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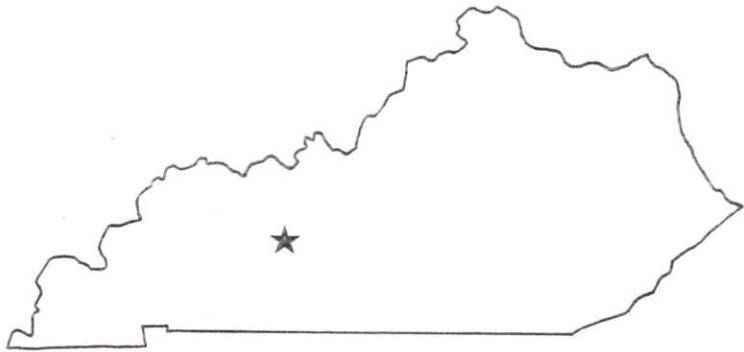
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*Resources for Economic Development*

# Morgantown



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MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY

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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**BUTLER COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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## MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Morgantown, the county seat of Butler County, is located in the Green River Valley of Kentucky's Western Coal Field Region. Morgantown is 87 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; 113 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; and 251 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. The city had a 1988 estimated population of 1,960 persons.

Butler County covers a land area of 431 square miles, and had a 1988 estimated population of 11,100 persons.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Butler County residents employed in 1988 averaged 5,626. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,648 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 333 jobs; 236 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 489 employees; contract construction firms provided 64 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 30,711 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1989 through 1993, 14,739 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - The Green River Parkway has an interchange 2 miles south of Morgantown. The city is also served by U.S. Highway 231 and Kentucky Route 79. There are 18 common carrier trucking companies authorized to serve Morgantown. The nearest commercial airline services are available at Nashville Metropolitan Airport, 93 miles south of Morgantown, and at Evansville Dress Regional Airport, 90 miles northwest of Morgantown. The Morgantown Municipal Airport has a 2,750-foot runway. Morgantown is within 20 miles of rail service provided by Illinois Central Gulf Railroad.

**Power and Fuel** - The Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation provides electric power to Morgantown and most of Butler County, with Pennyrite Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation serving the remainder of the county. The Tennessee Valley Authority is the source of power for both companies. Morgantown Utilities, whose source of supply for natural gas is Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, provides natural gas service to Morgantown.

**Education** - The Butler County School System provides primary and secondary public education to residents of Morgantown and Butler County. There are eight institutions of higher learning located within 70 miles of Morgantown. Vocational training is available at Bowling Green State Vocational-Technical School and Advanced Technology Center, 25 miles southeast of Morgantown, or at area vocational education centers located at Greenville, Hartford, Leitchfield, and Russellville - all within 35 miles of Morgantown.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Morgantown Labor Market Area includes Butler County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Edmonson, Grayson, Logan, Muhlenberg, Ohio, and Warren.

	POPULATION		
	1988*	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	200,500	191,849	160,923
Morgantown	1,960	2,000	1,394
Butler County	11,100	11,064	9,723

\* Population Estimates

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, August 1989 (County), November 1989 (City).

	POPULATION PROJECTIONS			
	1990	1995	2000	2010
Labor Market Area	214,512	226,955	237,313	254,459
Butler County	11,148	11,127	11,115	11,052

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 1989 thru 1993
Labor Market Area*	30,711	9,759	10,594	10,358	14,739
Butler County	1,659	562	479	618	831

\* 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, 1987. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1989 thru 1993.

