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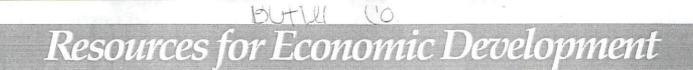
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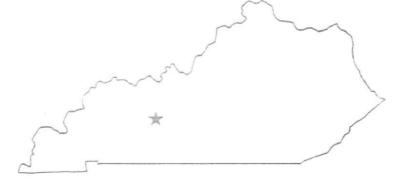
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MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY

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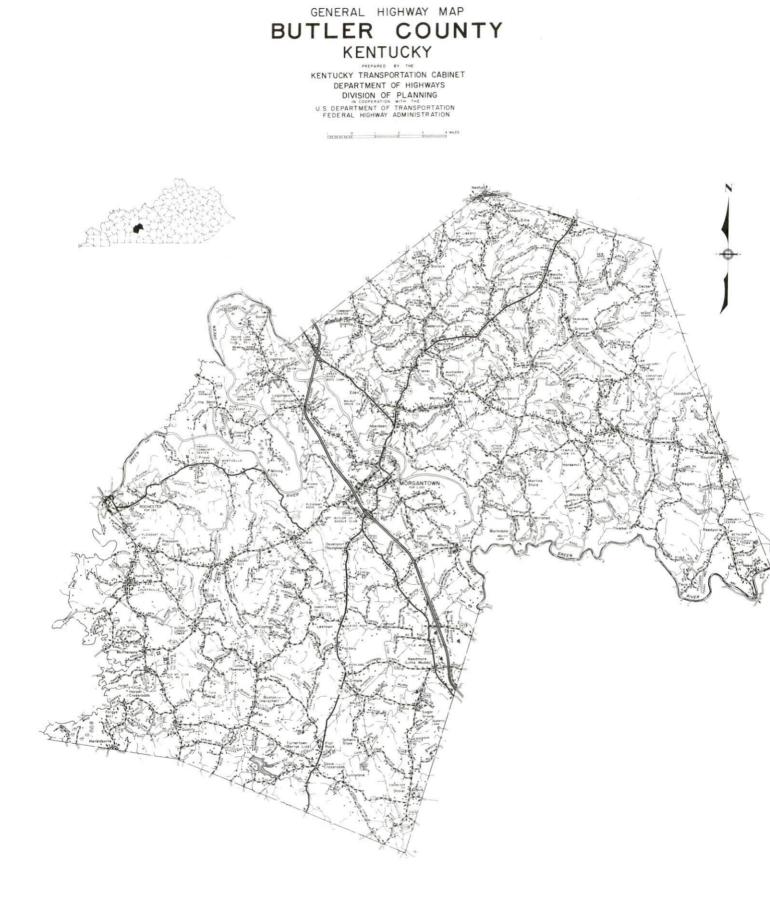
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MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Morgantown, the county seat of Butler County, is located in the Green River Valley of Kentucky's Western Coal Field Region. Morgantown is 85 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; 107 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; and 248 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. The city had a 1990 population of 2,284 persons.

Butler County covers a land area of 431 square miles, and had a 1990 population of 11,245 persons.

