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Brandenburg



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BRANDENBURG, KENTUCKY

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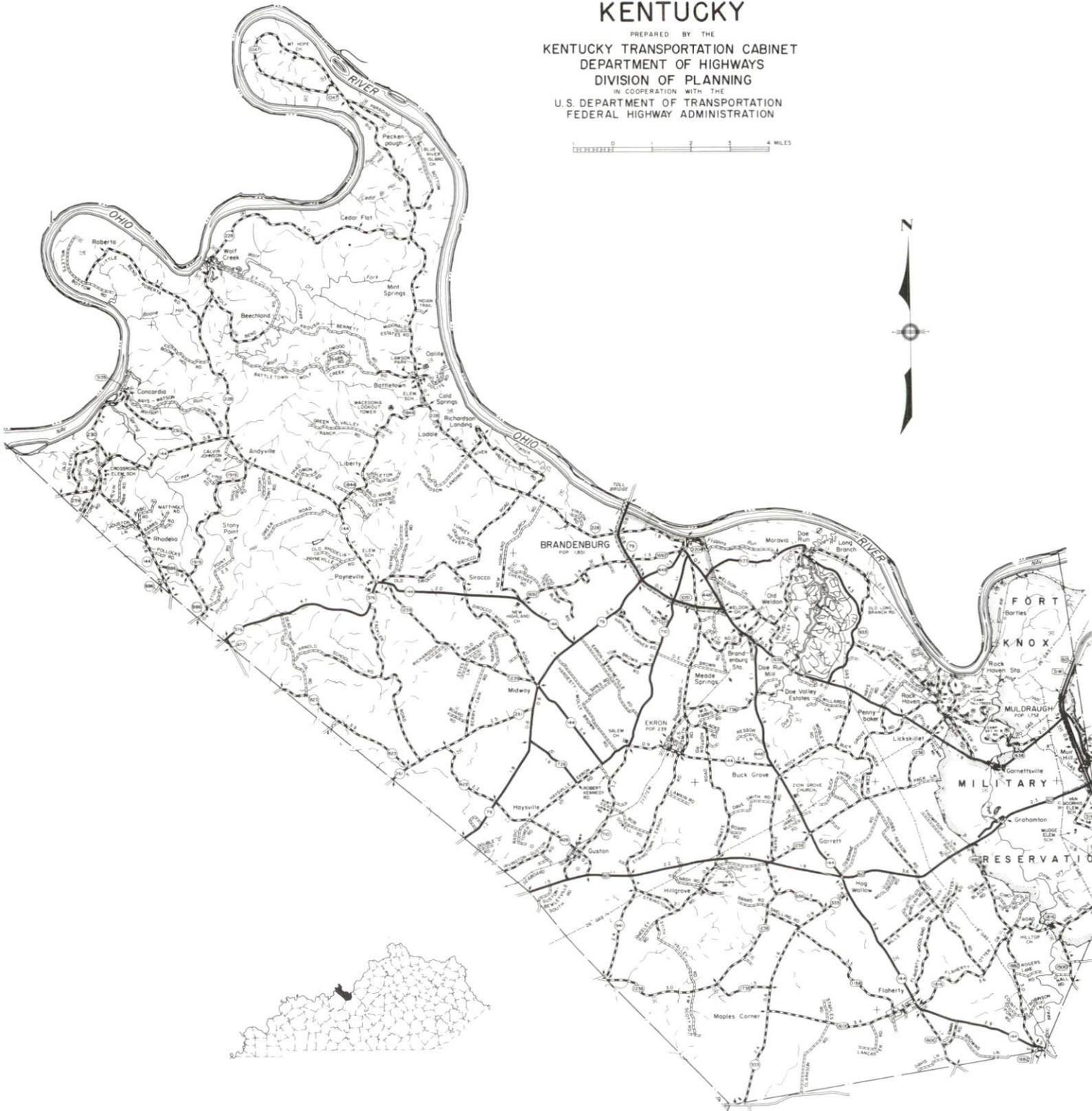
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
MEADE COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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DIVISION OF PLANNING
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



BRANDENBURG, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Brandenburg, the county seat of Meade County, is situated on the south bank of the Ohio River in north central Kentucky. Brandenburg is located 42 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; 143 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 166 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee. In 1988, the city had an estimated population of 2,310 persons.

Meade County covers a land area of 307 square miles. The Ohio River forms the entire northern boundary of the county. In 1988, Meade County had an estimated population of 25,000 persons.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Meade County residents employed in 1989 averaged 6,462. In 1988, manufacturing firms in the county reported 399 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 597 jobs; 282 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 492 employees; and contract construction firms provided 104 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 20,988 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 10,255 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

