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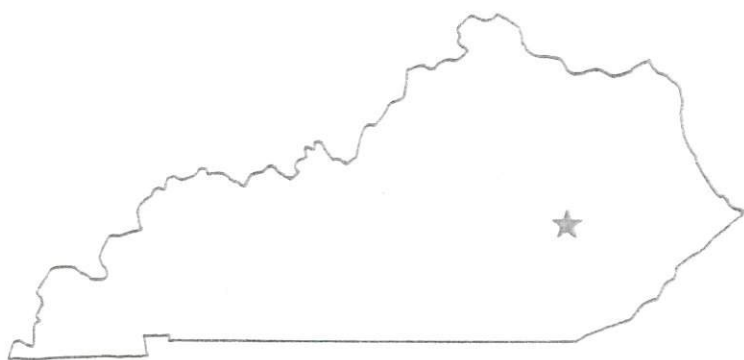
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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
JACKSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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JACKSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

McKee, the county seat of Jackson County, is situated in the southwestern portion of the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region. McKee is located 143 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; 136 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 141 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky. McKee had a 1990 population of 870. The city of Annville is ten miles south of McKee. Annville had a 1990 population of 470.

A major portion of Jackson County lies within the Daniel Boone National Forest, and contains some of the most beautiful woodlands and ruggedly scenic areas in the state. Jackson County covers a land area of 346 square miles and had a 1990 population of 11,955 persons.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Jackson County residents employed in 1990 averaged 3,899. In 1989, manufacturing firms in the county reported 269 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 167 jobs; 169 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 394 employees; and contract construction firms provided 88 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 30,587 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 13,269 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Jackson County is served directly by U.S. Highway 421, a "AAA"-rated trucking highway, and Kentucky Highways 30 and 89, both "AA"-rated trucking highways. Interstate 75 is accessible 25 miles northwest of McKee. Nine common carrier trucking companies have the authority to serve Jackson County. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service at Berea, 25 miles northwest of McKee. The nearest scheduled commercial airport, Bluegrass Airport near Lexington, is located 67 miles northwest of McKee. The Madison County Airport, 30 miles northwest of McKee, maintains a 4,000-foot paved runway.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Jackson County by the Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Annville Gas Transmission Company provides natural gas service to Annville and southern portions of the county.

Education - The Jackson County School System provides primary and secondary level education to McKee and Jackson County. Fourteen colleges and universities are located within 80 miles of McKee. Vocational training is available at the Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School in London, 36 miles south, and at the Clay County Area Vocational Education Center in Manchester, 29 miles southeast.

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LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Jackson County Labor Market Area includes Jackson County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clay, Estill, Laurel, Lee, Madison, Owsley, and Rockcastle.

POPULATION			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	176,522	169,013	135,269
Annville	470	371	N/A
McKee	870	759	255
Jackson County	11,955	11,996	10,005

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2030</u>
Labor Market Area	198,170	209,090	216,180	218,420
Jackson County	14,350	15,470	16,330	16,850

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current			Not in Labor Force	Future Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed Part-Time</u>		
Labor Market Area*	30,587	5,027	9,658	15,902	13,269
Jackson County	3,016	412	540	2,064	1,048

