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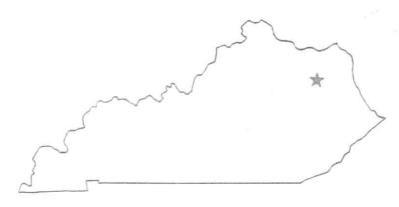
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# Resources for Economic Development

# Owingsville



**KENTUCKY** 

# RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OWINGSVILLE, KENTUCKY

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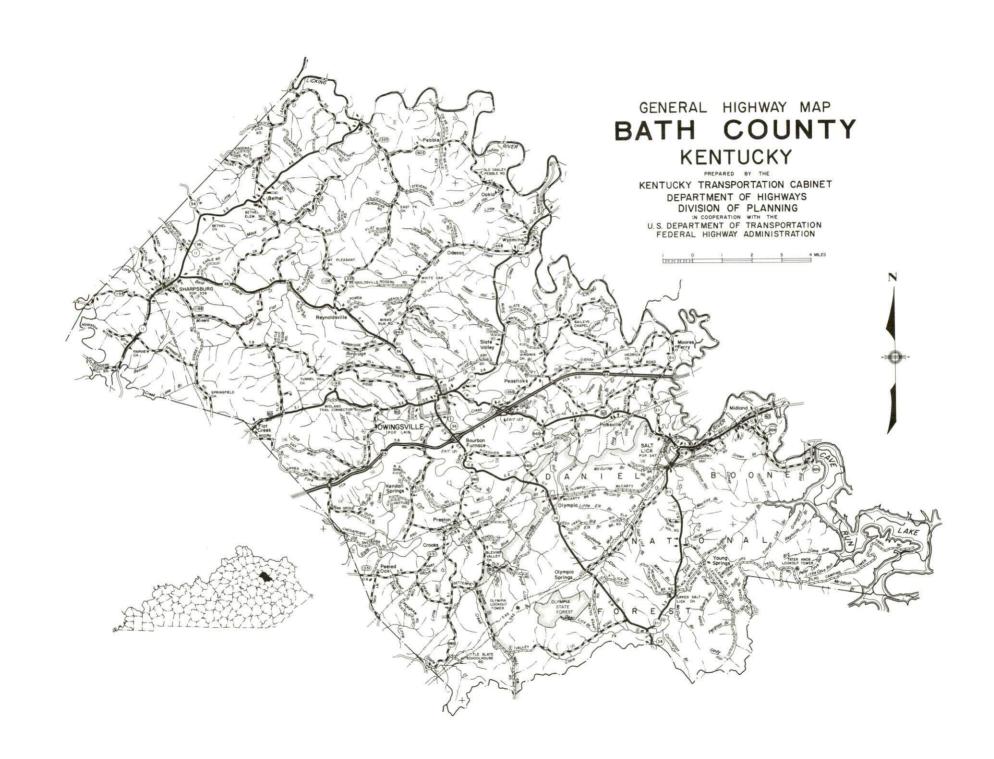
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# OWINGSVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Owingsville, the county seat of Bath County, is located in the outer Bluegrass Region in northeastern Kentucky. Owingsville had a population of 1,491 in 1990. Owingsville is located 48 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky; 121 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky; 125 miles west of Charleston, West Virginia; and 219 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Bath County covers a total land area of 279 square miles. The topography of Bath County is mostly hilly to mountainous. Bath County had a 1990 population of 9,692.

