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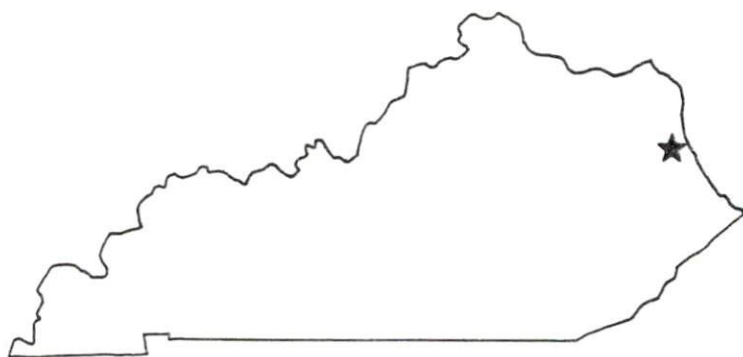
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# *Resources for Economic Development*

## Louisa



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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LOUISA, KENTUCKY

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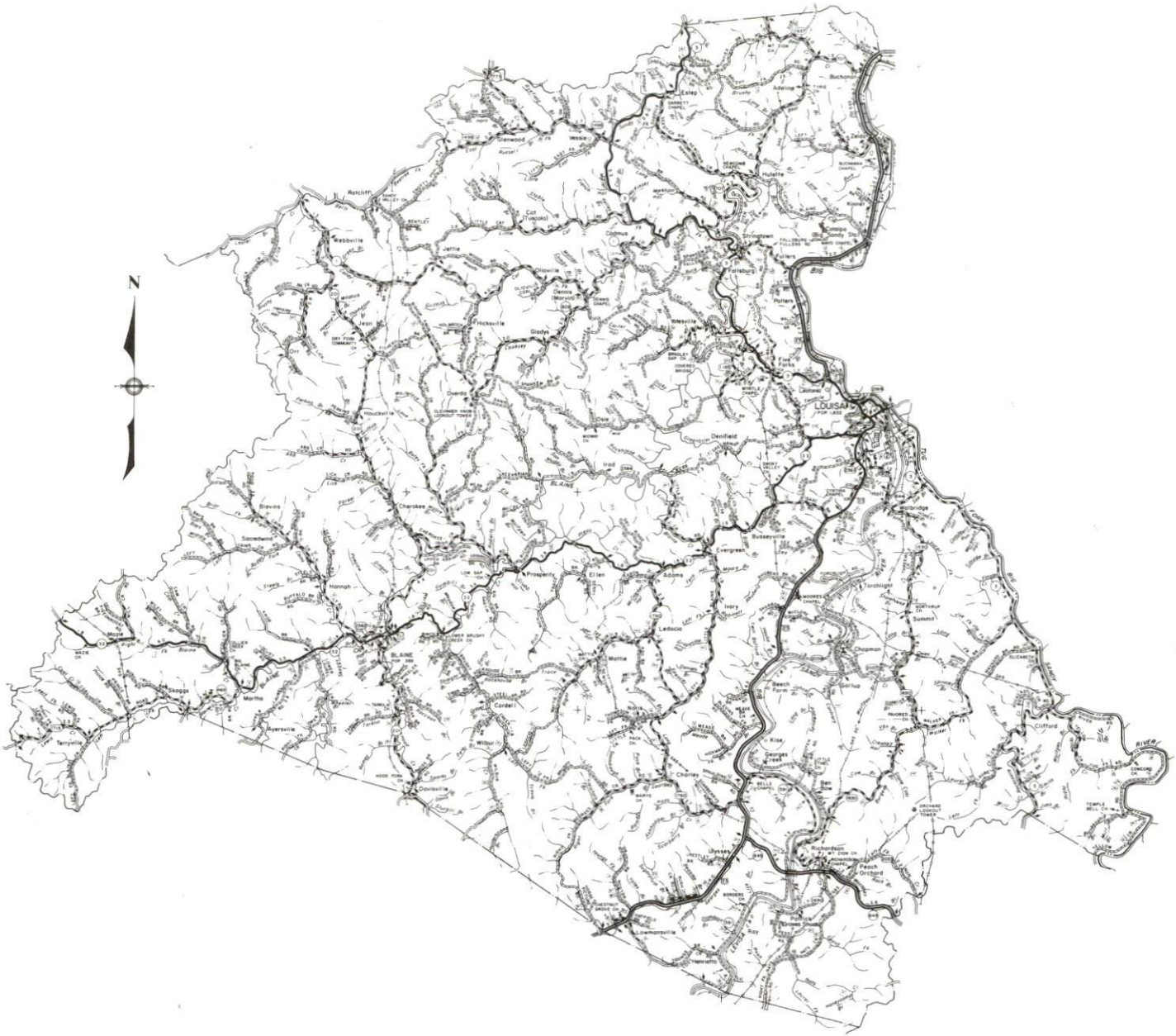
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**LAWRENCE COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET  
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## LOUISA, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Louisa, the county seat of Lawrence County, lies on the Kentucky-West Virginia border in the northeastern section of Kentucky's Eastern Coal Fields Region. Lawrence County's eastern border is formed by the Big Sandy River. Its river valleys become narrower and the elevation generally higher as one moves westward.

Louisa is located 33 miles south of Ashland, Kentucky; 34 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 244 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 213 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky. Louisa had an estimated population of 1,840 in 1988, while Lawrence County, with a land area of 420 square miles, had an estimated population of 14,500 in 1988.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Lawrence County residents employed in 1989 averaged 4,061. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 48 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 548 jobs; 419 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 451 employees; and contract construction firms provided 127 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 35,491 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 12,541 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - U.S. Highway 23, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, serves Louisa and provides access to Interstate Highway 64, 25 miles north of the city. Kentucky Highways 3 and 32, both "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways, also serve Louisa. U.S. Highway 52 is located just across the Kentucky-West Virginia border via West Virginia Route 37. Eleven common carrier trucking companies serve Louisa, providing interstate and/or intrastate service. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Louisa. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Tri-State Airport, 31 miles northeast of Louisa near Huntington, West Virginia.

