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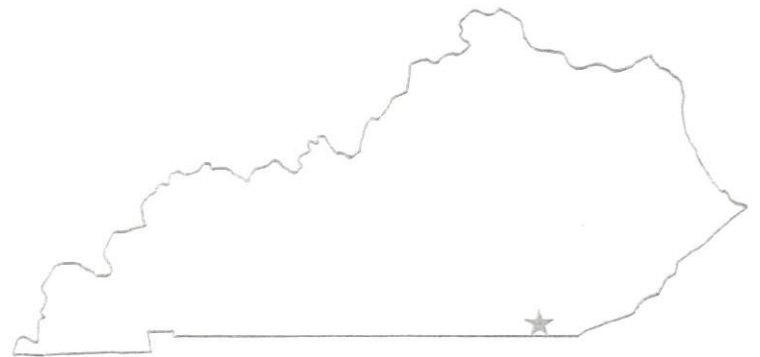
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Williamsburg



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WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY

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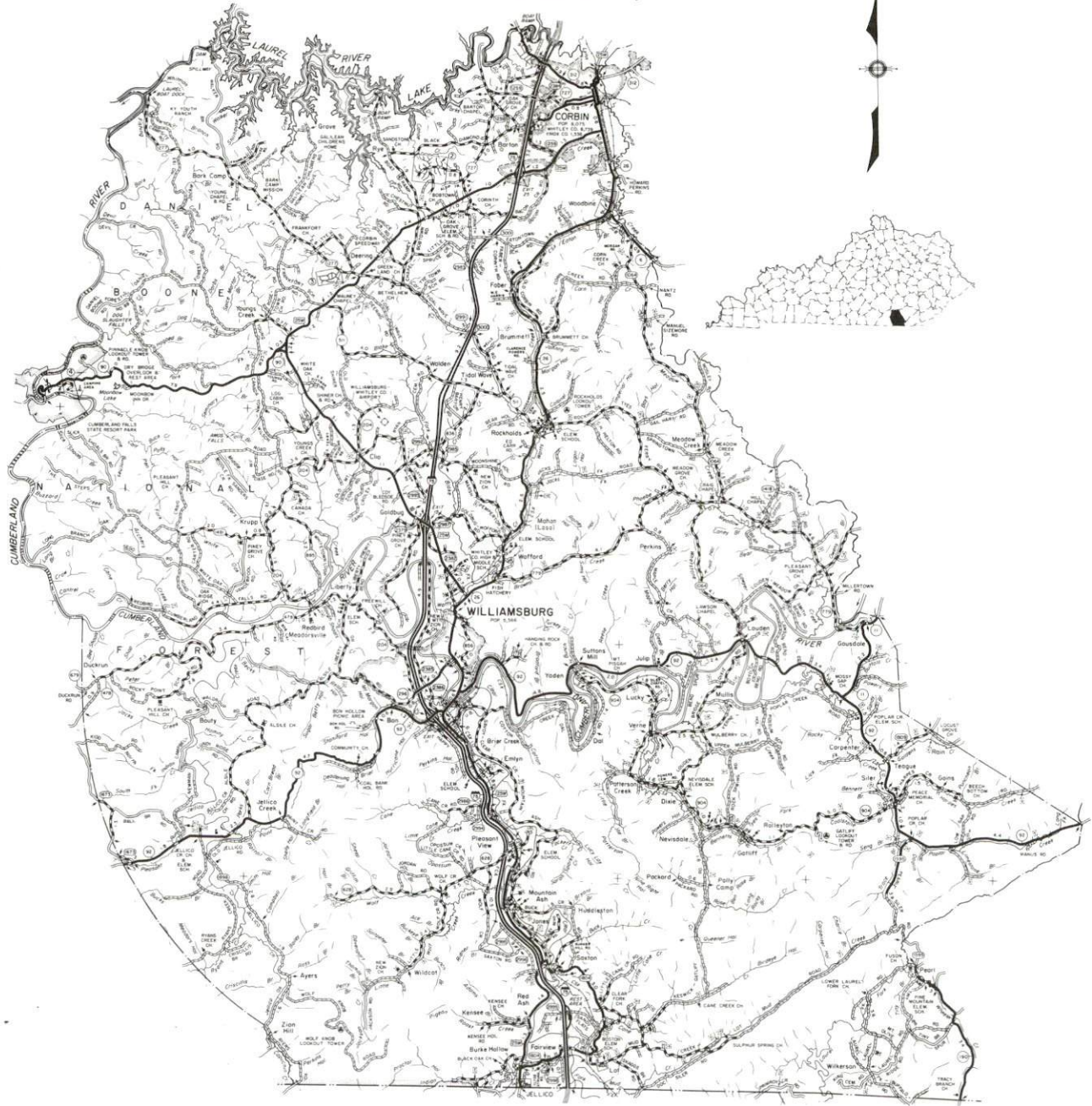
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
WHITLEY COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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DIVISION OF PLANNING
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Williamsburg, the county seat of Whitley County, is located on the southern border of the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. The city of Williamsburg is located 66 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 175 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 183 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. Williamsburg had a 1990 population of 5,493.

