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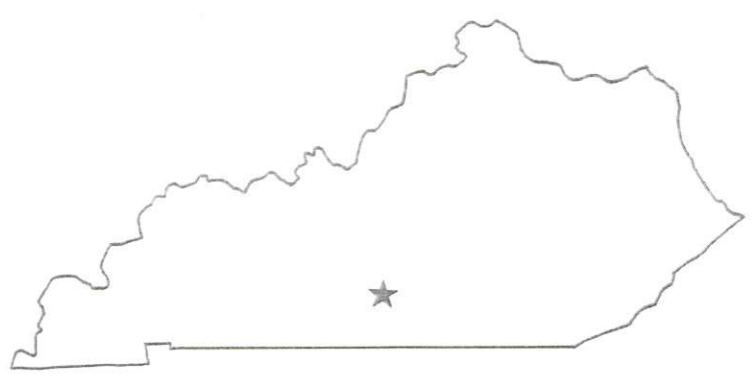
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# Columbia



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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COLUMBIA, KENTUCKY

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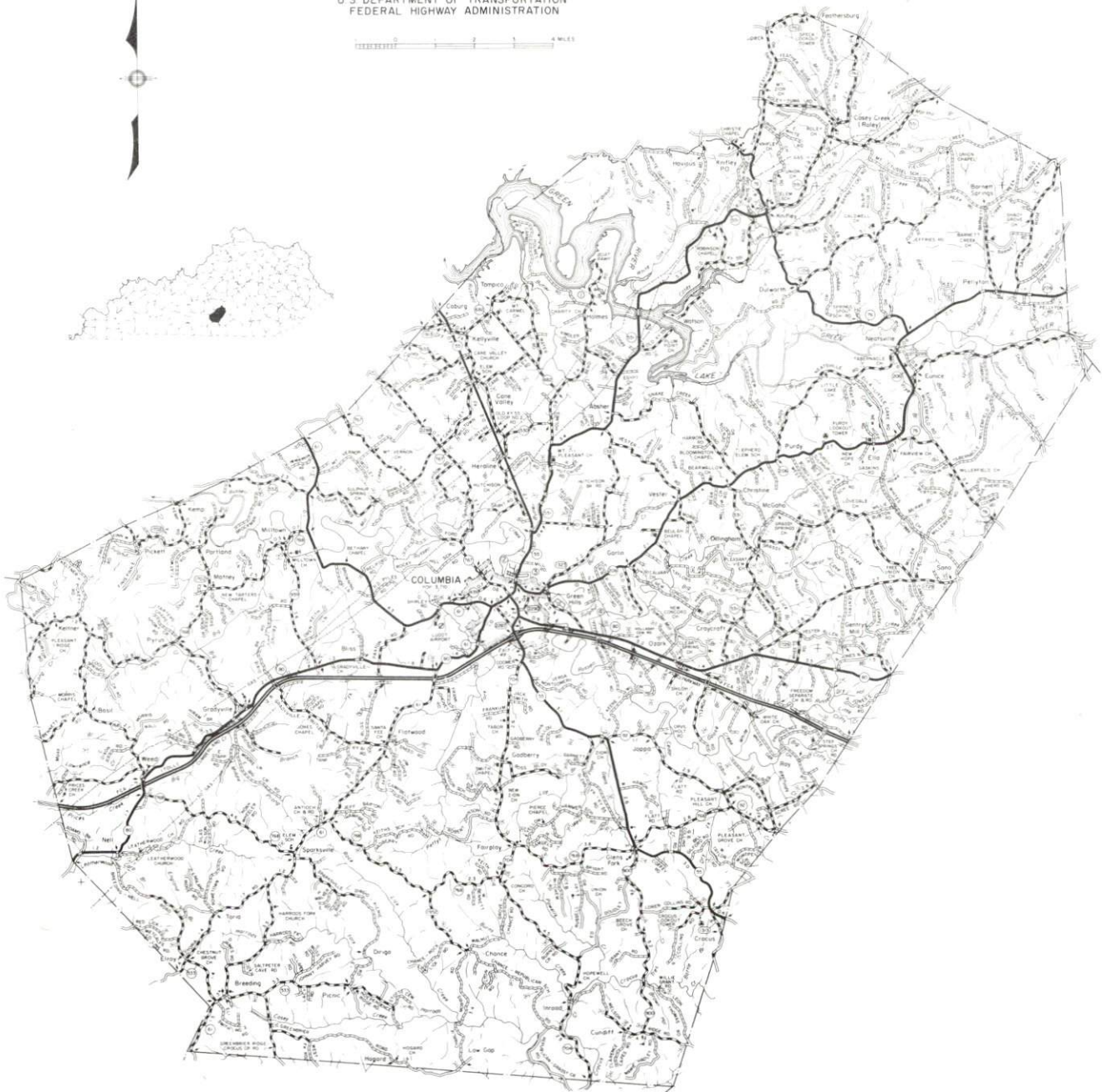
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**ADAIR COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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## COLUMBIA, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Columbia, the county seat of Adair County, is the home of Lindsey Wilson College. The city had a 1990 population of 3,845 persons. Columbia is located 101 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky; 96 miles southwest of Lexington, Kentucky; 124 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee; and 169 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Adair County, which covers a land area of 407 square miles, is located in the Mississippian Plateaus Region of south-central Kentucky. Large, flat ridgetops characterize portions of central and southeastern Adair County. The county had a 1990 population of 15,360 persons.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Adair County residents employed in 1990 averaged 7,895. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,076 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 636 jobs; 840 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 602 employees; and contract construction firms provided 94 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 11,646 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 6,586 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Major highways serving Columbia include the Cumberland Parkway and Kentucky Route 80, both AAA-rated trucking highways; and Kentucky Route 55, which is AAA-rated north of the city. Interstate 65, a major north-south route, is located 50 miles west via the Cumberland Parkway. Other highways serving Columbia include Kentucky Route 61, 206, and 551. Eleven trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to the city. The Columbia-Adair County Airport, maintains a 2,600-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is at Louisville's Standiford Field, 97 miles northwest of Columbia. CSX Transportation provides the nearest rail service at Glasgow, Kentucky, 37 miles west of Columbia.