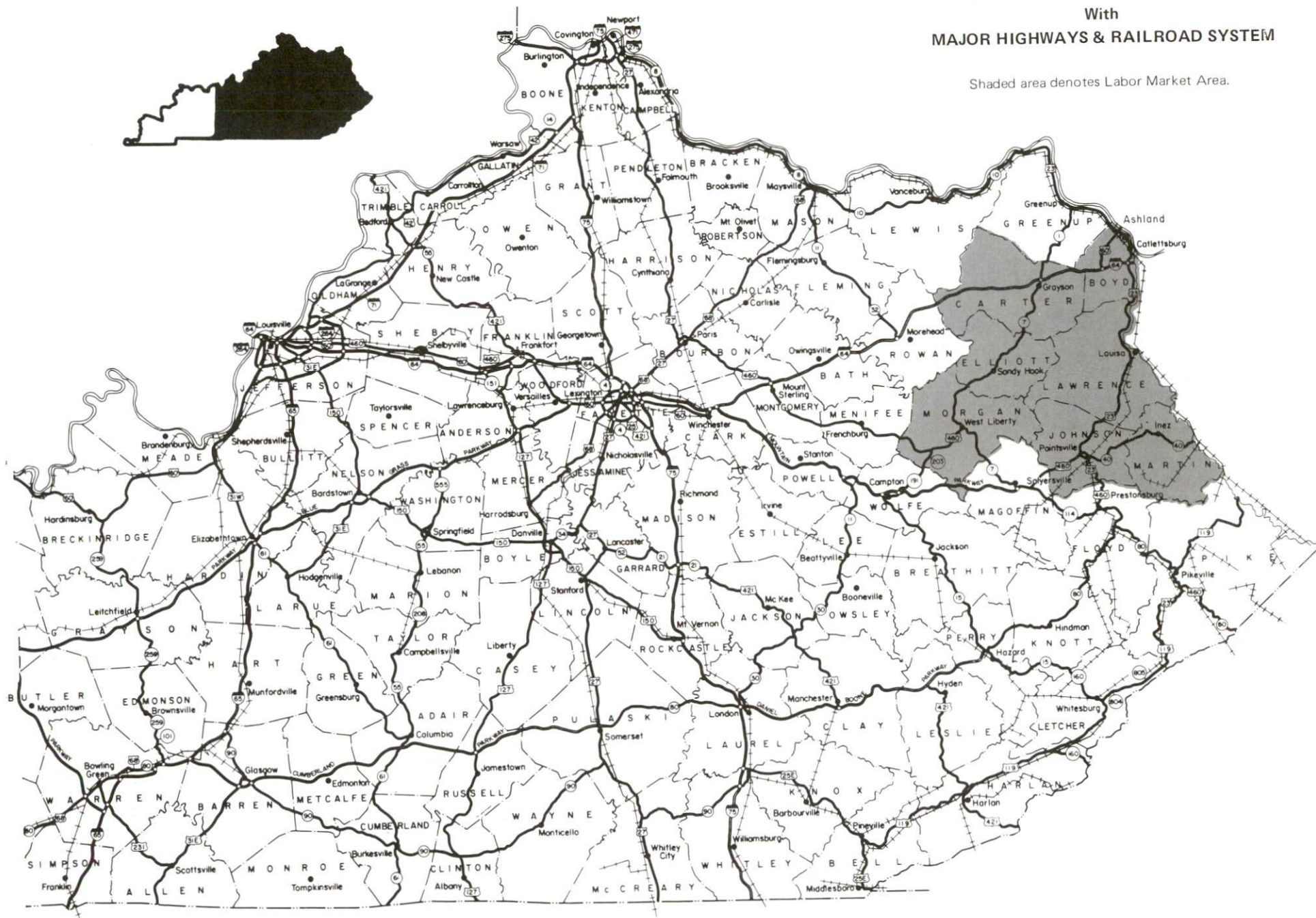
**Power and Fuel** - Kentucky Power Company provides electric power to Louisa and a major portion of Lawrence County. The remainder of the county is served by the Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and the Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., provides natural gas service to Louisa.

**Education** - The Lawrence County Public Schools provide primary and secondary education to students in Lawrence County. Ten institutions of higher learning are located within 85 miles of Louisa. The Ashland State Vocational-Technical School at Ashland and the Martin County Area Vocational Education Center each provide vocational training facilities within 35 miles of Louisa.



# LOUISA LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Louisa Labor Market Area includes Lawrence County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Johnson, Martin, and Morgan. In addition, the Labor Market Area is supplemented by Wayne County in West Virginia, which forms the eastern boundary of Lawrence County.

| POPULATION        |              |             |             |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|                   | <u>1988*</u> | <u>1980</u> | <u>1970</u> |
| Labor Market Area | 148,500      | 152,062     | 125,820     |
| Louisa            | 1,840        | 1,832       | 1,781       |
| Lawrence County   | 14,500       | 14,121      | 10,726      |

\* Population estimates.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, August 1989; November 1989.

| POPULATION PROJECTIONS |             |             |             |             |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                        | <u>2000</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2030</u> |
| Labor Market Area      | 153,610     | 155,710     | 154,810     | 151,120     |
| Lawrence County        | 16,750      | 18,140      | 19,280      | 20,070      |

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

| ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY |              |                   |                                     |   |  |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
|                        | Current      |                   |                                     |   | Future   |
|                        | <u>Total</u> | <u>Unemployed</u> | <u>Employed</u><br><u>Part-Time</u> | <u>Not in</u><br><u>Labor</u><br><u>Force</u> | <u>Becoming 18 years</u><br><u>of age</u><br><u>1990 thru 1994</u> |
| Labor Market Area*     | 35,491       | 4,495             | 6,689                               | 24,307  | 12,541   |
| Lawrence County        | 3,777        | 450               | 595                                 | 2,732   | 1,159  |

