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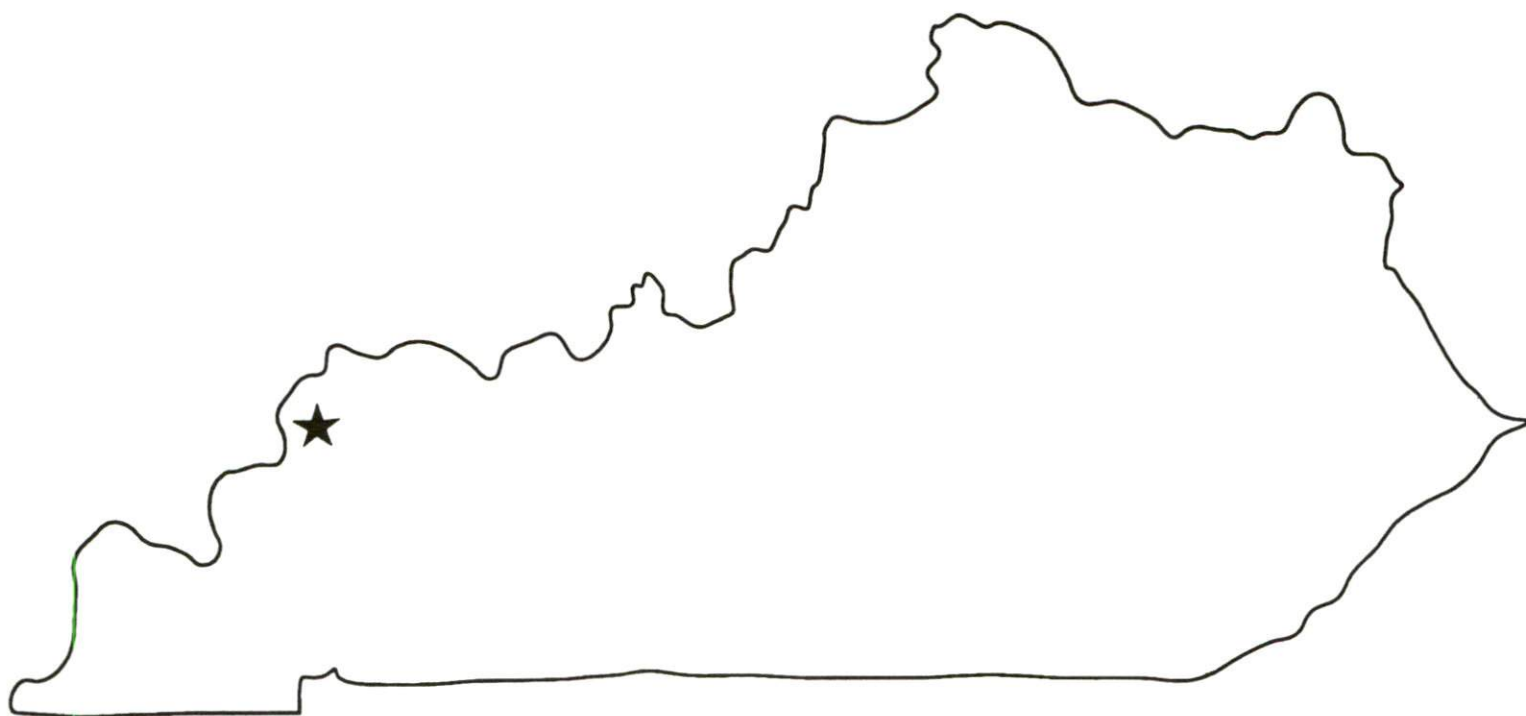
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP UNION COUNTY KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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UNION COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Union County, with an 1992 estimated population of 16,341, is located in the westernmost part of the Western Kentucky Coal Field. The Ohio River flows along the northern and western boundary of the county while the Tradewater River forms the southern boundary. The county covers a total land area of 345 square miles. The topography varies from broad, flat-flood plains to island-like hill masses.

Morganfield, the county seat of Union County, is located 33 miles southwest of Evansville, Indiana; 145 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; 158 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; and 175 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Sturgis is located 11 miles southwest of Morganfield and Uniontown is six miles north of Morganfield. Morganfield had an estimated 1992 population of 3,777, Sturgis totaled 2,081 and Uniontown had 973 residents.

Morganfield and Sturgis have both been designated as a "Kentucky Certified City." Sturgis recently received the Hall of Fame Award from the Certified Cities Program, sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Union County residents employed in 1994 averaged 6,335. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,323 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,010 jobs; 1,341 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 681 employees; contract construction firms provided 143 jobs; and 1,326 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 3,886 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 6,570 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

