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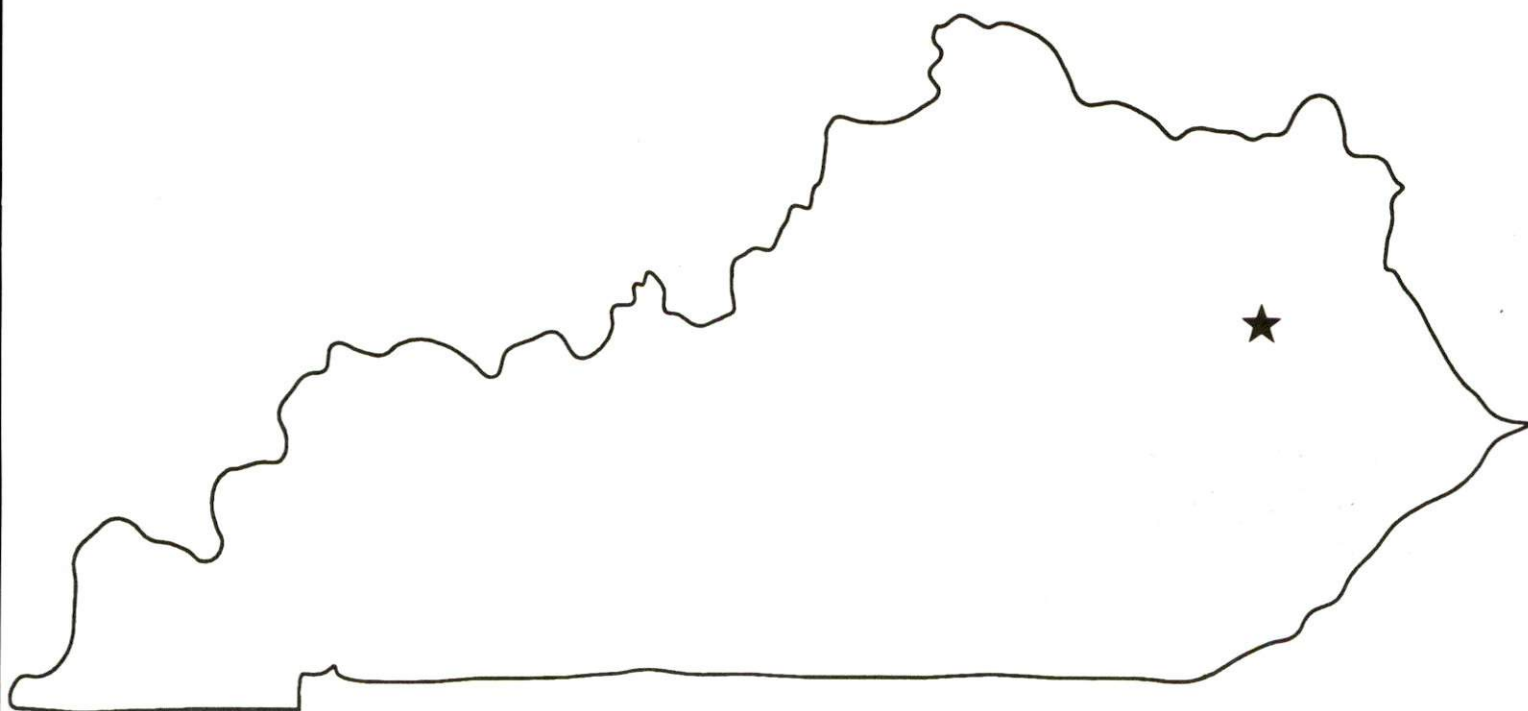
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**Resources For
Economic Development**

