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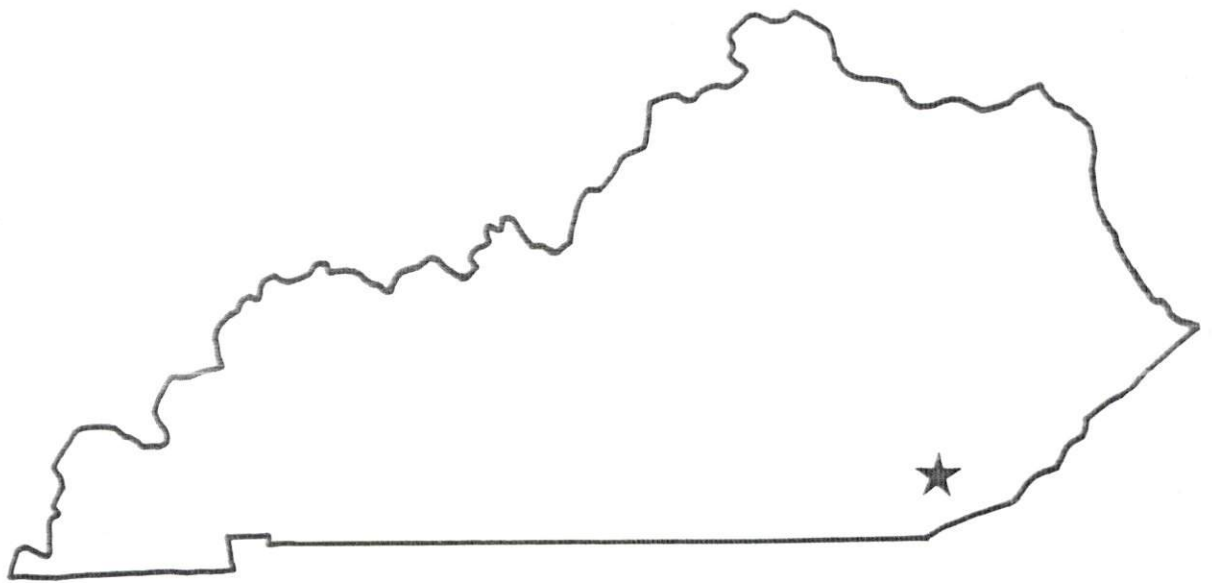
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**RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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# Middlesboro & Pineville

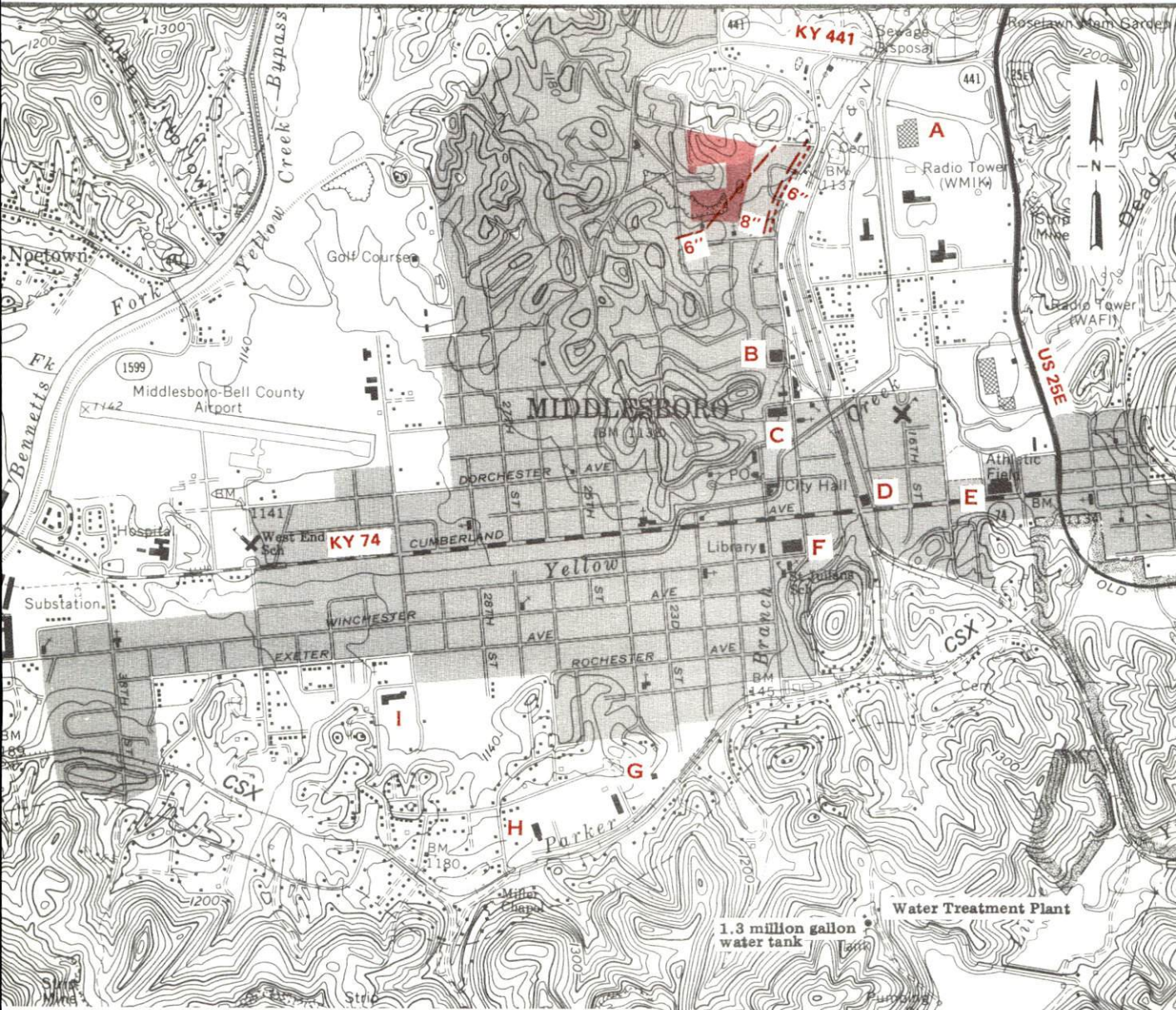


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**KENTUCKY**  
Open for Business

# MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY --- Site 188 --- 13.6 Acres

For more information contact the Cabinet for Economic Development, Department of Business Development, Industrial Development & Marketing Division, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 (502-564-7140)



**LOCATION:** Within northcentral city limits  
**ZONING:** Industrial (I-2)  
**HIGHWAY ACCESS:** KY 2079 (19th Street) approximately 700 feet from northeast boundary via paved access road  
**RAILROAD:** CSX line approximately 700 feet east across KY 2079 (19th Street) Spur approximately 200 feet southeast  
**WATER:** Kentucky Water Service Company  
 Size Line: 6-inch line approximately 400 feet east along west side of KY 2079 (19th Street)  
**SEWERAGE:** Middlesboro Sewerage Commission  
 Size Line: 8-inch line approximately 400 feet east along west side of KY 2079 (19th Street)  
**NATURAL GAS:** Delta Natural Gas Company  
 Size Line: 6-inch line passes through site  
**ELECTRICITY:** Kentucky Utilities Company  
**OPTIONED BY:** Pineville - Middlesboro - Bell County Industrial Foundation  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Middlesboro Independent

**SCALE:** 1 inch = 2,000 feet  
**CONTOUR INTERVAL:** 20 feet  
**BASE:** USGS 7.5 minute series - 1974  
 Photoinspected - 1976

**UTILITIES**  
 - - - - - Water Line  
 - - - - - Sewer Line  
 - - - - - Gas Line

- Existing Industries**
- A** Cowden Manufacturing Company
  - B** J. R. Hoe & Sons Inc.
  - C** Bell Concrete Industries Inc.
  - D** Martin Mfg. Corp.
  - E** Middlesboro Coca Cola Bottling Inc.
  - F** Denim Finishers
  - G** Dura Line Corp.
  - H** Cumberland Gap Provision Co.
  - I** Available Industrial Bldg. (59,000 sq. ft.)

RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MIDDLESBORO & PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY

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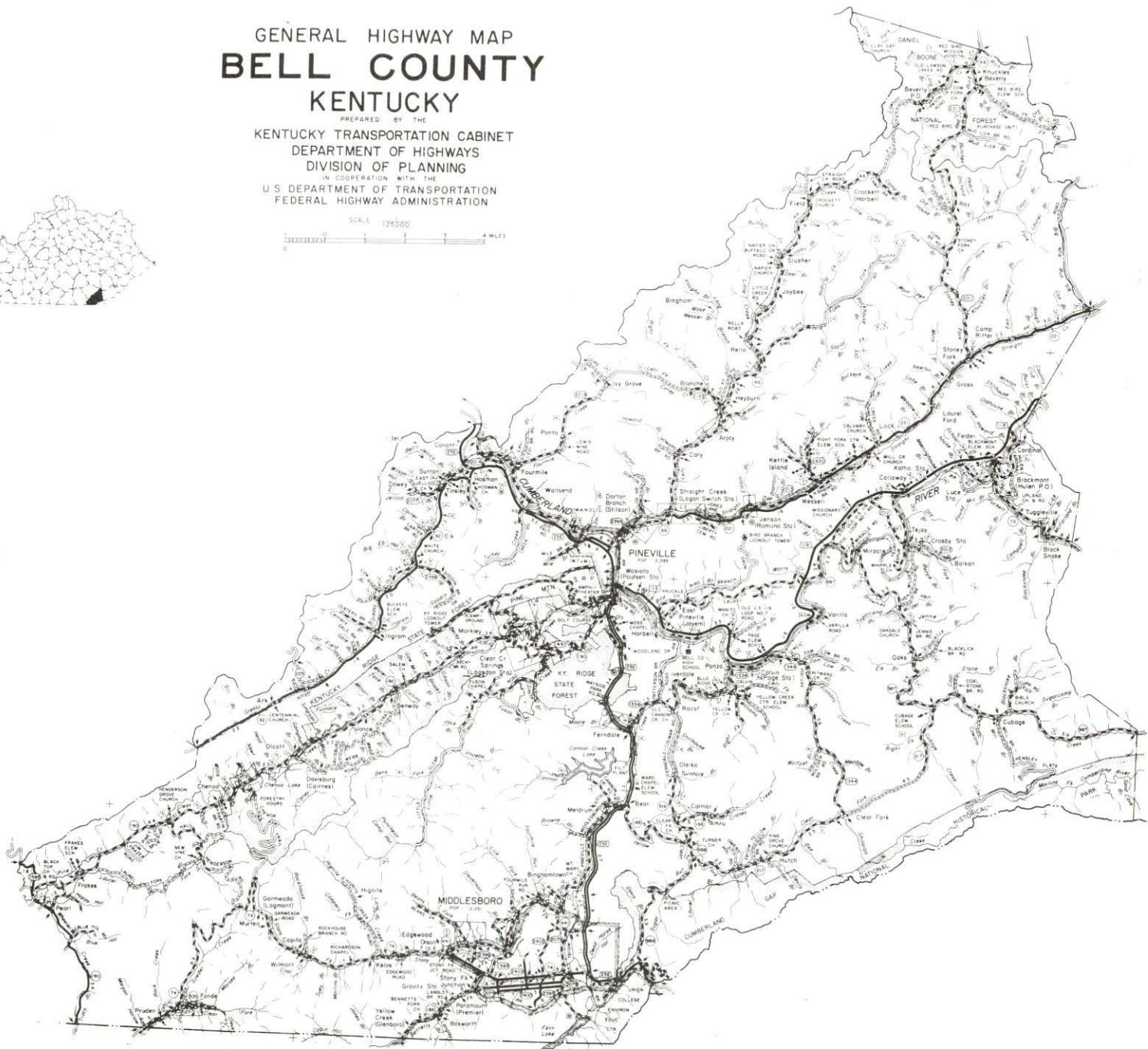
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**BELL COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
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## MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Middlesboro is Bell County's largest city. The city had an estimated 1986 population of 11,900. Located in the southeastern corner of the state, Middlesboro is only a few miles from the Tennessee and Virginia state lines. Middlesboro is 59 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; 133 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 205 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 211 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 252 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia.

Pineville is the county seat of Bell County and is located 13 miles north of Middlesboro. In 1986, Pineville had an estimated population of 3,040.

Bell County covers 361 square miles and is situated in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky. In 1986, Bell County had an estimated population of 33,901.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Bell County residents employed in 1987 averaged 9,302. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,064 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,483 jobs; 1,622 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,341 employees; contract construction firms provided 402 jobs; and 1,533 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 21,699 men and 24,575 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1988 through 1992, 8,489 young men and 7,917 young women in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Rail service is provided to Middlesboro and Pineville by the CSX Transportation Company. Middlesboro is also served by the Norfolk Southern Railway. Middlesboro is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 58 and Kentucky Highway 74. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119 and Kentucky Highways 66 and 221. Interstate 75 is 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro and 35 miles northwest of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is 55 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 68 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Thirteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Middlesboro and/or Pineville. The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport is equipped with a 3,650-foot runway which can accommodate light aircraft. The nearest scheduled airline service is available in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the McGhee Tyson Airport, 71 miles southwest of Middlesboro.

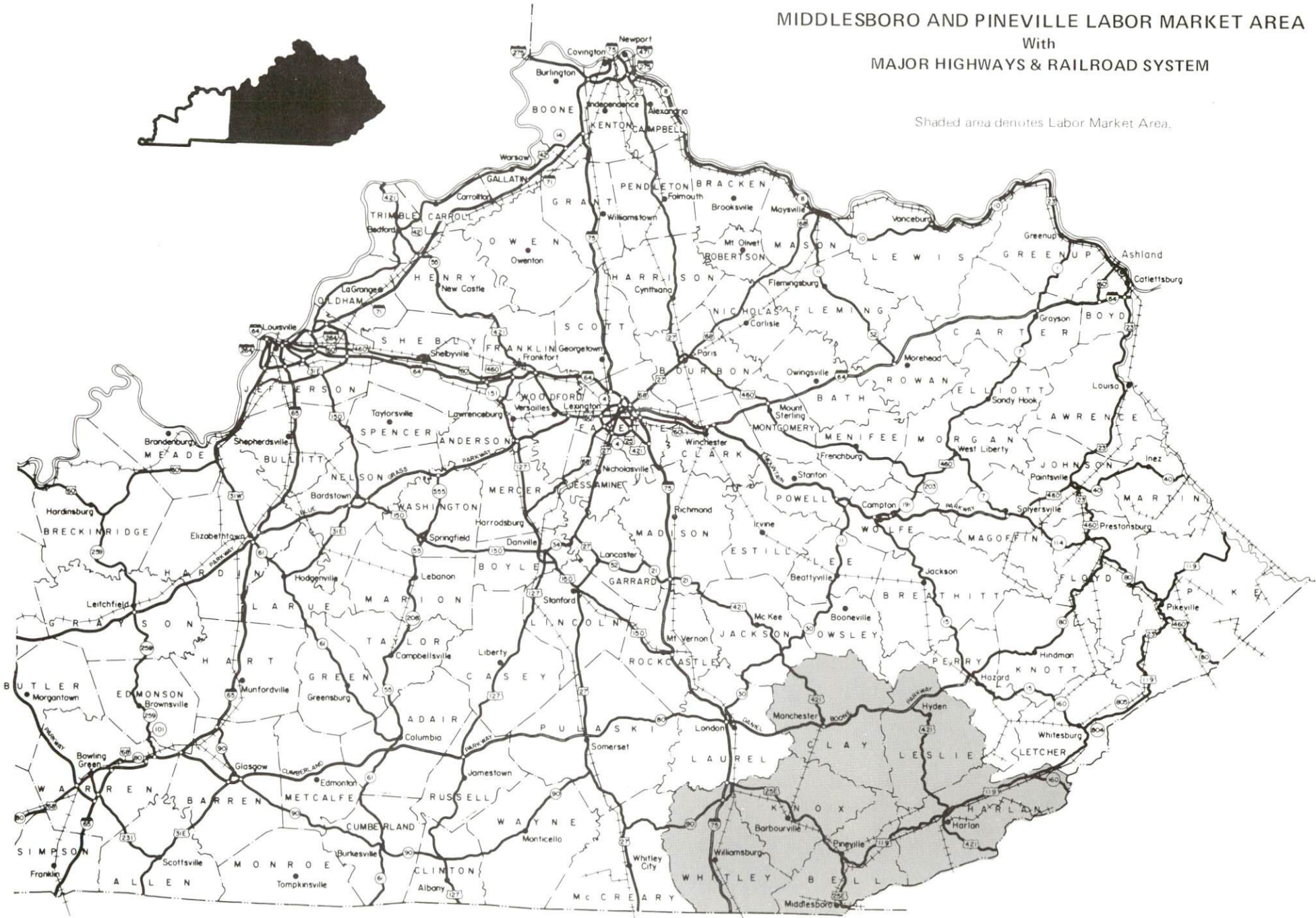
**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Middlesboro, Pineville and Bell County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Natural gas service is provided to both Middlesboro and Pineville by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

