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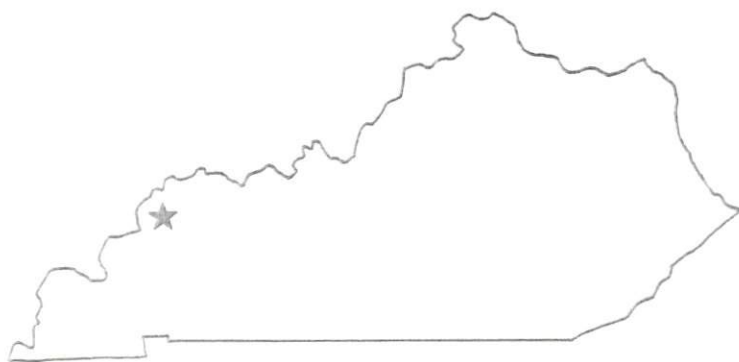
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UNION COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP UNION COUNTY KENTUCKY

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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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UNION COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Union County, with a 1990 population of 16,557, is located in the westernmost part of the Western Kentucky Coal Field. The Ohio River flows along the northern and western boundary of the county while the Tradewater River forms the southern boundary. The county covers a total land area of 345 square miles. The topography varies from broad, flat flood plains to island-like hill masses.

Morganfield, the county seat of Union County, is located 33 miles southwest of Evansville, Indiana; 145 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; 158 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; and 175 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Sturgis is located 11 miles southwest of Morganfield and Uniontown is six miles north of Morganfield. According to the 1990 census, Morganfield had a population of 3,776, Sturgis totaled 2,184, and Uniontown had 1,008 residents.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Union County residents employed in 1991 averaged 5,536. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,193 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 922 jobs; 1,291 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 592 employees; and 2,089 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 8,679 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 6,242 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

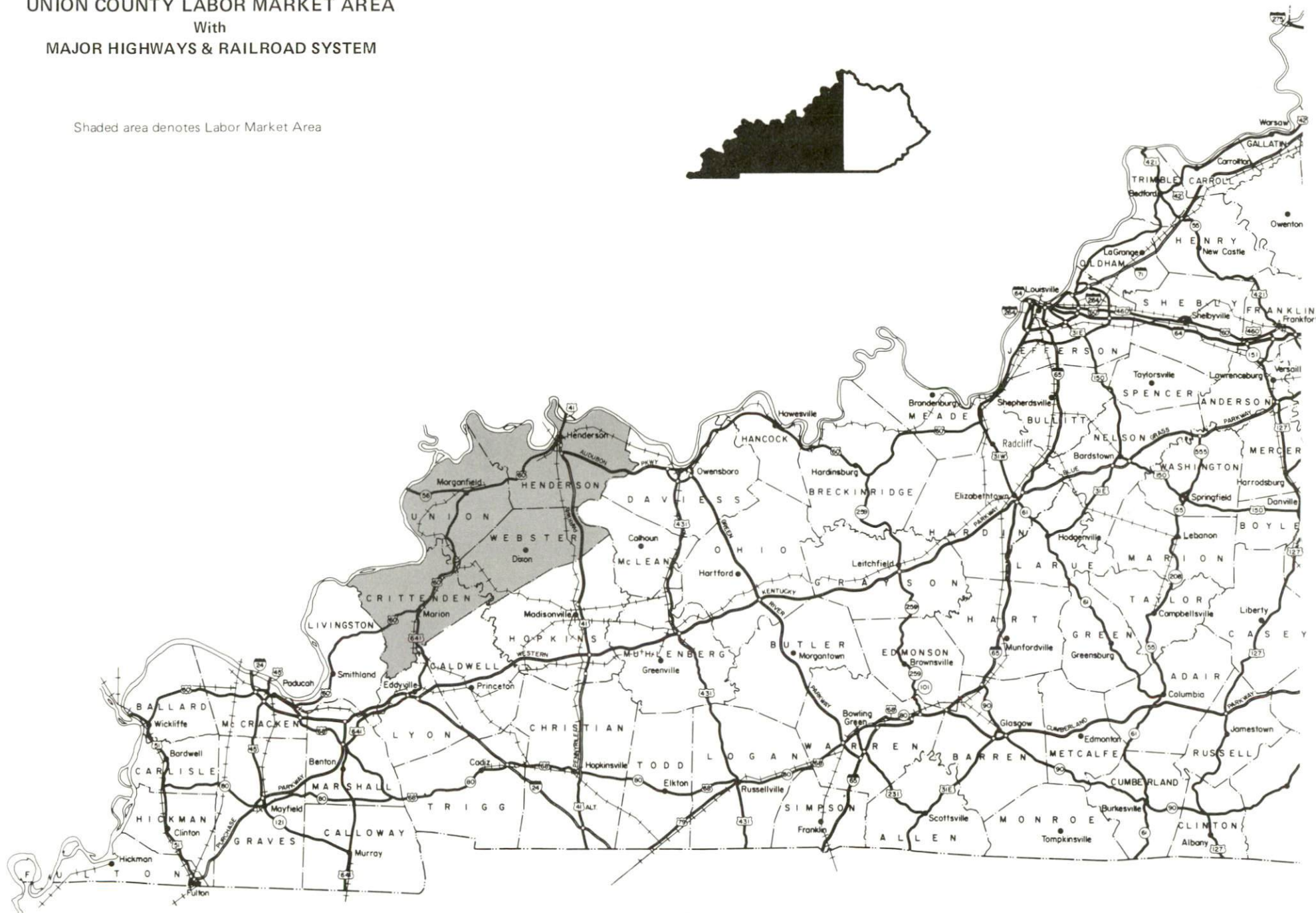
Transportation - Major highways serving Union County include U.S. 60, Kentucky 56 and Kentucky 109, all "AAA"-rated trucking highways. The Pennyryle and Audubon Parkways, multi-lane highways, are both located 23 miles east of Morganfield. The Western Kentucky Parkway, another multi-lane highway, is accessible 54 miles south of Morganfield. Twenty-eight common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Union County. The Tradewater Railway Company provides short line rail service to Morganfield and Sturgis. The nearest commercial airline service is available at Evansville Regional Airport, 36 miles northeast of Morganfield. The Morganfield Airport, four miles east of Morganfield, maintains a 2,700-foot paved runway and the Sturgis Airport, one mile southeast of Sturgis, provides three 5,000-foot paved runways.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown, and portions of Union County. Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation also provides electric power to Union County. Natural gas is provided to Morganfield and Uniontown by the City of Morganfield Municipal Gas System and to Sturgis by the Sturgis Municipal Gas System.

