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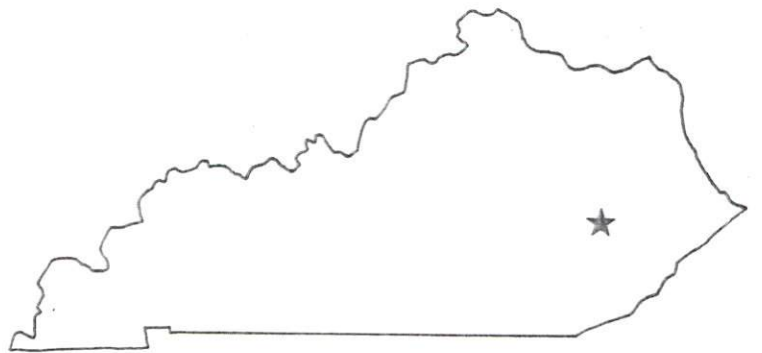
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Jackson



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JACKSON, KENTUCKY

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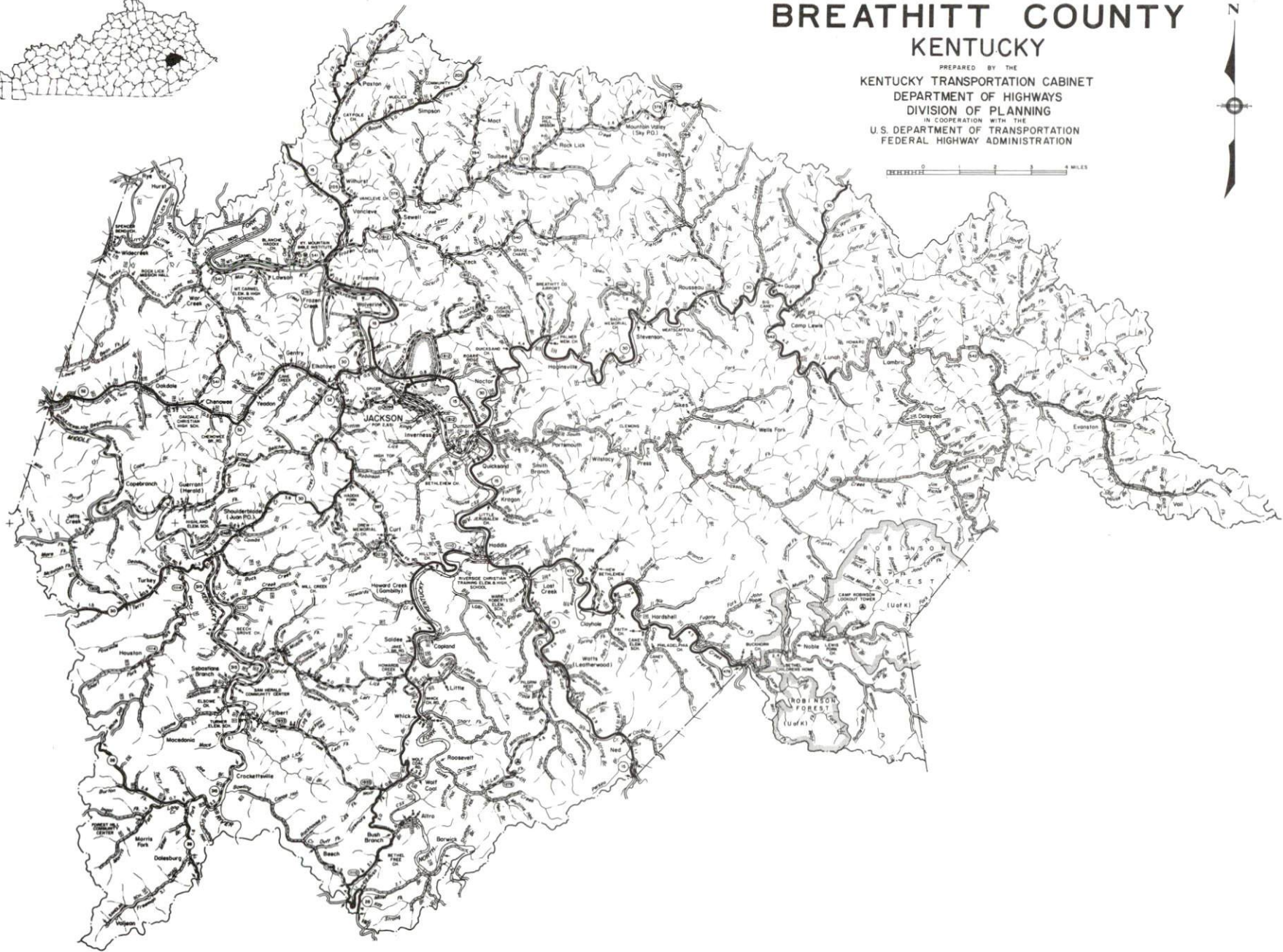
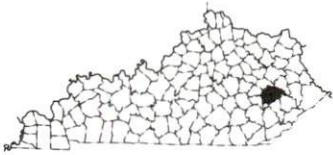
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
BREATHITT COUNTY
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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JACKSON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Jackson, the county seat of Breathitt County, is located in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. The city's population was estimated at 2,450 in 1988. Jackson is located 89 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 161 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 166 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 185 north of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Breathitt County covers a total land area of 495 square miles. The topography of Breathitt County is characterized by irregular ridges and deep, v-shaped valleys. In 1988, Breathitt County had an estimated population of 16,100.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Breathitt County residents employed in 1989 averaged 4,384. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 28 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 896 jobs; 551 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 785 employees; contract construction firms provided 25 jobs; and 791 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 26,526 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 9,204 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