**Education** - Three public school systems operate in Bell County: the Middlesboro Independent School System, the Pineville Independent School System, and the Bell County School System. There are 13 institutions of higher learning within 110 miles of Middlesboro. Vocational education is available at the Harlan State Vocational-Technical School, 46 miles from Middlesboro. Two vocational education centers are located in Pineville - the Bell County Area Vocational Education Center and the Cumberland Valley Health Occupations Center.

# MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

## With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Middlesboro and Pineville Labor Market Area includes Bell County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie and Whitley.

### POPULATION

Area	1986*	1980	1970	Percent Nonwhite
				1980
Middlesboro	11,900	12,251	11,878	6.2
Pineville	3,040	2,599	2,817	5.5
Labor Market Area	180,425	177,488	146,429	-
Bell County	33,901	34,330	31,121	2.8
Clay County	23,611	22,752	18,481	1.7
Harlan County	41,930	41,889	37,370	5.0
Knox County	29,947	30,239	23,689	1.3
Leslie County	15,249	14,882	11,623	0.2
Whitley County	35,787	33,396	24,145	0.9

\* Population estimates.

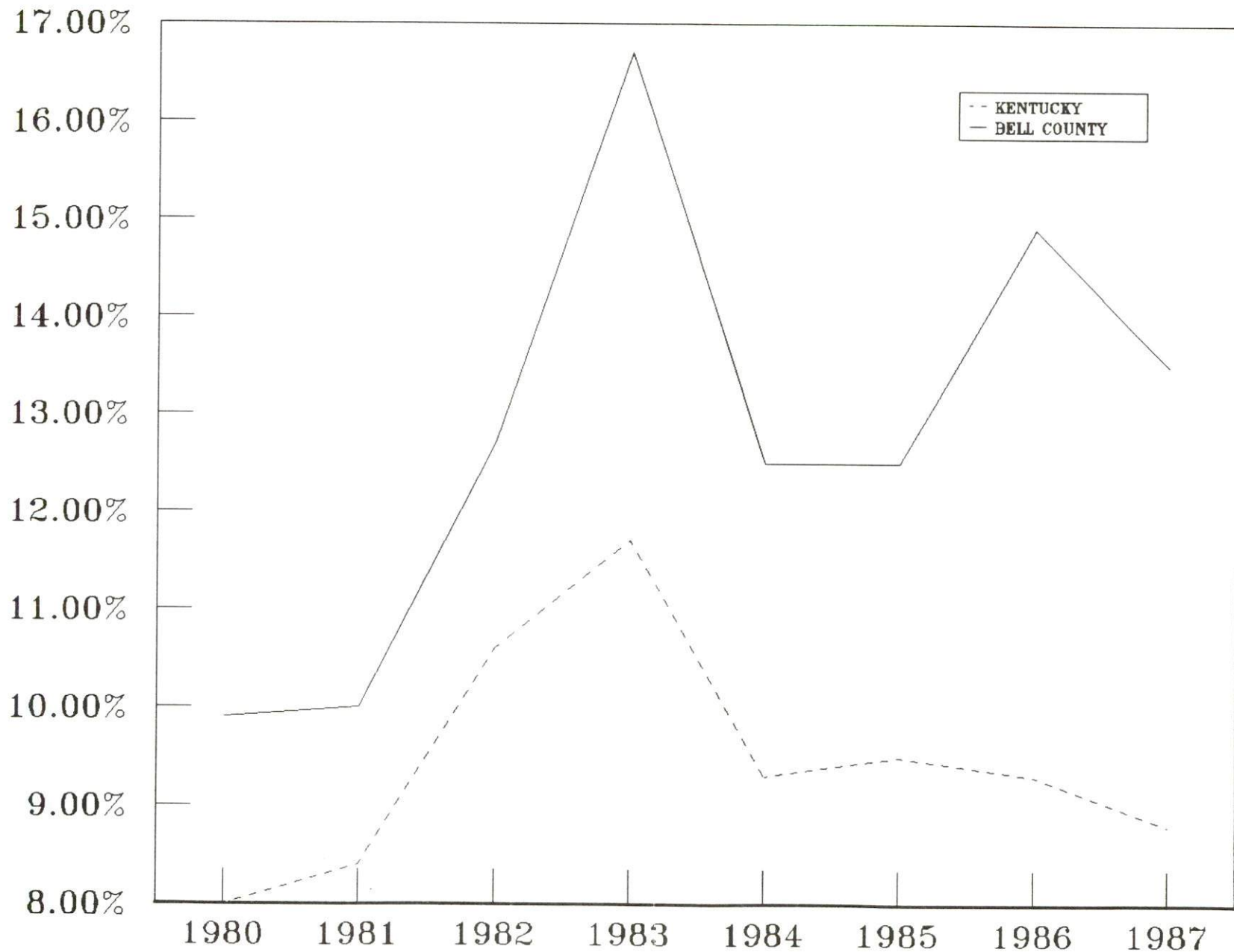
Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, Population Unit.

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Area	1990	1995	2000	2010
Labor Market Area	187,342	194,830	201,311	211,694
Bell County	34,820	35,234	35,375	34,954
Clay County	25,133	26,687	28,118	30,656
Harlan County	42,267	42,999	43,440	43,638
Knox County	31,469	32,955	34,280	36,458
Leslie County	15,870	16,388	16,811	17,305
Whitley County	37,783	40,567	43,287	48,683

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center, Newsletter Vol. Nos. 3/4, March/June 1988.

# UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1987**

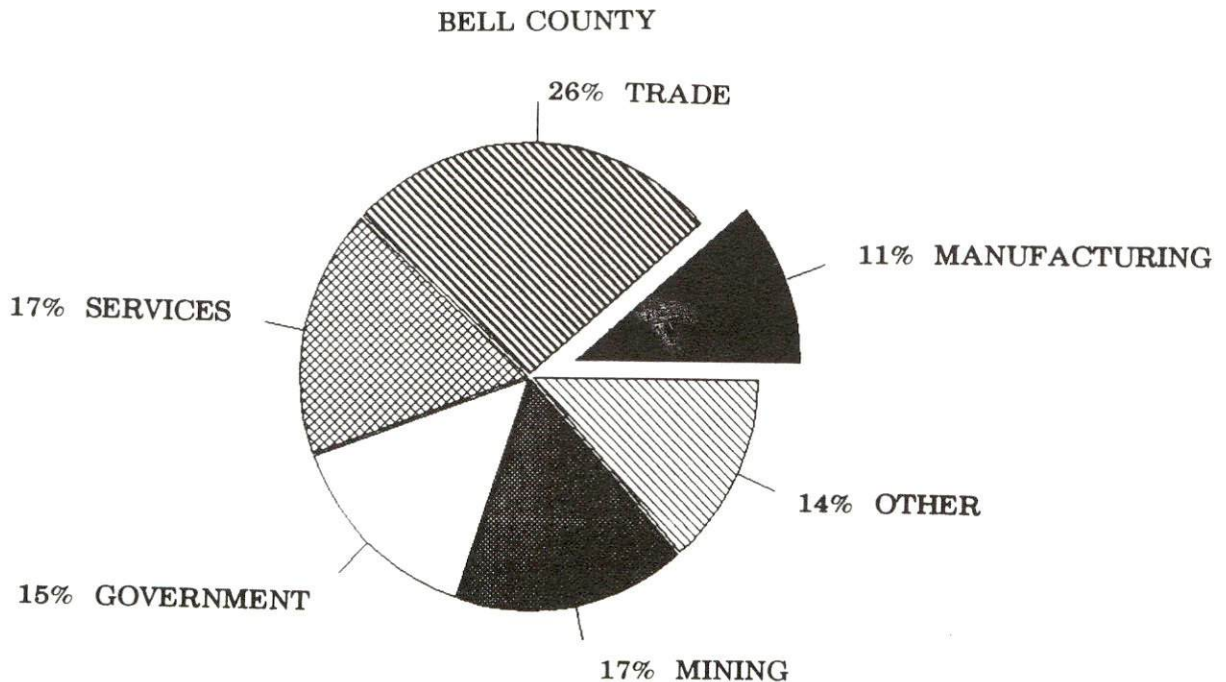
	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	10,946	54,703
Employment	9,465	47,252
Unemployment	1,481	7,451
Rate of Unemployment (%)	13.5	13.6

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1987.

**SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1987**

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	9,302	39,143
Manufacturing	1,064	3,818
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,483	9,942
Services	1,622	6,351
State/Local Government	1,341	7,050
Mining & Quarrying	1,533	7,662

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, 1987.



ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY  
MIDDLESBORO & PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current				Future
	Total Male	Unemployed	Under-employed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1988 thru 1992
Labor Market Area*	21,699	5,405	3,918	12,376	8,489
Bell	3,823	1,178	709	1,936	1,656
Clay	3,260	732	489	2,039	1,186
Harlan	4,728	1,407	822	2,499	1,973
Knox	3,115	606	599	1,910	1,456
Leslie	2,453	444	361	1,648	723
Whitley	4,320	1,038	938	2,344	1,495

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY  
MIDDLESBORO & PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current				Future
	Total Female	Unemployed	Under-employed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1988 thru 1992
Labor Market Area*	24,575	2,703	3,153	18,719	7,917
Bell	4,588	454	487	3,647	1,545
Clay	3,055	316	391	2,348	1,075
Harlan	6,249	754	657	4,838	1,902
Knox	3,741	421	536	2,784	1,389
Leslie	2,404	133	180	2,091	687
Whitley	4,538	625	902	3,011	1,319

\* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Underemployed - 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, 1986. Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1988 thru 1992.

## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

Bell County is served by the Middlesboro local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Middlesboro 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, 1988, the local employment office filled 1,136 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,136	3.97
Clerical	152	3.83
Sales	111	3.61
Services (excluding domestic)	376	3.30
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	1	5.00
Processing	15	4.34
Machine Trades	12	5.42
Bench Work	222	3.35
Structural	46	5.83
Motor Freight/ Transportation	12	3.82
Packaging and Materials Handling	99	3.83
Other	51	9.48

The Middlesboro local office serves Bell County only. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

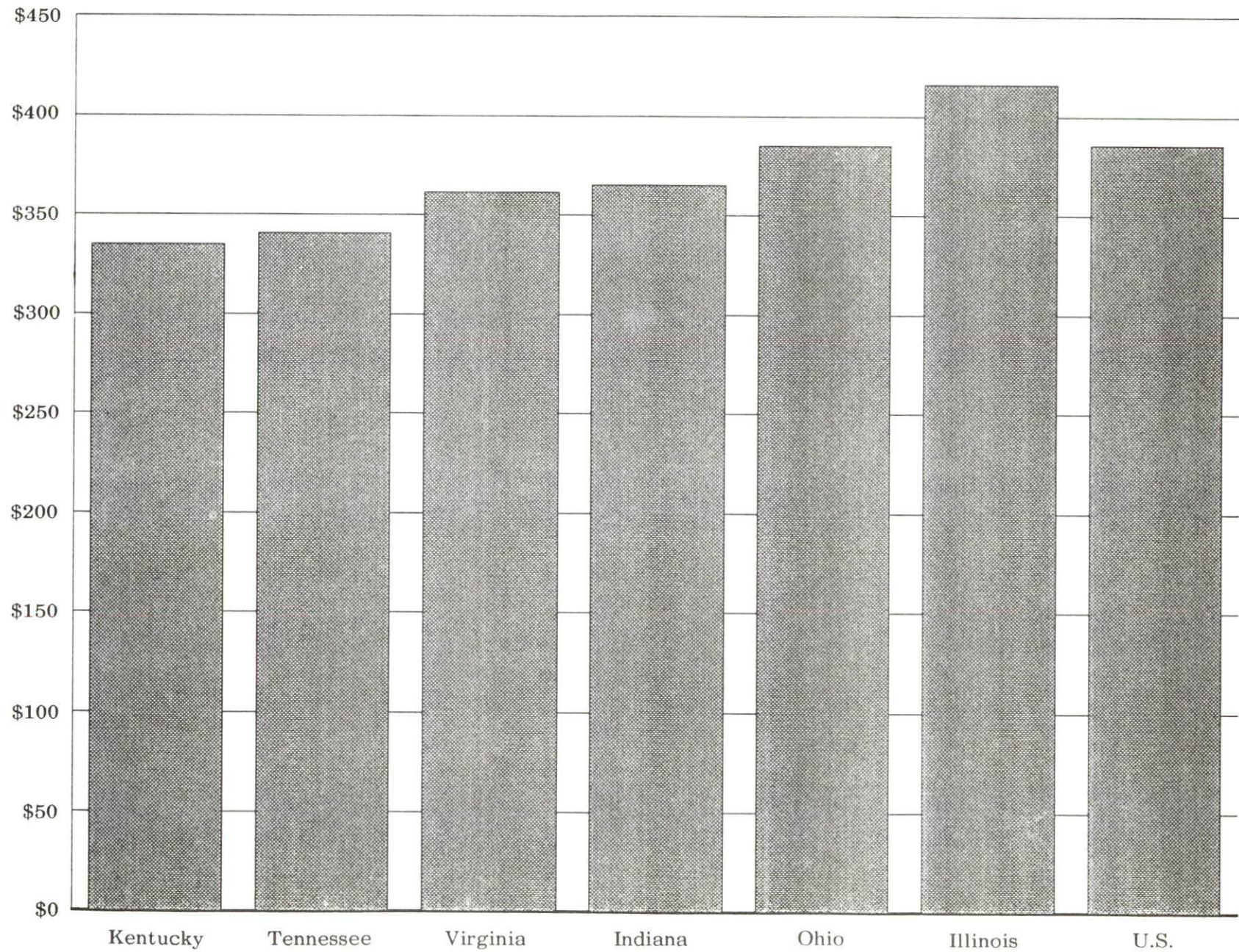
Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Employment Services.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Bell County	\$7,140	\$8,237	15.4
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,900 - 7,743	\$6,480 - 8,777	-
Kentucky	9,277	11,342	22.3
U.S.	11,480	14,636	27.5

Sources: Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1988.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE F.Y. 1986-87





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1987

	Bell County	Clay County	Harlan County
All Industries	\$324.86	\$387.16	\$366.72
Mining & Quarrying	548.74	601.58	572.81
Contract Construction	355.01	155.16	397.93
Manufacturing	290.86	261.15	322.63
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	390.17	363.71	342.31
Wholesale & Retail Trade	198.88	214.82	195.15
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	333.21	270.04	336.90
Services	296.35	235.59	305.63
State/Local Government	330.04	308.36	290.86
Other	228.41	*	*
	Knox County	Leslie County	Whitley County
All Industries	\$271.79	\$272.57	\$278.95
Mining & Quarrying	331.70	401.75	479.96
Contract Construction	308.01	*	275.70
Manufacturing	341.09	*	280.54
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	371.41	331.41	288.40
Wholesale & Retail Trade	205.22	168.09	224.51
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	269.29	267.67	272.86
Services	211.37	*	271.27
State/Local Government	284.61	265.05	292.70
Other	*	*	241.18

\* Not disclosed.