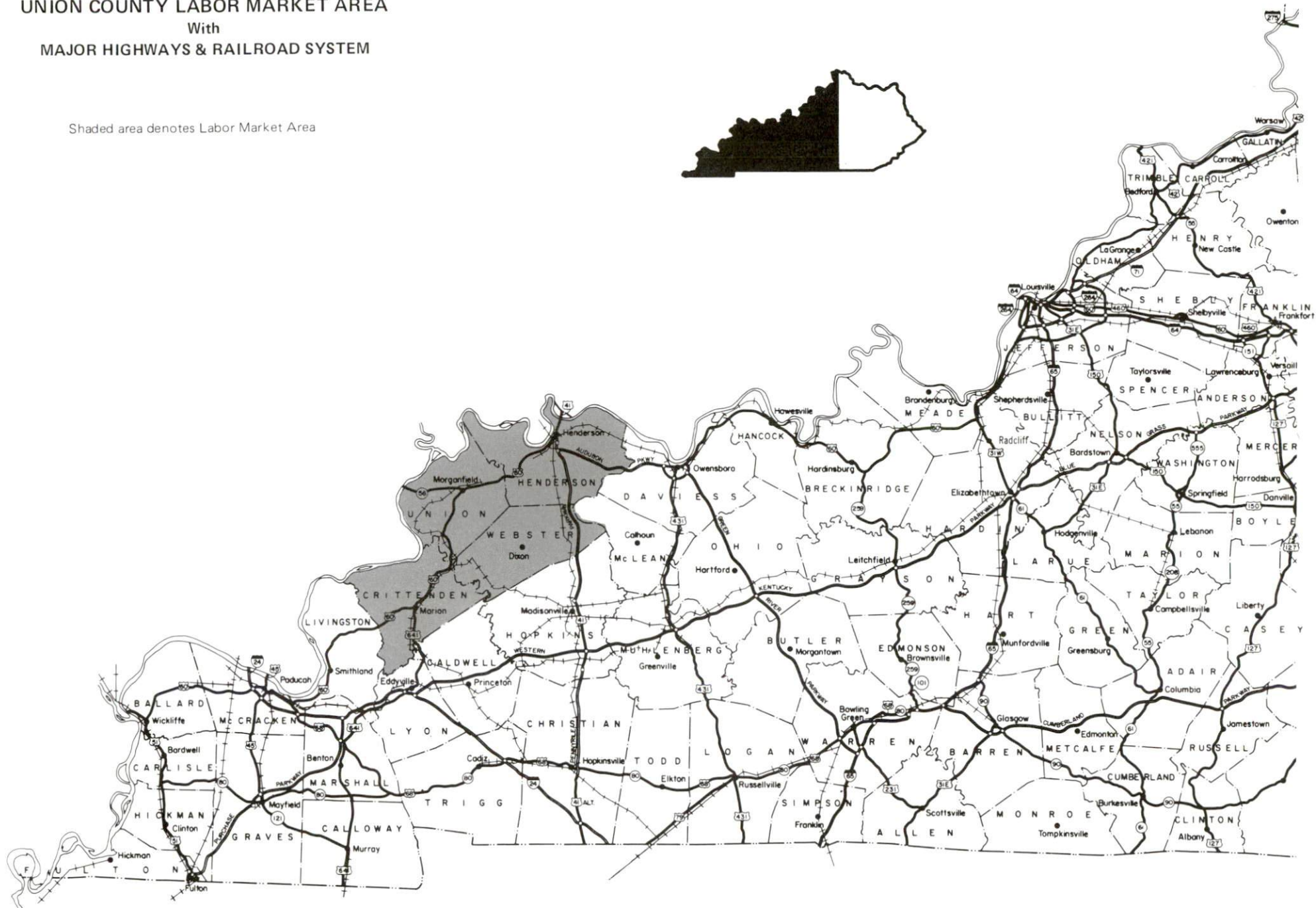
Transportation - Major highways serving Union County include U.S. 60, Kentucky 56 and Kentucky 109, all "AAA"-rated trucking highways. The Pennyrite and Audubon Parkways, multi-lane highways, are both located 23 miles east of Morganfield. The Western Kentucky Parkway, another multi-lane highway, is accessible 54 miles south of Morganfield. Twenty common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Union County. The Western Kentucky Railway Company provides short line rail service to adjacent counties, where connections with main line rail are operated by CSX Transportation. The nearest commercial airline service is available at Evansville Regional Airport, 36 miles northeast of Morganfield. The Morganfield Airport, four miles east of Morganfield, maintains a 2,700-foot paved runway and the Sturgis Airport, one mile southeast of Sturgis, provides three 5,000-foot paved runways.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown, and portions of Union County. Henderson-Union Electric Cooperative also provides electric power to Union County. Natural gas is provided to Morganfield and Uniontown by the City of Morganfield Municipal Gas System and to Sturgis by the Sturgis Municipal Gas System.

Education - The Union County School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, provides public education to Union County. Seven institutions of higher learning are located within 55 miles of Morganfield. Madisonville Regional Technology Center and Madisonville Health Technology Center, 46 miles southeast of Morganfield, and Union County Area Technology Center in Morganfield, each provide vocational training for Union County. In addition, the Earl C. Clements Job Corps Center, at Morganfield, provides academic and vocational training services for disadvantaged young persons.

UNION COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA
With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Union County Labor Market Area includes Union County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Crittenden, Henderson, and Webster. In addition, the labor market area is supplemented by Gallatin County, Illinois, which forms the western boundary of Union County.

POPULATION

	<u>1992*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	83,160	82,752	82,709	73,688
Morganfield	3,777	3,776	3,781	3,563
Sturgis	2,081	2,184	2,293	2,210
Uniontown	973	1,008	1,169	1,255
Waverly	311	345	434	335
Union County	16,341	16,557	17,821	15,882

*Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	84,129	86,452	89,493	90,730
Union County	16,512	16,766	17,118	17,063

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>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1996 thru 2000</u>
Labor Market Area*	3,886	2,191	1,695	6,570
Union County	372	372	0	1,321

* 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.

