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# *Resources for Economic Development*

## Middlesboro & Pineville



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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY

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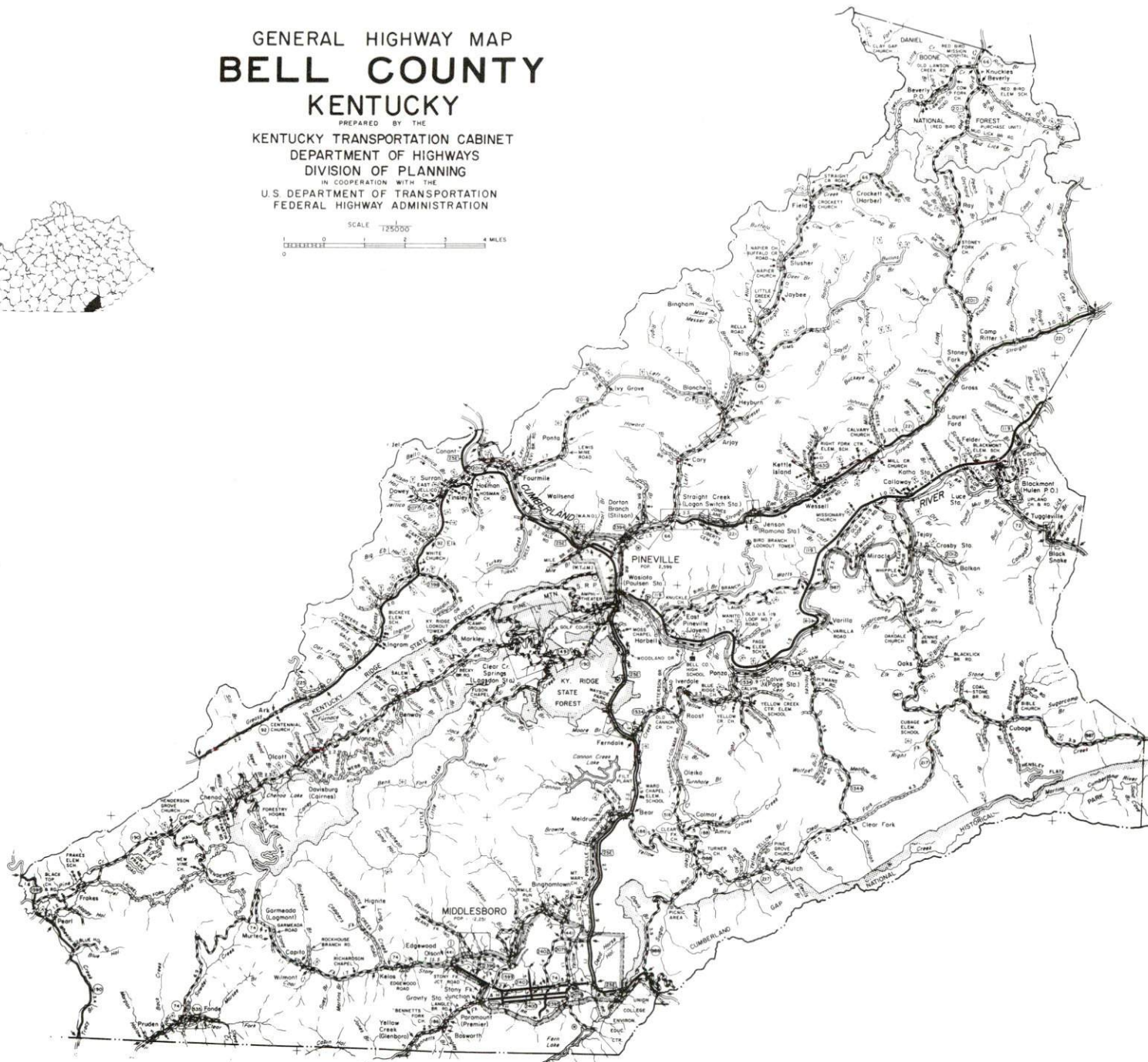
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**BELL COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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## MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Middlesboro, Bell County's largest city, had a 1990 population of 11,328. Located in the southeastern corner of the state, Middlesboro is only a few miles from the Tennessee and Virginia state lines. Middlesboro is located 59 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; 133 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 211 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 254 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia.

Pineville is the county seat of Bell County and is located 13 miles north of Middlesboro. In 1990, Pineville had a population of 2,198.

