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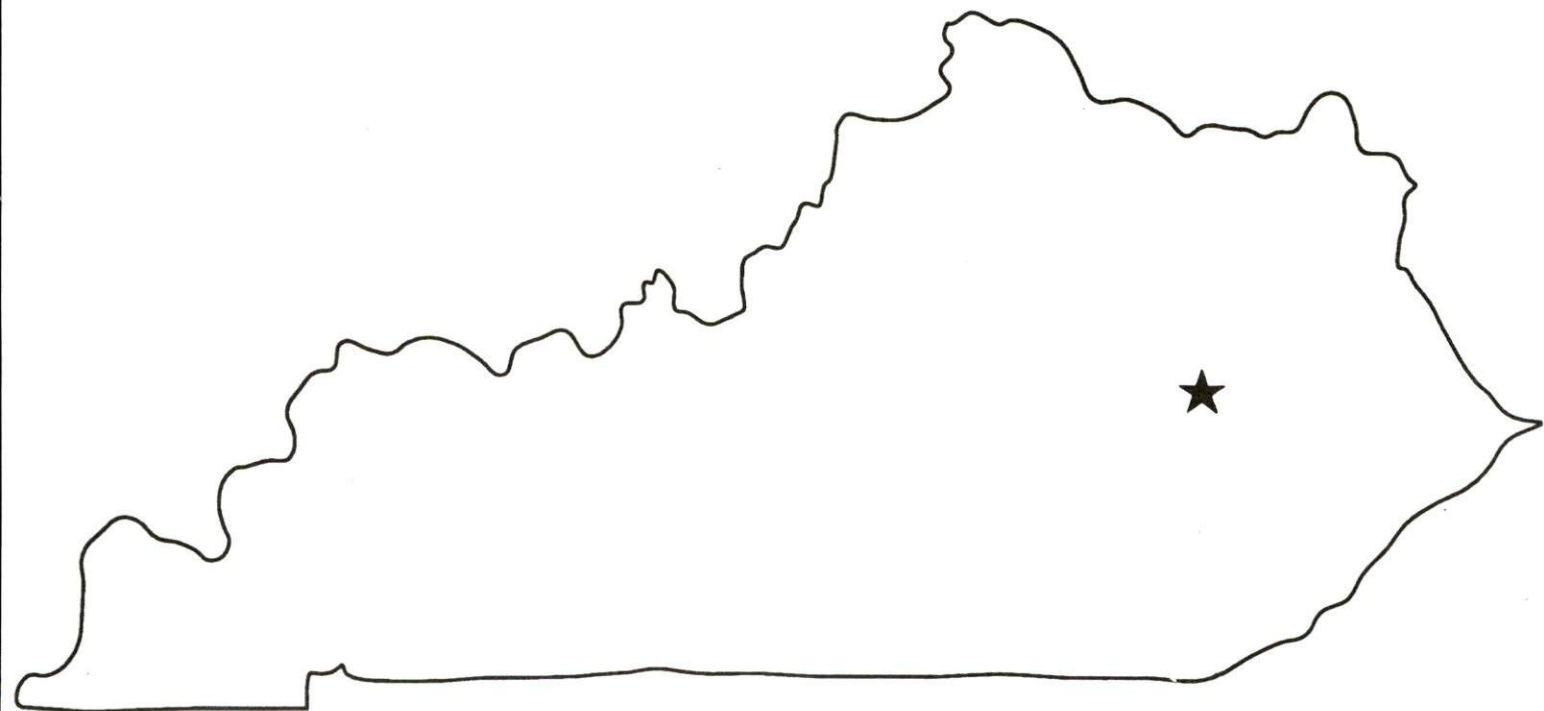
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# Kentucky

