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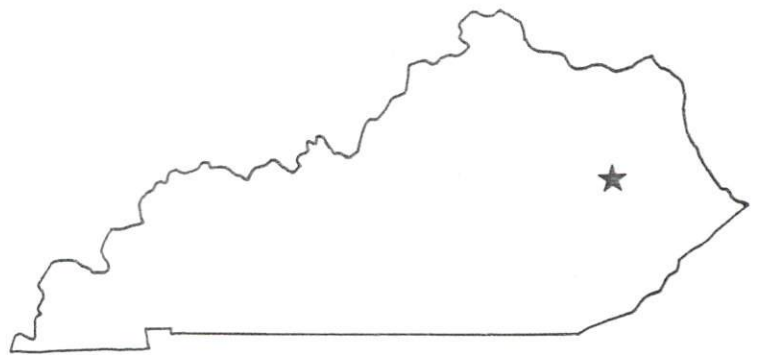
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POWELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

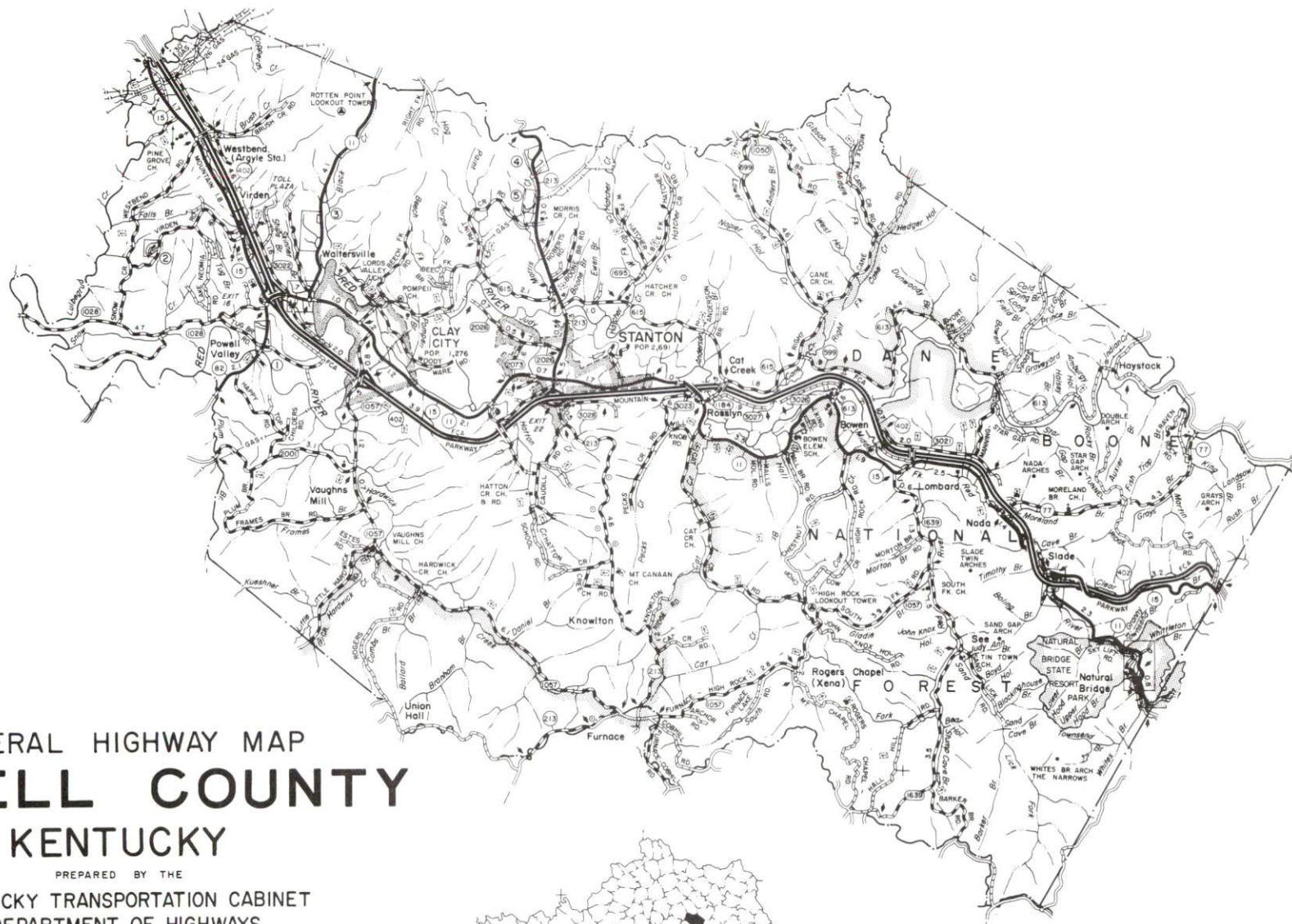
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
POWELL COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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IN COOPERATION WITH THE
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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



POWELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Powell County is located in the Knobs Region of Kentucky at the edge of the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region. Approximately one-half of the county lies within the Daniel Boone National Forest. The Red River Gorge and Natural Bridge, two of the most scenic areas of the state, are located in eastern Powell County. The county covers a land area of 180 square miles. Stanton, the county seat of Powell County, is located 114 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky; 118 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 207 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee. Clay City is five miles west of Stanton.