\* 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, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

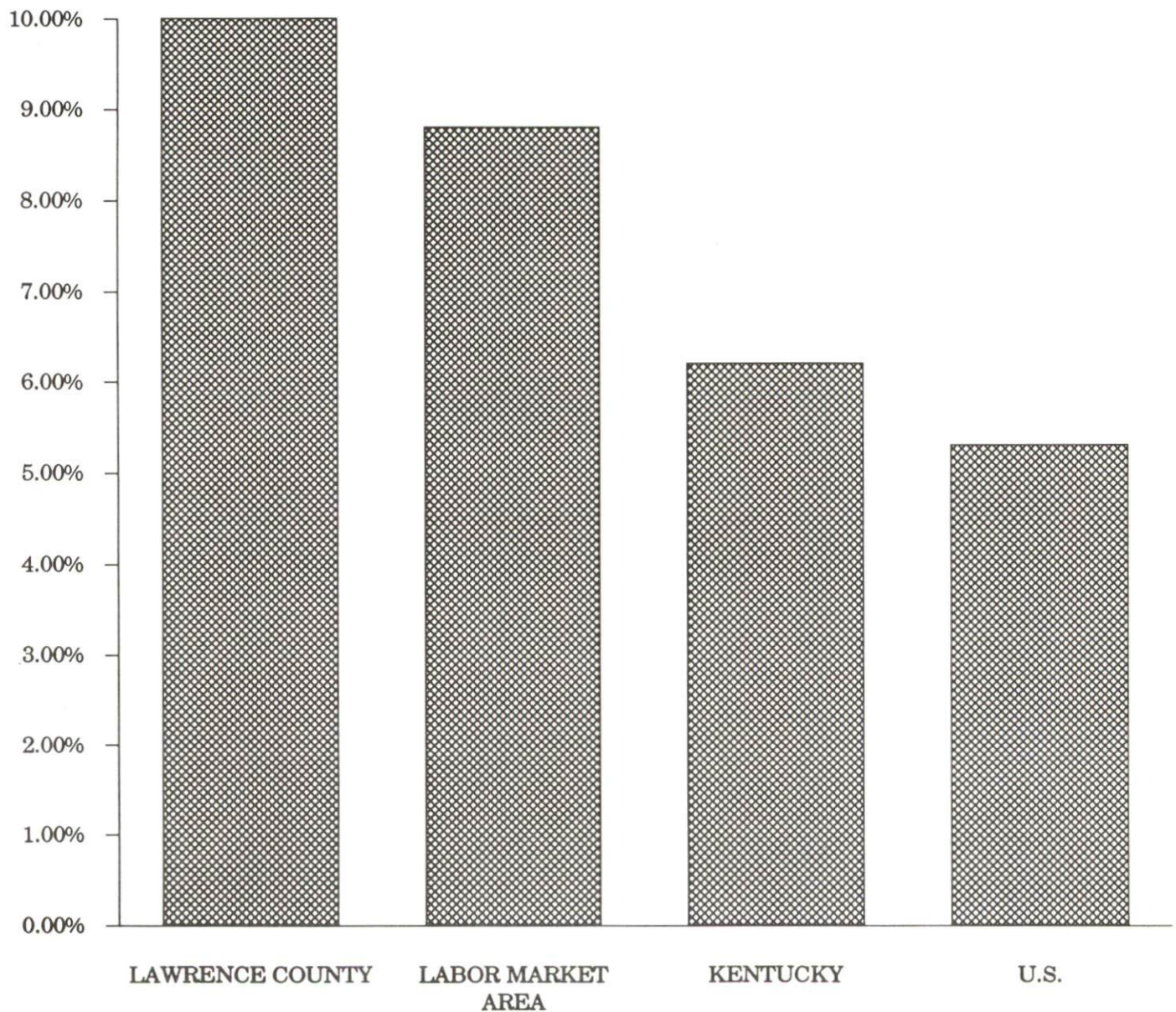


# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1989

|                          | <u>Lawrence County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force     | 4,511                  | 51,147                   |
| Employment               | 4,061                  | 46,652                   |
| Unemployment             | 450                    | 4,495                    |
| Rate of Unemployment (%) | 10.0                   | 8.8                      |

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1989.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1989

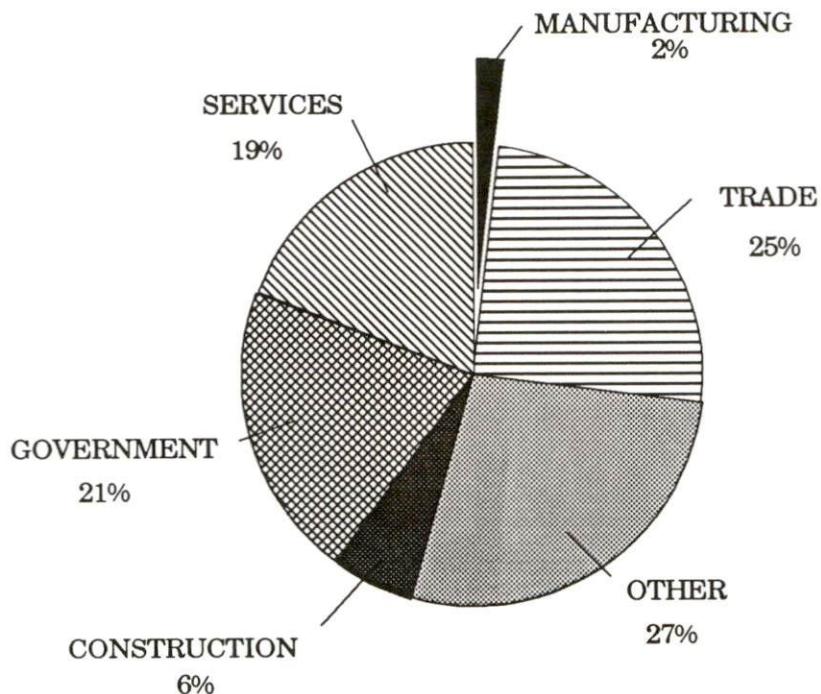


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989

|                          | Lawrence County | Labor Market Area |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| All Industries (total)   | 2,187           | 42,201            |
| Manufacturing            | 48              | 8,286             |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 548             | 10,768            |
| Services                 | 419             | 6,931             |
| State/Local Government   | 451             | 6,175             |
| Contract Construction    | 127             | 2,587             |

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, 1989.