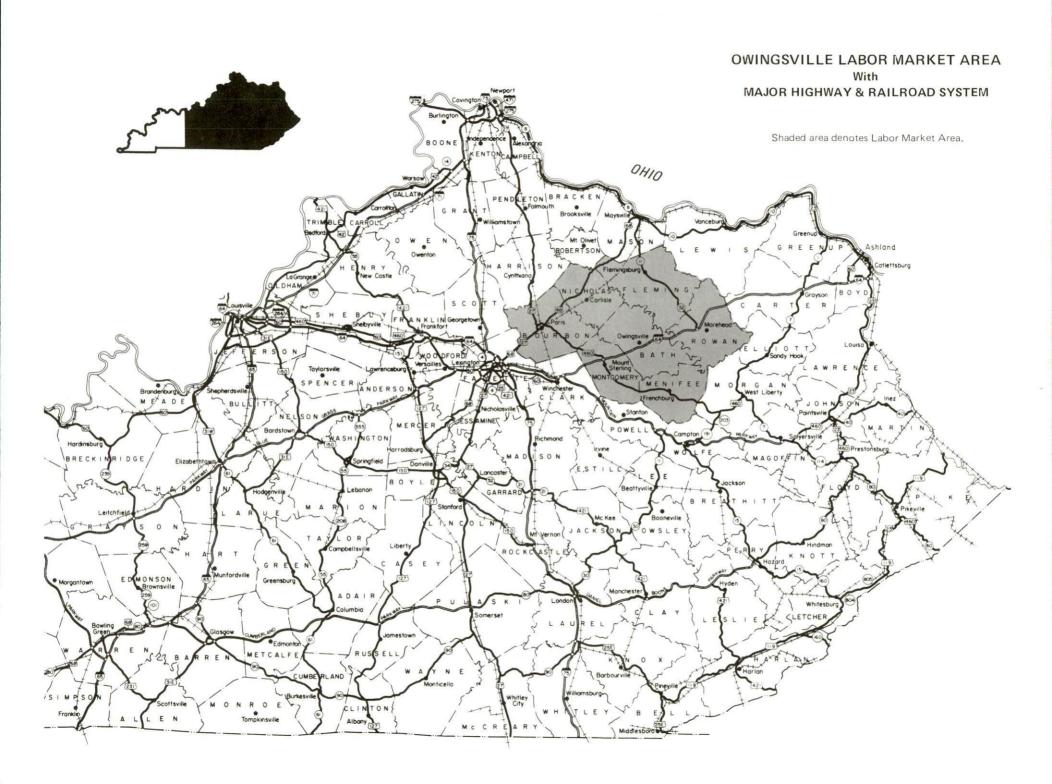
The Economic Framework - The total number of Bath County residents employed in 1991 averaged 4,772. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 143 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 333 jobs; 163 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 429 employees; and contract construction firms provided 163 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 11,788 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 6,889 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Owingsville is served directly by U.S. Highway 60, a "AAA"-rated trucking highway, and Kentucky Highways 36 and 111. Two interchanges of Interstate 64 are located within one mile of Owingsville. Fifteen common carriers provide interstate and/or intrastate trucking service to Owingsville. The nearest commercial airport is the Bluegrass Airport near Lexington, located 52 miles west of Owingsville. The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Airport, 17 miles west of Owingsville, maintains a 4,000-foot paved runway and the Morehead-Rowan County Airport, 16 miles east of Owingsville, has a 2,600-foot paved runway. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service at Winchester, Kentucky, 29 miles southwest.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Owingsville and parts of Bath County by Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Bath County is also served by Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Clark Rural Electric Cooperative. Natural gas service is provided to Owingsville by the Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Owingsville and Bath County by the Bath County School System. Eleven institutions of higher learning are located within 65 miles of Owingsville. The Rowan State Vocational-Technical School at Morehead provides vocational training, while the Montgomery County Area Vocational Education Center provides training facilities in Mt. Sterling.



#### LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Owingsville Labor Market Area includes Bath County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bourbon, Fleming, Menifee, Montgomery, Nicholas, and Rowan.

#### POPULATION

	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	92,951	93,122	82,009
Owingsville	1,491	1,419	1,381
Bath County	9,692	10,025	9,235

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

#### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	1995	2000	2010	2020
Labor Market Area	94,126	94,997	95,665	95,531
Bath County	9,669	9,623	9,510	9,368

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast. Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center.

# ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

		Curr	ent		Future
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996
Labor Market Area* Bath	11,788	3,224	5,099	3,465	6,889
County	1,171	486	511	174	718

<sup>\*</sup> 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).

