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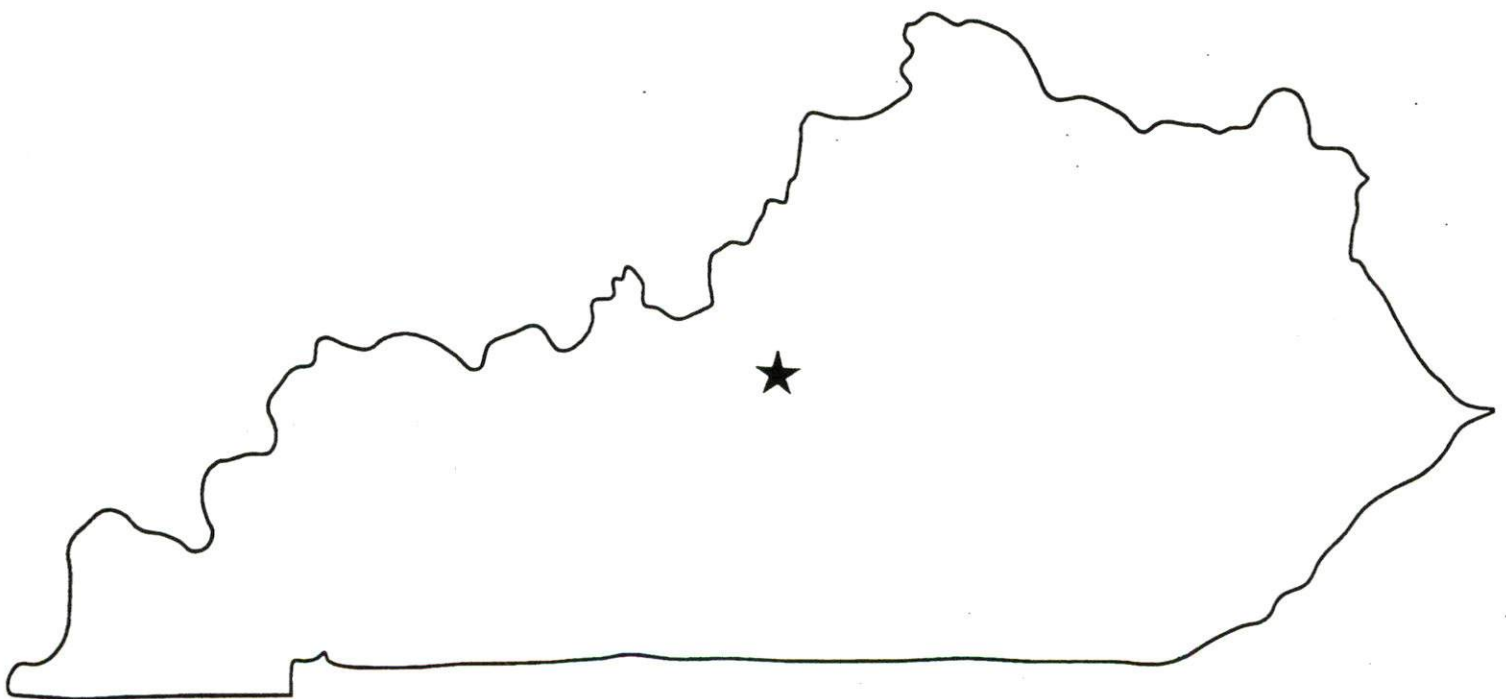
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Economic Development**