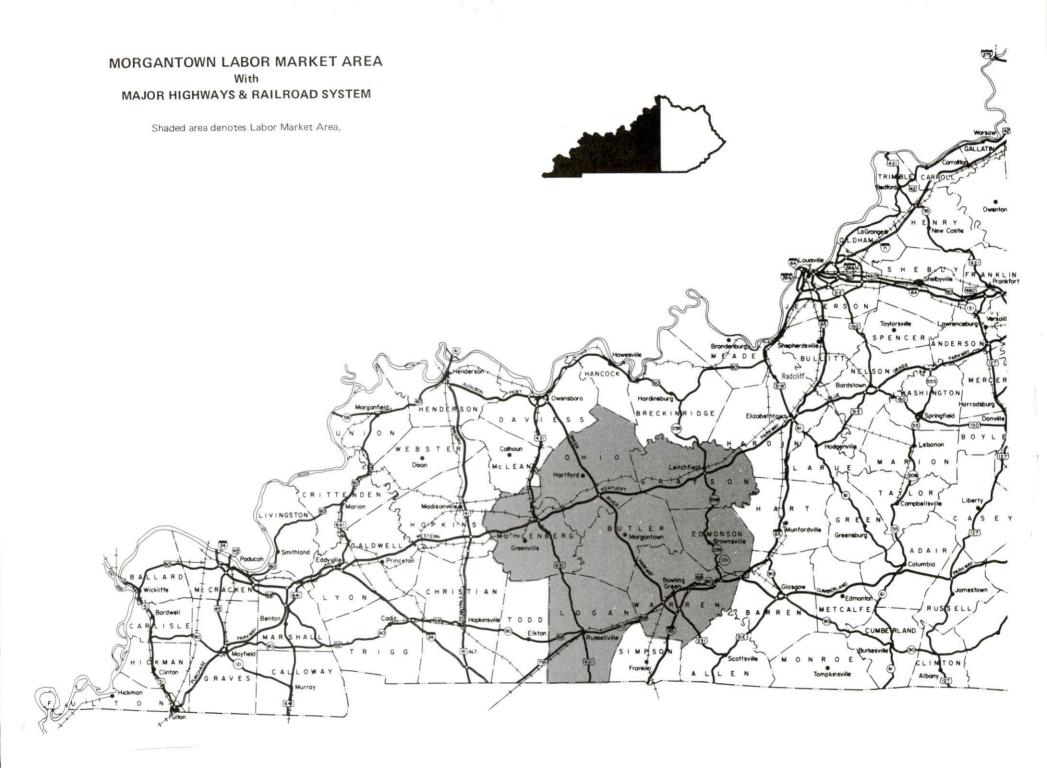
The Economic Framework - The total number of Butler County residents employed in 1990 averaged 7,168. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,980 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 347 jobs; 268 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 543 employees; and contract construction firms provided 67 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 30,223 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 14,575 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - The Green River Parkway has an interchange two miles south of Morgantown. The city is also served by U.S. Highway 231 and Kentucky Route 79. Eighteen common carrier trucking companies provide service to Morgantown. Morgantown is only 21 miles from rail service provided by Paducah and Louisville Railway. The nearest commercial airline services are available at Nashville Metropolitan Airport, 91 miles south of Morgantown, and at Evansville Regional Airport, 92 miles northwest of Morgantown. The Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, located in Bowling Green, Kentucky; 25 miles southeast, is the nearest small craft airport.

Power and Fuel - The Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation provides electric power to Morgantown and most of Butler County, with Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation serving the remainder of the county. The Tennessee Valley Authority is the source of power for both companies. Morgantown Utilities, whose source of supply for natural gas is Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, provides natural gas service to Morgantown.

Education - The Butler County School System provides primary and secondary public education to residents of Morgantown and Butler County. Sixteen institutions of higher learning are located within 85 miles of Morgantown. Vocational training is available at Bowling Green State Vocational-Technical School and at the Advanced Technology Center, 25 miles southeast of Morgantown, or at area vocational education centers located at Hartford, Leitchfield, and Russellville - all within 35 miles of Morgantown.



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The Morgantown Labor Market Area includes Butler County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Edmonson, Grayson, Logan, Muhlenberg, Ohio and Warren.

1	POPULATIO	NC	
	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	196,164	191,849	160,923
Morgantown	2,284	2,000	1,394
Butler County	11,245	11,064	9,723

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

	POPULATION	PROJECTION	IS	
	2000	2010	2020	2030
Labor Market Area	223,870	237,710	246,660	249,180
Butler County	10,870	10,760	10,450	9,960

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

		Curr	ent		Future
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996
Labor Market Area* Butler	30,223	7,174	10,461	12,588	14,575
County	819	472	347	0	895

