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**West Liberty**



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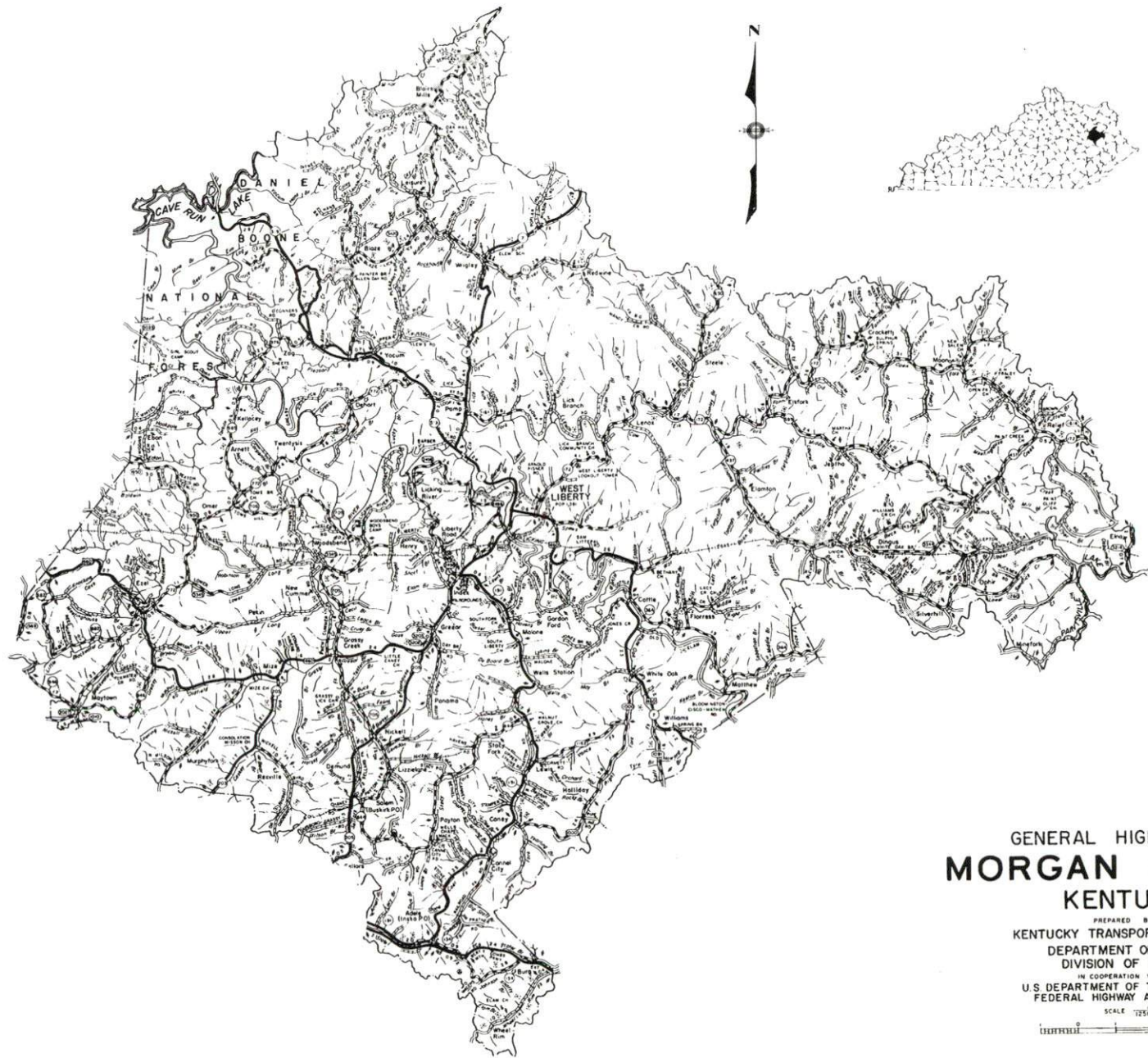
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**MORGAN COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
DIVISION OF PLANNING

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

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## WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

West Liberty, the county seat of Morgan County, is located in the Licking Valley area of Kentucky. The city had an estimated 1994 population of 3,034. West Liberty is located 71 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 93 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky; 119 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 256 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Morgan County covers a land area of 381 square miles in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region. Cave Run Lake and Daniel Boone National Forest occupy the northwestern portion of the county. Morgan County had an estimated 1994 population of 13,274.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Morgan County residents employed in 1995 averaged 4,027. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 366 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 467 jobs; 424 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,048 employees; and contract construction firms provided 93 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 15,815 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1997 through 2001, 7,763 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - West Liberty is served directly by U.S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Highways 7 and 519. Each is a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Kentucky Highway 172 also serves West Liberty. In addition, the Mountain Parkway is accessible via U.S. 460 and Kentucky 205, 14 miles south of West Liberty. Interstate 64 is accessible via Kentucky 519, 26 miles northwest of the city. Three trucking companies provide service to West Liberty. CSX Transportation provides the nearest rail service at Paintsville, Kentucky, 41 miles southeast. Tri-State Field in Huntington, West Virginia, 68 miles northeast, provides the nearest commercial airline service. The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport maintains a 2,400-foot paved runway.