**Hodgenville**



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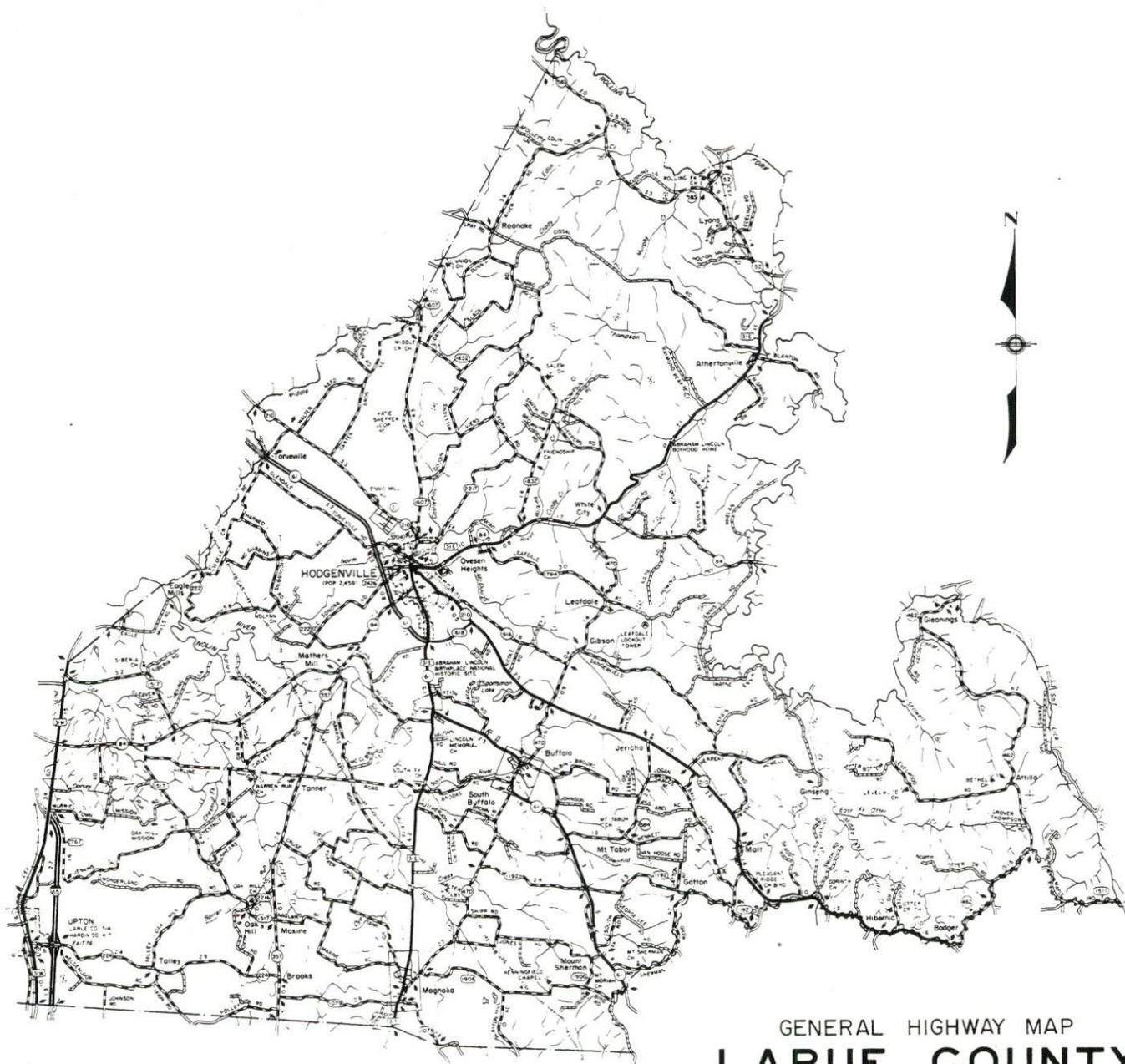
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# GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP **LARUE COUNTY** KENTUCKY

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

Hodgenville, the county seat of LaRue County and birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, is located in south-central Kentucky's Mississippian Plateaus Region, 56 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky, and 140 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee. The city had an estimated 1994 population of 3,449 persons.

LaRue County, with a generally low, rolling topography, has a land area of 263 square miles. LaRue County had an estimated 1994 population of 12,419.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of LaRue County residents employed in 1994 averaged 5,546. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 491 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 468 jobs; 292 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 528 employees; and contract construction firms provided 131 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 7,534 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1997 through 2001, 15,390 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

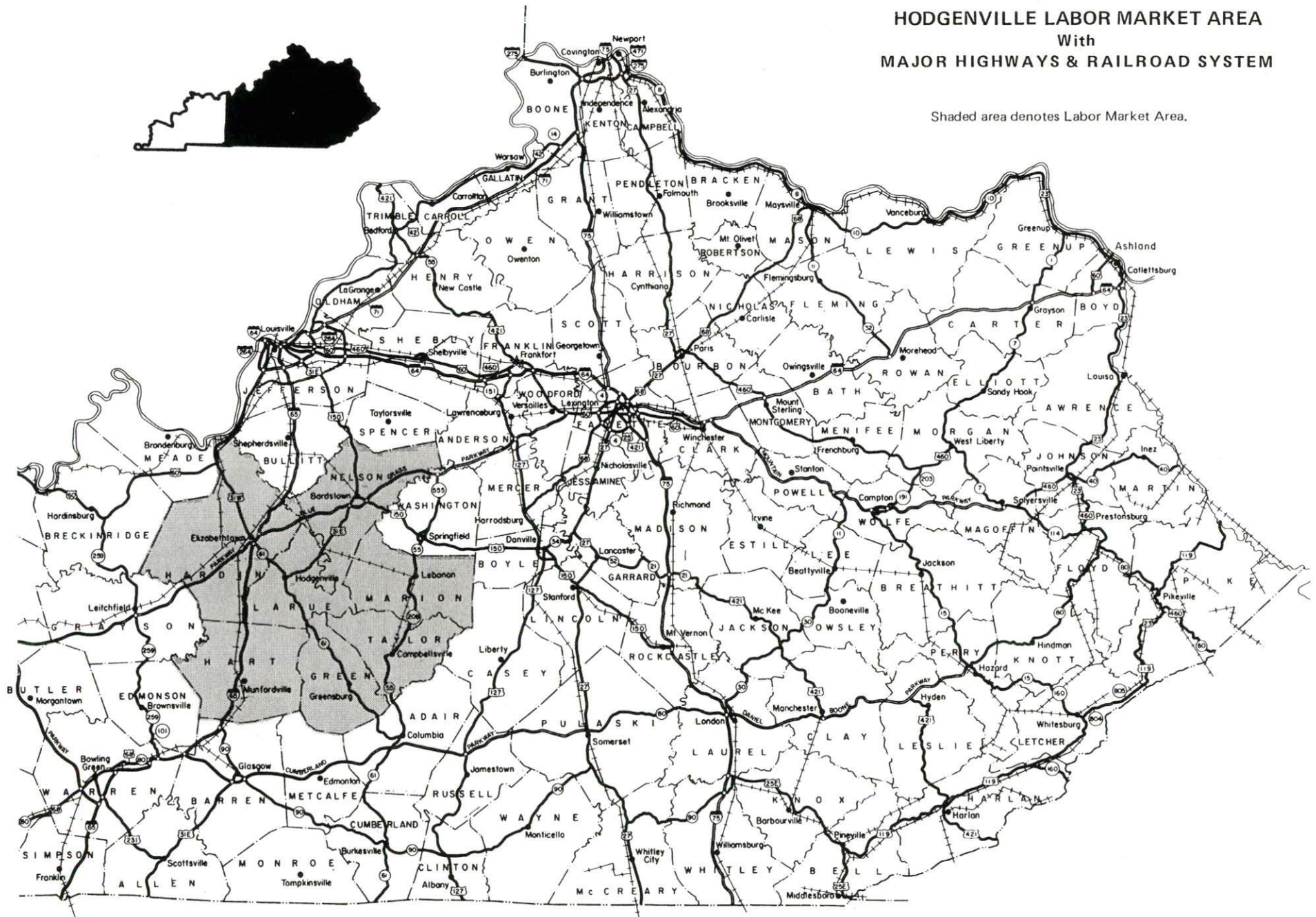
**Transportation** - The Lincoln Parkway (a segment of Kentucky Route 61) is a four-lane highway connecting Hodgenville with Elizabethtown, 12 miles northwest, where Interstate 65 and a network of multi-lane highways converge. Other "AAA"-rated trucking highways serving Hodgenville include U.S. Highway 31E and Kentucky Route 210. Eleven common carrier trucking companies provide Hodgenville with interstate and/or intrastate service. CSX Transportation provides branch line rail service to Hodgenville. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Louisville International Airport, 52 miles north of Hodgenville. Addington Field, with a 5,000-foot runway, is located 16 miles northwest of Hodgenville near Elizabethtown.

