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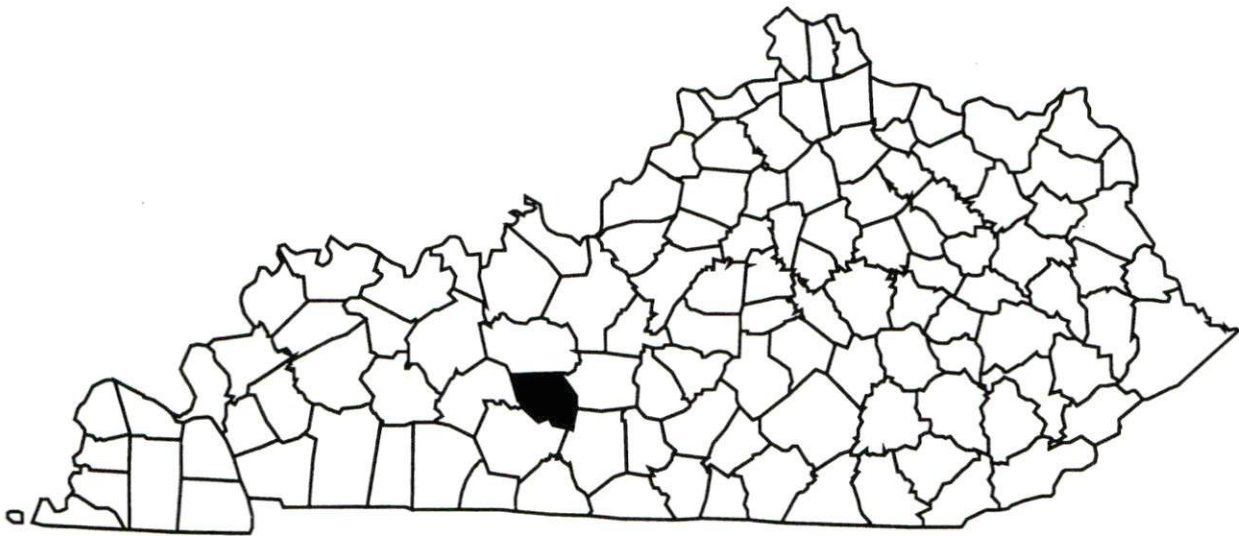
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EDMONSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

Brownsville, the county seat of Edmonson County, is a small community located at the western edge of the internationally renowned Mammoth Cave National Park. Brownsville, with an estimated 1996 population of 936, is located 22 miles northeast of Bowling Green, Kentucky; 86 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee; 102 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; and 276 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri.

Edmonson County, with a land area of 302 square miles, is located in southcentral Kentucky, partly within the Western Coal Field Region and partly within the Mississippian Plateaus Region. Nearly 47,000 acres of Mammoth Cave lies beneath Edmonson County. Edmonson County, designated as a "Scenic Byways" area by the Department of Transportation, offers over 80 miles of scenic roads. Edmonson County had an estimated 1997 population of 11,135 persons.

The Economic Framework – Edmonson County firms employed 1,110 people in 1996. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 38 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 194 jobs; 315 were employed in the service industry; state and local government accounted for 413 jobs; and contract construction firms provided 56 jobs.