Powell County had a 1990 population of 11,686. Stanton's 1990 population comprised 2,795 of Powell County's total population while Clay City accounted for 1,258.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Powell County residents employed in 1991 averaged 5,350. In 1990, manufacturing firms in the county reported 685 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 387 jobs; 180 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 522 employees; and contract construction firms provided 30 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 7,607 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 15,252 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - The Mountain Parkway, an excellent four-lane highway, traverses Powell County with interchanges located at both Stanton and Clay City. Interstate 64 may be accessed via the Mountain Parkway, 17 miles west of Clay City. In addition, Stanton is served by Kentucky Highways 11, 15, and 213, while Clay City is served by Kentucky Highways 11, 15, and 82. Each is a "AAA"-rated trucking highway. Fifteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Stanton and Clay City. The nearest rail service is provided by CSX Transportation at Irvine, Kentucky 14 miles south of Clay City. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Bluegrass Airport near Lexington, 50 miles northwest of Stanton. Stanton Airport, a small craft airport located in Stanton, maintains a 3,000-foot paved runway.

Power and Fuel - The majority of Powell County is served by the Clark Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. A small portion of western Powell County receives its power from Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Delta Natural Gas Company provides natural gas to Powell County.

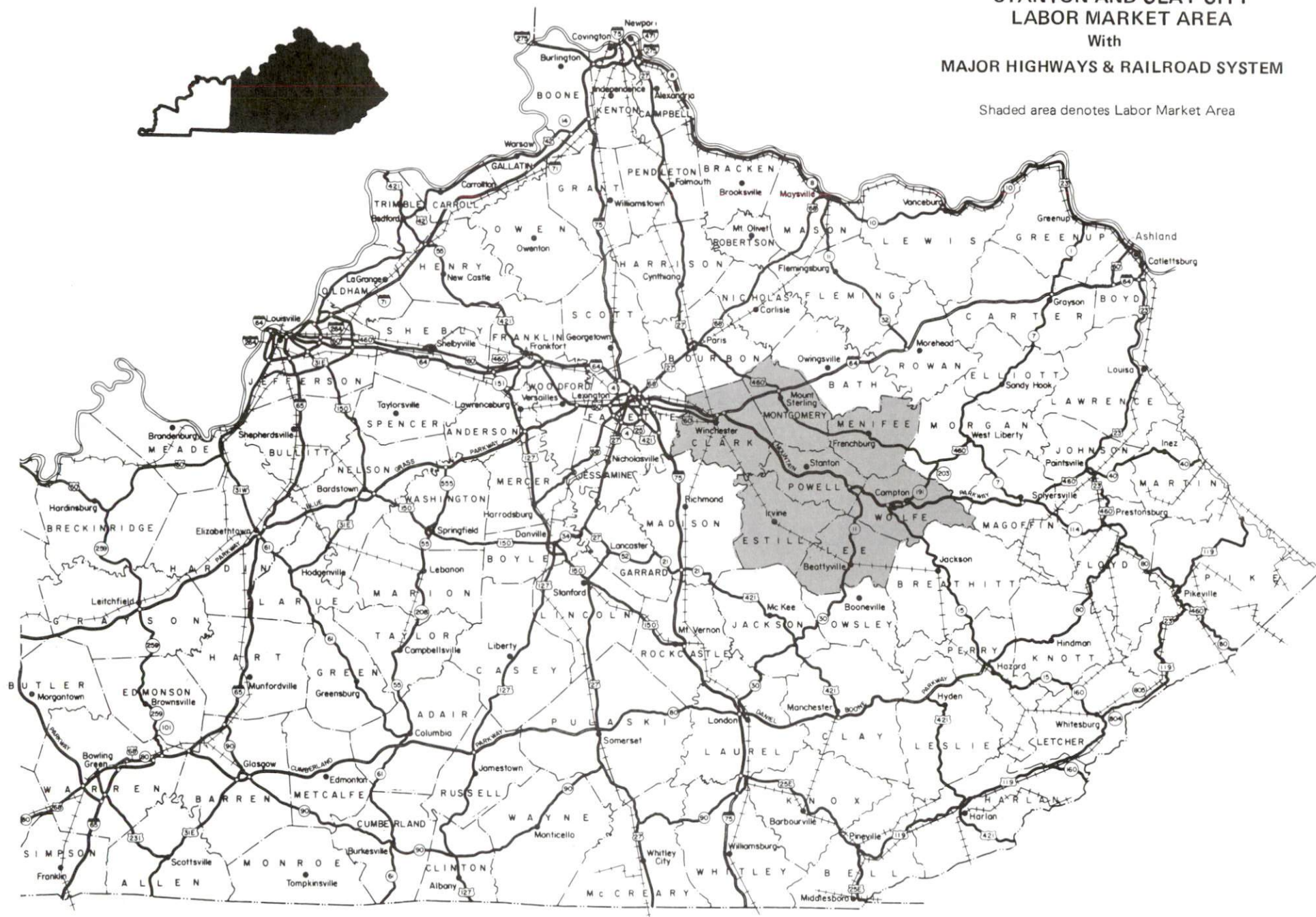
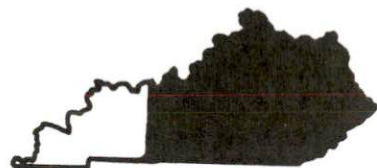
Education - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Powell County School System. There are four universities, a senior college, a junior college, and a community college located within 60 miles of Stanton. The nearest state vocational-technical school is located in Lexington, 46 miles northwest of Stanton. The nearest area vocational education center is located in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, 20 miles north of Stanton.

STANTON AND CLAY CITY LABOR MARKET AREA

With

MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Powell County Labor Market Area includes Powell County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clark, Estill, Lee, Menifee, Montgomery, and Wolfe.

POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	94,374	93,533	76,216
Clay City	1,258	1,276	983
Stanton	2,795	2,691	2,037
Powell County	11,686	11,101	7,704

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2030</u>
Labor Market Area	103,690	107,380	108,790	107,840
Powell County	14,240	15,530	16,500	17,100

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	Current			Not in Labor Force	Future
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time		Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996
Labor Market Area*	15,252	3,746	4,447	7,059	7,607
Powell County	1,574	573	615	386	1,026

* 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).

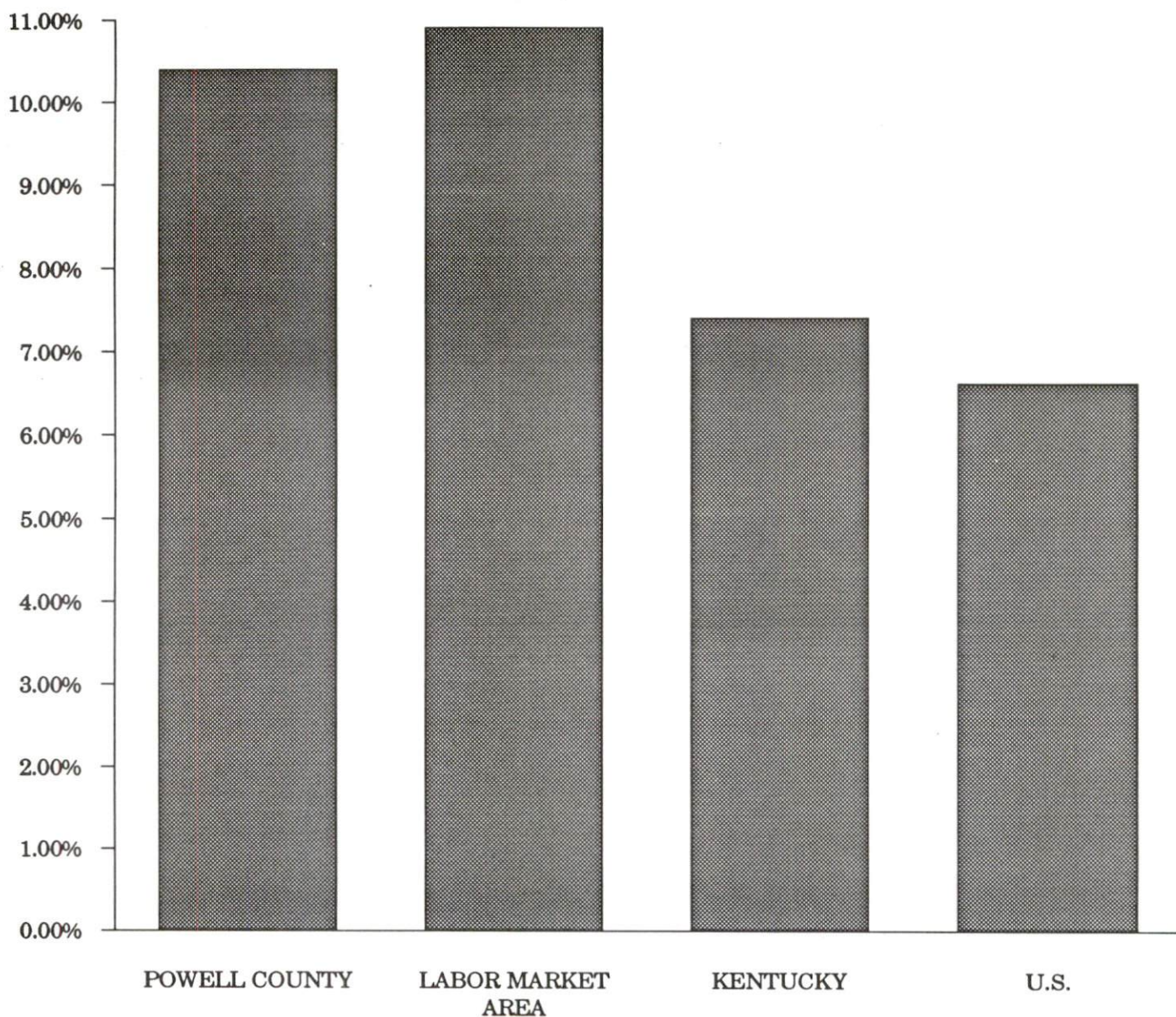
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1991

	<u>Powell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	5,973	41,909
Employment	5,350	37,326
Unemployment	623	4,583
Rate of Unemployment (%)	10.4	10.9

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1991.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1991