Whitley County covers a total land area of 440 square miles. Whitley County is a well-dissected upland with a hilly to mountainous terrain. The county's southern boundary is formed by the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. Whitley County had a 1990 population of 33,326.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Whitley County residents employed in 1991 averaged 10,252. In 1990, manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,193 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,911 jobs; 2,508 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,371 employees; and contract construction firms provided 228 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 35,925 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 12,826 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

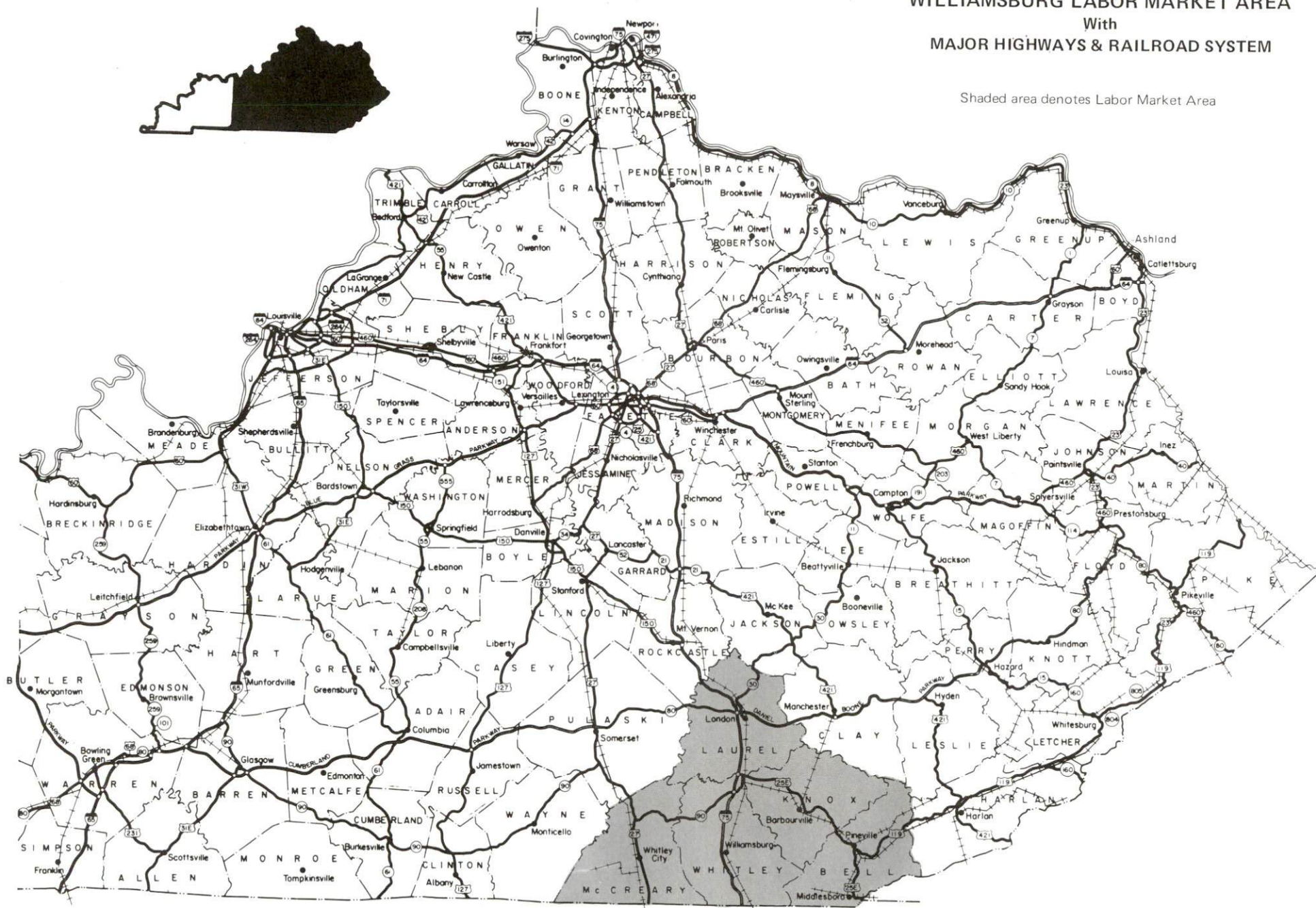
Transportation - Williamsburg is served directly by Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor; by U.S. 25W, a "AAA"-rated trucking highway; and by Kentucky Highway 92, a "AA"-rated trucking highway. Seventeen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Williamsburg. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Williamsburg. The nearest scheduled commercial airport, McGhee Tyson airport near Knoxville, Tennessee, is located 76 miles south of Williamsburg. The Whitley County Airport, eight miles north of Williamsburg, maintains a 2,500-foot paved runway designed to accommodate small aircraft.

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

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Williamsburg Independent School System and the Whitley County School System. Cumberland College, established in 1889, is a four-year co-educational liberal arts college located in Williamsburg. In addition, nine other institutions of higher learning are located within 80 miles of Williamsburg. Vocational education is available at the Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School in London, 31 miles north of Williamsburg and at the Corbin Area Vocational Education Center, 15 miles north of Williamsburg.