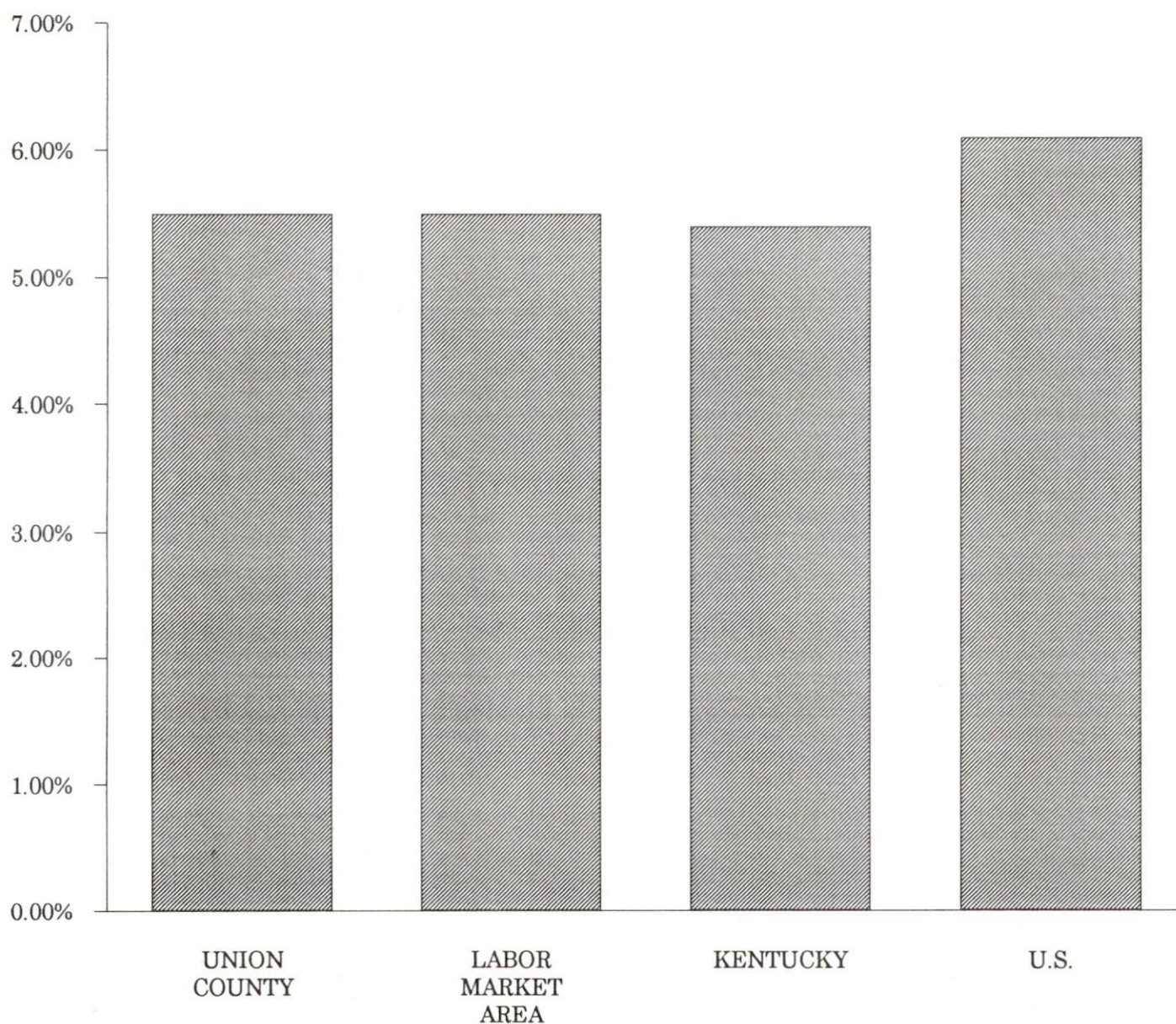
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Union County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	6,707	39,823
Employment	6,335	37,632
Unemployment	372	2,191
Rate of Unemployment (%)	5.5	5.5

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1994

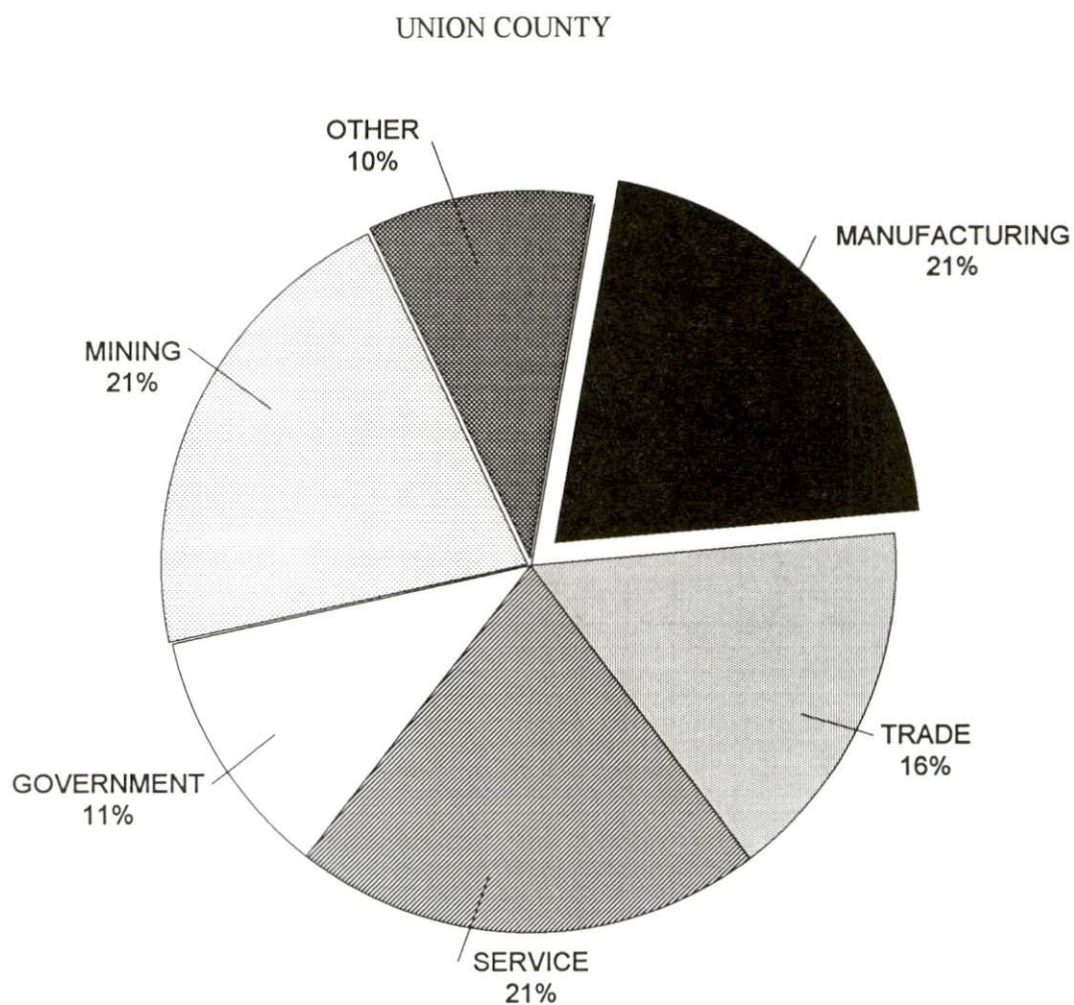


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>Union County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	6,330	32,611
Manufacturing	1,323	9,076
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,010	6,094
Services	1,341	6,826
State/Local Government	681	3,771
Contract Construction	143	988
Mining & Quarrying	1,326	3,242

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, 1994.