LAWRENCE COUNTY



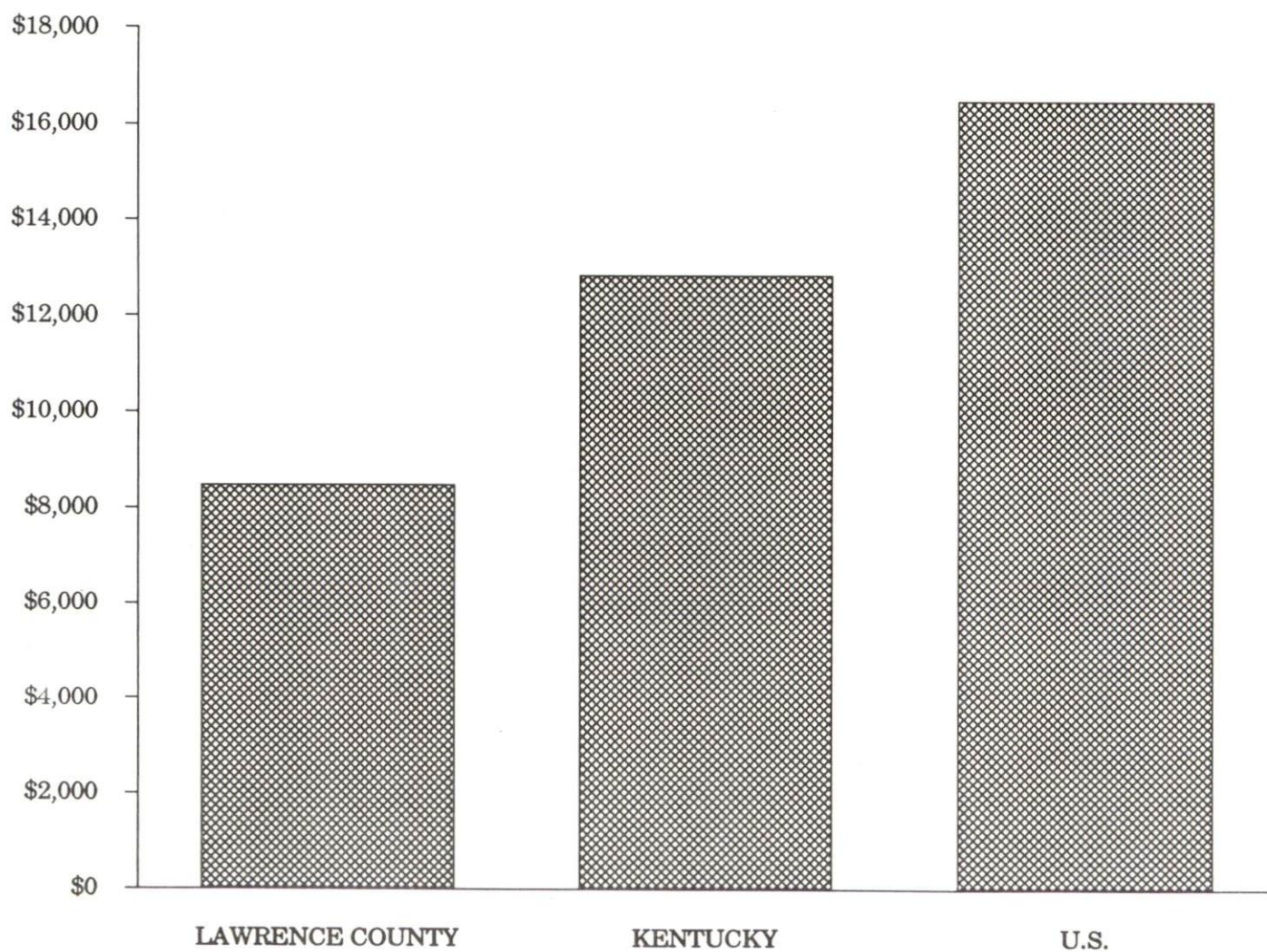


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

| Area                       | 1984               | 1988               | Percent Change |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Lawrence County            | \$7,461            | \$8,455            | 13.3           |
| Labor Market Area<br>Range | \$5,700 - \$10,938 | \$6,633 - \$13,975 | -              |
| Kentucky                   | \$10,411           | \$12,830           | 23.2           |
| U.S.                       | \$13,116           | \$16,490           | 25.7           |

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1990.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1988





## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Lawrence County is served by the Ashland local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Ashland local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 2,762 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                       | 2,762                       | 4.59                    |
| Clerical                              | 661                         | 3.56                    |
| Sales                                 | 285                         | 4.05                    |
| Services (excluding domestic)         | 720                         | 3.43                    |
| Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc. | 6                           | 3.76                    |
| Processing                            | 308                         | 8.88                    |
| Machine Trades                        | 30                          | 5.93                    |
| Bench Work                            | 119                         | 3.55                    |
| Structural                            | 213                         | 6.84                    |
| Motor Freight/ Transportation         | 47                          | 7.15                    |
| Packaging and Materials Handling      | 271                         | 4.05                    |