Education - The Union County School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, provides public education to Union County. Seven institutions of higher learning are located within 55 miles of Morganfield. Madisonville State Vocational-Technical School and Madisonville Health Technology Center, 48 miles southeast of Morganfield and Union County Area Vocational Education Center in Morganfield, each provide vocational training for Union County. In addition, the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center, at Morganfield, provides academic and vocational training services for disadvantaged young persons.

UNION COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Union County Labor Market Area includes Union County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Crittenden, Henderson, and Webster. In addition, the labor market area is supplemented by Gallatin County, Illinois, which forms the western boundary of Union County.

POPULATION			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	82,752	82,709	73,688
Morganfield	3,776	3,781	3,563
Sturgis	2,184	2,293	2,210
Uniontown	1,008	1,169	1,255
Waverly	345	434	335
Union County	16,557	17,821	15,882

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	83,519	84,023	84,668	84,155
Union County	16,365	16,203	16,025	15,687

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current				Future
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996</u>
Labor Market Area*	8,679	2,480	3,919	2,280	6,242
Union County	2,484	374	1,164	946	1,435

* 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).

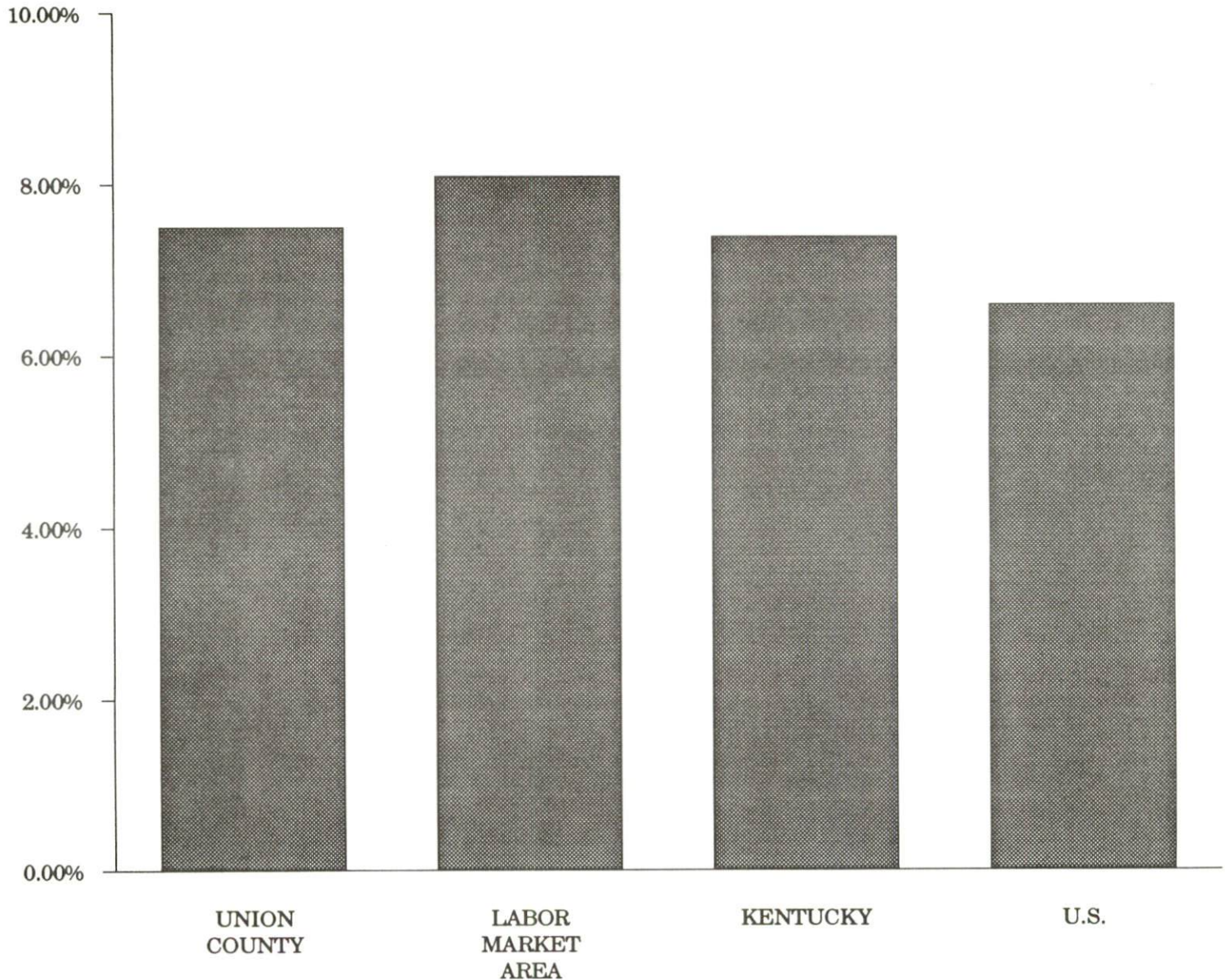
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1991