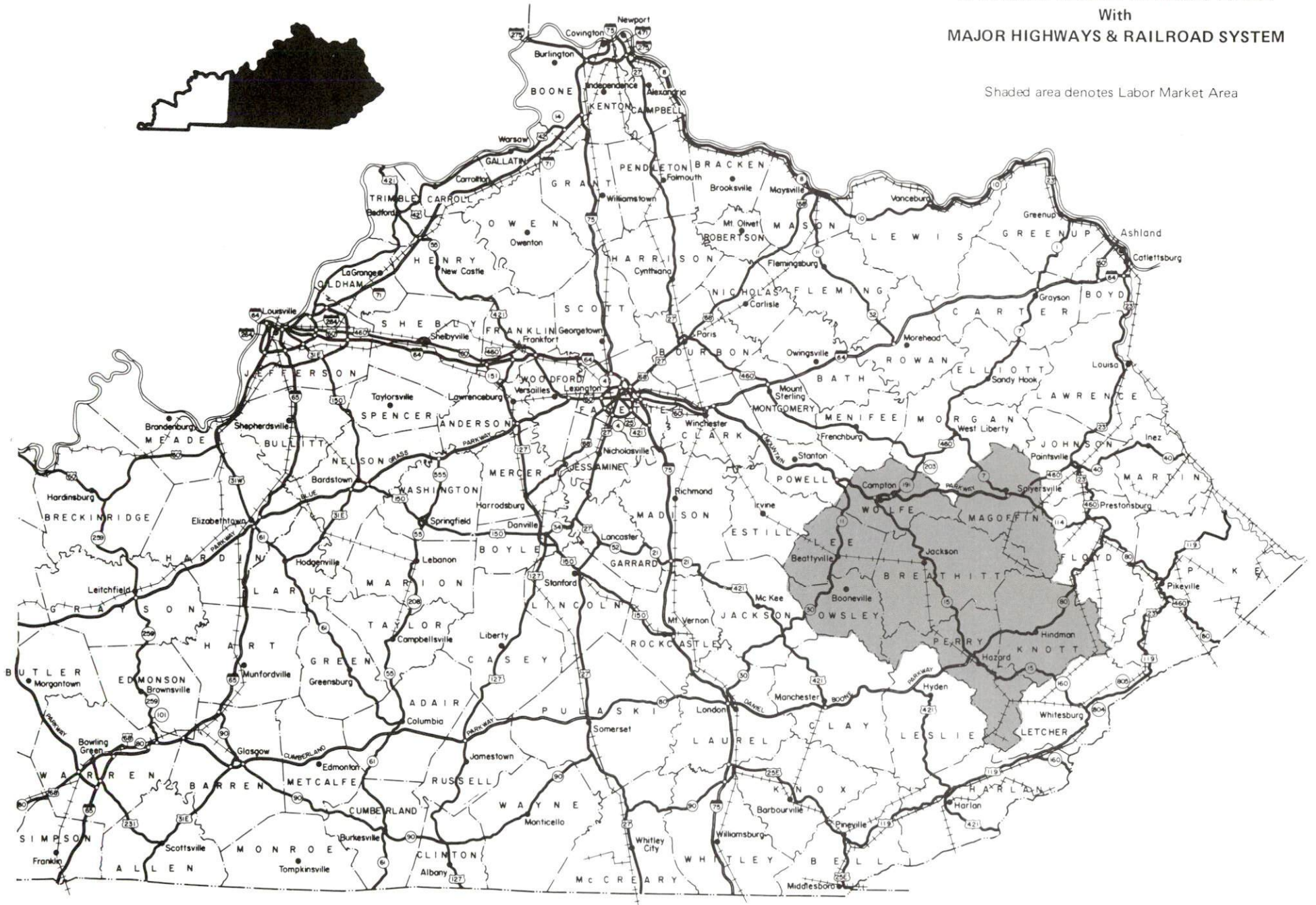
Transportation - The city is served directly by Kentucky Highways 15, 30 and 52, all "AAA"-rated trucking highways. The Mountain Parkway, a multilane highway, is accessible 21 miles northwest. The Daniel Boone Parkway, a multilane toll road, is located 28 miles south. Interstate and/or Intrastate trucking service is provided by eleven firms. Main line rail service is provided to Jackson by CSX Transportation. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Bluegrass Airport near Lexington, 93 miles northwest of Jackson. Local airport facilities include the Julian Carroll Airport, 5 miles east of Jackson, and the Eastern Kentucky Regional Airport, 17 miles southeast of Jackson.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Jackson and portions of Breathitt County by the Kentucky Power Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Breathitt County is also served by the Licking Valley RECC, which is supplied by the East Kentucky Power Cooperative. Natural gas service is provided by Public Gas Company, which is supplied by the Panbowl Production Company.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Jackson and Breathitt County by the Jackson Independent School System and the Breathitt County School System. Lees College, established in 1883 and Presbyterian affiliated, is a two-year, coeducational institution located in Jackson. In addition, 13 institutions of higher learning are located within 90 miles of Jackson. Vocational training facilities are available at the Breathitt County Area Vocational Education Center in Jackson, and at the Hazard State Vocational-Technical School in Hazard, 32 miles south of Jackson.