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

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

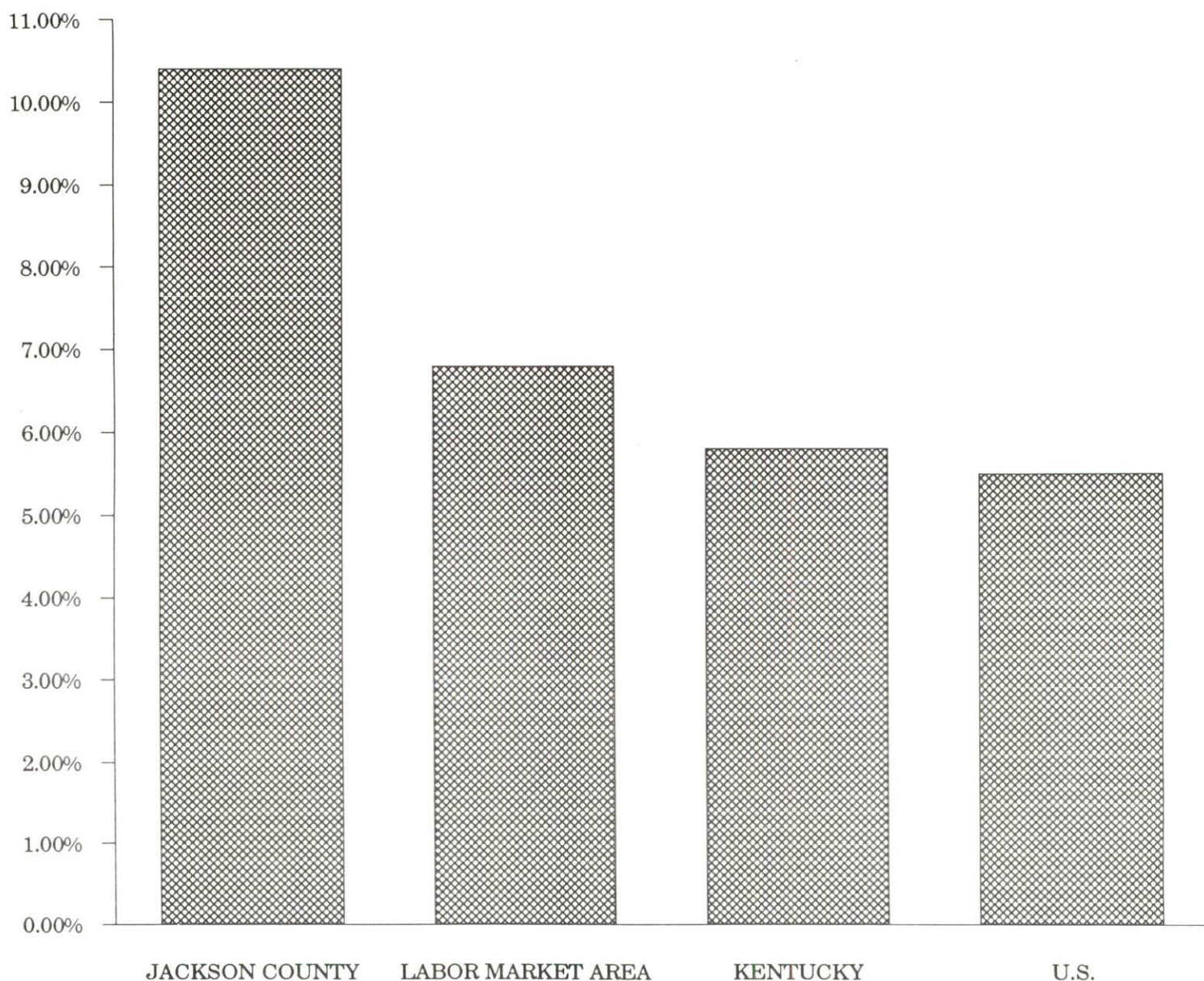
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1990

	<u>Jackson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,350	74,890
Employment	3,899	69,787
Unemployment	451	5,103
Rate of Unemployment (%)	10.4	6.8

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1990.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1990