	<u>Union County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	5,987	37,062
Employment	5,536	34,051
Unemployment	451	3,011
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.5	8.1

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1991

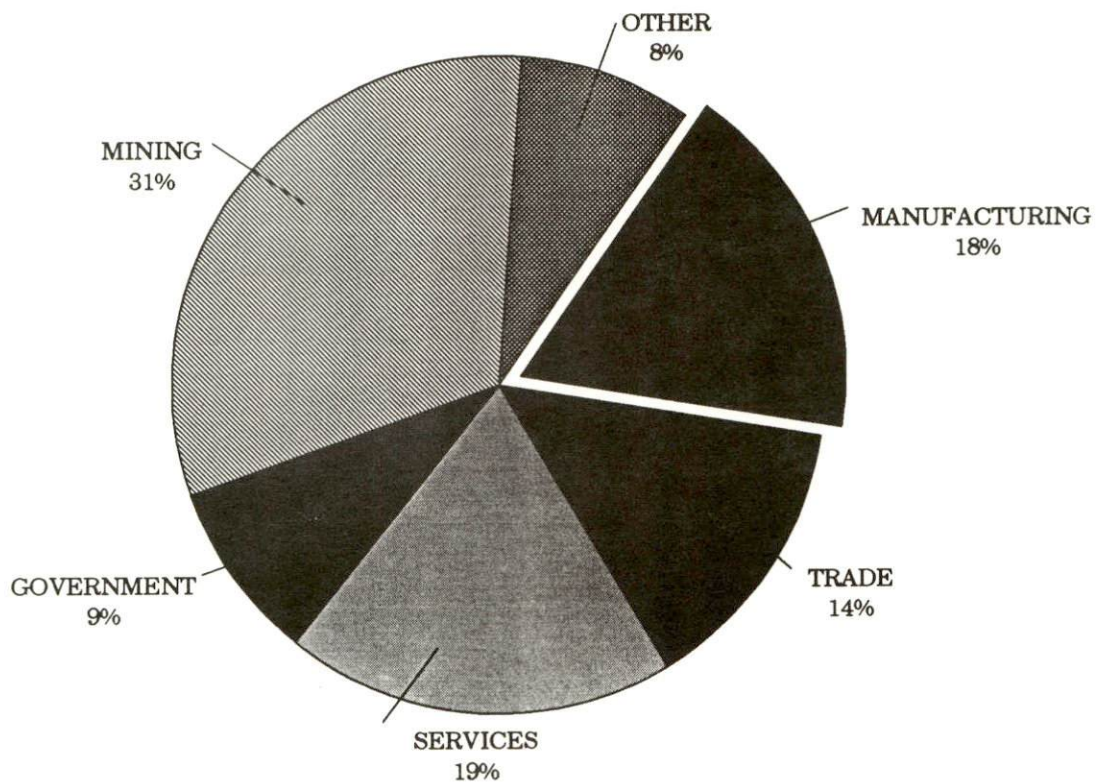


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991

	<u>Union County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	6,648	29,481
Manufacturing	1,193	7,863
Wholesale & Retail Trade	922	5,666
Services	1,291	5,592
State/Local Government	592	3,456
Mining & Quarrying	2,089	3,647

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, 1991.