Bell County covers 361 square miles and is situated in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky. In 1990, Bell County had a population of 31,506. Both the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park and the Pine Mountain State Resort Park are located in Bell County's boundaries, making it the only county in Kentucky to contain both a national park and a state park.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Bell County residents employed in 1990 averaged 9,432. In 1989, manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,021 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,621 jobs; 1,655 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,428 employees; and contract construction firms provided 324 jobs; and 1,318 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 45,652 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 15,747 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Middlesboro is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 58, and Kentucky Highway 74. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, and Kentucky Highways 66 and 221. Interstate 75 is accessible 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro and 35 miles northwest of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is located 55 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 68 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Fifteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Middlesboro and eleven trucking companies serve Pineville. The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport is equipped with a 3,650-foot runway. The nearest scheduled airline service is available in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the McGhee Tyson Airport, 69 miles southwest of Middlesboro. Rail service is provided to Middlesboro and Pineville by the CSX Transportation Company. Middlesboro is also served by the Norfolk Southern Railway.

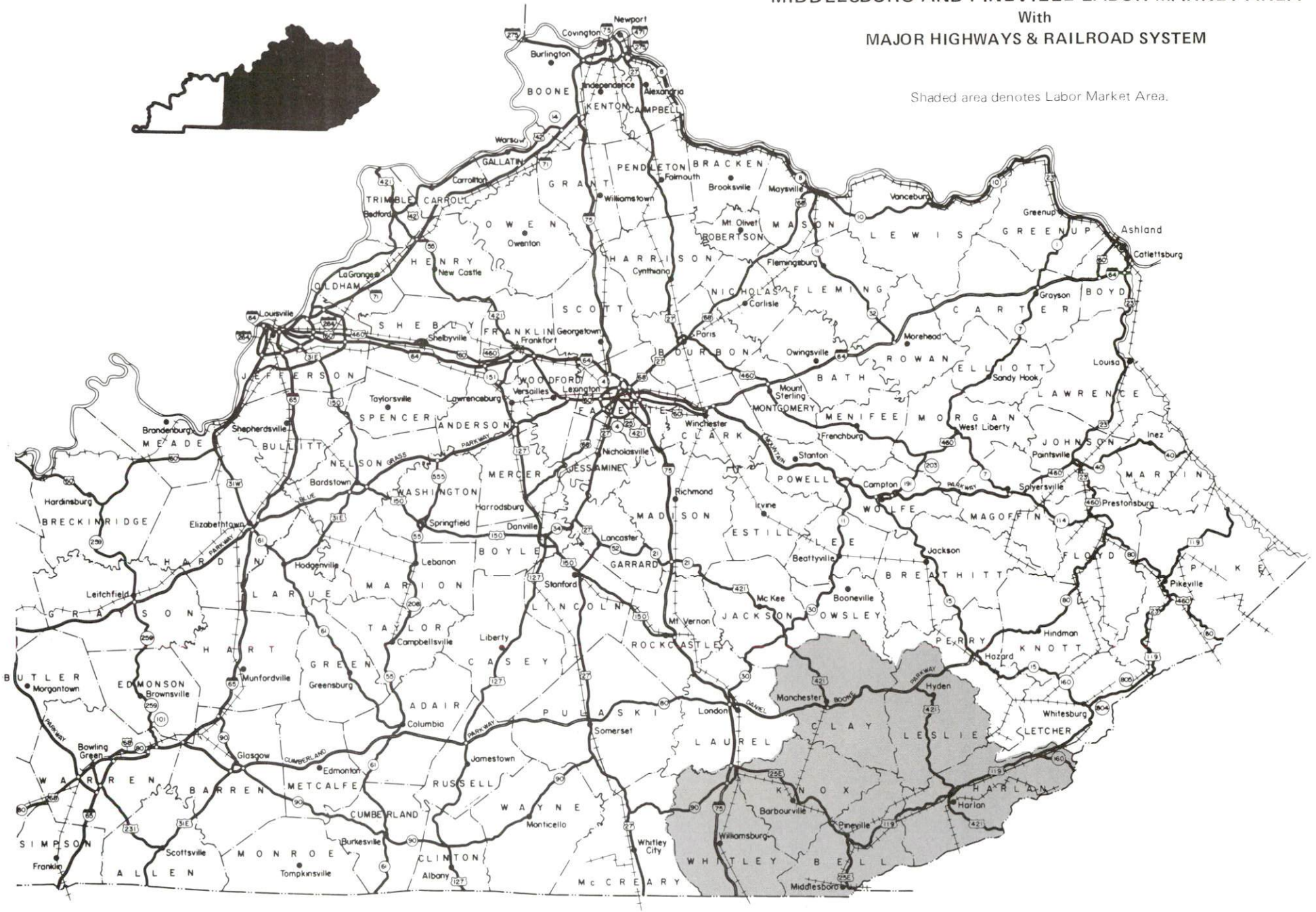
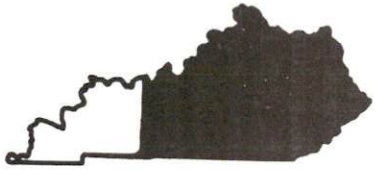
**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Middlesboro, Pineville and Bell County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Natural gas service is provided to both Middlesboro and Pineville by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