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

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

# HODGENVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

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

### POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	200,866	193,535	193,950	170,752
Hodgenville	3,449	2,721	2,531	2,562
LaRue County	12,419	11,679	11,922	10,672

\*Population estimates.

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

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	213,772	229,263	240,777
LaRue County	12,859	13,335	13,661

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1997 thru 2001</u>
Labor Market Area*	7,534	5,629	1,905	15,390
LaRue County	809	256	553	877

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

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

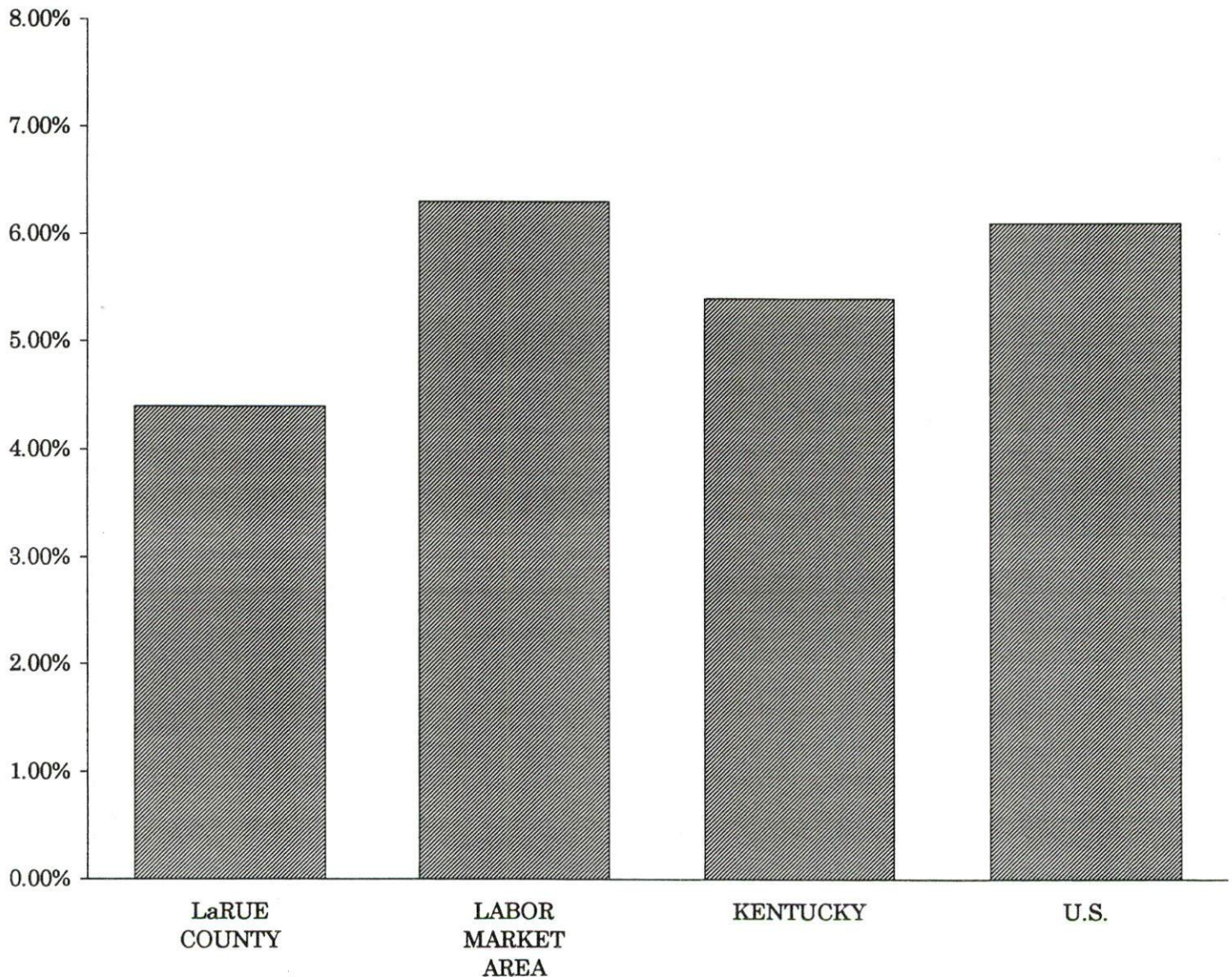
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1997 thru 2001.