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

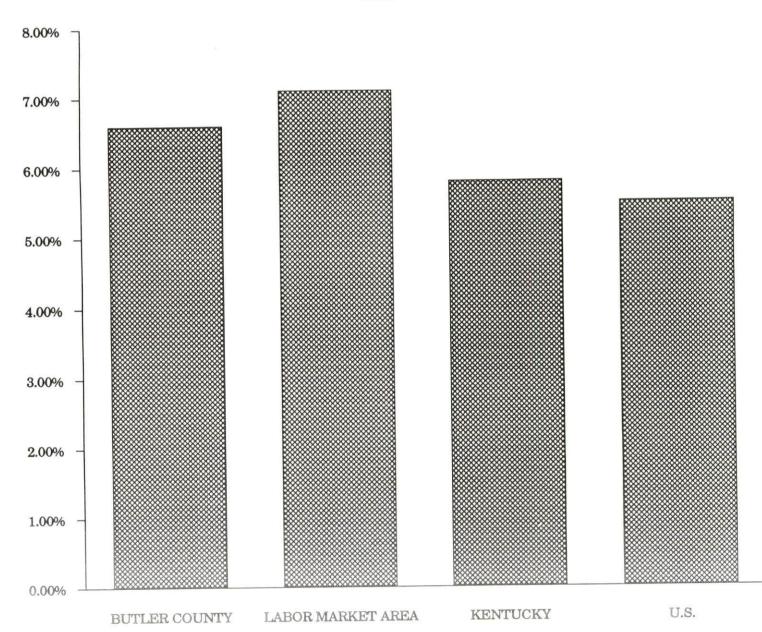
* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

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

LABOR FORCE CH	ARACTERISTICS OF RE	ESIDENTS, 1990	
	Butler County	Labor Market Are	
Civilian Labor Force	7,678	94,215	
Employment	7,168	87,531	
Unemployment	510	6,684	
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.6	7.1	

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Kentucky Labor Force</u> Estimates, Annual Averages, 1990.



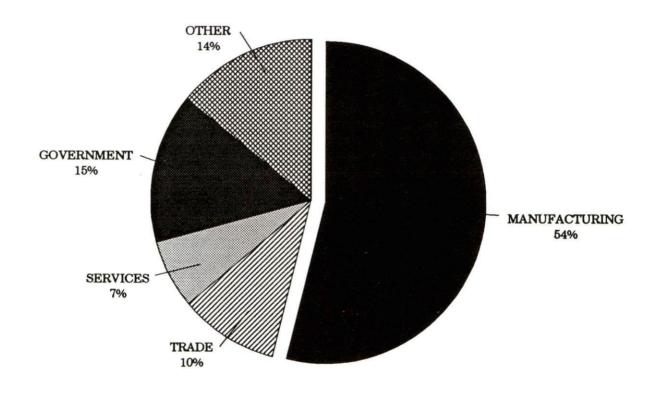
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1990

SELECTED	COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	
	BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990	

	Butler County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	3,639	65,738
Manufacturing	1,980	17,779
Wholesale & Retail Trade	347	16,889
Services	268	11,530
State/Local Government	543	9,964
Contract Construction	67	2,672

Note: 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 Monthly Workers</u> Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1990.

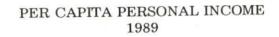
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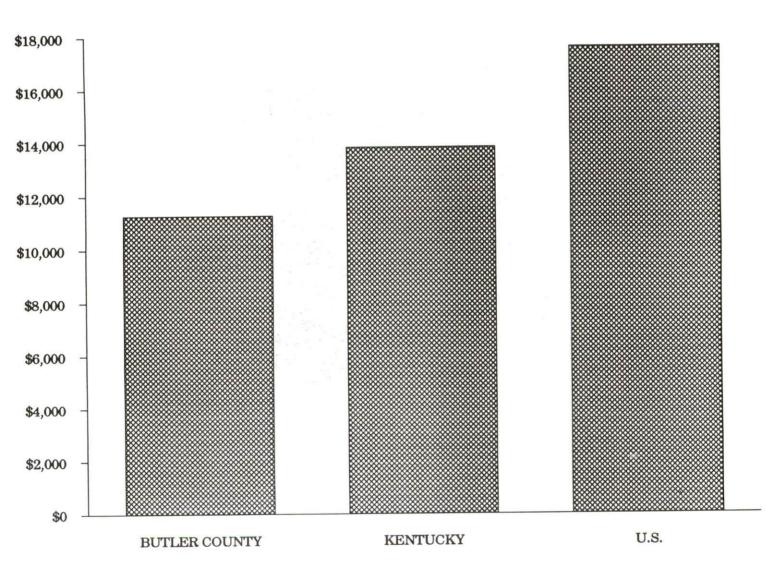