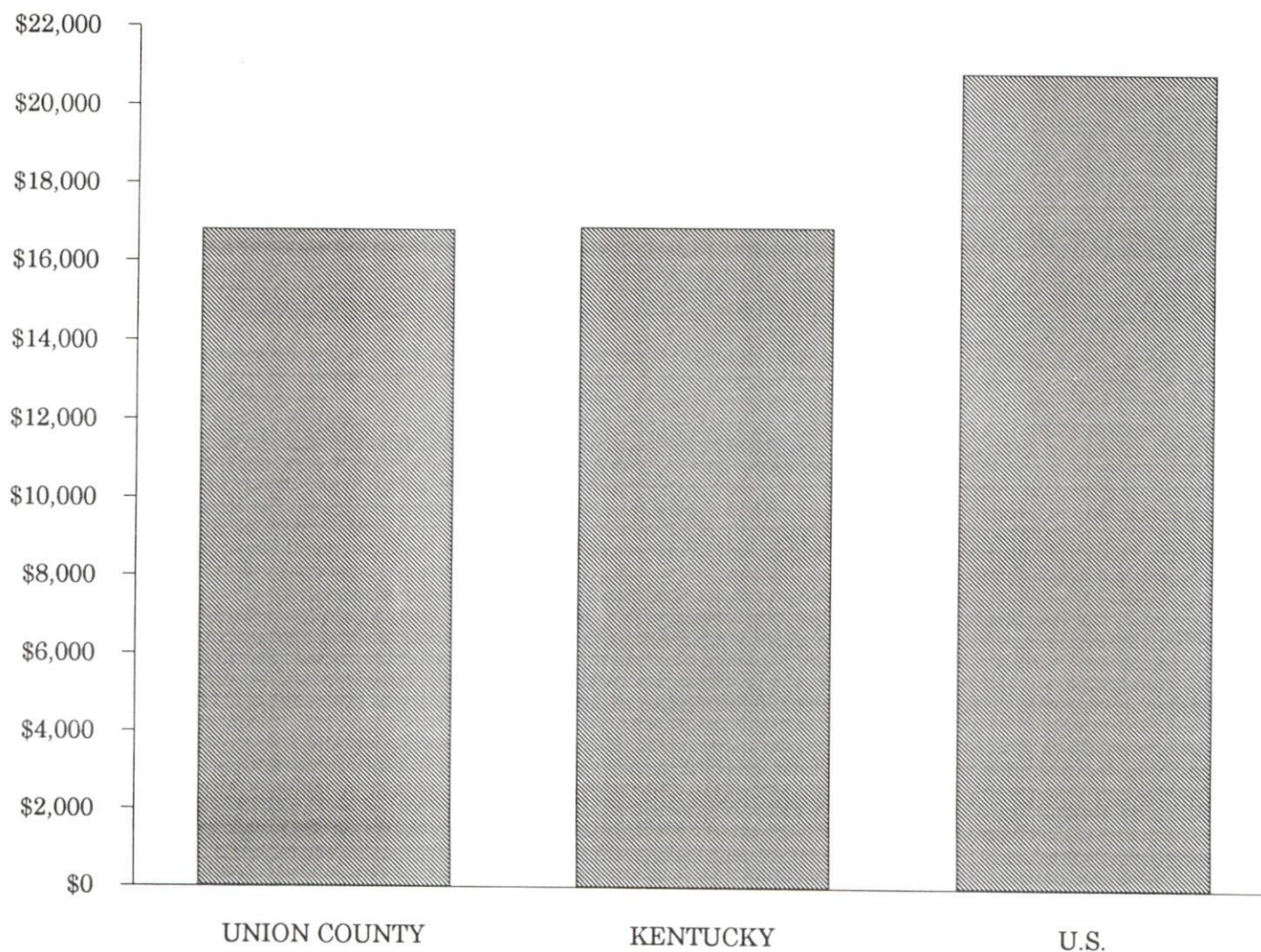


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Union County	\$14,420	\$16,822	16.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,841 - \$14,766	\$13,070 - \$17,461	-
Kentucky	\$13,756	\$16,889	22.8
U.S.	\$17,690	\$20,800	17.6