WILLIAMSBURG LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Williamsburg Labor Market Area includes Whitley County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bell, Knox, Laurel, and McCreary. In addition, the labor market is supplemented by Campbell County, Tennessee.

POPULATION			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	153,549	152,581	118,889
Williamsburg	5,493	5,560	3,687
Whitley County	33,326	33,396	24,145

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	153,017	152,082	150,324	146,863
Whitley County	32,875	32,299	31,390	30,300

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current				Future
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996</u>
Labor Market Area*	35,925	4,765	6,681	24,479	12,826
Whitley County	8,817	991	1,762	6,064	2,751

* 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).

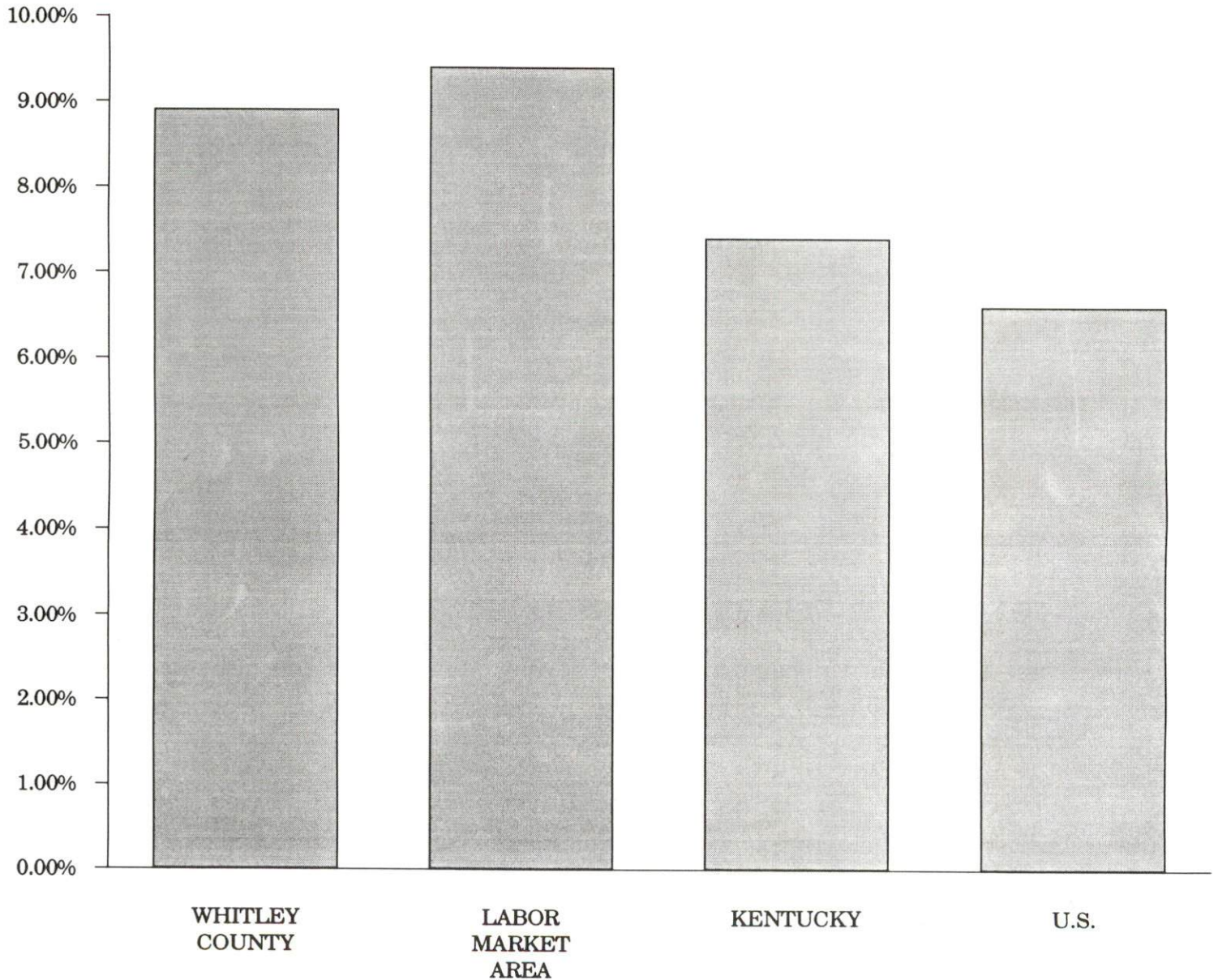
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1991

	Whitley County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	11,250	53,820
Employment	10,252	48,754
Unemployment	998	5,066
Rate of Unemployment (%)	8.9	9.4

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1991.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1991