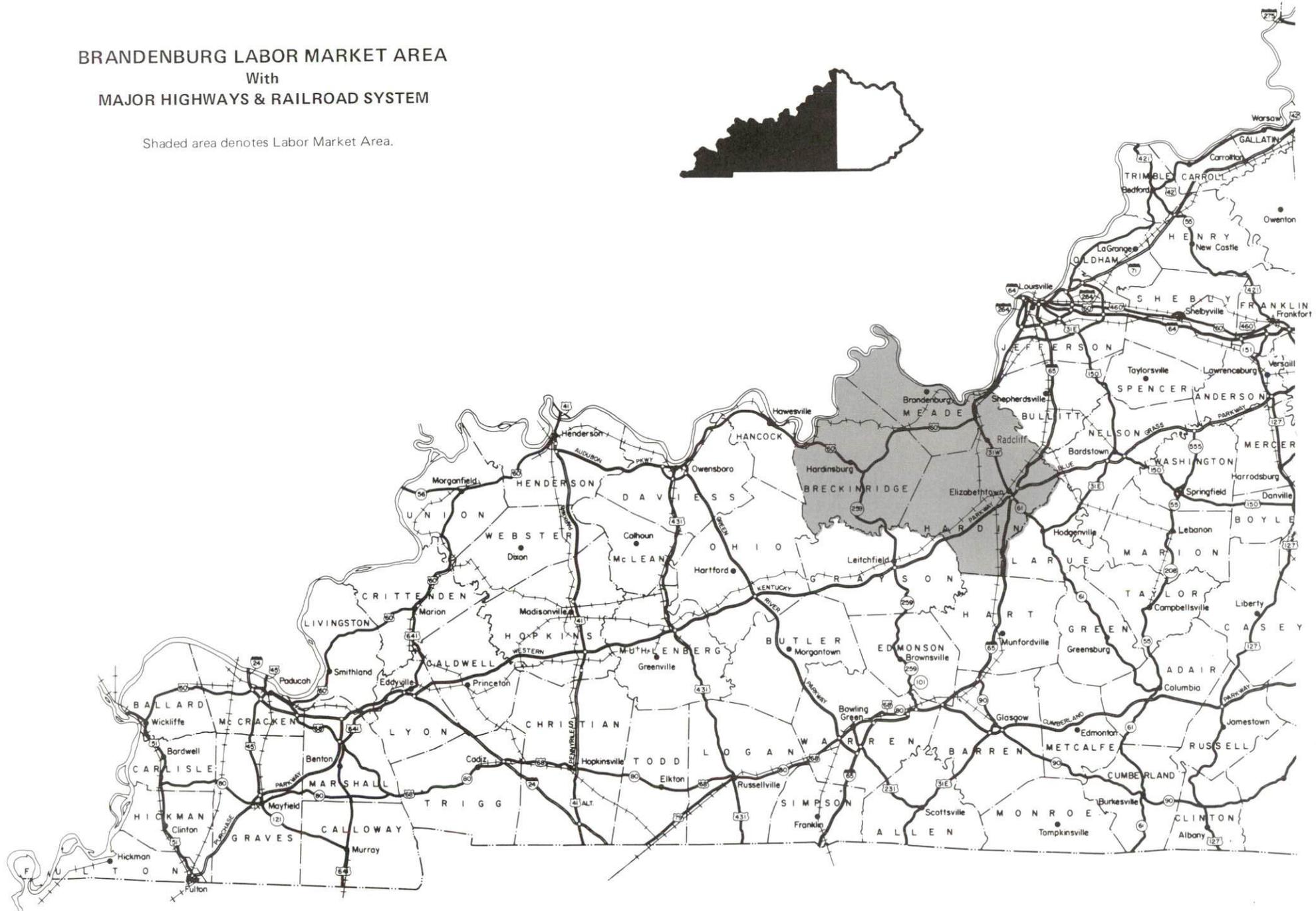
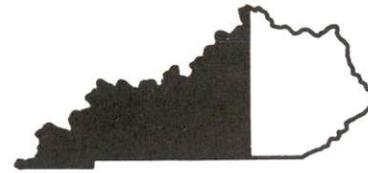
Transportation - Main line rail service is provided to Brandenburg by CSX Transportation. Principle "AAA"-rated trucking highways directly serving Meade County are Kentucky Routes 79 and 448 and U.S. Highway 60. Interstate 64 is located 19 miles north of Brandenburg. Access to Interstate 65 and two of Kentucky's parkways is located 34 miles southeast of the city. Thirteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Brandenburg. The nearest commercial airline service is available at Standiford Field in Louisville, 46 miles northeast. Three privately-owned commercial docks are located on the Ohio River in Brandenburg.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Brandenburg and Meade County by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company and the Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Brandenburg and Meade County by the Meade County School System. Six colleges and universities are located within 50 miles of Brandenburg. Vocational training is available at the Elizabethtown State Vocational-Technical School, 34 miles southeast of Brandenburg, and locally at the Meade County Area Vocational Education Center.

BRANDENBURG LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Brandenburg Labor Market Area includes Meade County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Breckinridge and Hardin. Although not included in the statistics below, the Brandenburg Labor Market Area is supplemented by the Indiana county of Harrison, across the Ohio River from Brandenburg.

| POPULATION | | | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1988* | 1980 | 1970 |
| Labor Market Area | 128,400 | 128,626 | 112,006 |
| Brandenburg | 2,310 | 1,831 | 1,637 |
| Meade County | 25,000 | 22,854 | 18,796 |

* Population estimates.

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

| POPULATION PROJECTIONS | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1995 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 |
| Labor Market Area | 151,455 | 158,904 | 173,371 | 186,295 |
| Meade County | 25,313 | 26,172 | 27,368 | 27,659 |

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

| ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | Current | | | | Future |
| | Total | Unemployed | Employed Part-Time | Not in Labor Force | Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994 |
| Labor Market Area* | 20,988 | 3,566 | 7,089 | 10,333 | 10,255 |
| Meade County | 7,782 | 677 | 973 | 6,132 | 2,421 |

* 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).