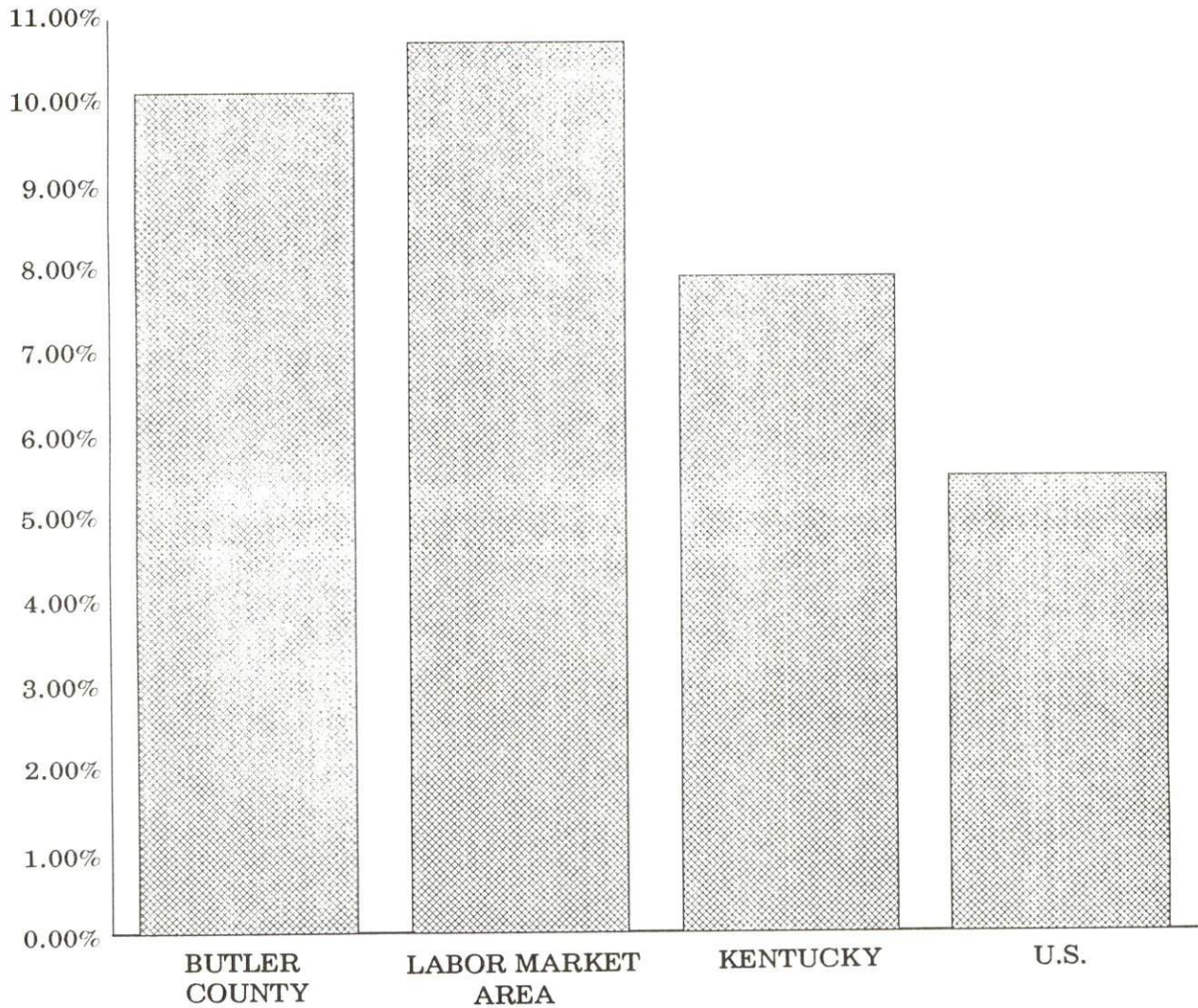


LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1988

	Butler County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	6,255	91,204
Employment	5,626	81,483
Unemployment	629	9,721
Rate of Unemployment (%)	10.1	10.7

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1988.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1988