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1993



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

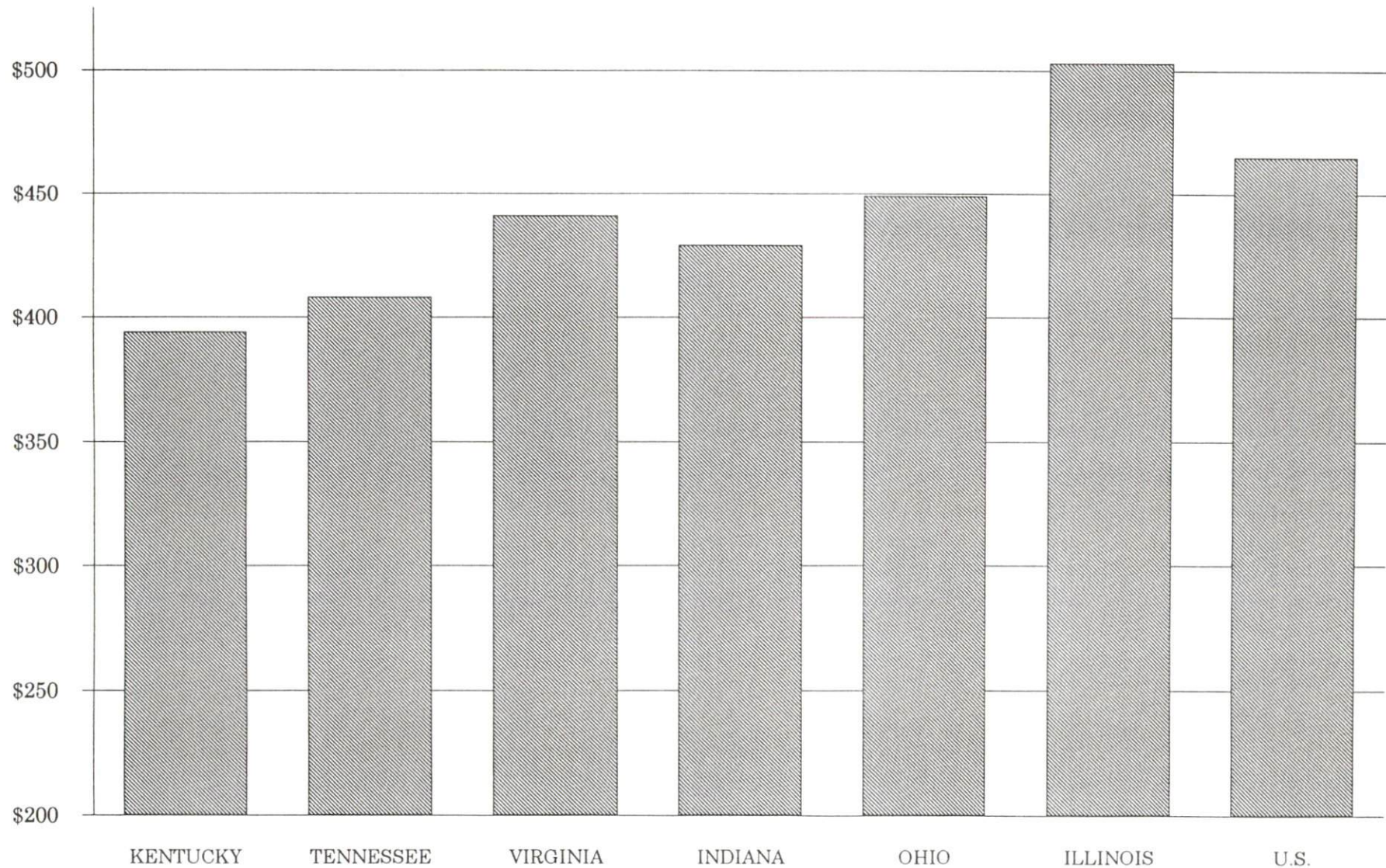
Union County is served by the Henderson local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Henderson local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 2,296 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	2,296	6.28
Clerical	153	5.64
Sales	42	5.18
Services (excluding domestic)	407	5.21
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	19	4.82
Processing	548	5.52
Machine Trades	593	7.89
Bench Work	100	5.93
Structural	146	6.93
Motor Freight/ Transportation	77	6.25
Packaging and Materials Handling	146	5.75
Other	5	9.41

The Henderson local office also serves Henderson, and Webster 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 - 1991



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

	<u>Union County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$449.58	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00
Mining & Quarrying	783.03	691.01	605.00	684.00
Contract Construction	854.40	440.47	467.00	464.00
Manufacturing	403.23	541.18	522.00	543.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	592.48	567.94	572.00	648.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.61	287.24	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	368.18	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	360.76	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	380.39	413.84	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$460.00	\$481.00	\$542.00	\$499.00
Mining & Quarrying	757.00	645.00	738.00	816.00
Contract Construction	509.00	534.00	658.00	530.00
Manufacturing	629.00	670.00	667.00	623.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	561.00	600.00	682.00	643.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	527.00	568.00	748.00	693.00
Services	391.00	422.00	494.00	475.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

N/A Not Available.

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

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

EXISTING INDUSTRY

UNION COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1994</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Morganfield		
Barrons Processed Meats (1960)	Meat processing, ground beef, steak, pork sausage	5
Crop Production Services (1977)	Fertilizer	6
Custom Feed Mills, Inc. (1950)	Feed	8
Ferrocraft, Division of Dart Industries, Inc. (1948)	Metal advertising displays, wire display equipment	20
Greenwell Farms (1980)	Popcorn, packaged and popped	10
K & D Machine & Welding, Inc. (1983)	Wheels for mining cars, fabrication and welding	3
Hite's Imperial Printing, Inc. (1987)	Printing	3
Rayloc (1973)	Automotive parts, brakes, water pumps, starters	310
Sonoco Products Company (1973)	Paper tubing	20
T & G Construction and Supply Company, Inc. (1978)	Industrial paint finishing equipment, overhead conveyor systems, air replacement systems, drying ovens	15
Union County Printing Company (1983)	Commercial printing	3
Union Fertilizer Company (1964)	Fertilizer	8
United Technologies Automotive (1979)	Automotive interior & exterior trim	305
Western Kentucky Rubber Division (1979)	Electrical connectors, rubber bumpers, automotive ball joint seals	100
Sturgis		
Brown's Welding Service (1938)	Welding	8
C & C Ford (1986)	Converting vans to ADA standards	4
Circle-O Farm Center (1974)	Fertilizer liquid & dry mix	5
Meacham Hams, Inc. (1982)	Country hams	6

(Continued)

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	1994 <u>Average Employment</u>
Mine Safe Electronics, Inc. (1975)	Voice communication equipment	18
Morgan Concrete, Inc. (1964)	Ready-mixed concrete	7
Ms Pietrafesa LP, Sturgis Clothing (1947)	Men's and ladies' slacks	146
RCI Equipment (1979)	Diesel machines and roof supports for coal mines	2
Saturn Machine and Welding (1964)	Coke oven equipment, specialized machinery	90
Shirel Lumber Company, Inc. (1979)	Mining stock, grade lumber, wood chips, sawdust	35
Sturgis News, Inc. (1885)	Newspaper, job printing	3