UNION COUNTY

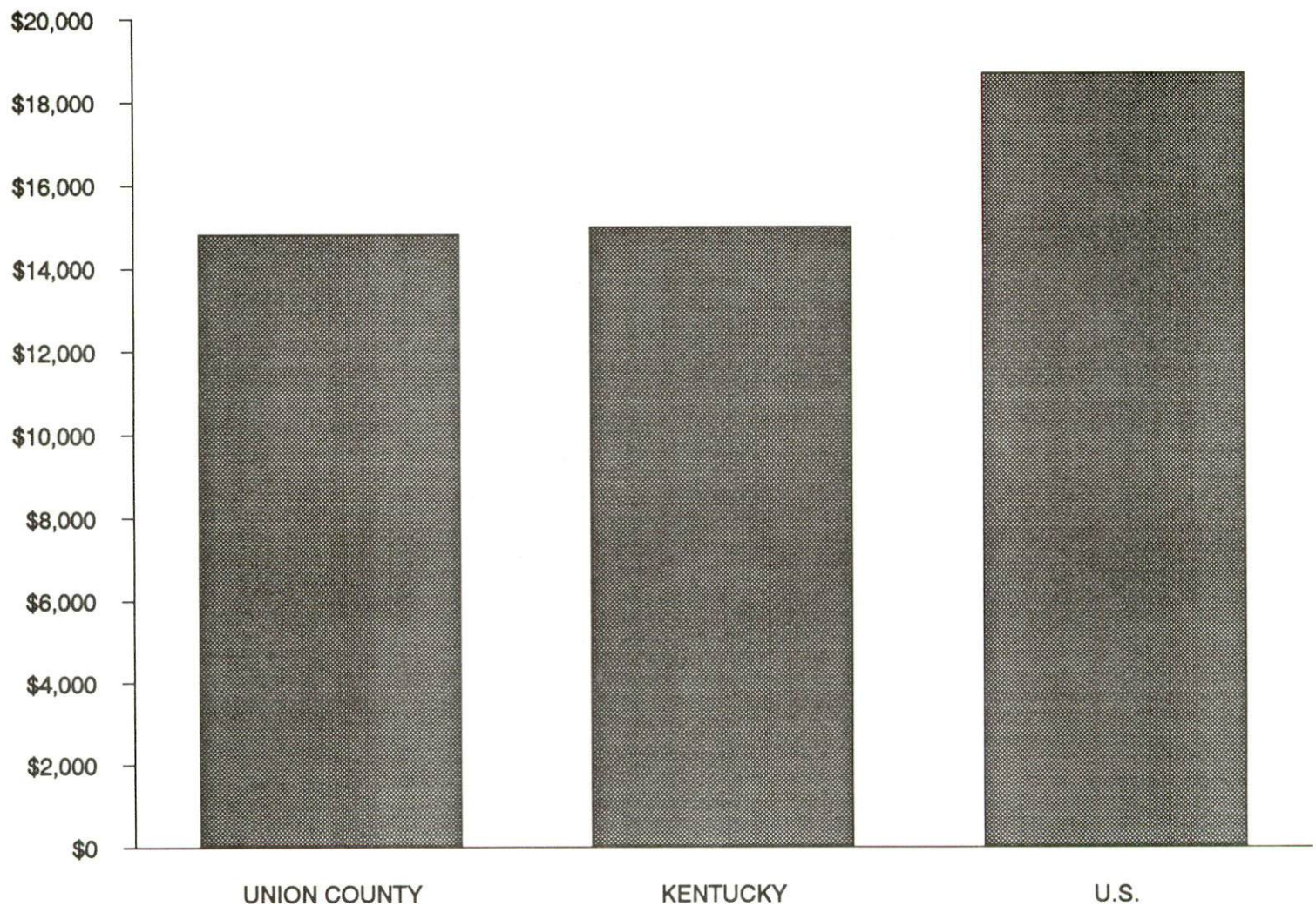


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1986	1990	Percent Change
Union County	\$11,832	\$14,824	25.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$9,183 - \$12,935	\$11,157 - \$16,883	-
Kentucky	\$11,273	\$14,992	33.0
U.S.	\$14,654	\$18,696	27.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1992.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1990



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

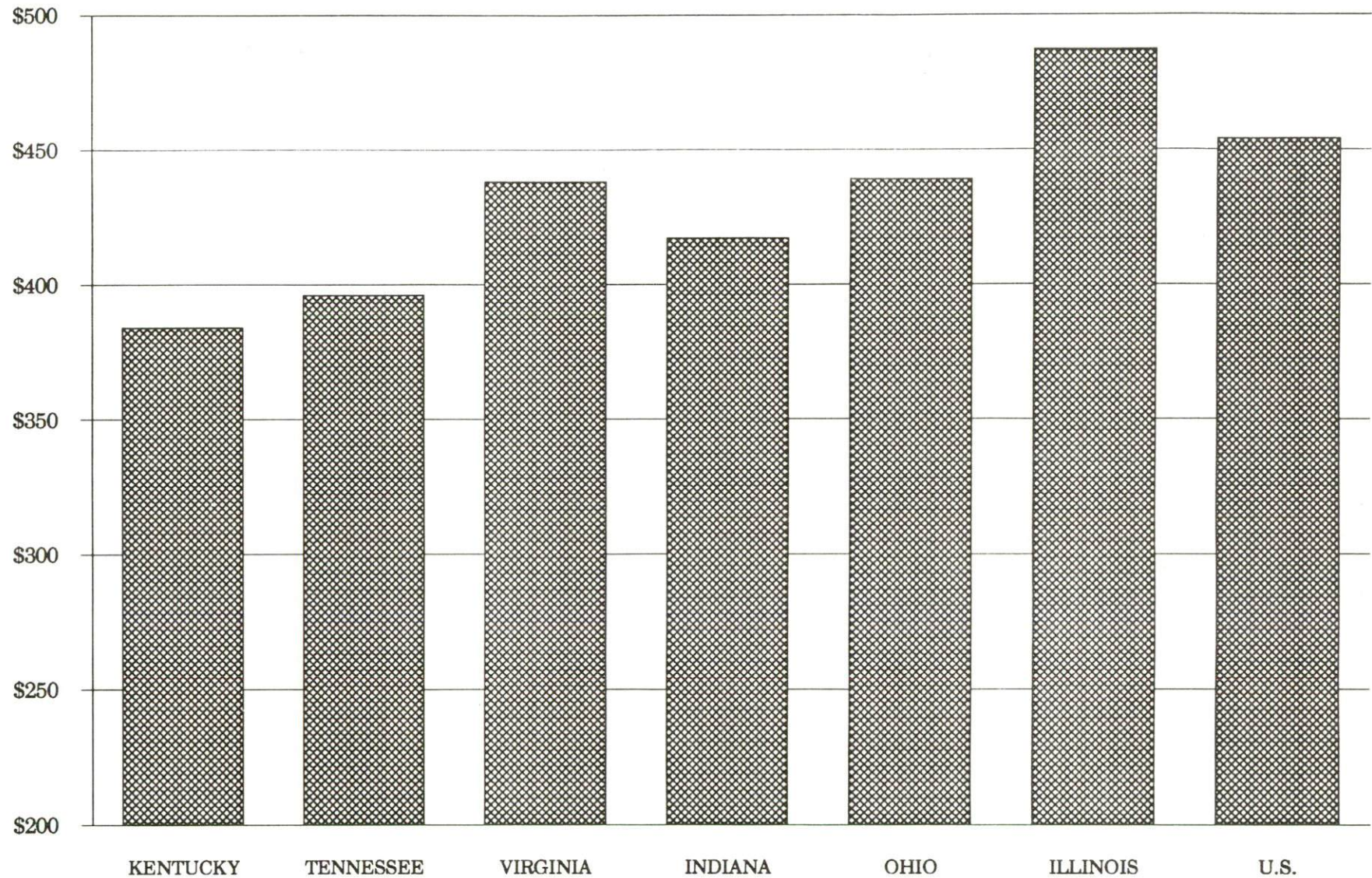
Union County is served by the Henderson local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Henderson local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 2,797 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	2,797	4.50
Clerical	652	4.01
Sales	49	4.62
Services (excluding domestic)	917	3.78
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	172	4.04
Processing	476	4.97
Machine Trades	86	5.95
Bench Work	81	5.51
Structural	128	6.51
Motor Freight/ Transportation	35	6.86
Packaging and Materials Handling	125	4.35
Other	19	14.91