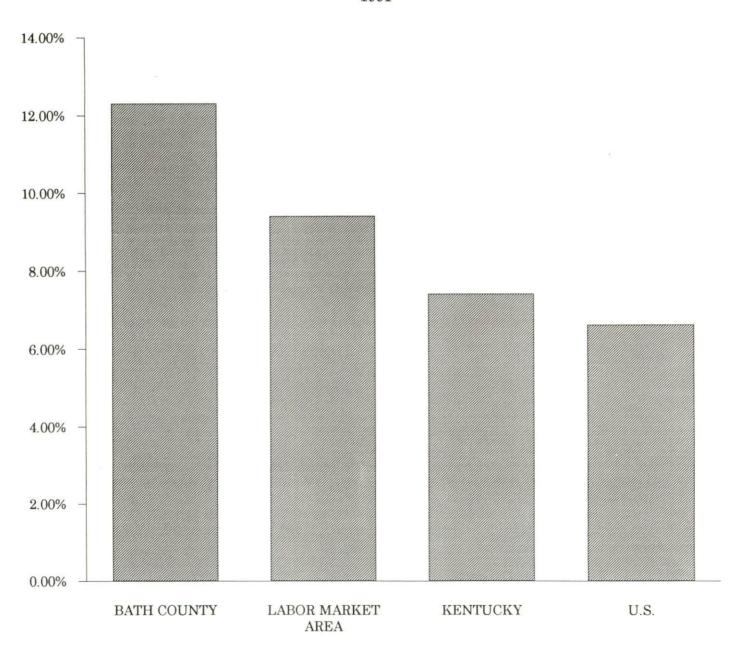
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County</u>, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, <u>Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age</u>, 1992 thru 1996.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1991

	Bath County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	5,441	44,061
Employment	4,772	39,914
Unemployment	669	4,147
Rate of Unemployment (%)	12.3	9.4

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Kentucky Labor Force</u> Estimates, Annual Averages, 1991.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1991

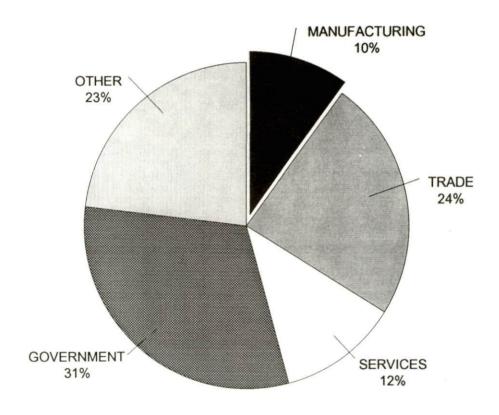


# SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991

nty	Labor Market Area
7	24,835
3	5,219
3	6,310
3	3,790
9	5,676
3	1,263
3	67 43 33 53 29

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.

# BATH COUNTY

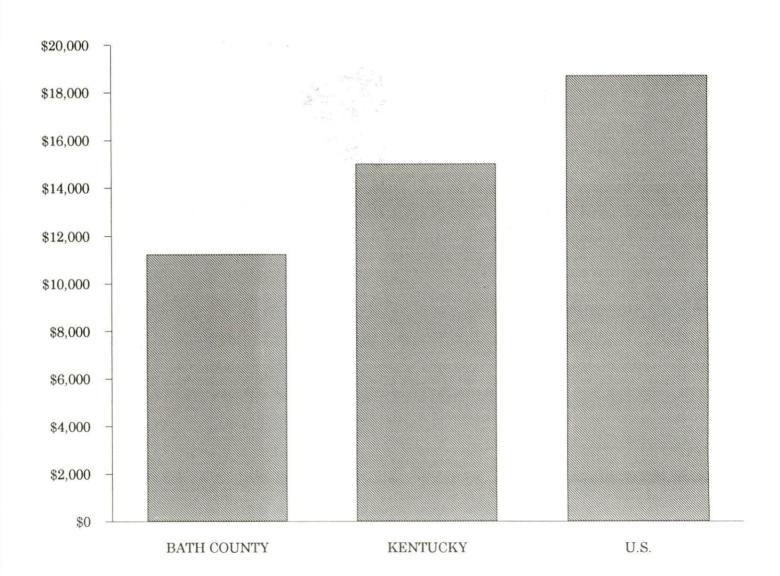


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1986	1990	Percent Change
Bath County	\$7,894	\$11,223	42.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,134 - \$11,735	\$8,206 - \$14,797	
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

