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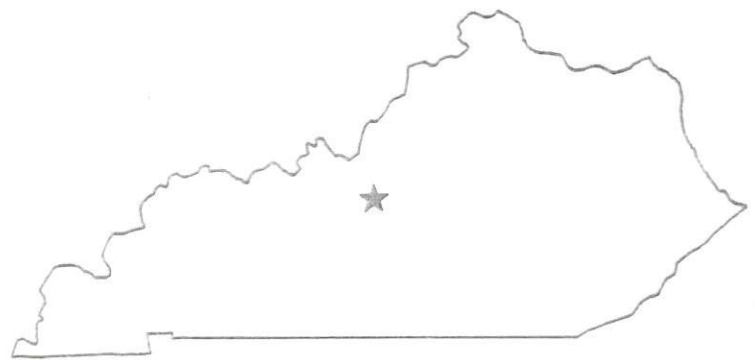
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# *Resources for Economic Development*

## Hodgenville



**KENTUCKY**

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HODGENVILLE, KENTUCKY

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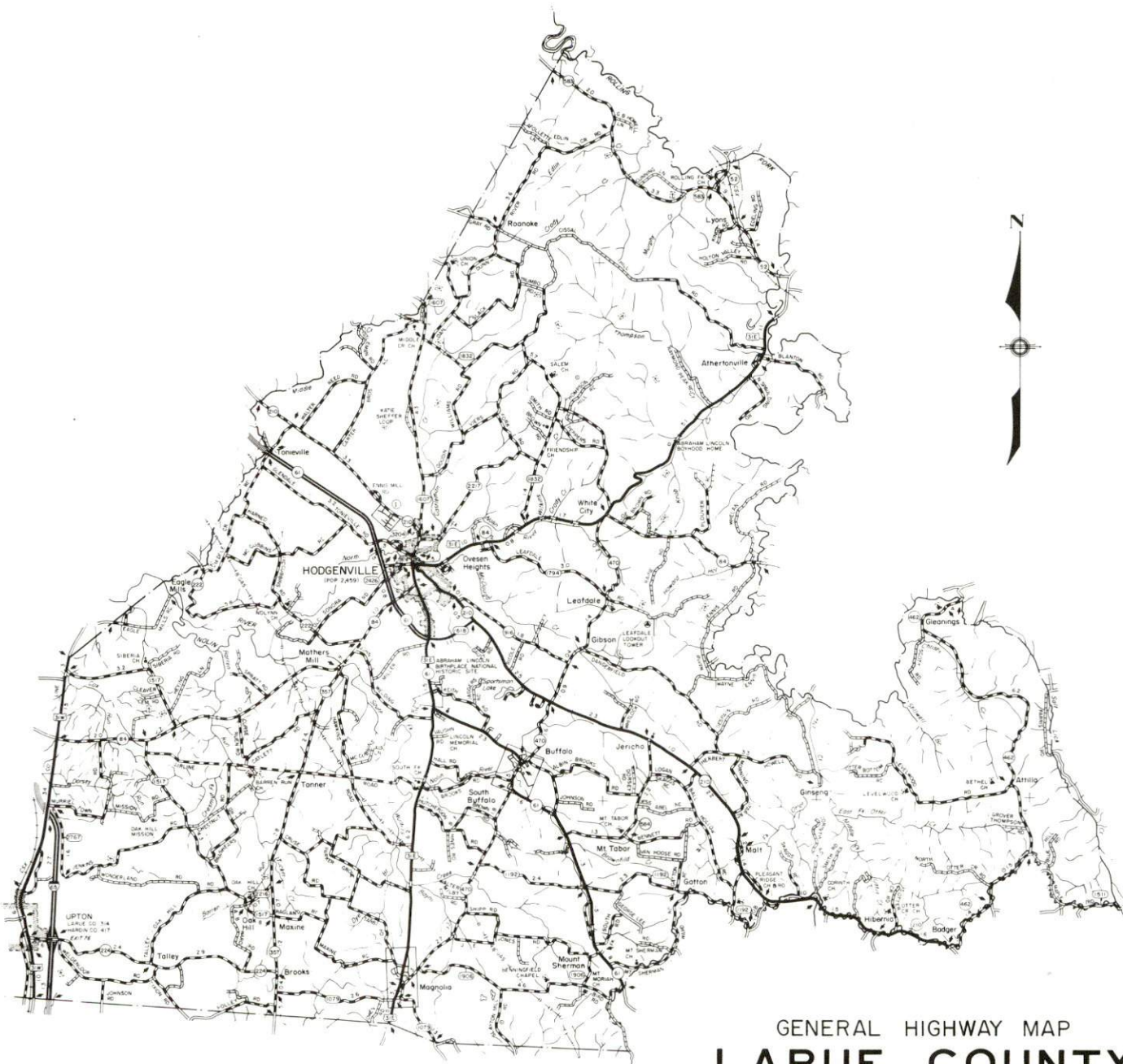
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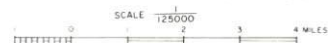
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**LARUE COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
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DIVISION OF PLANNING  
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## HODGENVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Hodgenville, the county seat of LaRue County and birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, is located in south-central Kentucky's Mississippian Plateaus Region, 56 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky, and 140 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee. The city had a 1990 population of 2,721 persons.