The Henderson local office also serves Henderson, and Webster 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*

	<u>Union County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$474.56	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	854.15	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	342.80	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	342.70	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	496.61	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	213.73	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	337.93	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	300.52	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	362.26	392.28	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
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

UNION COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Morganfield		
Barrons Processed Meats (1960)	Meat processing, ground beef, steak, pork sausage	5
Crop Production Services (1977)	Fertilizer	8
Custom Feed Mills, Inc. (1950)	Feed	8
Ferrocraft, Division of Dart Industries, Inc. (1948)	Wire display equipment, metal advertising displays	25
Hite's Imperial Printing (1987)	Printing	3
Rayloc (1973)	Automotive parts, brakes, water pumps, starters	310
Sonoco Products Company (1973)	Paper tubing	23
T & G Construction and Supply Company, Inc. (1978)	Industrial paint finishing equipment, conveyor systems, air replacement systems	25
Union County Printing Company (1983)	Commercial printing	3
Union Fertilizer Company (1964)	Fertilizer	10
United Technologies Automotive (1979)	Automotive interior & exterior trim	320
Yale-South Haven, West Kentucky Plant (1979)	Automotive ball joint seals, rubber bumpers, electrical connectors	100
Sturgis		
Brown's Welding Service (1938)	Welding	8
Circle-O Farm Center (1974)	Fertilizer liquid & dry mix	5
Mine Safe Electronics, Inc. (1975)	Voice communication equipment	18
Morgan Concrete, Inc. (1964)	Ready-mixed concrete	7
Neat Sportswear (1990)	Sweatshirts	10
Saturn Machine and Welding (1964)	Coke oven equipment, specialized machinery	60

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<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Sturgis Clothing Company (1947)	Men's slacks	178
Sturgis News, Inc. (1885)	Newspaper, job printing	5
Uniontown		
Kentucky Cap Manufacturing Company (1968)	Ball, golf & tennis caps	60
Waverly		
Drury's Candy Land (1962)	Candy	2
Tri-State Septic Tank (1987)	Septic tanks and accessories	3

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; Union County Industrial Foundation, Inc.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

United Technologies and Yale-South Haven, West Kentucky Plant are each expanding in Morganfield. United Technologies is constructing a 20,000-square-foot building at a cost of \$500,000 thereby creating 20-40 new jobs. Yale-South Haven is expanding its facility by 11,250 square feet. The \$700,000 investment will create 300 new jobs.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO	Kentucky Cap Manufacturing Company

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Morganfield</u>
Custom Data Processing	Henderson, Kentucky	23
Custom Plastics Producers	Corydon, Kentucky	14
Electric Motor Repair	Henderson, Kentucky	23
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Corydon, Kentucky	14
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville, Indiana	33
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Madisonville, Kentucky	46
Industrial Gases	Henderson, Kentucky	23
Industrial Waste Removal	Henderson, Kentucky	23
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Corydon, Kentucky	14
Metal Castings	Henderson, Kentucky	23
Metal Finishers	Owensboro, Kentucky	53
Metal Service Centers	Owensboro, Kentucky	53
Millwrights	Evansville, Indiana	33
Public Warehouse Facilities	Henderson, Kentucky	23

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Union County include U.S. 60, Kentucky 109, and a portion of Kentucky 56.

Morganfield and Sturgis are both served by U.S. 60. In addition, Morganfield is served by Kentucky Highways 56, 130, and 359. Sturgis is served by Kentucky Highways 109, 270, and 365. Uniontown is served by Kentucky Highways 130 and 360. U.S. 60 is accessible six miles south of Uniontown via Kentucky 130.

Access to the Pennyrile and Audubon Parkways, both multi-lane highways, is available 23 miles east of Morganfield via U.S. 60. The Western Kentucky Parkway, another multi-lane highway, is accessible 54 miles south of Morganfield via U.S. 60 and U.S. 641. Access to Interstate 24 is 52 miles south of Morganfield via U.S. 60 and U.S. 641.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	397	Los Angeles, CA	2,040
Baltimore, MD	743	Louisville, KY	145
Birmingham, AL	347	Nashville, TN	158
Chicago, IL	324	New Orleans, LA	628
Cincinnati, OH	246	New York, NY	903
Cleveland, OH	491	Pittsburgh, PA	533
Detroit, MI	479	St. Louis, MO	175
Knoxville, TN	334		