Area	1985	1989	Percent Change	
Butler County	\$7,438	\$11,259	51.4	
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,416 - \$9,973	\$8,011 - \$13,076	-	
Kentucky	\$10,755	\$13,823	28.5	
U.S.	\$13,899	\$17,594	26.6	

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

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





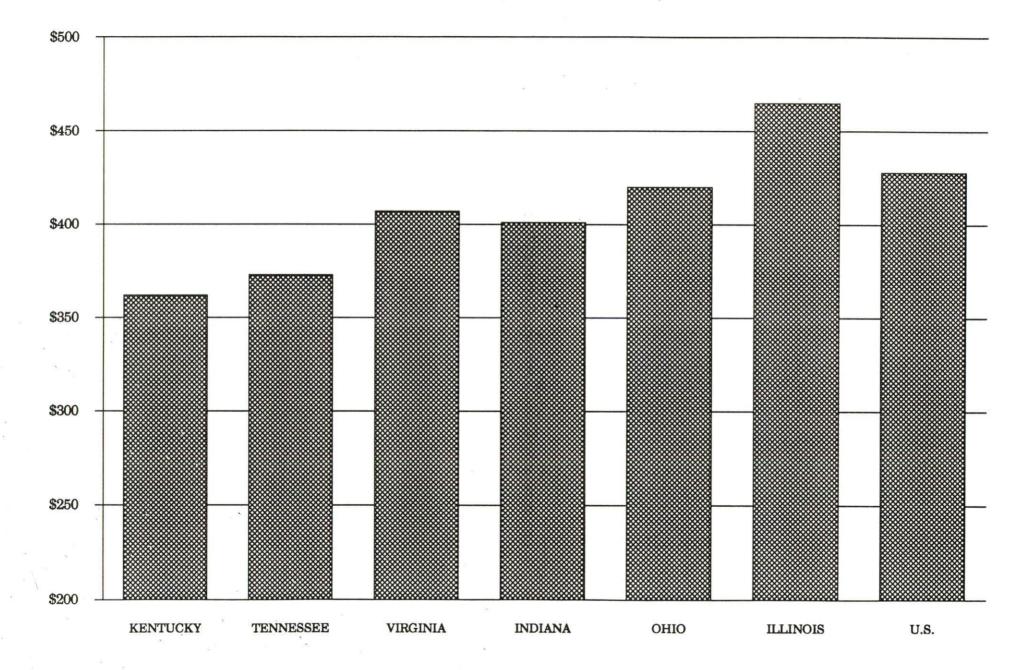
Butler County is served by the Bowling Green local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Bowling Green local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 4,792 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS	AVERAGE WAGE(\$)
4,792	5.11
971	6.20
98	4.20
790	3.65
62	4.25
87	4.98
424	6.13
911	4.49
268	5.44
186	7.54
888	5.30
24	4.77
	PLACEMENTS 4,792 971 98 790 62 87 424 911 268 186 888

The Bowling Green local office also serves Allen, Edmonson, Logan, Simpson, and Warren 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 - 1989



		Kentucky		
	Butler	(State-		
	County	Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$253.00	\$362.03	\$373.00	\$407.00
Mining & Quarrying	582.87	623.82	522.00	576.00
Contract Construction	193.56	388.21	407.00	434.00
Manufacturing	235.69	472.92	431.00	470.00
Transportation,				
Communications &				
Public Utilities	320.89	482.22	493.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	192.06	245.12	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance &				
Real Estate	299.93	417.89	448.00	488.00
Services	189.04	310.29	357.00	409.00
State/Local Government	271.03	370.61	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$401.00	\$420.00	\$465.00	\$428.00
Mining & Quarrying	693.00	596.00	707.00	688.00
Contract Construction	464.00	480.00	608.00	485.00
Manufacturing	546.00	580.00	566.00	534.00
Transportation,				
Communications &				
Public Utilities	504.00	533.00	582.00	556.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance &				
	418.00	456.00	594.00	544.00
	328.00	360.00	419.00	399.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Real Estate Services State/Local Government	328.00	360.00	419.00	399.00

