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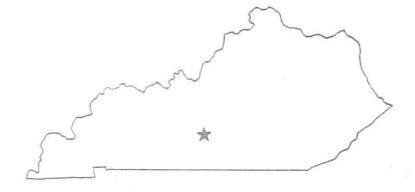
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# Cave City





# RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CAVE CITY, KENTUCKY

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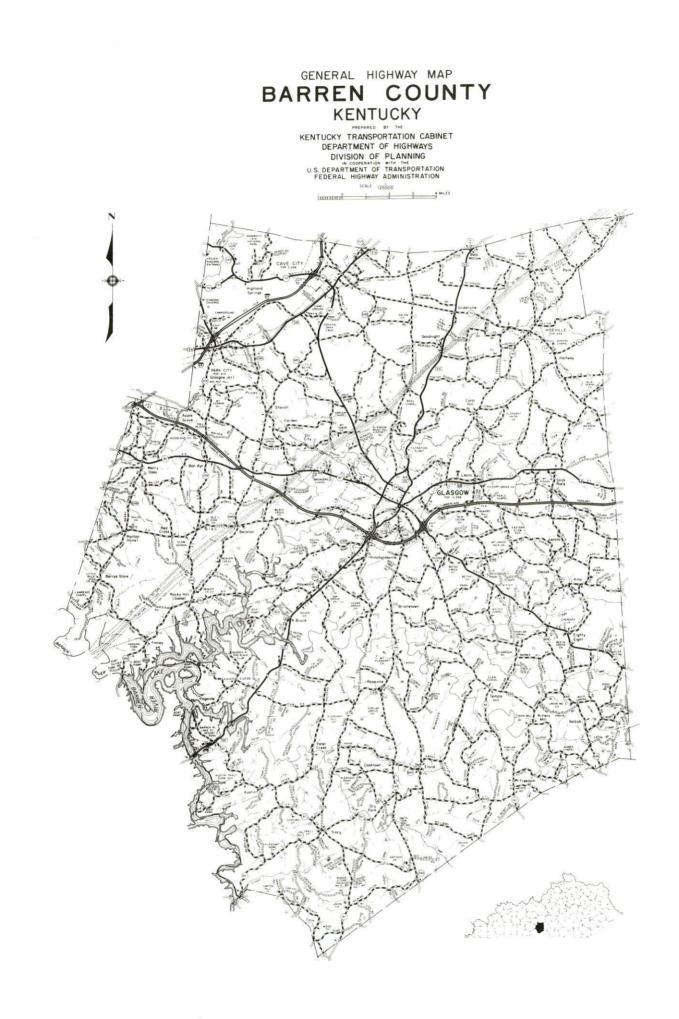
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#### CAVE CITY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Cave City, situated in the heart of Kentucky Cave Country, is only four miles east of Mammoth Cave National Park. The city had a 1990 population of 1,953. Cave City is located 85 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky; 91 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; and 186 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. Barren County, located in south central Kentucky, has a land area of 491 square miles. In 1990, Barren County had a population of 34,001.