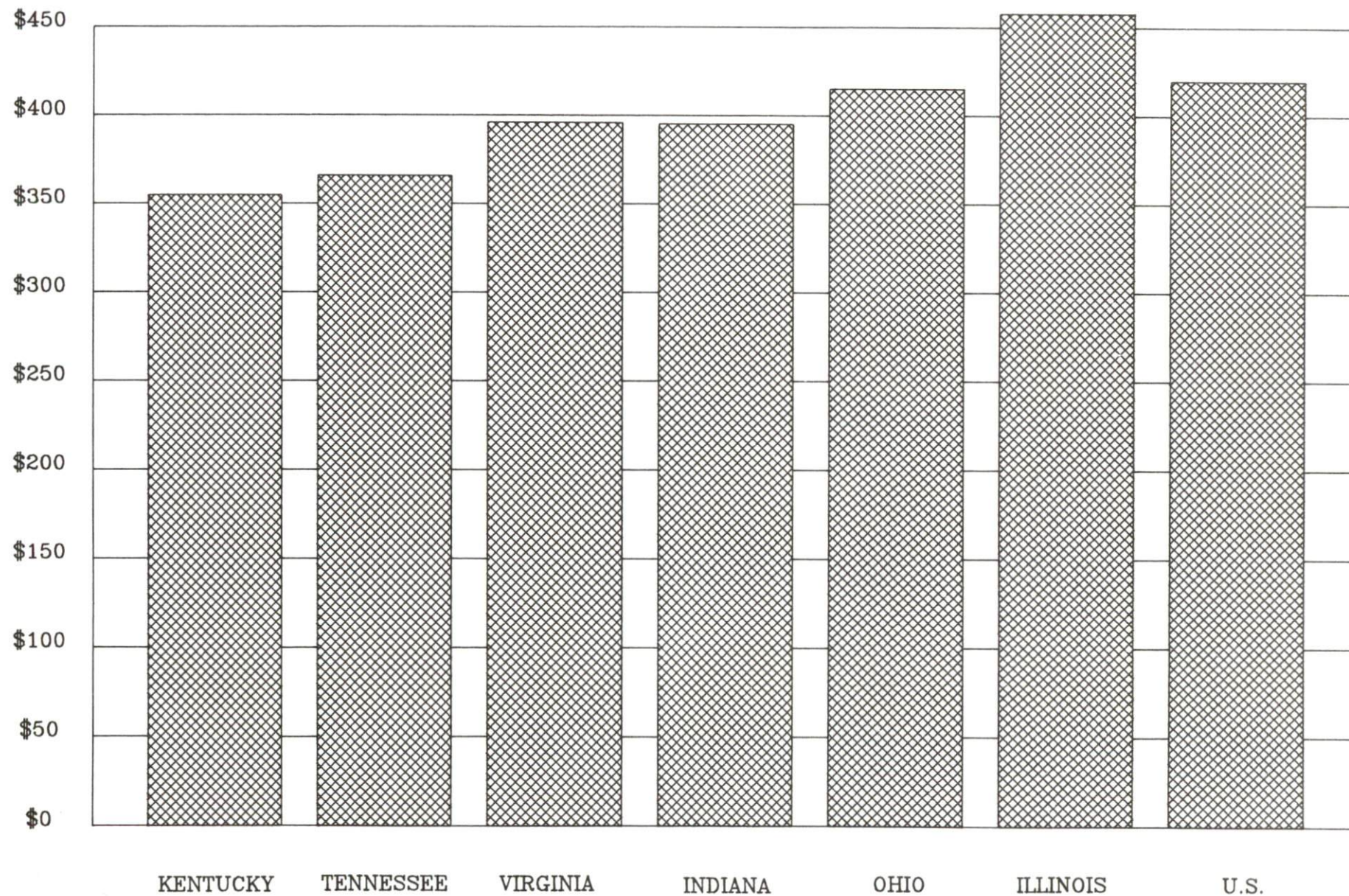
The Ashland local office also serves Boyd, Carter, Elliott and Greenup Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1988





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

|   | Lawrence<br>County | Kentucky<br>(State-<br>Wide) | Tennessee       | Virginia     |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| All Industries  | \$313.91           | \$352.31                     | \$363.12        | \$392.56     |
| Mining & Quarrying                                      | 416.24             | 603.27                       | 495.85          | 596.88       |
| Contract Construction                                   | 356.28             | 380.71                       | 394.27          | 422.27       |
| Manufacturing   | 201.06             | 464.92                       | 416.73          | 452.60       |
| Transportation,<br>Communications &<br>Public Utilities | *                  | 468.17                       | 485.13          | 554.17       |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade                                | 184.36             | 238.88                       | N/A             | N/A          |
| Finance, Insurance &<br>Real Estate                     | 300.10             | 401.17                       | 269.27          | 466.23       |
| Services  | 270.78             | 298.98                       | 343.48          | 391.67       |
| State/Local Government                                  | 319.70             | 377.81                       | 403.21          | 457.00       |
|   | <u>Indiana</u>     | <u>Ohio</u>                  | <u>Illinois</u> | <u>U. S.</u> |
| All Industries  | \$392.63           | \$411.08                     | \$454.10        | \$416.33     |
| Mining & Quarrying                                      | 635.77             | 579.73                       | 674.62          | 660.40       |
| Contract Construction                                   | 449.87             | 465.46                       | 584.10          | 469.85       |
| Manufacturing   | 532.06             | 569.98                       | 555.83          | 517.62       |
| Transportation,<br>Communications &<br>Public Utilities | 502.69             | 519.17                       | 584.83          | 542.33       |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade                                | N/A                | N/A                          | N/A             | N/A          |
| Finance, Insurance &<br>Real Estate                     | 406.58             | 444.33                       | 579.88          | 532.52       |
| Services  | 317.98             | 348.48                       | 402.38          | 384.31       |
| State/Local Government                                  | 395.31             | 428.10                       | 453.12          | 442.71       |

\* Not disclosed.