**Power and Fuel** - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Columbia and parts of Adair County. Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation serves most of Adair County. Columbia Utilities Commission provides natural gas service to the city.

**Education** - Primary and secondary education is provided to Columbia and Adair County by the Adair County Public School System. Lindsey Wilson College, recently accredited as a four-year institution, is located in Columbia. Six other colleges and universities are located within 70 miles. The Somerset State Vocational-Technical School, 42 miles east, and the Russell County Area Vocational Education Center in Russell Springs, 13 miles east of Columbia, offer vocational training to the area.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Columbia Labor Market Area includes Adair County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Casey, Cumberland, Green, Metcalfe, Russell, and Taylor.

POPULATION			
	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	91,551	92,753	79,024
Columbia	3,845	3,710	3,234
Adair County	15,360	15,233	13,037

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	2000	2010	2020	2030
Labor Market Area	97,840	98,200	97,100	94,240
Adair County	16,430	16,670	16,680	16,340

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current				Future
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996
Labor Market Area*	11,646	3,016	4,561	4,069	6,586
Adair County	1,224	547	677	0	1,126

\* 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).

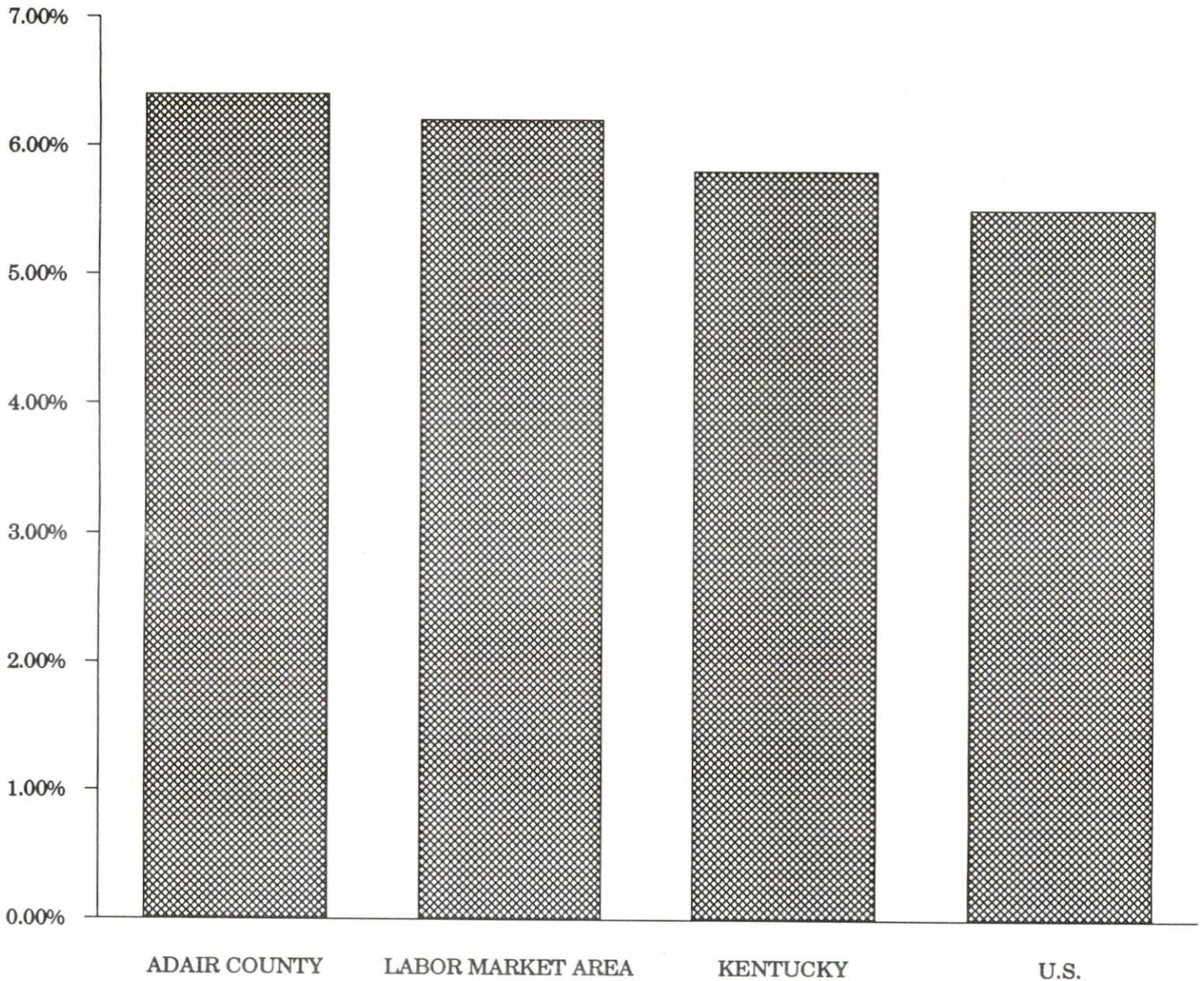
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1990**