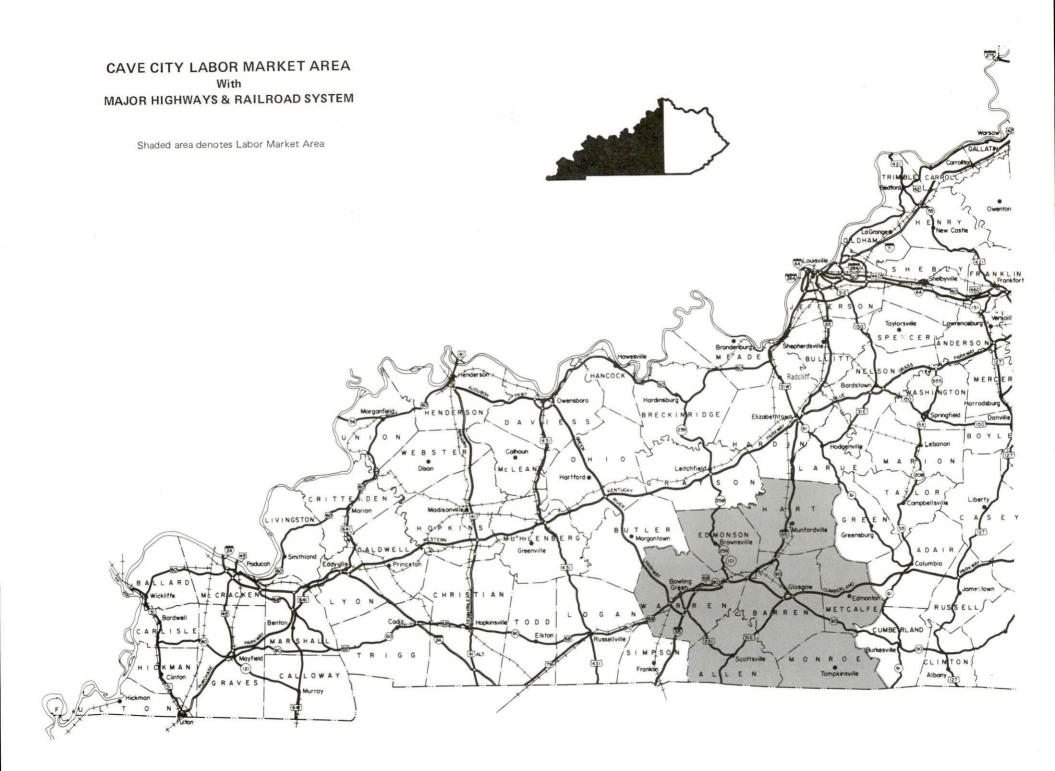
The Economic Framework - The total number of Barren County residents employed in 1992 averaged 15,533. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 4,584 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 3,483 jobs; 2,500 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,621 employees; and contract construction firms provided 951 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 9,271 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1993 through 1997, 12,101 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Cave City is served directly by Interstate 65, U.S. 31W, and Kentucky Highways 90 and 70. Twenty-one trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Cave City. Main line rail service is provided to Cave City by CSX Transportation. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Standiford Field, 81 miles north of Cave City. Moore Field, nine miles south of Cave City, maintains a 4,000-foot paved runway, plus a 600-foot paved overrun.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Cave City and parts of Barren County by Kentucky Utilities Company. Barren County is also served by Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, which is supplied by East Kentucky Power. Natural gas service is provided to Cave City by Western Kentucky Gas Company, which is supplied by Texas Gas Transmission Corporation.

Education - The Caverna Independent School System and the Barren County School System provide primary and secondary education to Cave City and Barren County respectively. Four colleges and universities are located within 55 miles of Cave City. Vocational training is available at Barren County Area Vocational Education Center in Glasgow, 11 miles south; at Bowling Green State Vocational-Technical School and at Kentucky Advanced Technology Center, both in Bowling Green, 31 miles southwest.



#### LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Cave City Labor Market Area includes Barren County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Allen, Edmonson, Hart, Metcalfe, Monroe, and Warren.

	POPULATIO	ON	
	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	170,913	167,166	141,709
Cave City	1,953	2,098	1,818
Barren County	34,001	34,009	28,677

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

# POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	1995	2000	2010	2020
Labor Market Area	176,045	180,418	186,697	190,473
Barren County	34,063	33,945	33,398	32,513

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast. Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center.

		Current		Future
	Total	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1993 thru 1997
Labor Market Area* Barren	9,271	5,992	3,279	12,101
County	1,759	1,122	637	2,383

#### ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

\* 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.