West Liberty



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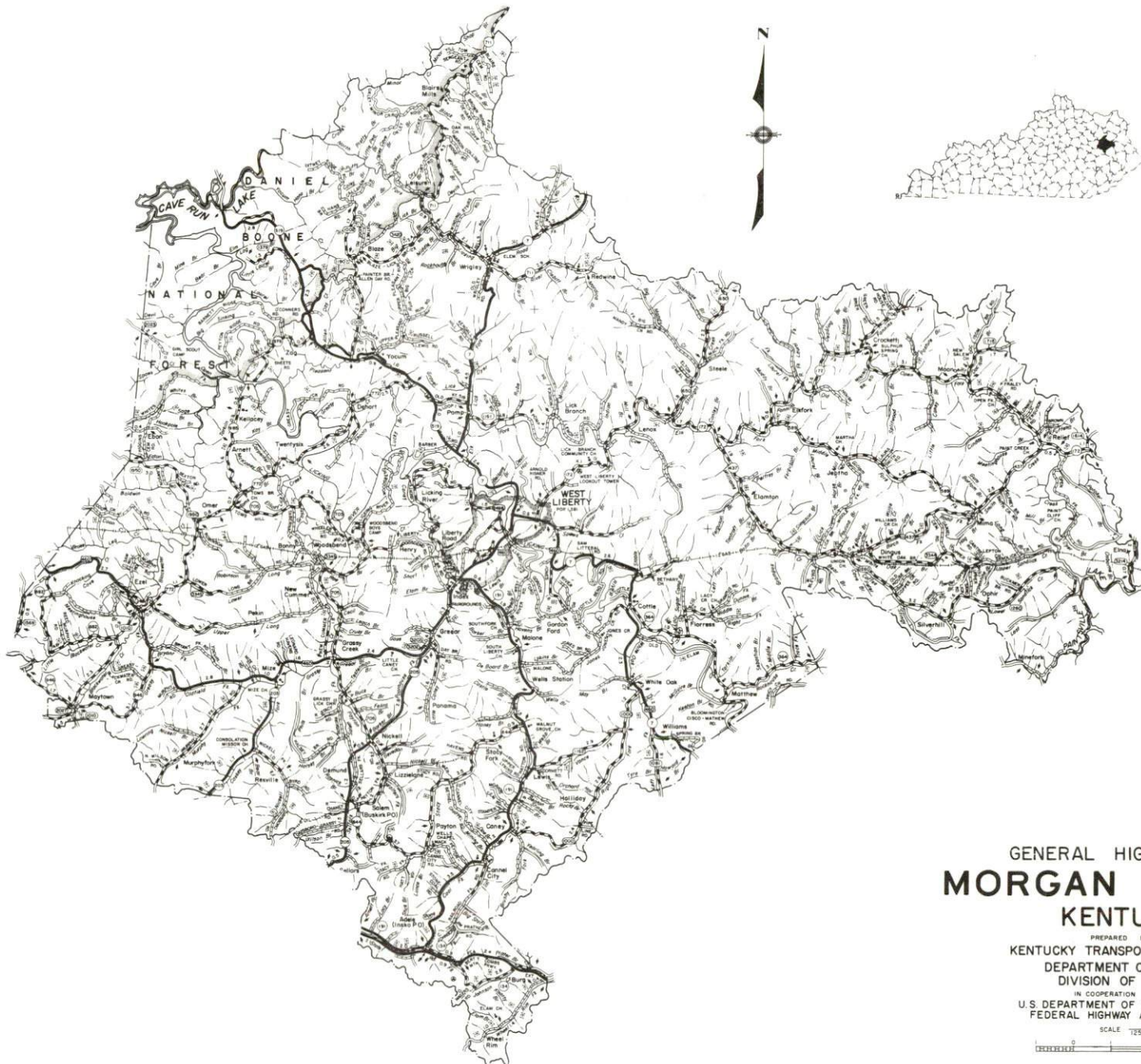
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
MORGAN COUNTY
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING

IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

West Liberty, the county seat of Morgan County, is located in the Licking Valley area of Kentucky. The city had a 1990 population of 1,887. West Liberty is located 71 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 93 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky; 119 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 256 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Morgan County covers a land area of 381 square miles in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region. Cave Run Lake and Daniel Boone National Forest occupy the northwestern portion of the county. Morgan County had a 1990 population of 11,648.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Morgan County residents employed in 1992 averaged 3,400. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 305 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 442 jobs; 322 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 966 employees; and contract construction firms provided 97 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 17,063 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1994 through 1998, 8,103 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - West Liberty is served directly by U.S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Highways 7 and 519. Each is a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Kentucky Highway 172 also serves West Liberty. In addition, the Mountain Parkway is accessible via U.S. 460 and Kentucky 205, 14 miles south of West Liberty. Interstate 64 is accessible via Kentucky 519, 26 miles northwest of the city. Eight trucking companies provide service to West Liberty. CSX Transportation provides the nearest rail service at Paintsville, Kentucky, 41 miles southeast. Tri-State Field in Huntington, West Virginia, 68 miles northeast, provides the nearest commercial airline service. The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport maintains a 2,400-foot paved runway.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Power Company and Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation provide electric power to West Liberty and Morgan County. Elam Utility Company, which is supplied by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, provides natural gas to West Liberty.

Education - The Morgan County School System provides primary and secondary education to West Liberty and Morgan County. MSU-Licking Valley Center, an extension campus of Morehead State University, offers an array of community service programs and basic requirement courses which are transferable to state-supported institutions. Nine other institutions of higher learning are located within 75 miles of West Liberty. Vocational training is provided by Morgan County Area Vocational Education Center in West Liberty and by Rowan State Vocational-Technical School, located 20 miles northwest in Morehead, Kentucky.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The West Liberty Labor Market Area includes Morgan County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Elliott, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Menifee, Rowan, and Wolfe.