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>LaRue County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	5,802	89,602
Employment	5,546	83,973
Unemployment	256	5,629
Rate of Unemployment (%)	4.4	6.3

**Source:** Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1994.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1994



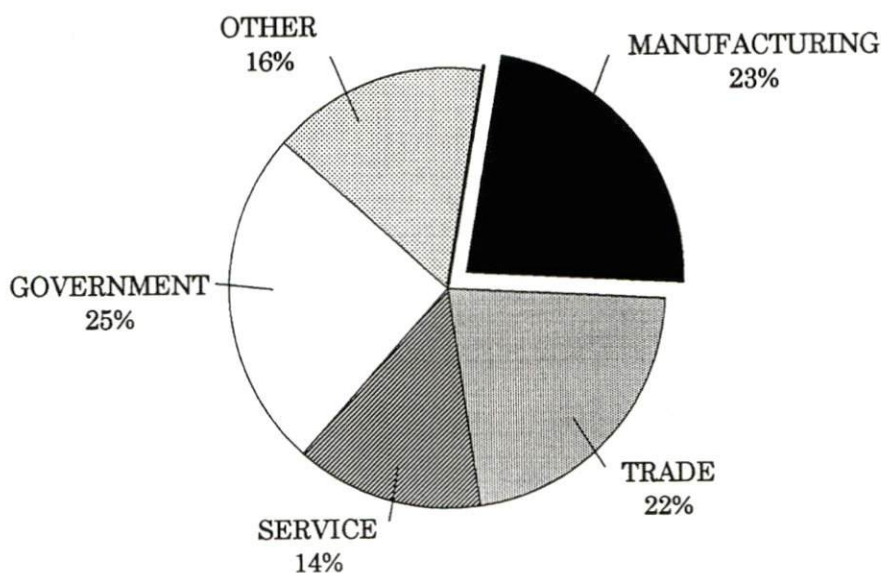
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>LaRue County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,154	60,920
Manufacturing	491	18,275
Wholesale & Retail Trade	468	15,113
Services	292	9,854
State/Local Government	528	9,806
Contract Construction	131	2,892