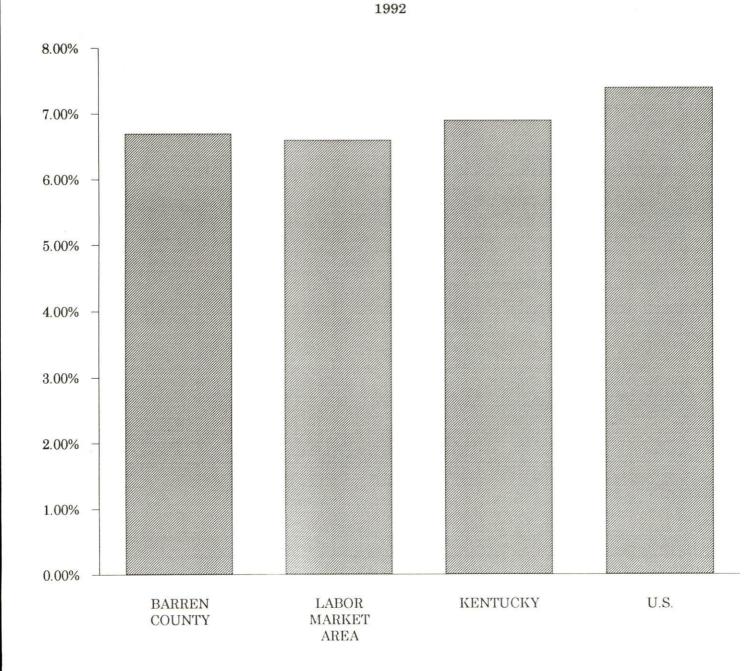
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Kentucky Labor Surplus</u> Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, <u>Future</u> Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1993 thru 1997.

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	Barren County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	16,655	91,289
Employment	15,533	85,297
Unemployment	1,122	5,992
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.7	6.6

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1992

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Kentucky Labor Force</u> Estimates, Annual Averages, 1992.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

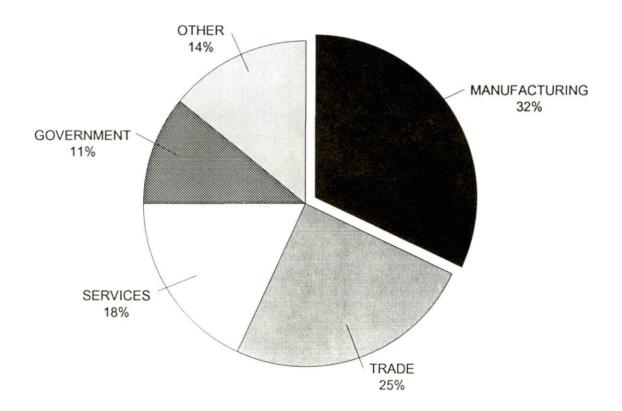


	Barren County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	14,237	66,882
Manufacturing	4,584	17,930
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3,483	17,376
Services	2,500	13,523
State/Local Government	1,621	9,874
Contract Construction	951	3,267

#### SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers. Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Average Monthly Workers</u> Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1992.