**Education** - Three public school systems operate in Bell County: the Middlesboro Independent School System, the Pineville Independent School System, and the Bell County School System. There are 13 institutions of higher learning within 109 miles of Middlesboro. Vocational education is available at the Harlan State Vocational-Technical School, 46 miles from Middlesboro. In addition, two vocational education centers are located in Pineville - the Bell County Area Vocational Education Center and the Cumberland Valley Health Occupations Center.



# MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Middlesboro/Pineville Labor Market Area includes Bell County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, and Whitley. Additional workers may be drawn from nearby counties in Tennessee and Virginia.

POPULATION			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	166,470	177,488	146,429
Middlesboro	11,328	12,251	11,878
Pineville	2,198	2,599	2,817
Bell County	31,506	34,330	31,121

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, January 1991.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2030</u>
Labor Market Area	190,460	199,410	205,070	206,630
Bell County	33,980	34,400	34,310	33,580

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>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994</u>
Labor Market Area*	45,652	4,873	6,805	33,974	15,747
Bell County	8,338	1,037	1,153	6,148	2,987

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

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Employed Part-Time - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally).

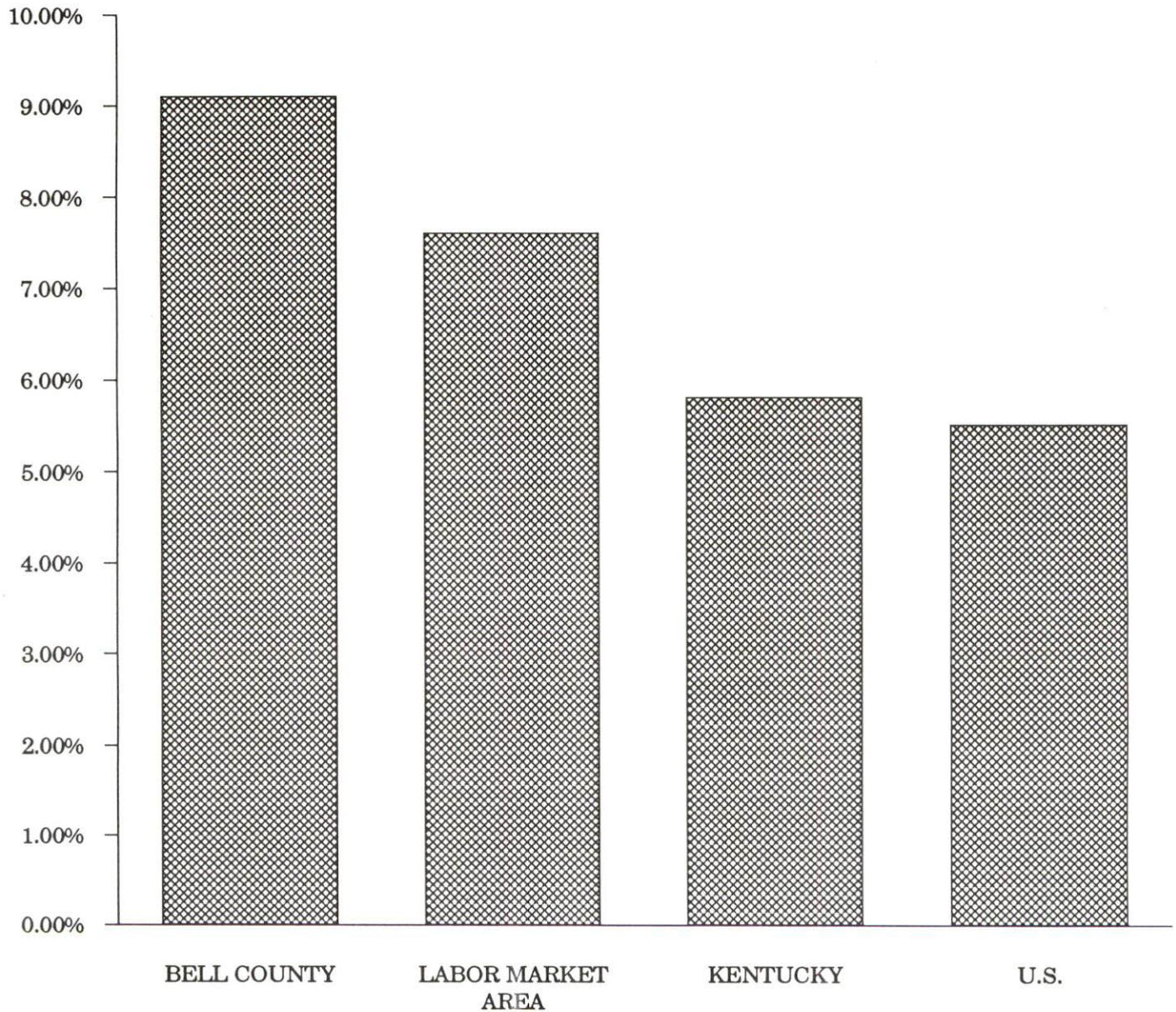
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1990**