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989*

* 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</u> <u>Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1989</u>. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <u>Employment and Wages</u>, Annual Averages, 1989, October 1990.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

MORGANTOWN MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm		1991
(Establishment date)	Product	Average Employment
American Rubber Products Company, Morgantown Division, Inc. (1989)	Rubber seals and gaskets	35
B & R Lumber Company, Inc. (1959)	Pallet and crating lumber, wood chips	35
Butler County Logging (1983)	Flitches	9
Coleman Concrete Construction, Inc.(1981)	Ready-mixed concrete	8
Dunaway Timber Company, Inc. (1983)	Wood chips, lumber, crossties	12
Green River Feed Mill, Inc. (1986)	Feed, fertilizer mixing	8
IMCO Recycling, Inc. (1989)	Recycle aluminum, ingots	110
J & V Stitches, Inc. (1989)	Ladies' skirts, pants, and shorts	70
Kane Industries, Inc. #3 (1953)	Men's, boy's sport and suit coats and tuxedos	200
Kellwood Company (1967)	Women's blazers and skirt all-weather coats, rainwear	s, 400
L & L Concrete Construction and Ready Mix, Inc. (1957)	Ready-mixed concrete	8
Mid-South Plating Company (1986)	Zinc and manganese phosphate metal plating sandblasting	4
Morgantown Manufacturing Company (1973)	Stamped auto parts	35
Morgantown Plastics Company (1973)	Injection molded plastics	130
Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc. (1987)	Wiring harnesses	1,000
Triple C Leather Company, Inc. (1984)	Leather lace, side leather	26

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are currently no labor unions representing workers at manufacturing firms in Butler County.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Types of Services	Location	Mileage from Morgantown
Custom Data Processing	Bowling Green, Kentucky	25
Custom Plastics Producers	Morgantown, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Bowling Green, Kentucky	25
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Owensboro, Kentucky	50
Heat Treating Facilities	Nashville, Tennessee	85
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Bowling Green, Kentucky	25
Industrial Gases	Bowling Green, Kentucky	25
Industrial Waste Removal	Russellville, Kentucky	31
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Bowling Green, Kentucky	25
Metal Castings	McHenry, Kentucky	23
Metal Finishers	Hartford, Kentucky	25
Metal Service Centers	Bowling Green, Kentucky	25
Millwrights	Bowling Green, Kentucky	25
Public Warehouse Facilities	Bowling Green, Kentucky	25

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

The Green River Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, serves Morgantown with an interchange located two miles south of the city. Other "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Morgantown include U.S. Highway 231 and Kentucky Route 79.

The Green River Parkway provides Morgantown with access to the Western Kentucky Parkway, 16 miles northwest of the city, and with Interstate Highway 65, a major north-south route, 28 miles southeast of the city.

	Highway		Highway
City	Miles	City	Miles
Atlanta, GA	323	Los Angeles, CA	2,076
Baltimore, MD	681	Louisville, KY	107
Birmingham, AL	274	Nashville, TN	85
Chicago, IL	369	New Orleans, LA	599
Cincinnati, OH	208	New York, NY	859
Cleveland, OH	453	Pittsburgh, PA	489
Detroit, MI	466	St. Louis, MO	248
Knoxville, TN	226		