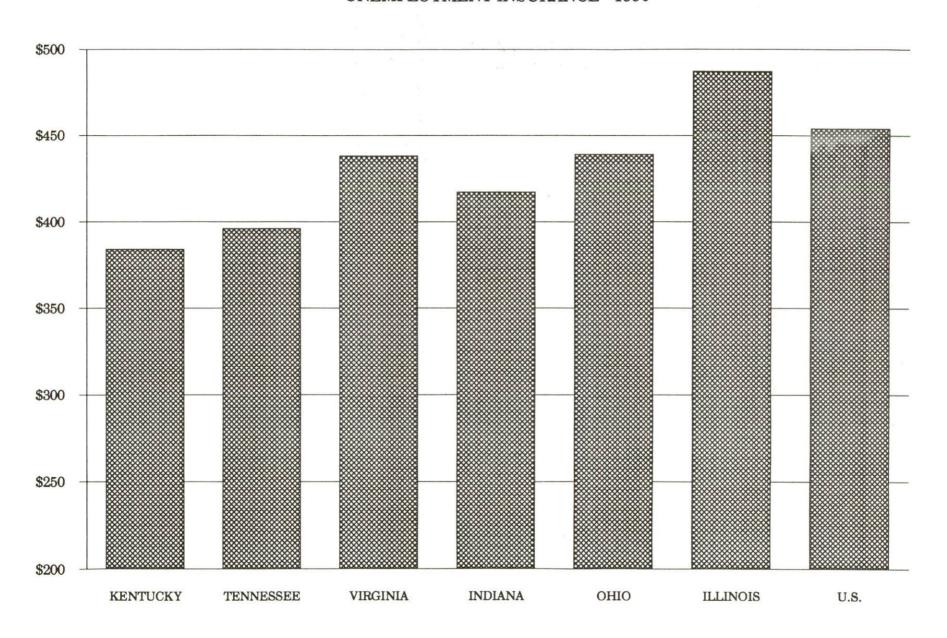
Bath County is served by the Morehead local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Morehead local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 2,702 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS	AVERAGE WAGE(\$)
All Occupations	2,702	4.20
Clerical	484	3.54
Sales	194	3.71
Services (excluding domestic)	514	3.57
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	8	3.49
Processing	16	3.59
Machine Trades	64	3.69
Bench Work	824	3.54
Structural	294	8.69
Motor Freight/ Transportation	39	5.26
Packaging and Materials Handling	214	3.78
Other	11	4.50

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

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

# AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1990



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

		Kentucky		
	Bath	(State-		
	County	Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$263.73	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	0	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	325.55	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	265.58	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications &				
Public Utilities	520.14	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	172.52	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	315.02	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	156.68	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	316.82	392.28	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	<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 &				3 45 1
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

<sup>\*</sup> 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, <u>Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1990</u>. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <u>Employment and Wages</u>, <u>Annual Averages</u>, 1990, November 1991.

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# EXISTING INDUSTRY

# BATH COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm		1992
(Establishment date)	Product	Average Employment
Owingsville		
Bath Manufacturing (1990)	Uniform pants	243
Donohew, Inc. (1985)	Electronic wiring harness,	10
Donotech Manufacturing, Inc. (1982)	electronic subassembly Printed circuit boards, electronic subassembly, electrical industrial apparatus	120
G.G.I., Inc. (1988)	Tool and die, general machining, industrial powder coating	20
Olympia		2
McArthur Lumber and Post Company, Inc. (1984)	Treated lumber, posts and poles	12
Salt Lick		
Reeves & White Wood Products, Inc. (1984)	Wood siding, paneling, wood flooring and moulding	6

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

# LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Owingsville or Bath County at the present time.

# SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Types of Services	Location	Mileage from Owingsville
Custom Plastics Producers	Flemingsburg Lexington	32 48
Electric Motor Repair	Mt. Sterling Morehead	15 20
Heat Treating Facilities	Lexington	48
Industrial Waste Removal	Lexington	48
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Mt. Sterling	15
Metal Castings	Cynthiana	53
Metal Finishers	Lexington	48
Metal Service Centers	Morehead	20
Millwrights and Riggers	Lexington	48

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

#### TRANSPORTATION

# Highway

Owingsville is served directly by U.S. 60, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, and Kentucky Highways 36 and 111. Two interchanges of Interstate 64, a major east-west highway, are located within one mile of Owingsville. The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 26 miles southwest via Interstate 64. Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor, is located 42 miles west via Interstate 64.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM OWINGSVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
City	Miles	City	Milles
Atlanta, GA	411	Los Angeles, CA	2,207
Baltimore, MD	485	Louisville, KY	121
Birmingham, AL	441	Nashville, TN	256
Chicago, IL	390	New Orleans, LA	770
Cincinnati, OH	126	New York, NY	668
Cleveland, OH	365	Pittsburgh, PA	316
Detroit, MI	384	St. Louis, MO	380
Knoxville, TN	219		