	<u>Adair County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	8,437	53,349
Employment	7,895	50,033
Unemployment	542	3,316
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.4	6.2

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

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1990**

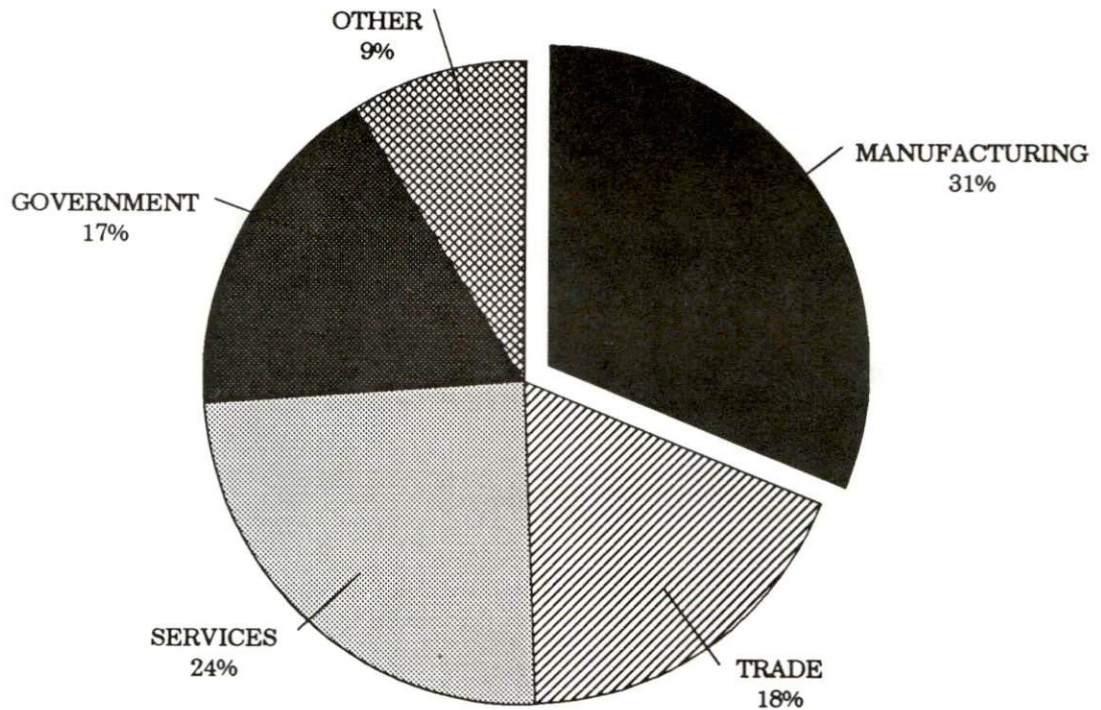


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990

	<u>Adair County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	3,450	28,775
Manufacturing	1,076	10,746
Wholesale & Retail Trade	636	4,730
Services	840	2,931
State/Local Government	602	4,222
Contract Construction	94	752

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.