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, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1988. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, August 29, 1989.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### LOUISA MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

| <u>Firm</u><br><u>(Establishment date)</u>  | <u>Product</u>              | <u>1989</u><br><u>Average Employment</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Louisa Coca-Cola Bottling<br>Company (1905) | Soft drinks                 | 16                                       |
| Louisa Supply Company,<br>Inc. (1915)       | Feed                        | 8  |
| Mid-American Printing<br>Corporation (1988) | Business forms, publishing  | 3  |
| Pyramid Enterprises<br>(1983)               | Offset printing, publishing | 3  |
| Sandy Valley Press, Inc.<br>(1885)          | Newspaper                   | 7  |

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

### MAJOR NON-MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Brown Food Service, a distribution center for institutional foods and supplies, is a major non-manufacturing employer in Louisa. The operation has an average employment of 116, and serves eastern Kentucky, southern Ohio, and nearby counties in Virginia and West Virginia. Humana Hospital - Louisa employs 202 persons.

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Presently, there are no labor unions representing workers in Louisa manufacturing firms.

# SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

| <u>Types of Services</u>        | <u>Location</u>           | <u>Mileage from<br/>Louisa</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Custom Data Processing          | Prestonsburg, Kentucky    | 44                             |
| Custom Plastics Producers       | Ashland, Kentucky         | 33                             |
| Electric Motor Repair           | Huntington, West Virginia | 34                             |
| Grinding, Precision & Tool      | Huntington, West Virginia | 34                             |
| Heat Treating Facilities        | Lexington, Kentucky       | 140                            |
| Industrial Equipment & Supplies | Ashland, Kentucky         | 33                             |
|                                 | Huntington, West Virginia | 34                             |
| Industrial Gases                | Huntington, West Virginia | 34                             |
| Industrial Waste Removal        | Ashland, Kentucky         | 33                             |
| Machine Shops, Tool & Die       | Louisa, Kentucky          | -                              |
| Metal Castings                  | Cynthiana, Kentucky       | 145                            |
| Metal Finishers                 | Lexington, Kentucky       | 140                            |
| Metal Service Centers           | Huntington, West Virginia | 34                             |
| Millwrights                     | Stanton, Kentucky         | 103                            |
| Public Warehouse Facilities     | Paris, Kentucky           | 130                            |

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



## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

U.S. Highway 23, a four-lane, "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, serves Louisa, and connects with Interstate Highway 64, 25 miles north of the city. Kentucky Highways 3 and 32, both "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways, also serve Louisa. Kentucky Route 645 is a multi-lane highway from its intersection with U.S. 23, 14 miles south of Louisa, to Inez.

U.S. Highway 52, a major trucking highway, is accessible two miles east of Louisa in West Virginia, via West Virginia Route 37.

#### HIGHWAY MILES FROM LOUISA, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

| City           | Highway<br>Miles | City            | Highway<br>Miles |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Atlanta, GA    | 439              | Los Angeles, CA | 2,299            |
| Baltimore, MD  | 444              | Louisville, KY  | 213              |
| Birmingham, AL | 473              | Nashville, TN   | 350              |
| Chicago, IL    | 483              | New Orleans, LA | 813              |
| Cincinnati, OH | 218              | New York, NY    | 633              |
| Cleveland, OH  | 338              | Pittsburgh, PA  | 273              |
| Detroit, MI    | 451              | St. Louis, MO   | 471              |
| Knoxville, TN  | 244              |                 |                  |

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

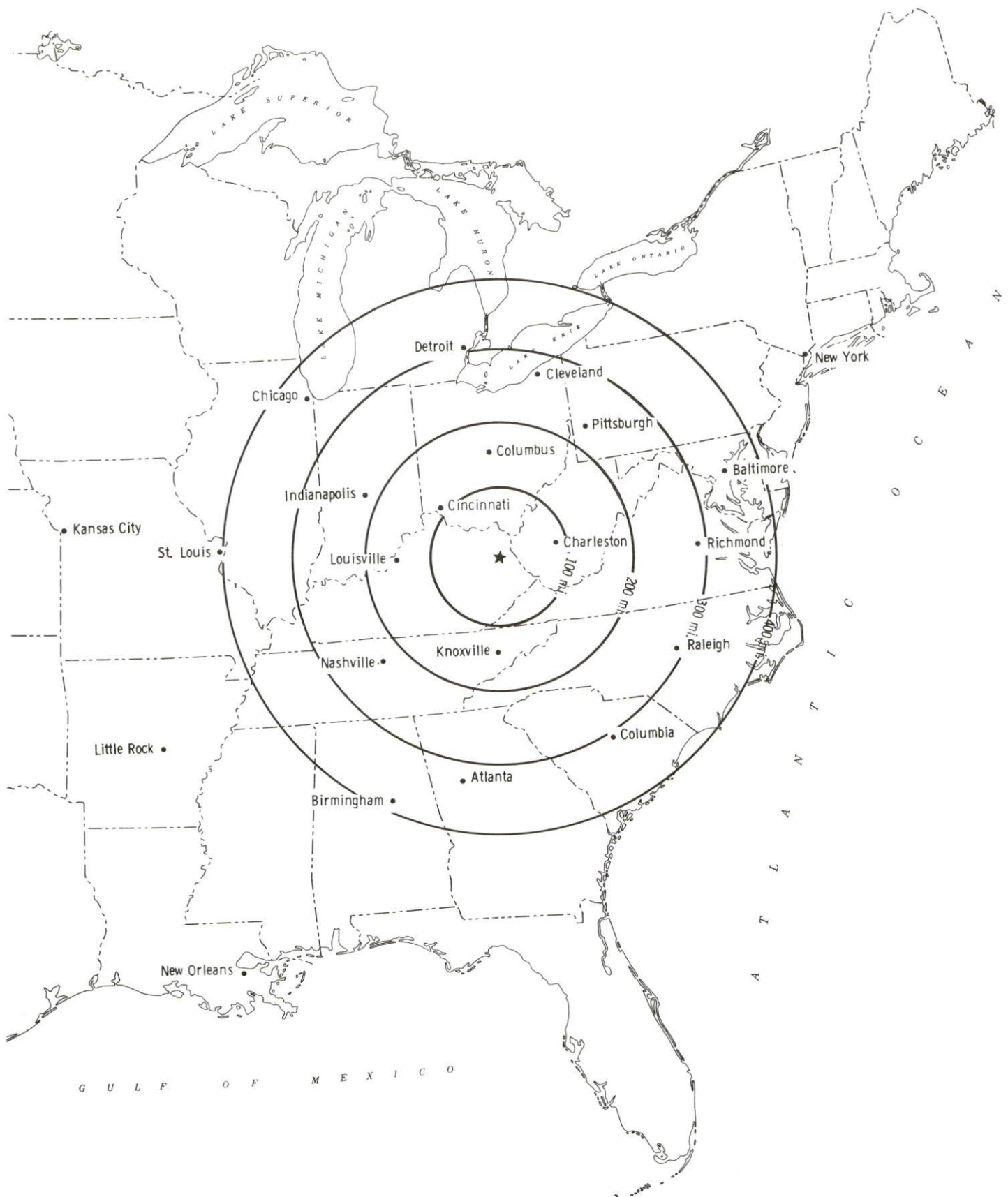
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

