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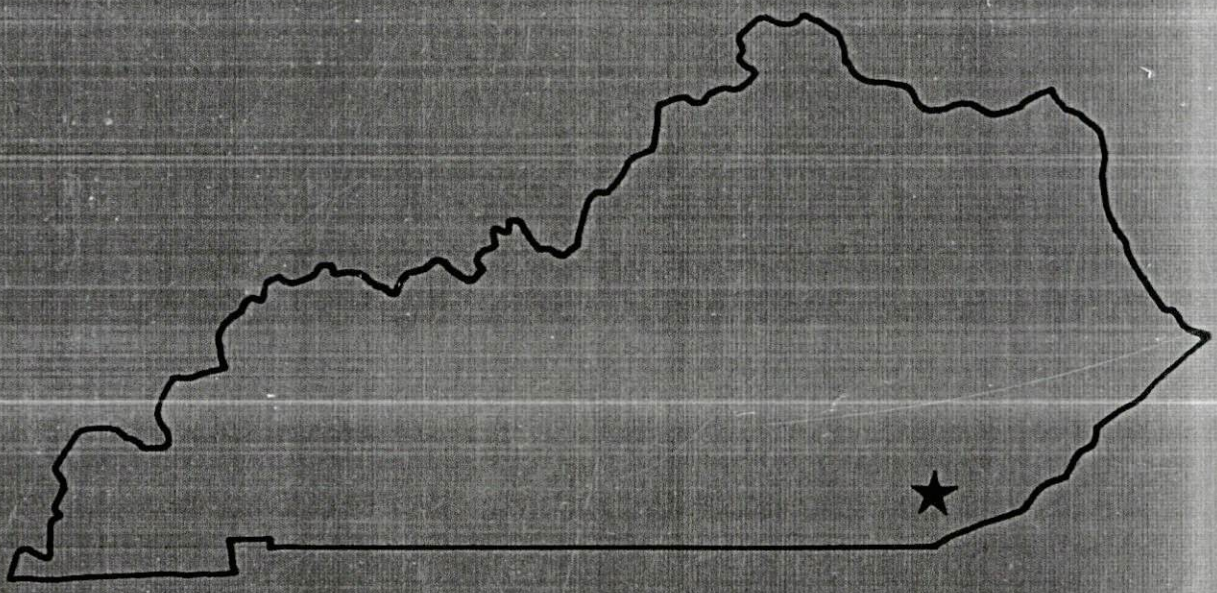
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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Middlesboro &
Pineville**



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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY

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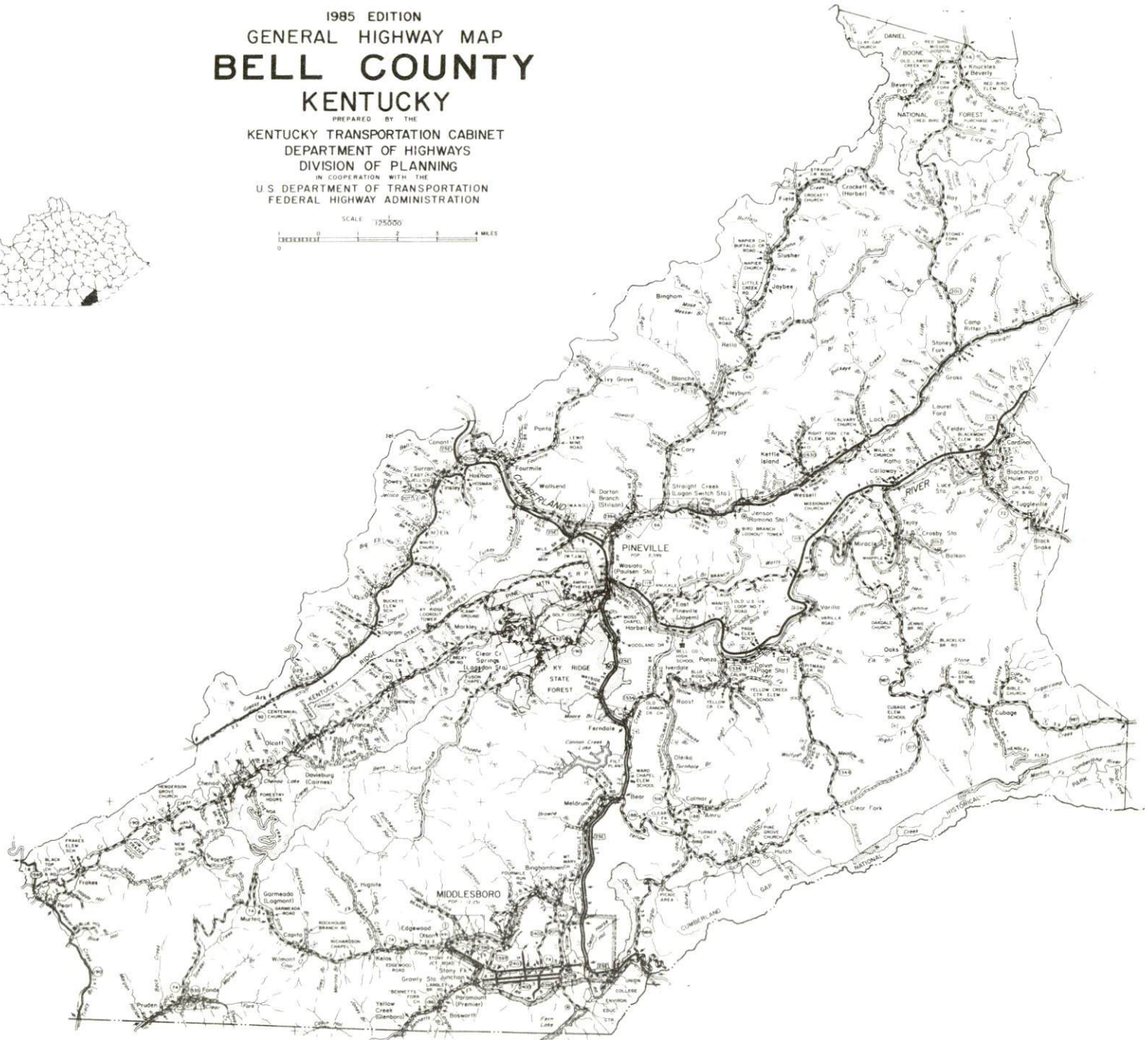
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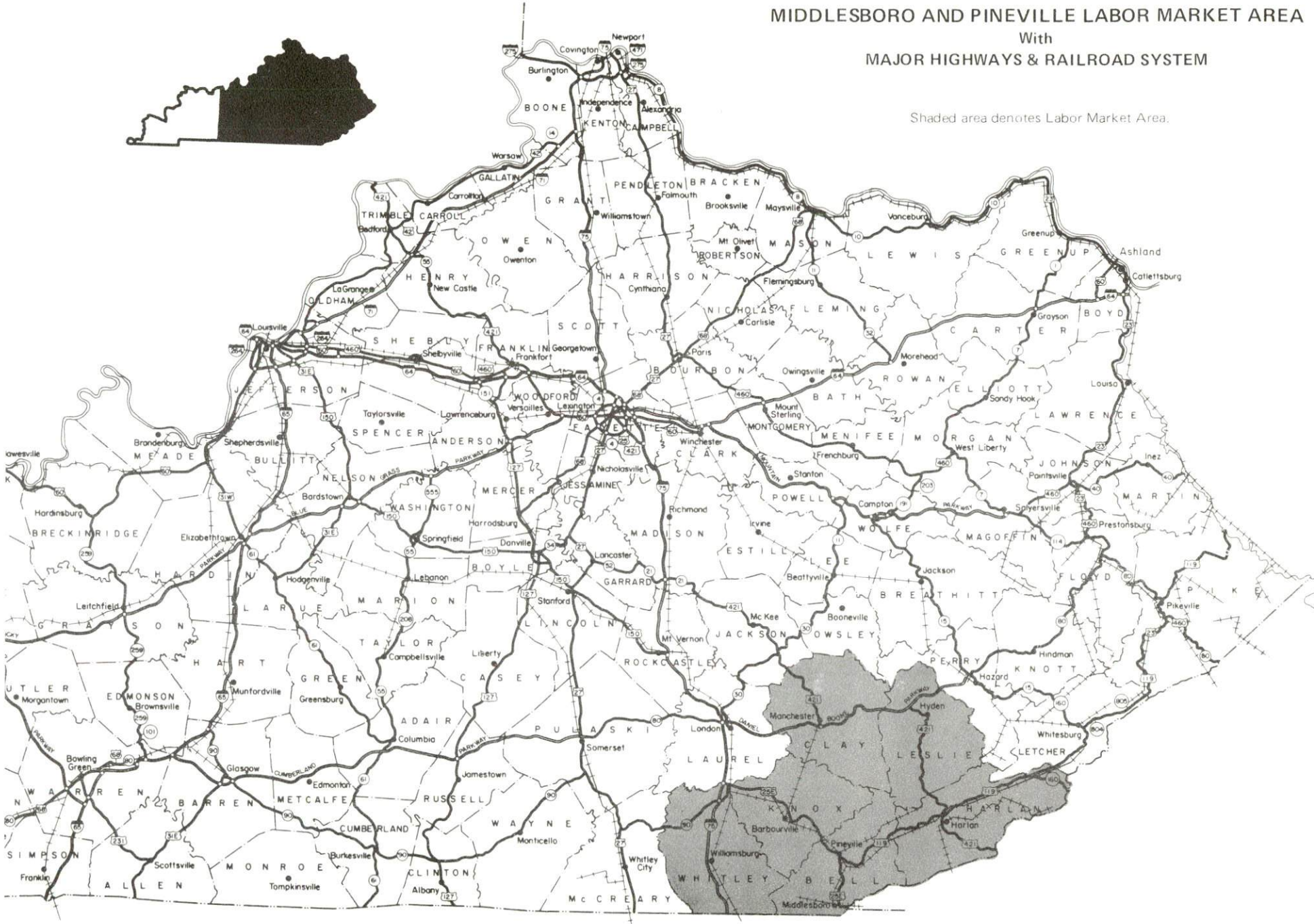
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MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Middlesboro is Bell County's largest city. The city had an estimated 1984 population of 12,095. Located in the southeastern corner of the state, Middlesboro is only a few miles from the Tennessee and Virginia state lines. Middlesboro is 59 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; 133 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 205 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 211 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 252 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia.