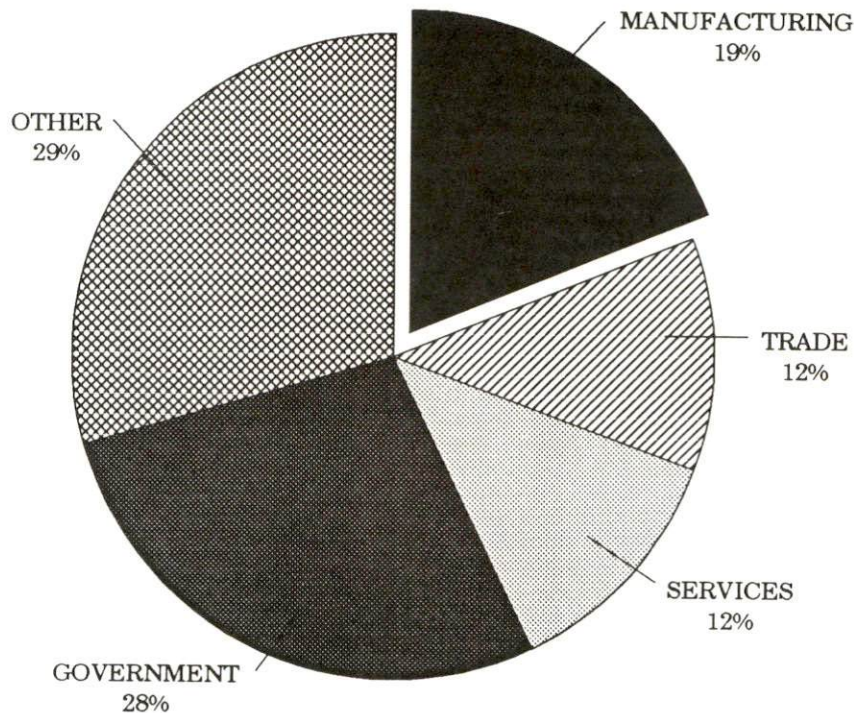


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989

	<u>Jackson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	1,413	46,748
Manufacturing	269	9,721
Wholesale & Retail Trade	167	12,731
Services	169	8,255
State/Local Government	394	8,615
Contract Construction	88	1,925

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, 1989.