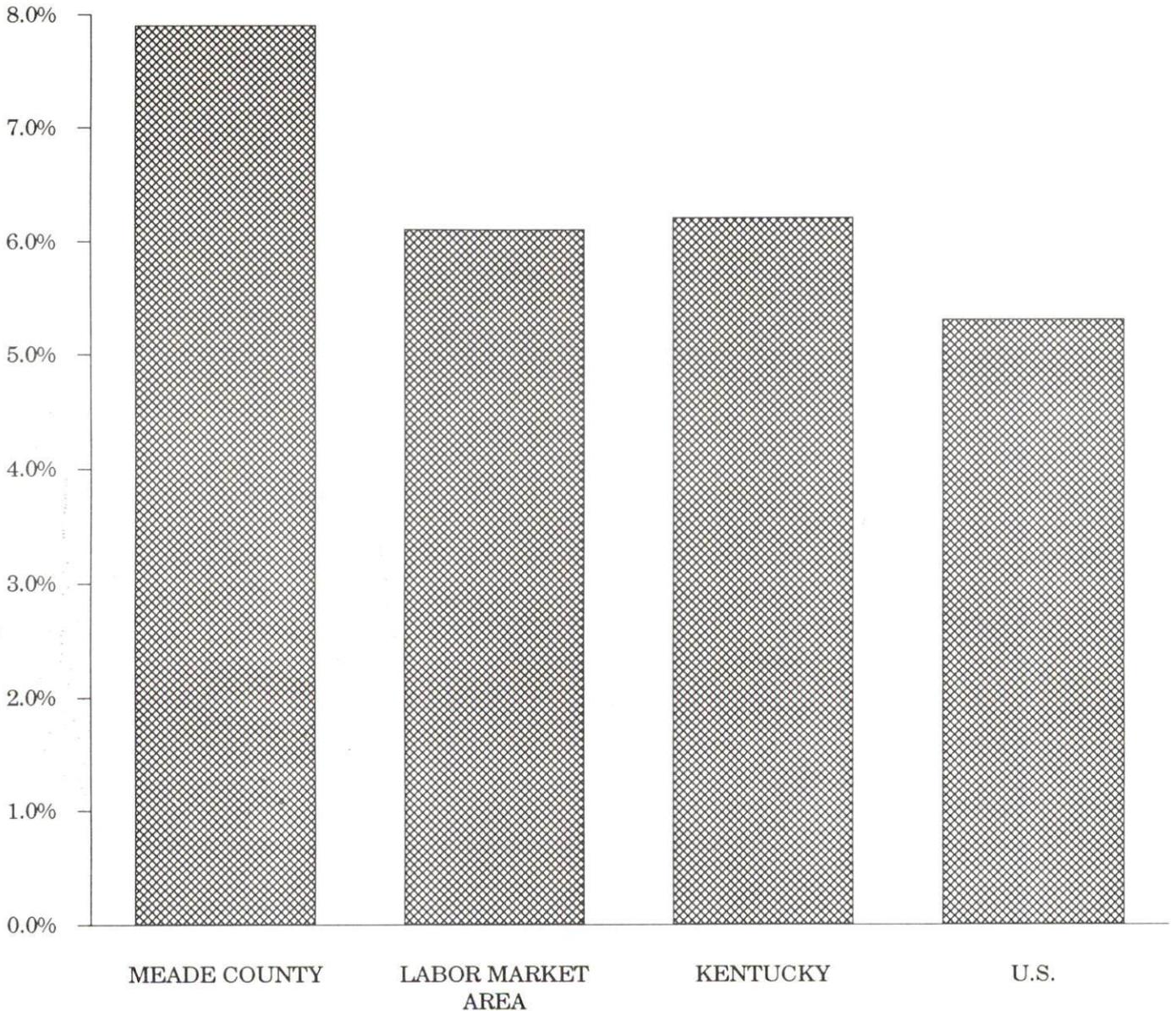
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1988. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1989

| | Meade County | Labor Market Area |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 7,019 | 47,719 |
| Employment | 6,462 | 46,826 |
| Unemployment | 557 | 2,893 |
| Rate of Unemployment (%) | 7.9 | 6.1 |