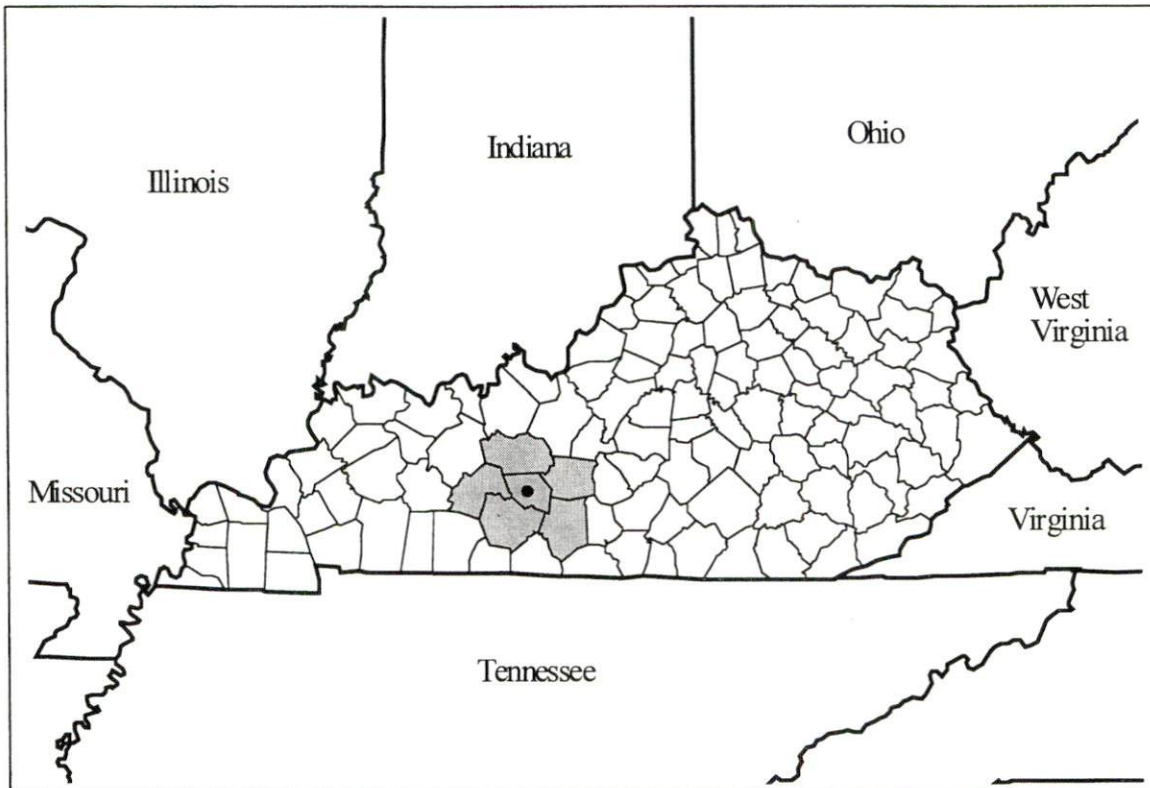
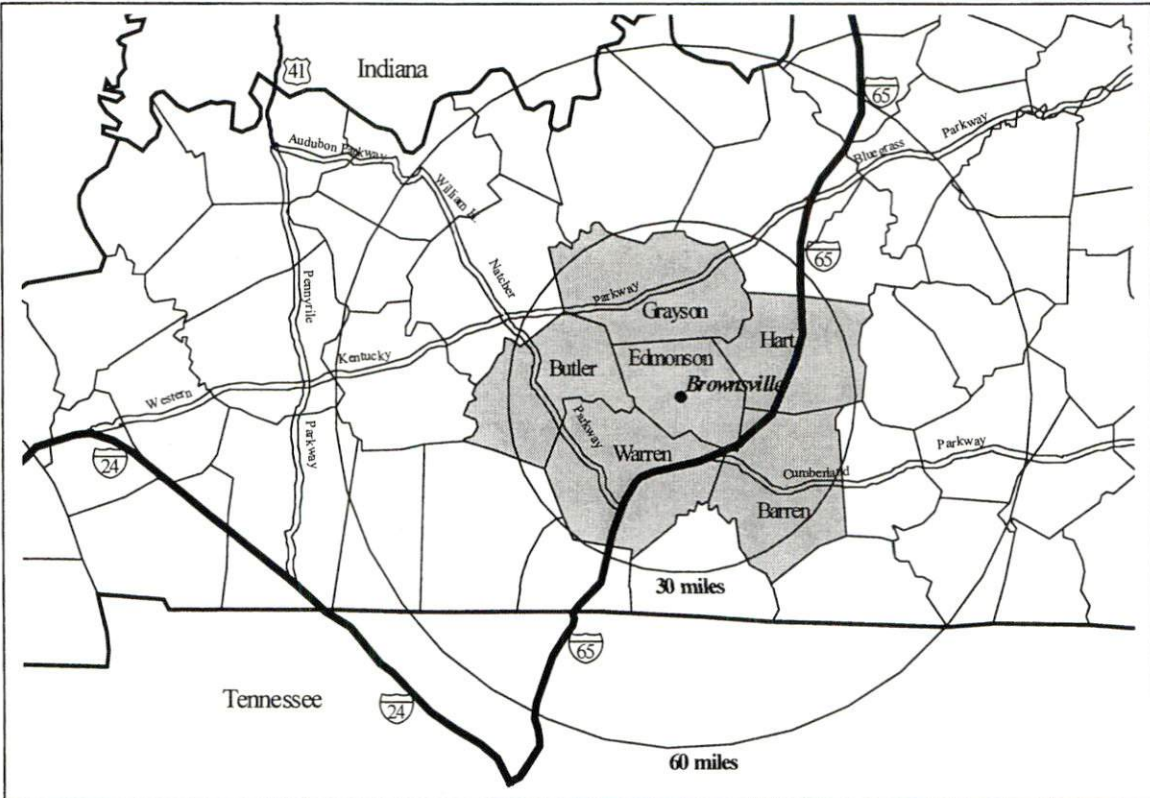
Labor Supply – There is a current estimated labor supply of 34,888 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 to 2003, approximately 12,810 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation – Kentucky Highway 259, a AA-rated trucking highway, provides direct access from Brownsville to Interstate Highway 65, 15 miles southeast of Brownsville, and to the Western Kentucky Parkway, 24 miles north of Brownsville. Twelve trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Brownsville. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Louisville International Airport, 96 miles northeast and at the Nashville International Airport, 92 miles southwest of Brownsville near Nashville, Tennessee. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service at Cave City, 20 miles east of Brownsville.

