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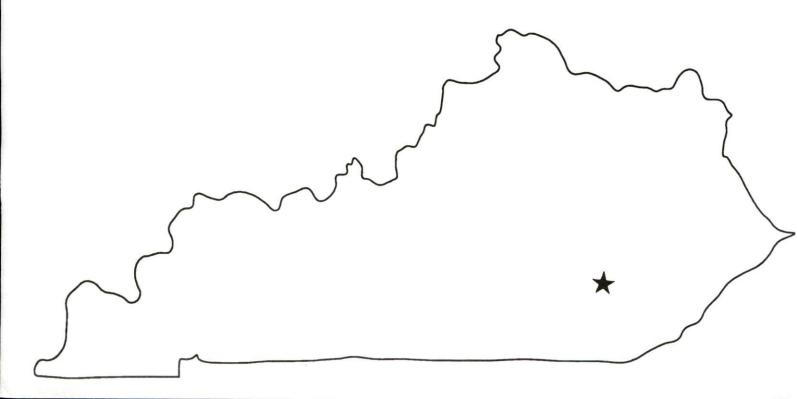
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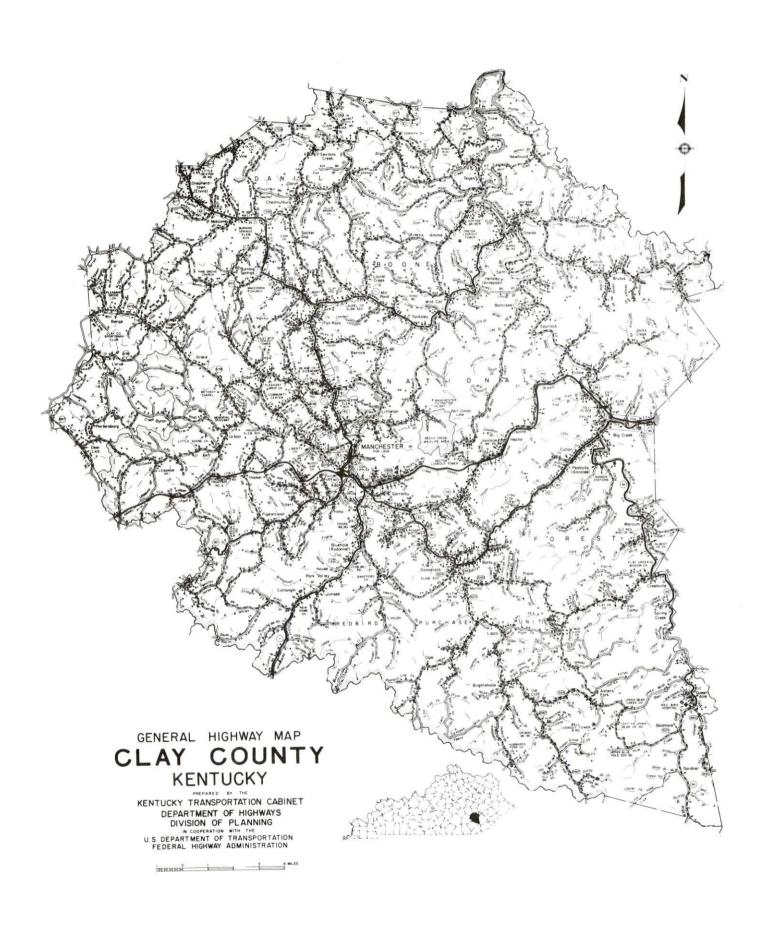
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MANCHESTER, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Manchester, the county seat of Clay County, is situated in the southern portion of Kentucky's Eastern Coal Fields Region. Manchester is located 172 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; 119 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 166 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky. Clay County lies almost entirely within the Red Bird Purchase Unit of the Daniel Boone National Forest, and contains some of the most beautiful woodlands and ruggedly scenic areas in the state. Clay County covers a land area of 471 square miles and had an estimated 1992 population of 22,192 persons. Manchester had an estimated 1992 population of 1,722 persons.