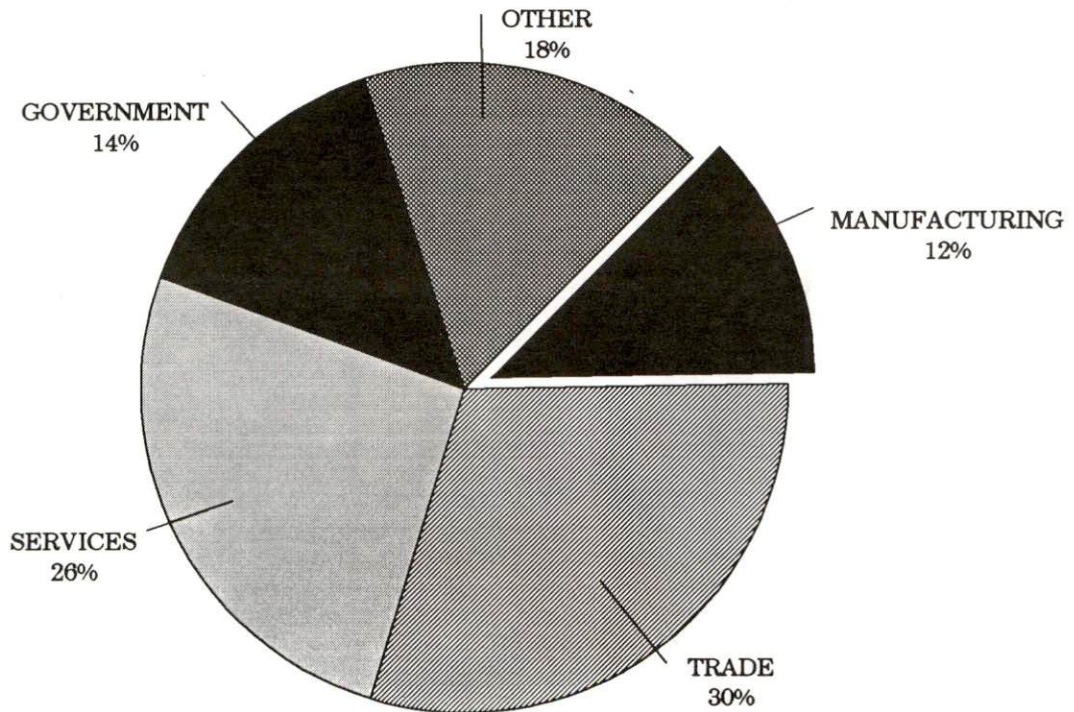


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990

	Whitley County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	9,679	41,835
Manufacturing	1,193	7,542
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,911	11,920
Services	2,508	8,646
State/Local Government	1,371	6,275
Contract Construction	228	1,649

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, 1990.