Power and Fuel – Electric power is provided to Brownsville and parts of Edmonson County by the Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. A portion of eastern Edmonson County is provided electric power by East Kentucky Power. Natural gas service is currently available at the industrial park but not in the city of Brownsville.

Education – The Edmonson County School System provides primary and secondary education in Edmonson County. Four institutions of higher learning are located within 60 miles of Brownsville. Technical education is available at the Bowling Green Technical College and the Kentucky Advanced Technology Center in Bowling Green; at the Barren County Area Technology Center and the Bowling Green Technical College, Glasgow Campus in Glasgow; and at the Grayson County AVEC in Leitchfield.

Labor Market Area Maps



Note: For detailed topographical and general highway maps call Maps and Publications at 502-564-4715. For industrial site maps call Site Evaluation at 502-564-7140.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Edmonson County labor market area includes Edmonson County and the following additional counties: Barren, Butler, Grayson, Hart, and Warren.

Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996*</u>	<u>1997*</u>
Labor Market Area	163,119	169,263	183,613	186,021
Edmonson County	9,962	10,357	11,008	11,135
Brownsville	674	897	936	N/A

* Population estimates.

N/A: Not available.

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

Population Projections

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	190,603	204,037	213,549
Edmonson County	11,251	12,080	12,827

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1997</u>			<u>Under- employed</u>	<u>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>		
Labor Market Area	34,888	5,697	3,041	26,151	12,810
Edmonson County	1,045	420	267	358	868

Note: Unemployed – people not working but actively seeking work. Potential Labor Supply – represents the number of persons not in the labor force, but would like a job (based on national estimates). Underemployed – people employed in wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services. See Appendix for further explanation.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1999 through 2003.

Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1997

	<u>Edmonson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,996	98,388
Employed	4,561	92,486
Unemployed	435	5,902
Unemployment Rate %	8.7	6.0

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Work Force Commuting Patterns (1990)

Workers commuting out of Edmonson County	2,094
Workers commuting into Edmonson County	203
Working and residing in Edmonson County	1,533

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

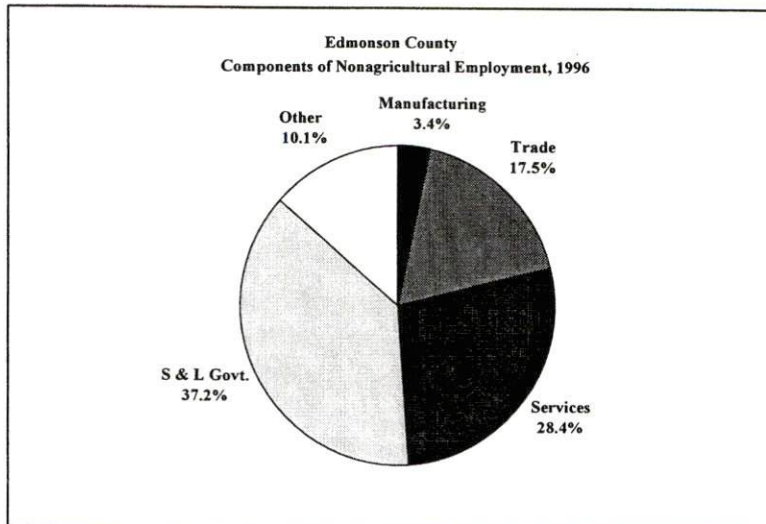
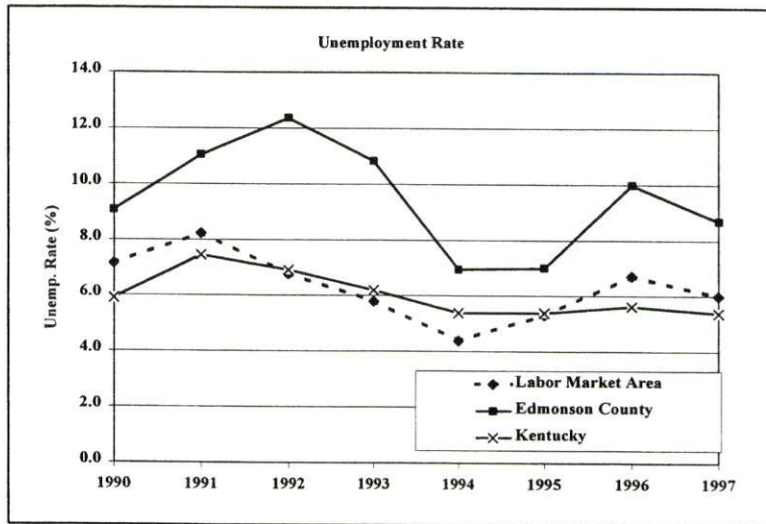
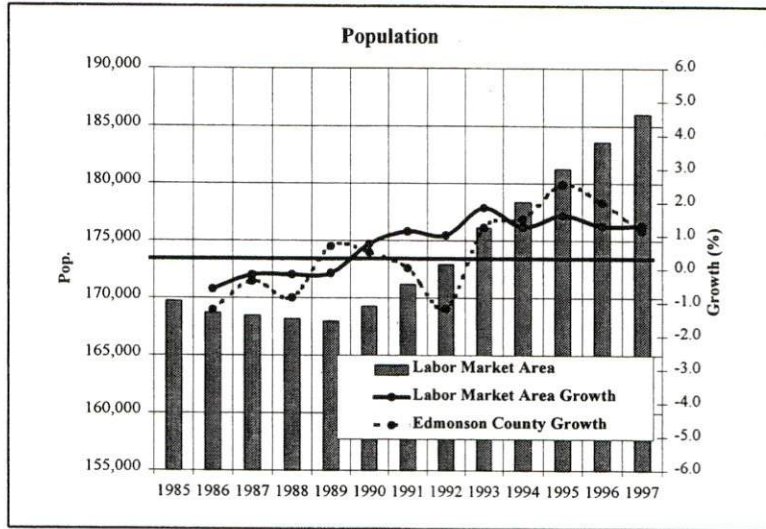
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1996