ADAIR COUNTY

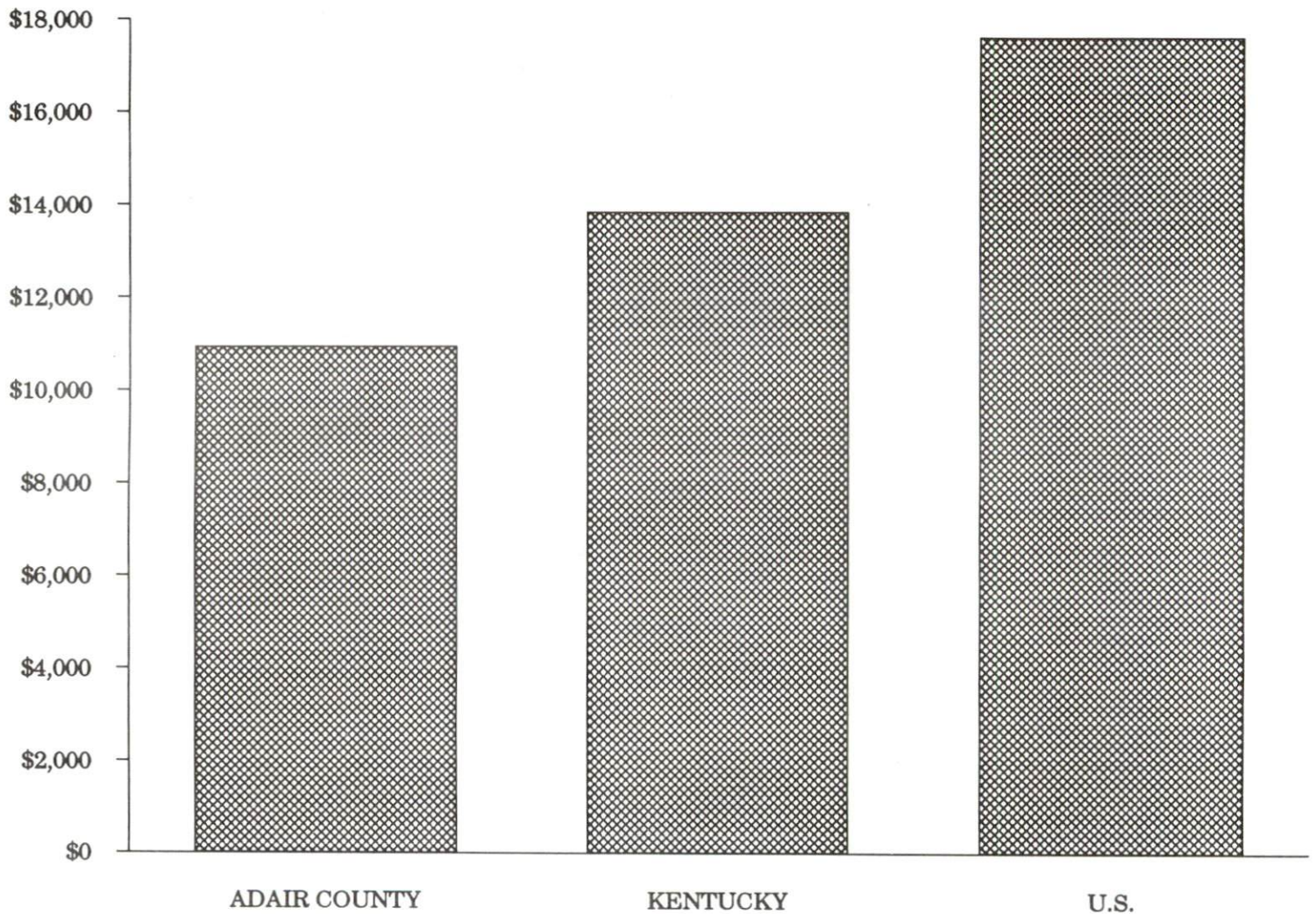


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1985	1989	Percent Change
Adair County	\$8,268	\$10,931	32.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,575 - \$9,250	\$8,839 - \$12,043	-
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 1991.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1989



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Adair County is served by the Somerset local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Somerset 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 4,295 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