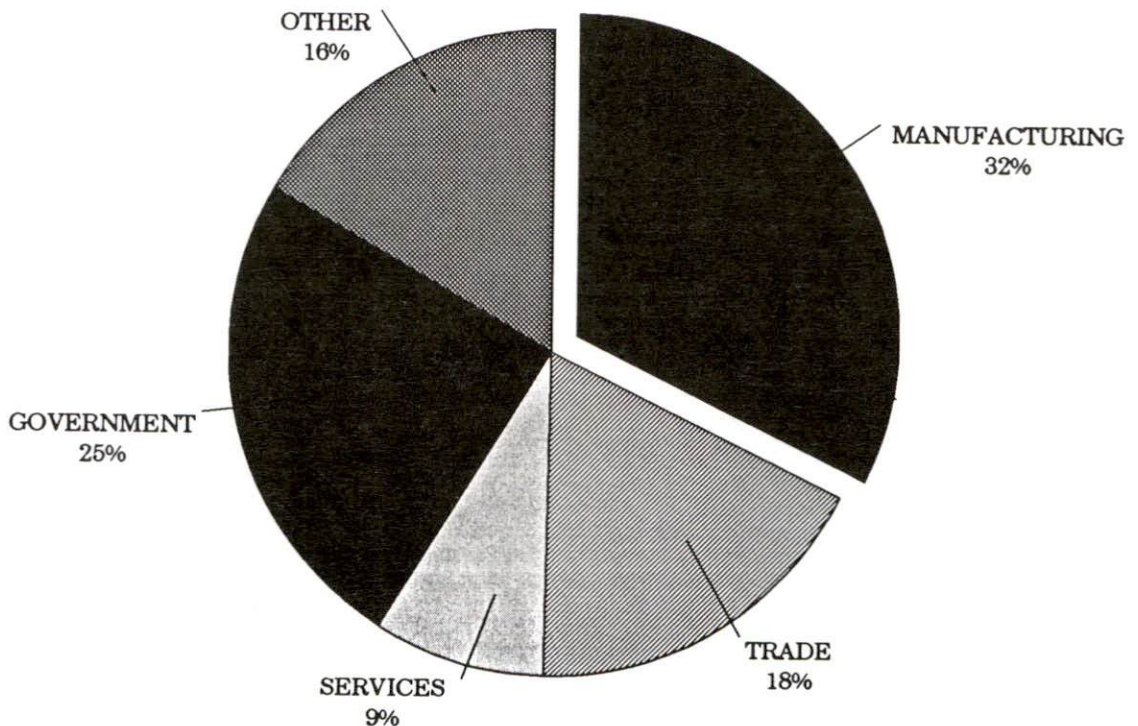


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990

	Powell County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	2,120	23,162
Manufacturing	685	6,440
Wholesale & Retail Trade	387	5,737
Services	180	3,105
State/Local Government	522	3,864
Contract Construction	30	954

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, 1990.

POWELL COUNTY

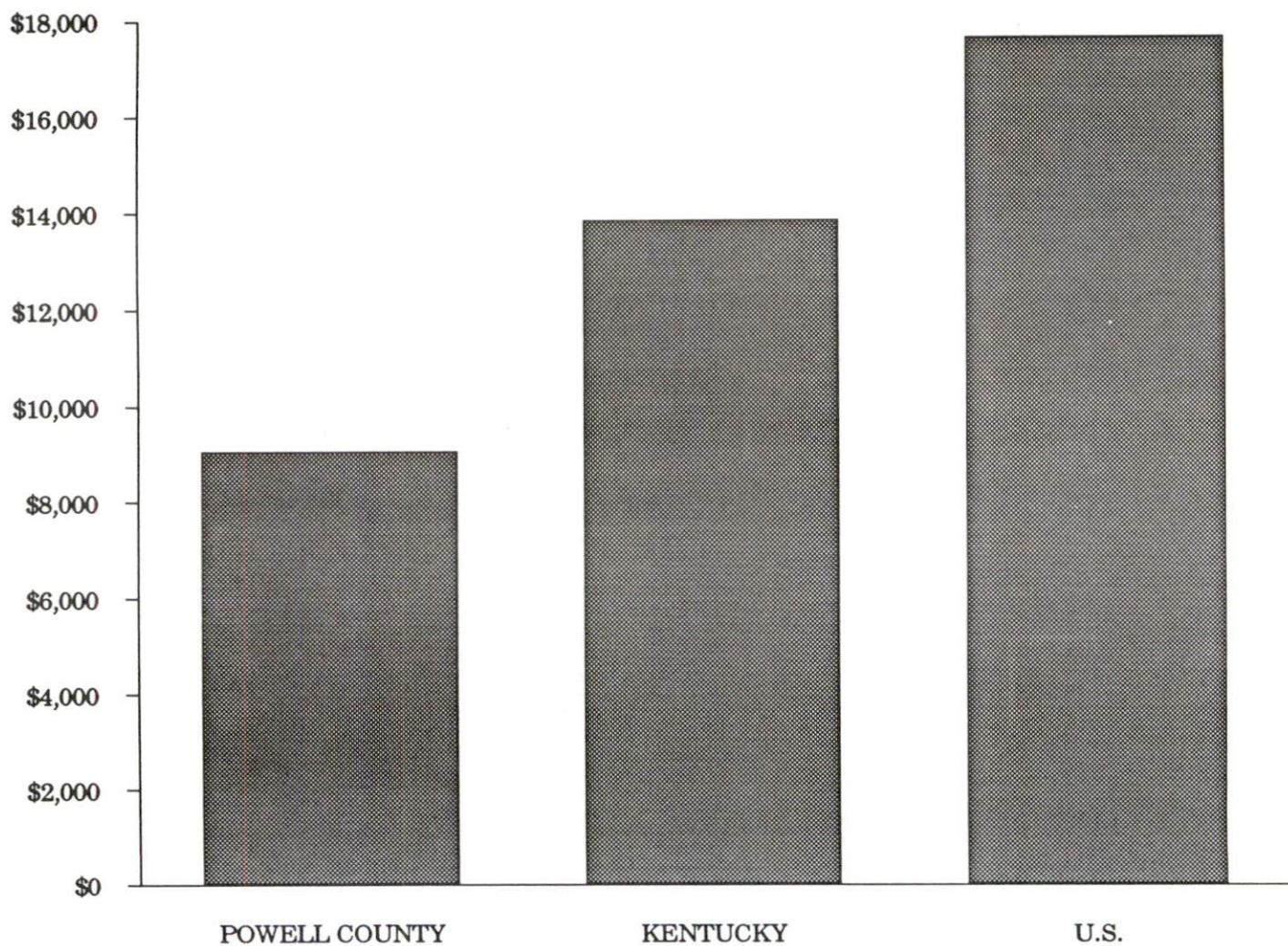


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1985	1989	Percent Change
Powell County	\$7,300	\$9,042	23.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,695 - \$11,923	\$7,107 - \$13,466	-
Kentucky	\$10,755	\$13,823	28.5
U.S.	\$13,899	\$17,594	26.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1991.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1989