	<u>Edmonson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	1,110	76,731
Mining & Quarrying	0	176
Contract Construction	56	4,118
Manufacturing	38	21,044
Transportation & Public Utilities	30	2,455
Wholesale & Retail Trade	194	19,677
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	61	2,790
Services	315	15,044
State & Local Government	413	10,784
Other	0	609

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1996.

Selected Charts



Per Capita Personal Income

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Percent Change (1992-1996)</u>
Edmonson County	\$10,905	\$12,774	17.1
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,905 - \$17,403	\$12,774 - \$21,264	-
Kentucky	\$16,761	\$19,773	18.0
U. S.	\$20,631	\$24,436	18.4

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. 1998.

Average Placement Wages

Edmonson 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, 1998, the local employment office filled Edmonson County job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

	<u>Number of Placements</u>	<u>Average Wage (\$)</u>
All Occupations	2,755	7.43
Professional, Technical & Managerial	55	7.63
Clerical	230	7.71
Sales	90	7.82
Domestic	9	10.42
Services (excluding domestic)	429	5.51
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	12	8.09
Processing	32	6.70
Machine Trades	455	8.81
Bench Work	459	6.98
Structural	173	7.82
Motor Freight/Transportation	57	6.84
Packaging and Materials Handling	745	7.78
Other	9	6.01

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Bowling Green local office serves Allen, Butler, Edmonson, Logan, Simpson, and Warren Counties.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services.

Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1996

	<u>Edmonson County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$300.95	\$465.37	\$495.00	\$525.00
Mining & Quarrying	0.00	774.09	718.00	763.00
Contract Construction	364.43	489.34	524.00	515.00
Manufacturing	137.26	608.28	592.00	615.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	283.94	620.62	620.00	718.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	184.70	319.59	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	372.89	576.81	653.00	688.00
Services	259.04	420.80	471.00	550.00
State & Local Government	384.36	473.35	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
All Industries	\$507.00	\$528.00	\$599.00	\$550.00
Mining & Quarrying	810.00	732.00	887.00	916.00
Contract Construction	577.00	590.00	731.00	583.00
Manufacturing	699.00	738.00	737.00	697.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	614.00	641.00	725.00	694.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	587.00	638.00	874.00	802.00
Services	434.00	466.00	547.00	523.00
State & Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A - Not Available.

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes salaries and wages of all persons working for that type of business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers are excluded. Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1996. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1996, November 1997.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Edmonson County Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1997 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Bee Spring			
Nolin Vault Co.	Concrete burial vaults	3	1986
Brownsville			
Sun Valley Feed Mill, Inc.	Custom mixed animal feed	4	1971
Roundhill			
Dunaway Timber Co., Inc.	Rough cut lumber & railroad ties	7	N/A
Sunfish			
Farmers Custom Processing Plant	Meat packing & custom processing: sausage & smoked meats	8	1984

N/A: Not available.

Sources: Harris InfoSource in cooperation with Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

Recent Industrial Developments

The City of Brownsville owns a 28-acre industrial site complete with infrastructure on Kentucky Highway 70 which is accessible via three Kentucky parkway systems and Interstate 65.

Edmonson County owns a 48.2-acre industrial site with infrastructure and rail service. The site is located on U.S. Highway 31W and is three minutes from Interstate 65 (visible from I-65), and ten minutes from the Cumberland Parkway. The site is approximately 100 miles from Louisville, Kentucky, and 90 miles from Nashville, Tennessee.