JACKSON COUNTY

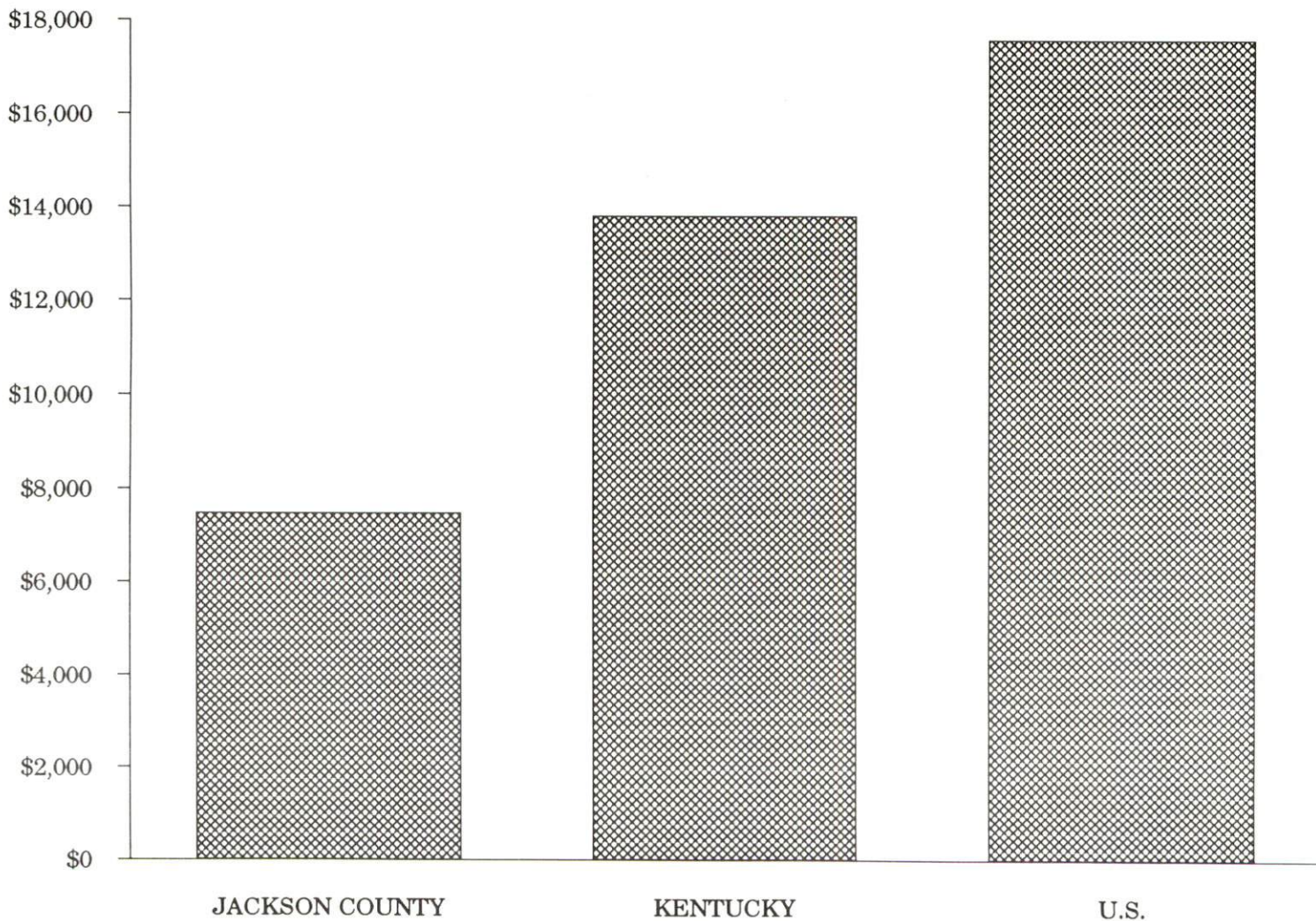


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1985	1989	Percent Change
Jackson County	\$5,921	\$7,479	26.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,921 - \$9,451	\$7,334 - \$11,667	-
Kentucky	\$10,755	\$13,823	28.5
U.S.	\$13,899	\$17,594	26.6

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1989



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

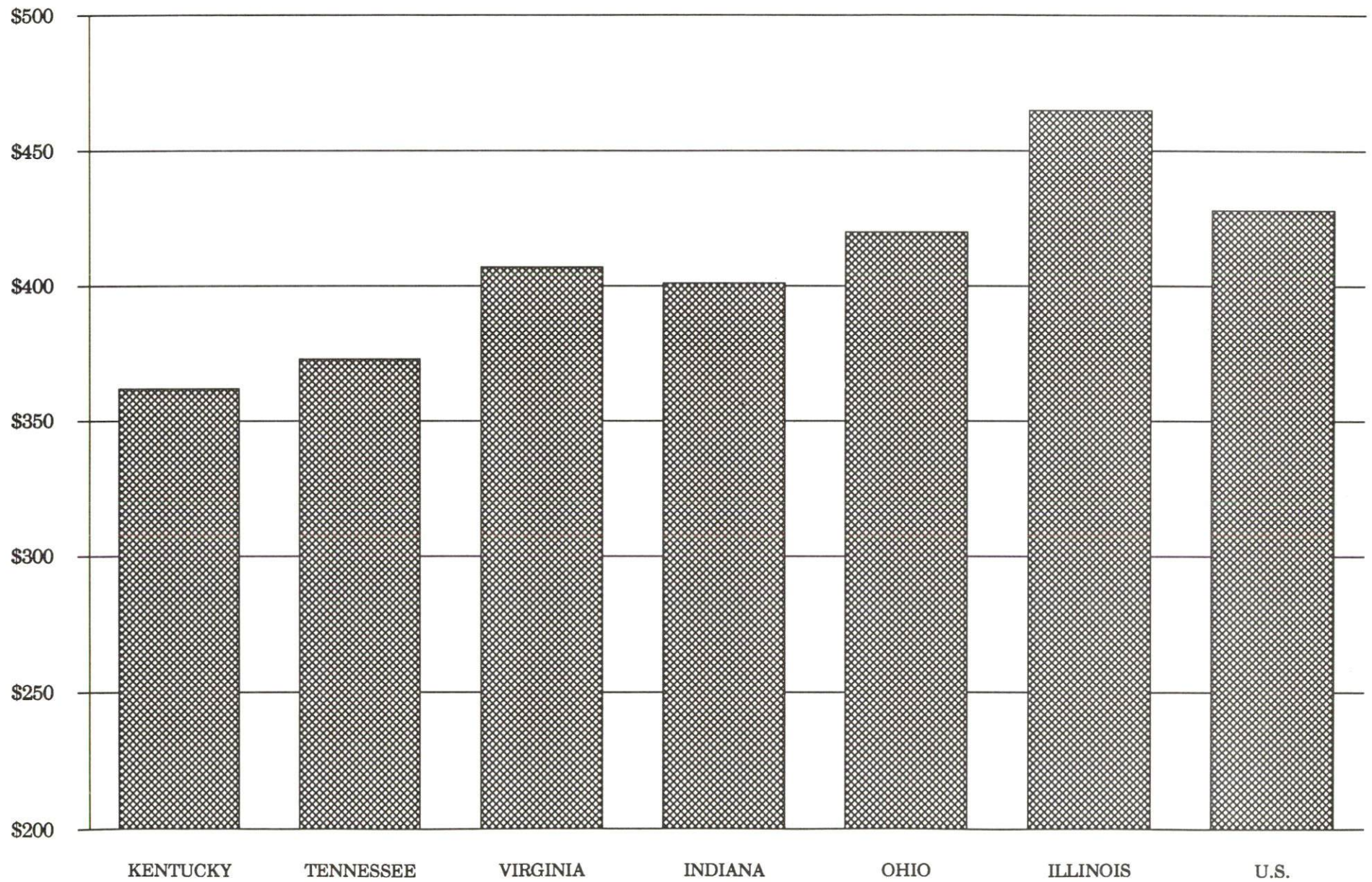
Jackson County is served by the Corbin local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the 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, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Whitley 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 - 1989