WHITLEY COUNTY

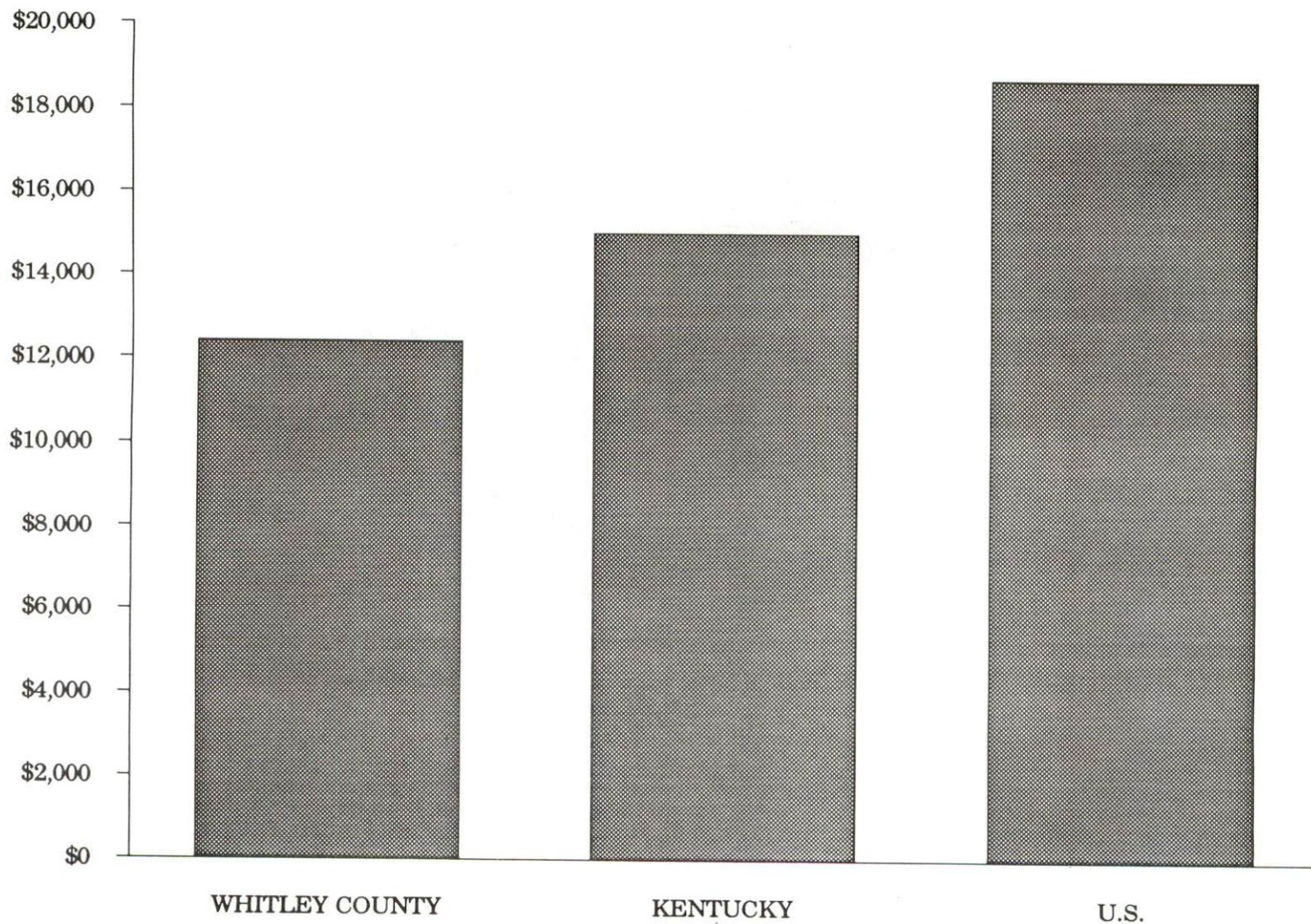


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1986	1990	Percent Change
Whitley County	\$8,931	\$12,390	38.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,398 - \$9,312	\$7,663 - \$12,390	-
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

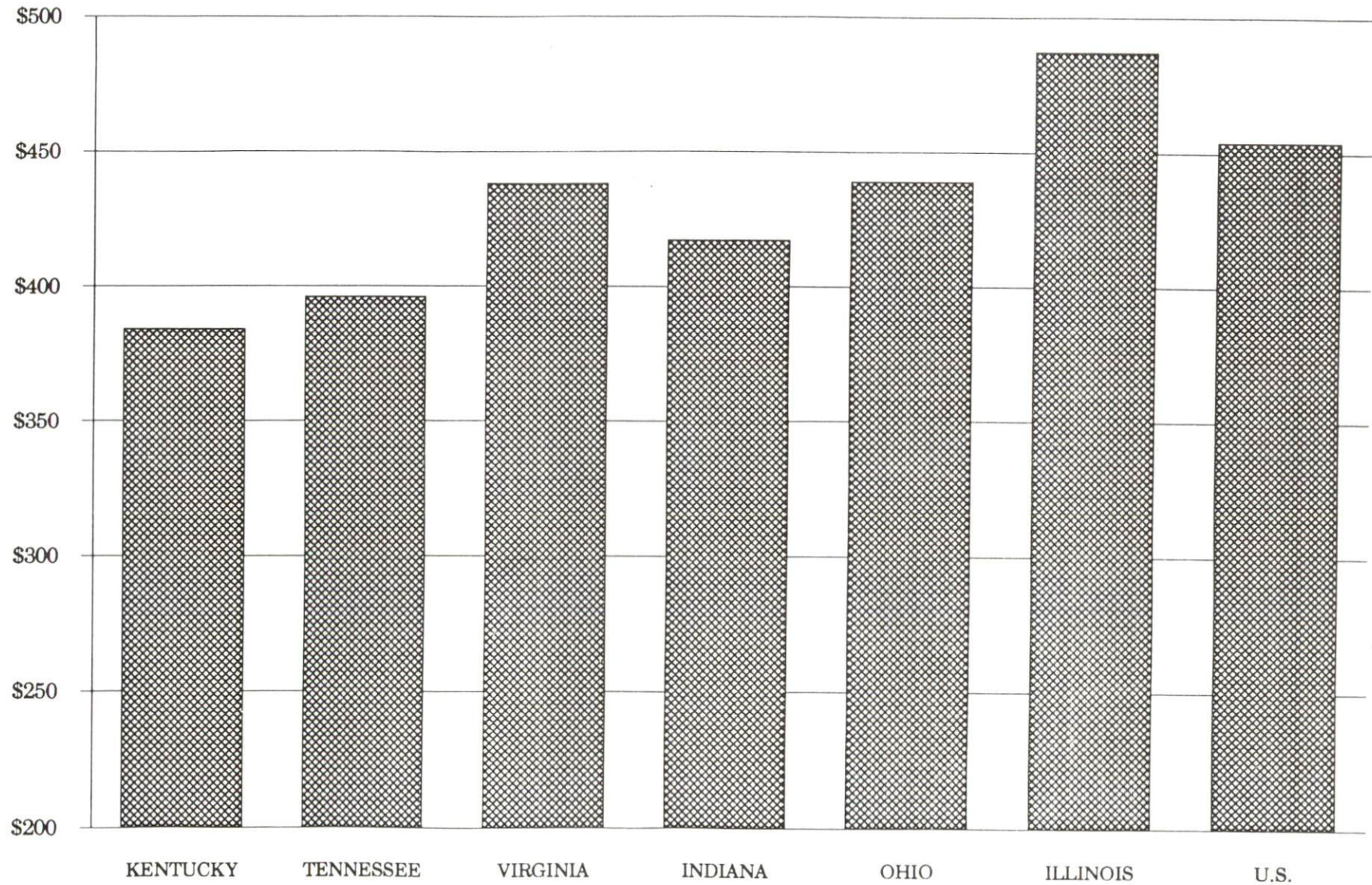
Whitley County is served by the Corbin local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 2,508 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	2,508	4.20
Clerical	953	3.75
Sales	141	4.04
Services (excluding domestic)	463	3.48
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	10	4.23
Processing	103	4.76
Machine Trades	36	6.10
Bench Work	213	3.63
Structural	245	5.11
Motor Freight/ Transportation	70	4.90
Packaging and Materials Handling	210	6.37
Other	9	5.49