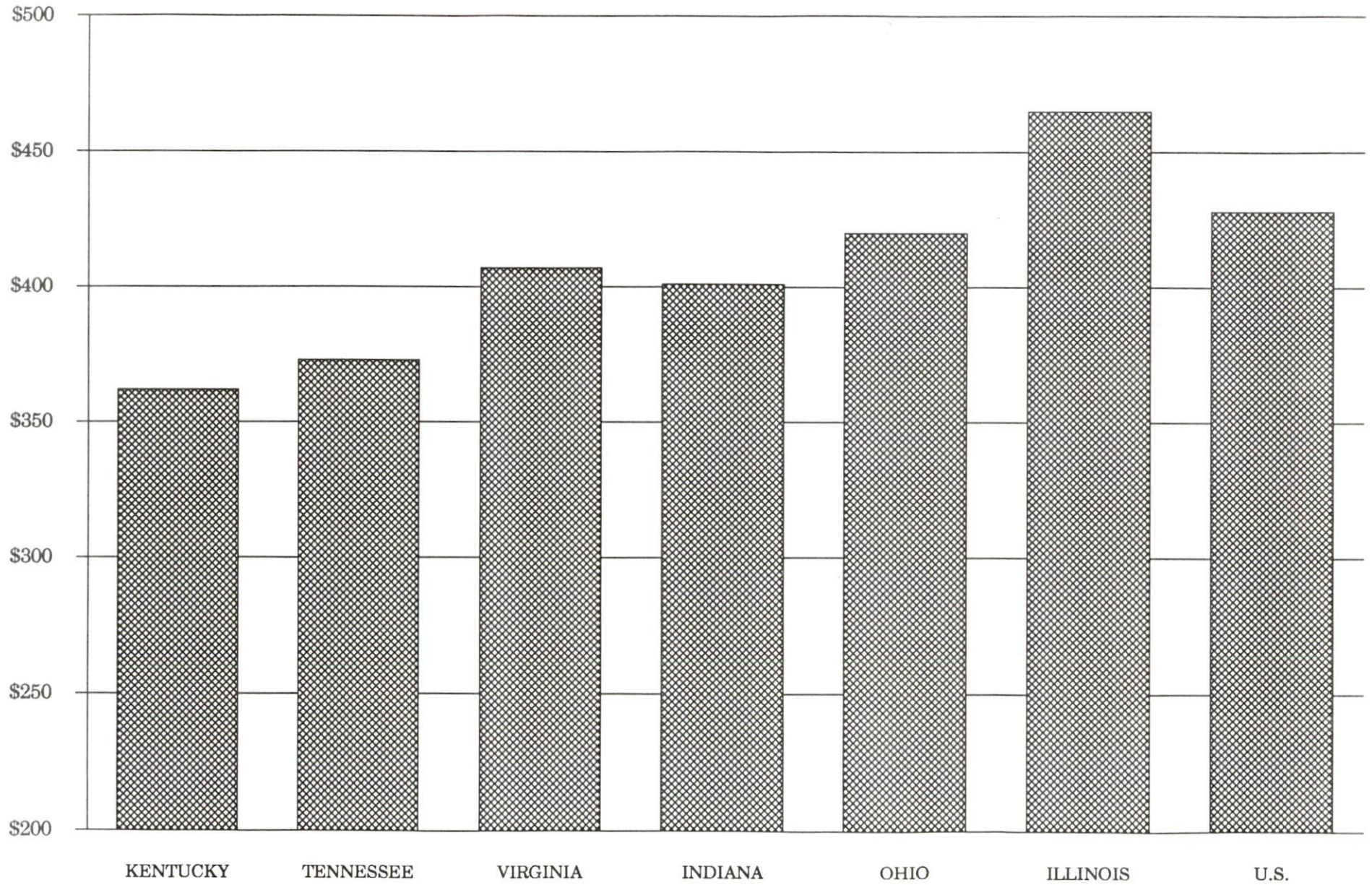
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	4,295	4.00
Clerical	1,365	3.55
Sales	110	4.04
Services (excluding domestic)	341	3.52
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	46	4.41
Processing	53	4.05
Machine Trades	125	4.70
Bench Work	1,487	4.19
Structural	329	4.70
Motor Freight/ Transportation	42	3.90
Packaging and Materials Handling	291	4.24
Other	53	4.35

The Somerset local office also serves Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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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\*

	Adair County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$256.28	\$362.03	\$373.00	\$407.00
Mining & Quarrying	226.32	623.82	522.00	576.00
Contract Construction	262.59	388.21	407.00	434.00
Manufacturing	276.83	472.92	431.00	470.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	336.31	482.22	493.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	162.81	245.12	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	292.80	417.89	448.00	488.00
Services	221.81	310.29	357.00	409.00
State/Local Government	348.80	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

COLUMBIA MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
The Adair Progress (1968)	Newspaper, offset printing, job printing	16
Central Kentucky Beef, Inc. (1984)	Beef processing	25
City Supply Company (1948)	Concrete stock tanks, ready-mixed concrete	14
Day & Day Feed Mill (1960)	Animal feed	2
Gaddie-Shamrock, Inc. (1938)	Crushed stone, agriculture lime, plant mix asphalt	55
Hancock Furniture Shop (1979)	Wood furniture	4
Imo Industries, Inc. (1973)	Hydraulic pumps	102
J. Downey & Son Lumber (1975)	Barrel headings & staves, furniture dimension blocks	50
Kentucky Tie and Lumber Company (1958)	Pallet material, dimension material, hardwood lumber	39
M & W Milling Company, Inc. (1946)	Feed	5
Northeastern Products Corporation (1987)	Meat smoking sawdust, animal bedding, wood shavings	10
Old Craftsmen and Cabinet Shop (1981)	Cherry reproduction furniture	5
Oshkosh B'Gosh, Inc. Plant #1 (1964)	Casual clothing, children's wear	400
Oshkosh B'Gosh, Inc. Plant #2 (1984)	Work & casual clothing	250
Printing Creations, Inc. (1984)	Commercial and offset printing	6
Pyles Concrete, Inc. (1965)	Precast septic tanks, ready-mixed concrete	16
Roach Manufacturing Company (1940)	Truck body hardware	3
W.H. Sandusky & Son, Inc. (1940)	Lumber	19
South Central Printing, Inc. (1979)	Business forms, book printing	24
Ten Oaks Furniture (1986)	Wood specialty products, oak furniture	15

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<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Warner Fertilizer Company, Inc. (1973)	Fertilizer	2
Whitney & Whitney (1952)	Pallet lumber, crossties, hardwood lumber	17

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

#### RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Oshkosh B'Gosh, Inc. Plant No. 1 recently completed an expansion which included the installation of new equipment and adding 65 new jobs.