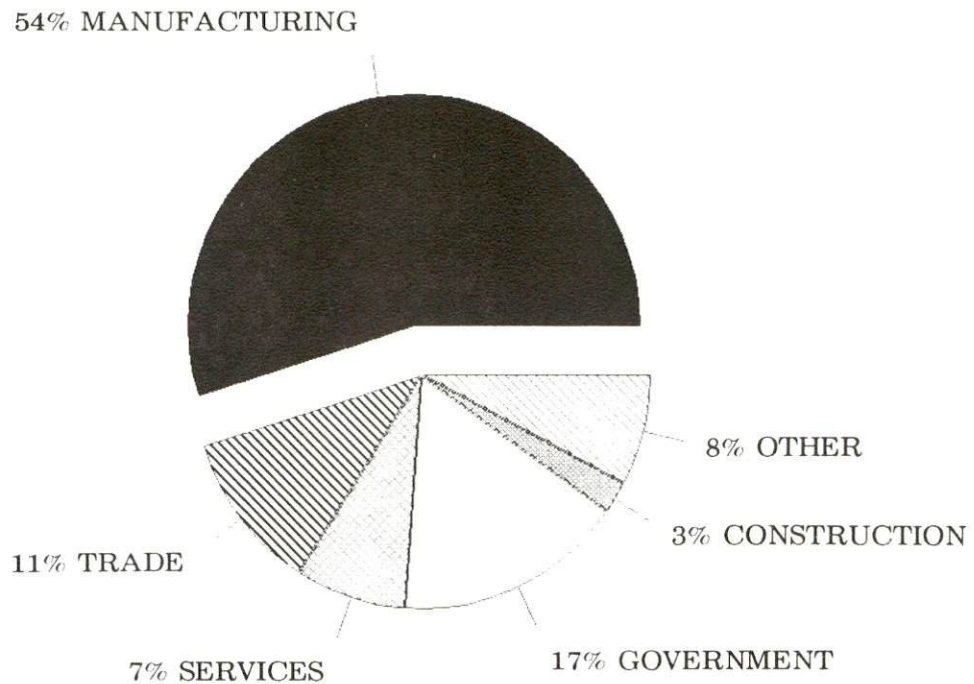


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	<u>Butler County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	3,001	61,217
Manufacturing	1,648	17,059
Wholesale & Retail Trade	333	15,598
Services	236	10,055
State/Local Government	489	9,338
Contract Construction	64	2,390

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, 1988.