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989*

	Jackson County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$271.93	\$362.03	\$373.00	\$407.00
Mining & Quarrying	348.26	623.82	522.00	576.00
Contract Construction	286.96	388.21	407.00	434.00
Manufacturing	185.99	472.92	431.00	470.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	345.12	482.22	493.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	187.42	245.12	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	N/A	417.89	448.00	488.00
Services	202.75	310.29	357.00	409.00
State/Local Government	341.20	370.61	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	U. S.
All Industries	\$401.00	\$420.00	\$465.00	\$428.00
Mining & Quarrying	693.00	596.00	707.00	688.00
Contract Construction	464.00	480.00	608.00	485.00
Manufacturing	546.00	580.00	566.00	534.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	504.00	533.00	582.00	556.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	418.00	456.00	594.00	544.00
Services	328.00	360.00	419.00	399.00
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, 1989. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1989, October 1990.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

JACKSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Annville		
Brockman Weavers, Inc. (1978)	Rugs, place mats, coasters	15
Carpenter Construction Company, Inc. (1977)	Asphaltic concrete	6
Jackson County Lumber Company, Inc. (1958)	Rough lumber	24
Mid-South Electrics, Inc. (1987)	Injection molded plastics, metal stampings, electronic and mechanical assembly	400
Gray Hawk		
Davidson Manufacturing Company (1973)	Wood pallets, wall frame panels	12
McKee		
Kentucky Woodcrafts Company, Division of Casecraft Corporation (1974)	Wooden plaques & gifts, custom wood products & desk accessories	50
M.A. Walker Company, Inc. (1958)	Crushed limestone	26
McKee Manufacturing, Inc. (1970)	Ladies garments	70
Tyner		
Christmas Wreath Factory (1968)	Wreaths	7
Whicker's Quality Printing Company (1985)	Commercial printing	3

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; Jackson County Industrial Authority.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mid-South Electrics, Inc. plans to expand its facility by 50,000 square feet. The additional space will be utilized for light assembly and warehousing. The \$1.1 million project will create an additional 150 jobs and is scheduled for completion by mid 1992.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Presently, there are no labor unions representing workers in Jackson County manufacturing firms.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from McKee</u>
Custom Data Processing	Richmond	33
	London	36
Custom Plastics Producers	Berea	25
Electric Motor Repair	Corbin	50
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Richmond	33
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond	33
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Richmond	33
Industrial Gases	Manchester	29
	London	36
Industrial Waste Removal	Richmond	33
	Corbin	50
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Berea	25
	Manchester	29
Metal Castings	Middlesboro	85
Metal Finishers	Richmond	33
Metal Service Centers	Richmond	33
Millwrights	Lexington	63
Public Warehouse Facilities	Danville	58
	Lexington	63