Northeastern Products Corporation recently constructed a new warehouse at its facility.

The local industrial park has undergone several improvements which include leveling portions of the land, building an access road to the park, and providing access to all utilities.

#### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
United Garment Workers of America, AFL-CIO	Oshkosh B'Gosh, Inc. - Plant #1 Oshkosh B'Gosh, Inc. - Plant #2

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Columbia</u>
Custom Data Processing	Somerset	42
Custom Plastics Producers	Lebanon	39
Electric Motor Repair	Glasgow Lebanon	37 39
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Glasgow	37
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond	92
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Springfield	47
Industrial Gases	Campbellsville	19
Industrial Waste Removal	Somerset	42
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Greensburg	20
Metal Castings	Horse Cave	53
Metal Finishers	Horse Cave	53
Metal Service Centers	Bowling Green	70
Millwrights	Bowling Green	70
Public Warehouse Facilities	Glasgow	37

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Major highways serving Columbia are the Cumberland Parkway, with an interchange located one mile south, and Kentucky Route 80. Both are AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. The Cumberland Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, connects with Interstate 65 fifty miles west of Columbia. An interchange of Interstate 75 is located 73 miles east via the Cumberland Parkway and Kentucky 80. Kentucky Route 55, which is AAA-rated north of the city and AA-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) south of the city, also serves Columbia. Other AA-rated trucking highways serving Columbia are Kentucky Routes 61, 206, and 551.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	364	Los Angeles, CA	2,122
Baltimore, MD	634	Louisville, KY	101
Birmingham, AL	308	Nashville, TN	124
Chicago, IL	389	New Orleans, LA	638
Cincinnati, OH	176	New York, NY	812
Cleveland, OH	418	Pittsburgh, PA	440
Detroit, MI	432	St. Louis, MO	340
Knoxville, TN	169		

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

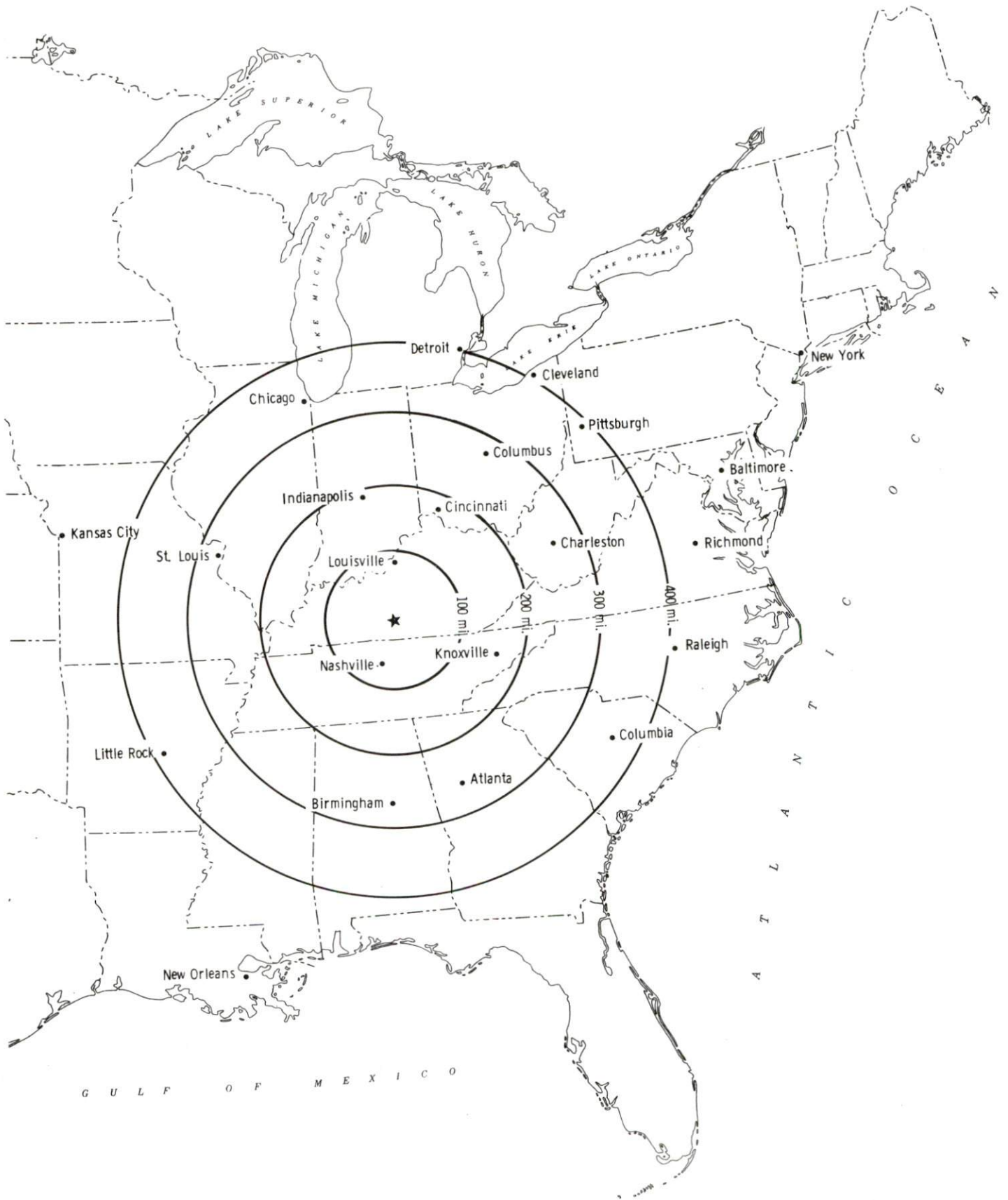
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

### Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1991.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides the nearest rail service, a branch line at Glasgow, Kentucky, 37 miles west of Columbia. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by CSX at Louisville, Kentucky, 101 miles north of Columbia.

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:	Columbia-Adair County Airport 2.5 miles southwest of Columbia
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	2,600 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, tetrahedron
Lighting:	Rotating beacon, radio-activated MIRL
Services:	80 octane, taxi, visitors' parking, air charters, and hangers
Air Freight Service:	Chartered air freight services must be arranged

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Standiford Field 4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky; 97 miles northwest of Columbia
Air Service:	Air Toronto, Delta, Northwest, American, Continental, TWA, United, USAir, ComAir, Midway
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	172
Location:	Bluegrass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 100 miles northeast of Columbia
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 Columbia and parts of Adair 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) 255-1461

Company serving most of Adair County - Taylor 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

Taylor County Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
P.O. Box 100  
Campbellsville, Kentucky 42719  
(502) 465-4101

### Natural Gas

Company serving Columbia - Columbia Utilities Commission

Source of supply - Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation and  
Woodward Marketing, Inc.

For rates and supplies contact:

Columbia Utilities Commission  
116 Campbellsville Street  
Suite 1  
Columbia, Kentucky 42728  
(502) 384-2006

## Public Water Supply

Company serving Columbia - City of Columbia  
116 Campbellsville Street  
Columbia, Kentucky 42728  
(502) 384-2006

Source - Russell Creek  
Treatment plant capacity - 1,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 850,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - At capacity  
Storage capacity - 1,570,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 30 psi to 90 psi

The City of Columbia is in the process of replacing a standpipe with an elevated tank for water storage at a cost of \$250,000 and will be completed by November 30, 1991. In addition, construction of a water intake line from Green River Lake is under way and scheduled for completion in 1992.

Name of water district - Adair County Water District  
P.O. Box 567  
Columbia, Kentucky 42728  
(502) 384-2181

Area served - Adair County  
Source of supply of treated water - Columbia Utilities,  
Campbellsville Water Department, Russell Springs Water Department  
Amount of water that can be purchased - 533,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 400,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 500,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 425,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 30 psi to 170 psi

The Adair County Water District is in the process of constructing 25 miles of water lines, two 100,000-gallon water storage tanks, and two pumping stations. The \$1.2 million project is scheduled for completion in late Fall 1992.

## Sewerage

Company serving Columbia - City of Columbia  
116 Campbellsville Street  
Columbia, Kentucky 42728  
(502) 384-2006

Design capacity - 700,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 250,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Primary and tertiary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Russell Creek



## CLIMATE

### Adair 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

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

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - City of Columbia Planning & Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits of Columbia

Local codes enforced - Building

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 Columbia levies an occupational license fee on businesses operating within the city. The fee ranges from \$25 to \$250 per year. The occupational license fee for manufacturing and fabrication is \$75 annually. The City of Columbia also levies an insurance license fee based on 5% of the premium collected on policies written.

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 &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Adair County	\$0.3871	\$0.3931	\$0.4188
School Districts:			
Adair County	0.4240	0.4240	0.1910
Cities:			
Columbia	0.3100	0.3100	0.3100

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Adair County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1990)	2,572
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1989-90)	17-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1989-90)	48.4
Expenditures Per Pupil (1989-90)	\$2,657.96

The Adair County School System is in the process of constructing a new high school. Phase one of the project, which is the academic portion of the building, will be completed by Summer 1993 at a cost of \$5.8 million.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1990)</u>
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia, Kentucky	1,327
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville, Kentucky (19)	857
Somerset Community College	Somerset, Kentucky (42)	2,087
Saint Catharine College	Springfield, Kentucky (47)	257
Centre College	Danville, Kentucky (57)	879
Elizabethtown Community	Elizabethtown, Kentucky (60)	3,364
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (70)	15,240

### Lindsey Wilson College

Lindsey Wilson College is located in Columbia and was established in 1903. The college, formerly one of the best rated two-year colleges in the South, is now accredited as a four-year institution of higher education. With the goals of the college well defined through the years, Lindsey Wilson College strived to provide a thorough academic education as well as purposeful Christian attitudes. A flexible curriculum, offering a wide range of studies, is strived for, which is consistent with the needs of its students. Lindsey Wilson also wants to create a mutual awareness and appreciation between the college and the area it serves.