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, 1987.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

BELL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1987</u> <u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Labor</u> <u>Unions</u>
Middlesboro			
Baker Mine Service (1967)	Sprockets, gears, shafts, mine machinery repair	17	
Bell Concrete Industries, Inc. (1966)	Packaged cement mixes, precast concrete pro- ducts, ready mixed concrete	46	
Bell Printing Company (1916)	Letterpress printing, offset printing	4	
Cowden Manufacturing Company (1976)	Men's & boys' jeans	239	Clothing & Textile Workers*
Cumberland Gap Provision Company (1979)	Meat processing	175	
Denim Finishers (1977)	Fabric finishing, apparel	75	
Dura Line Corporation (1971)	Plastic pipe	53	
J. R. Hoe & Sons, Inc. (1909)	Coal preparation equipment, gray iron castings, fabricated structural steel	42	
Martin Manufacturing Corporation (1922)	Elastic webbing, yarn bleaching & dyeing, athletic supporters	14	

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<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1987</u> <u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Labor</u> <u>Unions</u>
Middlesboro Coca Cola Bottling, Inc. (1904)	Soft drinks	114	
Middlesboro Daily News (1916)	Newspaper	40	
Middlesboro Tanning Company of Delaware (1960)	Tanning & coloring leather	99	Food & Commer- cial Workers*
Swanson Plating and Machine of Kentucky, Inc. (1986)	Chrome plating; mining equipment & parts, manu- factured & rebuilt	44	
Three States Printing Company (1948)	Job printing	5	
Tri-State Concrete (1982)	Ready mixed concrete, concrete products	10	
<b>Pineville</b>			
Delaware Powder Company (1964)	Explosives	40	
Paul Elliott Lumber (1947)	Cap boards, mine timbers, cross ties	11	
Stoney Fork Brock Lumber, Inc. (1969)	Mine timber, lumber for manufacturing	7	

\* See Labor Organizations on next page.

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Development, 1988 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers; Division of Research and Planning.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Unions</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO	Cowden Manufacturing Company
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	Middlesboro Tanning Company of Delaware

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Service</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Middlesboro</u>
Custom Data Processing	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Custom Plastics Producers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Richmond, Kentucky	109
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	109
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Industrial Gases	Corbin, Kentucky	47
	London, Kentucky	59
	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Industrial Waste Removal	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Harlan, Kentucky	46
	Corbin, Kentucky	47
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	109
Metal Service Centers	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Millwrights	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Public Warehouse Facilities	Daville, Kentucky	115

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1987; Division of Research and Planning.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Line serving Middlesboro - CSX Transportation Company

Services - Branch line; nearest piggyback facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee, 59 miles southwest of Middlesboro

Line serving Middlesboro - Norfolk Southern Corporation

Services - Main line; nearest piggyback facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee, 80 miles southwest of Middlesboro

Line serving Pineville - CSX Transportation Company

Services - Main line; nearest piggyback facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee, 72 miles southwest of Pineville

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

Manager  
Industrial Development  
CSX Transportation  
908 West Broadway  
P. O. Box 2157  
Louisville, Kentucky 40201  
(502) 587-7746

and/or

District Sales Manager  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
1402 South 15th Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40210  
(502) 636-6023

### Highways

U.S. Highway 25E, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) highway, U.S. Highway 58 and Kentucky Highway 74 serve Middlesboro. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, both "AAA"-rated, and Kentucky 221 and 66.

Interstate 75 is 35 miles northwest of Pineville and 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro via U.S. 25E. The 13-mile section of U.S. 25E between Middlesboro and Pineville is a multilane highway. Interstate 81 is 55 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 68 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E.

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Construction of a combination four-lane highway and floodwall, in Pineville, is under way. The new four-lane highway, which will be erected atop the 25-foot floodwall, will replace the existing two-lane highway that runs through town. The \$59 million project will be completed in 1989.

Construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel, a four-lane, 4,100-foot tunnel, which will replace the existing 3.75-mile section of U.S. 25E that travels over the mountain, is under way. The tunnel, which is to be completed in 1992, will play a major role in connecting Interstate 75 at Corbin to Interstate 81 at White Pine, Tennessee.

### Truck Service

ANR Freight System, Inc.*	Middlewest Freightways, Inc.*
American Freight System, Inc.**	Overnite Transportation Company*
Averitt Express, Inc.*	Priority Freight Systems, Inc.**
Bailey's Express, Inc.*	Quick Freight Systems*
Buske Lines, Inc.**	Skyline Transportation, Inc.**
Humboldt Express, Inc.*	Yellow Freight Systems, Inc.*
Manning Motor Express, Inc.*	

\* Interstate and intrastate service.

\*\* Interstate service only.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1988.

### HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery		City	Highway Miles	Delivery	
		Time TL				Time TL	
Atlanta, GA	252	1		Los Angeles, CA	2,261	4	
Baltimore MD	530	2		Louisville, KY	205	1	
Birmingham, AL	313	1		Nashville, TN	236	1	
Chicago, IL	485	1		New Orleans, LA	655	2	
Cincinnati, OH	211	1		New York, NY	726	3	
Cleveland, OH	450	1		Pittsburgh, PA	476	1	
Detroit, MI	470	1		St. Louis, MO	468	1	
Knoxville, TN	59	1					

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, 1987. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980. Delivery time - Overnite Transportation Company, P. O. Box 236, East Bernstadt, Kentucky.

**Air**

Local

Middlesboro-Bell County Airport  
1 mile west of Middlesboro

Location: 1 mile west of Middlesboro  
Runways: 1 paved  
Length: 3,650 feet  
Traffic  
Control: Wind sock, Unicom  
Lighting: None  
Services: 100LL and Jet A, major and minor A & P repairs, general flying service, taxi, aircraft inspection and authorization

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

McGhee Tyson Airport  
10 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee;  
71 miles south of Middlesboro

Location: 10 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee;  
71 miles south of Middlesboro  
Runways: 2 paved  
Length: 9,000 feet and 6,000 feet  
Traffic  
Control: Control tower  
Lighting: Beacon, runway  
Services: Delta, United, USAir, Comair, Northwest, Eastern Metro Express, Piedmont, American Eagle, Braniff, TransWorld Express; fuel - 100, jet-A; tie-downs, hangars; minor A & P repairs, major Avionics repairs, APU charter, flight instruction, oxygen, plane rental, U.S. Customs; limousine, car rental, public transit; weather information; restaurant, snack bar, hotel

Air Freight Service: Air freight terminal

## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

Company serving Middlesboro, Pineville and the majority of Bell  
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) 255-1461

Company serving a small portion of southwest Bell County - Cumberland  
Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division  
East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
P. O. Box 707  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Cumberland Valley RECC  
Highway 25E  
Gray, Kentucky 40734  
(606) 528-2677

### Natural Gas

Company serving Middlesboro - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Sources of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and local  
production  
Size of transmission mains - 8-inch (supplier); 6-inch (distributor)  
Distribution mains - 2 through 6 inches  
Distribution pressure - 15 to 90 psi  
Btu content - 1,100 per cubic foot  
Specific gravity - 0.65  
For rates and supplies contact:

Manager of Marketing and Public Relations  
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Route 1, Box 30-A  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-6171



Company serving Pineville - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Sources of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and local  
production  
Size of transmission mains - 8-inch (supplier); 6-inch (distributor)  
Distribution mains - 2 through 4 inches  
Distribution pressure - 5 to 25 psi  
Btu content - 1,100 per cubic foot  
Specific gravity - 0.65  
For rates and supplies contact:

Manager of Marketing and Public Relations  
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Route 1, Box 30-A  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-6171

## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Public Water Supply

Company serving Middlesboro - Kentucky Water Service Company, Inc.\*  
P. O. Box 818  
2103 Cumberland Avenue  
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965  
(606) 248-5730

Source - Fern Lake

Treatment plant capacity - 3,000,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 1,550,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 1,924,000 gallons

Treatment processes - Coagulation, sedimentation, chlorination,  
flocculation, filtration, fluoridation

Storage capacity - 2,500,000 gallons

Size lines - 2 to 24 inches

Water pressure - 90 to 125 psi

### MONTHLY WATER RATES

First	1,000 gallons	\$5.20 (Minimum)
Next	9,000 gallons	2.05 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	1.95 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	1.80 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	1.65 per M gallons
Over	100,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons

An additional surcharge of 56.43 cents per M gallons is charged

### Minimum Monthly Charges

5/8- or 3/4-inch meter	\$ 5.20
1- or 1 1/4-inch meter	15.45
1 1/2-inch meter	29.50
2-inch meter	45.88
3-inch meter	128.26
4-inch meter	221.65
6-inch meter	452.65

Tap-on charge: None (Except by specific contract to subdivisions not on main line, for which the company will reimburse the contractor expenses equivalent to the cost of 50 feet of extension)

\* Improvements totaling \$400,000 have recently taken place at the Kentucky Water Services Company. The improvements increased treatment from 2,500,000 gpd to 3,000,000 gpd; increased distribution lines size to east Middlesboro from 4" to 8"; looped and increased line size on Kentucky 441 and North Belt Line from 4" to 8"; increased line size from 2" to 6" in Dunlap Branch and Beans Fork and Evans Drive.

Company serving Pineville - Pineville Water System\*  
P. O. Box 277  
Pineville, Kentucky 40977  
(606) 337-6611

Source - Cannon Creek  
Treatment plant capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 1,100,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 1,500,000 gallons  
Treatment processes - Coagulation, sedimentation, chlorination,  
flocculation, filtration, fluoridation, aeration, rapid mix  
Storage capacity - 1,400,000 gallons, including clear well  
Size lines - 2 to 12 inches  
Water pressure - 30 to 130 psi

MONTHLY WATER RATES

First	1,000 gallons	\$4.75 (Minimum)
Next	9,000 gallons	2.20 per M gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	1.85 per M gallons
Over	30,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons

Tap-on charge:

5/8-inch residential -	\$150
1-inch residential -	\$250
All other sizes -	Actual cost

**Sewerage**

Company serving Middlesboro - Middlesboro Sewerage Commission\*\*  
P. O. Box 596  
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965  
(606) 248-1500 or (606) 248-5670

Design capacity - 3,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 2,200,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Primary and secondary  
Treatment processes - Screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation,  
vacuum filter, extended aeration, secondary sedimentation,  
chlorination, sludge drying beds  
Treated effluent discharged into - Yellow Creek  
Size of sanitary mains - 6 to 24 inches  
Size of storm mains - 8 to 48 inches  
Monthly rates - All customers are charged \$3.23 per 1,000 gallons used

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\* The Pineville Water System recently completed construction of 15 miles of 6- and 8-inch water mains. The total cost of the project was \$900,000. Also, completed was 1.5 miles of a 6-inch water main and a 100,000-gallon storage tank in the Clear Creek area. Cost of this project was \$200,000.

\*\* The Middlesboro Sewer Commission recently completed a new three-million-gallon-per-day sewerage treatment plant. Also included in the \$12 million project was the construction of a main pumping station and force mains. A \$750,00 sewer line extension project is also being planned for Middlesboro.

<u>Type of Effluent</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Biochemical oxygen demand loading in excess of 350 mg/l per day	\$0.36 per pound
Suspended solids loading in excess of 350 mg/l per day	\$0.40 per pound
Ammonia nitrogen loading in excess of 20 mg/l per day	\$0.67 per pound

Tap-on charge: \$100

Company serving Pineville - Pineville Municipal Sanitation Commission  
P. O. Box 222  
Pineville, Kentucky 40977  
(606) 337-6614

Design capacity - 350,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - At capacity  
Type of treatment - Primary and secondary  
Treatment processes - Screening, grit removal, extended aeration,  
activated sludge, chlorination, aerobic digester  
Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River  
Size of sanitary mains - 4 to 18 inches  
Size of storm mains - 6 to 72 inches  
Monthly rates - 65% of monthly bill  
Tap-on charge: \$150

## CLIMATE

### Bell County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	58.80 degrees
Average annual 1986	59.50 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (45-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (45-year record)	-24.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	3,658

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	47.29 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	12.40 inches
Total precipitation 1986	32.48 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (44-year record)	126.50
Mean number days thunderstorms (44-year record)	46.80

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

#### Relative Humidity (26-year record)

1 a.m.	80 percent
7 a.m.	85 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1986. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The city of Middlesboro is served by a mayor and twelve council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term and the council member serve two-year terms. The city of Pineville is served by a mayor and eight council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. Bell County is served by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. The judge/executive and magistrates serve four year terms.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Middlesboro City Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - City only

Subdivision regulations enforced - City only

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

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

City agency - Pineville Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - City only

Subdivision regulations enforced - City and 5 miles beyond city limits

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

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 Middlesboro levies a 2 percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses.

The City of Pineville levies a 1 1/2 percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses.

The cities of Middlesboro and Pineville also levy a business privilege fee ranging from \$35 upward per year.

A 3 percent tax is levied on utilities receipts for schools in the Pineville Independent School System. Tax is paid by all consumers of utilities as an add-on to the utilities bills. Exempted are receipts from utilities services that are resold and the receipts from the sale of energy or energy producing fuels that exceed 3 percent of the cost of production in manufacturing, processing, mining or refining.

## State and Local Property Taxes

All property in Kentucky, except items exempted by the state constitution, is taxed by the state. Property which also may be taxed by local jurisdictions includes land and buildings, finished goods inventories, automobiles, trucks, office furniture and office equipment. Local taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky include counties, cities, and school districts.

All property in Kentucky is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

### COMBINED STATE AND LOCAL RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1987

	Middlesboro Independent School District	Pineville Independent School District	Unincorporated Bell County
Land and Buildings	\$1.125	\$1.217	\$0.705
Manufacturing			
Machinery	0.150	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control			
Equipment	0.150	0.150	0.150
Inventories			
Raw materials	0.001	0.001	0.001
Goods in Process	0.001	0.001	0.001
Finished Goods	0.927	1.019	0.507
Automobiles & Trucks	1.411	1.539	0.928
Other Tangible			
Personal Property	1.376	1.468	0.956
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250	0.250	0.250
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.001	0.001	0.001
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015	0.015

\* Accounts receivable are taxed at 85 percent of face value, for an effective rate of \$0.2125 per \$100 valuation.

## Safety

Police	Middlesboro	Pineville	Bell County
Total staff	23	10	7 full-time 2 part-time
Radio-patrol cars	5	5	5
<b>Fire*</b>			
Insurance Services Office, Public Protection Classification	6	6	9
Full-time staff	24	4	-
Volunteers	10	10	125
<b>Rescue Service</b>			

Rescue service is provided by the Middlesboro-Bell County Rescue Squad. The office of Disaster and Emergency Services is also located in the city of Pineville.

## Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse collection and disposal is provided to residents and businesses of Pineville and Bell County by private contractors.

Refuse collection and disposal is provided to residents and businesses in Middlesboro by the city of Middlesboro.

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## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Middlesboro Independent	Pineville Independent	Bell County*
Total Enrollment (Spring 1988)	2,297	519	4,314
Kindergarten	158	63	340
Elementary	880	237	2,627
Middle School	522	-	-
High School	737	219	1,152
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1985-86)	19-8	15-4	19-7
Percent High School Graduates to College (1985-86)	45.2	65.5	40.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1985-86)	\$2,108	\$2,318	\$2,017

### Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Gateway Christian School	200	K-7
St. Julian	60	1-6

\* The Bell County School System is currently constructing a new middle school. Cost of the project is \$7 million, with completion expected November 1988.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Middlesboro)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1987)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Tennessee (5)	1,410	Masters
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (31)	1,011	Masters, Specialist
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (51)	1,931	Masters
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (59)	523	Associate
Johnson Bible College	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	380	Masters
Knoxville College	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	620	Baccalaureate
University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	25,982	Academic & Professional
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City, Tennessee (65)	1,901	Masters in Education
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (68)	1,375	Associate
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (95)	977	Associate
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (96)	1,621	Baccalaureate
King College	Bristol, Tennessee (106)	597	Baccalaureate
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (109)	13,099	Masters, Specialist*

\* Joint doctoral degree programs are offered in cooperation with the University of Kentucky, Lexington. The degrees are issued by the University of Kentucky.

## Vocational Training

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.

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.

### Nearest State School

Harlan State Vocational-Technical School  
Harlan, Kentucky, 46 miles from Middlesboro

Business & Office	Electronics
Accounting/Management	Machine Shop
Clerical	Mine Equipment Operator
Secretarial	Mine Maintenance Technology
Consumer & Home Economics	Welding
Commercial Foods	Learning Resource Center
Health & Personal Services	Public Service Occupations
Occupations	Business/Industry Security
Health Services	Training
Industrial Education	CPR Training
Air Conditioning	Electrical Safety Training
Auto Body Repair	Emergency Medical Care
Auto Mechanics	Fire Service Training
Carpentry	First Aid & Safety
Diesel Mechanics	Rescue & Emergency Services
Electricity	Training

Nearest Area Education Centers

Bell County Area Vocational Education Center  
Pineville

Business & Office  
Clerical  
Secretarial  
Health & Personal Services  
Occupations  
Health Services  
Industrial Education  
Auto Body Repair  
Auto Mechanics  
Carpentry

Diesel Mechanics  
Drafting  
Electricity  
Heavy Equipment Operator  
Machine Shop  
Radio & TV Repair  
Welding  
Special Vocation  
Development Occupations  
Programs

Cumberland Valley Health Occupations Center  
Pineville

Practical Nursing  
Medical Secretarial

Surgical Technology  
Radiological Technology

## HEALTH

### Local Medical Personnel (Bell County)

	Middlesboro	Pineville
Physicians -	53	11
Dentists -	15	3

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
The Middlesboro Community Hospital - ARH, Inc.	Middlesboro	96
The Pineville Community Hospital	Pineville	155

The Middlesboro Community Hospital - ARH, Inc.

General Hospital Facilities - Radiology, nuclear medicine, clinical laboratory, four operating rooms, two delivery rooms, newborn nursery, emergency unit, respiratory therapy, intensive care/ coronary care unit, physical therapy, social service, home care services, electrocardiogram, pharmacy, speech pathology, orthopedics

Medical Staff - 30 Active Staff Members - five surgeons, four pediatricians, one ENT specialist, two general practitioners, two family practitioners, one urologist, four internists, three emergency room physicians, one ophthalmologist, two OB/GYN, two radiologists, one pathologist, one orthopedic surgeon, one gerontologist; Courtesy Staff - 11 physicians; Consulting Staff - four physicians

Hospital Staff - 56 registered nurses, 45 licensed practical nurses, 2 nurse aides, 3 anesthetists, 6 medical technologists, 4 medical technicians, 1 respiratory therapist, 5 physical therapists, 1 medical social worker, 5 pharmacists, 1 medical records administrator, 1 registered dietitian; Total Personnel - 279

## **The Pineville Community Hospital**

General Hospital Facilities - X-ray department, CatScan, delivery room, four operating rooms, obstetrics and diagnostic department, ambulant care center, community physicians' offices, laboratory, home health service, eight intensive and coronary care beds, pharmacy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, social services, nuclear medicine laboratory, pathology department, emergency ambulance service with 24-hour physician coverage, ultrasound department, EEG, stress testing, Holter monitor

Hospital Staff - Total Personnel 295 - 36 registered nurses, 50 licensed practical nurse, 50 nurses' aides, orderlies, and ward clerks. Specialists are available on a consultation basis

Medical Staff - 2 general surgeons, 1 orthopedic surgeon, 2 internists, 1 pediatrician, 5 family practitioners, 1 OB/GYN, 1 urologist, 2 radiologists, 1 pathologist; Courtesy Staff - 4 dentists, and 27 doctors

### **Other Medical Facilities**

Bell County Health Department, Middlesboro and Pineville  
Daniel Boone Clinic  
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center  
Total Care - DEVCO, Pineville  
Britt Haven Nursing Home, Middlesboro

### **Ambulance Service**

Name - Middlesboro Ambulance Service (operated by Middlesboro Fire Department)

Staff - Full-time staff from the Middlesboro Fire Department

Name - Bell County Emergency Ambulance Service

Staff - 13 Emergency Medical Technicians

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Communications

#### Middlesboro

Telephone -	South Central Bell Telephone
Telegraph -	Western Union
	Toll-Free number, 1-800-325-6000
Newspapers -	Middlesboro Daily News
Daily and	
circulation -	10,000
Radio -	WFX Y-AM Stereo and WMIK-AM/FM
Television -	
Airwave reception	Lexington and Hazard, Kentucky; Knoxville
from -	and Johnson City, Tennessee;
	Bristol, Virginia; Asheville,
	North Carolina
Cable service -	Sammons Communications
Educational	
Television -	The Kentucky Educational Television
	(K.E.T.) network is available
	statewide

#### Pineville

Telephone -	South Central Bell Telephone Company
Telegraph -	Western Union
	Toll-Free number, 1-800-325-6000
Newspapers -	Pineville Sun-Cumberland Courier
Weekly and	
circulation -	2,200
Radio -	WANO-AM and WZKO-FM
Television -	
Airwave reception	Lexington, Kentucky; Knoxville and
from -	Johnson City, Tennessee; Bristol,
	Virginia; Asheville, North Carolina
Cable service -	Pineville Cablevision
	Tele-media Company
Educational	
Television -	The Kentucky Educational Television
	(K.E.T.) network is available
	statewide

## Library Services

### Public library - Bell County Public Library (Middlesboro)

Size collection - 38,410 volumes

Circulation, 1986-87 - 51,679 (library); 43,072 (bookmobile)

Services - Magazines, newspapers, books, story hour, bookmobile, talking books for the blind, records, microfilm reader/printer, microfilm, historical room, children's room, service to shut-ins and convalescent patients, community room with kitchen facilities, film program, projectors, filmstrips, art prints, oral history project, telephone reference service, traveling puppet troupe, member - Kentucky Inter-Library Local Communications Library, video tapes, computer education disc

### Public library - Bell County Public Library (Pineville)

Size collection - 25,950 volumes

Circulation, 1986-87 - 29,581

Services - Same as Middlesboro

## Religious Institutions

	Middlesboro	Pineville
Number of Churches -	37	14
Denominations -	AME Zion Assemblies of God Baptist Catholic Christian Christian Science Church of Christ Church of God Episcopal Jehovah's Witnesses Lutheran Methodist Nazarene Pentecostal Presbyterian Seventh Day Adventist	Baptist Catholic Christian Church of God Methodist Nazarene Presbyterian
Nearest synagogues -	Knoxville, Tennessee, 59 miles from Middlesboro	
Congregations -	Heska Amuna Congregation (orthodox) Temple Bethel (reform)	



**Financial Institutions**

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Commercial Bank	\$81,844,000	\$74,300,000	12/31/87
First State Bank	76,691,055	67,281,962	12/31/87
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Home Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$93,115,697	\$85,112,438	12/31/87
Middlesboro Federal Savings & Loan Association	53,746,007	50,798,601	12/31/87
First Federal Savings & Loan Association	80,910,532	71,322,132	12/31/87

**Hotels and Motels**

**Bell County**

Total number - 11  
 Total rooms - 520

## RECREATION

### Local

The city of Middlesboro offers a variety of recreational facilities and programs. The city supports supervised programs, six parks, four playgrounds, a swimming pool, six tennis courts, one softball field, two baseball diamonds, one football field, four basketball courts and Tri-County YMCA.