JACKSON LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Jackson Labor Market Area includes Breathitt County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Knott, Lee, Magoffin, Owsley, Perry, and Wolfe.

POPULATION			
	<u>1988*</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	101,600	102,383	82,900
Jackson	2,450	2,651	1,887
Breathitt County	16,100	17,004	14,221

* Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	115,861	121,289	130,249	137,082
Breathitt County	18,118	18,909	20,192	21,146

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	<u>Current</u>				<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994</u>
Labor Market Area*	26,526	4,656	3,723	18,147	9,204
Breathitt County	4,200	651	528	3,021	1,511

* 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).

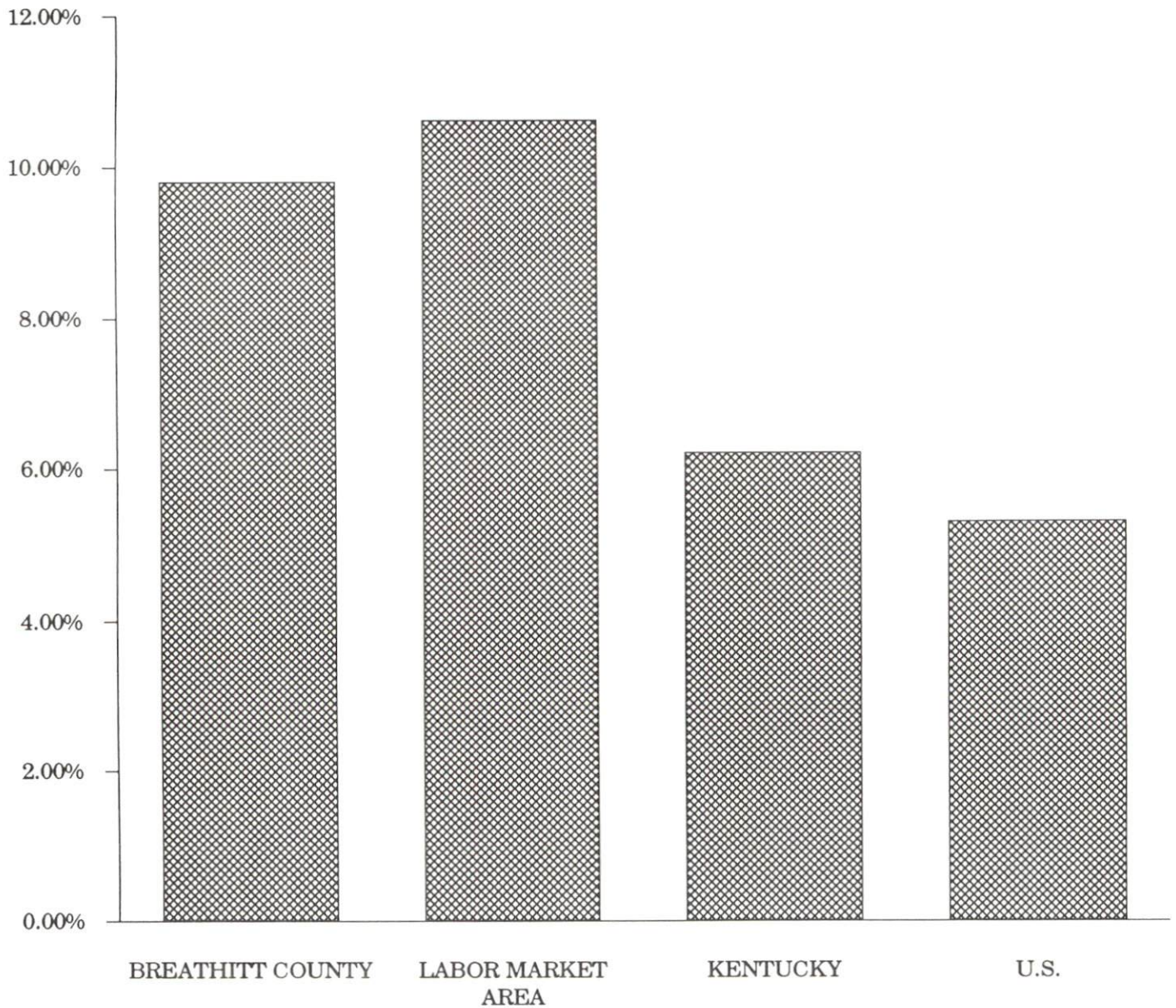
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1988. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1989

	Breathitt County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	4,858	31,369
Employment	4,384	28,029
Unemployment	474	3,340
Rate of Unemployment (%)	9.8	10.6