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

U.S. Highway 421, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, serves McKee and Jackson County. U.S. 421 connects with Interstate 75 at Berea, 25 miles northwest; and with the Daniel Boone Parkway at Manchester, 29 miles southeast. Kentucky Highways 30 and 89, both "AA"-rated (60,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways, also serve Jackson County.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM MCKEE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	331	Los Angeles, CA	2,232
Baltimore, MD	597	Louisville, KY	141
Birmingham, AL	386	Nashville, TN	245
Chicago, IL	406	New Orleans, LA	726
Cincinnati, OH	143	New York, NY	776
Cleveland, OH	381	Pittsburgh, PA	404
Detroit, MI	399	St. Louis, MO	394
Knoxville, TN	136		

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

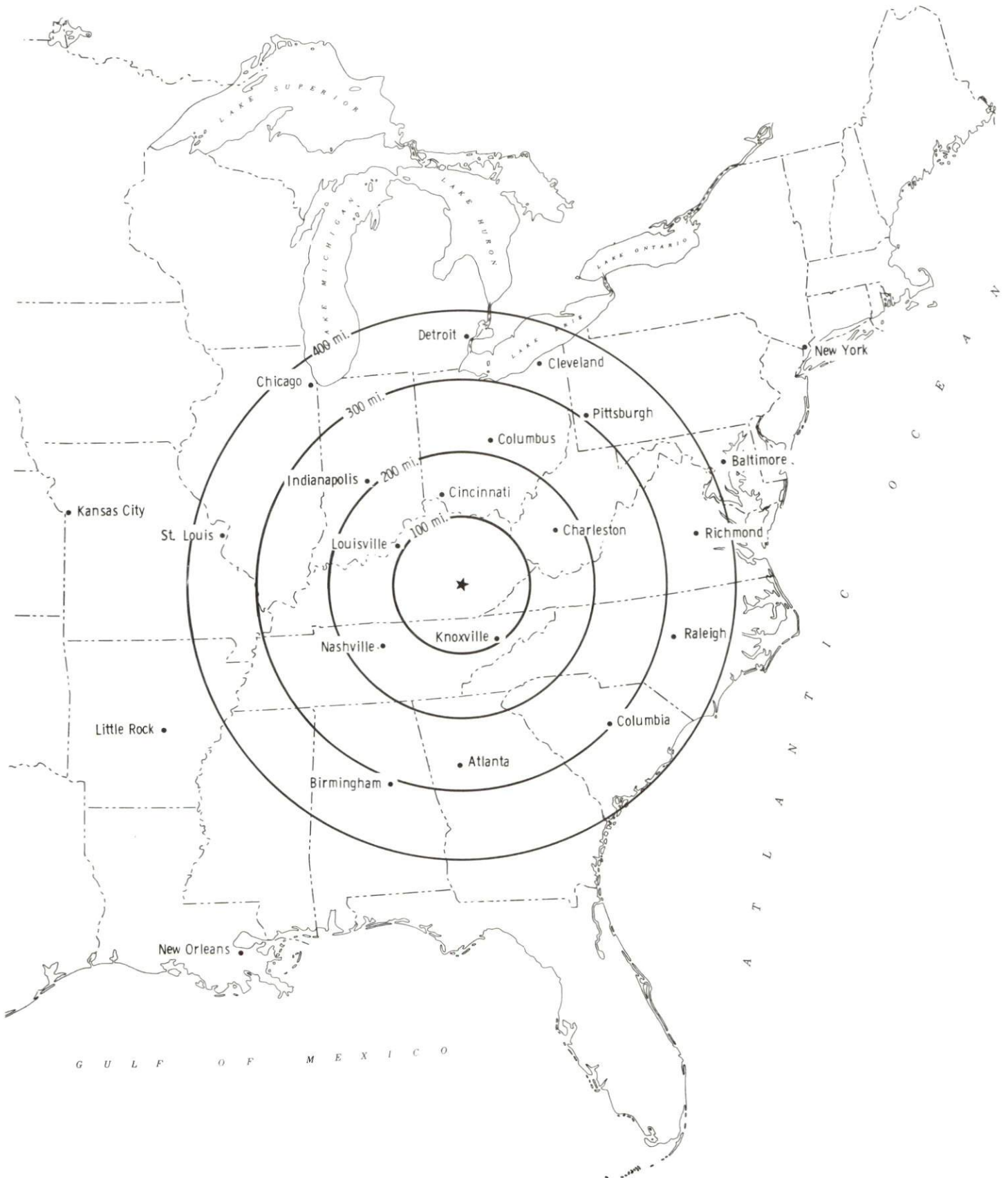
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