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

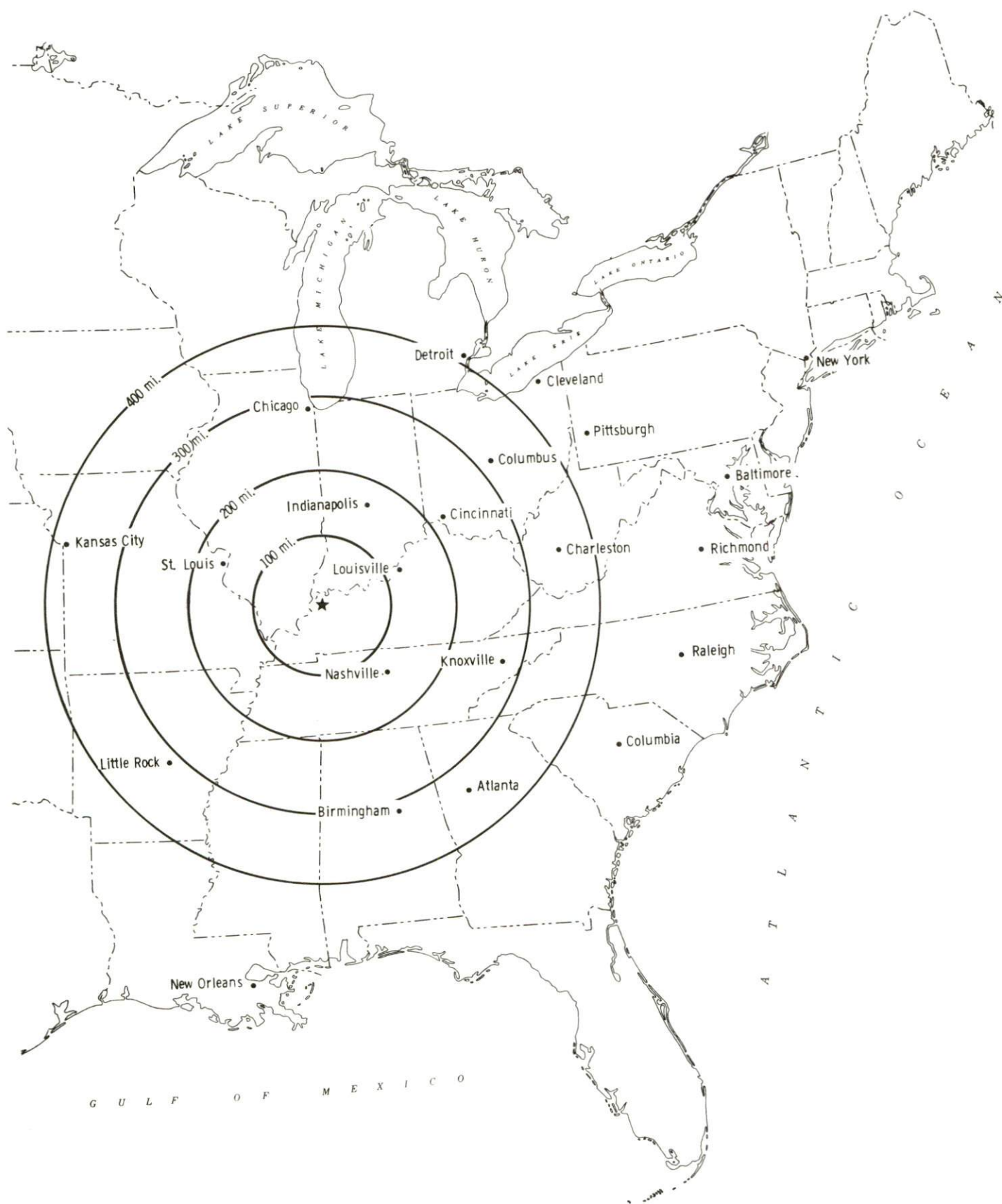
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

Twenty-eight common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Union County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1992.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

The Tradewater Railway Company provides short line rail service to Morganfield and Sturgis. Service is available from Morganfield to Princeton where the Tradewater rail line connects with the Paducah and Louisville railroad; from Morganfield to Henderson, where connections are available to CSX Transportation, and south of Sturgis, where the Tradewater line extends to Providence then connects with main line rail operated by CSX Transportation.

The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by CSX Transportation at Evansville, Indiana, 33 miles northeast of Morganfield.

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

Tradewater Rail Company
P.O. Box 66
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459
(502) 333-4151

Air

Local

Location:	Morganfield Airport
Runways:	4 miles east of Morganfield
Length:	1 paved
Traffic	2,700 feet
Control:	Wind tee
Lighting:	Low intensity, dusk to dawn, VASI
Services:	Tie-downs
Location	Sturgis Airport
Runways:	1 mile southeast of Sturgis
Length:	3 paved
Traffic	5,000 feet each
Control:	Wind sock and tetrahedron
Lighting:	MIRL and VASI 18-36 sunset to sunrise, rotating beacon, tetrahedron
Services:	100LL octane fuel, jet-A fuel, flight training, tie-downs, hangars

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Evansville Regional Airport 3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana; 36 miles northeast of Morganfield
Air Service:	ComAir, TransWorld Express, Northwest Air Link, USAir, Atlantic Southeast, American Eagle
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	88

Water

The Ohio River forms the western boundary of Union County, and Uniontown is located at mile 843 on the Ohio River. A nine-foot navigation channel is maintained for the river's entire length. Several public terminals are located along the Ohio River in Union County.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown** and portions of Union
County - Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
Kentucky Utilities Company
One Quality Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-2100

Company serving the remainder of Union County - Henderson-Union Rural
Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation
For industrial rates contact:

Manager of Economic Development
Big Rivers Electric Corporation
P.O. Box 24
Henderson, Kentucky 42420
(502) 827-2561

and/or

Henderson-Union Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
P.O. Drawer 18
Henderson, Kentucky 42420
(502) 826-3991 or (800) 264-2191

Natural Gas

Company serving **Morganfield and Uniontown** - City of Morganfield
Municipal Gas System
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
For rates and supplies contact:

City Administrator
130 East Main Street
P.O. Box 420
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437
(502) 389-2525

Company serving **Sturgis** - Sturgis Municipal Gas System
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
For rates and supplies contact:

Sturgis Municipal Gas System
206 West Sixth Street
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459
(502) 333-2166

Public Water Supply

Company serving Morganfield - City of Morganfield
P.O. Box 420
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437
(502) 389-1695

Source - Ohio River
Treatment plant capacity - 6,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 1,800,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 2,400,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 2,900,000 gallons
Water pressure - 45 psi to 78 psi

Company serving Sturgis - City of Sturgis
P.O. Box 98
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459
(502) 333-2166 (office)
(502) 333-4453 (plant)

Source - Ohio River
Treatment plant capacity - 1,200,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 360,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 500,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,000,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 65 psi

Company serving Uniontown - City of Uniontown
P.O. Box 548
Uniontown, Kentucky 42461
(502) 822-9118

Source - Ohio River
Treatment plant capacity - 205,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 99,112 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 205,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 470,000 gallons
Water pressure - 45 psi to 70 psi

Name of water district - Union County Water District
P.O. Box 146
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437
(502) 389-3868

Area served - All of Union County, except for the cities of Morganfield, Sturgis, and Uniontown

Source of supply of treated water - City of Morganfield

Amount of treated water that can be purchased - Up to 1,000,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 618,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 887,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 712,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 120 psi

The Union County Water District is presently constructing a new 200,000-gallon water storage tank.

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Ohio and Tradewater Rivers

Average discharge - Ohio River at Evansville, Indiana - 133,300 cfs
(34 years, USGS, unadjusted); Tradewater River at Olney, Kentucky -
339 cfs (51 years, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along the Ohio River;
50 to 200 gpm along the Tradewater River; 5 to 50 gpm in the central
and southeastern portions of the county; 5 gpm or less in the
remainder of the county

Sewerage

Company serving **Morganfield** - City of Morganfield
P.O. Box 420
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437
(502) 389-3934

Design capacity - 3,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 1,600,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Casey Creek to Ohio River

The City of Morganfield recently completed several minor maintenance projects for its sewerage system.

Company serving **Sturgis** - City of Sturgis
P.O. Box 98
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459
(502) 333-2166 (office)
(502) 333-5922 (plant)

Design capacity - 500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 200,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary, secondary, and tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - Cypress Creek and unnamed tributaries

Company serving **Uniontown** - City of Uniontown
P.O. Box 548
Uniontown, Kentucky 42461
(502) 822-9118

Design capacity - 200,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 90,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Lost Creek to Ohio River

CLIMATE

Union County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.70 degrees
Average annual 1991	57.80 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (51-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, February 1951 (51-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 (51-year record)	13.50 inches
Total precipitation 1991	32.68 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (51-year record)	115.20
Mean number days thunderstorms (51-year record)	45.10

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South-Southwest

Relative Humidity (29-year record)

Midnight	79 percent
6 a.m.	82 percent
Noon	59 percent
6 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1991. Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The Cities of Morganfield, Sturgis, and Uniontown are each governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayors are each elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Union County is governed by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Union County Planning Commission

Participating cities - Morganfield, Sturgis, and Waverly

Zoning enforced - Within corporate limits of Morganfield, Sturgis and Waverly

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas

Local building codes enforced - All areas

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 Morganfield levies license fees on various types of businesses within the corporate limits ranging from \$10 to \$60 annually. A four percent insurance premium tax is also levied. The City of Sturgis levies annual business license fees ranging from \$50 to \$150. Automobile stickers are \$5 annually. A seven percent insurance premium tax is also levied. The City of Uniontown also levies business license fees ranging from \$10 to \$30 annually. In addition, a fee of \$15 is charged for automobile stickers. A seven percent insurance premium tax is also levied.

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>
Union County	\$0.1787	\$0.1796	\$0.1700
School Districts:			
Union County	0.4230	0.4230	0.2440
Cities:			
Morganfield	0.5890	0.6300	0.6020
Sturgis	0.3820	0.5000	0.4190
Uniontown	0.4290	0.4040	0.4040
Waverly	0.3680	0.3680	0.3500
Other:			
(not county-wide)			
CCW Watershed	0.0350	None	None
Watershed #3	0.2600	None	None
Watershed #4	0.0785	None	None

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Union County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1991)	2,948
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	18.1-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	53.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$3,311.41

The Union County School System recently completed major expansion and renovation projects at the Morganfield and Sturgis Elementary Schools totaling \$4 million.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
St. Ann Interparochial Elementary	268	K-8

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1991)</u>
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (23)	1,444
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (33)	3,046
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (33)	7,021
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky (46)	2,312
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (53)	840
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (53)	749
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (53)	2,587

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

Secondary vocational education is provided by the Union County Board of Education at the Union County Area Vocational Education Center. Kentucky Tech provides postsecondary training.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Morganfield)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1991-1992</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Madisonville State Vocational- Technical School	Madisonville (46)	9	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 80 283	40
Madisonville Health Technology Center	Madisonville (46)	10	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 50 246	160

An expansion of the Health Technology Center was approved by the General Assembly in 1990 and is expected to be completed sometime in 1993. This new construction will add approximately 44,300 square feet of additional program space.

