	\$454.10	\$416.33
Mining & Quarrying	635.77	579.73	674.62	660.40
Contract Construction	449.87	465.46	584.10	469.85
Manufacturing	532.06	569.98	555.83	517.62
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	502.69	519.17	584.83	542.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406.58	444.33	579.88	532.52
Services	317.98	348.48	402.38	384.31
State/Local Government	395.31	428.10	453.12	442.71

\* Not disclosed.

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, 1988. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, August 29, 1989.



## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### EDMONSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1989</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Brownsville</b>		
Brownsville Ready Mix (1980)	Septic tanks, ready mixed concrete	4
Brownsville Garment Company (1988)	Ladies' suits	120
Edmonson News (1927)	Commercial printing, newspaper	3
White Wood Company (1987)	Wood striking tool handles, drum sticks, chair rungs	10
<b>Bee Springs</b>		
Nolin Vault Company (1986)	Concrete burial vaults	3

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

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

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

## SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Brownsville</u>
Custom Data Processing	Bowling Green, Kentucky	30
Custom Plastics Producers	Bowling Green, Kentucky Morgantown, Kentucky	30 35
Electric Motor Repair	Bowling Green, Kentucky	30
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Glasgow, Kentucky	33
Heat Treating Facilities	Nashville, Tennessee	91
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Bowling Green, Kentucky	30
Industrial Gases	Bowling Green, Kentucky	30
Industrial Waste Removal	Russellville, Kentucky	59
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Leitchfield, Kentucky Bowling Green, Kentucky	25 30
Metal Castings	Horse Cave, Kentucky	25
Metal Finishers	Horse Cave, Kentucky	25
Metal Service Centers	Bowling Green, Kentucky	30
Millwrights	Bowling Green, Kentucky	30
Public Warehouse Facilities	Bowling Green, Kentucky	30

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Kentucky Highway 259, a "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, serves Brownsville and provides access to Interstate Highway 65, 15 miles southeast of Brownsville, and to the Western Kentucky Parkway, a multilane highway, 24 miles north of Brownsville. The Cumberland Parkway is accessible 20 miles southeast of Brownsville via Kentucky 259 and Interstate 65.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	330	Los Angeles, CA	2,083
Baltimore, MD	695	Louisville, KY	96
Birmingham, AL	279	Nashville, TN	91
Chicago, IL	383	New Orleans, LA	612
Cincinnati, OH	197	New York, NY	856
Cleveland, OH	444	Pittsburgh, PA	484
Detroit, MI	455	St. Louis, MO	303
Knoxville, TN	237		