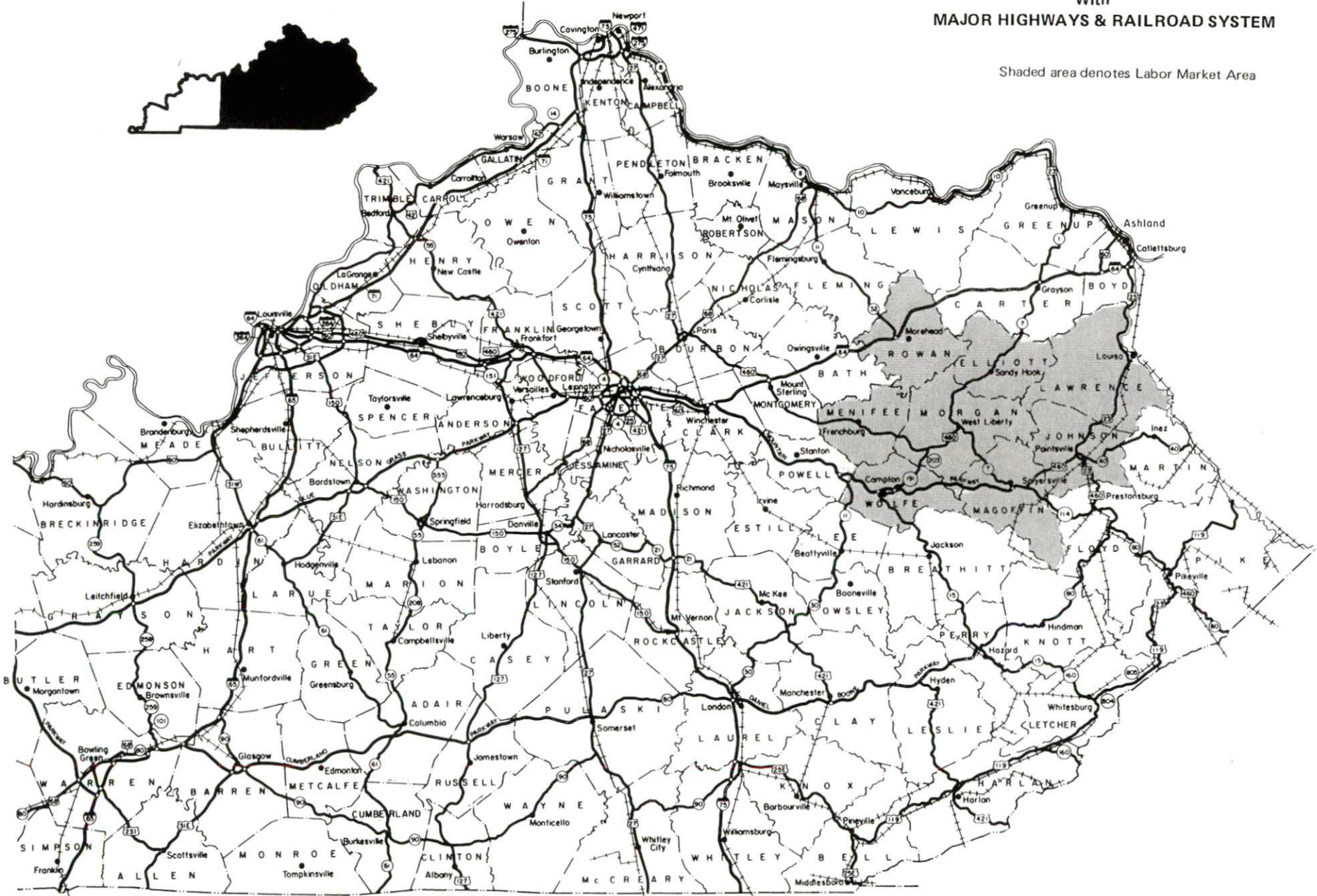
**Power and Fuel** - American Electric Power and Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation provide electric power to West Liberty and Morgan County. Elam Utility Company, which is supplied by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, provides natural gas to West Liberty.

**Education** - The Morgan County School System provides primary and secondary education to West Liberty and Morgan County. MSU-Licking Valley Center, an extension campus of Morehead State University, offers an array of community service programs and basic requirement courses which are transferable to state-supported institutions. Nine other institutions of higher learning are located within 75 miles of West Liberty. Vocational training is provided by the Morgan County Area Technology Center in West Liberty and by Kentucky Tech-Rowan Campus, located 20 miles northwest in Morehead, Kentucky.



WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA  
With  
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The West Liberty Labor Market Area includes Morgan County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Elliott, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Menifee, Rowan, and Wolfe.

### POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	106,316	100,374	101,943	81,389
West Liberty	3,034	1,887	1,381	1,387
Morgan County	13,274	11,648	12,103	10,019

\*Population estimates.