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 develop a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator in Hopkins County, located at the Kentucky Tech West Region office in Madisonville.

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. The school also has a Career Connections mobile unit that is available to potential Kentucky Tech students, business and industry, and other agencies within Union County.

Adult Basic Education

Adult education is available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency degree. In Union County, adult literacy is provided by the Union County Literacy Council.

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.

The Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center

The Earl C. Clements Job Corps Center, at Morganfield is part of a federally funded training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor through a contract with MINACT, Inc. The Center provides opportunities for disadvantaged young men and women between the ages of 16 and 21 for development in academic and vocational skills.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 9
Dentists - 8
Chiropractors - 3

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Union County Methodist Hospital	Midway between Morganfield and Sturgis	54

Medical staff - nine active staff physicians, 20 registered nurses, and six licensed practical nurses

Union County Methodist Hospital is in the process of installing a CT-scanner and updating its ultra sound equipment, which will be completed by late 1992. By the latter part of 1993, a \$300,000 expansion will reach completion which involves adding outpatient services, administrative and Hospice offices, plus space for physical therapy and a community room.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Green River Comprehensive Care Center
St. Anthony Hospice
Trover Clinic
Union County Health Department
Union County Methodist Ambulance Service

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Farmers State Bank (Sturgis)
First Federal Savings & Loan Association
Morganfield National Bank
Union Bank and Trust Company

Newspapers

Morganfield: The Union County Advocate (weekly)
Sturgis: The Sturgis News (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell
GTE (Uniontown)

RECREATION

Local

A variety of public recreational facilities are available in Morganfield. Four tennis courts, a swimming pool, five lighted softball fields, two baseball fields, a football field, picnic and playground areas and four shelter houses are available at a city park. In addition, two mini-parks including playground areas and basketball goals are located in the community.

The Breckinridge Golf and Country Club, at Morganfield, is a private club featuring a clubhouse, a dining room, a nine-hole golf course with 18 tees, a swimming pool and two tennis courts.

The Union County Historical Museum, located in Morganfield, enshrines the cannon fired after Lincoln's only presidential speech in Kentucky and World War II Camp Breckinridge exhibits.

The Morganfield Lions Club sponsors a Corn Festival at Morganfield in September. Performances by local bands, merchant promotions and a barbecue picnic are featured events.

Public recreation facilities at Sturgis include two parks, four tennis courts, a swimming pool, three baseball diamonds and a football field. Bowling lanes and a skating rink are located at Sullivan, four miles south of Sturgis.

The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce sponsors a Trade day at Sturgis in June. The celebration includes a parade, carnival and flea market.

Public recreation facilities at Uniontown include a mini-park, a ball park, and a concessions building. Also, the City of Uniontown maintains a boat dock on the Ohio River as a recreational facility.

The Union County Fair is held each summer at the Union County Fairgrounds near the Sturgis Airport. Featured events include harness racing, a horse show, and a demolition derby. Riverdays, held annually in Uniontown, features exhibits, crafts, contests, a parade, and music.

The 5,420-acre Higginson-Henry Wildlife Area, located about six miles southeast of Morganfield, features 80-acre Lake Mauzy, small game hunting, boat ramps and picnic areas. A private sporting clays shooting range is located nearby.

Moffit Lake Recreation Area, a 128-acre park located about 12 miles southeast of Morganfield offers a 50-acre lake, a 300-foot swimming beach, campsites with utility hook-ups, a boat dock, a softball field, a pavilion, restrooms and fishing.

Jenny Hole-Timber Slough Wildlife Area, located in northeastern Union County, provides excellent waterfowl hunting.

Public boat ramps are available on the Ohio River in Caseyville, five miles west of Sturgis; at Blackburn, two miles east of Kentucky Highway 56, and on the Tradewater River near Sturgis.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Ben Hawes State Park

John James Audubon State Park

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Morganfield was chosen as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1992. The award is based on achievement in the following categories: Economic development (including tourism or industrial development) community organizations, utilities, infrastructure, community appearance, downtown revitalization, education, and recreation.

Sturgis re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1992, and is distinguished as a silver award winner recognizing four consecutive years of certification. Re-certification is based on achievement in the following areas: existing industry assistance, small business assistance, educational resources, and community development factors of health care, public safety, arts and culture, recreation, governmental awareness and resources. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Recent

The City of Morganfield recently completed several minor maintenance projects for its sewerage system.

Several business and community developments recently occurred in Sturgis including a renovation of the train depot's exterior, refurbishment of storefronts, new sidewalks, and general aesthetic improvements.

A new YMCA has been located in Morganfield. The organization is currently leasing a facility through the Union County School System.

Morganfield Senior Citizens Center recently opened its doors. Through local contributions and state funding, the facility will undergo a major renovation.

Recent improvements at Moffit Lake Recreation Area include development of additional campsites, refurbishment of the picnic shelter, and a new softball field.

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Under Way

United Technologies and Yale-South Haven, West Kentucky Plant are each expanding in Morganfield. United Technologies is constructing a 20,000-square-foot building at a cost of \$300,000 thereby creating 20-40 new jobs. Yale-South Haven is expanding its facility by 11,250 square feet. The \$700,000 investment will create 300 new jobs.

The Union County Water District is presently constructing a new 200,000-gallon water storage tank.

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The City of Sturgis is in the process of renovating the old American Legion building to use as a community center. Senior citizens groups and other community organizations will use the facility. The project is scheduled for completion by January 1993.

Development of the enhanced version of the "911" emergency dispatch communications system is under way in Union County. Completion of the project is scheduled for spring 1993.