HIGHWAY MILES FROM MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

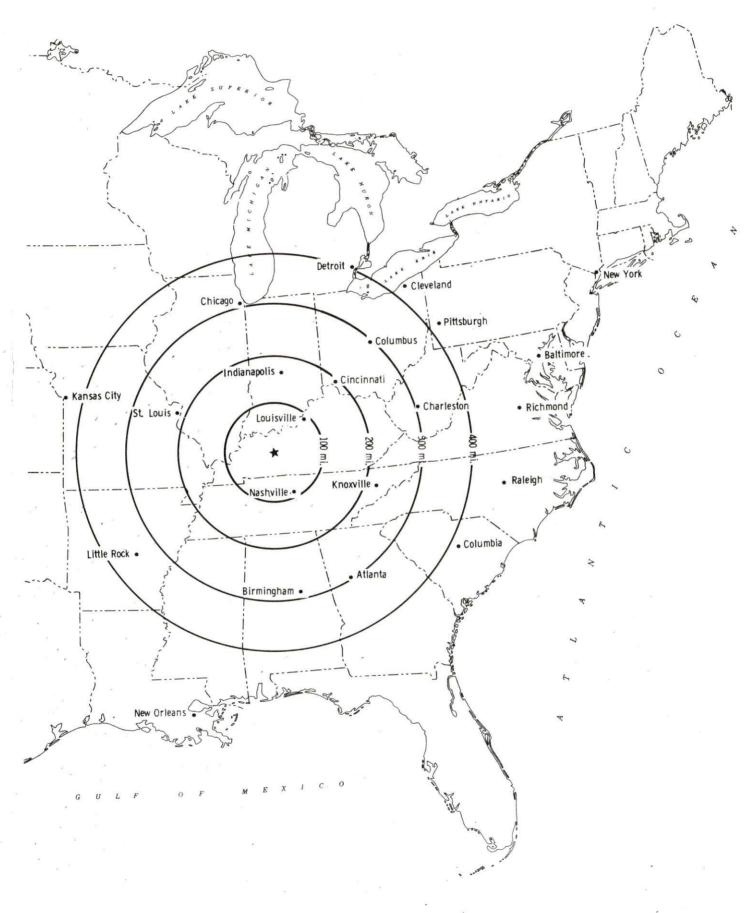
Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

Eighteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Morgantown.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1991.



Rail

The nearest rail freight service is provided by Paducah and Louisville Railway at Beaver Dam, only 21 miles northwest of Morgantown. CSX Transportation provides the nearest piggyback facilities at Owensboro, 50 miles northwest of Morgantown.

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

	Vice President - Marketing and Sales Paducah and Louisville Railway 1500 Kentucky Avenue Paducah, Kentucky 42001 (502) 444-4341
Air	
	Nearest Small Craft Airport
Location: Runways: Length: Traffic	Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport Bowling Green, 25 miles southeast of Morgantown 2 paved 6,500 feet; 4,000 feet
Control:	Wind tee, airport advisory service
Lighting:	Runways, obstructions, taxiways, beacon, wind tee, strobes approach to 3, VASI
Services:	100 octane and jet-A fuel (24-hour service), charter plane rental, storage, major and minor A&P repairs, oxygen, FAA flight service station, taxi and car rental
Air Freight	
Service:	Chartered air freight service must be arranged
	Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service
	Nashville Metropolitan Airport
Location:	6 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee; 91 miles south of Morgantown
Air Service:	American, Delta, Northwest, TWA, Southwest, United, USAir, Nashville Eagle, ComAir, USAir Express, American Eagle
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	570
Location: Air Service:	Evansville Regional Airport 3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana; 92 miles northwest of Morgantown ComAir, TransWorld Express, Northwest Air
	Link, USAir, Atlantic Southeast, American Eagle
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	88

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Morgantown and most of Butler County - Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority For industrial rates contact:

> South Kentucky Industrial Development Association, Inc. P.O. Box 726 Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241-0726 (502) 885-5392

> > and/or

Warren Rural Electric Cooperative CorporationP.O. Box 1118Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102(502) 842-6541

Company serving western Butler County - Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority For industrial rates contact:

> South Kentucky Industrial Development Association, Inc. P.O. Box 726 Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241-0726 (502) 885-5392

> > and/or

Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative CorporationP.O. Box 551Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240(502) 886-2555

Natural Gas

Company serving Morgantown - Morgantown Utilities Source of supply - Midwestern Gas Transmission Company For rates and supplies contact:

> Morgantown Utilities P.O. Box 417 Morgantown, Kentucky 42261 (502) 526-3623

Company serving Morgantown -	Morgantown Utilities P.O. Box 417 Morgantown, Kentucky 42261 (502) 526-3623
Source -	Green River
Treatment plant capacity -	972,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	500,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	972,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,200,000 gallons
Water pressure -	25 psi to 100 psi

Morgantown Utilities recently constructed a new 1,000,000-gallon water storage tank.