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

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1990



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990*

	Whitley County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$323.04	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	537.32	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	300.30	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	320.42	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	381.21	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	239.32	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	329.33	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	342.59	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	338.12	392.28	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$417.00	\$439.00	\$487.00	\$454.00
Mining & Quarrying	746.00	619.00	747.00	714.00
Contract Construction	475.00	504.00	624.00	503.00
Manufacturing	561.00	595.00	590.00	555.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	519.00	553.00	610.00	578.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442.00	478.00	619.00	571.00
Services	349.00	382.00	444.00	423.00
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, 1990. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1990, November 1991.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

WILLIAMSBURG MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Fine Bottling Company, Inc. (1935)	Soft drinks	5
Firestone Industrial Products (1989)	Motor vehicle air springs	202
Lawson Tool Company, Inc. (1976)	High-speed metal cutting tools	6
Lion Apparel, Inc. (1959)	Government uniform clothing and industrial work clothing	300
Print Shop (1985)	Commercial printing	3
Tri-County Manufacturing & Assembly, Inc. (1978)	Automotive electrical wire harness, typewriter components	170
Whitley County Concrete II, Inc. (1963)	Concrete septic tanks, ready-mixed concrete	16
Williamsburg Plastics (1992)	Plastic injection molding components and parts	125

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; The Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no unions representing manufacturing workers in Williamsburg.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Williamsburg</u>
Custom Data Processing	London, Kentucky	31
	Barbourville, Kentucky	31
Custom Plastics Producers	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky	49
	Middlesboro, Kentucky	51
Electric Motor Repair	Corbin, Kentucky	15
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Richmond, Kentucky	78
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	78
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Knoxville, Tennessee	66
	Richmond, Kentucky	78
Industrial Gases	Corbin, Kentucky	15
Industrial Waste Removal	Corbin, Kentucky	15
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Corbin, Kentucky	15
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	51
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	78
Metal Service Centers	Knoxville, Tennessee	66
	Richmond, Kentucky	78
Millwrights	Knoxville, Tennessee	66
Public Warehouse Facilities	Knoxville, Tennessee	66

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Interstate 75, a major north-south multi-lane highway, directly serves Williamsburg. The city is also served directly by U.S. 25W, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, and Kentucky Highway 92, a "AA"-rated (60,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Access to the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is available 31 miles north at London.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	261	Los Angeles, CA	2,246
Baltimore, MD	577	Louisville, KY	175
Birmingham, AL	314	Nashville, TN	242
Chicago, IL	449	New Orleans, LA	654
Cincinnati, OH	183	New York, NY	778
Cleveland, OH	415	Pittsburgh, PA	439
Detroit, MI	441	St. Louis, MO	433
Knoxville, TN	66		

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

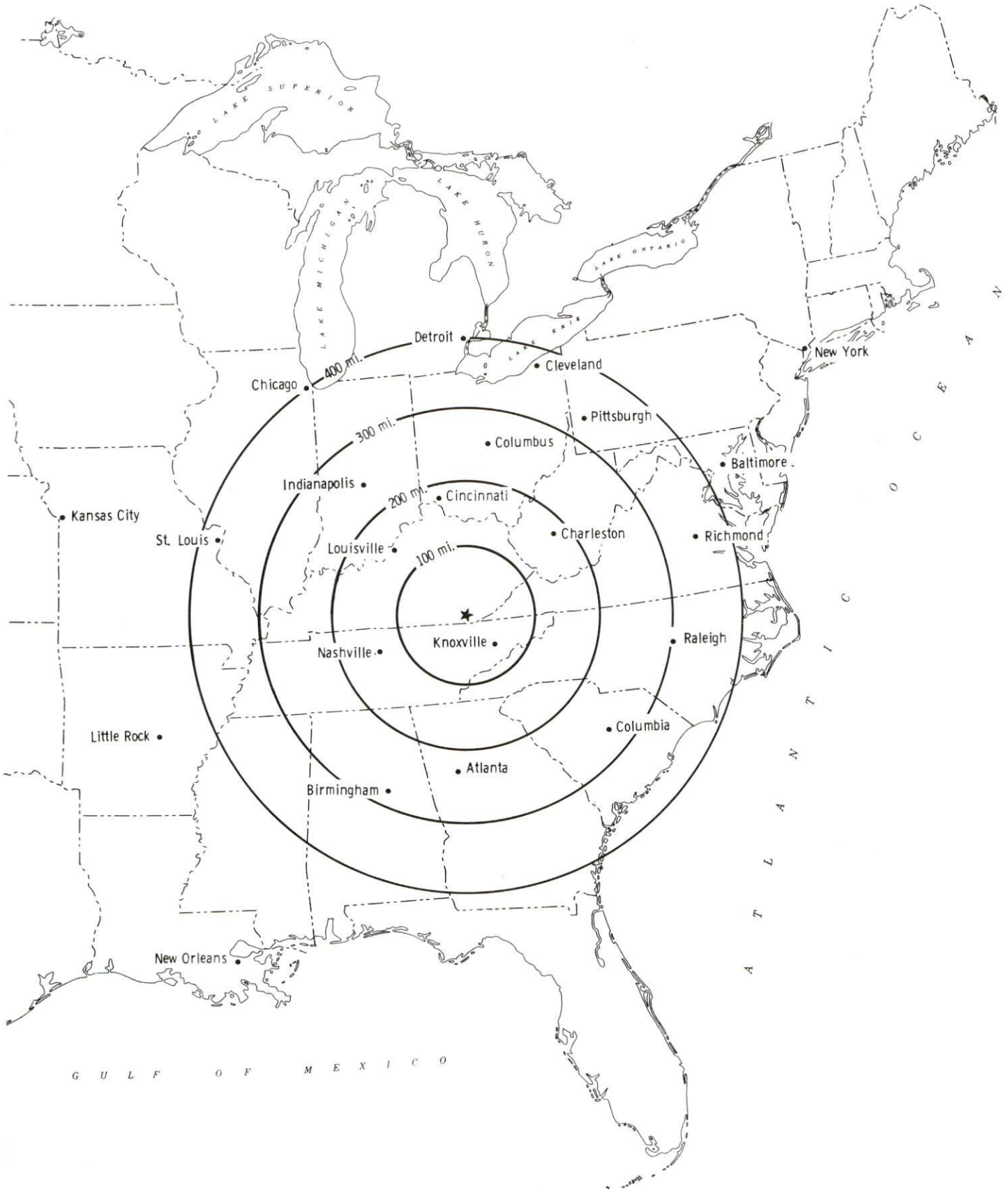
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1992.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Williamsburg. The nearest intermodal facilities are operated by the Southern Railway System in Knoxville, Tennessee, 66 miles south of Williamsburg.