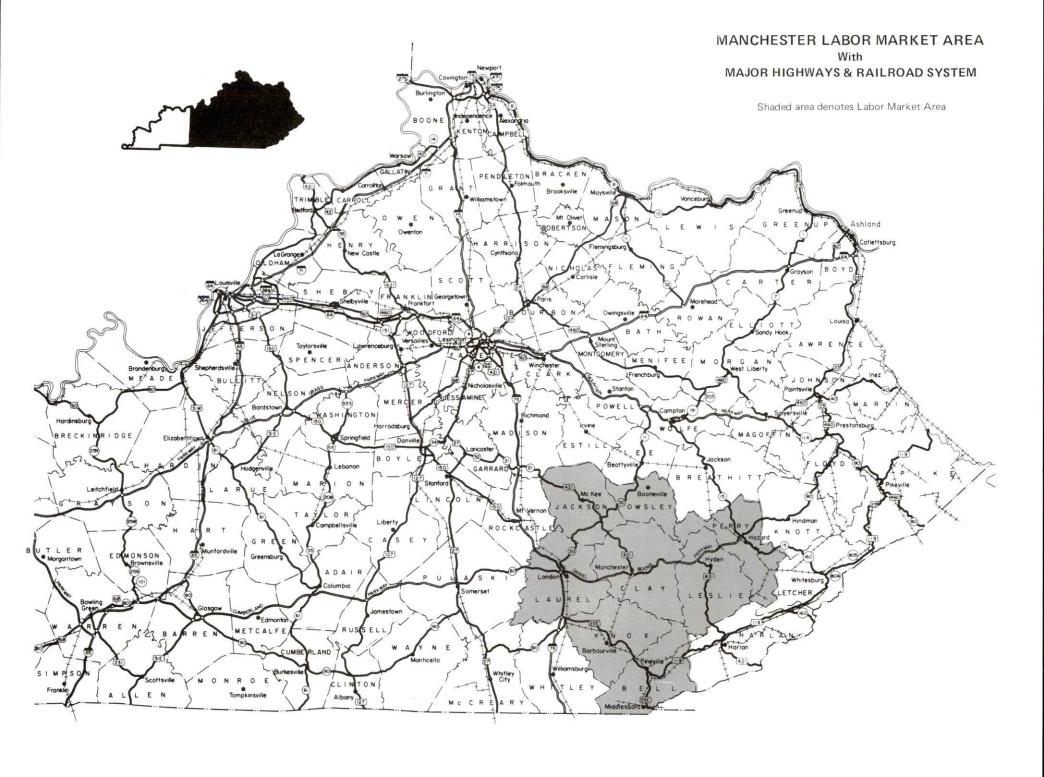
The Economic Framework - The total number of Clay County residents employed in 1994 averaged 6,487. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 944 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,019 jobs; 786 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,198 employees; contract construction firms provided 97 jobs; and 181 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of the 34,677 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 15,665 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - The Daniel Boone Parkway (a limited-access toll road), U.S. 421 and Kentucky Route 80 are "AAA"-rated trucking highways serving Manchester. Interstate 75 is accessible 22 miles west of Manchester via the Daniel Boone Parkway. Fourteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Manchester. CSX Transportation provides branch line rail service to Manchester. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Blue Grass Airport, 99 miles northwest of Manchester near Lexington. The London-Corbin Airport, located 23 miles west of Manchester, maintains a 6,000-foot runway.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company, provides electric power to Manchester and portions of Clay County. Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, whose source of power is East Kentucky Power, serves the major portion of Clay County. Delta Natural Gas Company, whose sources of supply are Wiser Oil Company and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, provides natural gas service to Manchester.

Education - The Clay County Public School System provides primary and secondary education in Clay County. Ten institutions of higher learning are located within 65 miles of Manchester. The nearest vocational training is available at the Laurel County Regional Technology Center in London, 20 miles west, and the Clay County Area Technology Center in Manchester.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Manchester Labor Market Area includes Clay County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bell, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Owsley, and Perry.