Labor Organizations in Edmonson County

There are currently no unions representing workers at manufacturing firms in Edmonson County at the present time.

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

Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of Brownsville

Miles	City	Custom Plastics Producers	Electric Motor Repair	Heat Treating Facilities	Industrial Waste Removal	Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Metal Castings	Metal Finishers	Metal Service Centers	Mill- wrights & Riggers
16	Bowling Green	X				X				
21	Horse Cave						X	X		
22	Glasgow		X		X	X				
26	Scottsville					X				
27	Woodburn					X				
32	Franklin	X				X				
33	Auburn	X	X							
39	Elizabethtown				X					
42	McHenry					X				
43	Hartford							X		
43	Russellville				X		X			
43	Tompkinsville					X				
44	Radcliff	X								
45	Greensburg		X							
50	Hawesville							X		

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from city center to city center; not road miles.

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Kentucky Highway 259, a AA-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, serves Brownsville and provides access to Interstate 65, 15 miles southeast of Brownsville, and to the Western Kentucky Parkway, a multi-lane highway, 24 miles north of Brownsville. The Cumberland Parkway is accessible 20 miles southeast of Brownsville via Kentucky 259 and Interstate 65. Kentucky Highway 101 and U.S. Highway 31W serve the southeastern portion of Edmonson County.

Highway Miles from Brownsville, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	331	Kansas City, MO	525
Baltimore, MD	677	Knoxville, TN	225
Birmingham, AL	277	Los Angeles, CA	2,092
Charleston, WV	314	Louisville, KY	102
Chicago, IL	396	Minneapolis, MN	808
Cincinnati, OH	199	Nashville, TN	86
Cleveland, OH	451	New Orleans, LA	617
Columbia, SC	486	New York, NY	838
Columbus, OH	301	Pittsburgh, PA	488
Dallas, TX	748	Raleigh, NC	586
Des Moines, IA	692	Richmond, VA	631
Detroit, MI	457	St. Louis, MO	276
Indianapolis, IN	209	Tallahassee, FL	682

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

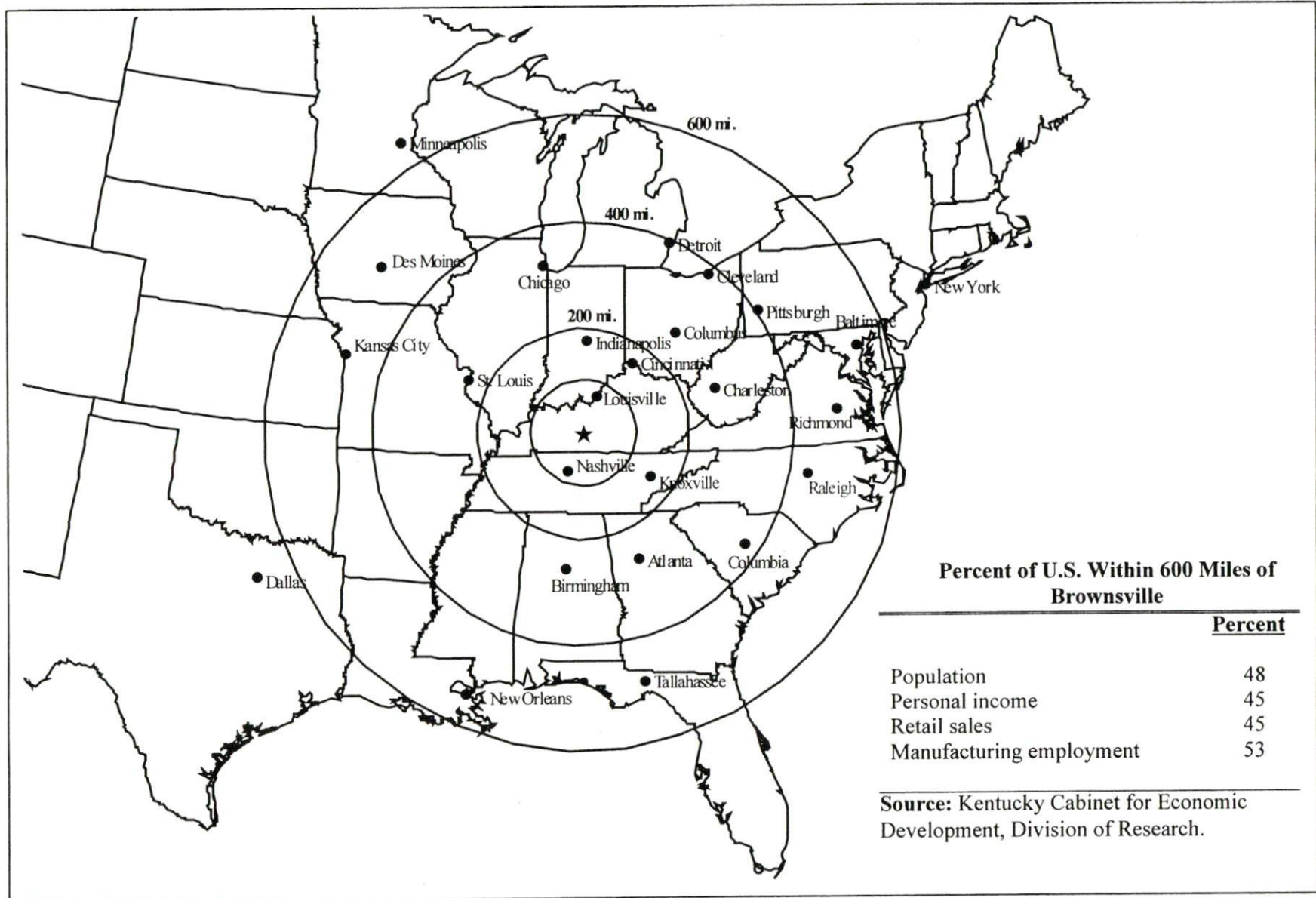
Source: AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