BARREN COUNTY

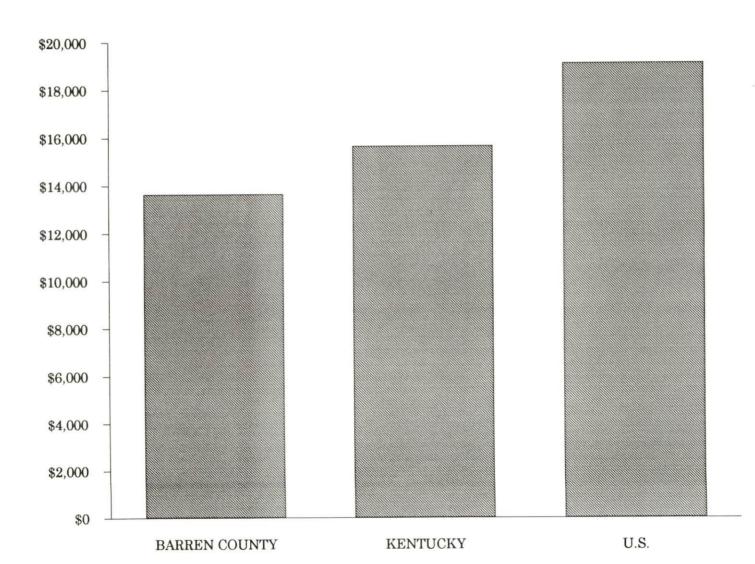


#### PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1987	1991	Percent Change
Barren County	\$10,633	\$13,639	28.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,123 - \$11,670	\$8,840 - \$15,570	-
Kentucky	\$12,216	\$15,626	27.9
U.S.	\$15,638	\$19,901	22.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, April 1993.

# PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1991



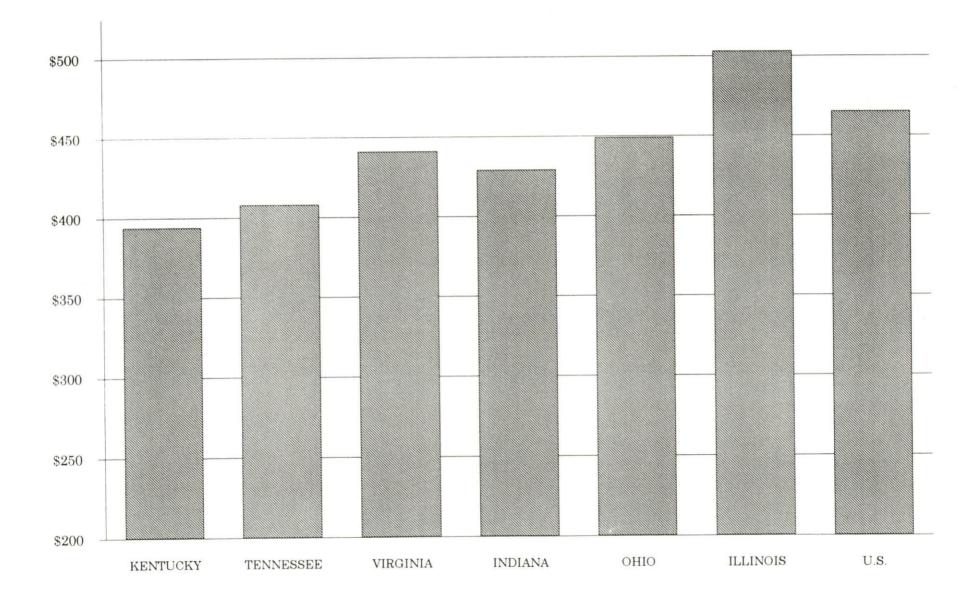
Barren County is served by the Glasgow local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Glasgow local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1993, the local employment office filled 2,494 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

	NUMBER OF	AVERAGE
OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	PLACEMENTS	WAGE(\$)
All Occupations	2,494	5.09
Clerical	476	4.41
Sales	74	4.53
Services (excluding domestic)	294	4.34
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	81	5.76
Processing	172	5.22
Machine Trades	181	5.98
Bench Work	832	5.40
Structural	57	5.48
Motor Freight/ Transportation	26	5.24
Packaging and Materials Handling	270	5.36
Other	7	5.86

The Glasgow local office also serves Hart, Metcalfe, and Monroe Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the <u>Dictionary of Occupational</u> 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 - 1991



		Kentucky		
	Barren	(State-		
	County	Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$363.46	\$394.46	\$408.00	\$441.00
Mining & Quarrying	327.56	661.68	528.00	655.00
Contract Construction	450.22	410.33	436.00	452.00
Manufacturing	471.28	505.56	477.00	509.00
Transportation,				
Communications &				
Public Utilities	417.16	528.78	541.00	605.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	215.79	268.42	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance &				
Real Estate	347.76	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	329.17	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	354.98	413.84	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$429.00	\$449.00	\$503.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	708.00	609.00	758.00	747.00
Contract Construction	499.00	510.00	635.00	514.00
Manufacturing	583.00	613.00	609.00	579.00
Transportation,				
Communications &				
Public Utilities	531.00	567.00	632.00	599.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance &				
Real Estate	458.00	498.00	650.00	596.00
Services	368.00	398.00	462.00	443.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991\*

\* 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, <u>Average Weekly Wages of</u> <u>Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1991</u>. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <u>Employment and Wages, Annual</u> <u>Averages, 1991</u>, January 1993.