LaRue County, with a generally low, rolling topography, has a land area of 263 square miles. LaRue County had a 1990 population of 11,679 persons.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of LaRue County residents employed in 1992 averaged 4,666. Wholesale and retail trade provided 358 jobs; 300 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 471 employees; and contract construction firms provided 114 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 11,365 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1993 through 1997, 14,641 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - The Lincoln Parkway (a segment of Kentucky Route 61) is a four-lane highway connecting Hodgenville with Elizabethtown, 12 miles northwest, where a network of multi-lane highways converge. Other "AAA"-rated trucking highways serving Hodgenville include U.S. Highway 31-E and Kentucky Route 210. Twelve common carrier trucking companies provide Hodgenville with interstate and/or intrastate service. CSX Transportation provides branch line rail service to Hodgenville. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Louisville's Standiford Field, 52 miles north of Hodgenville. Addington Field, with a 5,000-foot runway, is located 16 miles northwest of Hodgenville near Elizabethtown.

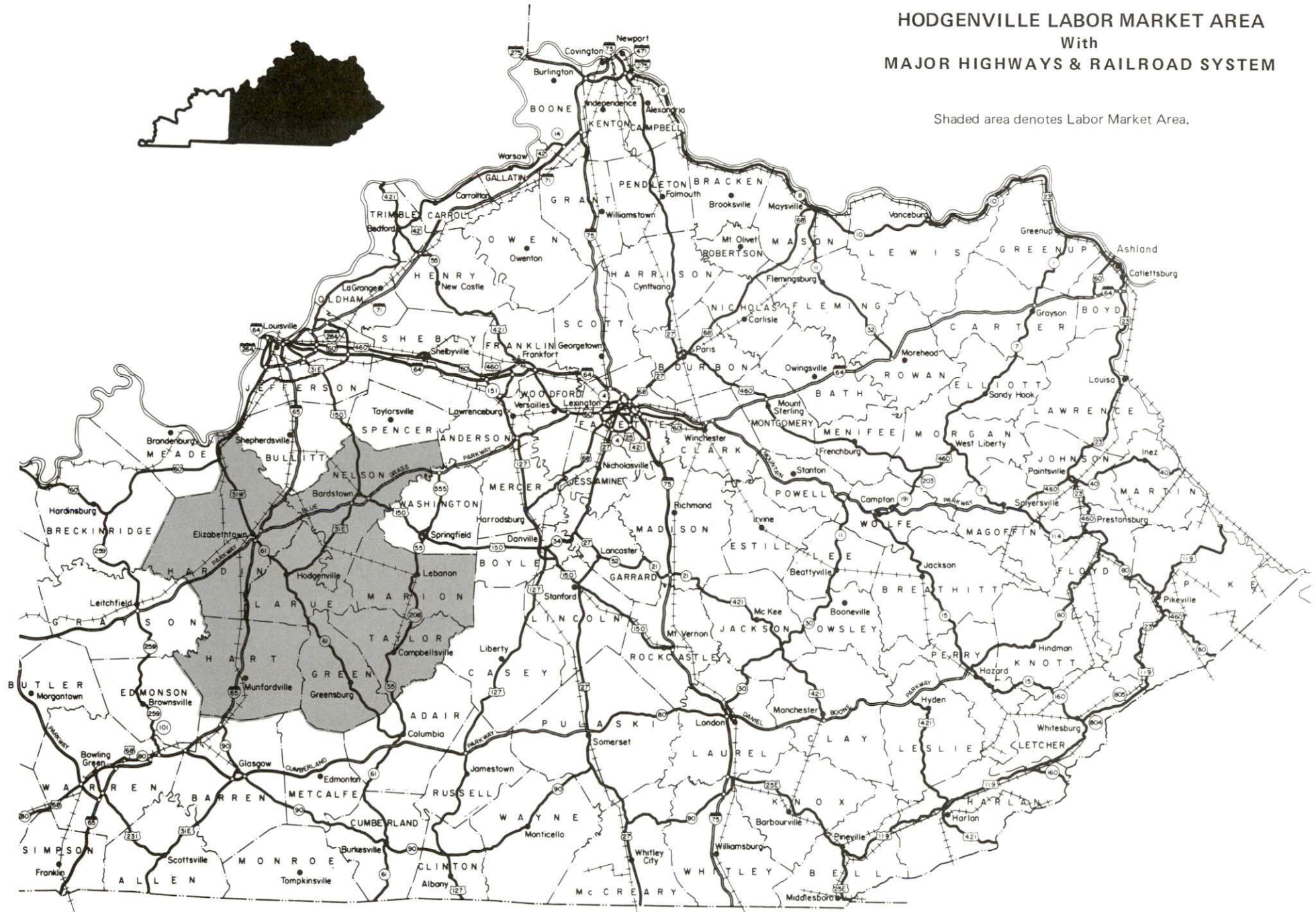
**Power and Fuel** - Hodgenville and parts of LaRue County receive electric power from Kentucky Utilities Company. Most of LaRue County is served by the Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided to Hodgenville by Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

**Education** - The LaRue County School System provides LaRue County residents with primary and secondary education. There are nine colleges and universities located within 80 miles of Hodgenville. Vocational training is available at the Elizabethtown State Vocational-Technical School, 12 miles northwest of Hodgenville; at the Nelson County Area Vocational Education Center, 25 miles northeast of Hodgenville; and at the Green County Area Vocational Education Center, 28 miles south of Hodgenville.



# HODGENVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Hodgenville Labor Market Area includes LaRue County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Green, Hardin, Hart, Marion, Nelson, and Taylor.

### POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	193,535	193,950	170,752
Hodgenville	2,721	2,531	2,562
LaRue County	11,679	11,922	10,672

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, January 1991.