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1989

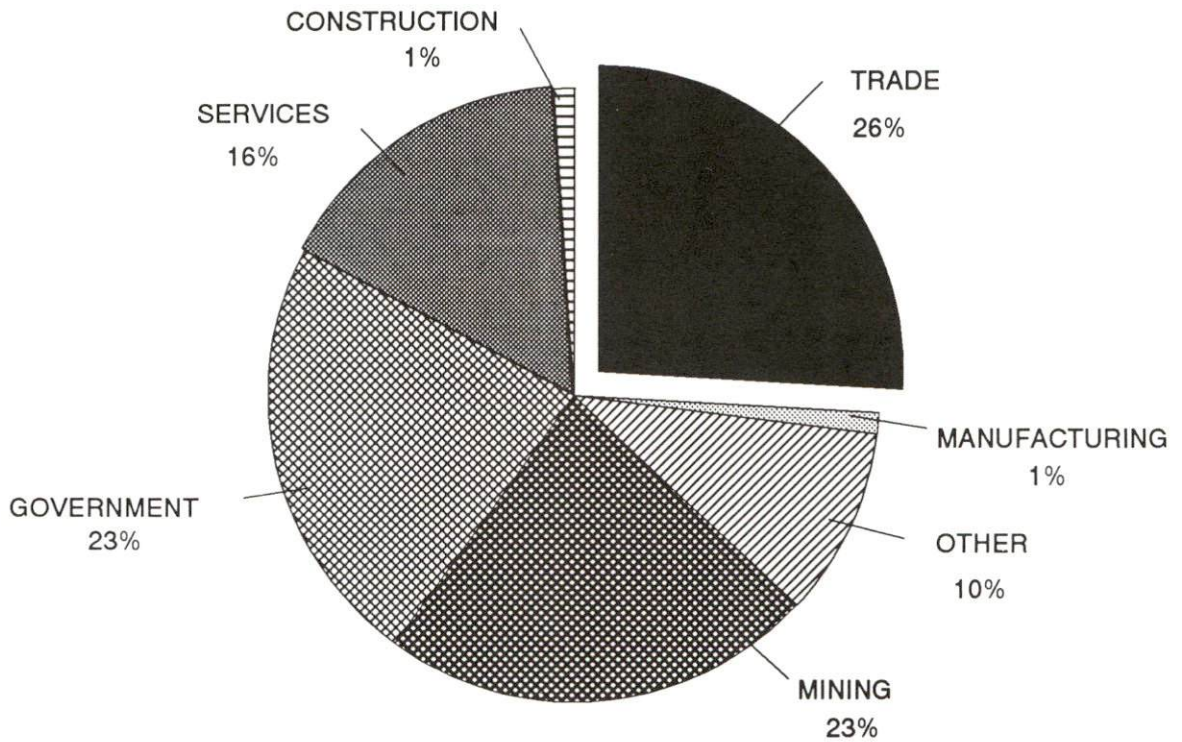


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	<u>Breathitt County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	3,415	20,526
Manufacturing	28	921
Wholesale & Retail Trade	896	4,503
Services	551	3,447
State/Local Government	785	4,598
Contract Construction	25	264
Mining & Quarrying	791	4,925

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, 1988.