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

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

Air

Local

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

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

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

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	McGhee Tyson Airport 10 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee; 76 miles south of Williamsburg
Air Service:	American Eagle, ComAir, Delta, Northwest, USAir, TransWorld Express, United, United Express, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	126

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Williamsburg and parts of Whitley 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) 255-2100

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

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

and/or

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

Natural Gas

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

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

Public Water Supply

Company serving Williamsburg - City of Williamsburg
P.O. Box 119
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769
(606) 549-6033 or (606) 549-6040

Source - Cumberland River
Treatment plant capacity - 2,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 968,645 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,289,830 gallons
Storage capacity - 2,050,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 150 psi

Name of water district - Cumberland Falls Highway Water District
7126 Cumberland Falls Highway
Corbin, Kentucky 40701-8637
(606) 528-6159

Area served - Central Whitley County
Source of supply of treated water - Corbin City Utilities: 170,000 gallons per day
City of Williamsburg: 130,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 290,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 299,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons
Water pressure - 40 psi to 130 psi

Sewerage

Company serving Williamsburg - City of Williamsburg
P.O. Box 119
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769
(606) 549-6033 or (606) 549-6039

Design capacity - 1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 656,100 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River

The City of Williamsburg is in the process of completely renovating its existing sewer lines along the Cumberland River and constructing new pump stations throughout the city. The project will decrease the average daily flow by 100,000 gallons per day due to inflow and infiltration.

CLIMATE

Whitley County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	58.90 degrees
Average annual 1990	61.00 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (49-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (49-year record)	-24.00 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.)	3,658

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	47.29 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	12.20 inches
Total precipitation 1990	55.16 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (48-year record)	126.30
Mean number days thunderstorms (48-year record)	47.00

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

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

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1990. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Williamsburg Planning and Zoning

Zoning enforced - Within city only

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Local Fees and Licenses

A business privilege license is required by the City of Williamsburg for persons or firms engaged in any trades, professions, or businesses within the city limits. The license fee ranges from \$60 to \$100 annually for most businesses. A city auto sticker fee of \$10 is also levied by the City of Williamsburg. A building permit fee of \$10 plus one dollar per \$1,000 of total expenditures is also charged.

PROPERTY TAXES

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside of city limits may also be subject to city property taxes.

Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1991 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.187	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, 1991

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Whitley County	\$0.1650	\$0.1583	\$0.1749
School Districts:			
Williamsburg Independent	0.4490	0.4490	0.5400
Whitley County	0.5260	0.5260	0.5560
Cities:			
Williamsburg	0.2434	0.3175	0.3175
Other:			
Ambulance District	None	None	0.1000

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Williamsburg Independent	Whitley County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1991)	997	3,981
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	17.2-1	19.7-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	81.8	34.1
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$3,243.15	\$2,896.07

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1991)</u>
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky	1,673
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (31)	454
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (31)	945
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Tennessee (56)	1,859
Somerset Community College	Somerset, Kentucky (60)	2,556
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (65)	1,606
Johnson Bible College	Knoxville, Tennessee (66)	474
Knoxville College	Knoxville, Tennessee (66)	1,177
University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Knoxville, Tennessee (66)	24,796
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (78)	16,525

CUMBERLAND COLLEGE

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

One of the college's newer buildings, the O. Wayne Rollins Center, was opened during the spring semester of 1990 and dedicated by former President Jimmy Carter. The building provides a 1,700-seat basketball arena. Combined with the Cralle Chapel, the facility can seat up to 3,000 people for special events. The building also contains a swimming pool, a fully equipped weight room, a sports medicine and sports training facility, a bowling alley and game room, offices and classrooms.