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	198,294	202,082	207,867	210,641
LaRue County	11,681	11,650	11,561	11,424

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>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1993 thru 1997</u>
Labor Market Area*	11,365	6,273	5,092	14,641
LaRue County	1,304	371	933	861

\* 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, 1993 thru 1997.

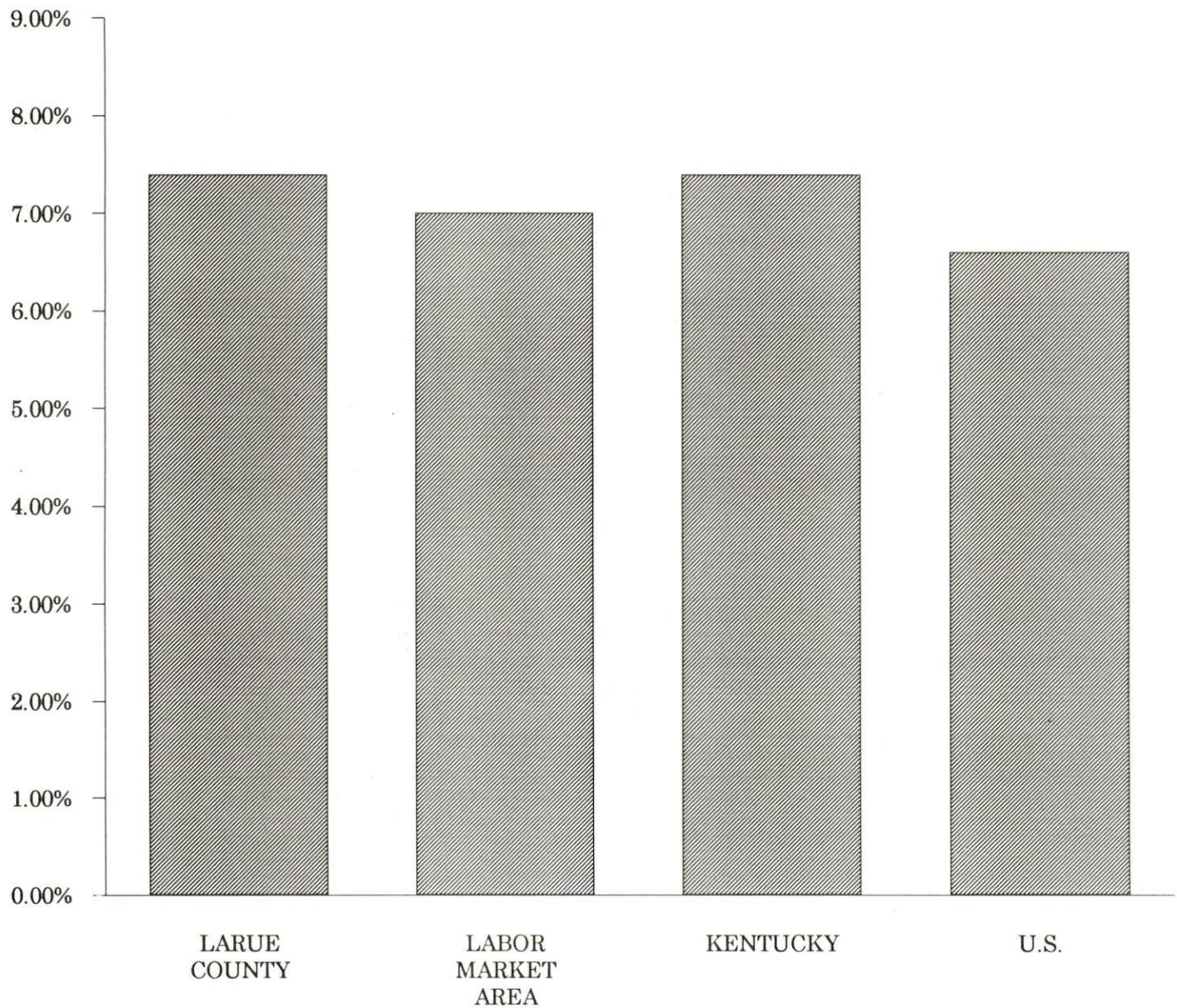


# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1992

	<u>LaRue County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	5,037	90,064
Employment	4,666	83,791
Unemployment	371	6,273
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.4	7.0

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1992.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1992