**Resources For  
Economic Development**

**Booneville**



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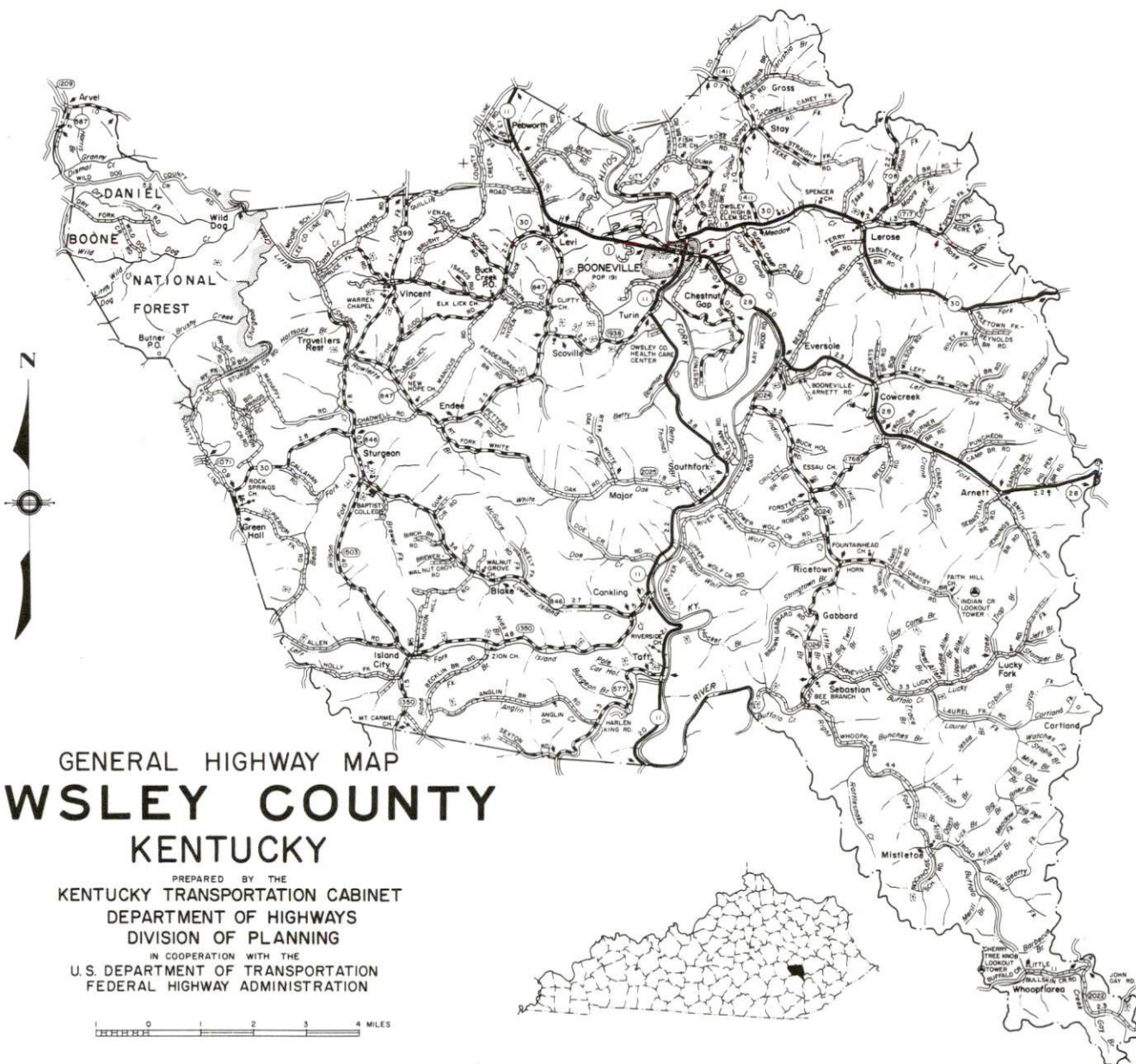
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## BOONEVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Booneville, the county seat of Owsley County, is located in the eastern mountain region of Kentucky. Booneville is located 86 miles southeast of Lexington, 159 miles southeast of Louisville, 164 miles south of Cincinnati, and 145 miles southwest of the Ashland-Huntington area. Booneville's location in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky provides it with vast recreational opportunities in the area. Booneville had a 1992 estimated population of 223.

Owsley County, primarily a rural area, covers an area of 198 square miles and had a 1992 estimated population of 5,185.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Owsley County residents employed in 1994 averaged 1,418. In 1993, wholesale and retail trade provided 63 jobs; 119 people were employed in service occupations; and state and local government accounted for 292 employees.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 17,651 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 7,973 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

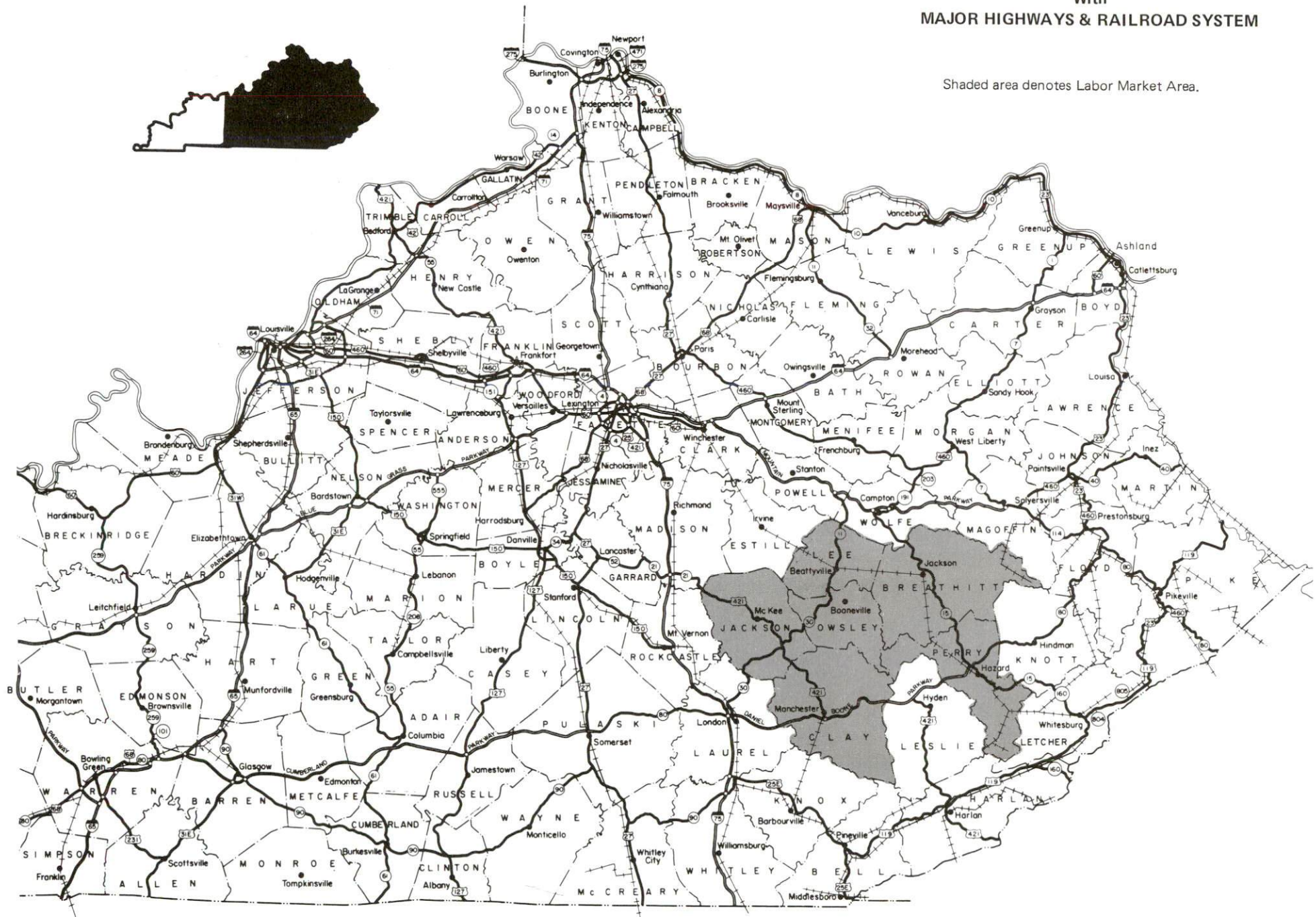
**Transportation** - Booneville is served by Kentucky Routes 11, 28, and 30. Route 11, north of the city, and Route 28 are "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Route 11, south of town, and Route 30, east of the city, are "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Access to the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is 37 miles south via Route 11 and 43 miles southeast via Routes 28 and 15. The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 31 miles north of Booneville. Nine trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Booneville. CSX Transportation provides the nearest rail service at Beattyville, 11 miles north of Booneville. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, 90 miles northwest of Booneville. Small craft air service is available at the Julian Carroll Airport in Jackson, 25 miles northeast and at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport, located 42 miles east of Booneville.