POPULATION

	1992*	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	190,806	187,282	192,653	153,587
Manchester	1,722	1,634	1,838	1,664
Clay County	22,192	21,746	22,752	18,481

^{*}Population estimates. Does not include recent annexation by City of Manchester.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

19	1995	2000	2010	2020
Labor Market Area	196,905	206,564	219,492	227,551
Clay County	22,916	23,703	24,712	24,770

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

		Current		Future
	Total	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1996 thru 2000
Labor Market Area*	34,677	5,083	29,594	15,665
Clay County	5,223	493	4,730	1,938

^{*} Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; 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). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

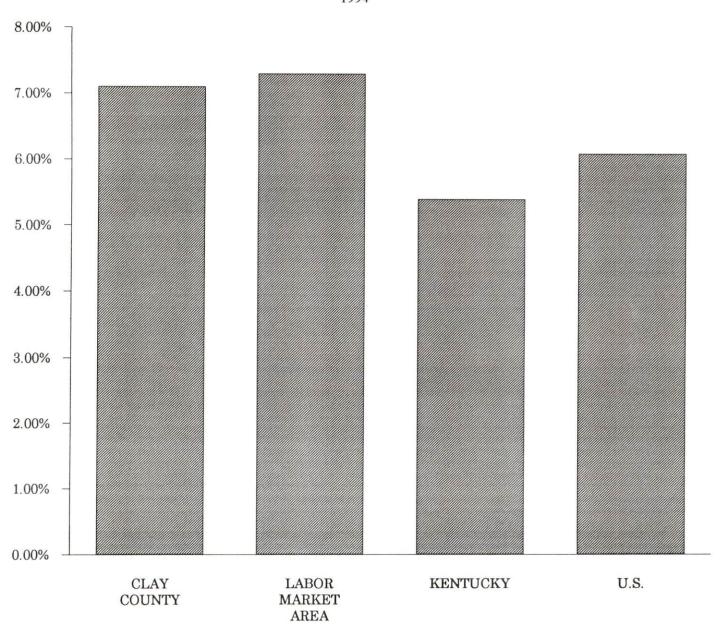
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994</u>. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, <u>Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru</u> 2000.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	Clay County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	6,980	69,244
Employment	6,487	64,161
Unemployment	493	5,083
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.1	7.3

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1994.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1994



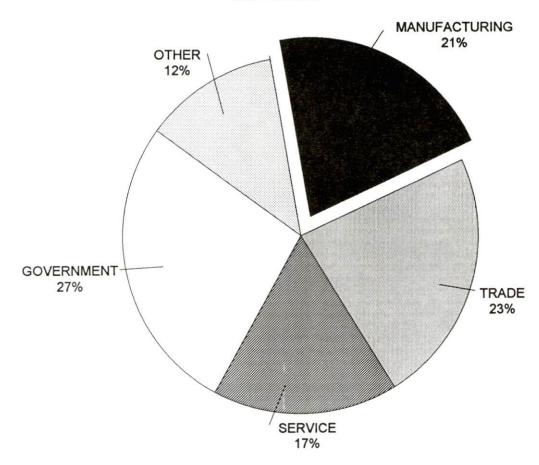
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

Clay County	Labor Market Area
City County	Buoof Warket / Hou
4,512	54,556
944	7,364
1,019	15,114
786	10,460
1,198	10,238
97	1,799
181	4,801
	944 1,019 786 1,198 97

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 Covered by Kentucky</u> Unemployment Insurance Law, 1994.