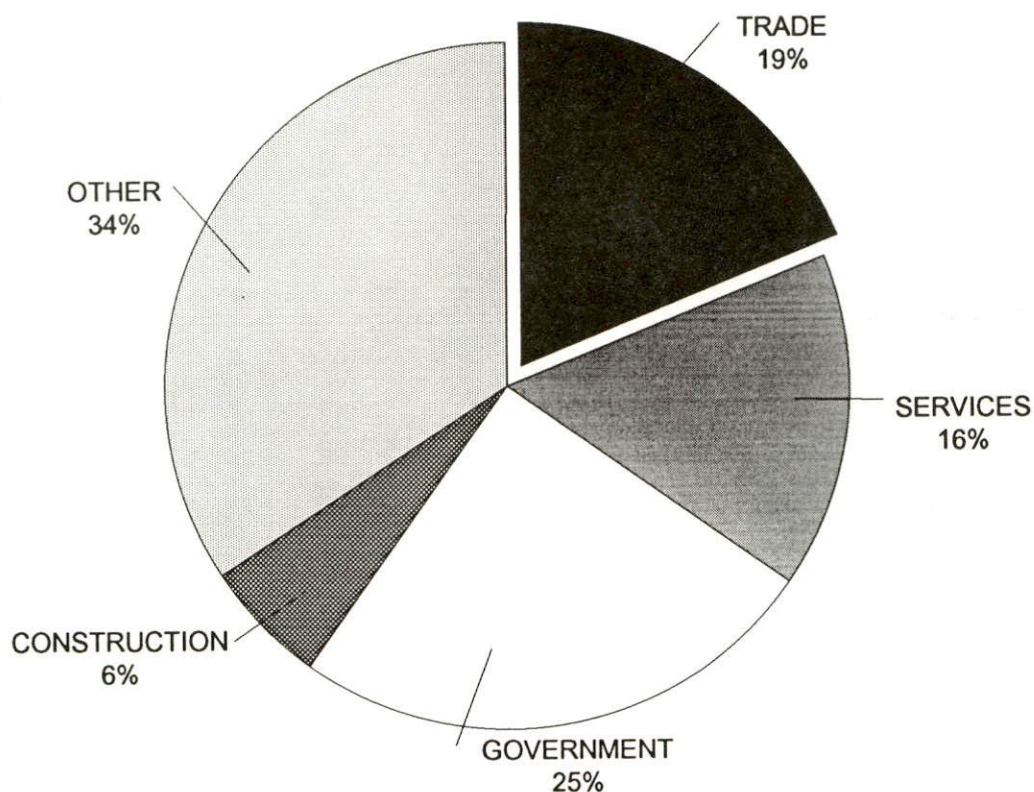


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992

	<u>LaRue County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	1,896	57,038
Manufacturing	N/A	16,799
Wholesale & Retail Trade	358	14,635
Services	300	8,644
State/Local Government	471	9,215
Contract Construction	114	2,518

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.

LARUE COUNTY



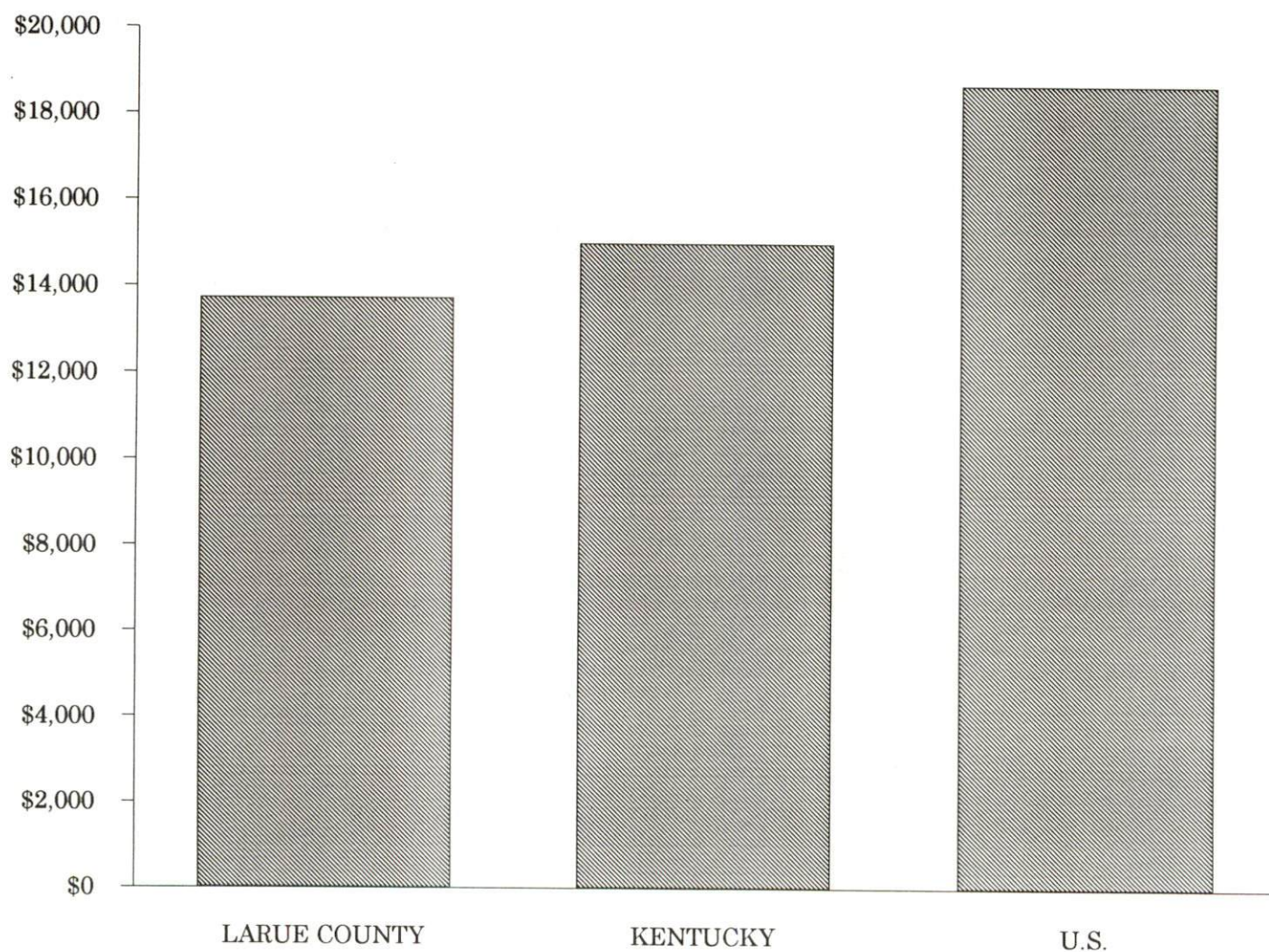


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1986	1990	Percent Change
LaRue County	\$10,387	\$13,727	32.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,304 - \$10,750	\$10,985 - \$14,580	-
Kentucky	\$11,273	\$14,992	33.0
U.S.	\$14,654	\$18,696	27.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1992.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1990





## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

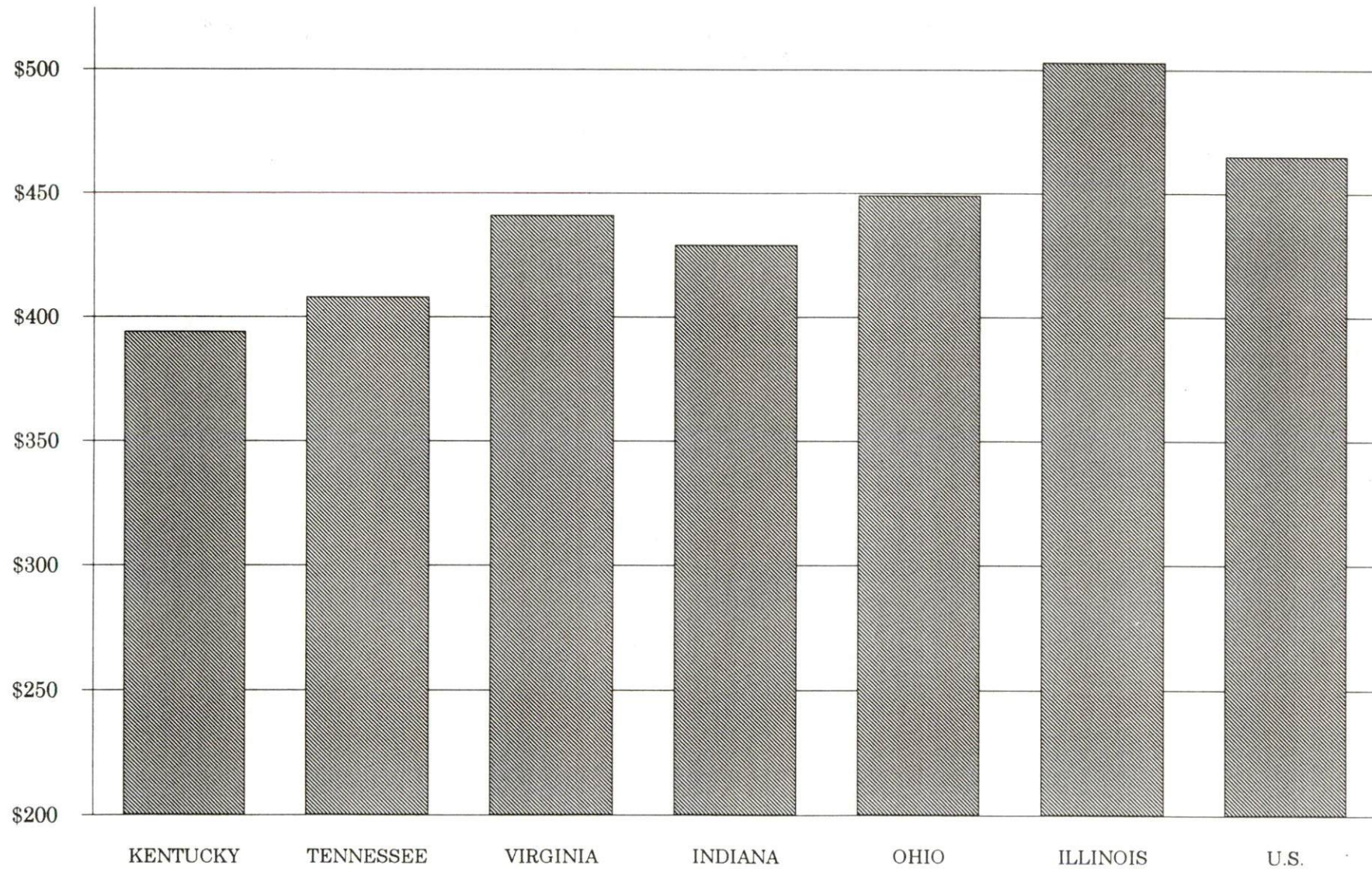
LaRue County is served by the Elizabethtown local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Elizabethtown local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1993, the local employment office filled 2,749 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	2,749	5.40
Clerical	729	4.75
Sales	93	5.28
Services (excluding domestic)	416	4.77
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	53	4.72
Processing	63	6.13
Machine Trades	745	5.79
Bench Work	116	5.01
Structural	223	6.19
Motor Freight/ Transportation	74	5.19
Packaging and Materials Handling	130	5.54
Other	3	10.28

The Elizabethtown local office also serves Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin and Meade 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 - 1991





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991\*

	<u>LaRue County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$274.14	\$394.46	\$408.00	\$441.00
Mining & Quarrying	.00	661.68	528.00	655.00
Contract Construction	265.53	410.33	436.00	452.00
Manufacturing	N/A	505.56	477.00	509.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	503.56	528.78	541.00	605.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	212.70	268.42	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	322.72	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	250.05	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	345.21	413.84	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$429.00	\$449.00	\$503.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	708.00	609.00	758.00	747.00
Contract Construction	499.00	510.00	635.00	514.00
Manufacturing	583.00	613.00	609.00	579.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	531.00	567.00	632.00	599.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	458.00	498.00	650.00	596.00
Services	368.00	398.00	462.00	443.00
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, 1991. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1991, January 1993.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