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

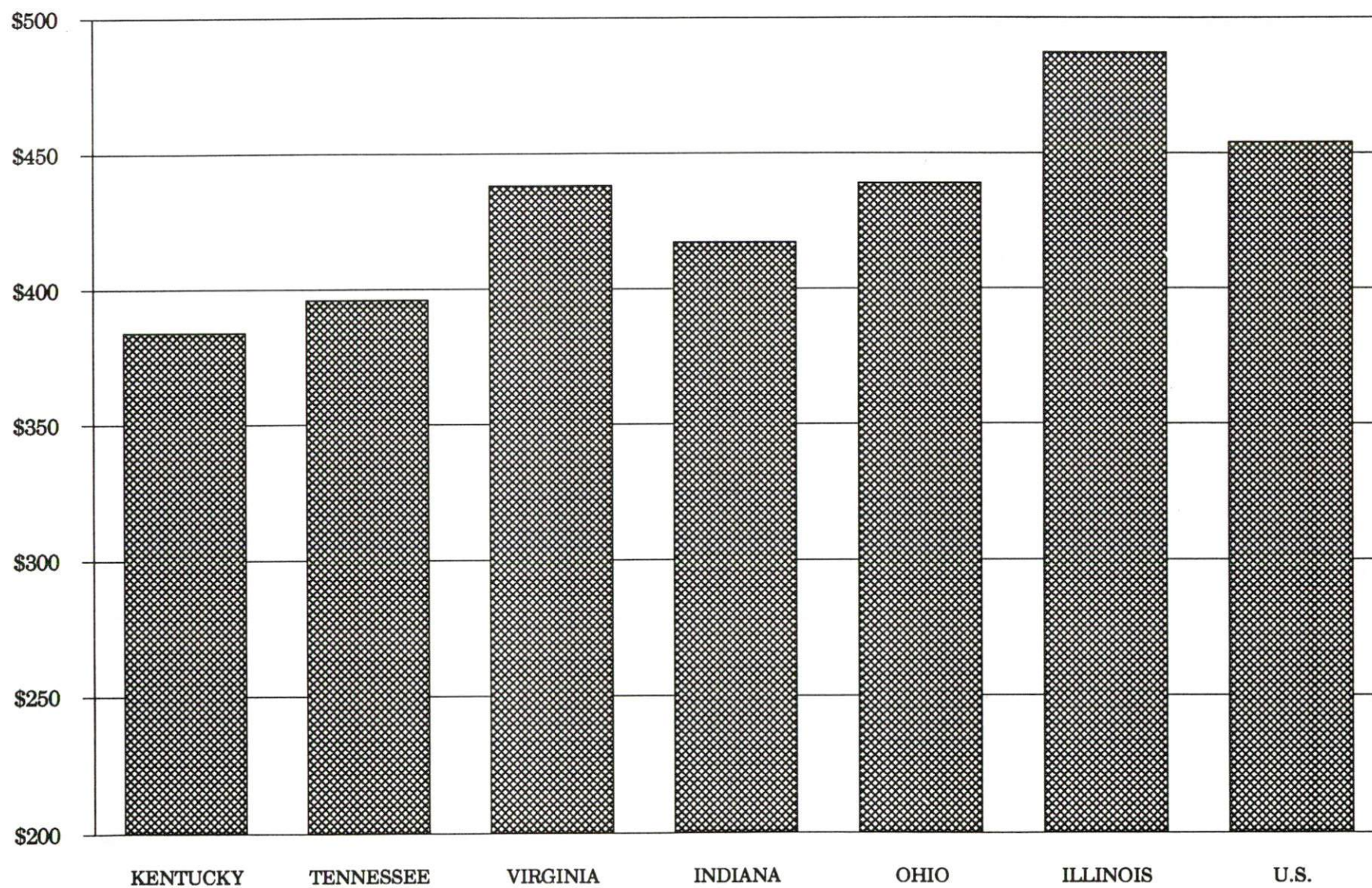
Powell County is served by the Winchester local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Winchester local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 2,454 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	2,454	4.54
Clerical	491	3.79
Sales	32	3.77
Services (excluding domestic)	115	3.78
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	19	4.29
Processing	164	7.97
Machine Trades	332	5.06
Bench Work	936	3.53
Structural	214	7.43
Motor Freight/ Transportation	26	4.84
Packaging and Materials Handling	99	5.09
Other	1	4.00

The Winchester local office also serves Clark, Estill, and Madison 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 - 1990



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990*

	Powell County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$280.39	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	224.59	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	245.18	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	536.45	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	167.15	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	353.42	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	192.50	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	316.63	392.28	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	U. S.
All Industries	\$417.00	\$439.00	\$487.00	\$454.00
Mining & Quarrying	746.00	619.00	747.00	714.00
Contract Construction	475.00	504.00	624.00	503.00
Manufacturing	561.00	595.00	590.00	555.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	519.00	553.00	610.00	578.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442.00	478.00	619.00	571.00
Services	349.00	382.00	444.00	423.00
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, 1990. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1990, November 1991.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