BUTLER COUNTY



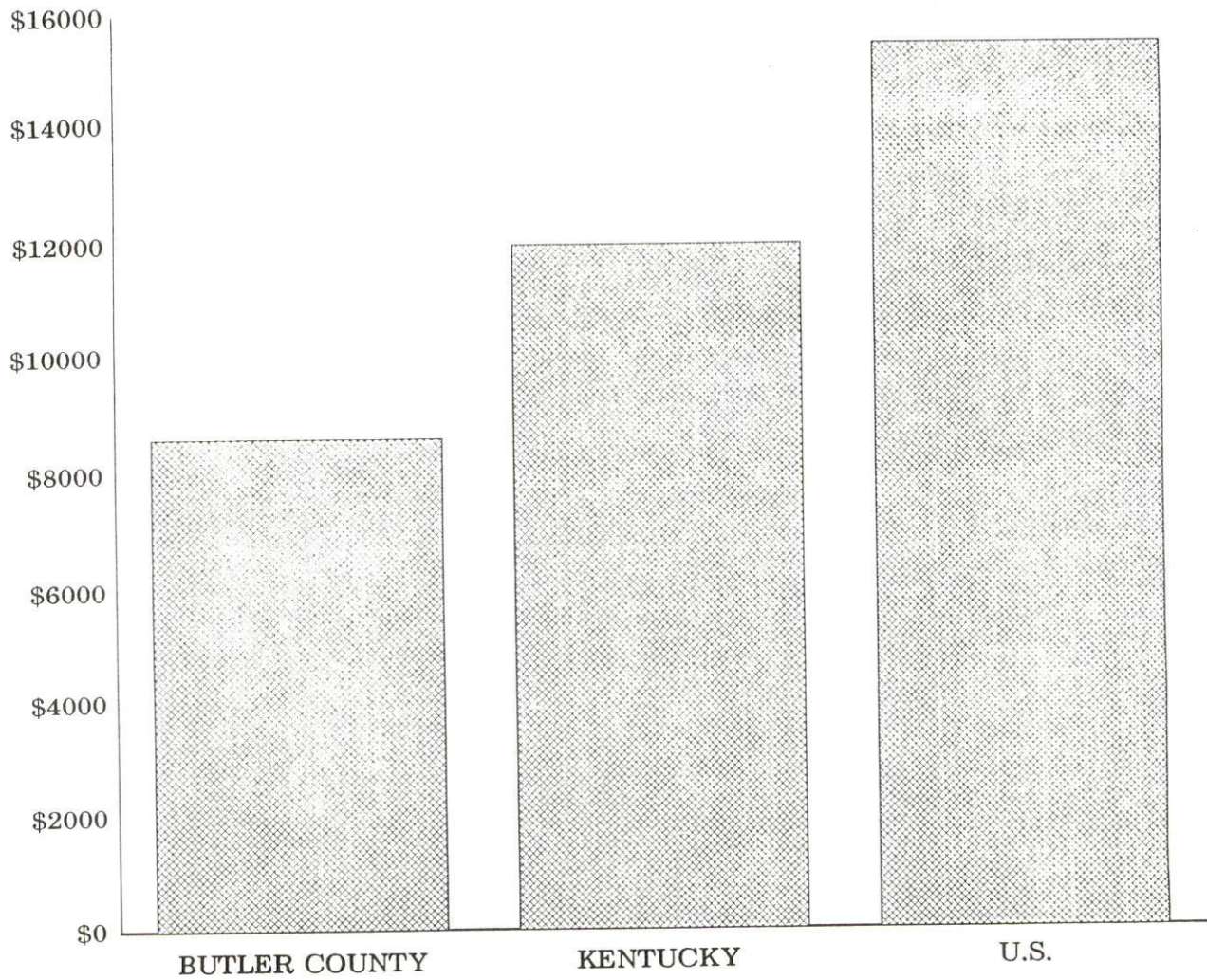


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1983	1987	Percent Change
Butler County	\$6,262	\$8,625	37.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,492 - 8,599	\$6,407 - 11,114	-
Kentucky	\$9,513	\$11,997	26.1
U.S.	\$12,098	\$15,484	28.0

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, August 1988 and April 1989.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1987





## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Butler County is served by the Bowling Green local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Bowling Green 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, 1988, the local employment office filled 3,990 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	3,990	4.43
Clerical	875	3.60
Sales	139	3.89
Services (excluding domestic)	575	3.49
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	37	3.75
Processing	100	5.96
Machine Trades	498	5.92
Bench Work	709	4.73
Structural	195	5.36
Motor Freight/ Transportation	139	5.49
Packaging and Materials Handling	597	4.42
Other	25	4.94

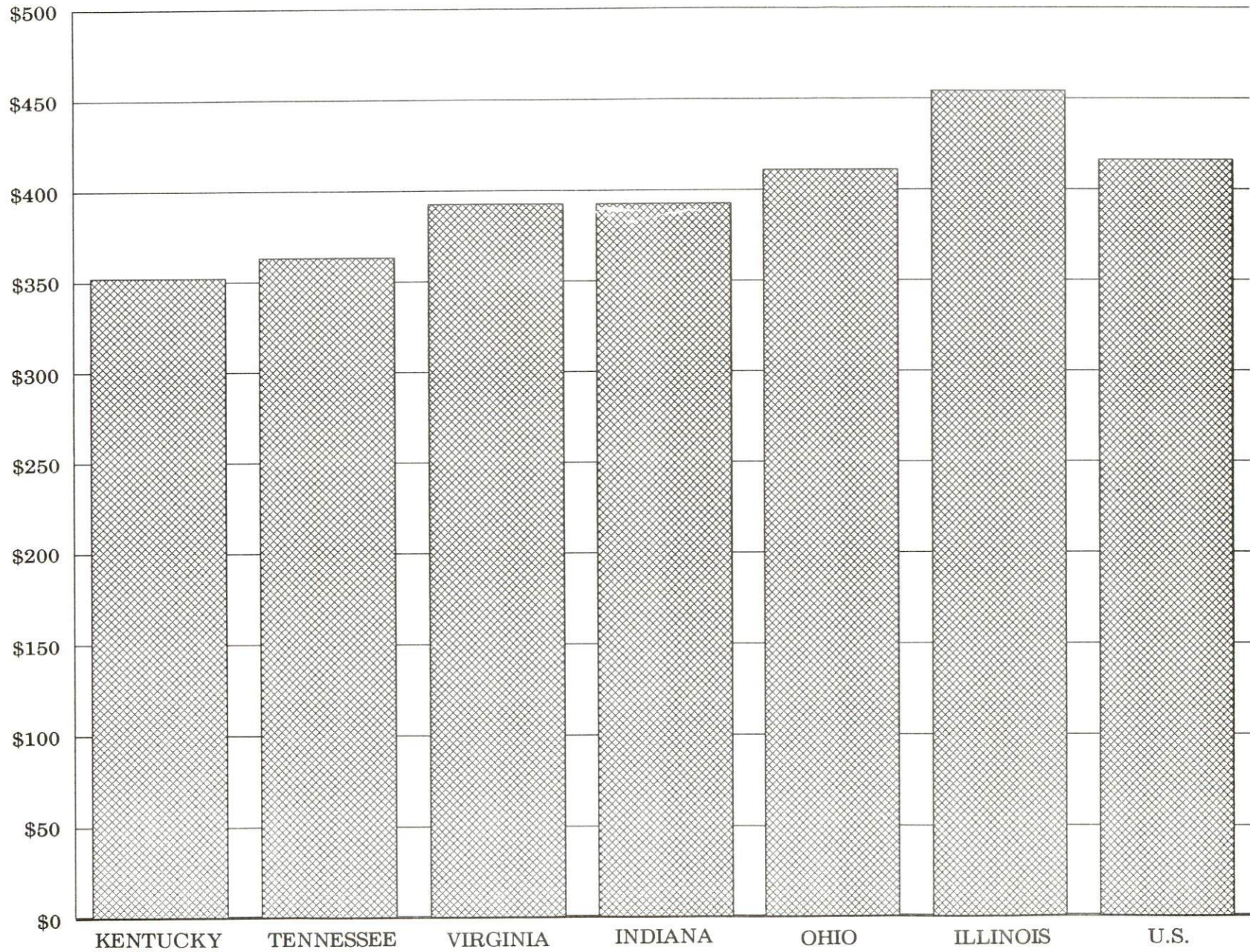
The Bowling Green local office also serves Allen, Edmonson, Logan, Simpson, and Warren Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE F. Y. 1987-88