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

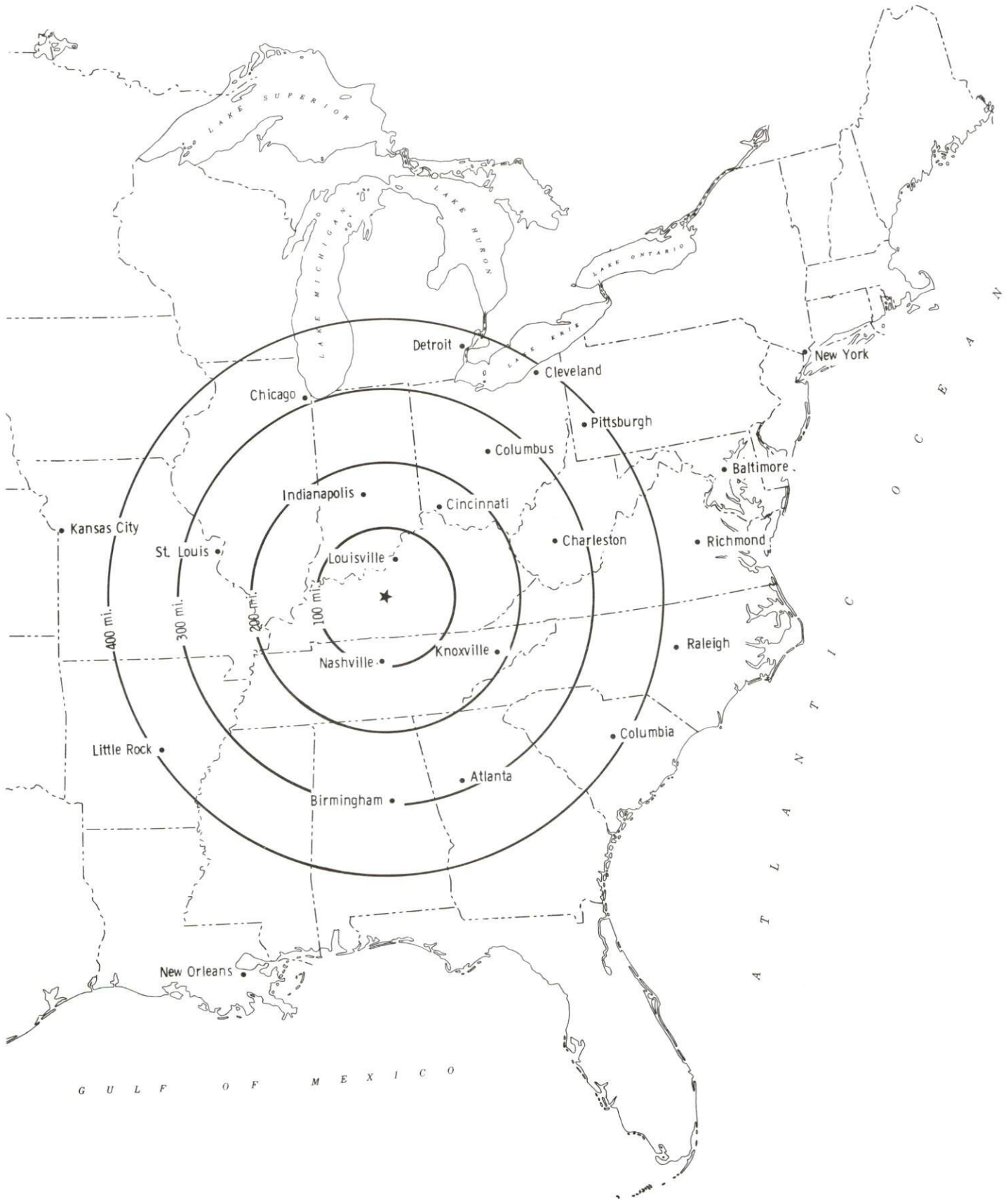
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

### Truck Service

Eleven firms provide interstate and/or intrastate trucking service to Brownsville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1990.

# Selected Market Centers





## Rail

The nearest main line rail service is provided by the CSX Transportation Company at Cave City, 23 miles east of Brownsville.

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: Bowling Green-Warren County Airport  
Bowling Green, 30 miles southwest of Brownsville  
Runways: 2 paved  
Length: 6,500 feet, 4,000 feet  
Traffic  
Control: Wind tee, airport advisory service  
Lighting: Runways, obstructions, taxiways, beacon,  
wind tee, strobes approach to runway 3, VASI  
Services: 100LL octane and Jet-A fuel, charter plane  
rental, storage, major and minor A & P repairs,  
oxygen, FAA flight service station, taxi and  
car rental  
Air Freight  
Service: Chartered air freight service must be arranged

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Standiford Field  
4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky;  
94 miles northeast of Brownsville  
Air Service: Air Toronto, Delta, Northwest, American,  
Continental, TWA, United, USAir, ComAir,  
JetStream, Simmons Eagle  
Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 164

Location: Nashville Metropolitan Airport  
6 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee;  
99 miles southwest of Brownsville  
Air Service: American, Delta, Northwest, TWA, Southwest,  
United, USAir, Nashville Eagle, ComAir,  
USAir Express  
Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 440

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Brownsville and most of Edmonson County** - Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority  
For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial Development  
Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 726  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240  
(502) 885-5392

and/or

Warren Rural Electric Cooperative  
Corporation  
951 Fairview Avenue  
P.O. Box 1118  
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Company serving a **small portion of eastern Edmonson County** - Kentucky Utilities Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department  
Kentucky Utilities Company  
One Quality Street  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507  
(606) 255-1461

Company serving the **eastern border of Edmonson County** - Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division  
East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
P. O. Box 707  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-4812

### Natural Gas

Natural gas is currently not available in Brownsville.