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

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1992</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Hodgenville</b>		
Central Kentucky Truss, Inc. (1992)	Wood trusses	12
Crop Production Services (1970)	Blended fertilizer	4
Crucible Magnetics Engineered Products (1990)	Magnetic pump couplings, precision fabricated magnets, holding assemblies	30
Master Built Cabinets (1988)	Custom wood cabinets	11
Morrison Farm Service (1949)	Fertilizer, feed	13
Mouser Industries (1972)	Wood cabinets	20
Nationwide Uniform Corporation (1961)	Industrial uniforms	450
Ronnie's Custom Cabinets (1975)	Wood cabinets, wood furniture	3
Thompson's Heading & Stave Mill (1965)	Lumber, staves, headings	50
Walters Cabinets, Inc. (1972)	Custom wood cabinets	45
<b>Buffalo</b>		
Meers Tire Service, Inc. (1955)	Tire fabric recaps (trucks)	20
<b>Magnolia</b>		
Morrison Farm Service (1953)	Fertilizer, feed	3

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and LaRue County Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee.

## RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Central Kentucky Truss, a wood truss manufacturer, initiated operations in Hodgenville in 1992. The company employs twelve persons.

Crucible Magnetics Engineered Products recently constructed a 20,000-square-foot expansion to its facility at a cost of \$400,000.

## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers of America	Nationwide Uniform Corporation

## SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Hodgenville</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Bardstown	25
Electric Motor Repair	Elizabethtown	12
Heat Treating Facilities	Louisville	56
Industrial Waste Removal	New Haven	11
	Elizabethtown	12
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Elizabethtown	12
Metal Castings	Horse Cave	38
Metal Finishers	Elizabethtown	12
Metal Service Centers	Elizabethtown	12
Millwrights & Riggers	Louisville	56

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



## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

The Lincoln Parkway, U.S. Highway 31-E south of Hodgenville, and Kentucky Route 210 north of Hodgenville and through the city are all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Hodgenville. The Lincoln Parkway (a segment of Kentucky Route 61) is a four-lane highway extending from U.S. Highway 31-E south of Hodgenville, around the city's west side, and extends to Elizabethtown, 12 miles northwest of Hodgenville, where a network of east-west and north-south highways converge. These include Interstate Highway 65, the Blue Grass Parkway, and the Western Kentucky Parkway, all multi-lane, controlled-access highways.

U.S. Highway 31-E north of the city and Kentucky Routes 61 and 210 south of the city are "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	365	Los Angeles, CA	2,131
Baltimore, MD	617	Louisville, KY	56
Birmingham, AL	327	Nashville, TN	140
Chicago, IL	344	New Orleans, LA	656
Cincinnati, OH	156	New York, NY	794
Cleveland, OH	398	Pittsburgh, PA	424
Detroit, MI	415	St. Louis, MO	314
Knoxville, TN	250		

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

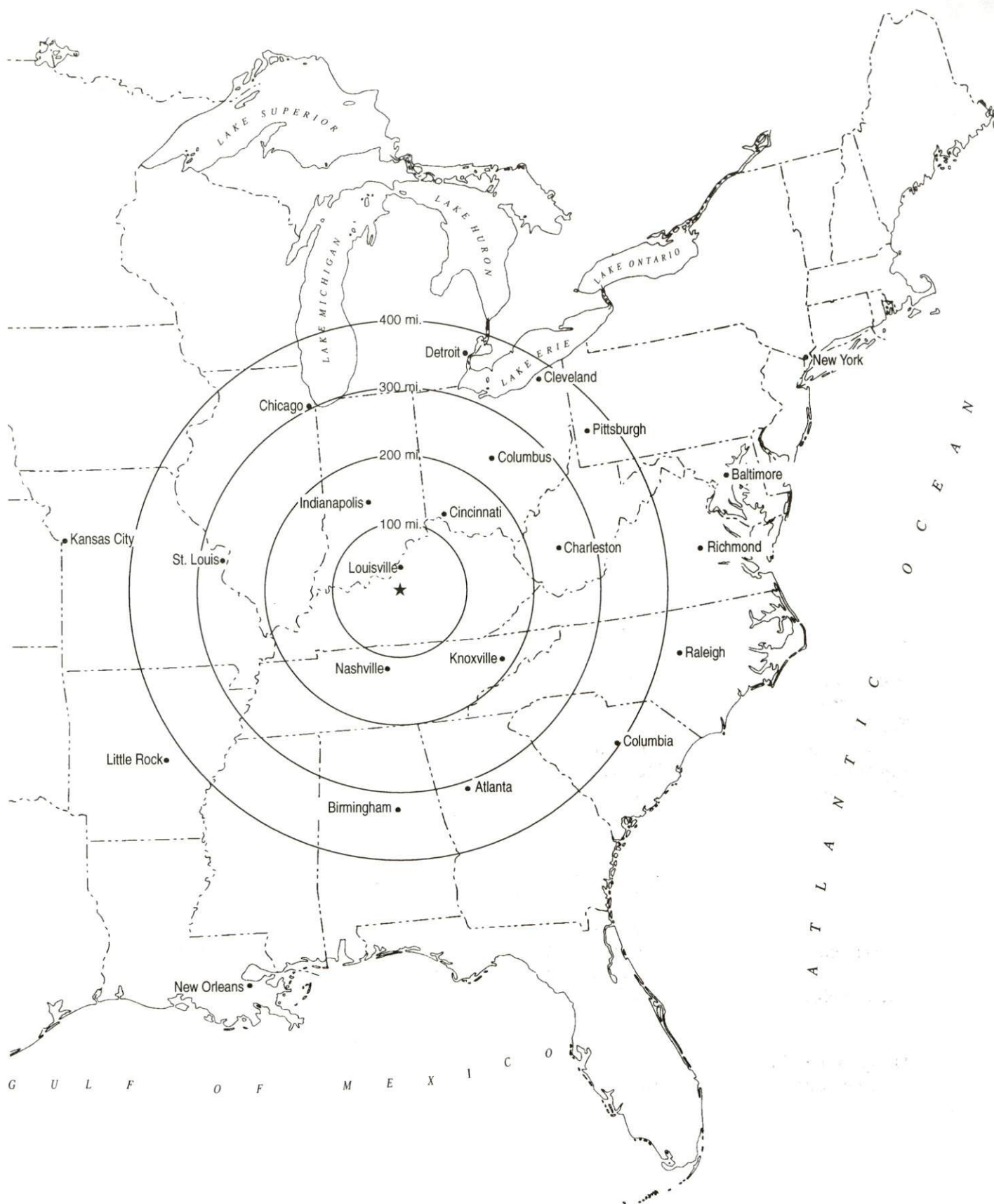
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