POPULATION			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	100,374	101,943	81,389
West Liberty	1,887	1,381	1,387
Morgan County	11,648	12,103	10,019

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	101,695	102,649	103,659	103,343
Morgan County	11,693	11,697	11,691	11,599

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY				
	<u>Current</u>		<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1994 thru 1998</u>
Labor Market Area*	17,063	3,878	13,185	8,103
Morgan County	2,343	490	1,853	955

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

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

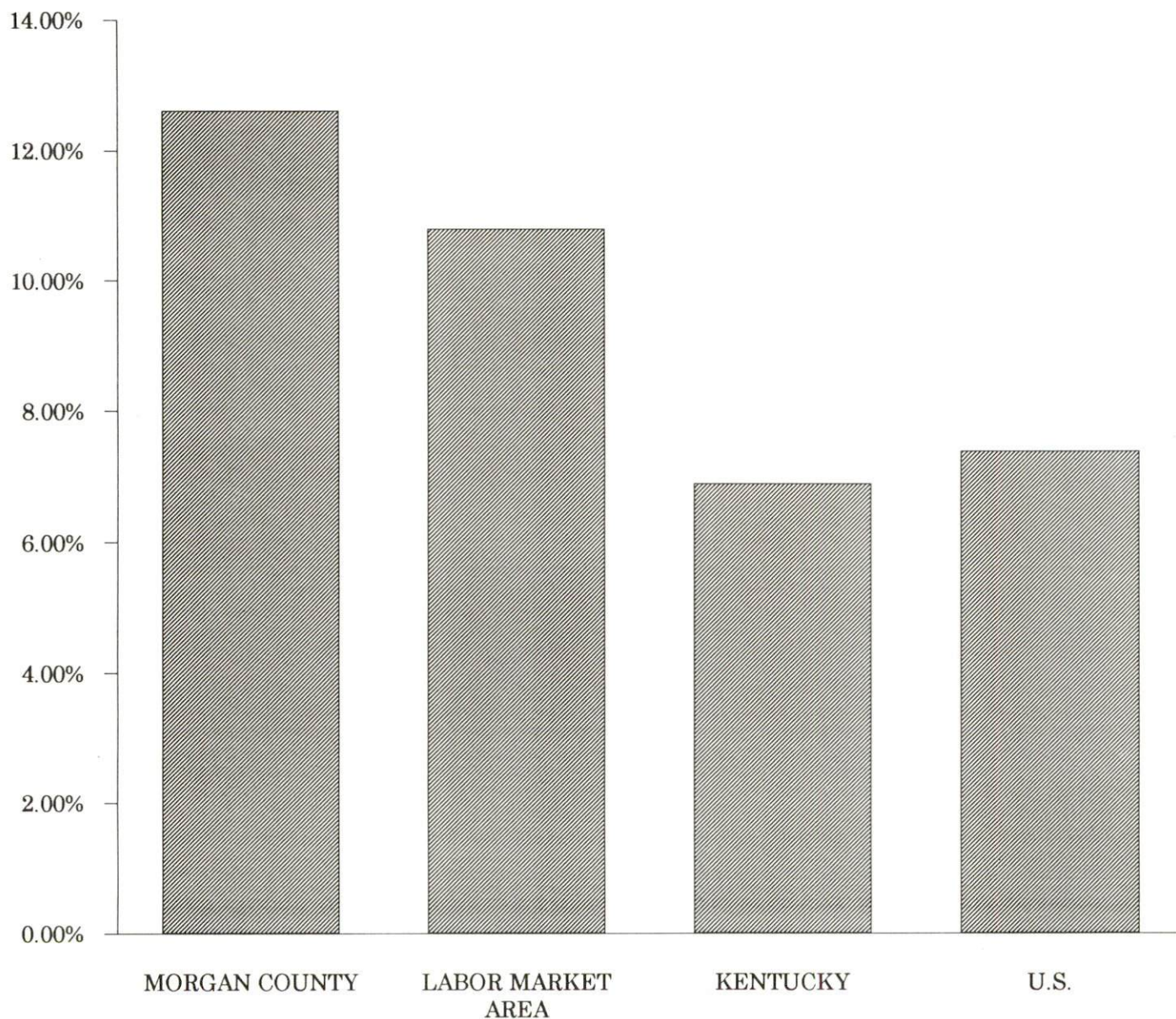
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1994 thru 1998.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1992

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,890	35,822
Employment	3,400	31,944
Unemployment	490	3,878
Rate of Unemployment (%)	12.6	10.8

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1992.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1992