**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Booneville and Owsley County by the Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, which receives its power from East Kentucky Power. Natural gas is presently not available in Booneville.

**Education** - The Owsley County School System provides primary and secondary education to Booneville and Owsley County. Five colleges are located within 60 miles of Booneville. Vocational training is available at the Hazard State Vocational-Technical School at Hazard, 47 miles southeast of Booneville, and at the Lee County Area Vocational Education Center, located in Beattyville, 11 miles north of Booneville.



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Booneville Labor Market Area includes Owsley County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Breathitt, Clay, Jackson, Lee, and Perry.

### POPULATION

	<u>1992*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	93,650	92,145	98,978	80,576
Booneville	223	232	191	126
Owsley County	5,185	5,036	5,709	5,023

\* Population estimates.

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

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	95,694	99,159	103,662	105,569
Owsley County	5,449	5,624	5,842	5,958

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

### ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>		<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>
			<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1996 thru 2000</u>
Labor Market Area*	17,651	2,746	14,905
Owsley County	1,234	98	1,136

\* 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.

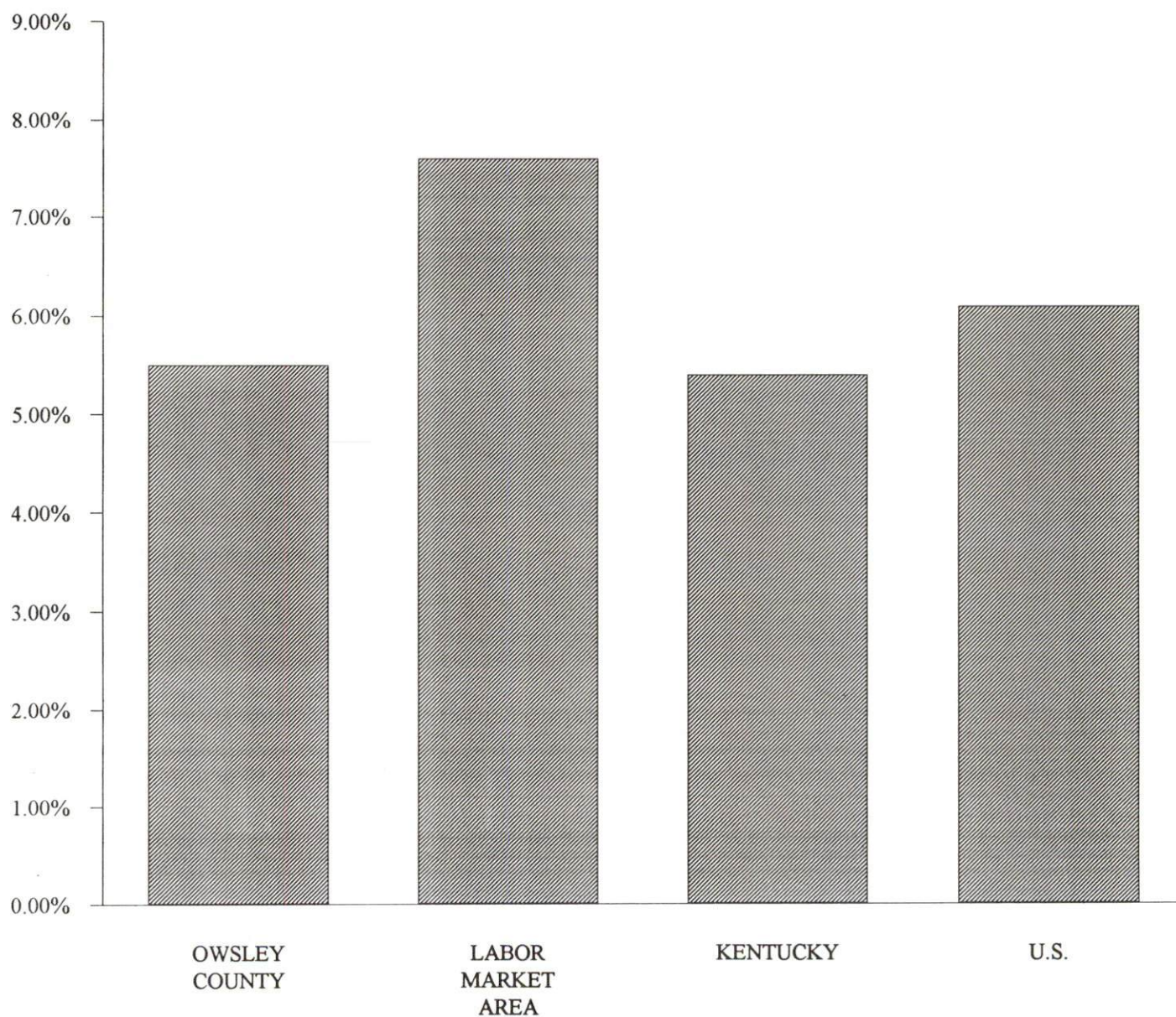
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1993. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000.