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

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	114,207	123,291	129,663
Morgan County	14,220	15,294	16,106

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

### ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age <u>1997 thru 2001</u>
Labor Market Area*	15,815	3,597	12,218	7,763
Morgan County	2,469	441	2,028	930

\* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

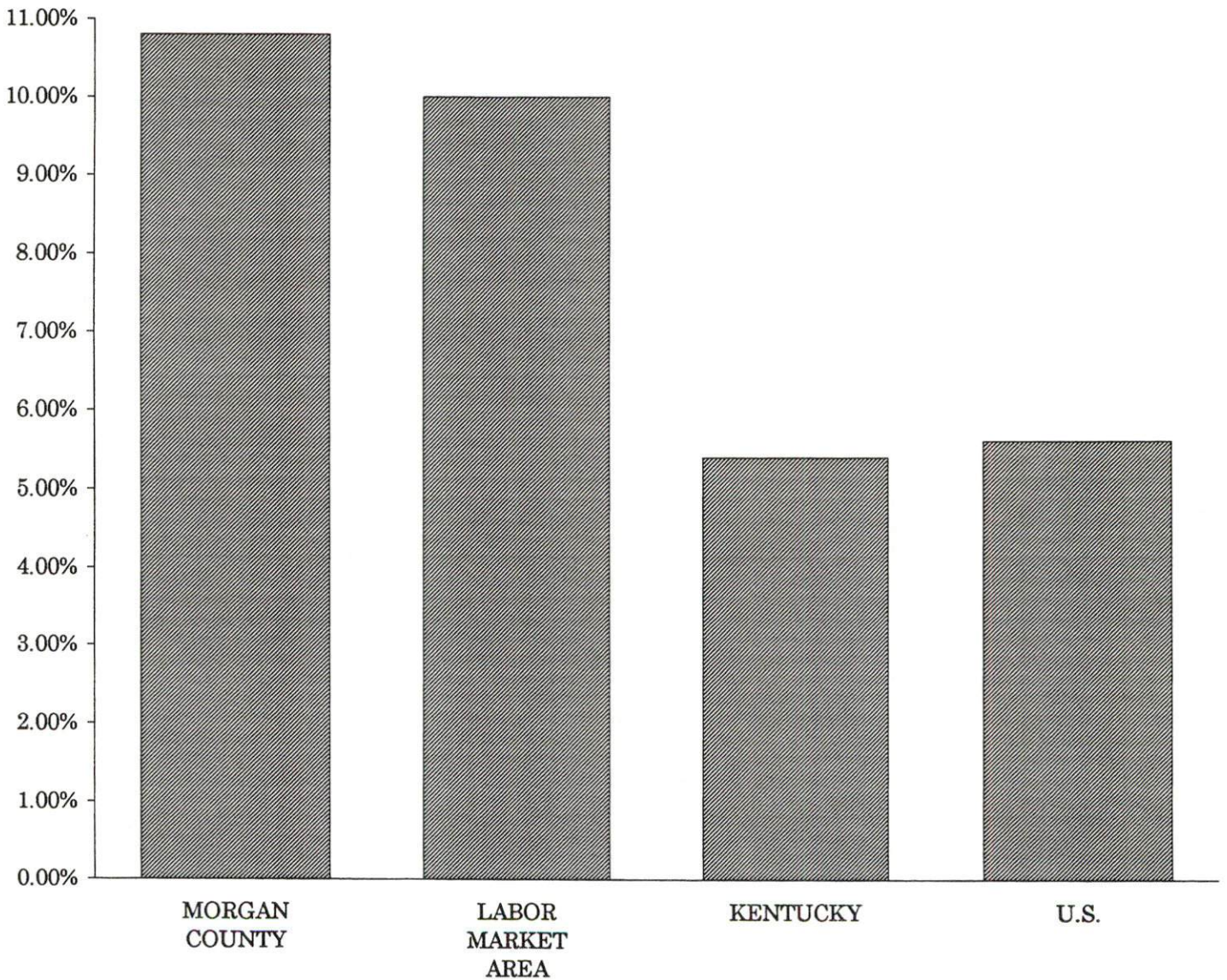
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1997 thru 2001.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1995

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,516	42,541
Employment	4,027	38,256
Unemployment	489	4,285
Rate of Unemployment (%)	10.8	10.0

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1995.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1995





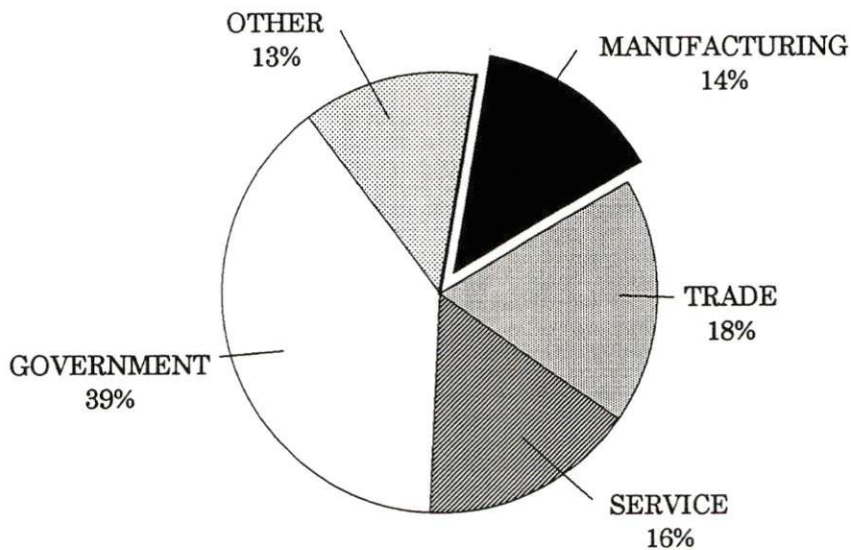
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,664	24,476
Manufacturing	366	2,448
Wholesale & Retail Trade	467	6,477
Services	424	4,544
State/Local Government	1,048	7,009
Contract Construction	93	1,008