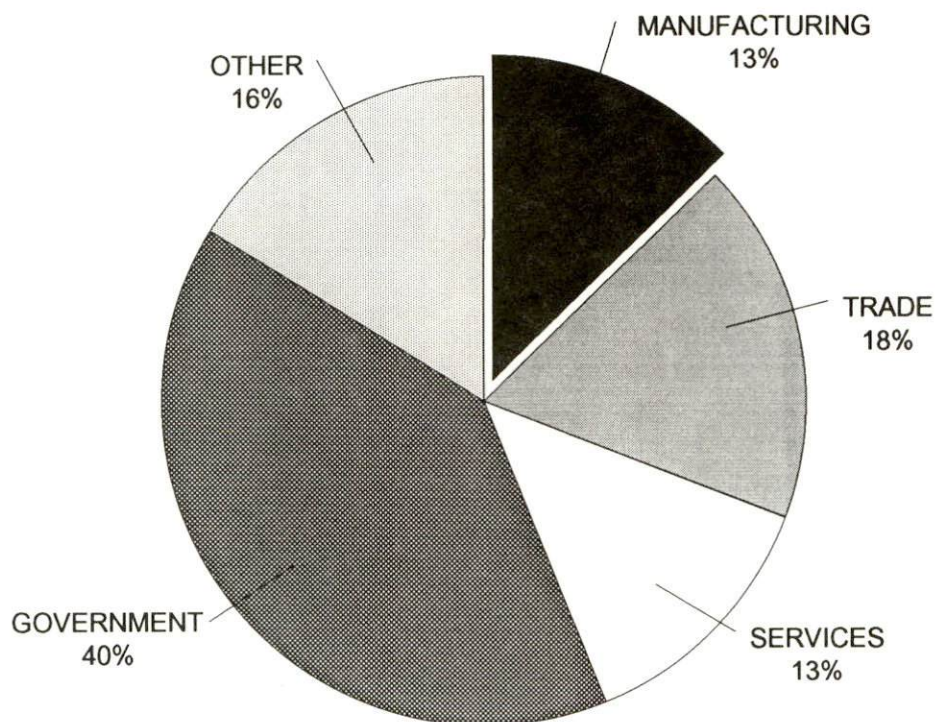


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,406	21,807
Manufacturing	305	1,633
Wholesale & Retail Trade	442	5,707
Services	322	3,847
State/Local Government	966	6,507
Contract Construction	97	793

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, 1992.