Uniontown

Kentucky Cap Manufacturing Company (1968)	Ball and golf caps	40
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Waverly

Drury's Candy Land (1962)	Candy	3
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Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Union County Economic Development Foundation, Inc.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

A 100,000-square-foot "spec" building with infrastructure, located off U.S. 60 in the Morganfield Industrial Park, will be completed in early 1996. Another 30,000-square-foot "spec" building with infrastructure, located off U.S. 60 in the Sturgis Industrial Park at the Sturgis Airport, will also be completed in early 1996.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union

Amalgamated Clothing and
Textile Workers Union,
AFL-CIO

Representing workers at:

Kentucky Cap Manufacturing
Company
Ms Pietrafesa LP, Sturgis Clothing

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Morganfield</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Corydon, Kentucky	14
Electric Motor Repair	Henderson, Kentucky	23
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville, Indiana	33
Industrial Waste Removal	Waverly, Kentucky	10
	Henderson, Kentucky	23
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Corydon, Kentucky	14
Metal Castings	Henderson, Kentucky	23
Metal Finishers	Madisonville, Kentucky	46
	Owensboro, Kentucky	53
Metal Service Centers	Madisonville, Kentucky	46
	Owensboro, Kentucky	53
Millwrights & Riggers	Evansville, Indiana	33

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Union County include U.S. 60, Kentucky 109, and a portion of Kentucky 56.

Morganfield and Sturgis are both served by U.S. 60. In addition, Morganfield is served by Kentucky Highways 56, 130, and 359. Sturgis is served by Kentucky Highways 109, 270, and 365. Uniontown is served by Kentucky Highways 130 and 360. U.S. 60 is accessible six miles south of Uniontown via Kentucky 130.

Access to the Pennyrite and Audubon Parkways, both multi-lane highways, is available 23 miles east of Morganfield via U.S. 60. The Western Kentucky Parkway, another multi-lane highway, is accessible 54 miles south of Morganfield via U.S. 60 and U.S. 641. Access to Interstate 24 is 52 miles south of Morganfield via U.S. 60 and U.S. 641.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	397	Los Angeles, CA	2,040
Baltimore, MD	743	Louisville, KY	145
Birmingham, AL	347	Nashville, TN	158
Chicago, IL	324	New Orleans, LA	628
Cincinnati, OH	246	New York, NY	903
Cleveland, OH	491	Pittsburgh, PA	533
Detroit, MI	479	St. Louis, MO	175
Knoxville, TN	334		

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

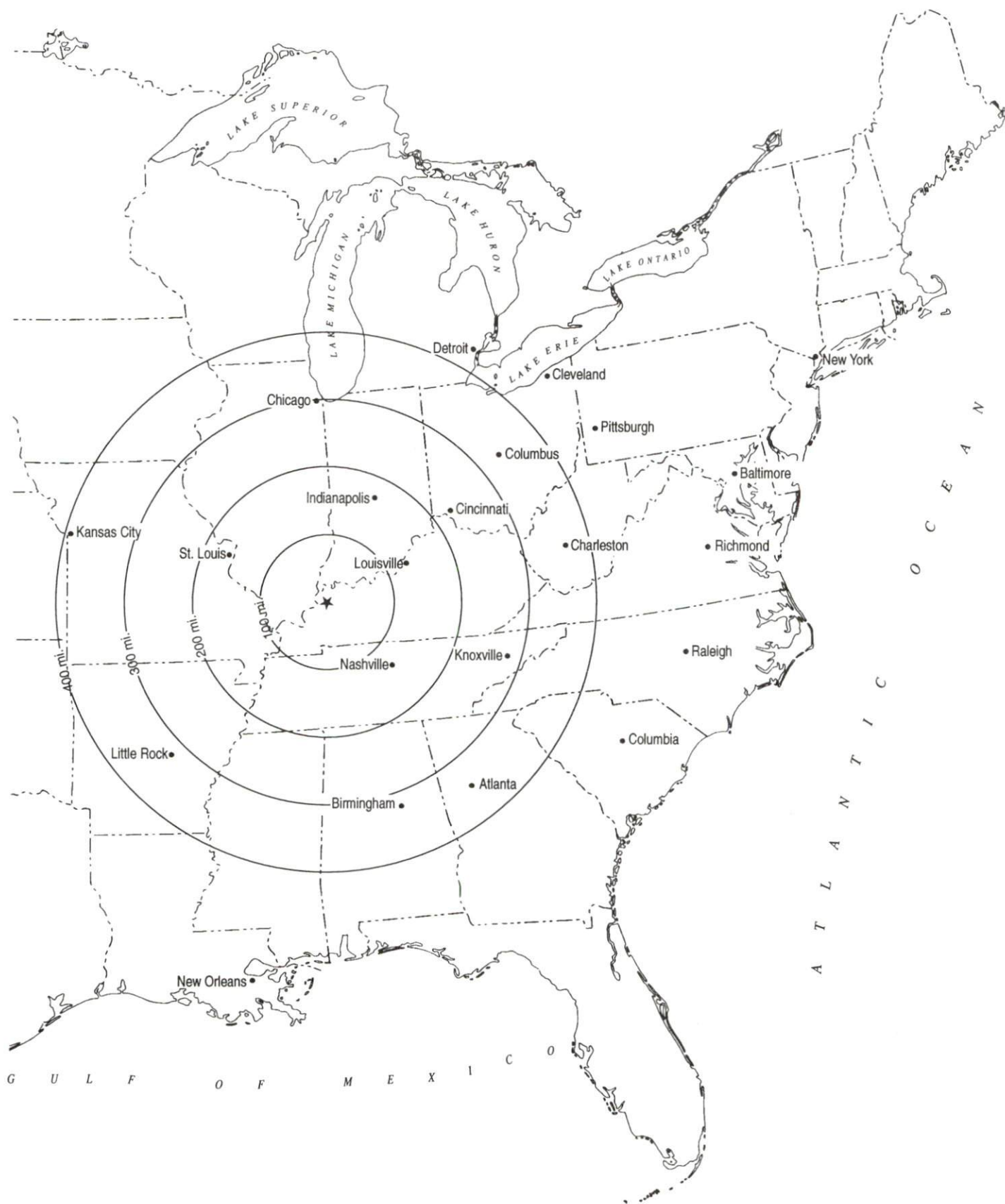
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Twenty common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Union County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1995.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

The Western Kentucky Railway Company provides short line rail service to the adjacent counties plus service to Costain Coal in Union County. Service is available from Blackford where the Western Kentucky Railway line extends to Providence then connects with main line rail operated by CSX Transportation. All other rail has been deactivated in Union County. Western Kentucky Railway maintains the rail right-of-way and will reactivate if service is required.