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Owsley County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,500	31,508
Employment	1,418	29,100
Unemployment	82	2,408
Rate of Unemployment (%)	5.5	7.6

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1994.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1994

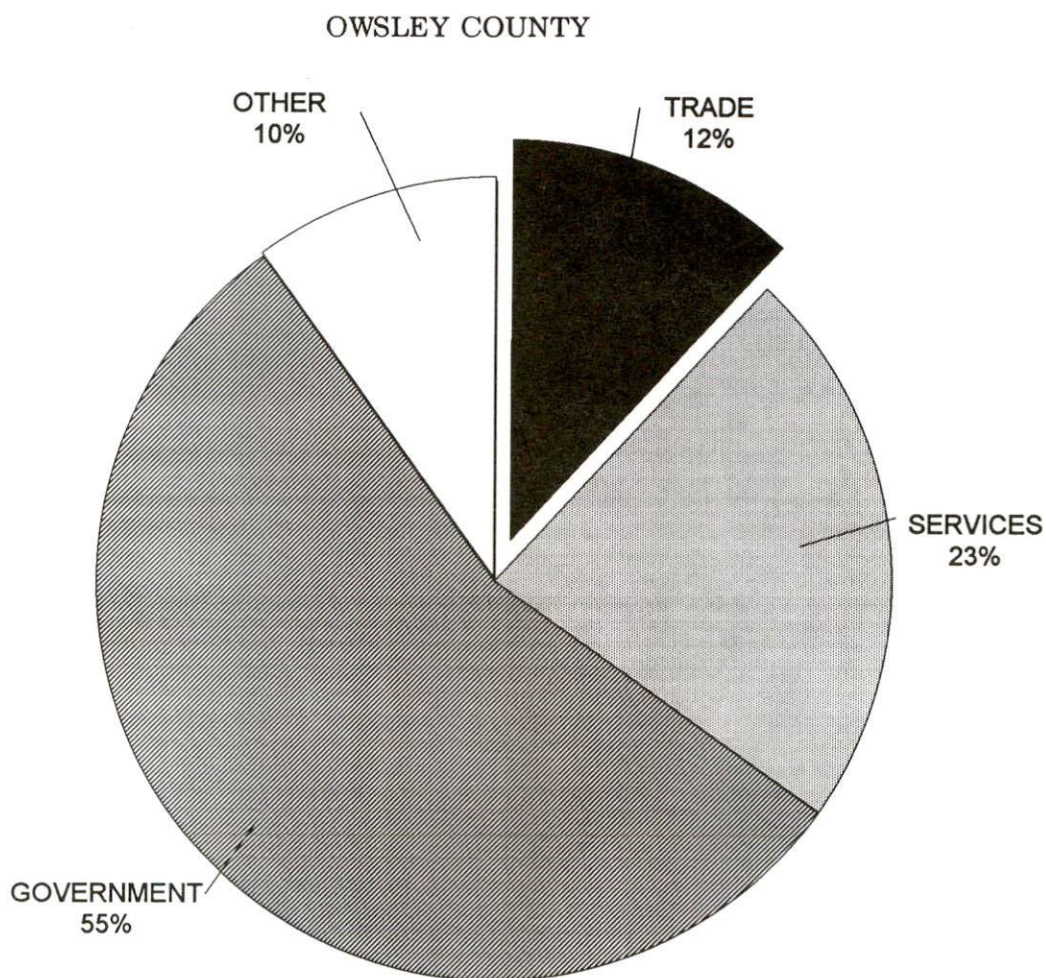




SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1993

	<u>Owsley County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	530	22,410
Manufacturing	0	1,463
Wholesale & Retail Trade	63	5,441
Services	119	4,577
State/Local Government	292	5,503
Contract Construction	N/A	359

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, 1993.