#### EXISTING INDUSTRY

# CAVE CITY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm		1992
(Establishment date)	Product	Average Employment
The Barren County Progress (1935)	Newspapers, job printing, booklets	33
Monroe Brothers Sweet Feed Mill, Inc. (1955)	Feed	5
Rusko, Inc. (1988)	Hardwood mulch, potting soi	1 31
Square Deal Lumber Company, Inc. (1932)	Custom wood cabinets & vanities, custom plastic laminate covered cabinets	11
Sweitzer Supply, Inc. (1981)	Oil well pumping units	5
Tekno, Inc. (1991)	Conveyor systems and equipment, industrial machinery, industrial process furnaces and oven	15 s

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Cave City Chamber of Commerce.

# LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Presently there are no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in Cave City.

SELECTED	INDUSTRIAL	SERVICES

Types of Services	Location	Mileage from Cave City
Custom Plastics Producers	Bowling Green	31
Electric Motor Repair	Glasgow	11
Heat Treating Facilities	Louisville	87
Industrial Waste Removal	Glasgow	11
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Glasgow	11
Metal Castings	Horse Cave	5
Metal Finishers	Horse Cave	5
Metal Service Centers	Bowling Green	31
Millwrights & Riggers	Glasgow	11

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

#### TRANSPORTATION

#### Highways

Cave City is served by Interstate 65, U.S. 31W, and Kentucky Highways 90 and 70, all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. I-65 intersects with the Cumberland Parkway, 11 miles southwest of Cave City, and with the Green River Parkway, 34 miles southwest near Bowling Green. I-65 also provides access to the Western Kentucky Parkway and the Blue Grass Parkway, approximately 43 miles north of Cave City at Elizabethtown.

Highway			Highway
City	Miles	City	Miles
Atlanta, GA	300	Los Angeles, CA	2,082
Baltimore, MD	661	Louisville, KY	85
Birmingham, AL	276	Nashville, TN	91
Chicago, IL	374	New Orleans, LA	605
Cincinnati, OH	186	New York, NY	837
Cleveland, OH	435	Pittsburgh, PA	467
Detroit, MI	444	St. Louis, MO	302
Knoxville, TN	212		

#### HIGHWAY MILES FROM CAVE CITY, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

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

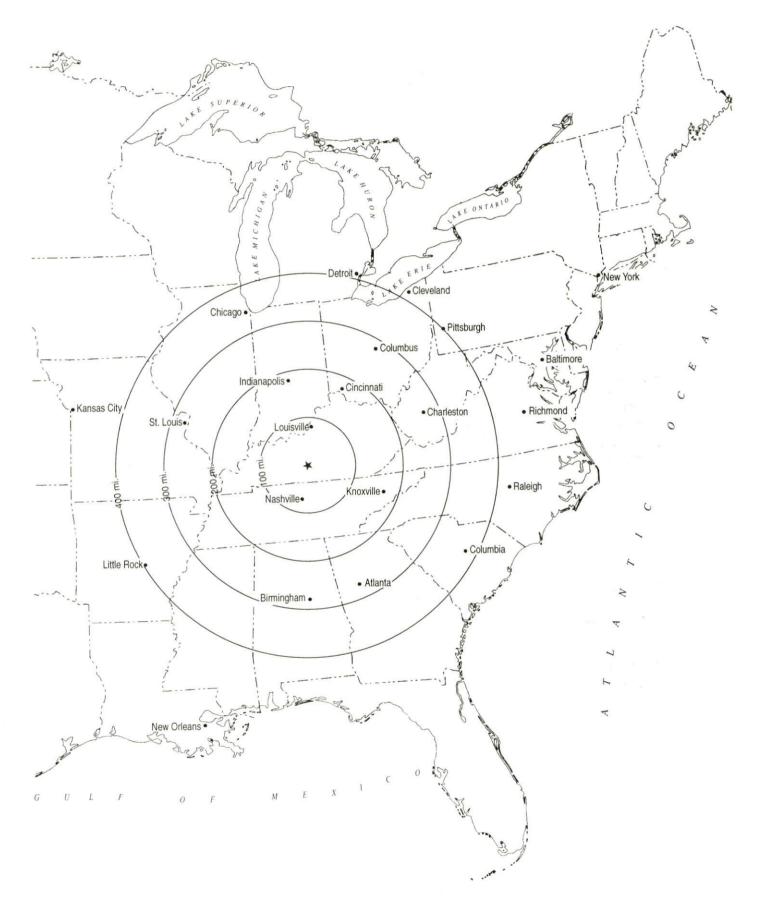
Sources: <u>Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide</u>, 1990. <u>Official</u> Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