The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by CSX Transportation at Evansville, Indiana, 33 miles northeast of Morganfield.

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

Western Kentucky Railway
P.O. Box 66
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459
(502) 664-9938

Air

Local

Location:	Morganfield Airport
Runways:	4 miles east of Morganfield
Length:	1 paved
Traffic	2,700 feet
Control:	Wind tee
Lighting:	Low intensity, dusk to dawn, VASI
Services:	Tie-downs

	Sturgis Airport
Location:	1 mile southeast of Sturgis
Runways:	3 paved
Length:	5,000 feet each
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock and tetrahedron
Lighting:	MIRL and VASI 18-36 sunset to sunrise, rotating beacon, tetrahedron
Services:	100LL octane fuel, jet-A fuel, flight training, tie-downs, hangars

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Evansville Regional Airport
Location: 3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana;
36 miles northeast of Morganfield
Air Service: ASA, Chicago Express, ComAir, American Eagle,
Northwest Airlink, TW Express, USAir
US Air Express
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 98

Nearest International Airport

Nashville International Airport
Location: 6 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee;
164 miles southeast of Morganfield
Air Service: American, AirTrans, ASA, Continental
Connection, ComAir, Delta, American
Eagle, Northwest, Southwest, TWA,
United, USAir, USAir Express, Valujet
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 564

Water

The Ohio River forms the western boundary of Union County, and Uniontown is located at mile 843 on the Ohio River. A nine-foot navigation channel is maintained for the river's entire length. Several public terminals are located along the Ohio River in Union County.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown and portions of Union**

County - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving **the remainder of Union County** - Henderson-Union

Electric Cooperative

Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation

For industrial rates contact:

Manager of Economic Development
Big Rivers Electric Corporation
P.O. Box 24
Henderson, Kentucky 42420
(502) 827-2561

and/or

Henderson-Union Electric
Cooperative
P.O. Box 18
Henderson, Kentucky 42420
(502) 826-3991 or (800) 844-4832

Natural Gas

Company serving **Morganfield and Uniontown** - City of Morganfield

Municipal Gas System

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

City Administrator
130 East Main Street
P.O. Box 420
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437
(502) 389-2525

Company serving **Sturgis** - Sturgis Municipal Gas System

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Sturgis Municipal Gas System
206 West Sixth Street
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459
(502) 333-2166

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Morganfield** - City of Morganfield
P.O. Box 420
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437
(502) 389-1695

Source - Ohio River
Treatment plant capacity - 6,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 1,850,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 2,800,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 2,900,000 gallons
Water pressure - 90 psi to 40 psi

Company serving **Sturgis** - City of Sturgis
P.O. Box 98
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459
(502) 333-2166 (office)

Source - Ohio River
Treatment plant capacity - 1,200,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 300,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 450,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,000,000 gallons (including clearwell)
Water pressure - 62 psi

Company serving **Uniontown** - Uniontown Water Department
P.O. Box 548
Uniontown, Kentucky 42461
(502) 822-4277

Source of treated water - City of Morganfield
Amount that can be purchased - 250,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 100,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 130,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 325,000 gallons
Water pressure - 60 psi to 70 psi

Name of water district - Union County Water District
P.O. Box 146
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437
(502) 389-3868

Area served - All of Union County, except for the cities of Morganfield, Sturgis, and Uniontown
Source of supply of treated water - City of Morganfield
Amount that can be purchased - 1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 806,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 916,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 913,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 120 psi

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Ohio and Tradewater Rivers

Average discharge - Ohio River at Evansville, Indiana - 133,300 cfs
(34 years, USGS, unadjusted); Tradewater River at Olney, Kentucky -
335 cfs (54 years, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along the Ohio River;
50 to 200 gpm along the Tradewater River; 5 to 50 gpm in the central
and southeastern portions of the county; 5gpm or less in the remainder
of the county

Sewerage

Company serving **Morganfield** - City of Morganfield
P.O. Box 420
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437
(502) 389-3934

Design capacity - 3,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 1,800,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Branch of Casey Creek

Company serving **Sturgis** - City of Sturgis
P.O. Box 98
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459
(502) 333-2166 (office)

Design capacity - 500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 200,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - Cypress Creek

Company serving **Uniontown** - Uniontown Sewer Company
P.O. Box 548
Uniontown, Kentucky 42461
(502) 822-4277

Design capacity - 500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 50,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Lost Creek (discharge to the Ohio River planned for 1996)

CLIMATE

Union County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.70 degrees
Average annual 1993	56.30 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (53-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, February 1951 (53-year record)	-23.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,729
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (53-year record)	13.30 inches
Total precipitation 1993	35.81 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (53-year record)	115.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (53-year record)	45.30

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South-Southwest

Relative Humidity (32-year record)

1 a.m.	79 percent
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1993. Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The cities of Morganfield, Sturgis, and Uniontown are each governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayors are each elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Union County is governed by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Union County Planning Commission
Participating cities - Morganfield, Sturgis, and Waverly
Zoning enforced - Within corporate limits of Morganfield, Sturgis and Waverly
Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas
Local codes enforced - Building (all areas)
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 Morganfield levies a four percent insurance premium tax on homeowners within the city limits. The City of Sturgis levies annual business license fees ranging from \$50 to \$150. A seven percent insurance premium tax is also levied. The City of Uniontown levies a business license fee of \$30 annually. In addition, a fee of \$15 is charged for automobile stickers.