MORGAN COUNTY

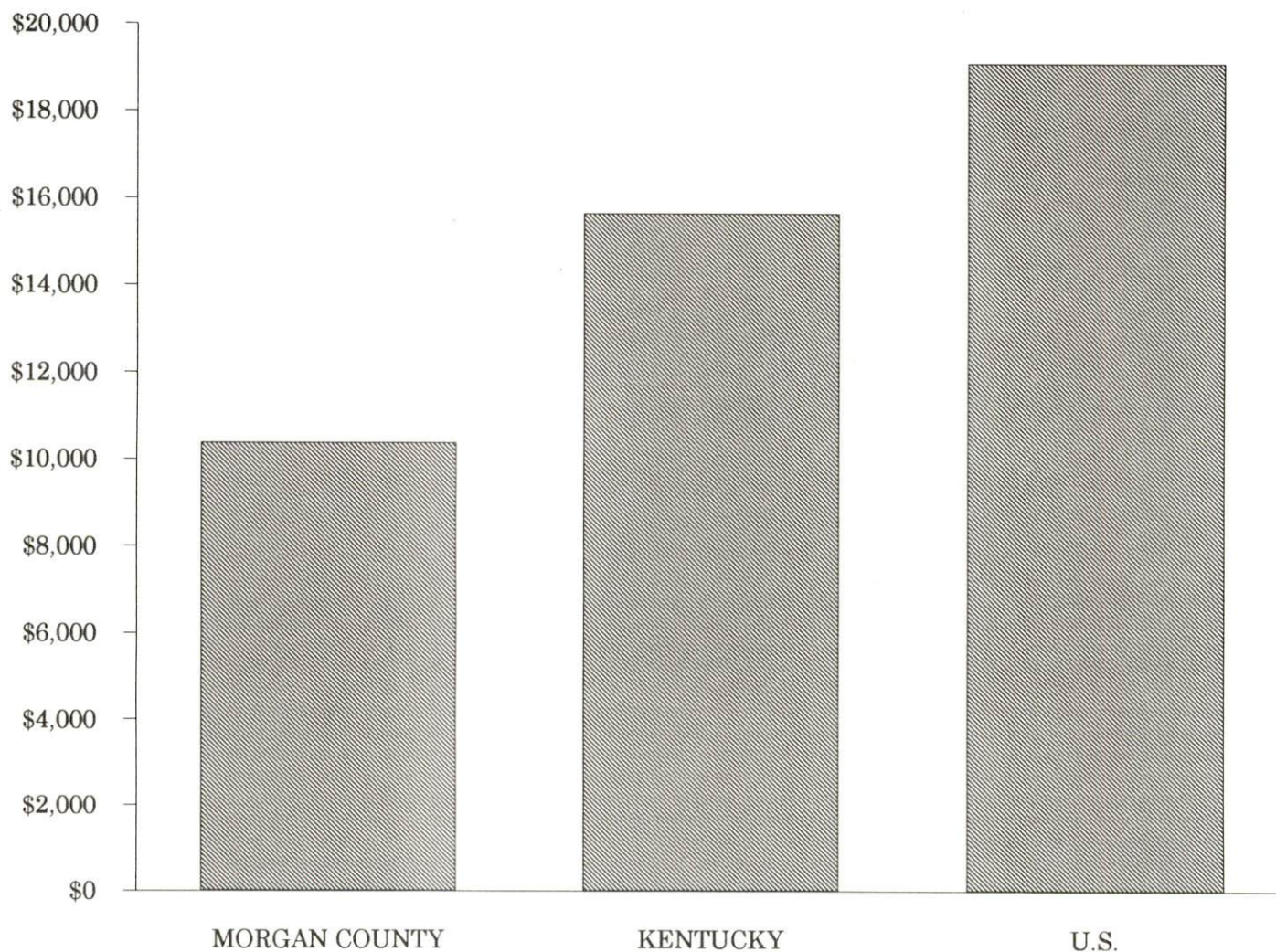


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Morgan County	\$7,161	\$10,375	44.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,408 - \$9,791	\$8,695 - \$12,586	-
Kentucky	\$12,216	\$15,626	27.9
U.S.	\$15,638	\$19,091	22.0

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1991



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

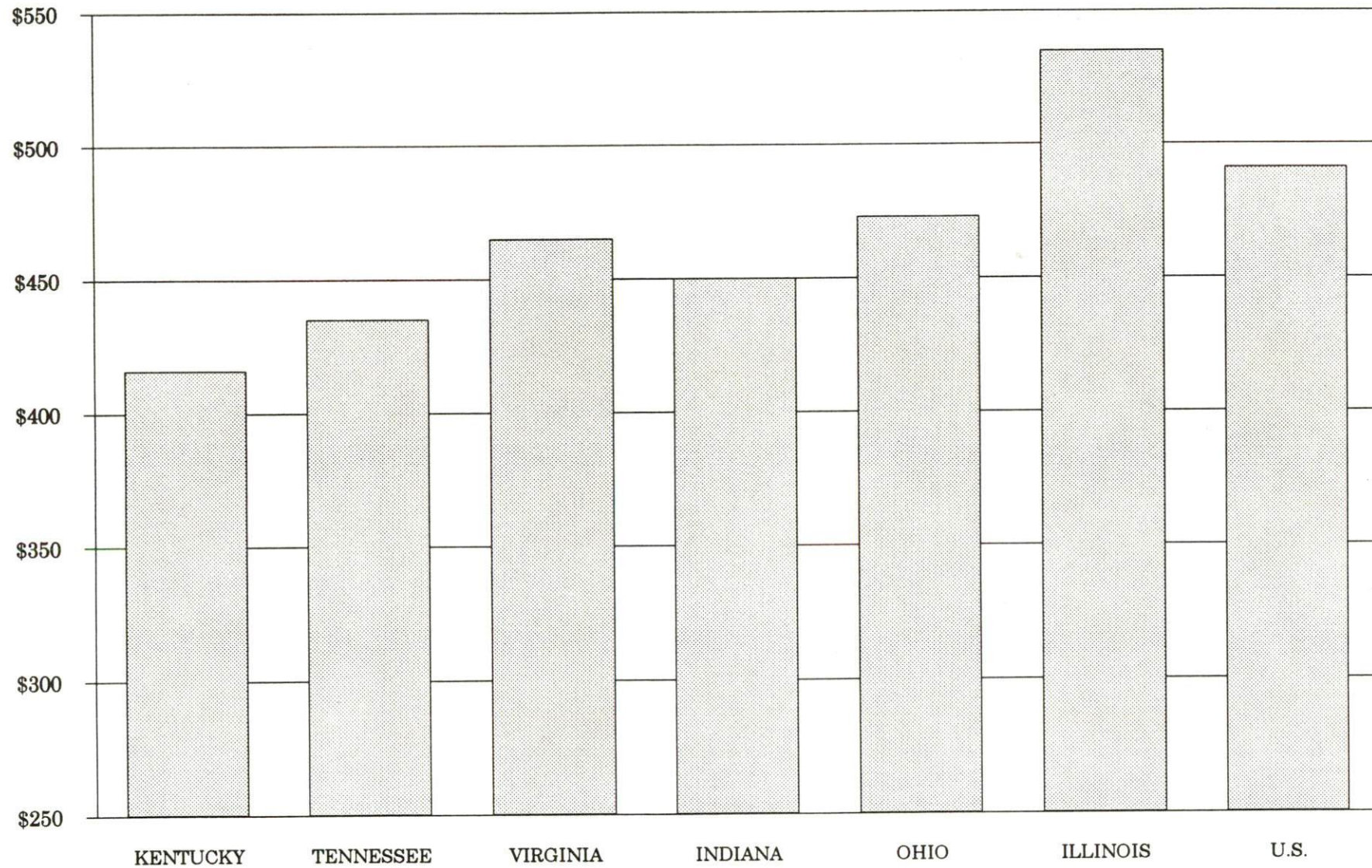
Morgan County is served by the Morehead local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Morehead local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1993, the local employment office filled 1,787 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	1,787	4.51
Clerical	448	4.35
Sales	107	4.29
Services (excluding domestic)	327	4.32
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	8	10.69
Processing	1	5.00
Machine Trades	57	4.47
Bench Work	442	4.36
Structural	92	5.85
Motor Freight/ Transportation	37	4.73
Packaging and Materials Handling	226	4.67
Other	5	4.70