Pineville, a 1985 recipient of the "Kentucky Certified City" award, is the county seat of Bell County and is located 13 miles north of Middlesboro. In 1984, Pineville had an estimated population of 2,651.

Bell County covers 361 square miles and is situated in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky. In 1984, Bell County had an estimated population of 34,235.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Bell County residents employed in 1984 averaged 11,455, with nonagricultural jobs accounting for 11,390 workers. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,080 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,420 jobs; 1,460 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,210 employees; contract construction firms provided 270 jobs; and 1,765 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Per capita personal income in Bell County in 1983 was \$7,461. Between 1979 and 1983, per capita income increased by 27.3 percent.

The Middlesboro and Pineville labor market area includes Bell County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie and Whitley, plus Claiborne County in Tennessee and Lee County in Virginia. The total number of residents employed in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area in 1984 averaged 54,190, with nonagricultural jobs accounting for 53,420 workers. Manufacturing firms in the area reported 4,010 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 9,530 jobs; 5,980 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 6,480 employees; contract construction firms provided 1,085 jobs; and 9,025 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Resources for Growth

1. Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 19,905 men and 19,735 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1986 through 1990, 9,640 young men and 8,990 young women in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

2. Transportation - Middlesboro and Pineville are served by the Seaboard System Railroad. Middlesboro is also served by the Southern Railway System. The nearest piggyback facilities available for both the Seaboard System Railroad and Southern are in Knoxville, Tennessee, 59 miles southwest of Middlesboro. Middlesboro is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 58 and Kentucky Highway 74. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119 and Kentucky Highways 66 and 221. Interstate 75 is 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro and 35 miles northwest of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is 55 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 68 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Twelve common carriers serve Middlesboro and/or Pineville. The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport is equipped with a 3,650-foot runway which can accommodate light aircraft. The nearest scheduled airline service is available in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the McGhee Tyson Airport, 71 miles southwest of Middlesboro.

3. Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Middlesboro, Pineville and Bell County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. The Cumberland Valley RECC serves a portion of the county. Natural gas service is provided to both Middlesboro and Pineville by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc., whose source of supply is the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. Two propane and seven distillate fuel oil dealers serve the area.

4. Education - Three public school systems operate in Bell County: the Middlesboro Independent School System, the Pineville Independent School System and the Bell County School System. All three school systems are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. There are 13 institutions of higher learning within 110 miles of Middlesboro. The Harlan State Vocational-Technical School, 46 miles from Middlesboro, offers training in 22 different programs. Two vocational education centers are located in Pineville - The Bell County Area Vocational Education Center offering 12 courses of study, and the Cumberland Valley Health Occupations Center offering four courses of study.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

The Middlesboro and Pineville Labor Market Area includes Bell County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie and Whitley, plus Claiborne County in Tennessee and Lee County in Virginia.

POPULATION				
Area	1984*	1980	1970	<u>Percent Nonwhite</u> 1980
Middlesboro	12,095	12,251	11,878	6.2
Pineville	2,651	2,599	2,817	5.5
Labor Market Area	180,694	177,488	146,429	N/A
Bell County	34,235	34,330	31,121	2.8
Clay County	23,650	22,752	18,481	1.7
Harlan County	42,101	41,889	37,370	5.0
Knox County	30,220	30,239	23,689	1.3
Leslie County	15,304	14,882	11,623	0.2
Whitley County	35,184	33,396	24,145	0.9

* Population estimates.