#### **Truck Service**

Twenty-one common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Cave City.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1993.

# Selected Market Centers



Main line rail service is provided to Cave City by CSX Transportation. The nearest intermodal facility is operated by Southern Railway, Paducah and Louisville Railway, and Burlington Northern Railroad, all located in Louisville, Kentucky, 85 miles north of Cave City.

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

T 4'	Moore Field
Location:	2 miles northwest of Glasgow; 9 miles south of Cave City
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	4,000 feet, plus 600 feet of paved overrun
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	Runway lights sundown to sunrise, REIL, VASI
Services:	100LL and jet-A fuels, minor A & P repairs; charter, flight instruction, hangar rental, taxi, auxiliary power unit, tie downs, AWOS under development
	Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service
	Standiford Field
Location:	4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky; 81 miles north of Cave City
Air Service:	Air Toronto, Delta, Northwest, American, Continental, TWA, United, USAir, ComAir, Midway, Midwest Express, Southwest
Daily Arrivals	
& Departures:	136

#### UTILITIES

#### Electricity

Company serving Cave City and a northern portion of Barren 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 most of Barren County - Farmers 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

Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative CorporationP.O. Box 1298Glasgow, Kentucky 42142-1298(502) 651-2191

#### Natural Gas

Company serving Cave City - Western Kentucky Gas Company Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation For rates and supplies contact:

> Western Kentucky Gas Company 2201 New Hartford Road P.O. Box 866 Owensboro, Kentucky 42303 (502) 685-8069

#### Public Water Supply

Company serving Cave City -	Green River Valley Water District P.O. Box 399 Cave City, Kentucky 42127 (502) 773-2135
Source - Treatment plant capacity - Source of treated water - Amount of treated water that of Average daily consumption - Peak daily consumption - Storage capacity - Water pressure -	Local spring and Green River 3,000,000 gallons per day Glasgow Water Company can be purchased - 300,000 gallons per day 2,500,000 gallons 3,000,000 gallons 3,750,000 gallons 50 psi to 120 psi
Sewerage	
Company serving Cave City -	Caveland Sanitation Authority, Inc. P.O. Box 463 Cave City, Kentucky 42127

Design capacity -	600,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	131,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Primary and secondary
Treated effluent discharged in	nto - Green River

Caveland Sanitation Authority is presently extending sewer service to Park City and to Mammoth Cave National Park. Scheduled for completion by Spring 1994, the project will serve approximately 300 new customers. In addition, the sewer company was recognized in 1993 by Kentucky/Tennessee Water Pollution Control Association as best operator of a municipal wastewater treatment plant.

(502) 773-2887

# CLIMATE

Barren County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90	degrees
Average annual 1991	57.30	degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (47-year record)	103.00	degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (47-year record)	-21.00	degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,814	
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of		
negative departures of average daily		
temperatures from 65 degrees F.)		