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1989

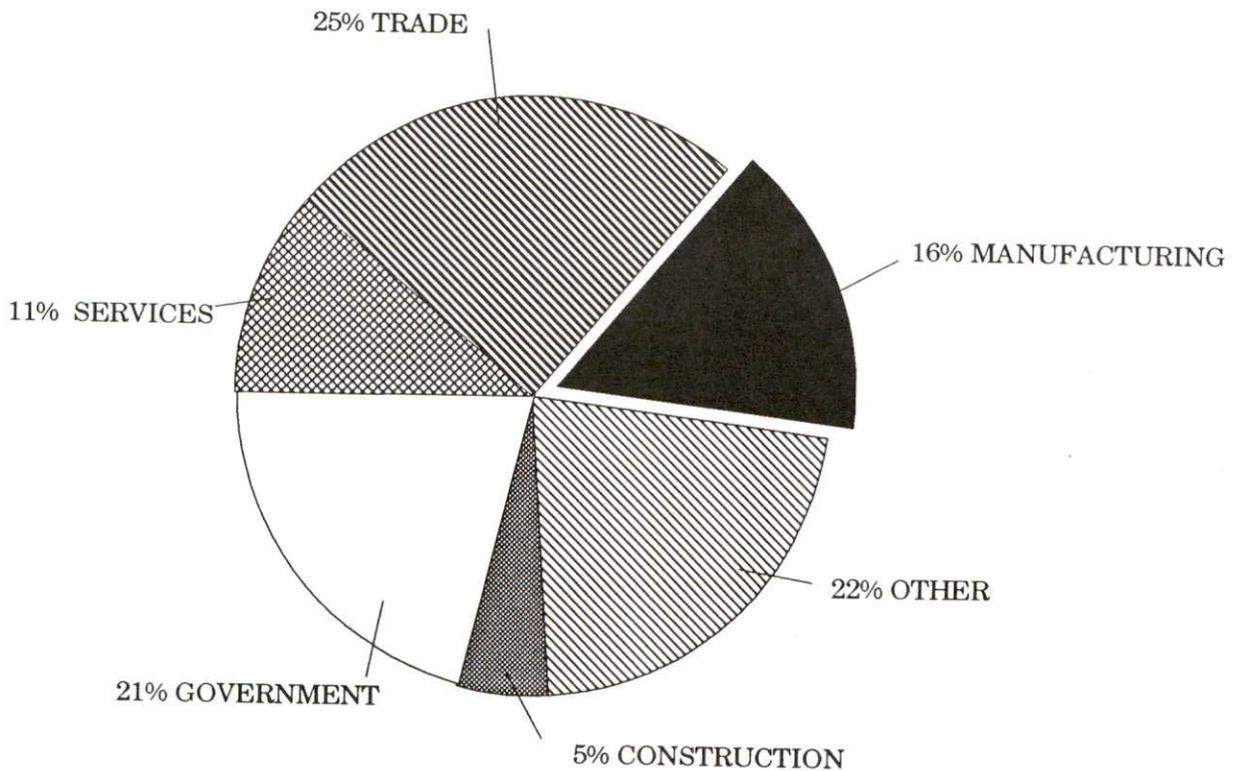


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

| | Meade County | Labor Market Area |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| All Industries (total) | 2,375 | 27,693 |
| Manufacturing | 399 | 4,861 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 597 | 8,888 |
| Services | 282 | 4,511 |
| State/Local Government | 492 | 5,053 |
| Contract Construction | 104 | 1,526 |

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, 1988.

MEADE COUNTY

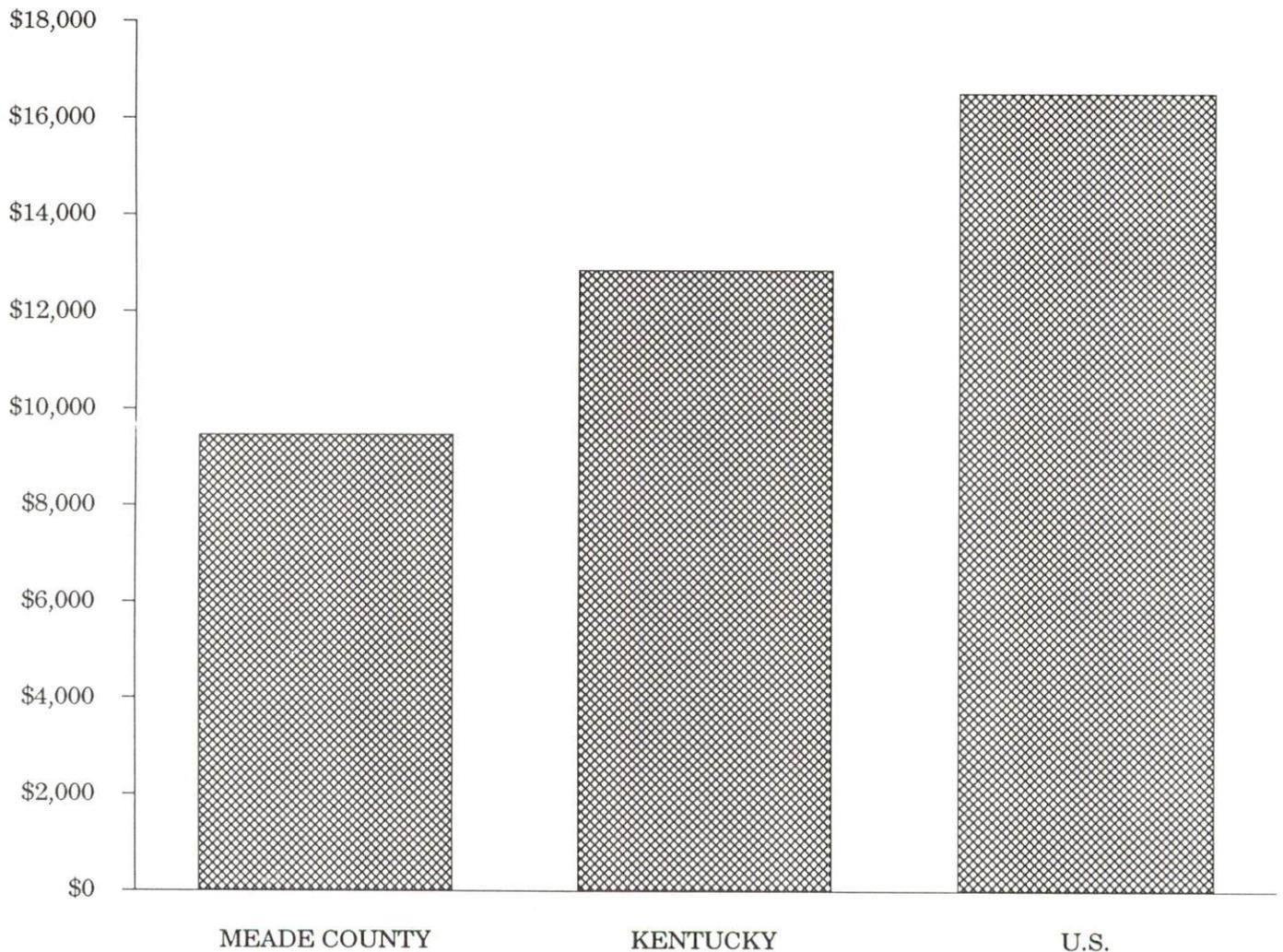


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

| <u>Area</u> | <u>1984</u> | <u>1988</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Meade County | \$8,562 | \$9,441 | 10.3 |
| Labor Market Area Range | \$8,562 - \$9,060 | \$9,441 - \$12,193 | - |
| 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, and April 1990.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1988