The Morehead local office also serves Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1992**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992*

	Morgan County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$329.78	\$415.94	\$435.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	685.48	564.00	690.00
Contract Construction	318.53	431.97	456.00	456.00
Manufacturing	284.77	535.73	510.00	535.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	511.31	560.84	561.00	637.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	244.02	282.29	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	361.62	493.68	548.00	576.00
Services	340.49	371.91	419.00	483.00
State/Local Government	351.67	434.01	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$450.00	\$473.00	\$535.00	\$491.00
Mining & Quarrying	731.00	639.00	787.00	799.00
Contract Construction	504.00	525.00	658.00	527.00
Manufacturing	609.00	653.00	652.00	612.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	548.00	590.00	674.00	632.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	511.00	545.00	728.00	670.00
Services	386.00	419.00	488.00	468.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

N/A Not Available.

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes the salaries and wages of all persons working for that type business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1992. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1992, October 1993.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

MORGAN COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1993</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Crockett		
Rod and Staff Publishing Company (1960)	Commercial printing (books/pamphlet)	50
Ezel		
Lawson Pallet & Skids (1988)	Pallets and skids	5
Mize		
J.A. Oldfield & Son, Inc. (1979)	Fertilizer	8
West Liberty		
Courier Publishing Company (1910)	Offset printing, newspaper	12
Frederick & May Lumber & Supply Company (1951)	Dimension stock lumber, rough lumber, fencing boards	115
Lion Apparel, Inc. (1984)	Industrial rain wear, firemen bunker gear, safety clothing	115
Wells Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. (1958)	Ready-mixed concrete	70
Wolfe County		
Whiting Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1990)*	Comforters, pillow shams, dust ruffles	160

*Whiting Manufacturing Company, Inc. is physically located one mile south of the Morgan County line in Wolfe County, but draws a significant number of workers from Morgan County.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Whiting Manufacturing Company, Inc. is currently expanding its existing facility by at least 25 percent. The project will create 60 new jobs and reach completion by Spring 1994.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are no labor unions representing workers in Morgan County manufacturing firms at the present time.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from West Liberty</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Flemingsburg, Kentucky	50
Electric Motor Repair	Morehead, Kentucky	23
Heat Treating Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	93
Industrial Waste Removal	Olive Hill, Kentucky	48
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Morehead, Kentucky	23
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	98
Metal Finishers	Frenchburg, Kentucky	29
Metal Service Centers	Morehead, Kentucky	23
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	93

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

U.S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Highways 7 and 519 directly serve West Liberty. Each is a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Kentucky Highway 172, a "AA"-rated (60,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, also serves West Liberty.

The Mountain Parkway, a major limited-access highway which links eastern Kentucky with central Kentucky and Lexington, is accessible via U.S. 460 and Kentucky 205, 14 miles south of West Liberty. Interstate Highway 64, a major east-west highway corridor, is accessible via Kentucky Highway 519, 26 miles northwest of West Liberty.

A project to widen and upgrade Kentucky Highway 519 north to Morehead and I-64 was recently completed.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	449	Los Angeles, CA	2,252
Baltimore, MD	481	Louisville, KY	160
Birmingham, AL	489	Nashville, TN	303
Chicago, IL	436	New Orleans, LA	823
Cincinnati, OH	119	New York, NY	670
Cleveland, OH	364	Pittsburgh, PA	310
Detroit, MI	377	St. Louis, MO	418
Knoxville, TN	256		