**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, 1994.

LARUE COUNTY



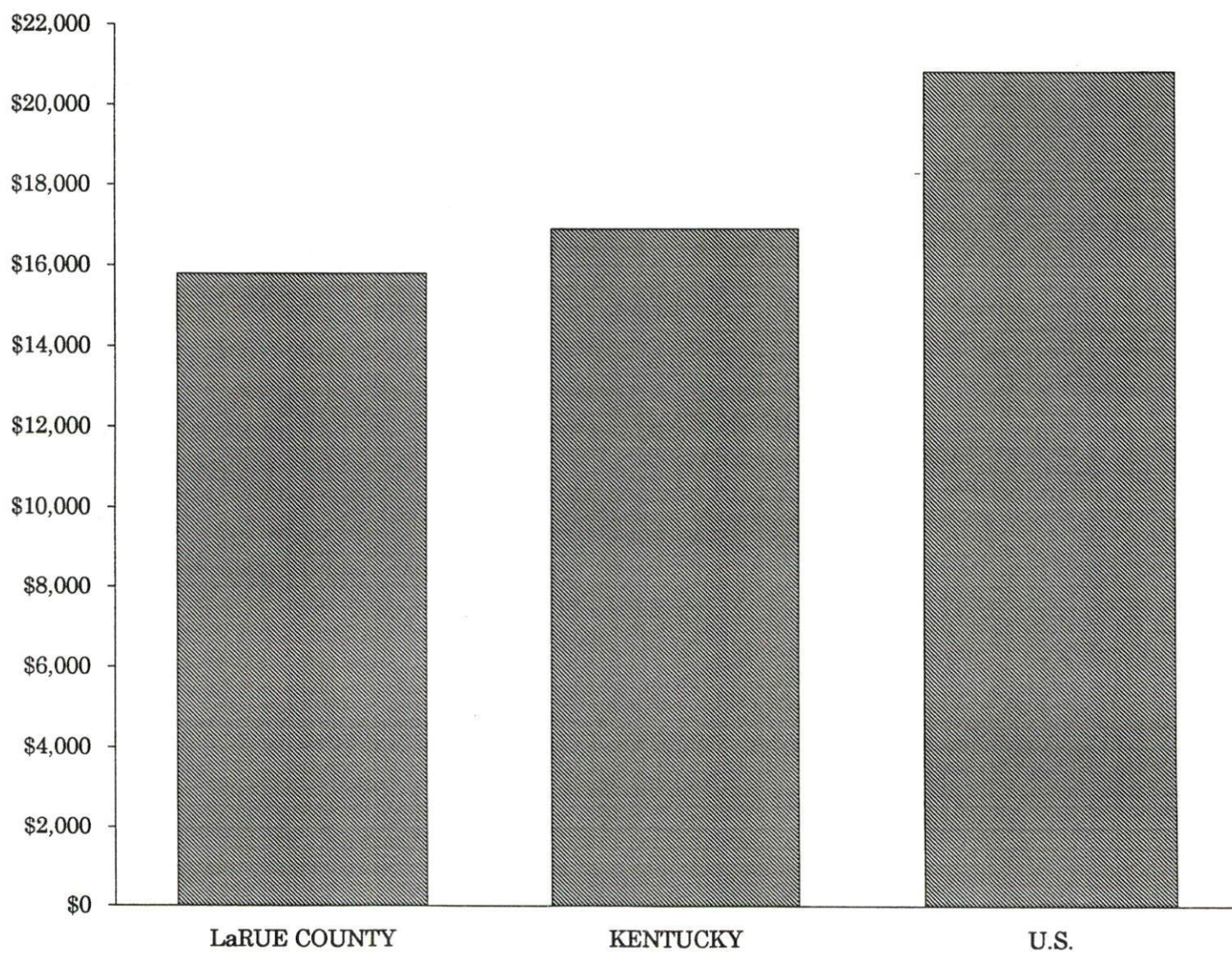


# PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
LaRue County	\$13,338	\$15,779	18.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$9,860 - \$13,338	\$12,359 - \$15,802	-
Kentucky	\$13,756	\$16,889	22.8
U.S.	\$17,690	\$20,800	17.6

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1993





## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

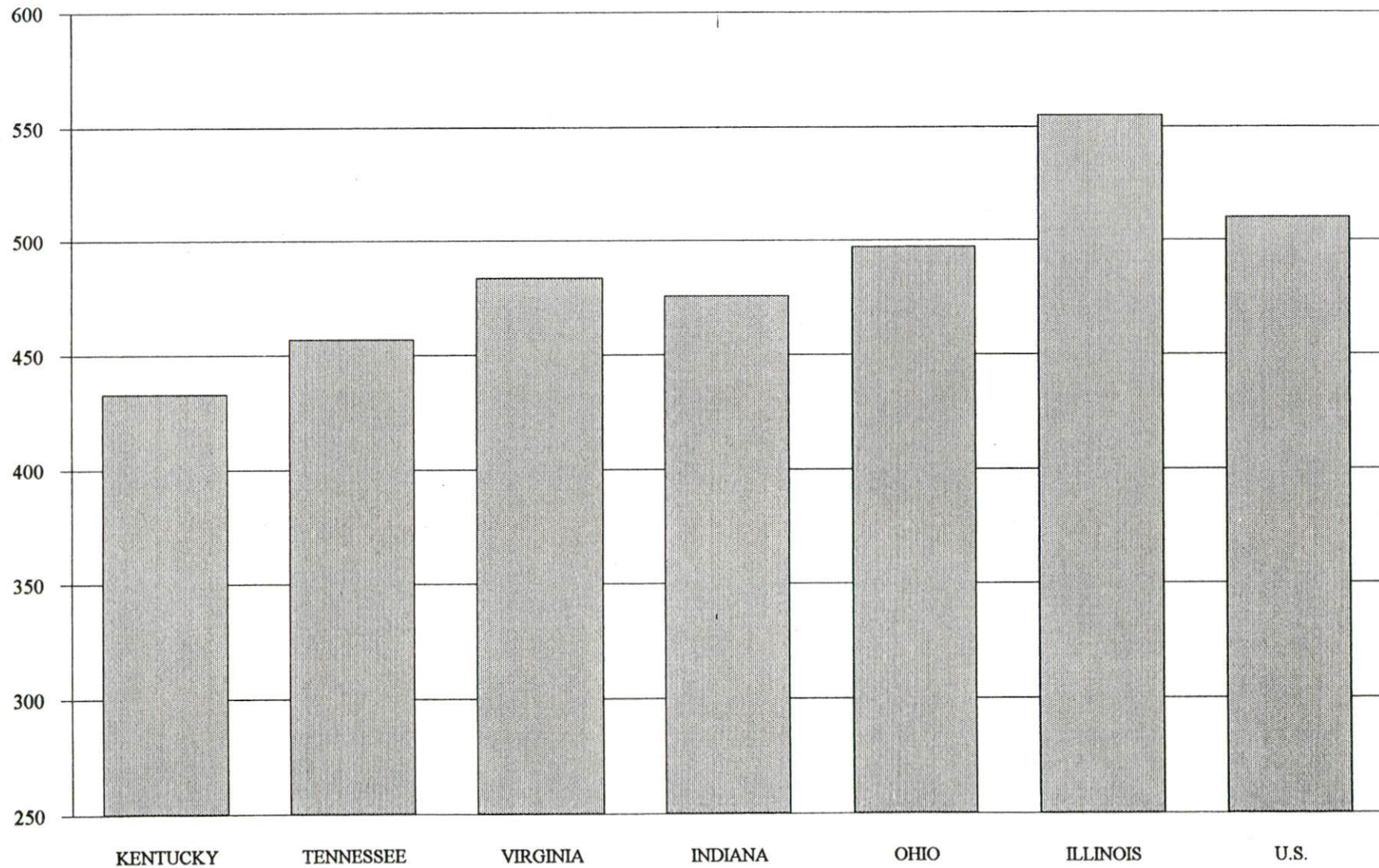
LaRue County is served by the Elizabethtown local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Elizabethtown local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 2,644 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	2,644	6.21
Clerical	390	5.53
Sales	106	6.28
Services (excluding domestic)	390	4.77
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	30	5.67
Processing	37	6.51
Machine Trades	669	7.07
Bench Work	370	5.79
Structural	304	7.64
Motor Freight/ Transportation	118	5.62
Packaging and Materials Handling	154	5.77
Other	11	7.62