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Butler County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$242.00	\$352.31	\$363.12	\$392.56
Mining & Quarrying	504.27	603.27	495.85	596.88
Contract Construction	211.08	380.71	394.27	422.27
Manufacturing	238.31	464.92	416.73	452.60
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	333.47	468.17	485.13	554.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	194.27	238.88	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	282.89	401.17	269.27	466.23
Services	174.00	298.98	343.48	391.67
State/Local Government	269.62	377.81	403.21	457.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$392.63	\$411.08	\$454.10	\$416.33
Mining & Quarrying	635.77	579.73	674.62	660.40
Contract Construction	449.87	465.46	584.10	469.85
Manufacturing	532.06	569.98	555.83	517.62
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	502.69	519.17	584.83	542.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406.58	444.33	579.88	532.52
Services	317.98	348.48	402.38	384.31
State/Local Government	395.31	428.10	453.12	442.71

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, 1988. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, August 29, 1989.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### MORGANTOWN MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm (Establishment date)	Product	1988 Average Employment
American Rubber Products Corporation (1989)	Rubber seals and gaskets	35
B & R Lumber Company, Inc. (1959)	Pallet and crating lumber	44
Butler County Banner, Inc. (1982)	Job printing, newspaper	2
Coleman Concrete (1981)	Ready-mixed concrete	8
Dunaway Timber Company, Inc. (1983)	Wood chips, lumber, crossties	17
Green River Feed Mill, Inc. (1986)	Feed, fertilizer mixing	8
Green River Republican, Inc. (1985)	Newspaper	7
IMCO Recycling, Inc. (1989)	Recycle aluminum	45
J & V Stitches, Inc. (1989)	Men's, women's, children's jeans	70
Kane Industries, Inc. #3 (1953)	Men's, boy's sport and suit coats and tuxedos	200
Kellwood Company (1967)	Women's blazers, skirts, all-weather coats, rainwear	412
L & L Concrete Construction (1957)	Ready-mixed concrete	8
Mid-South Plating Company (1986)	Zinc and manganese phosphate metal plating	4
Morgantown Manufacturing Company (1973)	Auto parts	23
Morgantown Plastics Company (1985)	Plastic custom injection molding	50
Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc. (1987)	Wiring harnesses	500
Triple C Leather Company, Inc. (1984)	Leather lace, side leather	25

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, 1989 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers; Division of Research and Planning.

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are currently no labor unions representing workers at manufacturing firms in Butler County.

## SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Morgantown</u>
Custom Data Processing	Bowling Green	25
Custom Plastics Producers	Morgantown	--
Electric Motor Repair	Bowling Green	25
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Owensboro	48
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville	80
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Bowling Green	25
Industrial Gases	Bowling Green	25
Industrial Waste Removal	Russellville	31
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	McHenry	22
	Bowling Green	25
Metal Castings	McHenry	22
Metal Finishers	Hartford	22
Metal Service Centers	Bowling Green	25
Millwrights	Bowling Green	25
Public Warehouse Facilities	Bowling Green	25

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1987; Division of Research and Planning.



## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

The Green River Parkway, a multilane toll road, serves Morgantown with an interchange located two miles south of the city. Other "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Morgantown include U.S. Highway 231 and Kentucky Route 79.