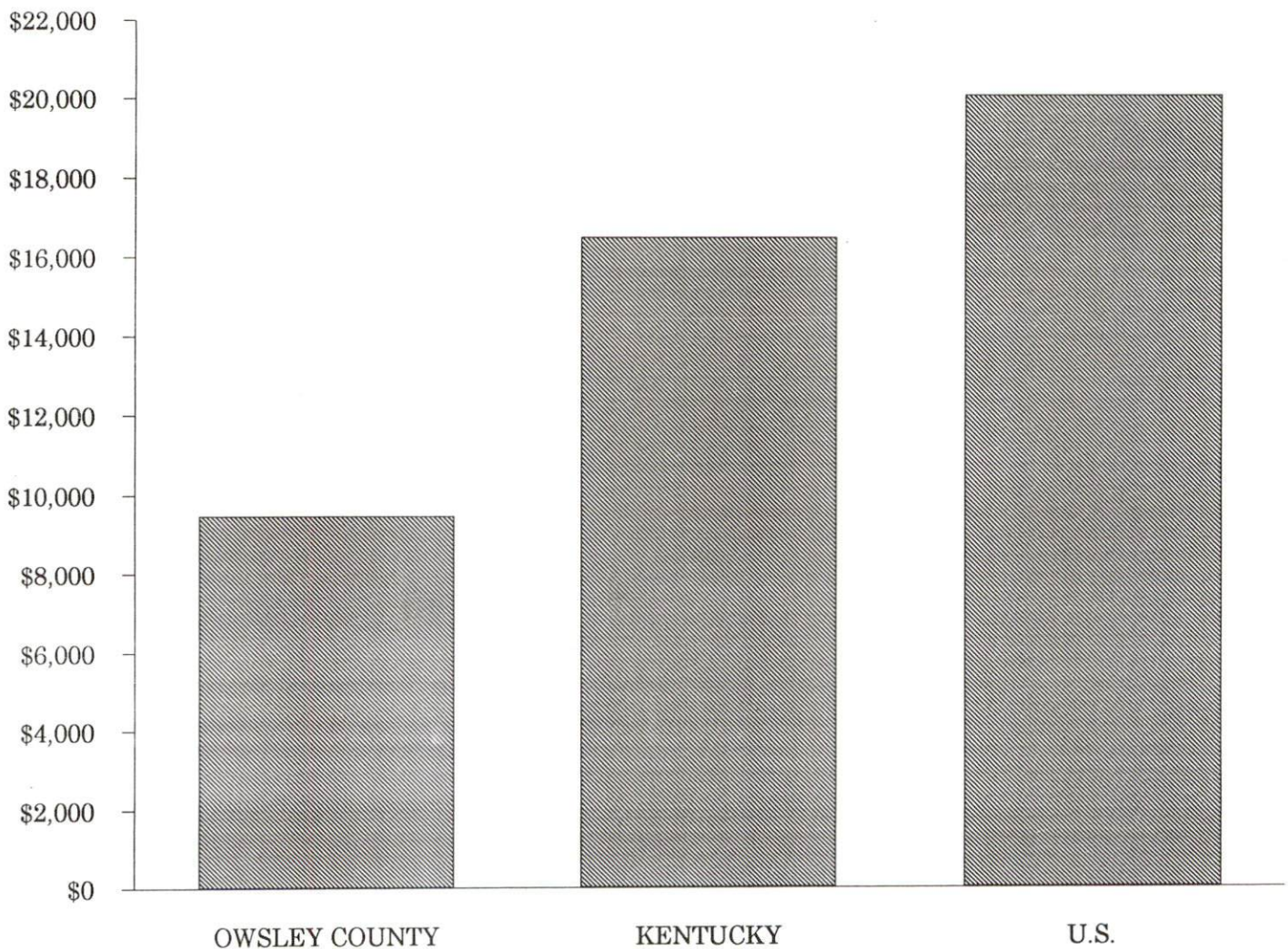


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1988	1992	Percent Change
Owsley County	\$6,499	\$9,466	45.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,499 - \$10,472	\$9,466 - \$13,515	-
Kentucky	\$12,751	\$16,528	29.6
U.S.	\$16,610	\$20,105	21.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1992



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Owsley County is served by the Hazard local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard 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, 1994, the local employment office filled 1,564 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

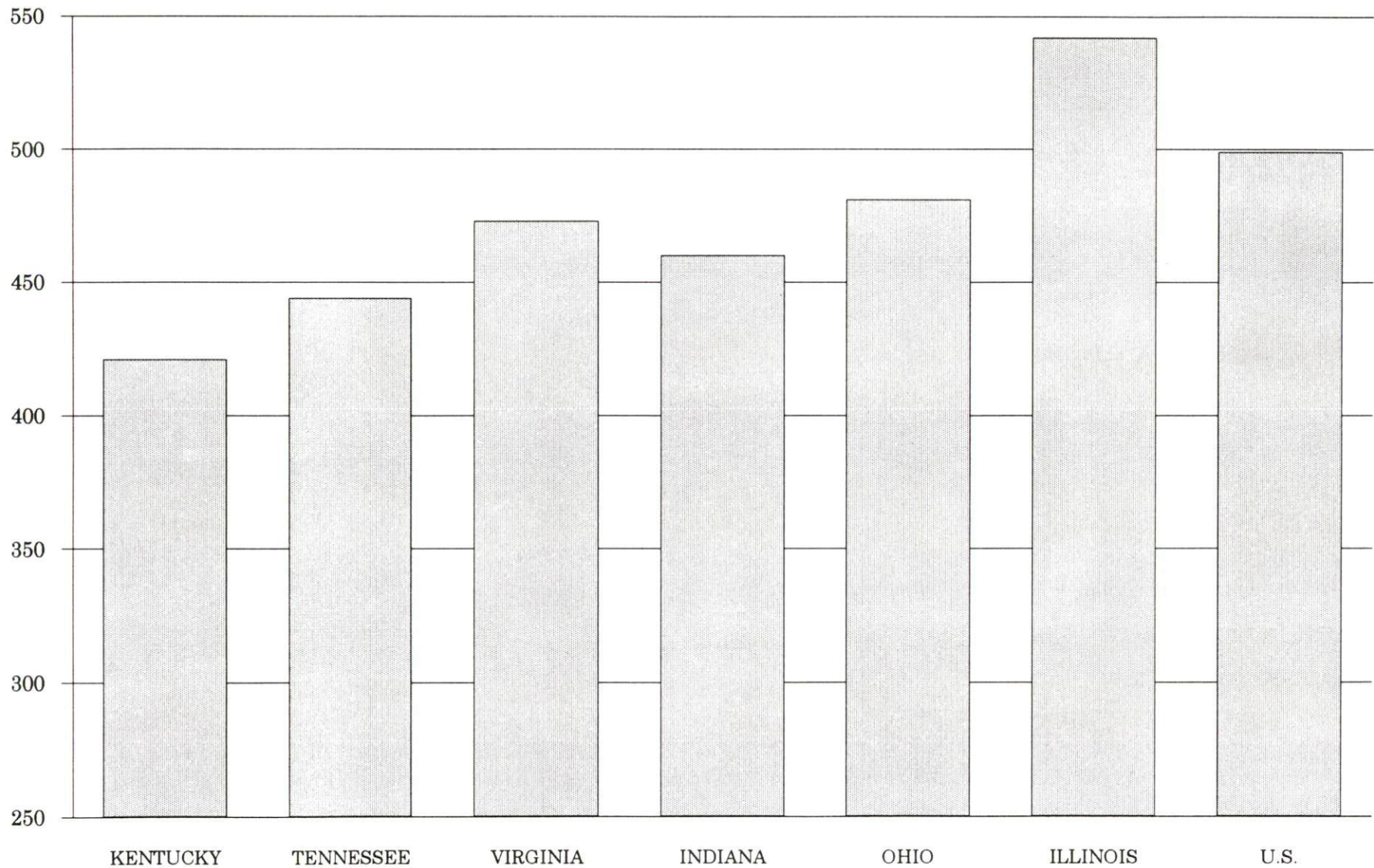
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,564	4.78
Clerical	414	4.45
Sales	43	6.43
Services (excluding domestic)	502	4.08
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	5	5.30
Processing	1	4.25
Machine Trades	23	6.02
Bench Work	190	4.39
Structural	199	5.55
Motor Freight/ Transportation	41	5.30
Packaging and Materials Handling	48	4.55
Other	32	10.72