The Elizabethtown local office also serves Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, and Meade Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1994**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994\*

	<u>LaRue County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$298.23	\$432.45	\$457.00	\$484.00
Mining & Quarrying	0.00	724.79	638.00	721.00
Contract Construction	357.93	457.02	485.00	476.00
Manufacturing	286.37	560.04	540.00	565.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	561.11	573.31	588.00	673.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	200.27	297.57	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	387.05	521.15	585.00	609.00
Services	285.18	385.62	434.00	501.00
State/Local Government	352.15	441.53	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$476.00	\$497.00	\$555.00	\$510.00
Mining & Quarrying	771.00	682.00	815.00	839.00
Contract Construction	538.00	549.00	681.00	544.00
Manufacturing	653.00	701.00	692.00	645.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	581.00	619.00	694.00	658.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	557.00	572.00	764.00	693.00
Services	400.00	433.00	501.00	483.00
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.

**Sources:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1994. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1994, November 1995.



## EXISTING INDUSTRY

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

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Hodgenville</b>		
Central Kentucky Truss, Inc. (1992)	Wood trusses	15
Crop Production Services (1970)	Fertilizer	5
Crucible Magnetics Engineered Products (1990)	Magnetic pump couplings, precision fabricated magnets, holding assemblies	50
Lincoln Tool, Inc. (1994)	Tools, dies	13
Master Built Cabinets (1988)	Custom wood cabinets	23
Morrison Farm Service (1949)	Fertilizer, feed	13
Mouser Industries (1972)	Wood cabinets	20
Nationwide Uniform Corporation (1961)	Industrial uniforms	450
R.E. Williams Company, Inc. (1996)	Industrial parts handlers	3
Ronnie's Custom Cabinets (1975)	Wood cabinets, wood furniture	3
Thompson's Heading & Stave Mill (1965)	Lumber, staves, headings	50
Walters Cabinets, Inc. (1972)	Architectural millwork, kitchen and bath cabinets	48
<b>Buffalo</b>		
Meers Tire Service, Inc. (1955)	Tire fabric recaps (trucks)	5
<b>Magnolia</b>		
C.T.M. Machine and Tooling (1991)	Welding, tools, dies, fabrication	
Morrison Farm Service (1953)	Fertilizer	2

**Sources:** Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Hodgenville-LaRue County Industrial Foundation.



## RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

N.S.U. Corporation, a subsidiary of Nakagawa Sangyo Company Limited of Japan, announced in December 1995, that it will invest \$3.6 million to convert a 60,000 square-foot facility in LaRue County to manufacture muffler components for the auto industry. Initially, they will employ 44 people with an annual payroll of \$800,000.

The LaRue County Industrial Foundation owns a 20-acre industrial site on the four-lane Lincoln Highway and has options on 80-acre and 65-acre sites. All three sites are within seven miles of Interstate 65 via the Lincoln Highway.

## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

### Union

International Brotherhood of  
Teamsters

### Representing workers at:

Nationwide Uniform Corporation

## SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

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

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**Source:** Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

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

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

Reconstruction of Kentucky Route 210 is proposed south of Hodgenville to Campbellsville.