Note: The 1980 city counts of population by race are provisional.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1980 Census of Population and Housing, March 1981; 1980 Census of Population, Number of Inhabitants. University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, Population Unit, October 1985; Kentucky Population Research Notes, Issue Number One, May 1985.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1984

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area*</u>
Civilian Labor Force	12,888	61,263
Employment	11,455	54,187
Agricultural	63	764
Nonagricultural	11,392	53,423
Unemployment	1,433	7,076
Rate of Unemployment (%)	11.1	11.6

* Bell County and the five adjoining Kentucky counties.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1984.

SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT,
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1984

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area*</u>
All Industries (total)	9,046	39,270
Manufacturing	1,079	4,014
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,424	9,527
Services	1,457	5,984
State/Local Government	1,210	6,480
Contract Construction	268	1,085
Mining & Quarrying	1,765	9,025

* Bell County and the five adjoining Kentucky counties.

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1984.

BELL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Labor Unions</u>
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Middlesboro					
Bell Concrete Industries, Inc. (1966)	Ready mixed concrete, packaged cement mixes, precast concrete products	30	27	3	
Bell Printing Company (1916)	Offset printing, letterpress printing	4	2	2	
Coppinger Machinery (1967)	Sprockets, gears, shafts, mine machinery repair	48	46	2	
Cowden Manufacturing Company (1976)	Men's & boys' jeans	180	7	173	Clothing & Textile Workers*
Cumberland Gap Provision Company (1979)	Meat processing	145	80	65	
Denim Finishers (1985)	Denim fabric finishing	100	--	--	
Dura Line Corporation (1971)	Plastic pipe	35	32	3	
J. R. Hoe and Sons, Inc. (1909)	Coal preparation equipment, gray iron castings, fabricated structural steel	48	46	2	

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<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Labor Unions</u>
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Martin Manufacturing Corporation (1922)	Elastic webbing, yarn bleaching and dyeing, athletic supporters	25	5	20	
Middlesboro Coca Cola Bottling, Inc. (1904)	Soft drinks	90	85	5	
Middlesboro Daily News (1916)	Newspaper	40	19	21	
Middlesboro Ready Mix Company (1982)	Ready mixed concrete, concrete block, concrete products	10	--	--	
Middlesboro Tanning Company of Delaware (1960)	Tanning and coloring leather	300	270	30	Food and Commercial Workers*
Perma Pipe Corporation (1953)	Extruded plastic pipe, tubing	25	22	3	
Swanson Plating and Machine Company, Inc. (1986)	Manufacture and rebuild underground and surface mining equipment	55	--	--	
Three States Printing Company (1948)	Job printing	5	3	2	
Pineville					
Delaware Powder Company (1964)	Explosives	46	41	5	
Paul Elliott Lumber (1947)	Cap boards, mine timbers, cross ties	1	1	0	

(Continued)

<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Labor Unions</u>
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Stoney Fork					
Brock Lumber, Inc. (1969)	Mine timber, lumber, furniture lumber	7	7	0	

* See Labor Organizations below.

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Development, 1986 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers; Division of Research and Planning.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO	Cowden Manufacturing Company
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	Middlesboro Tanning Company of Delaware

INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Middlesboro</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Middlesboro	-
Electric Motor Repair	Middlesboro	-
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Richmond, Kentucky	109
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	109
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Industrial Gases	London, Kentucky Knoxville, Tennessee	59 59
Industrial Waste Removal	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Harlan, Kentucky Corbin, Kentucky	46 47
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	109
Metal Service Centers	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Millwrights	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Public Warehouse Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	133

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1985; Division of Research and Planning.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Future	
	Total Male	Unemployed	Under-employed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1986 thru 1990
Labor Market Area*	19,905				9,640
Bell	2,852	1,108	711	1,033	1,607
Clay	1,967	743	473	751	1,228
Harlan	5,252	1,277	832	3,143	2,019
Knox	2,185	705	596	884	1,512
Leslie	1,912	407	357	1,148	732
Whitley	4,915	862	904	3,149	1,462
Claiborne (Tenn.)	822	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,080

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Future	
	Total Female	Unemployed	Under-employed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1986 thru 1990
Labor Market Area*	19,735				8,991
Bell	3,260	325	483	2,452	1,601
Clay	1,685	245	376	1,064	1,117
Harlan	5,723	523	661	4,539	1,857
Knox	2,402	391	534	1,477	1,396
Leslie	1,920	93	177	1,650	665
Whitley	4,196	397	875	2,924	1,368
Claiborne (Tenn.)	549	N/A	N/A	N/A	987

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties, including Lee County in Virginia.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work;
Underemployed - 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, 1984. Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Tennessee Available Labor, 1984. Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1986 thru 1990.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY,
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1984

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Clay County</u>	<u>Harlan County</u>
All Industries	\$ 323.60	\$ 351.10	\$ 361.32
Mining & Quarrying	565.80	504.99	535.57
Contract Construction	285.11	178.14	316.21
Manufacturing	300.03	*	324.01
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	401.65	326.82	345.77
Wholesale & Retail Trade	186.07	232.47	229.57
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	328.64	253.99	296.50
Services	258.33	199.31	292.02
State/Local Government	324.43	268.57	269.52
Other	226.20	*	*
	<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Leslie County</u>	<u>Whitley County</u>
All Industries	\$ 260.97	\$ 256.89	\$ 265.15
Mining & Quarrying	376.70	416.55	401.94
Contract Construction	333.35	109.52	267.90
Manufacturing	317.78	194.36	277.20
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	327.98	319.97	312.43
Wholesale & Retail Trade	189.36	155.58	226.94
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	250.82	218.55	243.80
Services	210.61	*	239.31
State/Local Government	243.72	229.52	264.27
Other	*	*	239.28