Truck Service

Twelve firms provide interstate and/or intrastate trucking service to Brownsville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1998.

Selected Market Centers Map



Rail

The nearest main line rail service is provided by CSX Transportation at Cave City, Kentucky, 23 miles east of Brownsville. Intermodal facilities are available in Nashville, Tennessee, 86 miles southwest.

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

Manager of Industrial Development
CSX Transportation
9420 Bunsen Parkway
Suite 212
Louisville, KY 40220
(502) 499-3025

Air

Local

Location: Warren County Regional Airport
Bowling Green, Kentucky
Runway length: 6,500 & 3,956 feet
Phone: 502-842-1101

Commercial/International

Nearest Major Commercial Airline Service

Location: Louisville International Airport
Louisville, Kentucky
96 miles northeast of Brownsville
Air service: American, ASA, Comair, Continental, Continental Express, Delta, Delta Express, Northwest, Northwest Airlink, Skyway, Southwest, TWA, United, United Express, US Airways, Valujet
Daily arrivals & departures: 172

Nearest International Airport

Location: Nashville International Airport
Nashville, Tennessee
92 miles southwest of Brownsville
Air service: Air Canada, American, American Eagle, Comair, Continental, Corporate Express, Delta, Delta Express, Midway Connection, Northwest, Skyway, Southwest, TWA, United, US Airways, US Airways Express, Trans States
Daily arrivals & departures: 364

UTILITIES

Electricity

Service area: **small portion of eastern Edmonson County**
Company: Farmers Electric Company
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

Service area: **Brownsville and most of Edmonson County**
Company: Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power: Tennessee Valley Authority

For industrial rates contact: Manager of Economic Development
South Kentucky Industrial Development Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 726
Hopkinsville, KY 42241-0726
(502) 885-5392

and/or

Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
951 Fairview Avenue
P.O. Box 1118
Bowling Green, KY 42102
(502) 842-6541

Natural Gas

Natural gas is available at the industrial park but not in Brownsville.

Public Water Supply

Service area: **Edmonson County and parts of Hart, Grayson, and Warren counties**
Company: Edmonson County Water District

P.O. Box 208
1128 Highway 259N
Brownsville, KY 42210
(502) 597-2165 Fax (502) 597-2166

Treatment facilities information

Source of raw water: Green River and Nolin Lake
Treatment plant capacity: 2,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption: 895,737 gallons
Peak daily consumption: 1,898,000 gallons
Storage capacity: 2,120,000 gallons
Water pressure: 35 psi to 135 psi

Improvements: The Edmonson County Water District plans a treatment plant expansion and tank and line improvements at a cost of approximately \$4.6 million.

Service area:

Brownsville

Company:

City of Brownsville
P.O. Box 238
Brownsville, KY 42210
(502) 597-3814

Treatment facilities information

Source of treated water: Edmonson County Water District
Amount that can be purchased: 1,200,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption: 96,400 gallons
Peak daily consumption: 99,774 gallons
Storage capacity: 200,000 gallons, with access to 1,000,000 gallons
Water pressure: 70 psi to 95 psi

Sewerage

Service area:

Brownsville

Company:

City of Brownsville
P.O. Box 238
Brownsville, Kentucky 42210
(502) 597-3814

Design capacity: 218,278 gallons per day
Average daily flow: 56,000 gallons
Type of treatment: Primary
Treated effluent discharged into: Green River

CLIMATE

Edmonson County

Temperature

Average (113-year record)	55.10 degrees
Average annual 1996	53.60 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (52-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (52-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,783
Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)	1,140

Precipitation

Normal total (30-year record)	44.55 inches
Normal annual snowfall (30-year record)	17.50 inches
Total precipitation 1996	53.81 inches
Normal number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	129.10
Mean number days thunderstorms (52-year record)	44.10

Prevailing Winds (25-year record) South

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Note: Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F. Cooling degree day totals are the sums of positive departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Local Climatological Data, 1996.
Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Brownsville is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members each serve two-year terms. Edmonson County is governed by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

Brownsville/Edmonson County Planning and Zoning Commission.