CLAY COUNTY

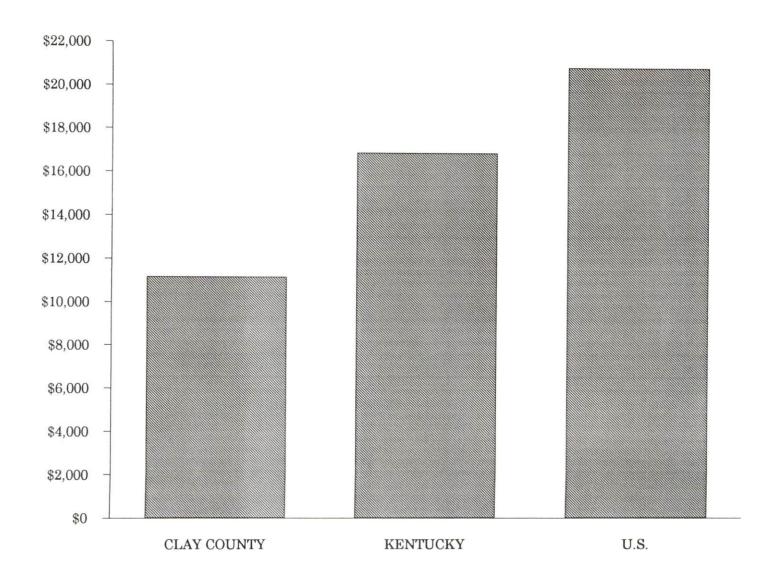


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1989	1993	Percent Change
Clay County	\$8,565	\$11,161	30.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$7,031 - \$11,440	\$9,644 - \$14,016	-
Kentucky	\$13,756	\$16,889	22.8
U.S.	\$17,690	\$20,800	17.6

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1993



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

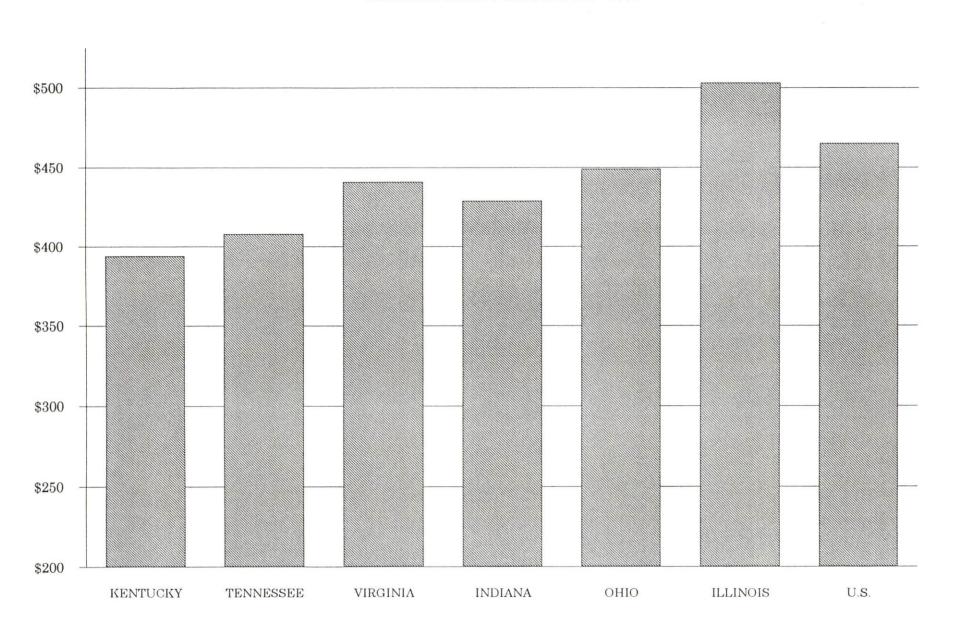
Clay County is served by the Corbin local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 3,416 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS	AVERAGE WAGE(\$)
All Occupations	3,416	4.77
Clerical	287	4.45
Sales	59	4.76
Services (excluding domestic)	642	4.20
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	20	4.61
Processing	128	5.95
Machine Trades	19	5.59
Bench Work	1,527	4.48
Structural	266	5.78
Motor Freight/ Transportation	74	5.05
Packaging and Materials Handling	313	6.16
Other	11	5.26

The Corbin local office also serves Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Whitley Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the <u>Dictionary of Occupational Titles</u> 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 - 1991



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY BY PLACE OF WORK, 1993*

	Clay	Kentucky			
	County	(Statewide)	Tennessee	Virginia	
All Industries	\$321.05	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00	
Mining & Quarrying	559.72	691.01	605.00	684.00	
Contract Construction	343.11	440.47	467.00	464.00	
Manufacturing	251.92	541.18	522.00	543.00	
Transportation,					
Communications &					
Public Utilities	332.12	567.94	572.00	648.00	
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238.71	287.24	N/A	N/A	
Finance, Insurance &					
Real Estate	319.03	449.89	495.00	523.00	
Services	361.34	350.41	394.00	455.00	
State/Local Government	391.30	413.84	N/A	N/A	
	Indiana	Ohio	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>	
All Industries	\$460.00	\$481.00	\$542.00	\$499.00	
Mining & Quarrying	757.00	645.00	738.00	816.00	
Contract Construction	509.00	534.00	658.00	530.00	
Manufacturing	629.00	670.00	667.00	623.00	
Transportation,					
Communications &					
Public Utilities	561.00	600.00	682.00	643.00	
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Finance, Insurance &					
Real Estate	527.00	568.00	748.00	693.00	
Services	391.00	422.00	494.00	475.00	
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

^{*} Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

N/A Not Available.