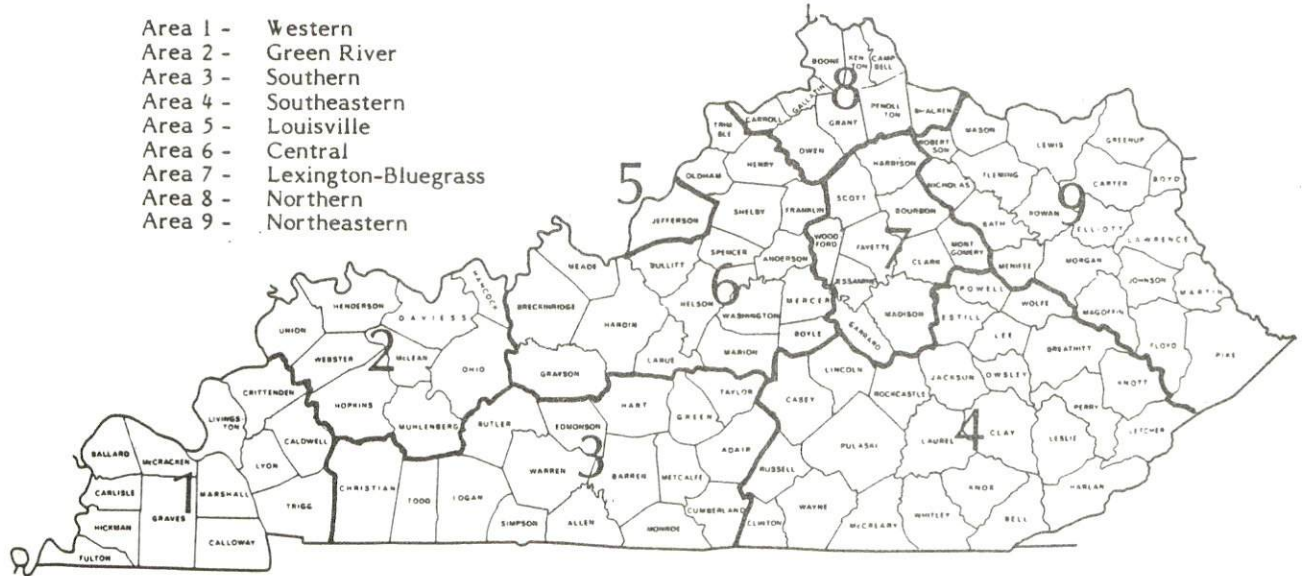
* Not disclosed.

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1984.

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by individual industrial employers are protected from disclosure by federal law. The most reliable up-to-date wage information can be obtained by direct contact with local employers.

Associated Industries of Kentucky, a voluntary organization of Kentucky businesses, regularly collects occupational wage rates and fringe benefits data from participating member firms. Data are compiled for over 127 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for nine geographical areas of Kentucky, as shown on the map below. It should be noted that the data may be weighted by the preponderance of firms in the larger cities and may be somewhat higher than the rates paid in the smaller communities. Data from these tabulations are available, upon request, from the Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Associated Industries of Kentucky Area Wage Surveys

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Bell County	\$ 5,861	\$ 7,461	27.3
Labor Market Area Range*	\$4,487 - 6,247	\$ 5,498 - 7,872	N/A
Kentucky	7,124	9,396	31.9
U. S.	8,651	11,687	35.1

* Bell County and the five adjoining Kentucky counties.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis; Commerce News, August 28, 1984; May 7, 1985. Kentucky Economic Information System, June 1985.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving **Middlesboro** - Seaboard System Railroad

Services - Branch line; one freight makes a turnaround trip from Pineville Monday thru Friday; switching services; team track space for ten cars; siding space for 50 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee, 59 miles southwest of Middlesboro

Line serving **Middlesboro** - Southern Railway System

Services - One northbound and one southbound freight stops daily; two through freights daily; switching facilities; team track and siding space for 175 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee, 80 miles southwest of Middlesboro

Line serving **Pineville** - Seaboard System Railroad

Services - Main line; one northbound and one southbound freight stops daily; four northbound and four southbound through freights daily; switching services; team track space for 10 cars; siding space for 30 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee, 72 miles southwest of Pineville

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

Manager of Industrial Development
Seaboard System Railroad
P.O. Box 2157
Louisville, Kentucky 40201
(502) 587-5228

and/or

District Sales Manager
Norfolk Southern Corporation
1402 South 15th Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40210
(502) 636-6023

Highways

U.S. Highway 25E, a "AAA" rated, 80,000 pound gross load limit highway, U.S. Highway 58 and Kentucky Highway 74 serve Middlesboro. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, both "AAA" rated, and Kentucky 221 and 66.

Interstate 75 is 35 miles northwest of Pineville and 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro via U.S. 25E. The 13-mile section of U.S. 25E between Middleboro and Pineville is a multilane highway. Interstate 81 is 55 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 68 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E.

Construction of a combination 4-lane highway and floodwall, in Pineville, is under way. The new 4-lane highway, which will be erected atop the 25-foot floodwall, will replace the existing two-lane highway that runs through town. The \$59 million project will be completed in 1989.

Construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel, a four-lane, 4,100-foot tunnel, which will replace the existing 3.75-mile section of U.S. 25E that travels over the mountain, is under way. The tunnel, which is to be completed in 1992, will play a major role in connecting Interstate 75 at Corbin to Interstate 81 at White Pine, Tennessee.

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
ANR Freight System*	P. O. Box 5070 Denver, Colorado 80217
ARA/Smith's*	P. O. Box 1000 Staunton, Virginia 24401
American Freight System, Inc.**	9393 West 110th Street Overland Park, Kansas 66210
Bailey's Express, Inc.*	Middletown, Connecticut 06457
Bestway Express, Inc.*	Nashville, Tennessee 32710
Buske Lines, Inc.** (Middlesboro only)	P. O. Box 349 Litchfield, Illinois 62056
Central Transport, Inc.** (Middlesboro only)	34200 Mound Road Sterling Heights, Michigan 48077
The Maryland Transportation Company** (Middlesboro only)	1111 Frankfurst Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21225
Middlewest Freightways, Inc.*	6810 Prescott Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63147
Overnite Transportation Company*	P. O. Box 1216 Richmond, Virginia 23209

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<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Priority Freight Systems, Inc.** (Middlesboro only)	P. O. Box 7098 Akron, Ohio 44306
Skyline Transportation, Inc.**	P. O. Box 3569 Knoxville, Tennessee 37917

* Interstate service only.

** Interstate and intrastate service.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1986.

<u>Other Freight Services</u>	<u>Nearest Office or Shipping Center</u>
Airborne Express	Bristol, Tennessee, 106 miles southeast;
Emery	Lexington, Kentucky, 133 miles northwest
Federal Express	Lexington, Kentucky, 133 miles northwest
Purolator Courier	Knoxville, Tennessee, 59 miles southwest
United Parcel Service	Knoxville, Tennessee, 59 miles southwest
	London, Kentucky, 59 miles northwest

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM
MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time TL	City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time TL
Baltimore, Md.	530	2	Louisville, Ky.	205	1
Birmingham, Ala.	313	1	Nashville, Tenn.	236	1
Chicago, Ill.	485	1	New Orleans, La.	655	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	211	1	New York, N. Y.	726	N/A
Cleveland, Ohio	450	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	476	1
Detroit, Mich.	470	1	St. Louis, Mo.	468	1
Knoxville, Tenn.	59	1			

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

Sources: Rand McNally Road Atlas, 1979. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.
Delivery time - Overnite Transportation Company, P. O. Box 1216, Richmond, Virginia 23209.

Air

Local

Middlesboro-Bell County Airport
Location: 1 mile west of Middlesboro
Runways: 1 paved
Length: 3,650 feet
Traffic
Control: Wind sock, Unicom
Lighting: None
Services: 100 LL and Jet A, major and minor A & P repairs, general flying service, taxi, aircraft inspection and authorization

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

McGhee Tyson Airport
Location: 12 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee;
71 miles south of Middlesboro
Runways: 2 paved
Length: 9,000 feet and 6,000 feet
Traffic
Control: Tower
Lighting: Beacon, runway
Services: Delta, Eastern, Republic, United, USAir, Atlantis, Comair, Piedmont, Tennessee Airways; fuel - 100, jet-A; tie-downs, hangars; minor A & P repairs, major Avionics repairs; APU, charter, flight instruction, oxygen, plane rental, U. S. Customs; limousine, car rental, public transit; weather information; restaurant, snack bar
Air Freight Service: Air freight terminal

Bus - Greyhound Bus Lines serves both Middlesboro and Pineville.