## Public Water Supply

Company serving <b>Brownsville</b> -	Brownsville Water System P.O. Box 238 Brownsville, Kentucky 42210 (502) 597-3814
Source -	Edmonson County Water District
Average daily consumption -	67,968 gallons per day
Peak daily consumption -	95,710 gallons
Storage capacity -	200,000 gallons, with access to 1,000,000 gallons
Water pressure -	50 psi to 100 psi
Name of water district -	Edmonson County Water District P.O. Box 208 Brownsville, Kentucky 42210 (502) 597-2165
Area served -	Edmonson County and parts of Hart, Grayson and Warren Counties
Date when water district began operating -	1970
Source of raw water -	Green River and Nolin Lake
Capacity of treatment plant -	1,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	1,100,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,350,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,720,000 gallons
Water pressure -	35 psi to 135 psi

A twenty-two mile line extension project has recently been approved by the Edmonson County Water District.

## Sewerage

Company serving <b>Brownsville</b> -	Brownsville Sewer System P.O. Box 238 Brownsville, Kentucky 42210 (502) 597-3814
Design capacity -	100,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	71,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Primary and secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Green River

The Brownsville Sewer System will undergo extensive improvements which are scheduled to be completed November 1991.

## CLIMATE

### Edmonson County

#### Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1989	54.20 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (45-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (45-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,814

#### Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (45-year record)	16.10 inches
Total precipitation 1989	53.16 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (45-year record)	129.50
Mean number days thunderstorms (45-year record)	45.30

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

#### Relative Humidity (26-year record, except 1 a.m. - 25-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	81 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1989. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Brownsville is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. Edmonson County is served by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. The judge/executive and magistrates serve four-year terms.

### Planning and Zoning

Currently, there is no active planning and zoning agency in Brownsville or Edmonson County, but mandatory state codes are enforced.

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 Brownsville levies a one percent occupational license fee on gross wages of individuals and net profits of businesses. The city also levies a 5% tax on insurance premiums and a \$25 per year unloading license fee.

## State and Local Property Taxes

All property in Kentucky, except items exempted by the state constitution, is taxed by the state. Property which also may be taxed by local jurisdictions includes land and buildings, finished goods inventories, automobiles, trucks, office furniture and office equipment. Local taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky include counties, cities, and school districts.

All property in Kentucky is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

### COMBINED STATE AND LOCAL RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1989

	Brownsville	Unincorporated Edmonson County
Land and Buildings	\$0.730	\$0.608
Manufacturing		
Machinery	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control		
Equipment	0.150	0.150
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.001	0.001
Goods in Process	0.001	0.001
Finished Goods	0.582	0.460
Automobiles & Trucks	1.037	0.907
Other Tangible		
Personal Property	1.031	0.909
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250	0.250
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.001	0.001
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015

\* Accounts receivable are taxed at 85 percent of face value, for an effective rate of \$0.2125 per \$100 valuation.

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Edmonson County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1990)	1,936
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1989-90)	18.4-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1989-90)	22.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1989-90)	\$2,486.97

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1990)</u>
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (30)	15,240
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown, Kentucky (55)	3,364
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia, Kentucky (70)	1,327



## Vocational Training

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

### Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

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

<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1989-1990</u>
Bowling Green State Vocational-Technical School	Bowling Green, Kentucky (30)	965
Advanced Technology Center Grayson County Area Vocational Education Center	Bowling Green, Kentucky (30) Leitchfield, Kentucky (29)	157 314
Barren County Area Vocational Education Center	Glasgow, Kentucky (33)	482

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3  
Dentists - 2

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
The Medical Center at Bowling Green	Bowling Green, 30 miles south	388
The HCA Greenview Hospital	Bowling Green, 30 miles south	211

The Medical Center at Bowling Green

Medical staff - 130 physicians, 260 registered nurses; 67 licensed practical nurses

HCA Greenview Hospital

Medical staff - 160 physicians, 158 registered nurses; 38 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Edmonson County Health Department  
Edmonson County Ambulance Service

The Edmonson County Ambulance Service recently underwent an expansion of staff. Several staff members were upgraded to Emergency Medical Technicians and Advanced Life Support System equipment was purchased.

### Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Bank of Edmonson County  
Brownsville Deposit Bank

### Newspapers

Edmonson News

### Telephone Service

Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky

## RECREATION

### Local

A community recreation center in Brownsville provides facilities for year-round activities. The county park provides three lighted baseball/softball fields, with plans to construct a tennis court. The Brownsville City Park, located along the Green River, offers picnic areas, campsites, a shelter house, restroom facilities, and a boat ramp.

Other recreational facilities include a playground, a football field, the Baptist Church Camp, fairgrounds, and a private golf course located in southern Edmonson County. The Seven Springs Park, located in southern Edmonson County includes a campground, picnic areas, swimming, fishing and hiking.

**Nolin River Lake** is just north of Mammoth Cave National Park. The lake has a surface area of 5,800 acres and offers facilities for camping, boating, and fishing.

**Mammoth Cave National Park** is located 14 miles east of Brownsville near Cave City. Beneath 52,000 park acres, Mammoth Cave is among the major tourist attractions of all times. It is the largest cave network ever discovered, with over 300 miles of caverns. Some famous sights are Snowball Dining Room (267 feet below surface), Frozen Niagara, Crystal Lake, and Bottomless Pit. The park also features scenic boat trips on the Green River and nature and hiking trails. Park accommodations include a hotel with distinctive gift shops featuring native Kentucky and Southern Highland handicrafts, a motor lodge, hotel cottages, and woodland cottages. Other park facilities include the hotel dining room and coffee shop, a service center, group meeting facilities, a campground, boat rides, a picnic area, and tennis and shuffleboard courts. The park is open for tours every day of the year (except Christmas Day).

**Barren River Lake State Resort Park**, 43 miles south of Brownsville near Glasgow, is a full-facility resort park offering a 51-room resort lodge, 12 cottages, a coffee shop, a heated lodge and cottage pool, a beach, riding stables, nature trails, open and covered boat slips, a nine-hole golf course, lighted handball and tennis courts, shuffleboard, park camping with a service building, a restaurant, fishing and pleasure boat rentals, picnic areas, and a playground. Barren River Lake, which covers 10,000 acres, is a popular area for skiing, sailing, fishing, and swimming.

### Area (Within 70 miles)

Old Mulkey Meeting House  
Lake Malone State Park  
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace  
National Historic Site



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent

The Edmonson County Emergency Medical Service was recently upgraded to advanced life support status. Staff was increased by 50 percent and a third ambulance will be added in 1991.

The City of Brownsville received funds from the Barren River Area Development District to improve drainage at the existing industrial park. The project involves installing large concrete tiles to level off portions of the site. The \$50,000 project is scheduled to be completed in 1991. The 28-acre industrial park, which is accessible from Kentucky 70, has an access road and utilities in place.

A second industrial park is currently being developed by the Brownsville-Edmonson County Chamber of Commerce. This 15-acre site is adjacent to Kentucky 259 near Kentucky 70. The Chamber hopes to secure funds from local banks, local government and from the state in order to build an access road and a 40,000 square-foot spec building.

The Edmonson County Water District recently approved a twenty-two mile line extension project which will provide service to 185 additional customers.

### Planned

The Brownsville Sewer System will undergo extensive improvements to the sewage treatment facility. The \$550,000 project is scheduled to be completed by November 1991.

The Edmonson County Art Council plans to construct an amphitheater at the Green River City Park. The Council has developed an outdoor drama, "Death of Floyd Collins", which will be presented during the spring and summer at the amphitheater.



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