The Green River Parkway provides Morgantown with access to the Western Kentucky Parkway, 16 miles northwest of the city, and with Interstate Highway 65, a major north-south route, 28 miles southeast of the city.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	325	Los Angeles, CA	2,079
Baltimore, MD	712	Louisville, KY	113
Birmingham, AL	274	Nashville, TN	87
Chicago, IL	371	New Orleans, LA	607
Cincinnati, OH	214	New York, NY	873
Cleveland, OH	461	Pittsburgh, PA	501
Detroit, MI	472	St. Louis, MO	251
Knoxville, TN	232		

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

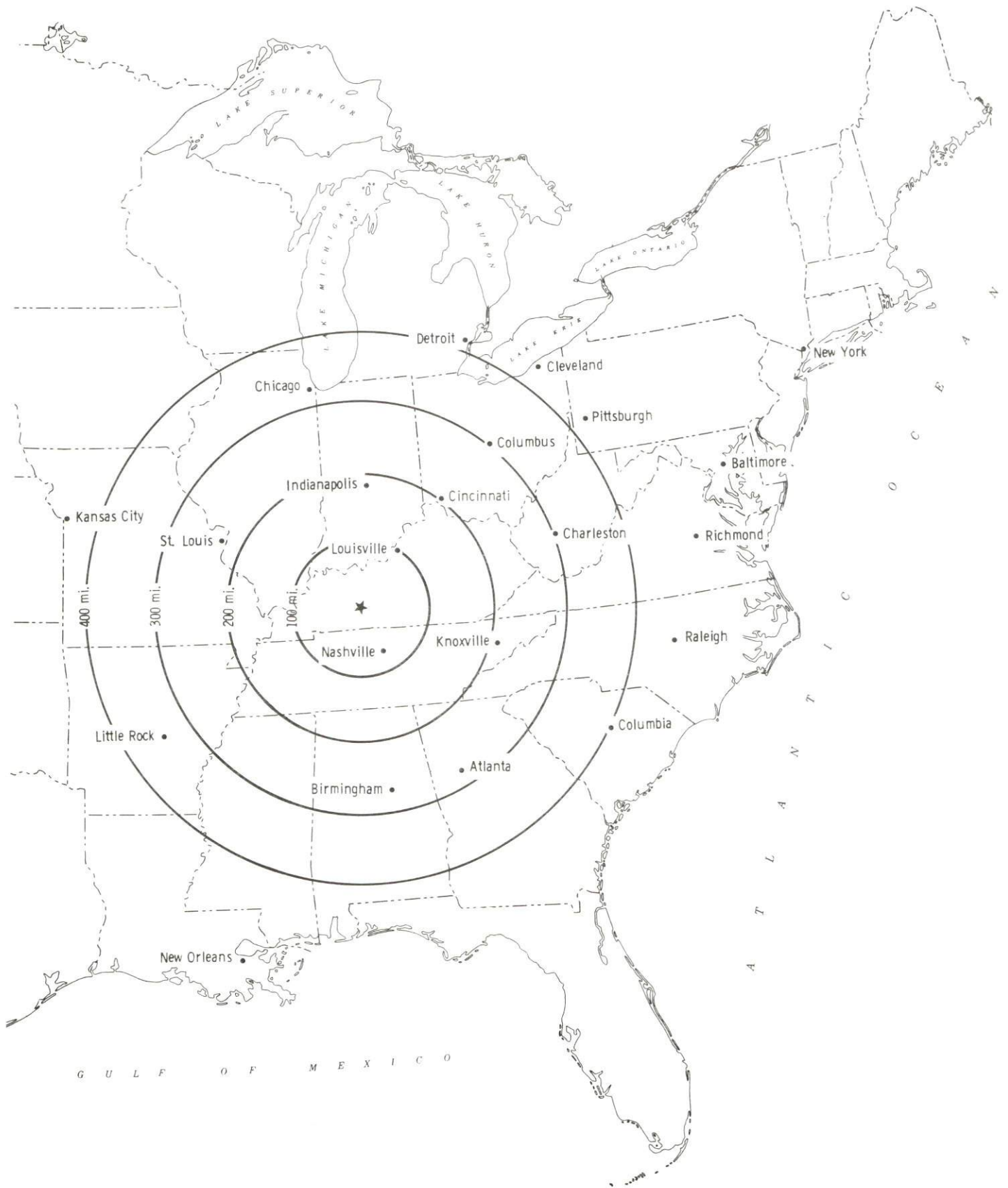
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

### Truck Service

There are eighteen common carrier trucking companies that provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Morgantown.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1989.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

Morgantown is not directly served by a railroad. The nearest rail freight service is provided by Illinois Central Gulf Railroad at Beaver Dam, only 18 miles northwest of Morgantown. CSX Transportation provides the nearest piggyback facilities at Owensboro, 49 miles northwest of Morgantown.