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

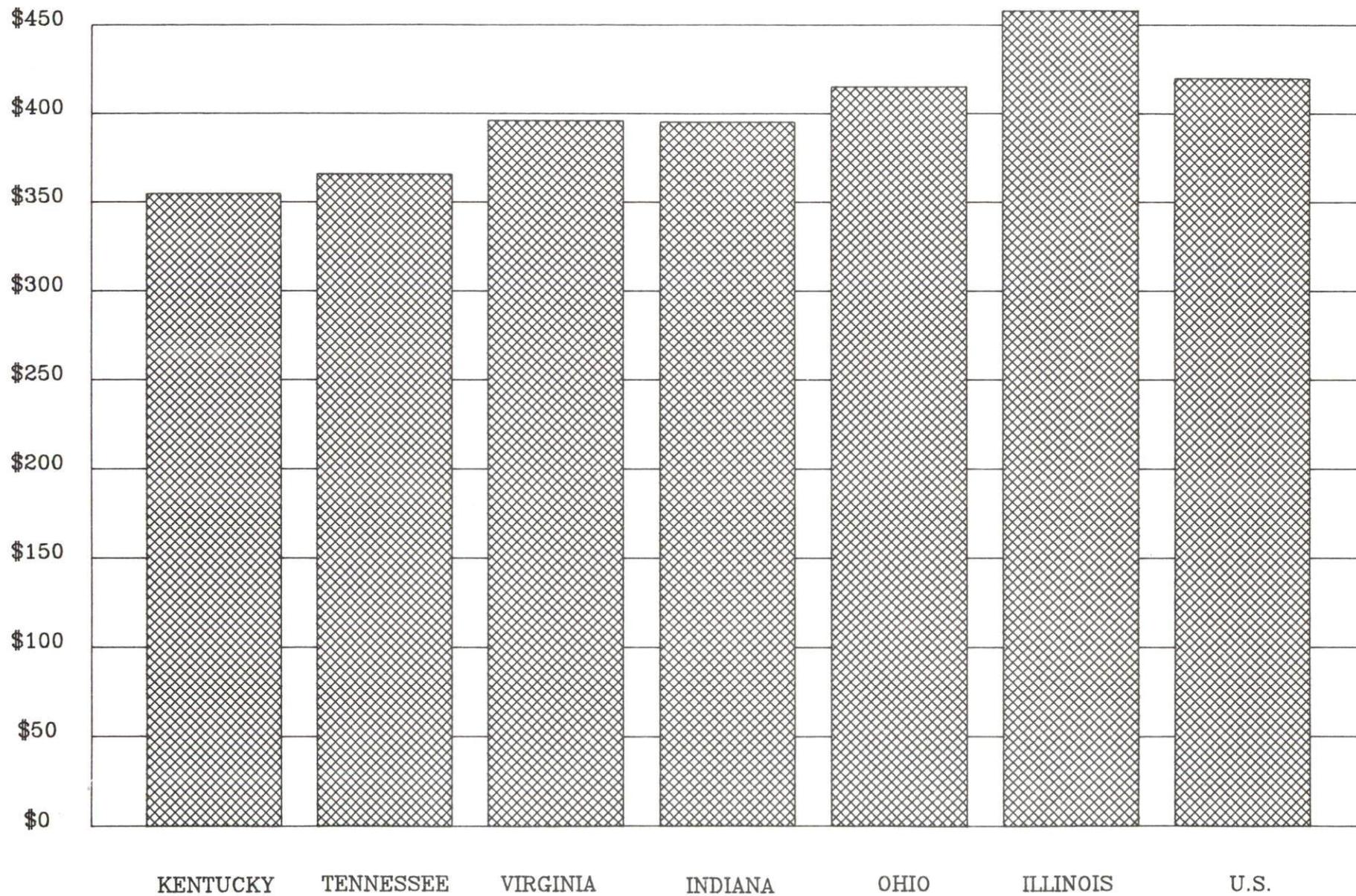
Meade County is served by the Elizabethtown local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Elizabethtown local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1989, the local employment office filled 3,040 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 | 3,040 | 5.10 |
| Clerical | 841 | 3.77 |
| Sales | 145 | 4.25 |
| Services (excluding domestic) | 543 | 4.44 |
| Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc. | 34 | 3.76 |
| Processing | 121 | 8.32 |
| Machine Trades | 302 | 5.86 |
| Bench Work | 344 | 6.10 |
| Structural | 202 | 6.31 |
| Motor Freight/ Transportation | 133 | 6.82 |
| Packaging and Materials Handling | 244 | 5.16 |
| Other | 10 | 6.46 |

The Elizabethtown local office also serves Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, and Larue Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1988



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

| | Meade County | Kentucky (State- Wide) | Tennessee | Virginia |
|---|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| All Industries | \$341.95 | \$352.31 | \$363.12 | \$392.56 |
| Mining & Quarrying | * | 603.27 | 495.85 | 596.88 |
| Contract Construction | 246.79 | 380.71 | 394.27 | 422.27 |
| Manufacturing | * | 464.92 | 416.73 | 452.60 |
| Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities | 469.07 | 468.17 | 485.13 | 554.17 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 213.73 | 238.88 | N/A | N/A |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 249.81 | 401.17 | 269.27 | 466.23 |
| Services | 164.20 | 298.98 | 343.48 | 391.67 |
| State/Local Government | 339.17 | 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, Communications & Public Utilities | 502.69 | 519.17 | 584.83 | 542.33 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Finance, Insurance & 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