**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, 1995.

MORGAN COUNTY

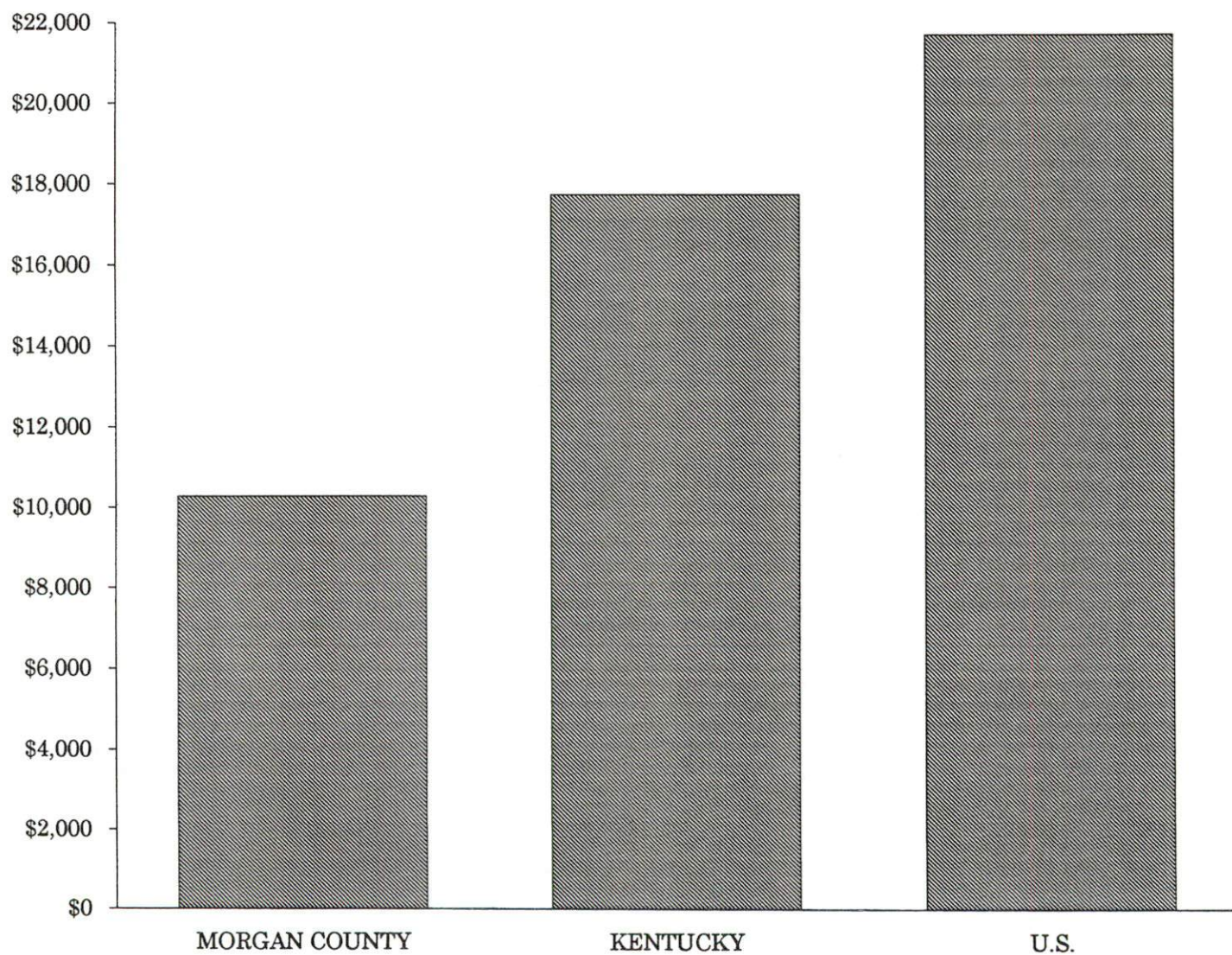


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1990	1994	Percent Change
Morgan County	\$9,243	\$10,284	11.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,175 - \$11,599	\$10,079 - \$13,953	-
Kentucky	\$14,747	\$17,721	20.2
U.S.	\$18,666	\$21,696	16.2

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1994





## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Morgan County is served by the Morehead local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Morehead local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 2,121 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