POWELL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Bowen		
Hinkle Contracting Corporation (1961)	Asphalt	33
Clay City		
The Clay City Times (1896)	Newspaper	5
Continental Metal Specialty, Inc. (1983)	Typewriter and computer printer ribbons	145
Continental Metal Specialty, Inc. Register Plant (1985)	Mechanical assemblies, cash drawers, register forms dispensers	5
Kentucky Pool and Supply, Inc. (1984)	Plastic swimming pool liners steel swimming pool panels, fiberglas tubs	6
Powell Manufacturing (1984)	Uniform shirts	200
Rogers Tool and Manufacturing (1987)	Tools, dies, molds, and fixtures	5
W.H.S. Tool & Die, Inc. (1978)	Machine shop, tools & dies, jigs, fixtures	4
Stanton		
Basco, Inc. (1991)	Drilling bits for coal mining industry	6
Burke Parsons Bowlby Corporation (1947)	Wooden posts, timber, lumber, treated wood products	29
Continental Metal Specialty, Inc. Stanton Plant (1977)	Metal fabrications, electronic and mechanical assemblies	485
K & S Tooling, Inc. (1982)	Tools, dies, fixtures	4
Miller Post Yard, Inc. (1987)	Rough lumber	22
Natural Bridge Stone Company (1960)	Crushed stone	50
U.S. Brick, Inc. (1931)	Brick	77

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no unions representing workers in Powell County manufacturing firms.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Basco, Inc. initiated operations in Stanton in 1991. The new facility produces and exports drilling bits for the coal mining industry and currently employs six persons. Plans call for an expansion which would increase the physical size of the plant and increase employment up to 30. Total investment should reach approximately \$700,000.

The Powell County Industrial Development Authority recently purchased a 23.5-acre tract of land at Stanton for industrial use, which provides adequate road and utility access.

Red River Hardwoods, Inc. is in the process of initiating operations in Clay City. This new company will manufacture wood components in furniture, kitchen and vanity cabinets, woodtrim molding, kiln-dried lumber and other wood related products. The \$3.5 million project will create 72 new jobs over the next two years, with initial plant start-up targeted for June 1992.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Stanton</u>
Custom Data Processing	Richmond	42
Custom Plastics Producers	Lexington	46
Electric Motor Repair	Lexington	46
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Winchester	27
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond	42
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Mt. Sterling	20
Industrial Gases	Lexington	46
Industrial Waste Removal	Richmond	42
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Mt. Sterling	20
Metal Castings	Cynthiana	55
Metal Finishers	Richmond	42
Metal Service Centers	Richmond	42
Millwrights	Stanton	-
Public Warehouse Facilities	Paris	40

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Stanton and Clay City are both directly served by the Mountain Parkway, an excellent multi-lane highway connecting parts of Eastern Kentucky to Interstate 64. Interstate 64 is accessible 17 miles west of Clay City near Winchester. Kentucky Highways 11, 15, and 82 intersect at Clay City, while Kentucky Highways 11, 15 and 213 serve Stanton. Each is a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM STANTON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	401	Los Angeles, CA	2,205
Baltimore, MD	517	Louisville, KY	114
Birmingham, AL	443	Nashville, TN	256
Chicago, IL	384	New Orleans, LA	778
Cincinnati, OH	118	New York, NY	702
Cleveland, OH	365	Pittsburgh, PA	348
Detroit, MI	378	St. Louis, MO	372
Knoxville, TN	207		

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

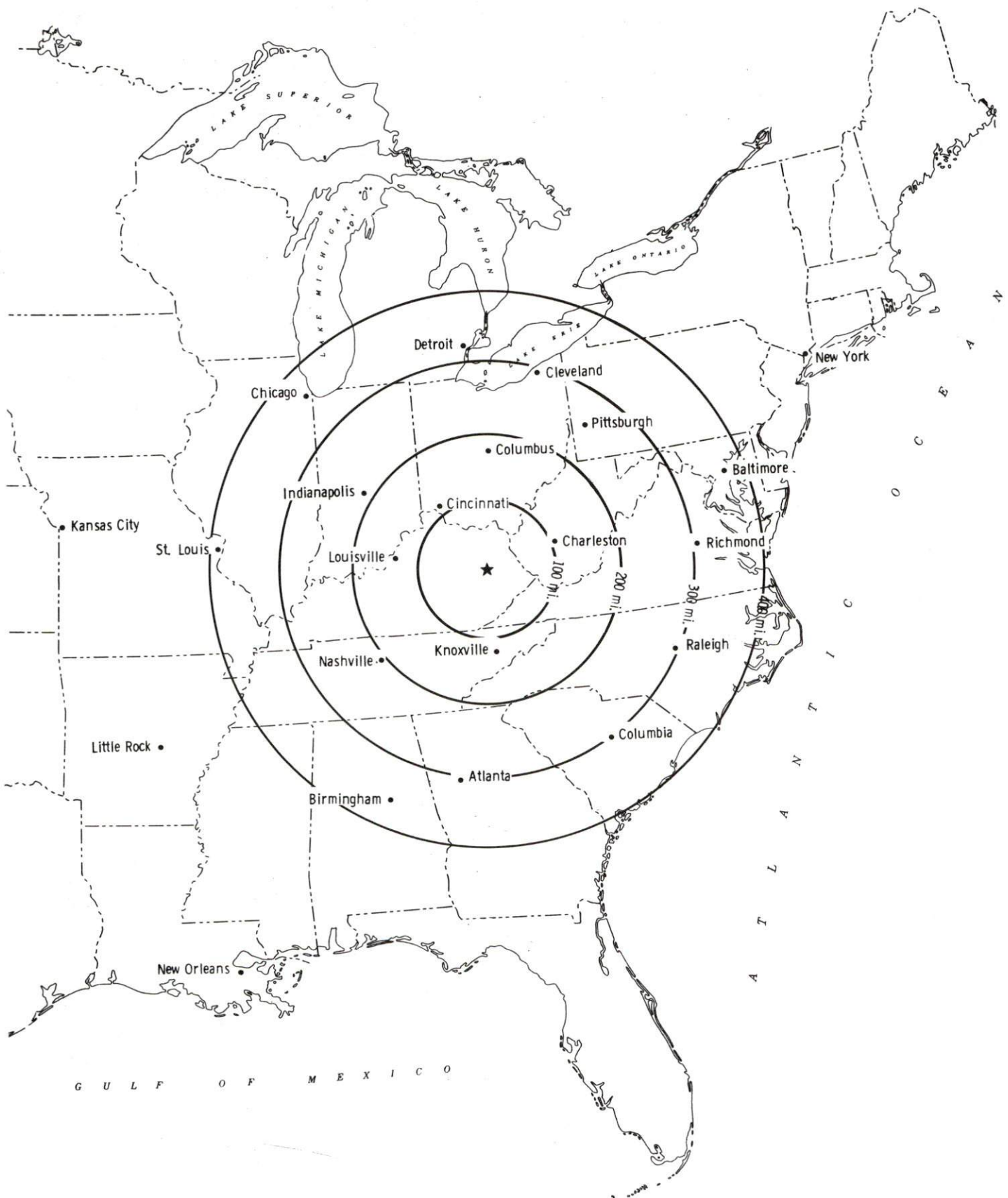
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

Fifteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Stanton and Clay City.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1992.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides the nearest main line rail service at Irvine, Kentucky 14 miles south of Clay City. Intermodal facilities are provided by Southern Railway System at Georgetown, Kentucky, 49 miles northwest of Clay City.

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

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

Air

Local

Location:	Stanton Airport
Runways:	Stanton
Length:	1 paved
Traffic	3,000 feet
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	Available upon request
Services:	100LL fuel, tie downs, hangars, taxi, and courtesy car, to Natural Bridge Resort lodge

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Bluegrass Airport
	4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 50 miles northwest of Stanton
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle, ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Northwest Airlink, Henson Airlines
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Stanton, Clay City, and majority of Powell County -
Clark Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

Clark Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
P.O. Box 748
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0748
(606) 744-4251 or (800) 992-3269

and/or

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power Cooperative
P. O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

Company serving a small portion of western Powell County -
Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power Cooperative
P. O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

Natural Gas

Company serving Stanton and Clay City - Delta Natural Gas Company
Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation
For rates and supplies contact:

VP-Marketing and Public Relations
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
3617 Lexington Road
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
(606) 744-6171

Public Water Supply

Company serving Clay City - Clay City Water Works
P.O. Box 548
Clay City, Kentucky 40312
(606) 663-2224

Source - Red River
Treatment plant capacity - 300,000 gallons per day
Source of supply of treated water - City of Stanton Water Works
Amount of water that can be purchased - 100,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 175,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 200,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 350,000 gallons
Water pressure - 60 psi to 85 psi

Company serving Stanton- City of Stanton Water Works
P.O. Box 370
Stanton, Kentucky 40380
(606) 663-2620

Source - Red River
Treatment plant capacity - 720,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 540,200 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 678,100 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,000,000 gallons
Water pressure - 40 psi to 110 psi

The City of Stanton plans to construct a two million-gallon-per-day regional water treatment plant which would serve all of Powell County. The \$1.75 million project is scheduled for completion by January 1994.

Name of water district - Powell's Valley Water District
P.O. Box 550
Clay City, Kentucky 40312
(606) 663-5870

Area served - Northwestern Powell County
Sources of supply of treated water - Clay City Water Works, Estill
County Water District, City of Stanton Water Works
Total amount of water that can be purchased - 230,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 150,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 180,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 300,000 gallons
Water pressure - 35 psi to 130 psi

Powell's Valley Water District is in the process of constructing a 100,000-gallon water storage tank and extending 12 miles of water mains to 100 customers in the Nada area. The \$875,000 project is scheduled for completion by August 1992. In addition, the Water District plans to construct a 100,000-gallon water storage tank and 25 miles of new water mains, which will serve approximately 75 new customers.

Sewerage

Company serving Clay City - Clay City Sewer System
P.O. Box 548
Clay City, Kentucky 40312
(606) 663-2224

Design capacity - 200,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 125,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Red River

The Economic Development Administration provided over \$400,000 in funding for a sewer line extension project in Clay City, which provided service to approximately 50 residential customers. The City of Clay City plans to renovate its existing wastewater treatment plant when appropriate funding is available.

Company serving Stanton - City of Stanton Wastewater Treatment Plant
P.O. Box 370
Stanton, Kentucky 40380
(606) 663-2620

Design capacity - 460,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 339,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Red River

CLIMATE

Powell County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1990	57.10 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (46-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (46-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record)	4,814
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.90 inches
Total precipitation 1990	53.16 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (46-year record)	129.50
Mean number days thunderstorms (46-year record)	45.10

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (27-year record, except 1 a.m. - 26-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	81 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1990. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Stanton and Clay City are each governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayors serve four-year terms while the council members each serve two year terms. Powell County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - City of Stanton Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city only

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only

Local codes enforced - None

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Clay City has no planning and zoning commission at the present time.

Local Fees and Licenses

The City of Stanton levies an annual license fee for certain businesses, occupations, trades and professions within the city, which range from \$70 to \$210 per year. The City of Stanton also levies an unloading tax for trucks which ranges from \$15 to \$50 annually.

The City of Stanton levies a 0.5 percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses.

The City of Clay City levies an annual business license fee of \$75 for all businesses, trades and professions operating within the city.

Powell County levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals (\$300 maximum), and on net profits of businesses.