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

The Cumberland Museum is Phase I of the Cumberland Museum, Lodge and Center for Leadership Studies. Construction on Phase II will begin in the fall of 1992 and is scheduled for completion in the winter of 1994. This second Phase will include a lodge to provide overnight accommodations, a restaurant and snack bar, a bakery, and a conference center.

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

Vocational 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 1990-1991</u>
Laurel County State Vocational- Technical School	London (31)	487
Corbin Area Vocational Education Center	Corbin (15)	318

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 4
Dentists - 5

Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Jellico Community Hospital	Jellico, Tennessee; 11 miles south of Williamsburg	54
Baptist Regional Medical Center	Corbin, 15 miles north of Williamsburg	287

Jellico Community Hospital

Medical staff - Nine active staff physicians, 22 courtesy and consulting physicians, 45 registered nurses, 30 licensed practical nurses, 12 courtesy nurses

Baptist Regional Medical Center

Medical staff - 52 active staff physicians, 43 courtesy physicians, 231 registered nurses, and 88 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Whitley County Health Department
Williamsburg Family Medical Center
Transcare Ambulance Service
Enhanced "911" emergency dispatch system

Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Bank of Williamsburg
Farmers National Bank
Williamsburg National Bank
First Federal Savings and Loan Association

Newspapers

Whitley Republican

Telephone Service

South Central Bell Telephone Company

RECREATION

Local

Williamsburg is located about half-way between Knoxville, Tennessee and Lexington, Kentucky on I-75, one of the busiest interstates in America. Exit 11 at Williamsburg is one of the busiest exits on I-75 making the Williamsburg Tourist Information Center a valuable asset to not only the people of southeast Kentucky but for I-75 travelers.

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

Development of an additional city park is under way in downtown Williamsburg on the banks of the Cumberland River. About \$100,000 will be spent for the construction of a boat ramp, walking trails, and a picnic area.

Construction of an 850-seat amphitheatre is planned at Bon Hollow Park. The \$150,000 project is scheduled for completion by August 1993.

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

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

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

Area (Within 55 miles)

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

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Williamsburg re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1991 for its' second consecutive year. Re-certification is based on achievement in the following areas: existing industry assistance, small business assistance, educational resources, and community development factors of health care, public safety, arts and culture, recreation, governmental awareness and resources. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Recent

Williamsburg Plastics, a division of Jones Plastic and Engineering Corporation, opened a 150,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in August 1992. The company produces injection molded plastic parts and component assemblies for General Electric, Lexmark, Rubbermaid and other industries. Williamsburg Plastics currently employs 125 persons but should reach 300 by the end of 1993. The plant represented an investment of \$3.5 million.

Firestone Industrial Products Company opened its doors in Williamsburg in 1989. The \$29 million plant produces rubber air springs for automotive, truck, and other industrial needs. Employment is expected to increase up to 425 by 1994.

Cumberland College recently opened its newest building, the Cumberland Museum. The facility contains the Henkelmann Life Science Museum, the Carl Williams Cross Collection, an Appalachian Life-style exhibit, a nutcracker collection, the college's archives, and several other collections including Indian artifacts, stamps, coins, and Ray Harm prints. In addition, the Museum houses a craft center where arts and crafts produced by local artisans are displayed and sold.

The Williamsburg Tourism Commission recently purchased a building across from the Cumberland Museum and has developed it into one of the most comprehensive tourist information centers on I-75. The tourist can stop at the Williamsburg Tourism Center and make plans for most of the vacation destinations along I-75. This 10,000-square-foot complex not only has the Tourism Information Center but offers convention facilities, which are undergoing a major expansion. The \$826,000 project will double the size of the convention center making it one of the finest facilities in this region.

The Williamsburg Independent School System recently completed a major renovation/construction project for general use in the school system. New additions include: a state-of-the-art fully automated library/media center; a technology education classroom/laboratory; administrative suites; and additional general-purpose classrooms.

The enhanced version of the "911" emergency dispatch system was recently implemented in Whitley County.

The Williamsburg Tourism Commission recently established a tourist information radio station. Visitors may tune their radios to 530 AM and receive area tourism information.

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

The City of Williamsburg is in the process of completely renovating its existing sewer lines along the Cumberland River and constructing new pump stations throughout the city. The project will decrease the average daily flow by 100,000 gallons per day due to inflow and infiltration.

Under Way

Cumberland College is in the process of constructing Phase II of the Cumberland Lodge and Museum. The second phase includes construction of a lodge for overnight guests, a restaurant and snack bar, a bakery, and a conference center.

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Planned

The Whitley County School System has recently received over \$1 million in grant monies for the implementation and support of new academic programs such as: Activity-Centered Elementary Science, and Tech/Prep where all students in the school system will be computer literate by 1995. In addition, the School System plans to construct the Whitley County North Elementary.

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