Name of water district -	Butler County Water Systems, Inc. P.O. Box 1118	
	Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102 (502) 842-6541	

Area served - Butler CountySource of supply of treated water - City of MorgantownAmount of water that can be purchased - 333,000 gallons(arrangements can be made for purchasing additional water)Average daily consumption -426,398 gallonsPeak daily consumption -614,000 gallonsStorage capacity -400,000 gallonsWater pressure -30 psi to 150 psi

Butler County Water System, Inc. completed construction of 45 miles of distribution line and one booster pump station at a cost of \$1,000,000. In addition, the company plans to construct a 500,000-gallon-per-day water filtration plant which includes a raw water intake. As a part of the project, the company plans to construct 20 miles of water line and a booster pumping station. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.5 million.

Sewerage

Company serving Morgantown -	Morgantown Utilities P.O. Box 417 Morgantown, Kentucky 42261 (502) 526-3623
Design capacity -	500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	300,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Tertiary
Treated effluent discharged in	to - Green River

CLIMATE

Butler County

South-Southwest

Temperature

Normal (29-year record) Average annual 1990 Record highest, July 1954 (50-year record) Record lowest, February 1951 (50-year record) Normal heating degree days (29-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily	57.90 105.00	degrees degrees degrees degrees
negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)		

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	41.55	inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	13.80	inches
Total precipitation 1990	52.52	inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)		
(50-year record)	115.30	
Mean number days thunderstorms (50-year record)	45.10	

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Relative Humidity (29-year record)

Midnight	79 p	percent
6 a.m.	81 g	percent
Noon	59 p	percent
6 p.m.	62 I	percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, <u>Climatological Data</u>, 1990. Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Morgantown is governed by a mayor and six council members. Butler County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Morgantown Planning and Zoning Commission Zoning enforced - Within city only Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only Local codes enforced - Building, 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 Morgantown levies an occupational license tax of one and one-half percent of wages and one and one-half percent of net profits of businesses. Morgantown also levies a business license fee of \$25 per year for all businesses and professions within the corporate limits.

Butler County levies an occupational license tax of one percent of wages and net profits of businesses.

PROPERTY TAXES

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside of city limits may also be subject to city property taxes.

Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

Selected Classes of Property	1990 <u>State Rate</u>	Local Taxation Permitted
Real Estate	\$0.189	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, 1990

Taxing Jurisdiction	Real Estate	Finished Goods & Tangibles	Motor Vehicles
Butler County	\$0.2230	\$0.2173	\$0.2061
School Districts:			
Butler County	0.2110	0.2110	0.1640
Cities:			
Morgantown	0.1260	0.1870	0.2790
Other:			
Wastershed Districts			
Big Reedy Creek	0.0750	None	None
Caney Creek	0.0740	None	None
Mud River	0.0200	None	None
Big Muddy Creek	0.1100	None	None

Public Schools

	Butler County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1990)	2,238
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1989-90)	17.9-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1989-90)	35.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1989-90)	\$2,697.23

The Butler County School System recently opened the new high school building. Construction recently started for a new auditorium and gymnasium at the high school. Total cost of the project will approximate \$7 million.

Area Colleges and Universities

	Location	Enrollment
Name	(Miles distant)	(Fall, 1990)
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (25)	15,240
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (50)	756
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (50)	707
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (50)	2,415
Elizabethtown Community	Elizabethtown, Kentucky (63)	3,364
College		
Madisonville Community	Madisonville, Kentucky (64)	2,136
College		
Hopkinsville Community	Hopkinsville, Kentucky (67)	1,828
College		
Austin Peay State	Clarksville, Tennessee (68)	6,347
University		

In addition, eight institutions of higher learning are located in Nashville, Tennessee, 85 miles south of Morgantown.