Nine common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Jackson County. Phillips Diversify Trucking Company provides exclusive "just in time" service for the industrial park.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1991. Jackson County Industrial Authority.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Jackson County is not served directly by rail. However, CSX Transportation provides main line rail service at Berea, 25 miles northwest of McKee. Southern Railway System provides the nearest piggyback facilities at Georgetown, 77 miles northwest.

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

Small Craft Airports

Location:	Madison County Airport 6 miles north of Berea; 31 miles northwest of McKee
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	4,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Lighted wind sock
Lighting:	Runway, taxiway, VASI, REIL and MIRL, beacon
Services:	100LL and jet-A fuel; major A & P repairs; tie-down; plane rental; hangar with office, lobby, and maintenance shop; flight training; FB0; charter; parking; car rental
Air Freight Service:	Charter air freight services must be arranged
Location:	London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field) 3 miles south-southeast of London, Kentucky 36 miles south of McKee
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	6,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock and FSS advisory service on 123.6
Lighting:	Beacon, runway and obstruction lights, REIL, VASI
Services:	Fuel-100 octane and jet-A; minor A & P repairs; tie-downs; aircraft rental, weather, flight training, charter and ambulance service, vending machines, taxi, car rentals
Air Freight Service:	Air carriers accept air freight on a space available basis

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Bluegrass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 67 miles northwest of McKee
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle, ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Northwest Airlink, Henson Airlines
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Annville, McKee, and Jackson County - Jackson County
Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Jackson County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
P.O. Box 307
McKee, Kentucky 40447
(606) 287-7161

Natural Gas

Company serving Annville, and southern portions of the county - Annville
Gas Transmission Corporation
Source of supply - Tranex Transmission Corporation
For rates and supplies contact:

Annville Gas Transmission Company
P.O. Box 120
Annville, Kentucky 40402
(606) 364-5142

Public Water Supply

Company serving **McKee** - McKee Water and Sewer System
P.O. Box 455
McKee, Kentucky 40447
(606) 287-8305

Source - 7-acre reservoir
Treatment plant capacity - 340,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 180,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 300,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 174,000 gallons
Water pressure - 50 psi to 90 psi

Company serving most of **Jackson County**, including **Annville, Bond, Gray Hawk, Tyner, and Sand Gap** - Jackson County Water Association
P.O. Box 232
Tyner, Kentucky 40486
(606) 287-7000

Source - Beulah Lake
Treatment plant capacity - 360,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - At capacity
Storage capacity - 494,000 gallons
Water pressure - 25 psi to 245 psi

The Jackson County Water Association has several projects under way including: an increase in the plant capacity from 360,000 to 1,000,000 gallons per day, an additional 22 miles of water distribution lines, and a 85,000-gallon capacity storage tank. Total cost of these improvements will be approximately \$1,620,000 and completion is scheduled for late 1991.

Sewerage

Company serving **McKee** - McKee Water and Sewer System
P.O. Box 455
McKee, Kentucky 40447
(606) 287-8305

Design capacity - 75,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - At capacity
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Indian Creek

A \$700,000 expansion of the McKee Sewer System is under way. An increase in the plants capacity from 75,000 to 150,000 gallons per day is scheduled for completion in late 1991.

Company serving **Jackson County Regional Industrial Park (Annville)** -

Jackson County Industrial Authority
P.O. Box 307
McKee, Kentucky 40447
(606) 364-5142

Design capacity - 10,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 1,800 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Pond Creek

CLIMATE

Jackson County

Temperature

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

Precipitation

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

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

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

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

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Jackson County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates. Each official is elected to a four-year term. McKee and Annville are governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor serves a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms.