### Truck Service

Eleven common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Louisa.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1990.

## Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Louisa. Southern Railway System provides the nearest piggyback facilities in Georgetown, Kentucky, 146 miles west of Louisa.

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

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Location:                       | Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field)<br>3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia;<br>31 miles northeast of Louisa |
| Air Service:                    | ComAir, USAir, C.C. Air  |
| Daily Arrivals<br>& Departures: | 34   |

Other airports located within approximately 40 miles of Louisa include Combs Field southwest of Louisa near Paintsville, Kentucky; the Ashland-Boyd County Airport north of Louisa near Raceland, Kentucky; and the Big Sandy Regional Airport, which maintains a 5,000-foot runway, is located south of Louisa between Prestonsburg and Inez, Kentucky.

## Air Express Service

Several major companies offer air express services in Kentucky. These companies provide a quick means of shipping small to medium-sized packages expeditiously.

## Water

Louisa is located on the Big Sandy River, approximately 5 miles south of a point where a 6-foot navigation channel begins, and approximately 20 miles south of a point where a 9-foot navigation channel begins.

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving Louisa and a major portion of Lawrence County - Kentucky  
Power Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company  
For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company  
1701 Central Avenue  
P. O. Box 1428  
Ashland, Kentucky 41101  
(606) 327-1111

Company serving portions of southern and southwestern Lawrence County -  
Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Grayson  
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

Big Sandy Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
P.O. Box 1746  
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240  
(606) 789-4095

and/or

Grayson Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
109 Bagby Park  
Grayson, Kentucky 41143  
(606) 474-5136

### Natural Gas

Company serving Louisa - Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.  
Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation  
For rates and supplies contact:

Division Manager  
Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1030  
Ashland, Kentucky 41105-1030  
(606) 324-7114

Several local gas wells provide direct access to a natural gas supply for business and industry.



## Public Water Supply

Company serving Louisa -

City of Louisa, Board of Water and  
Sewer Commissioners  
P.O. Box 608  
Louisa, Kentucky 41230  
(606) 638-4566

Source -

Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River

Treatment plant capacity -

1,300,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption -

500,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption -

650,000 gallons

Storage capacity -

1,617,000 gallons (including clear well)

Water pressure -

40 psi to 160 psi

The City of Louisa Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners recently completed several water projects including the construction of water lines and a 300,000-gallon water storage tank at Yatesville Lake, and the construction of a new raw water intake main at the Big Sandy River. Total combined cost of these projects was \$440,000.

## Sewerage

Company serving Louisa -

City of Louisa, Board of Water and  
Sewer Commissioners  
P.O. Box 608  
Louisa, Kentucky 41230  
(606) 638-4566

Design capacity -

1,090,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow -

375,000 gallons

Type of treatment -

Secondary

Treated effluent discharged into - Big Sandy River



## CLIMATE

### Lawrence County

#### Temperature

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Normal (30-year record)  | 55.20 degrees  |
| Average annual 1988  | 54.80 degrees  |
| Record highest, July 1988 (28-year record)   | 102.00 degrees |
| Record lowest, January 1985 (28-year record)   | -16.00 degrees |
| Normal heating degree days (30-year record)  | 4,676          |
| (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.) |                |

#### Precipitation

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Normal (30-year record)  | 40.74 inches |
| Mean annual snowfall (27-year record)                              | 26.50 inches |
| Total precipitation 1988   | 36.10 inches |
| Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (27-year record) | 139.30       |
| Mean number days thunderstorms (26-year record)                    | 41.50        |

#### Prevailing winds

N/A

#### Relative Humidity (27-year record, except 1 a.m. - 26 year record)

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1 a.m. | 78 percent (26-year record) |
| 7 a.m. | 83 percent (27-year record) |
| 1 p.m. | 58 percent (27-year record) |
| 7 p.m. | 61 percent (27-year record) |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1988. Station of record: Huntington, West Virginia.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The City of Louisa 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. Lawrence County is governed by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

### Planning and Zoning

County agency - Lawrence County Zoning Board

Zoning enforced - County-wide

Subdivision regulations enforced - County-wide

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

Business licenses in Louisa range from \$20 to \$95 annually. A \$10 automobile sticker fee and an eight percent insurance premium license are levied annually.