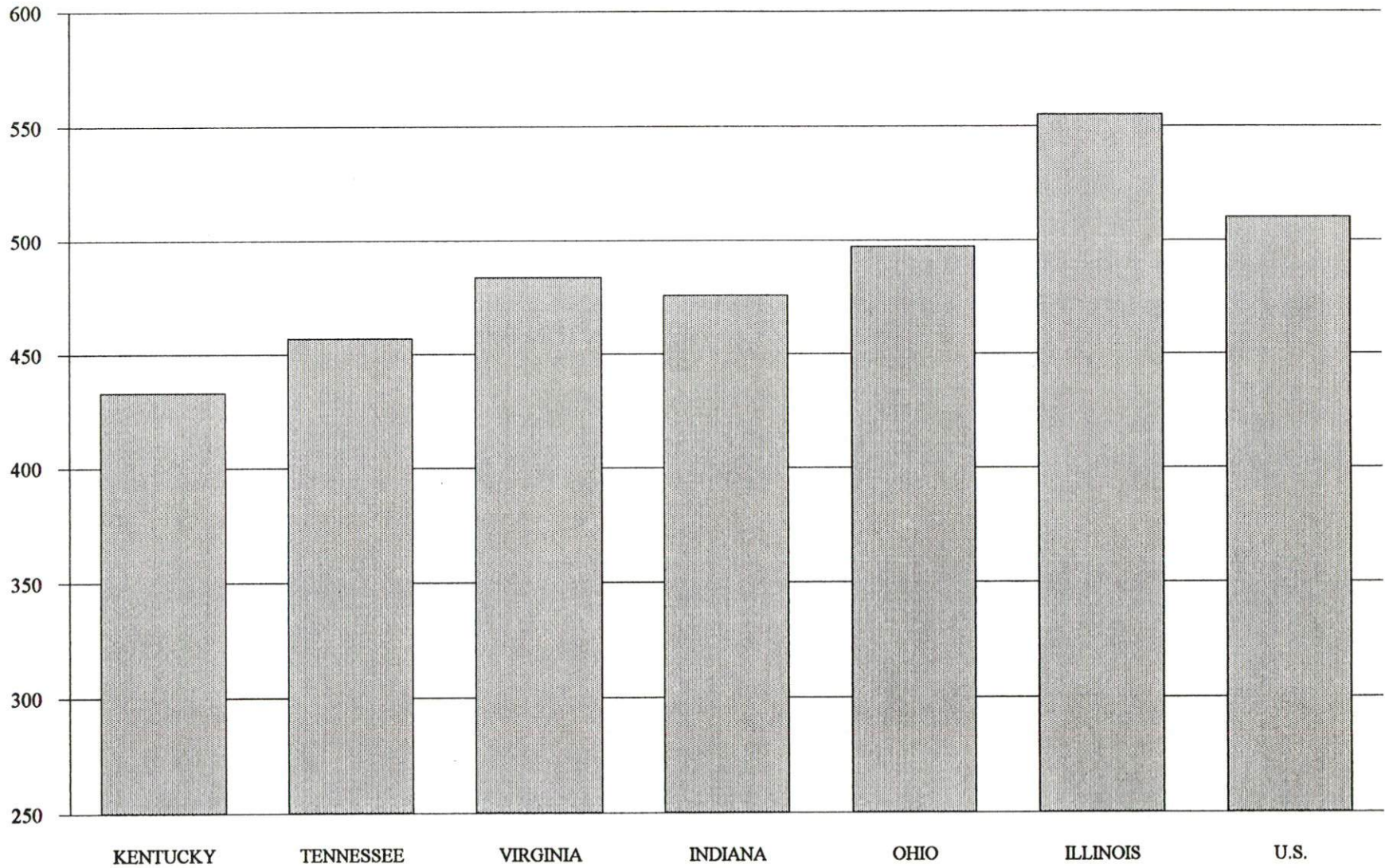
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	2,121	4.82
Clerical	304	4.47
Sales	45	4.54
Services (excluding domestic)	512	4.45
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	11	5.37
Processing	107	5.91
Machine Trades	78	4.87
Bench Work	821	4.81
Structural	92	5.00
Motor Freight/ Transportation	31	5.26
Packaging and Materials Handling	92	5.87
Other	3	4.92

The Morehead local office also serves Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan 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 - 1994**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994\*

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$343.91	\$432.45	\$457.00	\$484.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	724.79	638.00	721.00
Contract Construction	333.47	457.02	485.00	476.00
Manufacturing	284.74	560.04	540.00	565.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	572.30	573.31	588.00	673.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	259.91	297.57	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	394.47	521.15	585.00	609.00
Services	347.32	385.62	434.00	501.00
State/Local Government	366.93	441.53	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$476.00	\$497.00	\$555.00	\$510.00
Mining & Quarrying	771.00	682.00	815.00	839.00
Contract Construction	538.00	549.00	681.00	544.00
Manufacturing	653.00	701.00	692.00	645.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	581.00	619.00	694.00	658.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	557.00	572.00	764.00	693.00
Services	400.00	433.00	501.00	483.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

N/A Not Available.

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

**Sources:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1994. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1994, November 1995.



## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### MORGAN COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Crockett</b>		
Rod and Staff Publishing Company (1960)	Publishing/printing	70
<b>Ezel</b>		
Lawson Pallet & Skids (1988)	Pallets and skids	5
<b>Mize</b>		
J.A. Oldfield & Son, Inc. (1979)	Fertilizer	8
<b>West Liberty</b>		
Continental Metal Speciality (1995)	Electronic equipment assembly	110
Courier Publishing Company (1910)	Offset printing, newspaper	12
Frederick & May Lumber & Supply Company (1951)	Dimension stock lumber, rough lumber, fencing boards	65
Lion Apparel, Inc. (1984)	Industrial rain wear, firemen bunker gear, safety clothing	121
Wells Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. (1958)	Ready-mixed concrete	48
<b>Wolfe County</b>		
Whiting Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1990)*	Comforters, pillow shams, dust ruffles	190

\*Whiting Manufacturing Company, Inc. is physically located one mile south of the Morgan County line in Wolfe County, but draws a significant number of workers from Morgan County.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Morgan County Government.

### RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Continental Metal Speciality began operations in 1995. Employment is expected to reach 150 by the end of 1996 with a \$2.0 million investment. Wells Ready Mix Concrete announced plans in 1995 for a \$630,000 expansion that will create four additional jobs.

Morgan County government is in the very early stage of developing a multi-county industrial site with Menifee and Rowan Counties.



## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are no labor unions representing workers in Morgan County manufacturing firms at the present time.

### SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

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<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from West Liberty</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Flemingsburg, Kentucky	50
Electric Motor Repair	Morehead, Kentucky	23
Heat Treating Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	93
Industrial Waste Removal	Prestonsburg, Kentucky	45
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Morehead, Kentucky Frenchburg, Kentucky	23 29
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	98
Metal Finishers	Frenchburg, Kentucky	29
Metal Service Centers	Morehead, Kentucky	23
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	93

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

U.S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Highways 7 and 519 directly serve West Liberty. Each is a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Kentucky Highway 172, a "AA"-rated (60,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, also serves West Liberty.

The Mountain Parkway, a major limited-access highway which links eastern Kentucky with central Kentucky and Lexington, is accessible via U.S. 460 and Kentucky 205, 14 miles south of West Liberty. Interstate Highway 64, a major east-west highway corridor, is accessible via Kentucky Highway 519, 26 miles northwest of West Liberty.

Planning is under way for a project to widen and upgrade Kentucky Highway 59 from West Liberty to the Kentucky Highway 7 junction.

#### HIGHWAY MILES FROM WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	449	Los Angeles, CA	2,252
Baltimore, MD	481	Louisville, KY	160
Birmingham, AL	489	Nashville, TN	303
Chicago, IL	436	New Orleans, LA	823
Cincinnati, OH	119	New York, NY	670
Cleveland, OH	364	Pittsburgh, PA	310
Detroit, MI	377	St. Louis, MO	418
Knoxville, TN	256		

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

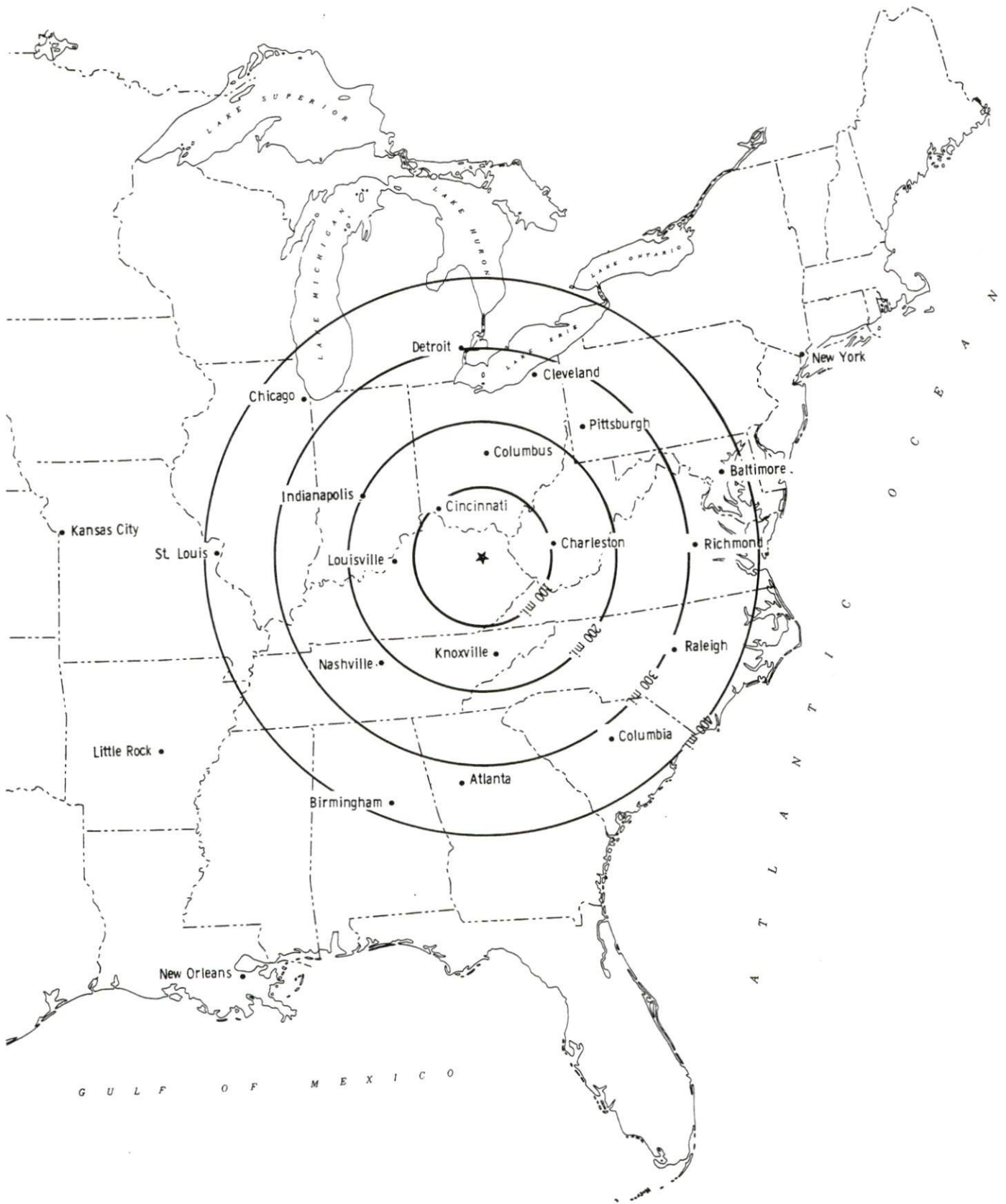
**Sources:** Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