Taxi - Middlesboro has four taxi companies and 24-hour, radio-dispatched service. Pineville has four taxi companies and 24-hour, radio-dispatched service.

Rental Services - Car, truck and trailer rentals are available in Middlesboro.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving **Middlesboro, Pineville and the majority of Bell 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 **a small portion of southwest Bell County** - Cumberland Valley
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 40391
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Cumberland Valley RECC
Highway 25E
Gray, Kentucky 40734
(606) 528-2677

Natural Gas

Company serving **Middlesboro** - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Sources of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and local
production
Size of transmission mains - 10-inch (supplier); 8-inch (distributor)
Distribution mains - 2 through 6 inches
Distribution pressure - 10 to 25 psi
Btu content - 1,050 per cubic foot
Specific gravity - 0.65
For rates and supplies contact:

Manager of Marketing and Public Relations
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Route 1, Box 30-A
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
(606) 744-6171

Company serving **Pineville** - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

Sources of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and local production

Size of transmission mains - 10-inch (supplier); 8- inch (distributor)

Distribution mains - 2 through 6 inches

Distribution pressure - 5 to 25 psi

Btu content - 1,050 per cubic foot

Specific gravity - 0.65

For rates and supplies contact:

Manager of Marketing and Public Relations
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Route 1, Box 30-A
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
(606) 744-6171

Other Fuels

Propane (Within 10 miles of Middlesboro)

Lewis LP Gas Company
200 Ellenwood Drive
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965

Empiregas, Inc., of New Tazewell
Highway 25 East
New Tazewell, Tennessee 37825

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Bell County Oil Company (Texaco)
Wilderness Road
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965

Harris Oil Company (Shell)
1632 East Cumberland Avenue
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965

Blakeman and Sons, Inc.
Fitzpatrick Avenue
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965

S. A. Mars, Jr., Oil Distributor Inc.
North 19th Street
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965

Brooks Oil Company, Inc.
Fitzpatrick Avenue
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965

Red Ace Oil Company
Highway 25E
Pineville, Kentucky 40977

Chevron USA
Miracle R. L. Distributing Company,
Inc. (Bulk plant)
U.S. 119
Pineville, Kentucky 40977

Residual fuel oil - Arrangements must be made with the refinery.

Low sulphur content coal - Available locally.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Middlesboro** - Kentucky Water Service Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 818
2103 Cumberland Avenue
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965
(606) 248-5730

Source - Fern Lake

Treatment plant capacity - 2,500,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 1,422,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 2,245,000 gallons

Treatment processes - Coagulation, sedimentation, chlorination, rapid mix, flocculation, filtration, fluoridation

Storage capacity - 2,525,000 gallons

Size lines - 1 to 24 inches

Water pressure - 85 to 125 psi

MONTHLY WATER RATES

First	1,000 gallons	\$5.15 (Minimum)
Next	9,000 gallons	2.00 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	1.90 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	1.75 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	1.60 per M gallons
Over	100,000 gallons	1.45 per M gallons

An additional surcharge of 56.43 cents per M gallons is charged

Minimum Monthly Charges

5/8- or 3/4-inch meter	\$ 5.15
1- or 1 1/4-inch meter	15.15
1 1/2-inch meter	29.00
2-inch meter	44.75
3-inch meter	124.80
4-inch meter	215.30
6-inch meter	438.70

Tap-on charge: None (Except by specific contract to subdivisions not on main line, for which the company will reimburse the contractor expenses equivalent to the cost of 50 feet of extension)

Company serving **Pineville** - Pineville Water System*
 P. O. Box 277
 Pineville, Kentucky 40977
 (606) 337-6611

Source - Cannon Creek Dam
 Treatment plant capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day
 Average daily consumption - 900,000 gallons
 Peak daily consumption - 1,500,000 gallons
 Treatment processes - Coagulation, sedimentation, chlorination, flocculation, filtration, fluoridation
 Storage capacity - 1,400,000 gallons including clear well
 Size lines - 2 to 12 inches
 Water pressure - 30 to 140 psi

MONTHLY WATER RATES

First	1,000 gallons	\$4.75 (Minimum)
Next	9,000 gallons	2.20 per M gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	1.85 per M gallons
Over	30,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons

Tap-on charge:

5/8-inch residential	\$150
1-inch residential	250
All other sizes	Actual cost

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Yellow Creek and Cumberland River
 Average discharge - Yellow Creek near Middlesboro, 117 cfs (44-year record, USGS); Cumberland River near Pineville, 1,401 cfs (42-year record, USGS)
 Expected ground water yield - Small areas around Middlesboro and Pineville yield 200 to 500 gpm; most of Bell County yields 50 to 200 gpm; the southeastern corner and a strip in the central portion of the county yield 5 to 50 gpm

* The Pineville Water System recently completed construction of 15 miles of 6-and 8-inch water mains. The total cost of the project was \$900,000. Also, there are plans to install 1.5 miles of 6-inch water main and a 100,000-gallon storage tank in the Clear Creek area. The \$200,000 project will be completed in July 1986.

Sewerage

Company serving **Middlesboro** - Middlesboro Sewerage Commission*
P. O. Box 596
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965
(606) 248-1500 or (606) 248-5670

Design capacity - 3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 2,200,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary and secondary
Treatment processes - Screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, vacuum filter, extended aeration, secondary sedimentation, chlorination, sludge drying beds
Treated effluent discharged into - Yellow Creek
Size of sanitary mains - 6 to 24 inches
Size of storm mains - 8 to 48 inches
Monthly rates - All customers are charged \$3.23 per 1,000 gallons used

<u>Type of Effluent</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Biochemical oxygen demand loading in excess of 350 mg/l per day	\$0.36 per pound
Suspended solids loading in excess of 350 mg/l per day	\$0.40 per pound
Ammonia nitrogen loading in excess of 20 mg/l per day	\$0.67 per pound

Tap-on charge: \$100

Company serving **Pineville** - Pineville Municipal Sanitation Commission**
P. O. Box 222
Pineville, Kentucky 40977
(606) 337-6614

Design capacity - 400,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 375,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary and secondary
Treatment processes - Screening, grit removal, extended aeration, activated sludge, chlorination, aerobic digester
Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River
Size of sanitary mains - 4 to 18 inches
Size of storm mains - 6 to 72 inches
Monthly rates - 65% of monthly bill
Tap-on charge: \$150

* The Middlesboro Sewer Commission is currently building a new 3 million-gallon-a-day sewerage treatment plant. Also included in the \$12 million project is the construction of a main pumping station and force mains and construction of additional neighborhood sewers. The new plant, which will replace the existing one, will be completed in October 1986.