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

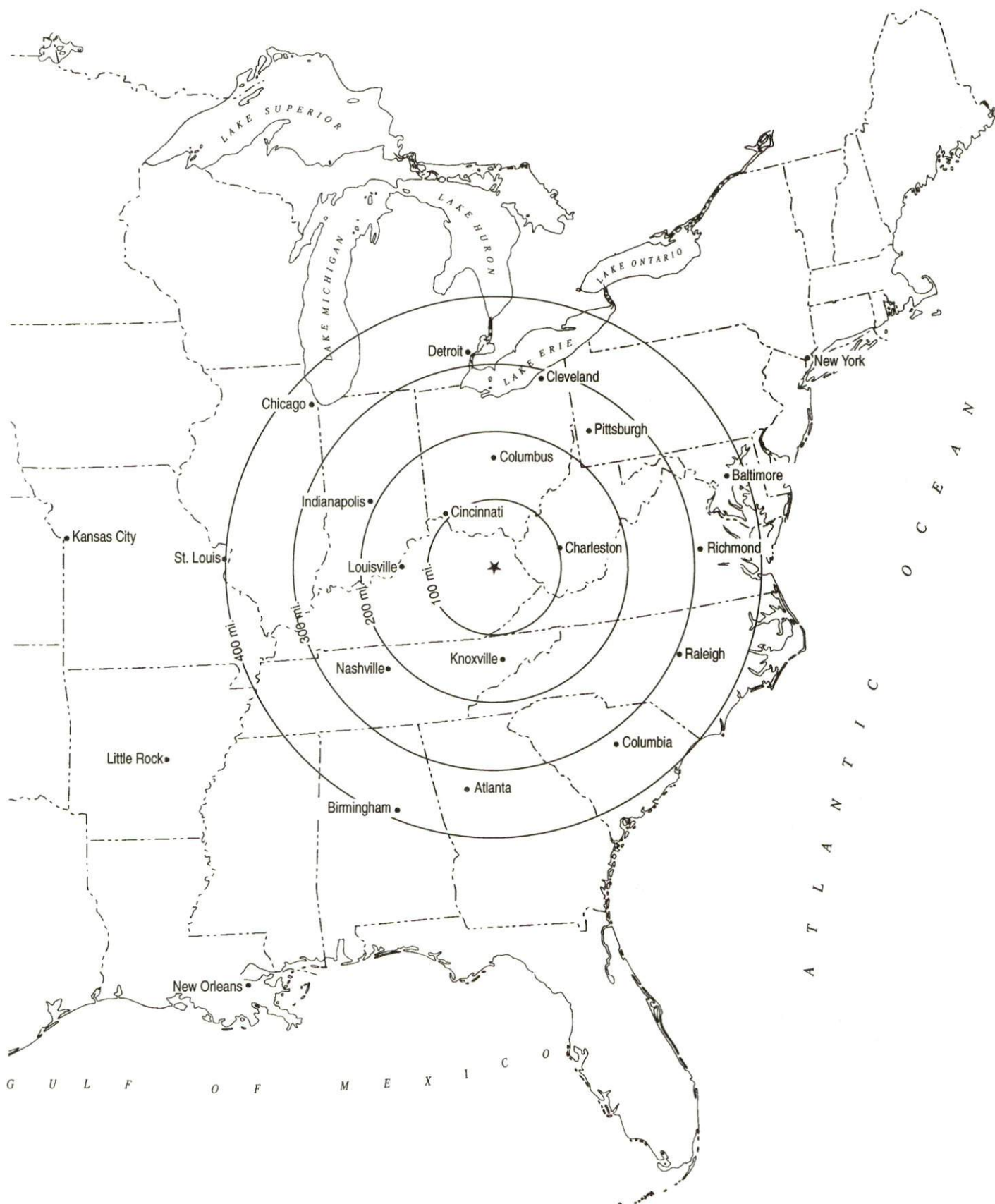
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

Eight common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to West Liberty.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1994; Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides the nearest main line rail service at Paintsville, Kentucky, 41 miles southeast. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by Norfolk Southern Corporation at Georgetown, Kentucky, 102 miles west of West Liberty.

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

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

Air

Local

Location:	West Liberty-Morgan County Airport
Runways:	West Liberty
Length:	One paved
Traffic	2,400 feet
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	None
Services:	Hangar, tie-down
Air Freight Service:	Chartered air freight service must be arranged

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Tri-State Field (Walker-Long Field)
	3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia;
	68 miles northeast of West Liberty
Air Service:	ComAir, USAir, C.C. Air, Northwest Airlink
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	48

Location:	Blue Grass Airport
	4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;
	97 miles west of West Liberty
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle,
	ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast
	Airlines, Northwest Airlink
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120

Nearest International Airport

Location:	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport 8 miles southwest of Covington, Kentucky; 124 miles northwest of West Liberty
Air Service:	American, American Eagle, ComAir, Continental, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest, Northwest Airlinck, TWA, United, United Express, USAir, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	846

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving most of West Liberty and a small portion of southern

Morgan County - Kentucky Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

For industrial rates contact:

Economic Development Manager
Kentucky Power Company
1701 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 1428
Ashland, Kentucky 41105-1428
(606) 327-1244 Fax (606) 327-1246

Company serving a small portion of West Liberty and the majority of

Morgan County - Licking River 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

Licking Valley Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
P.O. Box 605
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-3179 or (800) 554-5441

Natural Gas

Company serving West Liberty - Elam Utility Company

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Elam Utility Company
459 Main Street
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-3695

Public Water Supply

Company serving West Liberty - West Liberty Water Works
100 Keeton Heights
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-4553

Source - Licking River
Treatment plant capacity - 1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 600,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 900,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,250,000 gallons
Water pressure - 40 psi to 135 psi

The West Liberty Water Works plans to redesign its raw water intake system which would allow the system to take in and treat raw water from Cave Run Lake rather than from its current raw water supply, the Licking River. This would effectively increase the raw water capacity and its overall quality.