### Truck Service

Three common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to West Liberty.

**Source:** American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1996.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides the nearest main line rail service at Paintsville, Kentucky, 41 miles southeast. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by Norfolk Southern Corporation at Georgetown, Kentucky, 102 miles west of West Liberty.

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

### Local

Location:	West Liberty-Morgan County Airport West Liberty
Runways:	One paved
Length:	2,400 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	None
Services:	Hangar, tie-down
Air Freight Service:	Chartered air freight service must be arranged

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Tri-State Airport (Milton J. Ferguson Field) 3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 68 miles northeast of West Liberty
Air Service:	C.C. Air, Comair, USAir
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	48

Location:	Blue Grass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 97 miles west of West Liberty
Air Service:	American Eagle, ASA, Comair, Delta, Northwest Airlink, TW Express, United Express, USAir, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	110



Nearest International Airport

Location: Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport  
8 miles southwest of Covington, Kentucky:  
124 miles northwest of West Liberty

Air Service: American Eagle, Comair, Continental Express, Delta,  
MarkAir, Northwest Airlinck, TWA, United, USAir,  
USAir Express

Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 900

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **most of West Liberty and a small portion of southern Morgan County** -

American Electric Power

Source of power - American Electric Power

For industrial rates contact:

Economic Development Manager  
American Electric Power  
1701 Central Avenue  
P.O. Box 1428  
Ashland, Kentucky 41105-1428  
(606) 327-1244 Fax (606) 327-1246

Company serving **a small portion of West Liberty and the majority of Morgan County** -

Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Licking Valley Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
P.O. Box 605  
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472  
(606) 743-3179 or (800) 554-5441

### Natural Gas

Company serving **West Liberty** - Elam Utility Company

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Elam Utility Company  
459 Main Street  
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472  
(606) 743-3695

## Public Water Supply

Company serving **West Liberty**- West Liberty Water Works  
100 Keeton Heights  
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472  
(606) 743-4553

Source - Licking River  
Treatment plant capacity- 1,080,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 767,475 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 962,400 gallons  
Storage capacity - 1,250,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 30 psi to 180 psi

West Liberty Water Works will complete a \$2.5 million project in late 1996 which will consist of a new water line to Cave Run Lake which will be a new source of water for the area.

Company serving **rural Morgan County** - Morgan County Water District  
450 Preston Street  
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472  
(606) 743-1204

Source - Licking River  
Average daily consumption - 71,839 gallons per day  
Peak daily consumption - 85,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 190,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 60 psi to 180 psi

A \$750,000 project is under way to build new water lines. Preliminary plans are under way to construct a new treatment plant that may serve both water companies.

## Sewerage

Company serving **West Liberty** - West Liberty Wastewater Treatment Plant  
600 Well's Hill Lane  
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472  
(606) 743-4129

Design capacity - 575,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 250,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Licking River



## CLIMATE

### Morgan County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1994	55.80 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (34-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1994 (34-year record)	-21.00 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.)	4,665

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.30 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	25.90 inches
Total precipitation 1994	45.83 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (33-year record)	139.70
Mean number days thunderstorms (32-year record)	41.30

#### Prevailing winds

N/A

#### Relative Humidity (33-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent * (32-year record)
7 a.m.	83 percent
1 p.m.	58 percent
7 p.m.	61 percent

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1994. Station of record: Huntington, West Virginia.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

West Liberty 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. Morgan County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

### Planning and Zoning

Morgan County and West Liberty are presently not served by a planning and zoning agency, but West Liberty is in the process of developing a City of West Liberty 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 West Liberty levies an annual business license fee of \$35, an unloading license fee of \$100 per year, and an annual auto sticker license fee of \$10.