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

Industrial Development Department  
Illinois Central Gulf Railroad  
233 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
(312) 819-7476

and/or

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

## Air

### Local

Location:	Morgantown Municipal Airport
Runways:	2 miles northwest of Morgantown
Length:	1 turf, with 2,000 feet paved
Traffic	2,750 feet
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	None
Services:	Tie down

Plans for future development of Morgantown Municipal Airport include a new runway with a total length of 5,000 feet, construction of an office and hangar, and installation of fuel facilities and an emergency lighting system. Construction of this project is planned to start Spring 1990.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Nashville Metropolitan Airport  
6 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee;  
93 miles south of Morgantown

Air Service: American, Delta, Eastern, Northwest, PanAm,  
TWA, Southwest, United, USAir, American  
Eagle, ComAir

Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 470

and

Location: Evansville Dress Regional Airport  
3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana;  
90 miles northwest of Morgantown

Air Service: American Eagle, ComAir, TransWorld Express,  
Northwest Link, USAir, United Express

Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 88

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Morgantown and most of Butler County** - Warren Rural  
Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority  
For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial Development  
Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 726  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240  
(502) 885-5392

and/or

Warren RECC  
P.O. Box 278  
Morgantown, Kentucky 42261  
(502) 526-3384

Company serving **western Butler County** - Pennyrile Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority  
For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial Development  
Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 726  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240  
(502) 885-5392

and/or

Pennyrile RECC  
2000 Harrison Street  
P.O. Box 551  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240  
(502) 886-2555

### Natural Gas

Company serving **Morgantown** - Morgantown Utilities  
Source of supply - Midwestern Gas Transmission Company  
For rates and supplies contact:

Morgantown Utilities  
P.O. Box 417  
Morgantown, Kentucky 42261  
(502) 526-3623



## Public Water Supply

Company serving Morgantown - Morgantown Utilities  
P.O. Box 417  
Morgantown, Kentucky 42261  
(502) 526-3623

Source - Green River  
Treatment plant capacity - 972,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 700,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 971,750 gallons  
Storage capacity - 600,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 25 psi to 98 psi

Name of water district - Butler County Water System, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1118  
951 Fairview Avenue  
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102  
(502) 842-6541

Area served - Butler County  
Source of supply of treated water - City of Morgantown  
Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 309,870 gallons  
Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 433,600 gallons  
Storage capacity - 400,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 30 psi to 150 psi

Two projects were completed in 1987. Project 5, 26 miles of new water line, was completed in April costing \$815,000. Project 6, consisting of 32 miles of new line, new booster station, and a new storage tank, was completed in October costing \$1,400,000.

Construction of Project 7, 45 miles of distribution line and one booster pump station, is currently under way. The project is expected to be completed in January, 1990 and will cost \$1,000,000.

A preliminary study is underway for a water treatment plant costing \$650,000 with a completion date of July, 1991.

## Sewerage

Company serving Morgantown - Morgantown Utilities  
P.O. Box 417  
Morgantown, Kentucky 42261  
(502) 526-3623

Design capacity - 500,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 317,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Primary, secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Green River

## CLIMATE

Butler County

### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.70 degrees
Average annual 1987	57.40 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (47-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, February 1951 (47-year record)	-23.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,729
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (47-year record)	14.00 inches
Total precipitation 1987	34.51 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (47-year record)	115.70
Mean number days thunderstorms (47-year record)	45.10

### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South-Southwest

### Relative Humidity (26-year record)

Midnight	78	percent
6 a.m.	81	percent
Noon	59	percent
6 p.m.	62	percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1987. Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Morgantown is served by a mayor and six council members. Butler County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Morgantown Planning and Zoning Commission  
Zoning enforced - Within city only  
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only  
Local codes enforced - Building, housing  
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

Morgantown levies an occupational license tax of one and one-half percent of wages and one and one-half percent of net profits of businesses. The city also levies a business license fee of \$25.00 per year for all businesses and professions inside the city.

## 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, 1988

	City of Morgantown	Unincorporated Butler County
Land and Buildings	\$0.726	\$0.558
Manufacturing		
Machinery	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control		
Equipment	0.150	0.150
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.001	0.001
Goods in Process	0.001	0.001
Finished Goods	0.544	0.357
Automobiles & Trucks	1.0987	0.8197
Other Tangible		
Personal Property	0.993	0.806
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250	0.250
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.001	0.001
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015

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

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Butler County
Total Enrollment	2,180
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1987-88)	19.4-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1987-88)	35.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1987-88)	\$2,363.62