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68	inches
Mean annual snowfall (47-year record)	15.70	inches
Total precipitation 1991	41.80	inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)		
(47-year record)	129.40	
Mean number days thunderstorms (47-year record)	44.90	
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Prevailing winds (through 1963)	South	

Relative Humidity (28-year record, except 1 a.m. - 27-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
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, <u>Climatological Data</u>, 1991. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cave City is served by a mayor and six council members. Barren County is served by a county judge/executive and seven magistrates.

#### Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Glasgow Joint City/County Planning & Zoning Commission Participating cities - Glasgow, Cave City, Park City, and Hiseville Zoning enforced - Within the city of Glasgow only Subdivision regulations enforced - County-wide

Local codes enforced - Building (county-wide except for single family residents); housing (Glasgow only)

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 Cave City levies a 1.5% occupational license tax on all wages, salaries, and commissions earned in the City of Cave City. Cave City also levies a 1.5% tax on net profits of all businesses, professions, and commercial endeavors within the city limits (this tax shall not exceed \$500 annually per taxpayer). A \$25 business license fee and an unloading fee of \$30.50 is required each year.

#### 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

Selected Classes of Property	1992 State Rate	Local Taxation Permitted
Real Estate	\$0.184	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

# LUCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1992

Taxing Jurisdiction	Real Estate	Finished Goods & Tangibles	Motor Vehicles
Barren County	\$0.1390	\$0.1679	\$0.1679
School Districts: Caverna Independent	0.6380	0.6380	0.6270
Barren County Cities:	0.3450	0.3450	0.3450
Cave City	0.1090	0.1650	0.1600

#### EDUCATION

## Public Schools

	Caverna Independent	Barren County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	991	3,195
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	15.3-1	16.6-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	55.9	43.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,512.81	\$3,467.45

Area Colleges and Universities

Name	Location (Miles distant)	Enrollment (Fall, 1992)
Western Kentucky University*	Bowling Green (31)	15,750
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown (43)	4,297
Campbellsville College Lindsey Wilson College	Campbellsville (46) Columbia (48)	$1,042 \\ 1,091$

<sup>\*</sup> Western Kentucky University has an extended campus program located in Glasgow, Kentucky. The program offers a full array of courses. Enrollment at the Glasgow campus was 1,099 for Fall 1992.

## 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.

Kentucky Tech Schools	Location (Mileage from Cave City)	Number of Program <u>Offerings</u>	Cumulative Enrollment 1991-1992	Approximate Number Completing Programs <u>Annually</u>
Barren County Area Vocational Education Center	Glasgow (11)	9	$\frac{Sec}{282} \frac{P/S}{25}$	137
Glasgow School for Health Occupations	Glasgow (11)	1	$\frac{P/S}{150}$	67
Kentucky Advanced Technology Center	Bowling Green (31)	2	$\frac{P/S}{141}$	24
Bowling Green State Vocational- Technical School	Bowling Green (31)	) 19	$\frac{Sec}{289} \frac{P/S}{364}$	292

#### Customized Training

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 wanting to establish a customized training program should simply contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Kentucky Tech Southern Region office in Bowling Green.

# Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, psychomotor skills and academic potential as well as pre-hire assessment. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of Bowling Green SVTS.

#### Articulation

Articulation agreements developed between various colleges and universities and the Kentucky Tech systems allow students to earn credits to be used when matriculating to degree programs at a college or university. The Kentucky Advanced Technology Center and Bowling Green SVTS have articulation agreements with Western Kentucky University.

#### Adult Basic Education

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Barren County, adult literacy is provided by the Barren County Literacy Program and adult basic education is provided by the Barren County Board of Education and the Glasgow Independent School System.

#### 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.

#### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 1 Dentists - 3

Additional physicians and dentists are available in Glasgow, 11 miles south of Cave City.