BREATHITT COUNTY

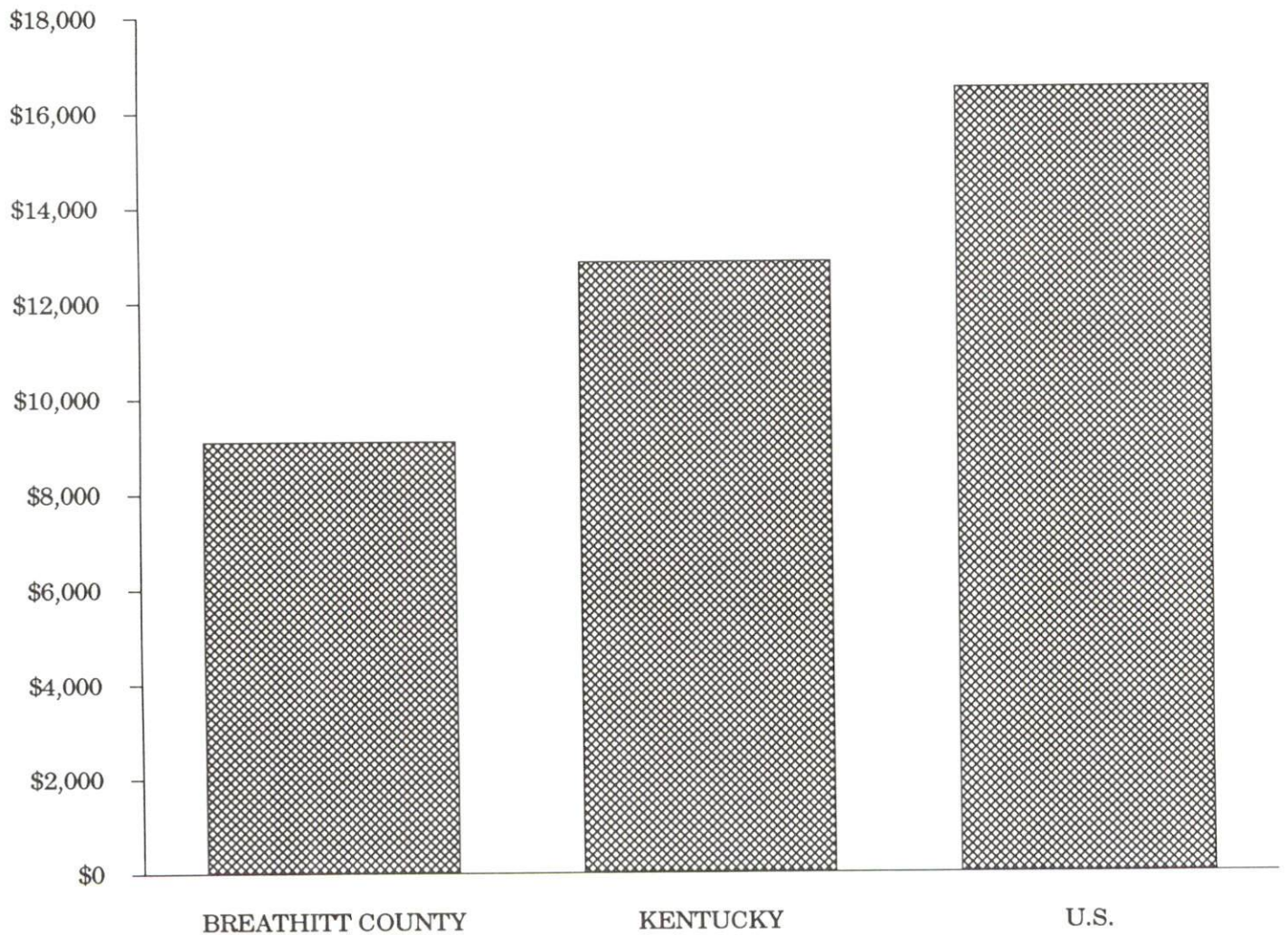


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1984	1988	Percent Change
Breathitt County	\$8,174	\$9,088	11.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,873 - \$9,358	\$6,904 - \$9,963	-
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

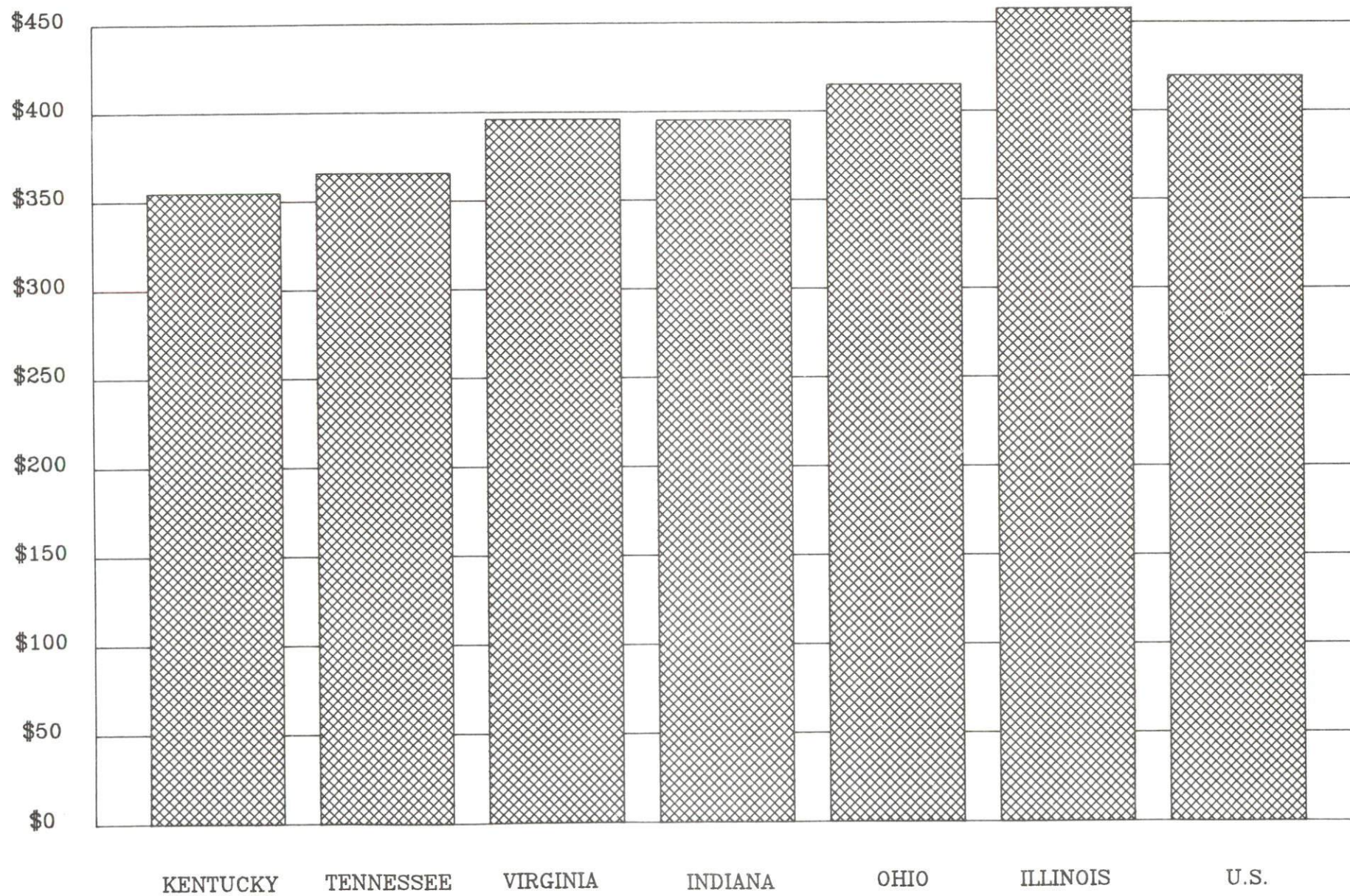
Breathitt County is served by the Hazard local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1989, the local employment office filled 1,261 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	1,261	3.98
Clerical	272	3.65
Sales	116	3.76
Services (excluding domestic)	528	3.32
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	4	4.20
Processing	1	9.00
Machine Trades	24	6.93
Bench Work	11	3.91
Structural	160	4.93
Motor Freight/ Transportation	32	6.16
Packaging and Materials Handling	50	4.10
Other	19	8.63