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

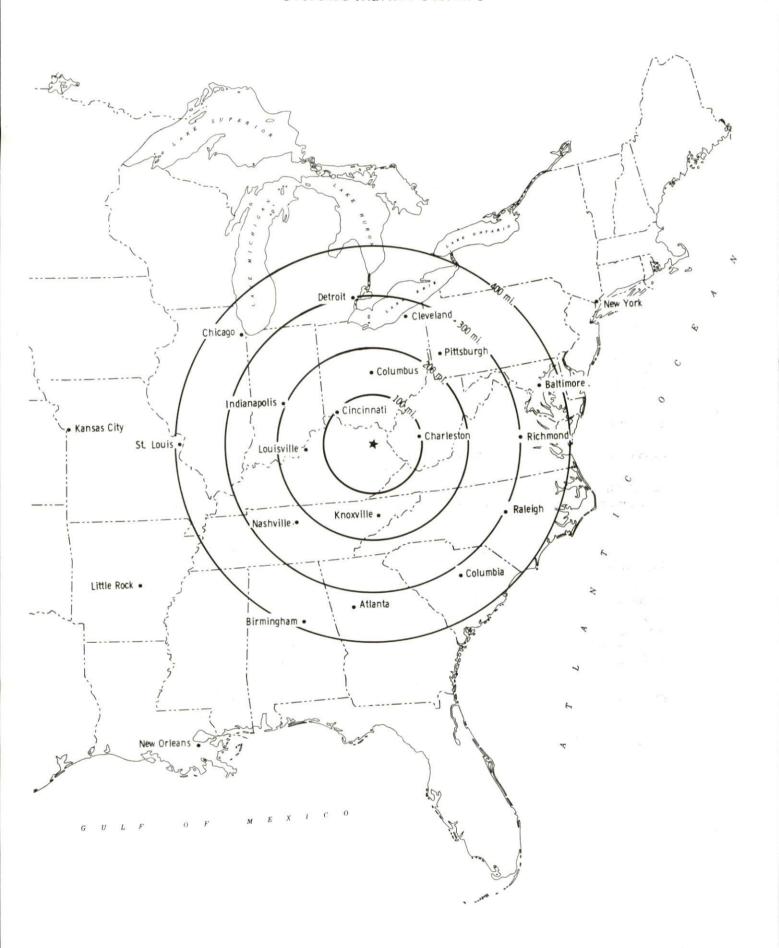
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

## Truck Service

Fifteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Owingsville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1992.

# Selected Market Centers



# Rail

CSX Transportation provides the nearest main line rail service at Winchester, Kentucky, 29 miles southwest. Southern Railway System provides intermodal facilities at Georgetown, Kentucky, 56 miles west.

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

Morehead-Rowan County Airport

Location: 5 miles southwest of Morehead; 16 miles east of

Owingsville

Runways:

Length:

1 paved 2,600 feet

Traffic

Control:

Wind sock, unicom

Lighting:

Runway lights, rotating beacons, lighted wind

Services:

Flight instruction, ground school, aircraft

charter and leasing

Air Freight

Service:

Chartered air freight service must be arranged

Location:

Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Airport 2 miles west of Mt. Sterling, 17 miles west of

Owingsville

Runways:

Length:

1 paved 4,000 feet

Traffic

Control:

Lighting:

Unicom, wind sock, tetrahedron Sunset to sunrise, rotating beacon,

MIRL and REIL

Services:

Minor A & P repairs, jet-A and 100LL fuels,

charter, flight instruction, tie-downs, hangars

Air Freight

Service:

Chartered air freight service must be arranged

# Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Bluegrass Airport

4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; Location:

52 miles west of Owingsville

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 Owingsville and parts of Bath 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 northern portion of Bath County - Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative For industrial rates contact:

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

> > and/or

Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation P.O. Drawer 328 Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041 (800) 464-3144 or (606) 845-2661

Company serving the southern portion of Bath County - Clark Rural Electric Cooperative
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

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

# Natural Gas

Company serving Owingsville - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation For rates and supplies contact:

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

# Public Water Supply

Company serving Owingsville -

Owingsville Water Works

P.O. Box 639

Owingsville, Kentucky 40360

(606) 674-2033

Source -

Slate Creek

Treatment plant capacity -

432,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption -Peak daily consumption -

180,000 gallons 200,000 gallons

Storage capacity -

250,000 gallons

Water pressure -

30 psi to 200 psi

The City of Owingsville is in the process of renovating its existing water treatment plant, replacing existing water lines, installing new fire hydrants and water valves, and constructing a 100,000-gallon elevated water storage tank. The \$642,000 project is scheduled for completion by December 1993.