### Truck Service

Twelve common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hodgenville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1993.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides branch line rail service to Hodgenville, which connects with both Paducah and Louisville Railway and CSX Transportation main line rail service at Elizabethtown, twelve miles northwest of Hodgenville.

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

and/or

Vice President - Marketing & Sales  
Paducah and Louisville Railway  
1500 Kentucky Avenue  
Paducah, Kentucky 42001  
(502) 444-4341

## Air

### Local

Location:	Addington Field 4 miles west of Elizabethtown; 16 miles northwest of Hodgenville
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	5,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Unicom, wind sock
Lighting:	Runway and beacon, VASI, REILS, lighted taxiway
Services:	100 octane, jet-A fuel, charter, major A & P repairs, hangar, tie-down, flight instruction, lease car, FBO

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Standiford Field 4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky; 52 miles north of Hodgenville
Air Service:	Air Toronto, Delta, Northwest, American, Continental, TWA, United, USAir, ComAir, Midway, Midwest Express, Southwest
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	136

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Hodgenville** and parts of **LaRue County** - Kentucky

Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving a major portion of **LaRue County** - Nolin Rural

Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative  
Corporation  
612 East Dixie  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701  
(502) 765-6153

### Natural Gas

Company serving **Hodgenville** - Louisville Gas and Electric Company

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Manager  
Economic Development Department  
Louisville Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 32010  
Louisville, Kentucky 40232  
In Kentucky: (502) 627-3717  
Out of State: (800) 252-0226



## Public Water Supply

Company serving Hodgenville - Hodgenville Water Works  
207 East Water Street  
P.O. Drawer 189  
Hodgenville, Kentucky 42748  
(502) 358-9515

Source -	North Fork of Nolin River
Treatment plant capacity -	500,000 gallons per day
Source of treated water -	LaRue County Water District No.1
Maximum amount available -	200,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	525,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	600,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	600,000 gallons
Water pressure -	48 psi to 72 psi

Hodgenville Water Works plans to upgrade the water treatment plant from 500,000 to 1,000,000 gallons per day.

## Sewerage

Company serving Hodgenville - City of Hodgenville  
208 Lincoln Boulevard  
Hodgenville, Kentucky 42748  
(502) 358-8521

Design capacity -	431,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	367,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	North Fork of Nolin River



## CLIMATE

### LaRue County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1991	57.30 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (47-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (47-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,814
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (47-year record)	15.70 inches
Total precipitation 1991	41.80 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (47-year record)	129.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (47-year record)	44.90

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

#### Relative Humidity (28-year record, except 1 a.m. - 27-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1991. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The city of Hodgenville is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor serves a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. LaRue County is served by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. The judge/executive and magistrates are elected to serve four-year terms.

### Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Land of Lincoln Planning & Zoning Commission  
Participating cities - Hodgenville, Buffalo, Magnolia  
Zoning enforced - All areas  
Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas  
Local codes enforced - Building and housing in all areas  
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

Annual business license fees levied by the City of Hodgenville vary according to the type of business and range from \$25 to \$500. A \$50 truck loading and unloading fee is required annually.

## 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>1992 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.184	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, 1992**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
LaRue County	\$0.2762	\$0.2402	\$0.2370
School Districts:			
LaRue County	0.4290	0.4360	0.5520
Cities:			
Hodgenville	0.1640	0.1910	0.1580

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

#### LaRue County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	2,266
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	18.1-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	53.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,242.46

The LaRue County School System will complete construction of a new \$5.5 million high school in 1994.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Hodgenville)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1992)</u>
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown (12)	4,297
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville (30)	1,042
Saint Catharine College	Springfield (44)	353
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia (48)	1,091
Bellarmino College	Louisville (56)	2,977
Jefferson Community College	Louisville (56)	11,861
Spalding University	Louisville (56)	1,141
University of Louisville	Louisville (56)	22,634
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green (78)	15,750

Ten institutions of higher education operate extension campuses at Fort Knox Military Reservation, 27 miles northwest of Hodgenville. The extension campuses confer various graduate and undergraduate degree programs and are open to the public.



## VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

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

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Hodgenville)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1991-1992</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	
Elizabethtown State Vocational- Technical School	Elizabethtown (12)	16	43	562	190
Nelson County Area Vocational Education Center	Bardstown (25)	7	181	16	78
Green County Area Vocational Education Center	Greensburg (28)	10	284	41	96

### Customized Training

The Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation Training Consortium is a partnership of local companies, government, civic and education representatives who are dedicated to achieve training excellence by planning, conducting and evaluating training for people from local business and industry to ensure continuous improvement. The partnership cooperatively ties together Elizabethtown Community College and Elizabethtown SVTS.

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 business. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should simply contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Kentucky Tech Northwest Region office in Elizabethtown.

### Assessment Services

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



### Articulation

Articulation agreements developed between various colleges and universities and the Kentucky Tech system allow students to earn credits to be used when matriculating to degree programs at a college or university. Elizabethtown SVTS has articulation agreements with Elizabethtown Community College.

### Adult Basic Education

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Hodgenville, adult literacy is provided by the LaRue County Literacy Council and adult basic education is provided by the LaRue County Board of Education.

### 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 - 1  
Dentists - 3

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Hodgenville)</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Hardin Memorial Hospital	Elizabethtown (12)	300

Medical staff - 140 physicians, 374 registered nurses, 21 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

LaRue County Health Department  
LaRue County Home Health Agency  
Sunrise Manor Nursing Home  
Hodgenville Clinic  
Magnolia Clinic Laboratory

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of Magnolia  
Cumberland Federal Savings Bank  
The Lincoln National Bank  
The Peoples State Bank

### Newspapers

The LaRue County Herald News

### Telephone Service

GTE South

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## RECREATION

### Local

Recreational opportunities are abundant and varied in Hodgenville and LaRue County. Local facilities include a city-county park with five lighted ball fields, four lighted tennis courts, a lighted pavilion, and a swimming pool.

The LaRue County Fairgrounds is the site of the oldest continuous fair in Kentucky. Facilities at the fairgrounds include a horseshow ring, a pavilion, grandstands, exhibition buildings, permanent horse stables, kitchen facilities, and parking areas. Fair activities include horseshows, cattle shows, pet shows, beauty contests, carnivals, home-life displays such as quilting, and canning, and truck and tractor pulls.

The Lincoln Days Celebration is an annual event held each October in which local clubs and organizations put on a variety of activities. These include pioneer games, craft exhibitions, an art contest, a costume contest, railsplitting, the 10,000-meter Railsplitter Run marathon, a parade, a talent show, and the Abe Lincoln Look-Alike Contest.

Organized annual sports programs in Hodgenville include peanut league, pony league, and co-ed league baseball; league basketball; soccer; volleyball; gymnastics; aerobics; and horseshoes.

The LaRue County Sportsman's Club Lake, located three miles southeast of Hodgenville, offers camping sites, swimming, boating, fishing, a clubhouse, and a pavilion. The Mid-Kentucky Kennel Show is held annually at the lake. Salem Lake, located northeast of Hodgenville, is also utilized as a recreational facility and it offers picnic areas and fishing.

Two buildings on Lincoln Square - the Women's Club building and the community center building - are available to groups for meetings and projects. Community activities also are held at LaRue County High School.

The LaRue County Country Club is a private recreational facility featuring an eighteen-hole golf course and clubhouse.

Other points of interest include the downtown Hodgenville Historical District overlooked by the A.A. Weinmann Bronze Statue of Abraham Lincoln which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Several Civil War Campsites are scattered throughout the county.

The Lincoln Boyhood Home at Knob Creek Farm, a privately-managed historical site, was Lincoln's last home in Kentucky. The site offers a replica of the original Lincoln family cabin, a gift shop, picnic facilities, and special features allowing access for the handicapped.

A new air-conditioned recreational facility was constructed at the city-county park in 1993. This facility can be utilized for a variety of recreational and social events.



Perhaps the area's most popular attraction is the **Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site**, located three miles south of Hodgenville. The site features the log cabin which was the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, enclosed within a granite memorial shrine. The grounds include 116 acres of the original Thomas Lincoln farm and a visitors' center with audiovisual programs and exhibits on the Lincoln family.

The community owned Lincoln Museum is located in the heart of downtown Hodgenville. The museum features historical dioramas of Lincoln's life.

**Area (Within 50 miles)**

Bernheim Forest Arboretum and  
Nature Center  
Green River Lake State Park  
Kentucky Railway Museum  
Lincoln Homestead State Park  
Mammoth Cave National Park  
My Old Kentucky Home State Park  
Nolin River Lake

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Hodgenville was chosen as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1992. The award is based on achievement in the following categories: Economic Development (includes tourism or industrial development) community organizations, utilities, infrastructure, community appearance, downtown revitalization, education and recreation. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Central Kentucky Truss, a wood truss manufacturer, initiated operations in Hodgenville in 1992. The company employs twelve persons.

Crucible Magnetics Engineered Products recently constructed a 20,000-square-foot expansion to its facility at a cost of \$400,000.

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Hodgenville Water Works plans to upgrade the water treatment plant from 500,000 to 1,000,000 gallons per day.

The LaRue County School System will complete construction of a new \$5.5 million high school in 1994.

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In 1993, a new \$400,000 Senior Citizens Center was constructed in LaRue County.

The LaRue County Country Club, a private recreational facility, constructed an additional nine holes to its golf course for a total of eighteen holes.

The City of Hodgenville has actively participated in the Kentucky Main Street Program. This program is facilitated by the Kentucky Heritage Council to assist communities in revitalizing their downtowns.