The Hazard local office also serves Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, and Wolfe 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 - 1988



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Breathitt County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$370.79	\$352.31	\$363.12	\$392.56
Mining & Quarrying	738.69	603.27	495.85	596.88
Contract Construction	198.29	380.71	394.27	422.27
Manufacturing	222.64	464.92	416.73	452.60
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	311.44	468.17	485.13	554.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	176.17	238.88	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	399.13	401.17	269.27	466.23
Services	230.51	298.98	343.48	391.67
State/Local Government	342.77	377.81	403.21	457.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
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

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

JACKSON MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1989</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Breathitt County Ready Mix Concrete (1965)	Asphalt, ready mix concrete	5
The Columbus Show Case Company (1987)	Store fixtures, display cases	45
Hinkle Contracting Corporation (1974)	Asphalt, ready mix concrete	8
Inter-Mountain Publishing Company (1965)	Newspapers	18

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no unions representing manufacturing firms in Jackson.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Jackson</u>
Custom Data Processing	Prestonsburg, Kentucky	62
	Richmond, Kentucky	73
	London, Kentucky	75
Custom Plastics Producers	Berea, Kentucky	85
	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky	86
Electric Motor Repair	Martin, Kentucky	74
	Lexington, Kentucky	89
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Winchester, Kentucky	70
	Richmond, Kentucky	73
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	73
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky	65
	Richmond, Kentucky	73
Industrial Gases	Manchester, Kentucky	61
	Prestonsburg, Kentucky	62
Industrial Waste Removal	Richmond, Kentucky	73
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Manchester, Kentucky	61
	Van Lear, Kentucky	65
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	117
	Cynthiana, Kentucky	125
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	73
Metal Service Centers	Richmond, Kentucky	73
Millwrights	Stanton, Kentucky	46
Public Warehouse Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	89

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1987; Division of Research and Planning.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Highways serving Jackson include Kentucky Highways 15, 30, and 52, each of which is a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Access to the Mountain Parkway, a multilane highway, is located 21 miles northwest of Jackson via Kentucky Highway 15. An interchange with the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multilane toll road, is located 28 miles south of Jackson via Kentucky 15.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM JACKSON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	380	Los Angeles, CA	2,247
Baltimore, MD	578	Louisville, KY	161
Birmingham, AL	435	Nashville, TN	363
Chicago, IL	431	New Orleans, LA	775
Cincinnati, OH	166	New York, NY	767
Cleveland, OH	406	Pittsburgh, PA	430
Detroit, MI	424	St. Louis, MO	419
Knoxville, TN	185		

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

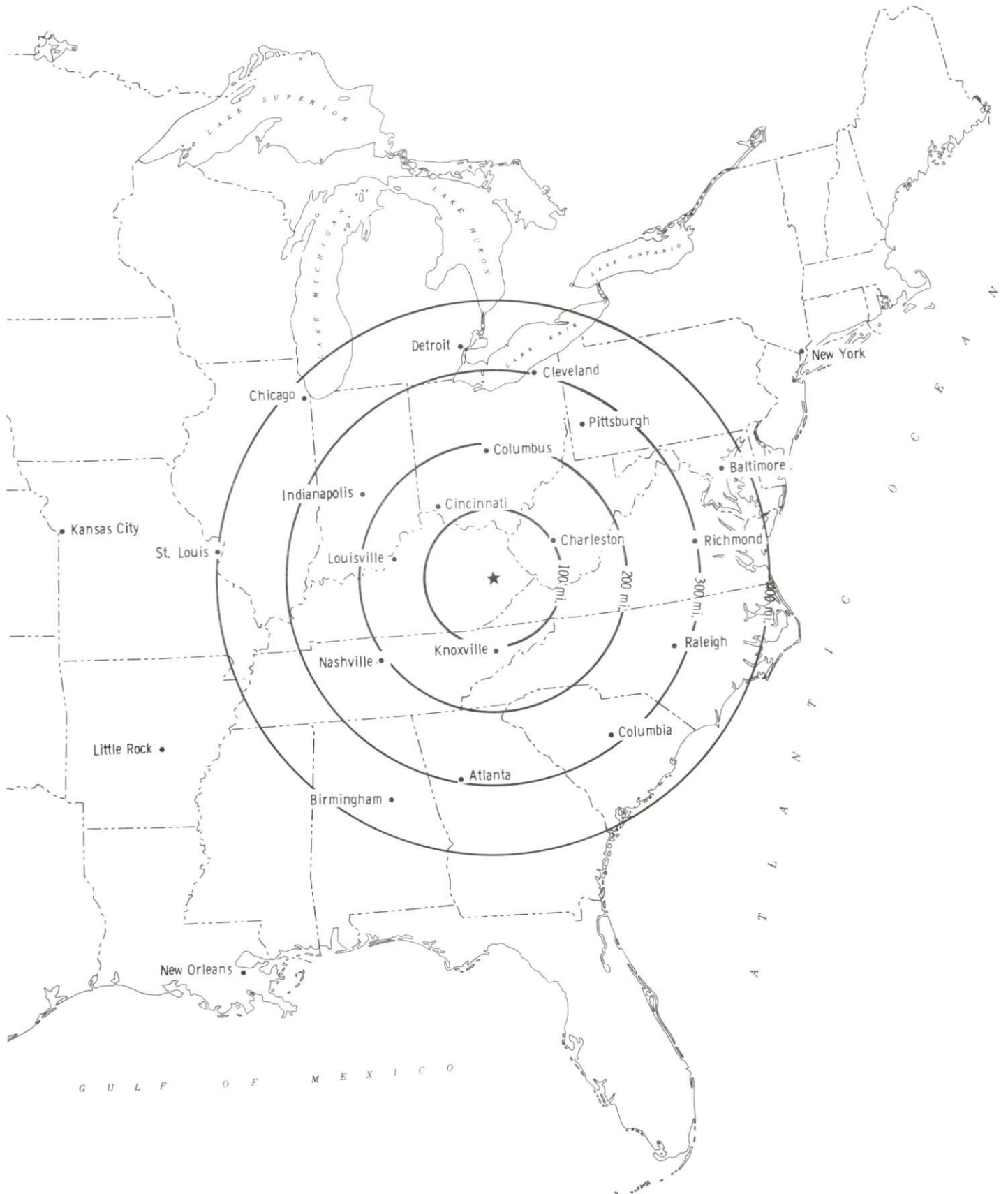
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