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 Brownsville levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. Brownsville also levies a \$25 annual unloading license fee.

Sales and Use Tax

A state sales and use tax is levied at the rate of 6.0% on the purchase or lease price of taxable goods and on utilities services. Local sales taxes are not levied in Kentucky.

State and Local Property Taxes

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdiction 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 the city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. 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).

State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>State Rate, 1997</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.157	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

Source: Property Tax Rates 1997, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1997

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
<u>County</u>			
Edmonson County	0.1790	0.3080	0.3060
<u>Cities</u>			
Brownsville	0.0920	0.0920	0.1300
<u>School Districts</u>			
Edmonson County School District	0.3800	0.3800	0.4500

Source: Property Tax Rates 1997, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-1997

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u>	<u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u>
Edmonson County	1,931	\$5,608	17.0 to 1

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-1997

<u>County-wide</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>	<u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u>
Total High School Graduates	109	100.0
To College	30	27.5
To Vocational/Technical School	11	10.1
To Workforce	56	51.4
To Work & School	3	2.8
To Military	3	2.8
Other	6	5.5

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Colleges and Technical Schools

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Brownsville

	<u>Location (Miles from Brownsville)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (16)	14,543
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown, Kentucky (39)	3,595
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville, Kentucky (55)	1,583
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia, Kentucky (57)	1,425

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from city center to city center, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Technical Schools

	Location (Mileage from Brownsville)	Enrollment (1997-1998)		
		Sec	P/S	Total
Kentucky Advanced Technology Center	Bowling Green, Kentucky (16)	0	309	309
Bowling Green Technical College	Bowling Green, Kentucky (16)	143	877	1,020
Bowling Green Technical College Glasgow Campus	Glasgow, Kentucky (22)	0	207	207
Barren County ATC	Glasgow, Kentucky (22)	561	7	568
Grayson County AVEC	Leitchfield, Kentucky (25)	400	0	400
Elizabethtown Technical College	Elizabethtown, Kentucky (39)	47	662	709
Russellville ATC	Russellville, Kentucky (43)	543	6	549
Ohio County ATC	Hartford, Kentucky (43)	673	23	696
Monroe County ATC	Tompkinsville, Kentucky (43)	680	2	682
Green County ATC	Greensburg, Kentucky (45)	531	11	542
Meade County ATC	Brandenburg, Kentucky (49)	337	2	339
Muhlenberg County ATC	Greenville, Kentucky (56)	142	57	199
Bullitt County ATC	Shepherdsville, Kentucky (60)	297	0	297

Notes: Kentucky Tech secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers (ATC), are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post-secondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Adult courses may be offered at some secondary technical schools.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its training and development coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator at the Bowling Green Technical College in Bowling Green, Kentucky (502) 746-7461.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. The Career Connections Assessment Center serving the Edmonson County area is located at the Bowling Green Technical College (502) 746-7461.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In the Edmonson County area, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Edmonson County Literacy Council.

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. The Bowling Green Technical College and the Barren County Area Technology Center offer tech prep programs in the areas of automotive, carpentry, drafting, electronics, food service, graphic communication, machine/tool, retailing, welding, and business technology.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) was established in 1984 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent, de jure corporation to stimulate economic development through customized business and industry specific skills training programs. The BSSC works with business and industry and Kentucky's educational institutions to establish programs of skills training. The BSSC is attached to the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes, in recognition of the relationship between economic development and skills training efforts.

The BSSC is comprised of two economic development tools, matching grants and the newly authorized Skills Training Investment Credit Act. The BSSC grant program is available to new, expanding and existing business and industry. Eligible training activities include pre-employment skills training and assessment; entry level, skills upgrade and occupational upgrade training; train-the-trainer travel; and capacity-building. The Skills Training Investment Credit Act provides tax credits to existing businesses for skills upgrade training.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 4

Dentists - 2

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center	Leitchfield, 25 miles north	75
Greenview Regional Hospital	Bowling Green, 22 miles south	211
The Medical Center	Bowling Green, 22 miles south	388

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Edmonson County Health Department

Edmonson County Ambulance Service

Edmonson County Health Care Center

Edmonson Health Care Center

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of Edmonson County

Brownsville Deposit Bank

Newspapers

Edmonson News (weekly)

Telephone Service

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RECREATION

Edmonson County has been designated a "Scenic Byways" area by the Department of Transportation and offers over 80 miles of scenic roads and beautiful scenery.