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes the salaries and wages of all persons working for that type business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1993. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <u>Employment and Wages</u>, Annual Averages, 1993, October, 1994.</u>

EXISTING INDUSTRY

MANCHESTER MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm		1994
(Establishment date)	Product	Average Employment
C & S Lumber Company	Palletts, lumber, mine lumber	5
Retail Outfitters (1986)	Wood and metal store fixtures	80
Kentucky Mountain Industries (1977)	Stamped appliance parts, plumbing fixtures, and automotive parts	52
Mid-South Electrics, Inc. (1968)	Metal stampings, appliance assembly, metal coating	400
Tex Style of Kentucky (1988)	Window dressings	80
The Manchester Enterprise (1954)	Newspaper, job printing	28
Tri-County Ready Mix (1971)	Ready-mixed concrete	2

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Kentucky Veneer and Plywood Company recently announced plans to construct a \$5 million plywood and veneer plant. The new plant will be located on an 80-acre site within the 300-acre Clay-Leslie Industrial Park. The company plans to begin operations by mid-1996 with initial employment of 75 people the first year and 75 additional jobs the second year.

Image Entry Inc./Compunet located in a temporary facility in 1995 and is in the process of constructing a permanent facility in the Clay County Industrial Park. The company currently employs 90 people.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are currently no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in Clay County.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Types of Services	Location	Mileage from Manchester
Custom Plastics Producers	Annville, Kentucky	25
Electric Motor Repair	Hyden, Kentucky Corbin, Kentucky	28 34
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	62
Industrial Waste Removal	Manchester, Kentucky	-
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Tyner, Kentucky	20
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	56
Metal Finishers	London, Kentucky	20
Metal Service Centers	Corbin, Kentucky	34
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	97

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Manchester is served by the Daniel Boone Parkway, a limited-access toll road. Both U.S. Highway 421 and Kentucky Route 80 are "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving the community. Kentucky Route 11, accessible south of Manchester, is a "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Interstate 75 is located 22 miles west of the city via the Daniel Boone Parkway.

U.S. Highway 421 North has been upgraded to three lanes, with a three-lane bridge, from Manchester to Kentucky 638.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM MANCHESTER, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

	Highway		Highway
City	Miles	City	Miles
Atlanta, GA	313	Los Angeles, CA	2,218
Baltimore, MD	573	Louisville, KY	166
Birmingham, AL	354	Nashville, TN	221
Chicago, IL	440	New Orleans, LA	693
Cincinnati, OH	172	New York, NY	773
Cleveland, OH	405	Pittsburgh, PA	428
Detroit, MI	432	St. Louis, MO	424
Knoxville, TN	119		