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

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

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

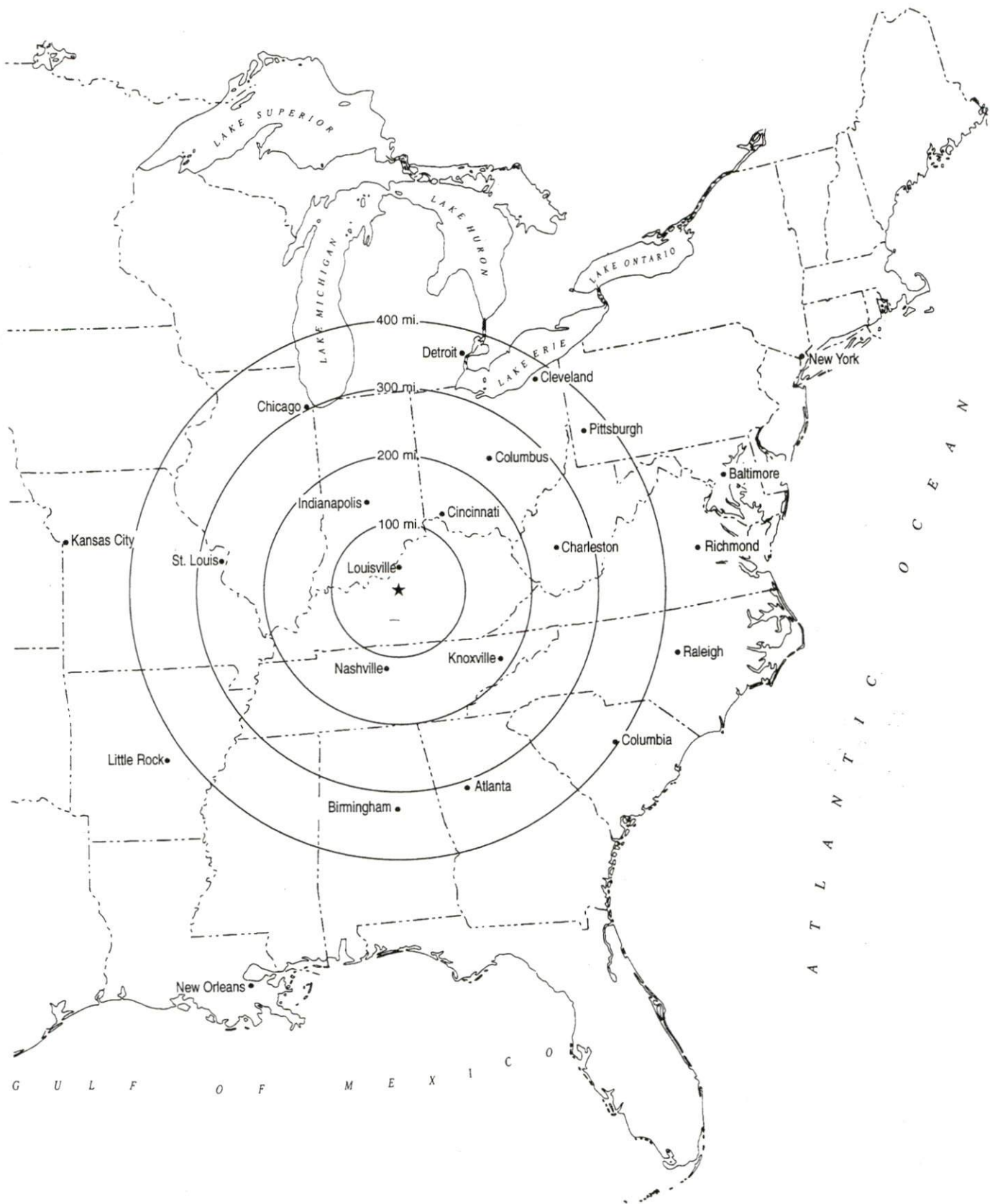
**Sources:** Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

### Truck Service

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

**Source:** American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1996.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

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

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

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

and/or

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

## Air

### Local

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

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Louisville International Airport 4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky; 52 miles north of Hodgenville
Air Service:	American, America West Express, American Eagle, ASA, ComAir, Continental, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest, Northwest Airlink, Southwest, TWA, United, United Express, USAir, USAir Express, Valujet
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	210



## UTILITIES

### Electricity

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

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

For industrial rates contact:

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

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

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

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

### Natural Gas

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

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Economic Development Department  
Louisville Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 32010  
Louisville, Kentucky 40232  
In Kentucky: (502) 627-3714  
Out of State: (800) 252-0226

## Public Water Supply

Company serving **Hodgenville** - Hodgenville Water Works  
207 East Water Street  
P.O. Drawer 189  
Hodgenville, Kentucky 42748  
(502) 358-8717

Source - North Fork of Nolin River  
Treatment plant capacity- 500,000 gallons per day  
Source of treated water - LaRue County Water District No. 1  
Maximum amount available - 100,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 550,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 600,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 600,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 40 psi to 70 psi

A \$1.2 million plant renovation is under way as well as construction of a raw water line from Salem Lake to the plant. Hodgenville Water Works has also applied for a grant to construct a 200,000 gallon storage tank and booster pump station at the LaRue County Industrial Park.