Planning and Zoning

Jackson County does not have a planning and zoning commission at the present time.

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 McKee levies an annual business license fee ranging from \$25 to \$75 for most businesses. Annual unloading license fees are \$50 for trucks under 3/4 ton capacity and \$75 for trucks 3/4 ton capacity and over.

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>1990 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.189	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, 1990

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Jackson County	\$0.1994	\$0.2115	\$0.2115
School Districts:			
Jackson County	0.4310	0.4310	0.1580
Cities:			
McKee	0.2300	0.2300	0.2300

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Jackson County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1990)	2,492
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1989-90)	17.2-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1989-90)	55.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1989-90)	\$2,545.07

The Jackson County School System has recently completed a new \$3. million middle school.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1990)</u>
Berea College	Berea (25)	1,550
Sue Bennett College	London (36)	517
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (33)	15,371
Centre College	Danville (58)	879
Lees College	Jackson (56)	352
Lexington Community College	Lexington (63)	4,588
Transylvania University	Lexington (63)	1,091
University of Kentucky	Lexington (63)	23,081
Cumberland College	Williamsburg (67)	1,812
Union College	Barbourville (54)	1,028
Somerset Community College	Somerset (69)	2,087
Hazard Community College	Hazard (70)	1,318
Asbury College	Wilmore (72)	1,053
Georgetown College	Georgetown (77)	1,595

Vocational Training

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

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

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

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

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

<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1989-1990</u>
Laurel County State Vocational- Technical School	London (36)	529
Clay County Area Vocational Education Center	Manchester (29)	242

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5
Dentists - 3

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Berea Hospital	Berea, 25 miles northwest of McKee	73 acute 37 skilled
Marymount Hospital	London, 36 miles southwest of McKee	100

Berea Hospital

Medical staff - 29 active staff physicians, 47 registered nurses, and
10 licensed practical nurses

Marymount Hospital

Medical staff - 24 active staff physicians, 49 registered nurses and
27 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Clark's Family Care Facility
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center
Jackson County Ambulance Service
Jackson County Health Department
White House Clinic
Jackson Manor (Annville)

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Jackson County Bank

Newspapers

Jackson County Sun, Inc. (weekly)
Headline News (weekly)

Telephone Service

Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative
Corporation, Inc.

RECREATION

Local

Four public recreational parks are located in Jackson County, including the communities of McKee, Annville, Sandy Gap, and Gray Hawk. Each park provides facilities for softball, soccer, football, basketball, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball, jogging, playgrounds, and picnics. Organized activities include softball leagues for both men and women; senior, little, and T-ball leagues; basketball and volleyball leagues; and rappelling clubs.

The Daniel Boone National Forest, which traverses Jackson County, 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 fishing, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

Area (Within 70 miles)

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
Fort Boonesborough State Park
Laurel River Lake
Levi Jackson State Park
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Red River Gorge
White Hall State Historic Site
William Whitley House State
Historic Site

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Mid-South Electrics, Inc., plans to expand its facility by 50,000 square feet. The additional space will be utilized for light assembly and warehousing. The \$1.1 million project will create an additional 150 jobs and is scheduled for completion by mid 1992.

The Jackson County Water Association has several projects under way including: an increase in the plant capacity from 360,000 to 1,000,000 gallons per day, an additional 22 miles of water distribution lines, and a 85,000-gallon capacity storage tank. Total cost of these improvements will be approximately \$1,620,000 and completion is scheduled for late 1991.

A \$700,000 expansion of the McKee Sewer System is under way. An increase in the plants capacity from 75,000 to 150,000 gallons per day is scheduled for completion in late 1991.

Jackson County Industrial Authority has recently purchased an additional 10 acres which increases the size of the industrial park to 104 acres.

The Jackson County School System has recently completed a new \$3. million middle school.

A new community park in Gray Hawk is available for public use. The park has completed phase one of development which included a soccer field, picnic areas, and a concession stand. Development of phase two will include a running track.