Jackson is served by eleven trucking firms which provide interstate and/or intrastate truck service.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1990.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Main line rail service is provided to Jackson by CSX Transportation. The nearest piggyback service is provided by the Southern Railway System, at Danville, 109 miles west of Jackson.

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: Julian Carroll Airport
Runways: 5 miles east of Jackson
Length: 1 paved
Traffic
Control: Wind sock, unicom, VOR-DME
Lighting: REIL, rotating beacon
Services: 100LL fuel; jet-A fuel

The Julian Carroll Airport Board plans to construct a hangar in 1991.

Local

Location: Eastern Kentucky Regional Airport
Runways: 17 miles southeast of Jackson, near Hazard
Length: 1 paved
3,250 feet
Traffic:
Control: Wind sock, unicom, VOR-DME, 122.7
Lighting: Runway lights, rotating beacon
Services: 100LL fuel; jet-A fuel

The Eastern Kentucky Regional Airport will construct a 6,000-foot runway, maintenance hangar, and a fixed-base operator building in 1990.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Bluegrass Airport
4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;
93 miles northwest of Jackson
Air Service: Delta, USAir, TWA, United Express, JetStream, Air
Kentucky, American Eagle, ComAir
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 116

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Jackson and the eastern and southern portion of Breathitt County** - Kentucky Power Company
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company
For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company
1701 Central Avenue
P. O. Box 1428
Ashland, Kentucky 41101
(606) 327-1111

Company serving the **northern and western portion of Breathitt County** - Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company
For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company
1701 Central Avenue
P. O. Box 1428
Ashland, Kentucky 41101
(606) 327-1111

and/or

Licking Valley Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
271 Main Street
P.O. Drawer 605
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-3179

Natural Gas

Company serving **Jackson** - Public Gas Company
Source of supply - Panbowl Production Company (local gas field)
For rates and supplies contact:

Public Gas Company
P.O. Box 619
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-2205

Public Water Supply

Company serving Jackson - Jackson Municipal Water Works
333 Broadway
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-2056 or 666-5272

Source - Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 600,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 800,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 925,000 gallons
Water pressure - 20 psi to 120 psi

Sewerage

Company serving Jackson - Jackson Municipal Sewerage Company
333 Broadway
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-5197 or (606) 666-5272

Design capacity - 250,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - at capacity
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Kentucky River

The Jackson Municipal Sewerage Company is currently constructing a new waste water treatment plant. The \$2,250,000 project will increase treatment capacity to 750,000 gallons per day. In addition, distribution lines throughout the system are being upgraded. The new plant is expected to be in operation by May 1991.

CLIMATE

Breathitt County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1988	54.90 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (44-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (44-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,818

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (44-year record)	16.20 inches
Total precipitation 1988	38.90 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (44-year record)	129.50
Mean number days thunderstorms (44-year record)	45.30

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (25-year record, except 1 a.m. - 24-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, 1988. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The city of Jackson is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term and the council members are elected to two-year terms. Breathitt County is served by a county judge/executive and four magistrates, all of which serve four-year terms.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Jackson Zoning Board

Participating cities - Jackson

Zoning enforced - within city

Subdivision regulations enforced - within city

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 Jackson levies an occupational license fee of one percent on wages and individuals and on net profits of businesses. An Insurance Premium Tax of five percent is also assessed. Business license fees, ranging from \$50 to \$100, are charged by both the city of Jackson and Breathitt County.