Sewerage

Company serving West Liberty - West Liberty Wastewater Treatment Plant
Route 5, Box 607B
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-4129

Design capacity - 575,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 350,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary and secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Licking River

CLIMATE

Morgan County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.20	degrees
Average annual 1992	55.30	degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (32-year record)	102.00	degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (32-year record)	-16.00	degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,676	
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)		

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	40.74	inches
Mean annual snowfall (31-year record)	25.00	inches
Total precipitation 1992	37.49	inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (31-year record)	140.00	
Mean number days thunderstorms (30-year record)	41.30	

Prevailing winds

N/A

Relative Humidity (31-year record, except 1 a.m. - 30 year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent
7 a.m.	83 percent
1 p.m.	58 percent
7 p.m.	61 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1992. Station of record: Huntington, West Virginia.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

Morgan County and West Liberty are presently not served by a planning and zoning agency.

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 West Liberty levies an annual business license fee of \$35, an unloading license fee of \$50 per year, and an annual auto sticker license fee of \$10.

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

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

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1992 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
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

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1992

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Morgan County	\$0.2600	\$0.2734	\$0.3088
School Districts:			
Morgan County	0.4110	0.4110	0.4520
Cities:			
West Liberty	0.1200	0.1200	0.1000

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Morgan County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	2,397
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	16.8-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	57.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,544.52

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Faith Hills School (Crockett)	33	1-8

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1992)</u>
MSU-Licking Valley Center	West Liberty, Kentucky	446
Morehead State University	Morehead, Kentucky (23)	9,169
Kentucky Christian College	Grayson, Kentucky (42)	548
Lees College	Jackson, Kentucky (44)	459
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (45)	2,887
Ashland Community College	Ashland, Kentucky (65)	3,276
Ohio University (Ironton Campus)	Ironton, Ohio (69)	2,358
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia (71)	13,093
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Kentucky (72)	991
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, Kentucky (72)	579

MSU-Licking Valley Center

MSU-Licking Valley Center, an extension campus of Morehead State University, opened in 1987. The Center serves adults with classes and services from literacy level through ABE/GED instruction to undergraduate and graduate college classes. College course offerings satisfy basic requirements and are transferable to a four-year state-supported institution.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

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

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from West Liberty)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1992-1993</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Morgan County Area Vocational Education Center	West Liberty	4	<u>Sec</u> 119	29
Rowan State Vocational- Technical School	Morehead (23)	12	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 161 322	136

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 campus of Rowan SVTS.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of Rowan SVTS.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In West Liberty, adult education and literacy programs are provided through the MSU-Licking Valley Center.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

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

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

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 8
Dentists - 5

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital	West Liberty	45

Medical staff - nine active staff physicians, 31 registered nurses,
nine licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Lake Cumberland Home Health
Morgan County Appalachian Regional
Hospital Home Health Agency
Morgan County Ambulance Service
Morgan County Health Department
Morgan County Rescue Squad
Pathways, Inc. (mental health service)

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of the Mountains
Commercial Bank

Newspapers

Licking Valley Courier (weekly)

Telephone Service

Mountain Rural Telephone
Cooperative Corporation

RECREATION

Local

West Liberty and Morgan County affords several public recreation opportunities for the entire family. Kiwanis Playground and Park features a swimming pool, five tennis courts, a basketball court, a picnic shelter and grill, and a playground.

The Old Mill Park, located along the banks of the scenic Licking River, provides picnic areas and grills, walking areas, fishing, and canoeing. Index Hill Park also contains a picnic area.

Three public ball fields and a soccer field are also available locally.

Pleasant Valley Country Club in West Liberty offers a nine-hole private golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and a clubhouse.

The former Morgan County High School building in West Liberty is presently being renovated for recreational and community use.

Morgan County's annual Sorghum Festival is held the last full weekend of September. The gala event includes over 100 arts and crafts exhibits, food booths, live music, a parade, and of course plenty of little brown jugs of sorghum molasses.

The northwestern portion of Morgan County is located within the Daniel Boone National Forest, which covers 640,000 acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

Cave Run Lake, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is located 19 miles northwest of West Liberty within the Daniel Boone National Forest. The lake area offers everything for the camper, the boatsman, the hunter, the fisherman, and "the lover of leisure".

Area (Within 50 miles)

Carter Caves State Resort Park
Grayson Lake State Park
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Morehead State University
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Paintsville Lake State Park
Red River Gorge
Yatesville Lake State Park