The Hazard local office also serves Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Perry, and Wolfe 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 - 1993**





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1993\*

	Owsley County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$314.54	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	691.01	605.00	684.00
Contract Construction	N/A	440.47	467.00	464.00
Manufacturing	.00	541.18	522.00	543.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	N/A	567.94	572.00	648.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	179.13	287.24	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	380.54	529.88	574.00	612.00
Services	261.72	377.50	424.00	492.00
State/Local Government	356.54	431.93	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$460.00	\$481.00	\$542.00	\$499.00
Mining & Quarrying	757.00	645.00	738.00	816.00
Contract Construction	509.00	534.00	658.00	530.00
Manufacturing	629.00	670.00	667.00	623.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	561.00	600.00	682.00	643.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	527.00	568.00	748.00	693.00
Services	391.00	422.00	494.00	475.00
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, 1993. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1993, October 1994.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### BOONEVILLE MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1994</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
AEP, Inc. (1993)	Lawn furniture	4

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Owsley County Fiscal Court.

### RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Owsley County Fiscal Court is planning to purchase an industrial site near Booneville. Site development and utilities are planned for completion by Winter 1995.

Appalachian Environmental Products, Inc. (AEP, Inc.), a locally owned company that manufactures lawn furniture from recycled products, is planning expansion. The company will go on the New York Stock Exchange in April. The Owsley County Fiscal Court plans to purchase extrusion and molding equipment which will be leased to AEP, Inc. in an effort to help create an additional 30 jobs within two years.

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

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

# SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Booneville</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Annville, Kentucky	30
Electric Motor Repair	Hyden, Kentucky	62
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	59
Industrial Waste Removal	Manchester, Kentucky	36
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Stanton, Kentucky	42
	Clay City, Kentucky	47
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	92
	Cynthiana, Kentucky	95
Metal Finishers	Frenchburg, Kentucky	52
	Richmond, Kentucky	59
Metal Service Centers	Richmond, Kentucky	59
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	86

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



## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Booneville is served by Kentucky Routes 11, 28, and 30. Route 11 north of the city and Route 28 are "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross limit) trucking highways. Route 11 south of Booneville and Route 30 east of the city are "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross limit) trucking highways. Access to the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is 37 miles south via Route 11; and 43 miles southeast via Routes 28 and 15. The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 31 miles north of Booneville.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	348	Los Angeles, CA	2,245
Baltimore, MD	548	Louisville, KY	159
Birmingham, AL	409	Nashville, TN	254
Chicago, IL	428	New Orleans, LA	748
Cincinnati, OH	164	New York, NY	733
Cleveland, OH	376	Pittsburgh, PA	379
Detroit, MI	422	St. Louis, MO	418
Knoxville, TN	153		