** The Pineville Municipal Sanitation Commission recently installed four new lift stations, sanitary and storm lines, and a new chlorine contact basin.

CLIMATE

Bell County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	58.80 degrees
Average annual 1984	58.10 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (43-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1966 (43-year record)	-9.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	3,658

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	47.29 inches
Mean annual snowfall (29-year record)	12.30 inches
Total precipitation 1984	48.54 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (42-year record)	127.10
Mean number days thunderstorms (42-year record)	47.00

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

Northeast

Relative Humidity (24-year record)

1 a.m.	80 percent
7 a.m.	85 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1984. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Middlesboro

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 12 council members - 2-year terms; city manager

Budget 1985-86 - General Fund	\$2,245,120
Sewer Fund	953,437

Fees and licenses - Two percent of all salaries, wages, commissions, and other compensation earned by every person for work done or services rendered in the city; Two percent of net profits of all businesses, professions or occupations for activities conducted in the city. Motor vehicle licenses fees range from \$10 to \$50 per year.

Pineville

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 8 council members - 2-year terms; city manager

Budget 1985-86 - General Fund	\$615,177
Water Fund	450,000
Sewer Fund	135,000

Fees and licenses - 1.5 percent of all salaries, wages, commissions, and other compensation earned by every person for work done or services rendered in the city; 1.5 percent of net profits for the privilege of engaging in business in the city; business licenses are \$35 upward per year

County

Structure - County Judge/Executive - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms
 Budget 1984-85 - General Fund \$822,087; Road Fund \$412,632

Assessed Value of Property, 1985*

<u>Classes of Property</u>	Middlesboro	Pineville (1986)	Bell County
Real Estate	\$105,979,900	\$31,942,980	\$247,858,893
Tangibles	26,439,400	2,168,950	179,488,002

* Excludes Homestead Exemptions.

State and Local Property Taxes

All property in Kentucky, except items exempted by the state constitution, is taxed by the state. Property which also may be taxed by local jurisdictions includes land and buildings, finished goods inventories, automobiles, trucks, office furniture and office equipment. Local taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky include counties, cities, and school districts.

All property in Kentucky is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

COMBINED STATE AND LOCAL RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1985

	<u>Middlesboro and Middlesboro Independent School District</u>	<u>Middlesboro and Bell County School District</u>	<u>Pineville and Pineville Independent School District</u>	<u>Pineville and Bell County School District</u>	<u>Unincorporated Bell County</u>
Land and Buildings	\$ 1.090	\$ 0.872	\$ 1.256	\$ 1.055	\$ 0.640
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150
Inventories					
Raw materials	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*
Goods in Process	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*
Finished Goods	0.892*	0.674*	1.058*	0.857*	0.442*
Automobiles and Trucks	1.411	1.160	1.539	1.343	0.928
Other Tangible Personal Property	1.341	1.123	1.507	1.306	0.891
Intangibles (Accounts receivable, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250**	0.250**	0.250**	0.250**	0.250**
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*	0.001*
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015

* Includes 1986 state rate.

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

Utilities Gross Receipts Tax for Schools

A 3 percent tax is levied on utilities receipts for schools in the Pineville Independent School System. Tax is paid by all consumers of utilities as an add-on to the utilities bills. Exempted are receipts from utilities services that are resold and the receipts from the sale of energy or energy producing fuels that exceed 3 percent of the cost of production in manufacturing, processing, mining or refining.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Middlesboro City Planning Commission
 Zoning enforced - City only
 Subdivision regulations enforced - City only
 Local codes enforced - Building and housing
 Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA)

City agency - Pineville Planning Commission
 Zoning enforced - City only
 Subdivision regulations enforced - City and 5 miles beyond city limits
 Local codes enforced - Building and housing
 Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Safety

Police	Middlesboro	Pineville	Bell County
Total staff	25	10	6 full time 2 part time
Radio-patrol cars	6	8	4
Fire*			
Insurance Services Office, Public Protection Classification	6**	6	10
Full-time staff	22	4	--
Volunteers	10	20	***

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** A new \$400,000 central fire station is to be constructed in downtown Middlesboro in Summer 1986.

*** The Bell County Volunteer Fire Department is divided into six separate "companies" with a total of approximately 500 volunteers.

Rescue Service

Middlesboro-Bell County Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 27 active

Equipment - Crash truck, pick-up truck, two jeeps with trailers, five boats, Jaws of Life, four motors, two large portable generators, two small portable generators, portable kitchen, eight mobile radios and base station, 12-passenger van, two reconditioned 2 1/2 ton trucks, one flat bed trailer

Personnel training - First aid, civil defense (radiologist), CPR, four emergency medical technicians, dragging operation procedures

Refuse Collection and Disposal

	Middlesboro	Pineville
Type service	Municipal	Private
Fee charged:		
residential	\$6 per month	\$4 per month
commercial & industrial	\$30 per month/ \$15.00 per pickup	Based on volume
Collection frequency:		
residential	Weekly	Weekly
commercial	As needed	Based on volume
industrial	Weekly	Based on volume
Disposal method	Landfill	Landfill
Bell County		
Type service	Private	
Fee charged:		
residential	\$6 per month	
commercial	Based on volume	
industrial	Based on volume	
Collection frequency:		
residential	Weekly	
commercial	Based on volume	
industrial	Based on volume	
Disposal method	Landfill	

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Middlesboro Independent	Pineville Independent	Bell County
Total Enrollment (1985-86)	2,377	538	4,686
Kindergarten	167	40	322
Elementary	894	259	3,083
Junior High	-	103	-
Middle School	634	-	-
High School	682	136	1,281
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1984-85)	20.2	15.8	21.3
Percent High School Graduates to College (1984-85)	38.6	73.1	40.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1984-85)	\$1,843.78	\$1,908.98	\$1,693.44

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Gateway Christian School	110	K-5
St. Julian	75	1-8

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Middlesboro)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1985)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Tennessee (5)	1,314	Masters
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (31)	910	Masters, Specialist
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (51)	2,094	Masters
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (59)	403	Associate
Johnson Bible College	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	401	Baccalaureate
Knoxville College	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	371	Baccalaureate
University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	24,150	Academic & Professional
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City, Tennessee (65)	1,599	Baccalaureate
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (68)	822	Associate
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (95)	607	Associate
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (96)	1,566	Baccalaureate
King College	Bristol, Tennessee (106)	588	Baccalaureate
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (109)	12,229	Masters, Specialist*

* Joint doctoral degree programs are offered in cooperation with the University of Kentucky, Lexington. The degrees are issued by the University of Kentucky.

Vocational Schools

The Kentucky Department of Education operates 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.