#### Hospitals

General Hospital	Location	Beds
Caverna Memorial Hospital	Horse Cave, 5 miles distant	30
T.J. Samson Community Hospital	Glasgow, 11 miles distant	218

#### Caverna Memorial Hospital

Medical staff - 8 physicians, 11 registered nurses, 15 licensed practical nurses

#### T.J. Samson Community Hospital

Medical staff - 45 physicians, 100 registered nurses, and 185 licensed practical nurses

T.J. Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow recently completed construction of a 22-bed outpatient surgery wing. Total cost of the project was approximately \$4 million.

#### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Ambulance Service Corporation, Inc. Barren County Health Care Center Cave City First Response Unit Glasgow Health Care Facility

Hart County Health Center, a 100-bed facility located between Horse Cave and Cave City, opened during the summer of 1993. The \$3.6 million home provides skilled and intermediate care. On-site services include occupational, physical and speech therapies; dental; pharmacy; barber and beauty services.

#### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

New Farmers National Bank Transfinancial Bank of America

#### Newspapers

Barren County Progress (weekly)

#### **Telephone Service**

South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative

#### RECREATION

#### Local

Public recreational facilities include Brian Doyle Park, a par-three golf course, three tennis courts, a supervised recreational program for youth, and several campsites.

The athletic complex at the Caverna High School is open to area residents and includes four tennis courts, a running track, a baseball field, and a football field.

Cave City Convention Center offers excellent meeting and conference facilities to groups in size from 100 to 1,100 including on-premises banquet services.

Kentucky Action Park offers horseback riding, an alpine slide, a water slide, go carts, and bumper boats.

Mammoth Cave Wax Museum features wax figures of over 80 famous men and women and are displayed in carefully researched settings.

The Mammoth Cave Wildlife Museum features 1,000 mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and insects from around the world, posed in natural habitat.

Guntown Mountain is a Wild West Town which features gunfights and shows, country music, and old fashioned shops. Tours of the Onyx Cave are also available.

Crystal Onyx Cave features a variety of beautiful formations. A guided tour features an Indian burial ground dated at 680 B.C.

Mammoth Cave National Park is located four miles west of Cave City. Beneath 52,000 park acres, Mammoth Cave is among the major tourist attractions of all times. It is the largest cave network ever discovered, with over 300 miles of caverns. Some famous sights are Snowball Dining Room (lunch is served 267 feet below surface), Frozen Niagara, Crystal Lake, and Bottomless Pit. The park also features scenic boat trips on the Green River and nature and hiking trails. Park accommodations include a hotel with distinctive gift shops featuring Kentucky and Southern Highland handicrafts, a motor lodge, hotel cottages, and woodland cottages. Other park facilities include the hotel dining room and coffee shop, a service center, group meeting facilities, a campground, boat rides, a picnic area, and tennis and shuffleboard courts. The park is open for tours every day of the year (except Christmas Day).

#### Area (Within 50 miles)

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site American Cave and Karstlands Museum Barren River Lake State Resort Park Green River Lake State Park Horse Cave Theatre Nolin River Lake

#### COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Tekno, Inc. recently expanded the physical size of its existing facility. The 8,000-square-foot project cost approximately \$150,000.

Caveland Sanitation Authority is presently extending sewer service to Park City and to Mammoth Cave National Park. Scheduled for completion by Spring 1994, the project will serve approximately 300 new customers. In addition, the sewer company was recognized in 1993 by Kentucky/Tennessee Water Pollution Control Association as best operator of a municipal wastewater treatment plant.

T.J. Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow recently completed construction of a 22-bed outpatient surgery wing. Total cost of the project was approximately \$4 million.

The enhanced version of the "911" emergency dispatch system is presently under development in Barren County. Service will be implemented in early 1994.

Hart County Health Center, a 100-bed facility located between Horse Cave and Cave City, opened during the summer of 1993. The \$3.6 million home provides skilled and intermediate care. On-site services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, dental, pharmacy, barber and beauty shop services.