BRANDENBURG MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

| <u>Firm</u> (Establishment date) | <u>Product</u> | <u>1989</u> <u>Average Employment</u> |
|---|---|--|
| The Pioneer Publisher's, Inc. (1980) | Newspaper | 11 |
| Meade County Messenger (1892) | Newspaper | 19 |
| Meade County Ready Mix, Inc. (1959) | Ready mixed concrete | 9 |
| Olin Corporation (1952) | Surface active agents and polyals, glycol ethers and industrial chemicals | 380 |

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

| <u>Union</u> | <u>Representing workers at:</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO | Olin Corporation |
| International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, AFL-CIO | Olin Corporation |
| International Guards Union of American | Olin Corporation |
| United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO | Olin Corporation |

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

| <u>Types of Services</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Mileage from Brandenburg</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Custom Data Processing | Elizabethtown, Kentucky | 34 |
| Custom Plastics Producers | Louisville, Kentucky | 42 |
| Electric Motor Repair | Elizabethtown, Kentucky | 34 |
| Grinding, Precision & Tool | Louisville, Kentucky | 42 |
| Heat Treating Facilities | Louisville, Kentucky | 42 |
| Industrial Equipment & Supplies | Louisville, Kentucky | 42 |
| Industrial Gases | Elizabethtown, Kentucky | 34 |
| Industrial Waste Removal | Elizabethtown, Kentucky | 34 |
| Machine Shops, Tool & Die | Elizabethtown, Kentucky | 34 |
| Metal Castings | Louisville, Kentucky | 42 |
| Metal Finishers | Elizabethtown, Kentucky | 34 |
| Metal Service Centers | Louisville, Kentucky | 42 |
| Millwrights | Radcliff, Kentucky | 24 |
| Public Warehouse Facilities | Elizabethtown, Kentucky | 34 |

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Principle highways directly serving the city of Brandenburg are Kentucky Routes 79 and 448. The major highway serving Meade County is U.S. Highway 60. Access to U.S. 60 is 11 miles southwest of the city via Kentucky 79 or 10 miles southeast of Brandenburg via Kentucky 448. All three highways are "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways.

Interstate 64, a major east-west highway, is located 19 miles north of Brandenburg via Indiana State Route 135. Access to Interstate 65 and two of Kentucky's multilane parkways, the Blue Grass Parkway and Western Kentucky Parkway, is 34 miles southeast of Brandenburg in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM BRANDENBURG, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

| City | Highway Miles | City | Highway Miles |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Atlanta, GA | 404 | Los Angeles, CA | 2,100 |
| Baltimore, MD | 641 | Louisville, KY | 42 |
| Birmingham, AL | 353 | Nashville, TN | 166 |
| Chicago, IL | 329 | New Orleans, LA | 686 |
| Cincinnati, OH | 143 | New York, NY | 802 |
| Cleveland, OH | 390 | Pittsburgh, PA | 430 |
| Detroit, MI | 401 | St. Louis, MO | 255 |
| Knoxville, TN | 311 | | |

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

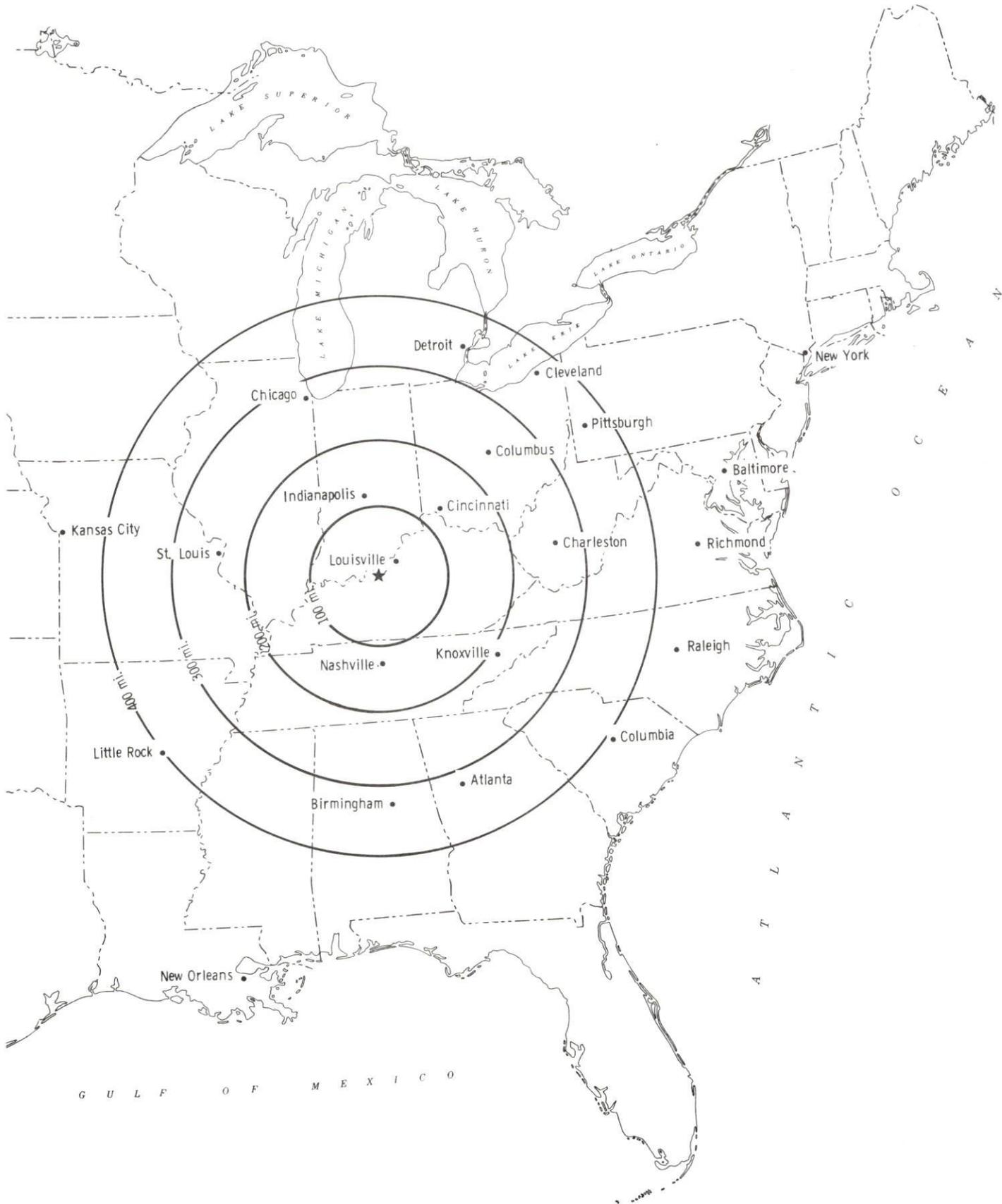
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1990.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Brandenburg. They also provide the nearest piggyback facilities at Louisville, 42 miles northeast of Brandenburg.