Nearest State School

Harlan State Vocational-Technical School
Harlan, 46 miles from Middlesboro

Academic Related Subjects

- Computer Literacy
- Economics
- Employability Skills
- Math
- Reading
- Study Skills

Business & Office

- Accounting/Jr. Management
- Clerical
- Data Processing
- Secretarial (General, Legal & Medical)

Consumer & Home Economics

- Food Service

Industrial Education

- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Auto Body Repair
- Auto Mechanics
- Carpentry-Building Trades
- Diesel Mechanics
- Heavy Equipment Diesel
Mechanic
- Industrial Electricity
- Machine Shop
- Mine Machine Repair
- Mining Equipment Operator
- Welding
- Learning Resource Center

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Nearest Area Education Centers

Bell County Area Vocational Education Center
Pineville

Business and Office Education
Health Careers
Industrial Education
Auto Body
Auto Mechanics
Carpentry
Diesel Mechanics

Drafting
Electronics
Heavy Equipment Operator
Industrial Electricity
Machine Shop
Welding

Cumberland Valley Health Occupations Center
Pineville

Practical Nursing
Medical Office Technology

Surgical Technology
Radiological Technology

HEALTH

Local Medical Personnel (Bell County)

Physicians - 41
Dentists - 15

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
The Middlesboro Community Hospital - ARH, Inc.	Middlesboro	96
The Pineville Community Hospital	Pineville	155

The Middlesboro Community Hospital - ARH, Inc.

General hospital facilities - Radiology, nuclear medicine, clinical laboratory, four operating rooms, two delivery rooms, newborn nursery, emergency unit, respiratory therapy, intensive care/coronary care unit, physical therapy, social service, home care, pulmonary function, electrocardiogram

Medical staff - 25 active members - two surgeons, four pediatricians, one ENT specialist, two general practitioners, two family practitioners, one urologist, two internists, two emergency room physicians, one ophthalmologist, three OB/GYN, two radiologists, one pathologist; Courtesy staff - 24 physicians, four dentists

Hospital staff - 54 registered nurses, 38 licensed practical nurses, two nurses' aides, two anesthetists, five part-time medical technologists, two medical technicians, one respiratory therapist, two physical therapists, one medical social worker, four pharmacists, one medical records administrator, one registered dietician; total personnel - 250

The Pineville Community Hospital

General hospital facilities - X-ray department, delivery room, two operating rooms, obstetrics and diagnostic department, ambulant care center, community physicians' offices, laboratory, home health service, eight intensive and coronary care beds, pharmacy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, social services, nuclear medicine laboratory, pathology department, emergency ambulance service with 24-hour physician coverage, ultra sound department, EEG, stress testing, Holter monitor

Medical staff - Total personnel - 344 including 12 active physicians, four dentists, 36 registered nurses, 50 licensed practical nurses, 68 nurses' aides, orderlies and ward clerks. Specialists are available on a consultation basis.

Other Medical Facilities

Bell County Health Department, Middlesboro and Pineville
Daniel Boone Clinic
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center

Ambulance Service

Name - Middlesboro Ambulance Service (operated by Middlesboro Fire Department)

Staff - Full-time staff from the Middlesboro Fire Department

Service - 24-hour, seven days per week in Middlesboro and southern Bell County

Equipment - Three fully-equipped ambulances, one back-up ambulance

Name - Bell County Emergency Ambulance Service

Staff - 13 Emergency Medical Technicians

Service - 24-hour, seven days per week in Pineville and northern Bell County

Equipment - Three fully-equipped ambulances, one back-up ambulance

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Middlesboro

Telephone - Services -	South Central Bell Telephone Company Standard
Telegraph - Services -	Western Union Local office; toll-free number, 1-800-325-6000
Postal - Class - Mail received - Mail dispatched -	U.S. Post Office First Twice daily Twice daily
Newspapers - Daily and circulation - Other papers received from -	Middleboro Daily News 10,000 Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee
Radio - Major stations received from -	WFXV-AM Stereo and WMIK-AM/FM Pineville, London and Corbin, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee
Television - Airwave reception from -	Lexington and Hazard, Kentucky; Knoxville and Johnson City, Tennessee; Bristol, Virginia; Asheville, North Carolina
Cable service - Number of cable channels - Educational Television -	22 Hazard, Kentucky, transmitter - Channel 35; Sneedville, Tennessee - Channel 2

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Pineville

Telephone - Services -	South Central Bell Telephone Company Standard
Telegraph - Services -	Western Union Local office; toll-free number, 1-800-325-6000
Postal - Class - Mail received - Mail dispatched -	U.S. Post Office First Twice daily Twice daily
Newspapers - Weekly and circulation - Other papers received from -	Pineville Sun-Cumberland Courier 3,900 Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee
Radio - Major stations received from -	WANO-AM and WZKO-FM Barbourville, Corbin, London and Middlesboro, Kentucky; Knoxville and Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Television - Airwave reception from -	Lexington, Kentucky; Knoxville and Johnson City, Tennessee; Bristol, Virginia; Asheville, North Carolina
Cable service - Number of cable channels - Educational Television -	20 Somerset, Kentucky, transmitter - Channel 29; Sneedville, Tennessee - Channel 2

Library Services

Public library - Bell County Public Library (Middlesboro)

Size collection - 38,298 volumes

Circulation, 1984-85 - 62,371 (library); 53,794 (bookmobile)

Services - Magazines, newspapers, books, story hour, bookmobile, talking books for the blind, records, microfilm reader/printer, microfilm, historical room, children's room, service to shut-ins and convalescent patients, community room with kitchen facilities, film programs, projectors, filmstrips, art prints, oral history project, telephone reference service, traveling puppet troupe, member - Kentucky Inter-Library Local Communications Library, video tapes, computer education disc

Public library - Bell County Public Library (Pineville)

Size collection - 23,753 volumes

Circulation, 1984-85 - 37,041

Services - Same as Middlesboro

Religious Institutions

	Middlesboro	Pineville
Number of churches -	37	14
Denominations -	AME Zion Assemblies of God Baptist Catholic Christian Christian Science Church of Christ Church of God Episcopal Jehovah's Witnesses Lutheran Methodist Nazarene Pentecostal Presbyterian Salvation Army Seventh Day Adventist	Baptist Catholic Christian Church of God Methodist Nazarene Presbyterian Salvation Army
Nearest synagogues -	Knoxville, Tennessee, 59 miles from Middlesboro	
Congregations -	Heska Amuna Congregation (orthodox) Temple Bethel (reform)	

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Commercial Bank	\$78,940,010.00	\$72,613,221.00	12/31/84
First State Bank	71,276,519.98	65,177,292.50	6/30/85
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Savings Accounts</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Home Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$91,094,097.33	\$84,115,748.03	6/30/85
Middlesboro Federal Savings & Loan Association	50,825,430.48	48,108,314.58	6/30/85
First Federal Savings & Loan Association	66,540,305.06	60,739,048.10	12/31/85

Hotels and Motels

Bell County

Total number	11
Total rooms	520

Clubs and Organizations

There are more than 100 clubs and organizations in Bell County, including most major civic, business, professional, fraternal, charitable, sports, farm and youth organizations.