Vocational Training

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is the primary source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

Vocational School	Location (Miles distant)	Cumulative Enrollment 1989-1990
Bowling Green State Vocational-Technical School	Bowling Green, Kentucky (25)	965
Advanced Technology Center	Bowling Green, Kentucky (25)	157
Ohio County Area Vocational Education Center	Hartford, Kentucky (25)	375
Russellville Area Vocational Education Center	Russellville, Kentucky (31)	311
Grayson County Area Vocational Education Center	Leitchfield, Kentucky (33)	314

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3 Dentists - 3

Hospitals

General Hospital	(Miles distant)	Beds
Greenview Hospital	Bowling Green (25)	211
The Medical Center at Bowling Green	Bowling Green (25)	355

Greenview Hospital

Medical staff - 160 physicians, 180 registered nurses, 52 licensed practical nurses

The Medical Center at Bowling Green

Medical staff - 164 physicians, 285 registered nurses, 55 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Barren River District Health Department Lakeview Health Care Center Butler County Ambulance Service Butler County Civil Defense Rescue Squad

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

First Kentucky Federal Savings & Loans Green River Bank Morgantown Bank & Trust

Newspapers

The Butler County Banner (weekly) The Green River Republican (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell

RECREATION

Local

A wide variety of recreational opportunities is available in Morgantown and Butler County. Public facilities include the 40-acre Morgantown Municipal Park, featuring a swimming pool and bathhouse, six tennis courts, lighted baseball, softball and Little League fields, an outdoor basketball court, two picnic pavilions, bleachers, playground equipment, and restrooms. An amphitheater located at the park is the site of community theatre productions. The City of Morgantown is enlarging the park by 29 acres. The development will include construction of an additional picnic pavilion and volleyball courts. Construction of a community center is also planned at the park.

The Butler County Park and the Green River Museum are located in Woodbury on the Green River, approximately five miles southeast of Morgantown. The Green River Museum features exhibits on Butler County's history and the riverboat heritage of the area. A restaurant is located on the park grounds.

Privately managed recreational facilities in Butler County include a nine-hole golf course and a driving range.

Annual events include the Green River Catfish Festival, held during the July Fourth weekend, with activities including a fishing contest, a five-mile road race, a canoe race, musical entertainment, a beauty pageant, fireworks, a golf tournament, and booths.

The George Dabbs Celebration of the Arts, an annual art and photography show and theatre production, is held each summer. In addition, the Morgantown Community Park Theater presents several productions each year.

The Butler County Fair is held each August.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Barren River Lake State Resort Park Ben Hawes State Park Bowling Green Jefferson Davis Monument State Historic Site Lake Malone State Park Mammoth Cave National Park Nolin River Lake Owensboro Rough River Dam State Resort Park

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Morgantown re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1991, and is distinguished as a silver award winner recognizing three 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

IMCO Recycling recently expanded its existing Morgantown facility. The \$2 million project created 55 new jobs.

Morgantown Utilities recently constructed a new 1,000,000-gallon water storage tank.

Butler County Water System, Inc. completed construction of 45 miles of distribution line and one booster pump station at a cost of \$1,000,000.

The Butler County School System recently opened the new high school building. Construction recently started for a new auditorium and gymnasium at the high school. Total cost of the project will approximate \$7 million.

Under Way

Development of a 65-acre industrial park at the Green River Parkway is under way in Morgantown. Easy access to the parkway and utilities is available.

The City of Morgantown is enlarging the Morgantown Municipal Park by 29 acres. The development will include construction of a picnic pavilion and volleyball courts.

Planned

Butler County Water System, Inc. plans to construct a 500,000-gallon per day water filtration plant which includes a raw water intake. As a part of the project, the company plans to construct 20 miles of water line and a booster pumping station. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.5 million.

The City of Morgantown plans to construct a community center at the Morgantown Municipal Park.



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