Private recreational facilities in Middlesboro are as extensive as the public. The country club offers a 9-hole golf course and a swimming pool. A bowling alley, two movie theatres (one indoor and one drive-in), video arcade and a roller skating rink are available to the public.

Pineville offers numerous recreational facilities. These include supervised programs, three parks, six playgrounds, a swimming pool, one golf course, two tennis courts, two baseball diamonds, two football fields and four basketball courts. Also located in Pineville is the Bell County Youth Center.

Numerous festivals are held in and around Middlesboro and Pineville each year.

The Cumberland Mountain Fall Festival is held in Middlesboro in mid-October. Other tourist attractions found in Middlesboro are the Cumberland Gap Arts Council and Coal House (Chamber of Commerce Building). Lincoln Memorial University, located a few miles outside of Middlesboro in Harrogate, Tennessee, has the world's second largest collection of Abraham Lincoln relics on display. Cumberland Gap National Historical park is located 3 miles from Middlesboro. Features in this 20,270-acre park include: a frontier museum; Pinnacle Mountain that overlooks three states; three caves; an old iron furnace; and Hensley Settlement, a restored mountain village where the Quilt Festival is held annually. Cumberland Gap is a natural passage which served as a gateway through the Appalachian Mountains for pioneers moving westward into new frontiers.

Pineville offers a variety of cultural events and attractions. The Southeastern Kentucky Community Concert Series performs concerts on a regular basis. Also held in town each year is the Sidewalk Art Show. Located just outside of town is Pine Mountain State Resort Park, which provides the finest in mountain scenery and the ultimate in quiet comfort. The 1,500-acre park is located in the Kentucky Ridge State Forest and is the scene of the Mountain Laurel Festival each spring. Also featured is a 35-acre lake, 30 lodge rooms, 20 cottages, a dining room, a gift shop, a meeting room, 33 camping sites, a lodge pool, fishing, a 9-hole golf course, hiking trails, a nature center, a recreation room, picnicking, playgrounds, miniature golf, shuffleboard, and planned recreation.

## Area (Within 70 miles)

**Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine**, 37 miles northwest of Middlesboro near Barbourville, is the site of the cabin built by Dr. Walker, who led an expedition through Cumberland Gap around 1750. The 12-acre park contains a replica of Kentucky's first pioneer house, a playground, a picnic shelter, and an amphitheater.

**Levi Jackson State Park**, 57 miles northwest of Middlesboro at London, is a 900-acre park located where the Boone Trace and Wilderness Road pioneer trails converge. In addition to a reproduced pioneer settlement, the park offers a museum on mountain folklore, 15 cabins, a pool, a bathhouse, hiking trails, horseback riding, miniature golf, shuffleboard, 185 campsites, a picnic area, a playground, and an amphitheater.

**The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area**, 66 miles west of Middlesboro near Whitley City, was developed as an outdoor recreation area by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the National Park Service. The area lies along the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River in Kentucky and Tennessee and encompasses some of the state's most rugged and scenic terrain. Recreational opportunities in the National Park Area include hiking, camping, horseback riding and picnicking, whitewater rafting, canoeing and kayaking trips. The Big South Fork Scenic Railway offers a chance to see part of the rugged Cumberland River area by rail. The train operates on a regular schedule between Stearns and the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area near the historic Blue Heron Coal Tipple, a distance of about 5 miles each direction. The historic mining community of Blue Heron, a "boom-town" in the 1930's, will be recreated with interpretive exhibits. It is scheduled to open by Spring 1989.

**Cumberland Falls State Resort Park** is located 67 miles northwest of Middlesboro near Corbin in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The park is famous for Cumberland Falls which drops 68 feet over a rock precipice and shows one of only two known "moonbows" in the world at full moon. The park offers 53 lodge rooms, woodland suites, 27 cottages, a convention center, camping, fishing, swimming, river rafting, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis, backpacking, a nature center, shuffleboard, planned recreation, a playground, a gift shop, and an amphitheater.

**Kingdom Come State Park**, located 70 miles northeast of Middlesboro near Cumberland, Kentucky, contains 1,283 beautiful mountain acres. It is named for John Fox, Jr.'s, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come", which was written in 1903 and was the first U.S. novel to sell one million copies. Features include a three-acre fishing lake, pedal boats, a picnic area, a hiking trail, a playground, and Raven Rock, a fascinating stone formation with a large cave opening at the base. The park is located on the midway point of the Little Shepherd Trail, a hiking and driving trail which follows Pine Mountain from Harlan to Whitesburg.

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent

The following manufacturing firms have expanded or have announced plans to expand their operations in Middlesboro: The Cumberland Gap Provision Company; Dura Line Corporation; Denim Finishers; Middlesboro Daily News; and the Middlesboro Tanning Company, Inc. These plant expansions represent over \$1.3 million in new investments and approximately 55 jobs.

The Kentucky Water Service Company, which serves Middlesboro, recently increased its treatment plant capacity to 3 million gallons per day and increased distribution line sizes at several locations, including: the east end of Middlesboro; Kentucky 441 & North Beltline; Dunlop Branch and Beans Fork; and Evans Drive.

The Pineville Water System recently completed construction of 15 miles of 6- and 8-inch water mains. Cost of the project was \$900,000. Also completed was 1.5 miles of 6-inch water main and a 100,000-gallon storage tank in the Clear Creek area. Cost of this project was \$200,000.

The Middlesboro Sewer Commission recently completed a new 3-million-gallon-per-day sewage treatment plant. Also included in the \$12 million project was construction of a main pumping station and force mains. A \$750,000 sewer line extension project is also being planned for Middlesboro.

A \$400,000 central fire station was recently constructed in Middlesboro.

Construction of a 24,000-square-foot medical center in downtown Pineville was recently completed.

Construction of a new football field, swimming pool and tennis court by the Pineville Independent School System was recently completed. Cost of the project was \$800,000.

Construction of a new fire station in Pineville was recently completed.

A \$914,250 grant was received by the City of Pineville recently for a housing assistance program. The funds will provide for 50 housing units.

### Under Way

The Bell County School System is currently constructing a new middle school. Cost of the project is \$7 million with completion scheduled for November of 1988.

A \$5.5 million renovation of the Pineville Community Hospital is currently under way.

Construction of three additional softball and baseball fields is currently under way in Pineville.

Construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel, a four-lane, 4,100-foot tunnel which will replace the existing 3.75-mile section of U.S. 25E that travels over the mountain, is under way. The tunnel, which is to be completed in 1992, will play a major role in connecting Interstate 75 at Corbin to Interstate 81 at White Pine, Tennessee.

Construction of a combination four-lane highway floodwall, in Pineville, is under way. The new four-lane highway, which will be erected atop the 25-foot floodwall, will replace the existing two-lane highway that runs through town. The \$59 million project will be completed in 1989.

The City of Middlesboro has an ongoing downtown revitalization program. Plans are currently being revised due to the recent tornado which damaged or destroyed many downtown buildings.