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

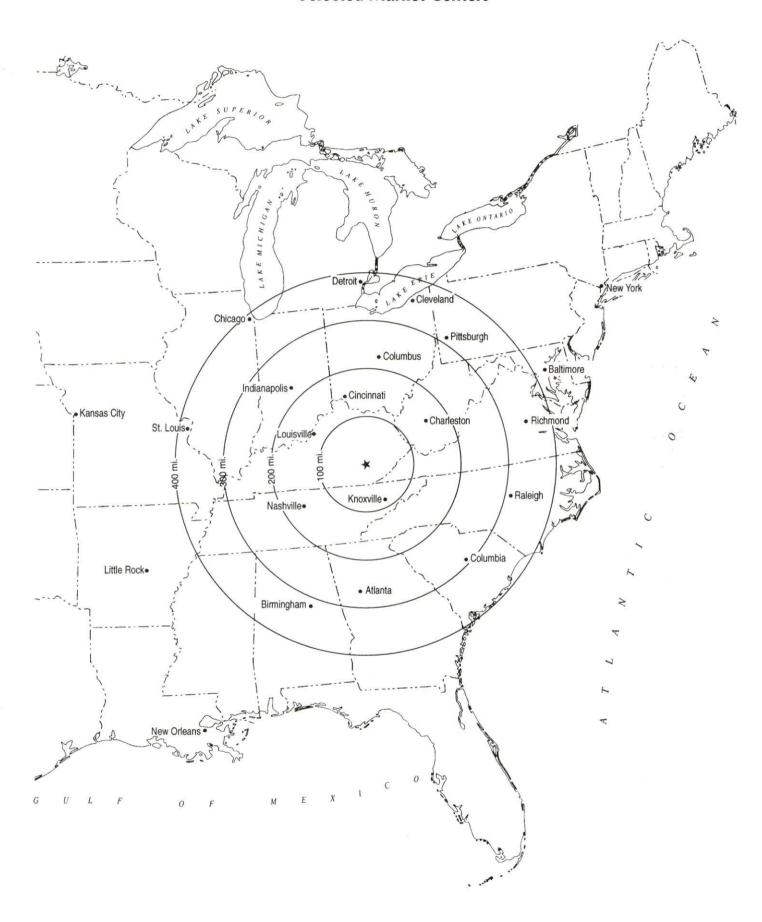
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

There are currently fourteen common carrier trucking companies that provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Manchester.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1995.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides branch line rail service to Manchester. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by Norfolk Southern Railway at Georgetown, 107 miles northwest of Manchester.

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

Regional

London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field)

3 miles south of London, Kentucky;

23 miles west of Manchester

Runways: 1 paved

Length: 6,000 feet

Traffic

Location:

Control: Wind sock, unicom 123.0, and FFS advisory service

Lighting: Beacon, runway and obstruction lights, REIL, VASI Services: Fuel (100LL, Jet-A, JP-A-50); minor A & P repairs;

Services: Fuel (100LL, Jet-A, JP-A-50); minor A & P repairs; APU start; de-icing; tie-downs; aircraft rental, auto rental, taxi; weather data; flight training;

auto rental, taxi; weather data; flight training charter and ambulance service; courtesy car

Air Freight

Service: Air carriers accept freight on a space available basis

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Blue Grass Airport

Location: 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;

99 miles northwest of Manchester

Air Service: American Eagle, ASA, ComAir, Delta,

Northwest Airlink, TW Express,

United Express, USAir, US Air Express

Daily Arrivals

& Departures: 176

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Manchester and portions of Clay County - Kentucky Utilities Company Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving a major portion of Clay County - Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

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

Natural Gas

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

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

Public Water Supply

Company serving Manchester -

Manchester Water Department

P.O. Box 279

Manchester, Kentucky 40962

(606) 598-3205

Source -

Treatment plant capacity-

Average daily consumption -

Peak daily consumption -Storage capacity -

Water pressure -

Bert T. Combs Lake

2,300,000 gallons per day

1,400,000 gallons

1,800,000 gallons

2,380,000 gallons

65 psi to 150 psi

Sewerage

Company serving Manchester -

Manchester Sewer Department

P.O. Box 279

Manchester, Kentucky 40962

(606) 598-6044

Design capacity -

Average daily flow -

Type of treatment -

Treated effluent discharged into -

1,700,000 gallons per day

800,000 gallons

Secondary

Goose Creek

CLIMATE

Clay County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record) Average annual 1993 Record highest, September 1954 (52-year record) Record lowest, January 1985 (52-year record) Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	57.60 degrees 58.90 degrees 103.00 degrees -24.00 degrees 3,937
(Heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	3,937

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	47.14 inches
Mean annual snowfall (46-year record)	11.80 inches
Total precipitation 1993	45.09 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(51-year record)	126.30
Mean number days thunderstorms (51-year record)	47.00

Prevailing Winds (through 1963) Northeast

Relative Humidity (33-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, <u>Climatological Data</u>, 1993. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Manchester is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a fouryear term and the council members each serve two-year terms. Clay County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each official is elected to a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Manchester-Clay County Planning Commission
Participating cities - Manchester
Zoning enforced - Within corporate limits of Manchester
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within corporate limits of Manchester
Local codes enforced - Building and housing within corporate limits of Manchester
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

Annual business license fees ranging from \$5 to \$100 are levied on most businesses in Manchester. Unloading licenses range from \$7.50 to \$25.00 annually, depending on vehicle weight. Manchester levies an insurance license fee based on four percent of the premium.