Edmonson County Community Center in Brownsville provides facilities for year-round activities. The county park provides three lighted baseball/softball fields, with plans to construct a tennis court. The Brownsville City Park, located along the Green River, offers picnic areas, campsites, a shelter house, restroom facilities, and a boat ramp.

Other recreational facilities include a playground, a football field, the Baptist Church Camp, fairgrounds, and a private 18-hole golf course located in northern Edmonson County. The Seven Springs Park, located in southern Edmonson County includes a campground, picnic areas, swimming, fishing and hiking.

The Edmonson County Arts Council constructed an amphitheater at the Green River City Park. The outdoor drama "The Death of Floyd Collins" is presented there on Friday and Saturday nights June through early September.

Mammoth Cave National Park is located 14 miles east of Brownsville near Cave City. Beneath 52,830 park acres, Mammoth Cave is the longest cave system ever discovered on earth, with over 350 miles charted. A large variety of recreational activities are offered in the Mammoth Cave area. Some activities include cave tours, horseback riding, camping, hiking, ranger-led activities, and scenic boat trips. Park accommodations include a hotel with a gift shop, dining room, motor lodge, hotel cottages, and woodland cottages. The park is open for tours every day of the year except Christmas Day.

Nolin Lake State Park is just north of Mammoth Cave National Park. Recreational activities include fishing, boating, and camping.

Park Mammoth Resort offers two 18-hole championship golf courses, golf tournaments, convention facilities, tennis courts, miniature golf, horseback riding, train rides, an indoor pool, historic lodge, and excellent dining. The resort is approximately ten miles from Mammoth Cave National Park.

Barren River Lake State Resort Park, 43 miles south of Brownsville near Glasgow, is a full-facility resort park offering a 51-room resort lodge and cottages. Barren River Lake, covering 10,000 acres, is a popular area for skiing, sailing, fishing, and swimming.

Area (Within 70 miles)

National Corvette Museum (10 miles from Edmonson County)

American Cave Museum and Cave and Karst Center

Old Mulkey Meeting House State Historic Site

Lake Malone State Park

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site

APPENDIX - DEFINITIONS

Geographic definition of the labor market area

A county's labor market area is defined as the base county, adjacent counties, and any other major commuting counties. Adjacency is used to define the labor market area primarily because of the small size of Kentucky's counties. The major commuting counties are defined from the point of view of the base county. Major commuting counties are those counties that comprise 90% of the base county's total commuters. The source of the commuting patterns is the 1990 journey-to-work data available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Example – Logan County

To determine the labor market area for Logan County the following steps are taken. First, the counties with workers commuting into Logan County are listed in ascending order (see the table below). The cumulative percent is calculated. Next, all counties that comprise up to 90% of the commuters are included in the labor market area (actually the cut-off will be the county that breaks the 90% threshold – Montgomery County, TN at 92.6% in this case). Although Robertson is not a major commuter county, it is included since it is adjacent. The Logan County labor market is then comprised of the seven bold-faced counties in the table below.

Labor Market Area Example – Logan County

<u>Adjacent to Logan</u>	<u>Commuter County</u>	<u>Commuters into Logan</u>	<u>Percent of Total Commuters</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Y	Todd	385	24.4%	24.4%
Y	Warren	377	23.9	48.4
Y	Muhlenberg	365	23.2	71.5
Y	Simpson	162	10.3	81.8
Y	Butler	116	7.4	89.1
	Montgomery, TN	55	3.5	92.6
	Christian	36	2.3	94.9
	Sumner, TN	35	2.2	97.1
Y	Robertson, TN	25	1.6	98.7
	Davidson, TN	20	1.3	100.0
	<i>Total Commuters into Logan County</i>	<i>1,576</i>	<i>100.0</i>	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Economic Information System, CD-ROM. August 1997.

Potential Labor Supply

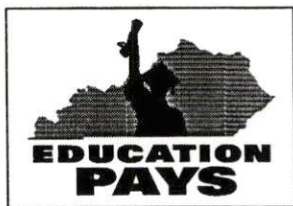
The potential labor supply is an estimate of those persons not classified as in the labor force (not employed and not unemployed), but who want a job. The assumption is that people not in the labor force at the local level would like a job at the same rate as the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics provides national, yearly estimates of the percent of the people not in the labor force who want a job. This percent is applied to the county-level number of people not in the labor force.

Underemployed

Wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services have historically paid low wages. The assumption is that workers in these industries would take higher paying jobs if they were available. Non-professional services excludes Miscellaneous Repair Services (SIC 7600), Health Services (SIC 8000), Legal Services (SIC 8100), and Engineering and Management Services (SIC 8700).

Total Available Labor

Total available labor is the sum of the number of unemployed, potential labor supply, and underemployed. Please note that the number of unemployed is the only generally accepted measure of labor availability. The other concepts are weaker measures and should be used with caution.



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