Company serving Bath County -

Bath County Water District

P.O. Box 369

Salt Lick, Kentucky 40371

(606) 683-6363

Source of treated water -

Morehead Utility Plant Board,

Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer System

Amount of water that can be purchased - 1,000,000 gallons per day (Morehead) 500,000 gallons per day (Mt. Sterling)

Average daily consumption -

650,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption -

780,000 gallons

Storage capacity -

Water pressure -

666,000 gallons

30 psi to 100 psi

Bath County Water District recently completed a project which upgraded several water lines and extended service to 110 new customers at a cost of \$480,000. Funding has been approved and construction is scheduled to begin in July 1993 on a water line upgrade and extension project in the Bath County Water District. 225 new customers will be added, mostly from the Stepstone area. The \$1.3 million project is scheduled for completion by December 1993.

# Sewerage

Company serving Owingsville -

Owingsville Sewer Works

P.O. Box 639

Owingsville, Kentucky 40360

(606) 674-6660

Design capacity -

200,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow -

80,000 gallons

Type of treatment -

Secondary

Treated effluent discharged into - Slate Creek

Construction of six new sewer lift stations are under way in Owingsville. The \$188,500 project will reach completion in December 1993. Plans are in the works for extending sewer service to the Salt Lick and Midland areas of Bath County. The \$3.2 million project will provide service to 491 new customers and the Bath County Sanitation District will be formed.

# CLIMATE

# **Bath County**

# Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90	degrees
Average annual 1991	57.30	degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (47-year record)	103.00	degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (47-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 (47-year record)	15.70	inches
Total precipitation 1991	41.80	inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)		
(47-year record)	129.40	
Mean number days thunderstorms (47-year record)	44.90	

# Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

# Relative Humidity (28-year record, except 1 a.m. - 27-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, <u>Climatological Data</u>, 1991. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Structure

Owingsville is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve a two-year term. Bath County is governed by a county judge/executive and three commissioners. Each county official serves a four-year term.

# Planning and Zoning

City agency - City of Owingsville Planning and Zoning Commission Zoning enforced - Within corporate limits 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

A business license fee ranging from \$15 to \$200 per year, depending on the type of business and the number of employees, is levied on businesses in Owingsville.

# 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

Selected Classes of Property	1991 State Rate	Local Taxation Permitted
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

Taxing Jurisdiction	Real Estate	Finished Goods & Tangibles	Motor <u>Vehicles</u>
Bath County	\$0.2635	\$0.2605	\$0.2420
School Districts: Bath County	0.3890	0.3890	0.2530
Cities: Owingsville	0.3100	0.3100	0.3000

# **EDUCATION**

# Public Schools

	Bath County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1991)	1,813
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	16.5-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	44.4
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$3,348.90

Bath County School System recently completed several building projects including construction of a \$2 million gymnasium at the high school, and installation of air conditioning at Bath County Middle School and at Owingsville Elementary at a total cost of \$874,000. Other structural improvements totaling about \$200,000 are under way at the middle school.

# Area Colleges and Universities

	Location	Enrollment
Name	(Miles distant)	(Fall, 1991)
Morehead State University	Morehead (20)	8,812
Maysville Community College	Maysville (42)	1,231
Lexington Community College	Lexington (48)	4,985
Transylvania University	Lexington (48)	1,038
University of Kentucky	Lexington (48)	24,132
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (50)	16,525
Kentucky Christian College	Grayson (52)	564
Georgetown College	Georgetown (56)	1,547
Midway College	Midway (59)	722
Asbury College	Wilmore (64)	1,081
Berea College	Berea (64)	1,606

# 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.

Kentucky Tech Schools	Location (Mileage from Owingsville)	Number of Program Offerings	Cumulative Enrollment 1991-1992	-
Rowan State Vocational- Technical School	Morehead (20)	12	$\frac{\text{Sec}}{130} \ \frac{\text{P/S}}{329}$	139
Montgomery County Area Vocational Education Center	Mt. Sterling (15)	6	$\frac{\mathrm{Sec}}{261} \frac{\mathrm{P/S}}{82}$	47

# **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 existing, as well as new and expanding businesses and industries. Businesses and industries needing customized training or a continuing education program for its employees should simply contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Kentucky Tech Northeast Region office in Ashland or one located in Morehead.