## 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, 1989

|   | City of<br>Louisa | Unincorporated<br>Lawrence County |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Land and Buildings  | \$0.9442          | \$0.7442                          |
| Manufacturing   |                   |                                   |
| Machinery   | 0.1500            | 0.1500                            |
| Pollution Control   |                   |                                   |
| Equipment   | 0.1500            | 0.1500                            |
| Inventories   |                   |                                   |
| Raw Materials   | 0.0010            | 0.0010                            |
| Goods in Process  | 0.0010            | 0.0010                            |
| Finished Goods  | 0.7569            | 0.5569                            |
| Automobiles & Trucks  | 1.0559            | 0.8559                            |
| Other Tangible  |                   |                                   |
| Personal Property   | 1.2059            | 1.0059                            |
| Intangibles (Accounts<br>receivable*, money<br>in hand, stock,<br>notes, bonds) | 0.2500            | 0.2500                            |
| Goods Stored in Public<br>Warehouses in Transit<br>Status                       | 0.0010            | 0.0010                            |
| Private Leaseholds in<br>Industrial Revenue<br>Bond Financed<br>Facilities      | 0.0150            | 0.0150                            |

One special taxing district not county-wide levies a property tax on property located within its boundaries. The rate is \$0.0155 per \$100 valuation.

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

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

#### Lawrence County

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Total Enrollment<br>(Fall, 1989)                         | 2,849      |
| Pupil-Teacher Ratio<br>(1988-89)                         | 18.4-1     |
| Percent High School<br>Graduates to College<br>(1988-89) | 37.2       |
| Expenditures Per Pupil<br>(1988-89)                      | \$2,612.29 |

The Lawrence County School System plans to construct a four-classroom addition at three separate elementary schools in the county including Blaine, Fallsburg, and Louisa Elementary Schools. Total cost of the projects are estimated at \$750,000.

### Area Colleges and Universities

| <u>Name</u>                                 | <u>Location<br/>(Miles distant)</u> | <u>Enrollment<br/>(Fall, 1989)</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ashland Community College                   | Ashland, Kentucky (33)              | 2,771                              |
| Marshall University                         | Huntington, West Virginia (34)      | 9,762                              |
| Ohio University<br>(Ironton Campus)         | Ironton, Ohio (38)                  | 1,375                              |
| Prestonsburg Community<br>College           | Prestonsburg, Kentucky (44)         | 2,224                              |
| Kentucky Christian College                  | Grayson, Kentucky (45)              | 532                                |
| Southern West Virginia<br>Community College | Williamson, West Virginia (50)      | 1,770                              |
| Southern West Virginia<br>Community College | Logan, West Virginia (62)           | 1,770                              |
| Shawnee State University                    | Portsmouth, Ohio (67)               | 2,928                              |
| Pikeville College                           | Pikeville, Kentucky (71)            | 926                                |
| Morehead State University                   | Morehead, Kentucky (81)             | 7,962                              |



## 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.

| <u>Vocational School</u>                          | <u>Location<br/>(Miles distant)</u> | <u>Cumulative<br/>Enrollment<br/>1988-1989</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Ashland State Vocational-<br>Technical School     | Ashland, Kentucky (33)              | 817  |
| Martin County Area Vocational<br>Education Center | Inez, Kentucky (25)                 | 236  |

### High School Vocational Education Program

The Lawrence County High School Vocational Education Department offers Agribusiness, Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Distributive Education, Health Careers, Business and Office Programs, Home Economics, and Industrial Arts.



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 12  
Dentists - 7

### Hospitals

| <u>General Hospital</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Beds</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Humana Hospital-Louisa  | Louisa          | 90 (acute)  |

Medical staff - 44 physicians, 43 registered nurses, 19 licensed practical nurses, 99 additional support staff personnel

### Other Medical Facilities

Fivco District Health Department,  
Lawrence County Health Center (a public health facility)  
Humana Medical Plaza (adjacent to hospital)-offices for physicians  
J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center - Skilled care, intermediate care, and  
personal care nursing facility  
Life Star Ambulance Service, Inc.  
Louisa Medical Clinic  
Pathways, Inc. (a comprehensive care center)  
Riverview Medical Clinic

### Banks and Savings and Loans Associations

First National Bank of Louisa  
Peoples Security Bank  
Home Federal Savings and Loan

### Newspapers

Big Sandy News (weekly)

### Telephone Service

South Central Bell Telephone Company

## RECREATION

### Local

Louisa offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all ages. Facilities include Stella-Moore Park, which features a softball field, tennis courts, and a basketball court. Additional football and baseball fields are available at the local schools. The City of Louisa operates a swimming pool, and is developing a recreation area with a picnic area, a shelter house, horseshoe pits, grills, and a pond. A mini-park and a playground are maintained in the downtown area as well.

A softball field is located in the Lawrence County community of Martha, approximately 15 miles southwest of Louisa.

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Louisa sponsors several recreational programs each year, including Little League baseball, basketball, and football. Adult baseball and basketball leagues are offered as well.

The Louisa Junior Woman's Club recently sponsored a civic project that included construction of a playground in the local community park. In addition, they are in the process of building a recreation center and picnic area at the same facility.

Plans are under way in Louisa to develop a museum honoring Fred M. Vinson, the 13th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and former local resident. The project includes a restoration of his birthplace.

### Area (Within 35 miles)

The Big Sandy area provides a variety of recreational attractions including nine lakes, five golf courses, several parks and other sources of entertainment.

The Paramount Arts Center, located in Ashland, 33 miles north Louisa, is owned and operated by the Greater Ashland Foundation, a non-profit group. The center is the site of many cultural events, including plays, concerts, and ballets. Groups may rent the facility for conventions and performances.

The Kentucky Highland Museum, also at Ashland, is the former Mayo Manor Mansion, and features displays of clothing, artwork, and changing exhibits relating to Appalachian culture.

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Louisa Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners recently completed several water projects including the construction of water lines and a 300,000-gallon water storage tank at Yatesville Lake, and the construction of a new raw water intake main at the Big Sandy River. Total combined cost of these projects was \$440,000.

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