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1988)</u>
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (25)	14,121
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (48)	666
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (48)	766
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (48)	1,687
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown, Kentucky (61)	2,717
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky (63)	1,824
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, Tennessee (65)	5,177
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville, Kentucky (65)	1,743



## 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>Enrollment Fall, 1987</u>
Bowling Green State Vocational- Technical School	Bowling Green (25)	1,039
Advanced Technology Center	Bowling Green (25)	101
Ohio County Area Vocational Education Center	Hartford (25)	421
Russellville Area Vocational Education Center	Russellville (31)	299
Grayson County Vocational Education Center	Leitchfield (32)	386
Muhlenberg Area Vocational Education Center	Greenville (33)	290

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5

Dentists - 3

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
HCA Greenview Hospital	Bowling Green (25)	211
The Medical Center	Bowling Green (25)	355

#### HCA Greenview Hospital

Medical staff - 129 physicians, 154 registered nurses, 33 licensed practical nurses

#### The Medical Center

Medical staff - 139 physicians, 261 registered nurses, 54 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Barren River District Health Department  
Lakeview Health Care Center  
Butler County Ambulance Service  
Butler County Civil Defense Rescue Squad

### Banks and Savings & Loans

First Kentucky Federal Savings & Loans  
Green River Bank  
Morgantown Bank & Trust

### Newspapers

The Butler County Banner (weekly)  
The Green River Republican (weekly)

### Telephone Service

South Central Bell

## RECREATION

### Local

A wide variety of recreational opportunities is available in Morgantown and Butler County. Public facilities include the 40-acre Morgantown Municipal Park, featuring a swimming pool and bathhouse, six tennis courts, lighted baseball, softball and Little League fields, an outdoor basketball court, two picnic pavillions, bleachers, playground equipment, and restrooms. An amphitheater located at the park is the site of community theater productions.

The Butler County Park and the Green River Museum are located in Woodbury on the Green River, approximately 5 miles southeast of Morgantown. The Green River Museum features exhibits on Butler County's history and the riverboat heritage of the area. A restaurant is located on the park grounds.

Privately managed recreational facilities include a 9-hole golf course and a driving range.

Annual events include the Green River Catfish Festival, held during the July Fourth weekend, with activities including a fishing contest, a 5-mile road race, a canoe race, musical entertainment, a beauty pageant, fireworks, a golf tournament, and booths.

The George Dabbs Celebration of the Arts, an annual art and photography show and theater production, is held each summer. In addition, the Morgantown Community Park Theater presents several productions each year.

The Butler County Fair is held each August.

### Area (Within 65 miles)

Bowling Green  
Rough River Dam State Resort Park  
Lake Malone State Park  
Owensboro  
Mammoth Cave National Park  
Nolin River Lake  
Jefferson Davis Monument State Shrine  
Ben Hawes State Park  
Barren River Lake State Resort Park



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

### Recent

A sewer system rehabilitation project to reduce surface water inflow was completed in January, 1989 costing \$25,000.

Butler County Water System, Inc. completed two projects in 1987. Project 5, 26 miles of new water line, was completed in April costing \$815,000. Project 6, consisting of 32 miles of new line, new booster station, and a new storage tank was completed in October costing \$1,400,000.

A new volunteer fire station and ambulance service building was constructed in 1987 costing \$100,000.

Morgantown Utilities built a new sewer plant in March, 1989 costing \$1,000,000.

Three manufacturing firms located in Morgantown in 1989. J & V Stitches, Inc. employs 70 persons and makes men's, women's, and children's jeans. IMCO Recycling, Inc. employs 45 persons and recycles aluminum. American Rubber Products Corporation makes rubber seals and gaskets for the automotive industry and employs 35 persons.

A new digital phone system for Butler County has been installed at a cost of \$1,000,000.

### Under Way

Butler County Water System, Inc. currently has Project 7 under construction. This project consists of 45 miles of new line and a booster station and is expected to be completed in January, 1990 costing \$1,000,000. A preliminary study is also underway for a water treatment plant costing \$650,000 with a completion date of July, 1991.

### Planned

The Morgantown Municipal Airport is planning to construct a new 5,000 foot runway in April, 1990. The local airport board is also making plans to add fuel facilities, a hanger, an airport office and emergency lighting on the site.

The Butler County School System plans to start construction of a new high school building in Spring, 1990. The school is expected to cost \$4,000,000 and open for the Fall, 1991 school year.

Morgantown Utilities will begin looking for a site for a new 1,000,000 gallon water storage tank in 1990. They also plan to extend sewer service to the new high school.

A community center is planned for Morgantown.





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