## **Assessment Services**

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, psychomotor skills and academic potential as well as pre-hire assessment. The Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of Kentucky Tech-Rowan County.

## Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Owingsville, adult literacy services are provided at the Bath County Reading Center and adult basic education is offered through the Bath County Board of Education.

# 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 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 - 6 Dentists - 3

# Hospitals

General Hospital	Location	Beds
Mary Chiles Hospital, Inc.	Mt. Sterling, 15 miles west of Owingsville	104
St. Claire Medical Center	Morehead, 20 miles east of Owingsville	159

# Mary Chiles Hospital, Inc.

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

## St. Claire Medical Center

Medical staff - 42 active physicians, 94 registered nurses, 32 licensed practical nurses

# Other Medical Facilities and Services

Bath County Medical Center Gateway District Health Department Bath County Ambulance Service

# Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Farmers Bank Owingsville Banking Company Salt Lick Deposit Bank

# Newspapers

The Bath County News - Outlook (weekly)

# Telephone Service

General Telephone Company

## RECREATION

# Local

Recreational opportunities in Owingsville include organized Little League Baseball, soccer leagues, and team sports sponsored by the school system. Owingsville has a city park which contains playgrounds, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a baseball diamond, and a dance pavilion. Additional playgrounds, baseball fields, and a football field are also available in Bath County.

A popular tourist attraction, Bourbon Iron Furnace was a maker of cannon balls used in the War of 1812. The Furnace is renowned as the first iron furnace west of the Allegheny Mountains. A roadside park with picnic facilities is located on the grounds.

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

Cave Run Lake, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is located 15 miles east of Owingsville within the 640,000-acre Daniel Boone National Forest. The lake area offers fishing, camping and boating opportunities. In addition, there are hiking trails and picnic areas around the lake.

# Area (Within 60 miles)

Many lectures, concerts, and sporting events at Morehead State University, 20 miles distant, are open to the public.

Lexington, 48 miles west of Owingsville, 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 during several meets each year. The University of Kentucky and Transylvania University each offer a number of sporting events. The University of Kentucky basketball games are held at Rupp Arena. Other attractions include Lexington Philharmonic concerts, Lexington Children's Theatre, and plays performed by Broadway touring companies, which are held at the 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. The Lexington Children's Museum, also at Victorian Square features exhibits which are both educational and entertaining.

Blue Licks Battlefield State Park Fort Boonesborough State Park Carter Caves State Resort Park Natural Bridge State Resort Park White Hall State Historic Site The Kentucky Horse Park Waveland State Historic Site Grayson Lake State Park

#### COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

#### Recent

Bath County Water District recently completed a project which upgraded several water lines and extended service to 110 new customers at a cost of \$480,000.

Bath County School System recently completed several building projects including construction of a \$2 million gymnasium at the high school, and installation of air conditioning at Bath County Middle School and at Owingsville Elementary at a total cost of \$874,000. Other structural improvements totaling about \$200,000 are under way at the middle school.

Bath County Health Department recently under went a major renovation project. The \$1.5 million improvement modernized the entire facility.

The former Lions Club meeting facility was recently renovated and converted into the Bath County Community Center at a cost of \$197,000. Facilities include a large meeting area for gatherings and a kitchen.

Bath County Medical Center recently opened its doors in Owingsville. The facility is funded through St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead.

A private 25-unit apartment complex for senior citizens and a 30-unit housing development were recently constructed in Owingsville.

# Under Way

The City of Owingsville is in the process of renovating its existing water treatment plant, replacing existing water lines, installing new fire hydrants and water valves, and constructing a 100,000-gallon elevated water storage tank. The \$642,000 project is scheduled for completion by December 1993.

Funding has been approved and construction is scheduled to begin in July 1993 on a water line upgrade and extension project in the Bath County Water District. 225 new customers will be added, mostly from the Stepstone area. The \$1.3 million project is scheduled for completion by December 1993.

Construction of six new sewer lift stations are under way in Owingsville. The \$188,500 project will reach completion in December 1993.

Salt Lick Deposit Bank is currently constructing a new bank in downtown Owingsville.

The Bath County Courthouse is undergoing a major restoration project which involves sandblasting, painting, and some reconstruction.

#### Planned

Plans are in the works for extending sewer service to the Salt Lick and Midland areas of Bath County. The \$3.2 million project will provide service to 491 new customers and the Bath County Sanitation District will be formed.