## 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>
Somerset State Vocational- Technical School	Somerset (42)	846
Russell County Area Vocational Education Center	Russell Springs (16)	264

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 9  
Dentists - 5

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Westlake Cumberland Hospital	Columbia, Kentucky	80
Medical Staff - 23 physicians, 52 registered nurses, 22 licensed practical nurses		

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Aaron Medical Center  
Adair County Health Center  
Adair County Ambulance Service  
Adair County Rescue Squad  
Adair County Unit of Disaster and Emergency Services  
Family Home Health Agency  
Lake Cumberland Comprehensive Care Center  
Lake Cumberland Home Health Agency  
Urgent Treatment Center  
Westlake Cumberland Home Health Agency

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of Columbia  
The First National Bank  
First Federal Savings and Loan Association

### Newspapers

The Adair Progress (weekly)  
The Columbia Newsweek (weekly)

### Telephone Service

General Telephone Company

## RECREATION

### Local

Columbia offers a variety of recreational facilities and activities. Public facilities available include a park, tennis courts, playgrounds, four ball fields with a very active schedule of both softball and baseball leagues, and a Little League park. There are also church leagues and open leagues for adults in softball and volleyball. The fairgrounds offer a swimming pool, a wading pool, basketball courts, tennis courts, a baseball/softball field, a picnic area, croquet courts, a track, and a playground. A football field, softball field, and track are available at Adair County High School.

Pinewood Country Club in Columbia provides a golf course and swimming pool to its members. An amphitheater is located at Lindsey Wilson College.

Green River Lake, located in northern Adair County provides excellent facilities for boating, fishing, and water sports. Holmes Bend Boat Dock, located eight miles from Columbia, offers a full-service marina, restaurant, sand beach, and houseboat and fishing boat rentals.

Green River Wildlife Recreation Area also located in northern Adair County, provides land for public game hunting and nature study.

The Christian Life Center consists of facilities for baseball, softball, basketball, and many other outdoor and indoor sports and recreational activities. There are future plans for the construction of a swimming pool at the center.

Columbia is oriented to "people events" such as the Adair County Bell Pepper Festival; the Miss Lake Cumberland Scholarship Pageant which is preliminary to the Miss America Pageant; Adair County Fair; regular and special dances, including square dancing; and many school and church organized events. The Adair County Bell Pepper Festival mentioned above is a major festival of south-central Kentucky and is held Labor Day week in September and is a fun-packed event for the entire family.

Another special attraction in Columbia is the Trabue-Russell House which is a historical preservation project of the Adair County Heritage Association. One of the largest rose garden memorials in Kentucky is located on the grounds.

### Area (Within 50 miles)

Green River Lake State Park  
Lake Cumberland State Resort Park  
Dale Hollow Lake State Park  
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site  
Old Mulkey Meeting House State Shrine  
Barren River Lake State Resort Park  
General Burnside State Park

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent

Oshkosh B'Gosh, Inc. Plant No. 1 recently completed an expansion which included the installation of new equipment and adding 65 new jobs.

Northeastern Products Corporation recently constructed a new warehouse at its facility.

The local industrial park has undergone several improvements which include leveling portions of the land, building an access road to the park, and providing access to all utilities.

The Adult Day Health Care Center was recently opened in Columbia. The facility will be leased to a private firm which provides quality affordable health care to the community.

Construction of a new shopping center which includes a supermarket and specialty shops is complete.

### Under Way

Kentucky Tie and Lumber Company is in the process of expanding its existing facility, which will include the acquisition of additional property, and several new jobs added.

The Adair County Water District is in the process of constructing 25 miles of water lines, two 100,000-gallon water storage tanks, and two pumping stations. The \$1.2 million project is scheduled for completion in late Fall 1992.

The City of Columbia is in the process of replacing a standpipe with an elevated tank for water storage at a cost of \$250,000 and will be completed by November 30, 1991. In addition, construction of a water intake line from Green River Lake is under way and scheduled for completion in 1992.

Construction of a 24-unit senior citizens housing complex is under way in Columbia.

The Adair County School System is in the process of constructing a new high school. Phase one of the project, which is the academic portion of the building, will be completed by Summer 1993 at a cost of \$5.8 million.

### Planned

Construction of a \$2.7 million dining hall/student union is planned at Lindsey Wilson College.

Lake Cumberland Mental Health Agency recently received funding approval for a "HUD" grant to construct a 30-unit center for the chronically ill.