**PROPERTY TAXES**

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

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

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

**STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION**

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1995 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.167	YES
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	NO
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	NO
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.050	NO
Goods in Process	0.050	NO
Finished Goods	0.050	YES
Motor Vehicles	0.450	YES
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.450	YES
Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand)	0.250	NO

**LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1995**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Morgan County	\$0.2550	\$0.2756	\$0.2968
School Districts:			
Morgan County	0.4010	0.4010	0.4520
Cities:			
West Liberty	0.1109	0.1600	0.1600



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

#### Morgan County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	2,414
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	15.1-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	48.1
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$4,091.26

### Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Faith Hills School (Crockett)	38	1-9

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
MSU-Licking Valley Center	West Liberty, Kentucky	550
Morehead State University	Morehead, Kentucky (23)	8,454
Kentucky Christian College	Grayson, Kentucky (42)	573
Lees College	Jackson, Kentucky (44)	498
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (45)	2,798
Ashland Community College	Ashland, Kentucky (65)	2,560
Ohio University (Ironton Campus)	Ironton, Ohio (69)	2,358
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia (71)	13,093
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Kentucky (72)	841
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, Kentucky (72)	525

### MSU-Licking Valley Center

MSU-Licking Valley Center, an extension campus of Morehead State University, opened in 1987. The Center serves adults with classes and services from literacy level through ABE/GED instruction to undergraduate and graduate college classes. College course offerings satisfy basic requirements and are transferable to a four-year state-supported institution.

## VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

Kentucky Tech schools are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and provide secondary (Sec) and postsecondary (P/S) vocational-technical training.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from West Liberty)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Morgan County Area Technology Center	West Liberty	4	<u>Sec</u> 132	21
Kentucky Tech-Rowan Campus	Morehead (23)	12	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 212    285	84

### 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 established and prospective businesses. Businesses needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at Kentucky Tech-Rowan Campus (606) 783-1538.

### Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills, and academic potential. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Kentucky Tech-Rowan Campus (606) 783-1538.

### Adult Education Services

Adult education is available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In West Liberty, adult education and literacy programs are provided through the MSU-Licking Valley Center and the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation.

### 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. In West Liberty the Morgan County Area Technology Center offers tech-prep programs in auto body repair, drafting, health services, and welding technologies.

### Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

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

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



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 12  
Dentists - 5

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital	West Liberty	45

Medical staff - nine active staff physicians, 47 registered nurses (including home health),  
nine licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Lake Cumberland Home Health  
Morgan County Appalachian Regional  
Hospital Home Health Agency  
Morgan County Ambulance Service  
Morgan County Health Department  
Morgan County Rescue Squad  
Pathways, Inc. (mental health service)

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of the Mountains  
Commercial Bank

### Newspapers

Licking Valley Courier (weekly)

### Telephone Service

Mountain Rural Telephone  
Cooperative Corporation

### Local Radio Station

WLKS AM/FM

## RECREATION

West Liberty and Morgan County offer several public recreation opportunities for the entire family. Kiwanis Playground and Park features a swimming pool, five tennis courts, a basketball court, a picnic shelter and grill, and a playground.

The Old Mill Park, located along the banks of the scenic Licking River, provides picnic areas and grills, walking areas, fishing, and canoeing. Index Hill Park also contains a picnic area.

Three public ball fields and a soccer field are also available locally.

Pleasant Valley Country Club in West Liberty offers a nine-hole private golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and a clubhouse.

The former Morgan County High School building in West Liberty has been renovated for recreational and community use. The new community center opened in late 1995 and houses the Arts and Recreation Commission and Morgan County Government. The Center offers a gym, playgrounds, and meeting rooms.

Morgan County's annual Sorghum Festival is held the last full weekend of September. The gala event includes over 100 arts and crafts exhibits, food booths, live music, a parade, and of course plenty of little brown jugs of sorghum molasses.

The Patoker Branch Campground, located in Morgan County on the upper gorge of Paintsville Lake, offers guided canoe rentals, camping, a boat dock, fishing, and is a nature lovers haven. Magnificent "cliffs of paint" line the shore of the gorge and were heavily "painted" by the many Indian tribes that once lived there.

The northwestern portion of Morgan County is located within the Daniel Boone National Forest, which covers 640,000 acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

Cave Run Lake, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is located 19 miles northwest of West Liberty within the Daniel Boone National Forest. The lake has 8,270 surface acres and the area offers everything for the camper, boatsman, hiker, hunter, fisherman, and "the lover of leisure."

### Area (Within 50 miles)

Carter Caves State Resort Park  
Grayson Lake State Park  
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park  
Morehead State University  
Natural Bridge State Resort Park  
Paintsville Lake State Park  
Red River Gorge Area  
Yatesville Lake State Park