Clay County levies a 1.0% occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals employed within the county and on net profits of businesses.

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

1994 State Rate	Local Taxation Permitted
\$0.172	YES
0.150	NO
0.150	NO
0.050	NO
0.050	NO
0.050	YES
0.450	YES
0.450	YES
0.250	NO
	\$0.172 0.150 0.150 0.050 0.050 0.050 0.450 0.450

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1994

Taxing Jurisdiction	Real Estate	Finished Goods & Tangibles	Motor <u>Vehicles</u>
Clay County	\$0.1550	\$0.1552	\$0.1668
School Districts: Clay County	0.4320	0.4320	0.2540
Cities: Manchester	0.3500	0.3500	0.3500

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Clay County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	4,560
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	15.3-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	30.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,991.08

Area Colleges and Universities

Name	Location (Miles from Manchester)	Enrollment (Fall, 1994)
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (20)	419
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (25)	1,005
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (41)	1,870
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (53)	1,550
Somerset Community College	Somerset, Kentucky (54)	2,709
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (54)	1,550
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Kentucky (61)	1,528
Lees College	Jackson, Kentucky (61)	654
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, Kentucky (62)	570
*Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (62)	16,060

^{*} Eastern Kentucky University maintains a branch campus in Manchester, EKU-Manchester Center.

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 Manchester)	Number of Program Offerings	Cumu Enrol 1994-		Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually
Clay County Area Technology Center	Manchester	6	<u>Sec</u> 225	<u>P/S</u> 20	47
Laurel County Regional Technology Center	London (20)	13	<u>Sec</u> 151	<u>P/S</u> 298	96
Hazard Regional Technology Center	Hazard (41)	15	<u>Sec</u> 112	<u>P/S</u> 384	97

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its Training and Development Coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located on the Hazard Regional Technology Center campus, 101 Vo-Tech Drive, Hazard, Kentucky 41701, (606) 435-6101.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills and academic potential. The Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the Hazard Regional Technology Center campus (606) 435-6101.

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 Manchester, adult literacy and adult basic education is provided through the Clay County Learning Center.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. Clay County Area Technology Center offers tech prep in the business, health and technology education areas. Hazard Regional Technology Center offers tech prep in the areas of auto body, auto technology, carpentry, drafting, electricity, electronics and office technology.

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 a 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 - 19 Dentists - 7

Hospitals

General Hospital	Location	<u>Beds</u>
Memorial Hospital	Manchester	63

Medical staff - 12 active physicians, 12 courtesy physicians, 60 registered nurses, 10 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center Cumberland Valley District Health Department Clay County Ambulance Service Clay County Home Health Agency Red Bird Mountain Medical Center Manchester Medical Clinic

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

The First National Bank of Manchester National City Bank

Newspapers

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RECREATION

Local

A variety of recreational opportunities are available in the Manchester area. Facilities at the Manchester Community Center include a swimming pool, a basketball court, tennis courts, meeting rooms, offices, and a kitchen.

Ramsey Park features three ball fields, a football field, a basketball court, a picnic shelter, a horse show ring, and tennis courts. A city park and three privately-owned tennis courts are also available in Manchester.

The Christian Youth Center offers its facilities for public use. These include two basketball courts, a stage, and a game room.

Recreational developments in Clay County include a Little League ball field at Ramsey Park, and playground and picnic areas at the Old White Hall and Old Horse Creek schools.

The Big Hickory Golf & Country Club provides a public nine-hole golf course, clubhouse, pro shop and driving range.

Annual events in Clay County include Clay County Days Festival each Labor Day weekend, a horse show each spring and fall, and Clay County Christmas the first weekend in December.

Manchester is located in the Red Bird Purchase Unit 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.

Area (within 60 miles)

Buckhorn Lake State Park
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park
Dr. Thomas Walker State Historic Site
Laurel River Lake
Pine Mountain State Resort Park
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
Cumberland Gap National Historic Park
William Whitley House State Historic Site



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