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 Small Craft Airport*

Location: Breckinridge County Airport
1 mile east of Hardinsburg;
28 miles southwest of Brandenburg
Runways: 1 paved
Length: 3,500 feet
Traffic
Control: Wind sock
Lighting: Sunset to sunrise

and

Location: Elizabethtown Airport
4 miles west of Elizabethtown;
38 miles southeast of Brandenburg
Runways: 1 paved
Length: 5,000 feet
Traffic
Control: Unicom, wind sock
Lighting: Runway and beacon, VASI, REILS, lighted taxiway
Services: Commuter air service provided by Comair and
Jetstream International, 100 octane, jet-A fuel,
charter, major A & P repairs, hangar, tie-down,
flight instruction

Air Freight
Service: Chartered air freight service must be arranged

*A privately-owned airstrip, with a 1,800-foot turf runway, is located approximately seven miles west of Brandenburg.

(Continued)

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Standiford Field
4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky;
46 miles northeast of Brandenburg

Air Service: Air Toronto, Delta, Eastern, Northwest, American,
TWA, United, USAir, Midstate, Nashville Eagle,
ComAir, JetStream, Simmons Eagle

Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 192

Water

The Ohio River forms the northern boundary of Meade County. A nine-foot navigation channel is maintained on the Ohio River. Three privately-owned commercial docks are located in Brandenburg.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving parts of **Brandenburg and Meade County** - Louisville
Gas and Electric Company
Source of power - Louisville Gas and Electric Company
For industrial rates contact:

Louisville Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 32010
Louisville, Kentucky 40232
(502) 566-4246

Company serving parts of **Brandenburg and Meade Company** - Meade County
Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation
For industrial rates contact:

Big Rivers Electric Corporation
201 Third Street
P.O. Box 24
Henderson, Kentucky 42420
(502) 827-2561

and/or

Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
P.O. Box 367
Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108
(502) 422-2162

Natural Gas

Company serving **Brandenburg** - Louisville Gas and Electric Company
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Company
For rates and supplies contact:

Louisville Gas and Electric Company
Economic Development and Market Research
P.O. Box 32010
Louisville, Kentucky 40232
(502) 566-4488

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Brandenburg** - Brandenburg Water Works
737 High Street
P.O. Box 305
Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108
(502) 422-4981

Source - Wells; 850 gallons per minute pumping capacity
Treatment plant capacity - 698,400 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 448,856 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 530,800 gallons
Storage capacity - 300,000 gallons
Water pressure - 32 psi to 98 psi

Name of water district - Meade County Water District
P.O. Box 351
Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108
(502) 828-8222

Area served - Meade County
Source of supply of treated water - City of Brandenburg
Average daily consumption - 80,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 100,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 70 psi

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Ohio River
Average discharge - Ohio River at Louisville, Kentucky - 115,800
cfs (57 years-USGS)
Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along the Ohio River;
50 to 500 gpm in central and eastern portion of the county; 5 to
50 gpm in southern and central section of the county; 5 gpm or
less in remainder of Meade county

Sewerage

Company serving **Brandenburg** - Brandenburg Wastewater Treatment Plant
737 High Street
P.O. Box 305
Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108
(502) 422-4981

Design capacity - 192,500 gallons per day
Average daily flow - At capacity
Type of treatment - Primary, secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

The Brandenburg Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to be upgraded to a capacity of 350,000 gallons per day by December, 1992.

CLIMATE

Meade County

Temperature

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Normal (30-year record) | 56.20 degrees |
| Average annual 1988 | 56.70 degrees |
| Record highest, July 1954 (41-year record) | 105.00 degrees |
| Record lowest, January 1963 (41-year record) | -20.00 degrees |
| Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.) | 4,525 |

Precipitation

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Normal (30-year record) | 43.56 inches |
| Mean annual snowfall (41-year record) | 17.00 inches |
| Total precipitation 1988 | 37.53 inches |
| Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (41-year record) | 123.80 |
| Mean number days thunderstorms (41-year record) | 45.10 |

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (28-year record)

| | |
|--------|------------|
| 1 a.m. | 76 percent |
| 7 a.m. | 81 percent |
| 1 p.m. | 58 percent |
| 7 p.m. | 61 percent |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1989. Station of record: Louisville, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The city of Brandenburg is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor serves a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. Meade County is served by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. The county judge/executive and magistrates are elected to four-year terms.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Brandenburg Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city and three miles beyond corporate limits

Local codes enforced - Building and housing within city limits

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 Brandenburg levies a business license fee on businesses and professions operating within the city. The fee is \$20 annually. The city also levies an unloading license, \$20 per year, and an insurance premium tax which is five percent of the premium amount.