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. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1991 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.187	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, 1991

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Powell County	N/A	N/A	\$0.2670
School Districts:			
Powell County	0.4380	0.4380	0.4820
Cities:			
Clay City	0.1508	0.1600	0.1502
Stanton	N/A	N/A	0.1790

N/A: Not Available.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Powell County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1991)	2,604
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	19.6-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	43.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$2,852.96

Powell County School System recently completed construction of several new classrooms and activity buildings in three elementary schools throughout the county.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1991)</u>
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (42)	16,525
Lees College	Jackson (45)	425
Lexington Community College	Lexington (46)	4,985
Transylvania University	Lexington (46)	1,038
University of Kentucky	Lexington (46)	24,132
Morehead State University	Morehead (51)	8,812
Georgetown College	Georgetown (56)	1,547

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>Cumulative Enrollment 1990-1991</u>
Central Kentucky State Vocational- Technical School	Lexington (46)	2,043
Montgomery County Area Vocational Education Center	Mt. Sterling (20)	400

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3
Dentists - 4

Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Stanton)</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Mary Chiles Hospital	Mt. Sterling (20)	104
Clark Regional Medical Center	Winchester (27)	100

Mary Chiles Hospital

Medical staff - 22 active staff physicians, 83 registered nurses,
49 licensed practical nurses

Clark Regional Medical Center

Medical staff - 35 active staff physicians, 17 courtesy staff
physicians, 65 registered nurses, 18 licensed practical nurses

There are six general hospitals located in Lexington, Kentucky; 46 miles northwest of Stanton.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Powell County Health Department
Red River Medical Center
Hearne Funeral Home (Ambulance Service)
Wells Funeral Home (Ambulance Service)

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Pioneer Federal Savings Bank (Branch)
Powell County Bank

Newspapers

Clay City Times (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell

RECREATION

Powell County offers a variety of recreation and entertainment. Both Stanton and Clay City have supervised little league programs. Recreational facilities in Stanton include: a city park which features a swimming pool, a lighted ball park, a little league ball park, two tennis courts, a multi-purpose court, a picnic area and a jogging trail. A drive-in theatre and skating rink are also located in Stanton. Recreational facilities in Clay City include: a city park featuring a baseball field, a basketball court, a playground, a lighted softball field, a pavilion, picnic facilities and a nature trail. Meadows Golf Course, a public nine-hole course; the Clay City Raceway; and the Red River Historical Museum are also located in Clay City. Beech Fork Golf Course is a nine-hole semi-public course located between Clay City and Stanton.

The eastern portion of Powell County is located in 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.

Kentucky's Red River Gorge, in the Stanton District of the Daniel Boone National Forest, is known for its rugged rock arches, palisades, deep V-shaped valleys, sand cliffs, and dense forest. It offers some of the most geologically fascinating land east of the Mississippi River.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park near Slade, 13 miles east of Stanton, is located within 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, convention center, gift shop, ten rustic cottages, and 95 camping sites. Other facilities include a lake, a swimming pool, picnic shelters and playgrounds, hiking trails, a riding stable, a chair lift, mini-golf, and paddle boats.

Lexington, 46 miles northwest of Stanton, offers a variety of cultural, sporting, and recreational activities. Thoroughbred and harness racing is presented at Keeneland Race Course and the Red Mile Harness Track offering several meets each year. The University of Kentucky and Transylvania University provide a number of sporting events. The University of Kentucky, a perennial national power, holds basketball games at Rupp Arena. Other attractions include Lexington Philharmonic concerts, Lexington Children's Theatre, Lexington Children's Museum, and plays performed by Broadway touring companies, all held in the recently renovated Opera House. In addition, located in the heart of downtown Lexington, the historical Victorian Square and Festival Market Place offer a taste of nostalgia with their many quaint shops and restaurants.

Cave Run Lake, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is located 52 miles northeast of Stanton 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."

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

Basco, Inc. initiated operations in Stanton in 1991. The new facility produces and exports drilling bits for the coal mining industry and currently employs six persons. Plans call for an expansion which would increase the physical size of the plant and increase employment up to 30. Total investment should reach approximately \$700,000.

The Powell County Industrial Development Authority recently purchased a 23.5-acre tract of land at Stanton for industrial use, which provides adequate road and utility access.

Development of the nine-hole semi-private Beech Fork Golf Course was recently completed between Clay City and Stanton.

The Economic Development Administration provided over \$400,000 in funding for a sewer line extension project in Clay City, which provided service to approximately 50 residential customers.

Powell County Chamber of Commerce was recently established primarily to encourage tourism development in the area.

Powell County School System recently completed construction of several new classrooms and activity buildings in three elementary schools throughout the county.

Under Way

Red River Hardwoods, Inc. is in the process of initiating operations in Clay City. This new company will manufacture wood components in furniture, kitchen and vanity cabinets, woodtrim molding, kiln-dried lumber and other wood related products. The \$3.5 million project will create 72 new jobs over the next two years, with initial plant start-up targeted for June 1992.

Powell's Valley Water District is in the process of constructing a 100,000-gallon water storage tank and extending 12 miles of water mains to 100 customers in the Nada area. The \$875,000 project is scheduled for completion by August 1992.

Construction of a new 30- to 35-room motel is currently under way in Stanton.

The City of Clay City is in the process of applying for federal funds to build flood diversion canals.

Planned

The City of Stanton plans to construct a two million-gallon-per-day plant which would serve all of Powell County. The \$1.75 million project is scheduled for completion by January 1994.

The City of Clay City plans to renovate its existing wastewater treatment plant when appropriate funding is available.

Powell's Valley Water District plans to construct a 100,000-gallon water storage tank and 25 miles of new water mains, which will serve approximately 75 new customers.