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>1994 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.172	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, 1994

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Union County	\$0.1799	\$0.1901	\$0.1700
School Districts:			
Union County	0.4180	0.4180	0.5570
Cities:			
Morganfield	0.5210	0.7030	0.6020
Sturgis	0.4210	0.5620	0.4890
Uniontown	0.3730	0.4300	0.4040
Waverly	0.2670	0.3470	0.2700
Other:			
(not county-wide)			
CCW Watershed	0.0350	None	None
Watershed #3	0.2924	None	None
Watershed #4	0.0785	None	None

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Union County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	2,814
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	16.3-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	37.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$4,340.03

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
St. Ann Interparochial Elementary	223	K-8

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Morganfield)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1994)</u>
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (23)	1,240
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (33)	3,306
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (33)	7,443
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky (46)	2,513
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (53)	740
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (53)	738
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (53)	2,552

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. Secondary vocational education is also provided by the Union County Board of Education at the Union County Area Vocational Education Center.

	Location (Mileage from Morganfield)	Number of Program Offerings	Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995	Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually
<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>				
Madisonville Regional Technology Center	Madisonville (46)	11 97	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 6,190	42
Madisonville Health Technology Center	Madisonville (46)	11	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 105 284	139
<u>Other Schools</u>				
Union County Area Vocational Education Center	Morganfield	4	<u>Sec</u> 86	44

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its Training and Development Coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Kentucky Tech-West Region, 750 North Laffoon Street, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431, (502) 824-7552.

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. Career Connections is located on the Madisonville Regional Technology Center campus, (502) 825-5059.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency degree. In Union County, adult literacy is provided by the Union County Literacy Council.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. Madisonville-North Hopkins High School in conjunction with Madisonville Regional Technology Center and Madisonville Community College has established a Tech Prep program in the field of business, auto, construction, and welding technology.

Articulation

Articulation agreements developed between various colleges and universities and the Kentucky Tech system allow students to earn credits to be used when matriculating to degree programs at a college or university. Madisonville Regional Technology Center and Madisonville HTC each have articulation agreements with Madisonville Community College. Madisonville HTC also has articulation agreements in most of its health programs with other universities throughout the state.

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 - 7

Dentists - 6

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Union County Methodist Hospital	Midway between Morganfield and Sturgis	54

Medical staff - 11 active staff physicians, 20 registered nurses, and 10 licensed practical nurses

Union County Methodist Hospital is in the process of a \$400,000 expansion which involves expanding or adding outpatient services, administrative and Hospice offices, space for respiratory therapy, physical therapy, and a community room. The expansion will be complete by mid 1996. Plans are underway to add a new emergency room and expand surgical services beginning in late 1996.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Green River Comprehensive Care Center

St. Anthony Hospice

Trover Clinic

Union County Health Department

Union County Methodist Ambulance Service

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

First Kentucky Bank (Sturgis & Morganfield)

Morganfield National Bank (also Uniontown, Sturgis, Waverly)

Citizens National Bank (Uniontown, Morganfield)

Newspapers

Morganfield: The Union County Advocate (weekly)

Sturgis: The Sturgis News (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell

GTE (Uniontown)

Union County has just recently implemented the enhanced version of the "911" emergency dispatch communication system.

RECREATION

Local

A variety of public recreational facilities are available in Morganfield. Four tennis courts, a swimming pool, five lighted softball fields, two baseball fields, a football field, picnic and playground areas and four shelter houses are available at a city park. In addition, two mini-parks including playground areas and basketball goals are located in the community.

The Breckinridge Golf and Country Club, at Morganfield, is a private club featuring a clubhouse, a dining room, an 18-hole golf course, a swimming pool and two tennis courts.

The Union County Historical Museum, located in Morganfield, enshrines the cannon fired after Lincoln's only presidential speech in Kentucky and World War II Camp Breckinridge exhibits.

The Morganfield Lions Club sponsors a Corn Festival at Morganfield in September. Performances by local bands, merchant promotions and a barbecue picnic are featured events.

Public recreation facilities at Sturgis include two parks, four tennis courts, a swimming pool, three baseball diamonds and a football field. Bowling lanes and a skating rink are located at Sullivan, four miles south of Sturgis.

The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce sponsors a Trade Day at Sturgis in June. The celebration includes a parade, carnival and flea market.

Public recreation facilities at Uniontown include a mini-park, a ball park, and a concessions building. Also, the City of Uniontown maintains a boat dock on the Ohio River as a recreational facility.

The YMCA, located in Morganfield, offers many excellent programs including aerobics, cardiovascular fitness, a child enrichment center, and other activities for children.

The Union County Fair is held each summer at the Union County Fairgrounds near the Sturgis Airport. Featured events include harness racing, a horse show, and a demolition derby. Riverdays, held annually in Uniontown, features exhibits, crafts, contests, a parade, and music.

The 5,420-acre Higginson-Henry Wildlife Area, located about six miles southeast of Morganfield, features 80-acre Lake Mauzy, small game hunting, boat ramps and picnic areas. A private sporting clays shooting range is located nearby.

Moffitt Lake Recreation Area, a 128-acre park located about 12 miles southeast of Morganfield offers a 50-acre lake, a 300-foot swimming beach, campsites with utility hook-ups, a boat dock, a softball field, a pavilion, restrooms and fishing.

Jenny Hole-Timber Slough Wildlife Area, located in northeastern Union County, provides excellent waterfowl hunting.

Deer hunting is a major hunting activity in Union County.

Public boat ramps are available on the Ohio River in Caseyville, five miles west of Sturgis, at Blackburn, two miles east of Kentucky Highway 56, and on the Tradewater River near Sturgis.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Ben Hawes State Park
John James Audubon State Park
Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area
Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park