## Sewerage

Company serving **Hodgenville** - City of Hodgenville  
311 West Water Street  
P.O. Drawer 189  
Hodgenville, Kentucky 42748  
(502) 358-8521

Design capacity - 431,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 419,600 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of Nolin River

## CLIMATE

### LaRue County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1994	55.40 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (50-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (50-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,783
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	44.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.90 inches
Total precipitation 1994	45.70 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (50-year record)	129.70
Mean number days thunderstorms (50-year record)	44.40

#### Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South

#### Relative Humidity (31-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent *	(30-year record)
7 a.m.	82 percent	
1 p.m.	60 percent	
7 p.m.	64 percent	

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1994. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Structure**

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

### **Planning and Zoning**

Joint agency - Land of Lincoln Planning & Zoning Commission  
Participating cities - Hodgenville, Buffalo, Magnolia, Upton, Sonora  
Zoning enforced - All areas  
Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas  
Local codes enforced - Building and housing in all areas  
Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National  
Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky  
Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

### **Local Fees and Licenses**

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



## **PROPERTY TAXES**

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

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

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value.

### **STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION**

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	1995 <u>State Rate</u>	Local Taxation <u>Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.167	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, 1995**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
LaRue County	\$0.2283	\$0.2417	\$0.2390
School Districts:			
LaRue County	0.4270	0.4270	0.5520
Cities:			
Hodgenville	0.1500	0.1550	0.1950

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

#### LaRue County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	2,289
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	17.2-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	40.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,617.37

The LaRue County School System recently completed a state-of-the-art, \$6 million high school with a 350-seat performing arts auditorium, an educational technology lab offering courses such as robotics, aerodynamics, pneumatics, modern biology, chemistry, physics, and computer labs. The middle school recently underwent a \$1.5 million renovation emphasizing a math and science lab upgrade. School to Work partnerships between schools and businesses offer students real-life experiences, while businesses have an opportunity to teach tomorrow's workforce.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown, Kentucky (12)	3,766
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville, Kentucky (30)	1,366
Saint Catharine College	Springfield, Kentucky (44)	442
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia, Kentucky (48)	1,316
Bellarmine College	Louisville, Kentucky (56)	2,935
Jefferson Community College	Louisville, Kentucky (56)	9,273
Spalding University	Louisville, Kentucky (56)	1,342
University of Louisville	Louisville, Kentucky (56)	21,218
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (78)	14,721

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

## VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

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

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Hodgenville)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Elizabethtown Regional Technology Center	Elizabethtown (12)	23	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 26 663	162
Nelson County Area Technology Center	Bardstown (25)	5	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 160 10	42
Green County Area Technology Center	Greensburg (28)	10	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 289 18	113

### Customized Training

The Elizabethtown Industrial Foundation Training Consortium is a partnership of local companies, government, civic, and education representatives who are dedicated to achieving training excellence by planning, conducting, and evaluating training for people from local business and industry to ensure continuous improvement. The partnership cooperative joins Elizabethtown Community College and Elizabethtown Regional Technology Center.

The Kentucky Tech system, through its Training and Development Coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Kentucky Tech Northwest Region office in Elizabethtown (502) 595-4136.

### Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills, and academic potential. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of the Elizabethtown Regional Technology Center (502) 759-2361.

### Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. Kentucky Tech-Elizabethtown, and Nelson and Green Counties offer tech prep programs in a variety of areas.



### Articulation

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

### Adult Education Services

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

### Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

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

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

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5

Dentists - 3

### Hospitals

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

Medical staff - 130 physicians, 413 registered nurses, 16 licensed practical nurses

Hardin Memorial Hospital recently completed a five-story addition. With the additional space the hospital now has a larger out-patient surgery facility, a larger emergency room, expanded ob-nursery unit, and a new heliport.

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

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

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of Magnolia  
Fifth Third Bank  
The Lincoln National Bank  
The Peoples State Bank

### Newspapers

The LaRue County Herald News

### Telephone Service

GTE South

Hodgenville recently implemented the enhanced version of the "911" emergency dispatch communication system.

## RECREATION

### Local

Recreational opportunities are abundant and varied in Hodgenville and LaRue County. Local facilities include a city-county park with five lighted ball fields, four lighted tennis courts, a lighted pavilion, and a swimming pool. An air-conditioned recreational facility is also available at the park. Built in 1993, it is used for a variety of recreational and social events.

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

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

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

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

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

Two buildings on Lincoln Square - the Women's Club building and the Senior Citizens/Community Center building - are available to groups for meetings and projects. Community activities also are held at LaRue County High School. The \$400,000 Senior Citizens Center, built in 1993, also provides programs for the LaRue County senior population.

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

Other points of interest include the Downtown Hodgenville Historical District and the community owned Lincoln Museum, located on the town square. The museum features twelve authenticated scenes of great importance in Lincoln's life and our nation's history and also houses exhibits and memorabilia. The museum is an official site on the Civil War Discovery Trail and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Just outside the museum is the original bronze statue of Lincoln by A.A. Weinmann erected by Congress in 1909.

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



**Area (Within 55 miles)**

Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest  
Green River Lake State Park  
Kentucky Railway Museum  
Lincoln Homestead State Park  
Mammoth Cave National Park  
My Old Kentucky Home State Park  
Nolin Lake  
The Patton Museum/Fort Knox Military  
Reservation and U.S. Gold Depository  
Coca-Cola Memorabilia Museum  
Abbey of Gethsemane (Oldest Trappist  
Monastery in the U.S.)  
American Cave Museum and Hidden  
River Cave  
Churchill Downs and the Kentucky  
Derby Museum  
My Old Kentucky Dinner Train