RECREATION

Local

The city of Middlesboro offers a variety of recreational facilities and programs. The city supports supervised programs, six parks, four playgrounds, a swimming pool, six tennis courts, one softball field, two baseball diamonds, one football field, four basketball courts and Tri-County YMCA.

Private recreational facilities in Middlesboro are as extensive as the public. The country club offers a 9-hole golf course and a swimming pool. A bowling alley, two movie theatres (one indoor and one drive-in), video arcade and a roller skating rink are available to the public.

Pineville offers numerous recreational facilities. These include supervised programs, three parks, six playgrounds, a swimming pool, one golf course, two tennis courts, two baseball diamonds, two football fields and four basketball courts. Also located in Pineville is the Bell County Youth Center.

Numerous festivals are held in and around Middlesboro and Pineville each year.

The Cumberland Mountain Fall Festival is held in Middlesboro in mid-October. Other tourist attractions found in Middlesboro are the Cumberland Gap Arts Council and Coal House (Chamber of Commerce Building). Lincoln Memorial University, located a few miles outside of Middlesboro in Harrogate, Tennessee, has the world's second largest collection of Abraham Lincoln relics on display. Cumberland Gap National Historical Park is located 3 miles from Middlesboro. Features in this 20,270-acre park include: a frontier museum; Pinnacle Mountain that overlooks three states; three caves; an old iron furnace; and Hensley Settlement, a restored mountain village where the Quilt Festival is held annually.

Pineville offers a variety of cultural events and attractions. The Southeastern Kentucky Community Concert Series performs concerts on a regular basis. Also held in town each year is the Sidewalk Art Show. Located just outside of town is **Pine Mountain State Resort Park**, which provides the finest in mountain scenery and the ultimate in quiet comfort. The 2,500-acre park is located in the Kentucky Ridge State Forest and is the scene of the Mountain Laurel Festival each spring. Also featured is a 35-acre lake, 330 lodge rooms, 20 cottages, a dining room, a gift shop, a meeting room, 36 camping sites, a lodge pool, fishing, a 9-hole golf course, hiking trails, a nature center, picnicking, playgrounds, shuffleboard, and planned recreation.

Cumberland Gap National Historic Park is located 3 miles south of Middlesboro. Features at the 20,270-acre park include a frontier museum, Pinnacle Mountain, a restored mountain village, an old iron furnace and caves.

Area (Within 70 miles)

Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine, 37 miles northwest of Middlesboro near Barbourville, is the site of the cabin built by Dr. Walker, who led an expedition through Cumberland Gap around 1750. This 12-acre park contains a replica of the cabin, a playground, a picnic shelter, and an amphitheater.

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, 57 miles northwest of Middlesboro at London, is an 815-acre park located where the Boone Trace and Wilderness Road pioneer trails converge. In addition to a reproduced pioneer settlement, the park offers a pool, a bathhouse, hiking trails, horseback riding, shuffleboard, 200 campsites, a picnic area, a playground, and an amphitheater.

The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 66 miles west of Middlesboro near Whitley City, is being developed as an outdoor recreation area by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the National Park Service. The area lies along the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River in Kentucky and Tennessee and encompasses some of the state's most rugged and scenic terrain. Recreational opportunities in the "National Area" include hiking, camping, horseback riding and picnicking, whitewater rafting, canoeing and kayaking trips. The Big South Fork Scenic Railway offers a chance to see part of the rugged Cumberland River area by rail. The train operates on a regular schedule between Stearns and the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area near the historic Blue Heron Coal Tipple, a distance of about 5 miles each direction.

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is located 67 miles northwest of Middlesboro near Corbin in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The park is famous for Cumberland Falls which drops 68 feet over a rock precipice and shows one of only two known "moonbows" in the world at full moon. The park offers 53 lodge rooms, woodland suites, 27 cottages, camping, fishing, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis, backpacking, shuffleboard, planned recreation, a playground, and an amphitheater.

Kingdom Come State Park, located 70 miles northeast of Middlesboro near Cumberland, Kentucky, contains 961 beautiful mountain acres. It is named for John Fox, Jr.'s, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come", which was written in 1903 and was the first U.S. novel to sell one million copies. Features include a three-acre fishing lake, a picnic area, a hiking trail, a playground, and Raven Rock, a fascinating stone formation with a large cave opening at the base. The park is located on the midway point of the Little Shepherd Trail, a hiking and driving trail which follows Pine Mountain from Harlan to Whitesburg.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

Several manufacturing firms in Middlesboro have recently completed expansions. They include Cumberland Gap Provision Company, Bell Concrete Industries, Inc., Dura Line Corporation, Middlesboro Coca Cola Bottling, Inc., Middlesboro Tanning Company of Delaware, Perma Pipe Corporation, and Three State Printing Company.

The Pineville Municipal Sanitation Commission recently installed four new lift stations, sanitary and storm lines, and a new chlorine contact basin.

The Pineville Water System recently completed construction of 15 miles of 6- and 8-inch water mains. The total cost of the project was \$900,000.

The Bell County School System recently completed construction of a \$10 million high school.

In August 1983, the Middlesboro Mall Shopping Center opened. The \$21 million mall has approximately 50 different stores.

In the last three years, five housing projects with 475 units have been built in Middlesboro.

The Pineville Independent School System recently completed air conditioning of the elementary and high school buildings.

Under Way

Construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel, a four-lane, 4,100-foot tunnel, which will replace the existing 3.75-mile section of U.S. 25E that travels over the mountain, is under way. The tunnel, which is to be completed in 1992, will play a major role in connecting Interstate 75 at Corbin to Interstate 81 at White Pine, Tennessee.

Construction of a combination 4-lane highway and floodwall, in Pineville, is under way. The new 4-lane highway, which will be erected atop the 25-foot floodwall, will replace the existing two-lane highway that runs through town. The \$59 million project will be completed in 1989.

The Middlesboro Sewer Commission is currently building a new 3 million-gallon-a-day sewerage treatment plant. Also included in the \$12 million project is the construction of a main pumping station and force mains and construction of additional neighborhood sewers. The new plant, which will replace the existing plant, will be completed in October 1986.

Construction of a new football field, swimming pool and tennis court by the Pineville Independent School System is currently under way. The \$800,000 project will be completed in Summer 1986.

The city of Middlesboro has an ongoing downtown revitalization program. At the present time, three buildings in the historical district are under going renovation.

The widening of west Cumberland Avenue in Middlesboro to four-lane, is currently under way.

Planned

Construction of a 24,000-square-foot medical center in downtown Pineville is planned to start in Spring 1986.

The Pineville Water System has plans to install 1.5 miles of 6-inch water main and a 100,000-gallon storage tank in the Clear Creek area. The \$200,000 project will be completed in July 1986.

The Bell County School System has plans for the construction of a new \$6.5 million middle school.

A new \$400,000 central fire station is to be constructed in downtown Middlesboro in Summer 1986.