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

| | <u>City of Brandenburg</u> | <u>Unincorporated Meade County</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Land and Buildings | \$1.0317 | \$0.7167 |
| 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 | 0.8531 | 0.5251 |
| Automobiles & Trucks | 1.2891 | 0.9611 |
| Other Tangible | | |
| Personal Property | 1.3021 | 0.9741 |
| Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds) | 0.2500 | 0.2500 |
| Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit | | |
| Status | 0.0010 | 0.0010 |
| Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities | 0.0150 | 0.0150 |

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

EDUCATION

Public Schools

| | Meade County |
|--|--------------|
| Total Enrollment (Fall, 1989) | 3,759 |
| Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1988-89) | 20.6-1 |
| Percent High School Graduates to College (1988-89) | 25.6 |
| Expenditures Per Pupil (1988-89) | \$2,247.77 |

Nonpublic Schools

| <u>School</u> | <u>Enrollment</u> | <u>Grades</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| St. John The Apostle Elementary | 128 | 1-6 |

Area Colleges and Universities

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location (Miles distant)</u> | <u>Enrollment (Fall, 1989)</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Elizabethtown Community College | Elizabethtown, Kentucky (34) | 3,009 |
| Indiana University, Southeast | New Albany, Indiana (36) | 5,452 |
| University of Louisville | Louisville, Kentucky (42) | 23,182 |
| Bellarmino College | Louisville, Kentucky (42) | 3,724 |
| Spalding University | Louisville, Kentucky (42) | 1,112 |
| Jefferson Community College | Louisville, Kentucky (42) | 9,039 |

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 (Miles distant)</u> | <u>Cumulative Enrollment 1988-1989</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Elizabethtown State Vocational- Technical School | Elizabethtown (34) | 802 |
| Meade County Area Vocational Education Center | Brandenburg | 307 |

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5
Dentist - 3

Hospitals

| <u>General Hospitals</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Beds</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Hardin Memorial Hospital | Elizabethtown, Kentucky 34 miles southeast of Brandenburg | 300 |
| Harrison County Hospital | Corydon, Indiana, 19 miles north of Brandenburg | 68 |
| Breckinridge Memorial Hospital | Hardinsburg, Kentucky, 29 miles south of Brandenburg | 45 |

Hardin Memorial Hospital

Medical staff - 105 active physicians, 313 registered nurses, 22 licensed practical nurses

Harrison County Hospital

Medical staff - 20 active physicians, 30 registered nurses, 5 licensed practical nurses

Breckinridge Memorial Hospital

Medical staff - 6 active physicians, 18 registered nurses, 5 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Meade County Health Department
Meade County Medical Center
River Ridge Medical Plaza
Meade County Medical Service
Inman-Denton Dental Center

Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Farmers Deposit Bank
Meade County Bank

Newspapers

The Messenger (weekly)
The Pioneer (weekly)

Telephone

Brandenburg Telephone Company

RECREATION

Local

Local recreation facilities in Brandenburg include a country club with an 18-hole golf course and the Meade-Olin Park which includes a swimming pool, tennis courts, ball fields, basketball courts, picnic areas, a shelter area and a playground. Flippin Run Park and Concordia Park each have boat ramps and picnic areas, plus soccer fields at Flippin Run. The newly developed Riverbluff Resort Park offers camping, a swimming pool, and lodges.

Otter Creek Park, located in eastern Meade County, is a 3,000-acre woodland on the Ohio River. Facilities at the park include a restaurant; a 24-unit lodge; cottages; 165 campsites; horseback riding; swimming; hiking trails; fishing; boat ramp; tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; ball fields; playgrounds and picnic pavilions.

Other recreational facilities in Meade County include: the Doe Valley Golf Club, with an 18-hole golf course, restaurant, and lounge; the Doe Valley Swim and Tennis Club which has two swimming pools, tennis courts, a sand beach on Doe Valley Lake, and a restaurant/lodge; and the Hillcrest Club which offers a 9-hole golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, and clubhouse.

The Down By The Riverside Festival is an annual event held in Brandenburg each September featuring an arts and crafts fair, cruise boat rides, fishing tournament, and various entertainment. Other annual events are the Meade County Fair, Down Home Days, an Old Fashioned Christmas, and an auto show. A new park downtown on the river bank, with beaches and a walkway, was recently constructed.

Area (Within 60 miles)

Rough River Dam State Resort Park
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site
Bernheim Forest Arboretum and Nature Center
E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park
My Old Kentucky Home State Park

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

Construction of a new building to house the A.S.C.S. (Agricultural Soil Conservation Service) was recently completed. Construction of a new county extension office is currently under way.

A National Guard unit was located in Brandenburg in 1989. Ten acres of land have been purchased to construct an armory by 1992.

The River Ridge Shopping Center, currently with nine stores open, was constructed in 1989.

Brandenburg is involved with the "Main Street Program" which was established by the Kentucky Heritage Council. The major goal of the program is the preservation and development of downtown areas. Brandenburg has been designated a "model city" by the council.

Under Way

The Meade County School System is currently constructing Flaherty Elementary, scheduled to open in the Fall of 1990.

A four-mile section of Kentucky Highway 1638 is being widened southeast of Brandenburg.

A county-wide clean up program, collecting trash and rubbish from area roads, homes, rivers, and creeks, is currently under way.

Planned

Construction of a recycling center is planned to be completed in 1990.

The Brandenburg Wastewater Treatment Plant is scheduled to be upgraded to a capacity of 350,000 gallons per day by December 1992.