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

	<u>Jackson/ Jackson Independent School District</u>	<u>Jackson/ Breathitt County School District</u>	<u>Unincorporated Breathitt County</u>
Land and Buildings	\$0.9980	\$1.0560	\$0.8460
Manufacturing			
Machinery	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
Pollution Control			
Equipment	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
Inventories			
Raw Materials	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Goods in Process	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Finished Goods	0.7377	0.7957	0.5957
Automobiles & Trucks	1.2057	1.2447	1.0447
Other Tangible			
Personal Property	1.1867	1.2447	1.0447
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150

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

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Jackson Independent</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1989)	332	3,006
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1988-89)	16-1	18.3-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1988-89)	70	52
Expenditures Per Pupil (1988-89)	\$2,482.69	\$2,521.64

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Oakdale Christian High School	30	7-12
Riverside Christian Training Elementary	75	K-8
Riverside Christian Training High School	50	9-12
Mt. Carmel Elementary	65	K-7
Mt. Carmel High School	95	8-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1989)</u>
Lees College	Jackson	363
Hazard Community College	Hazard (32)	1,213
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes (54)	534
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg (62)	2,224
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (73)	14,268
Morehead State University	Morehead (80)	7,962
Berea College	Berea (83)	1,550
Sue Bennett College	London (85)	544
Southeast Community College	Cumberland (87)	1,703
Lexington Community College	Lexington (89)	3,928
Transylvania University	Lexington (89)	1,076
University of Kentucky	Lexington (89)	22,957
Union College	Barbourville (90)	1,047
Pikeville College	Pikeville (90)	926

Lees College

Lees College, established in 1883 and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, is a private two-year institution of higher learning located in Jackson. This co-educational, liberal arts college had a 1989 enrollment of 363, drawing students primarily from a five-county region.

Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Lees confers two degrees: the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science. Its academic programs emphasize general studies, which allow students to transfer to four-year institutions. General studies include the traditional academic disciplines as well as accounting and health care administration. In addition, career programs are offered in nursing, computer information science, and applied business. In 1989, the college spearheaded Educational Advancement, an innovative program designed to help low-academic achievers perform college-level work.

The feasibility of making Lees a four-year college is currently being researched. A long term campus renovation program is underway. Also of interest, the college was one of 100 colleges nationwide in 1989 to receive federal funds to establish a substance abuse education and prevention program for students and community members.

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 1988-1989</u>
Breathitt County Area Vocational Education Center	Jackson	224
Hazard State Vocational-Technical School	Hazard (32)	783

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3
Dentist - 4

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Middle Kentucky River Medical Center	Jackson	55

Medical staff - 6 active physicians, 12 courtesy physicians; 25 consulting physicians; 18 licensed practical nurses; 31 registered nurses

The Middle Kentucky River Medical Center, which opened in July 1988, serves the Kentucky counties of Breathitt, Lee, Owsley, and Wolfe. The \$8.5 million hospital provides a full range of medical services and is equipped with a twenty-four hour emergency room.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Breathitt County Health Department
Breathitt County Center
Breathitt County Medical Center

Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Citizens Bank of Jackson
The First National Bank and Trust

Newspapers

The Jackson Times (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell Telephone Company

RECREATION

Local

Recreational facilities in Jackson include the Jackson Recreation Park, which is a 5-acre park designed for family outings and feature two softball/baseball diamonds, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, shuffleboard, a shelter house, a concession stand, restrooms, a picnic area and an equipped playground. In addition, four playgrounds, a swimming pool, a movie theater two lighted tennis courts, a picnic area and a supervised little league program are available in the community.

Breathitt County and the City of Jackson are currently finalizing plans to construct a new recreation facility in Jackson. This new facility will include a pool, gym, and playground.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park near Slade, 33 miles northwest of Jackson, is located in the Daniel Boone National Forest where cliffs and stone arches fill the landscape. The rugged awesomeness of the great Natural Bridge is the main attraction. The park offers a 35-room resort lodge with a dining room, convention center, gift shop, ten rustic cottages, and 95 camping sites. Other facilities include a lake, a swimming pool, picnic shelters and playgrounds, hiking trails, and a riding stable.

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, 38 miles south of Jackson at Buckhorn, is a full-facility resort park with a 36-room lodge. The lodge itself offers a dining room with a lake view, a gift shop, a pool, meeting rooms, and a recreation room. Other park facilities and activities include a beach, a bathhouse, a picnic shelter, a playground, mini-golf, tennis, hiking, a dock with open and covered slips, boat rentals, a 40-foot levee plus a fishing pier, bicycle rentals, and planned recreation.

Area (Within 90 miles)

The Daniel Boone National Forest
Red River Gorge
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Cave Run Lake
Boonesborough State Park
Grayson Lake State Park

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

A new fifty-five bed hospital opened in Jackson in July of 1988. The Middle Kentucky River Medical Center employs 150 people and provides a complete range of medical services.

Underway

The city of Jackson is currently constructing a new waste water treatment plant which will increase the city's waste water treatment capacity to 750,000 gallons per day. In addition, distribution lines are being upgraded throughout the system. The \$2,250,000 project is expected to be in operation by May 1991.

A middle school is being constructed in the Breathitt County School System. The school is expected to be completed by fall 1990.

Planned

The Breathitt County Industrial Foundation has announced plans to develop a nine-acre industrial site located adjacent to the Columbus Showcase Company in Lakeside Estates. In addition, plans have been made to hire an economic development planner. This position would be funded by the city, county, and chamber of commerce.

The Breathitt County Fiscal Court plans to construct a community center in the next two years which would be used for public meetings and recreation.

Plans are also being considered to renovate the county court house and jail.

The Breathitt County Fiscal Court recently announced plans to purchase a one acre site near the hospital on which to construct apartments for the mentally handicapped.

The city of Jackson and the Breathitt County Fiscal Court are currently formulating plans to construct a new recreational facility. The planned park will include a pool, gym, and playground. The county is also considering the construction of several neighborhood parks.

The feasibility of making Lees College a four-year institution is being studied.



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