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

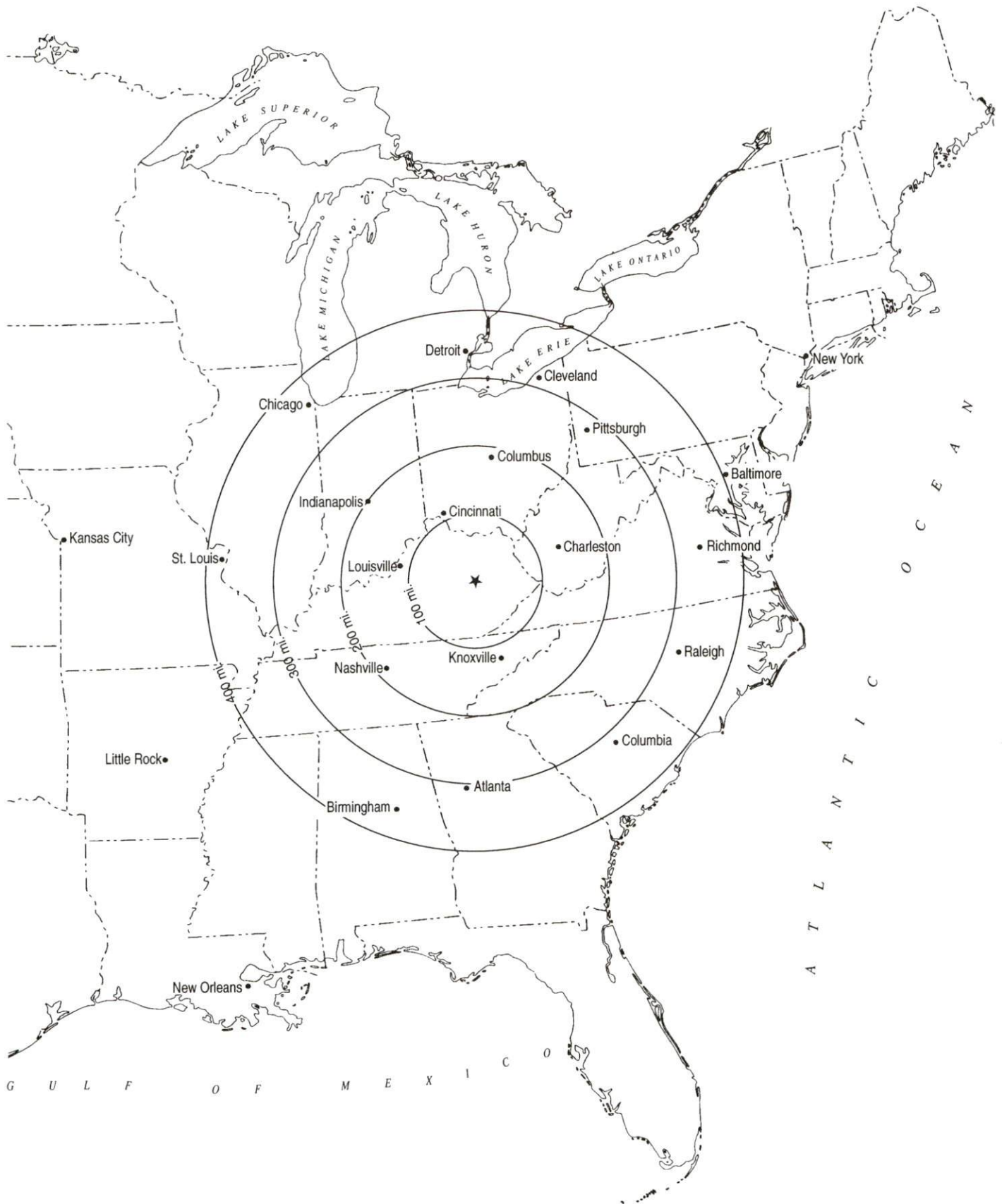
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

### Truck Service

Nine common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Booneville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1995.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides the nearest rail service at Beattyville, Kentucky, 11 miles north of Booneville. Norfolk Southern Corporation provides the nearest intermodal facilities in Georgetown, Kentucky, 95 miles northwest of Booneville.

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

### Nearest Small Craft Airports

Location:	Julian Carroll Airport near Jackson, 30 miles east of Booneville
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	4,400 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, unicom, VOR-DME
Lighting:	REIL, rotating beacon
Services:	100LL fuel, jet-A fuel; NOAA regional weather center

Location:	Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport 15 miles north of Hazard; 42 miles east of Booneville
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	5,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, unicom, 122.7, VOR-DME
Lighting:	Runway lights, rotating beacon
Services:	100LL and jet-A fuel, courtesy car, tie-downs

The Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport is planning to extend its existing runway to 7,000 feet; construct a maintenance hangar and terminal building; and add a fuel system and precision approach. The \$3,000,000 project is targeted for completion in 1997.

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Blue Grass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 90 miles northwest of Booneville
Air Service:	American Eagle, ASA, ComAir, Delta, Northwest Airlink, TWA Express, United Express, USAir, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	176



## UTILITIES

Company serving Booneville and Owsley County - Jackson County 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

Jackson County Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
P.O. Box 307  
McKee, Kentucky 40447  
(606) 287-7161

### Natural Gas

Natural gas service is not available in Booneville at the present time.

### Public Water Supply

Company serving Booneville -	Booneville Water and Sewer District P.O. Box 218 Booneville, Kentucky 41314 (606) 593-5281
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Source -	South Fork of the Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity -	864,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	317,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	352,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	554,000 gallons
Water pressure -	35 psi to 150 psi

## Sewerage

Company serving Booneville -

Booneville Water and Sewer District  
P.O. Box 218  
Booneville, Kentucky 41314  
(606) 593-5281

Design capacity -

75,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow -

At capacity

Type of treatment -

Secondary

Treated effluent discharged into - South Fork of the Kentucky River

The Booneville Water and Sewer District has received funding for a new sewage treatment plant and renovation of the current collection system. The new plant will double present capacity. The \$1,266,000 project is scheduled for completion in the Fall of 1996.

## CLIMATE

### Owsley County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90	degrees
Average annual 1993	55.00	degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (49-year record)	103.00	degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (49-year record)	-21.00	degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,814	
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)		

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68	inches
Mean annual snowfall (49-year record)	15.70	inches
Total precipitation 1993	45.58	inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (49-year record)	130.00	
Mean number days thunderstorms (49-year record)	44.60	

Prevailing winds (through 1963) South

Relative Humidity (30-year record, except 1 a.m. - 29-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1993. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Booneville is governed by a mayor and four commission members. The mayor is elected to a five-year term while the commissioners each serve three-year terms. Owsley County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

### Planning and Zoning

Presently, no planning and zoning agencies operate within Owsley County.

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 Booneville levies a business license fee of \$20 annually for businesses located within the city limits. License fees for delivery trucks are \$20 annually.

## 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>1994 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.172	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, 1994

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Owsley County	\$0.3784	\$0.3175	\$0.2930
School Districts:			
Owsley County	0.4630	0.4700	0.5780
Cities:			
Booneville	0.3000	0.3000	None
Other: (not county wide)			
Fire Protection District	0.0400	None	None
Soil Conservation District	0.0500	None	None

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

#### Owsley County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1993)	1,013
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	15.9-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	58.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$4,032.20

The Owsley County School System recently completed a major renovation/expansion project at both the high school and elementary school. Improvements included construction of approximately 20 new classrooms, additional administrative office space, expansion of both libraries, and construction of an industrial arts technology building at the high school.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1993)</u>
Lees College	Jackson, Kentucky (25)	624
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (47)	1,900
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (50)	497
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (58)	1,591
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (59)	16,391



## 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 Booneville )</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1993-1994</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long Term Programs Annually</u>
Kentucky Tech- Hazard	Hazard (47)	15	<u>Sec</u> 112 <u>P/S</u> 2,886	43
Lee County Area Vocational Education Center	Beattyville (11)	6	<u>Sec</u> 298 <u>P/S</u> 391	32

### 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 needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at Kentucky Tech-Hazard, 101 Vo-Tech Drive, Hazard, Kentucky 41701 (606-436-3101).

### Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills and academic potential. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at Kentucky Tech-Hazard (606-439-2500).

### Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a technical field. Kentucky Tech-Hazard, offers Tech Prep programs in the areas of auto body, auto technology, carpentry, drafting, electricity, electronics and office technology. Lee County Area Vocational Education Center, offers Tech Prep programs in the area of auto technology, business technology carpentry, electricity, health services and welding.

### Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, or earn a high school equivalency degree. In Booneville, adult literacy and adult basic education are provided by the Owsley County Adult Learning Center, Route 2, Box 456, Booneville, Kentucky 41314, and the Owsley County Board of Education, P.O. Box 340, Booneville, Kentucky 41314.

### 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 - 2 (commute)

Dentists - 1

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Kentucky River Medical Center	Jackson, 25 miles northeast of Booneville	55
Memorial Hospital	Manchester, 36 miles south of Booneville	63
ARH Regional Medical Center	Hazard, 47 miles southeast of Booneville	308

#### Kentucky River Medical Center

Medical staff - Nine active staff physicians, 21 courtesy staff physicians, 12 consulting staff physicians, 50 registered nurses, 18 licensed practical nurses

#### Memorial Hospital

Medical staff - Seven active staff physicians, 14 courtesy consulting physicians, 5 courtesy attending physicians, 69 registered nurses, 13 licensed practical nurses

#### ARH Regional Medical Center

Medical staff - 61 physicians, 114 registered nurses, 94 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Booneville Medical Center  
Owsley County Health Care Center  
Owsley County Health Department  
Owsley County Medical Center  
Owsley County Rescue Squad  
Allen's Ambulance Service

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Farmers State Bank, Inc.

### Newspapers

The Booneville Sentinel (weekly)

### Telephone Service

Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative  
Corporation, Inc.



## RECREATION

### Local

Owsley County Park, a four-acre complex in Booneville, provides an array of recreational opportunities including a T-ball field, two tennis courts, a basketball court, a playground, and a picnic shelter. A drive-in theatre is also available locally.

Northwestern Owsley County falls 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.

**Noble's Pioneer Museum** is located four miles from Booneville on Kentucky Highway 30. The museum features seven authentic log houses, primitive tools and antiques, rare Indian artifacts, a rock and mineral collection, and other items associated with early mountain life.

Several special events are offered annually in Booneville and Owsley County including Daniel Boone Days, held each Fourth of July weekend. The gala event offers a variety of entertainment, crafts, a 5K run, fireworks, a horseshow sponsored by the Owsley County Saddle Club, a street dance, gospel singing, and food booths. The Owsley County Trail Ride is held each year on the second weekend of October which features a scenic 30-mile trail ride throughout the county. The Owsley County Sportsmen's Club sponsors a horse show each August.

### Area (Within 30 miles)

**Natural Bridge State Resort Park** near Slade, 29 miles north of Booneville, is located in the Daniel Boone National Forest where cliffs and stone arches fill the landscape. The rugged awesomeness of the great Natural Bridge is the main attraction. The park offers a 35-room resort lodge with a dining room, a convention center, a gift shop, ten rustic cottages, and 95 camping sites. Other facilities include a lake, a swimming pool, picnic shelters, and playgrounds, mini-golf, hiking trails, a riding stable, a chair lift, and pedal boats.

**The Red River Gorge**, part of the Daniel Boone National Forest and considered one of eastern Kentucky's most prominent features, is a boulder-strewn area of rugged forest, streams, cliffs, overlooks, arches, rare plants and animal life. Picnic and campsites are available in the Koomer Ridge Recreation area. Pioneer Weapons Area features a 7,480-acre preserve where hunters are limited to primitive weapons use only.

**The Red River Canoe Race** is an annual event occurring usually in May, which begins near Natural Bridge State Park and ends near Stanton, Kentucky. The attraction draws multitudes of tourists to the area.

**Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park**, approximately 30 miles southeast of Booneville at Buckhorn, is a full-facility resort park with a 36-room lodge. The lodge itself offers a dining room with a lake view, a gift shop, a pool, meeting rooms, and a recreation room. Other park facilities and activities include a beach, a bathhouse, a picnic shelter, a playground, mini-golf, tennis, hiking, a dock with open and covered slips, boat rentals, a 40-foot levee plus a fishing pier, bicycle rentals, and planned recreation.