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	10,371	54,283
Employment	9,432	50,178
Unemployment	939	4,105
Rate of Unemployment (%)	9.1	7.6

**Source:** Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1990.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1990**

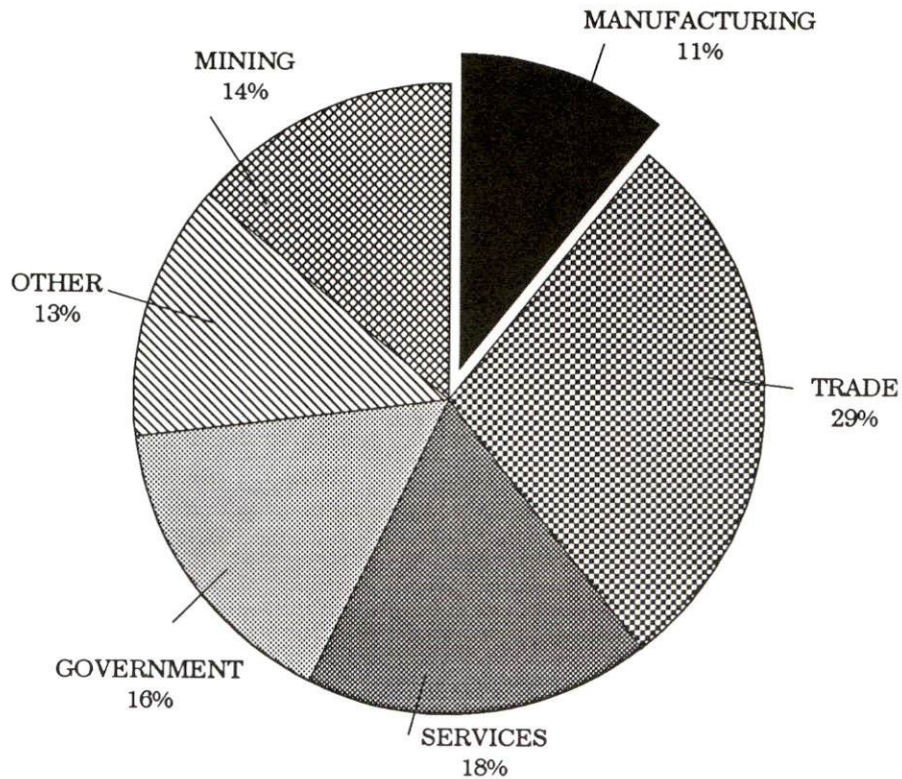


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	9,198	40,268
Manufacturing	1,021	3,865
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,621	10,815
Services	1,655	7,370
State/Local Government	1,428	7,314
Contract Construction	324	935
Mining & Quarrying	1,318	7,018

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.  
Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1989.

BELL COUNTY

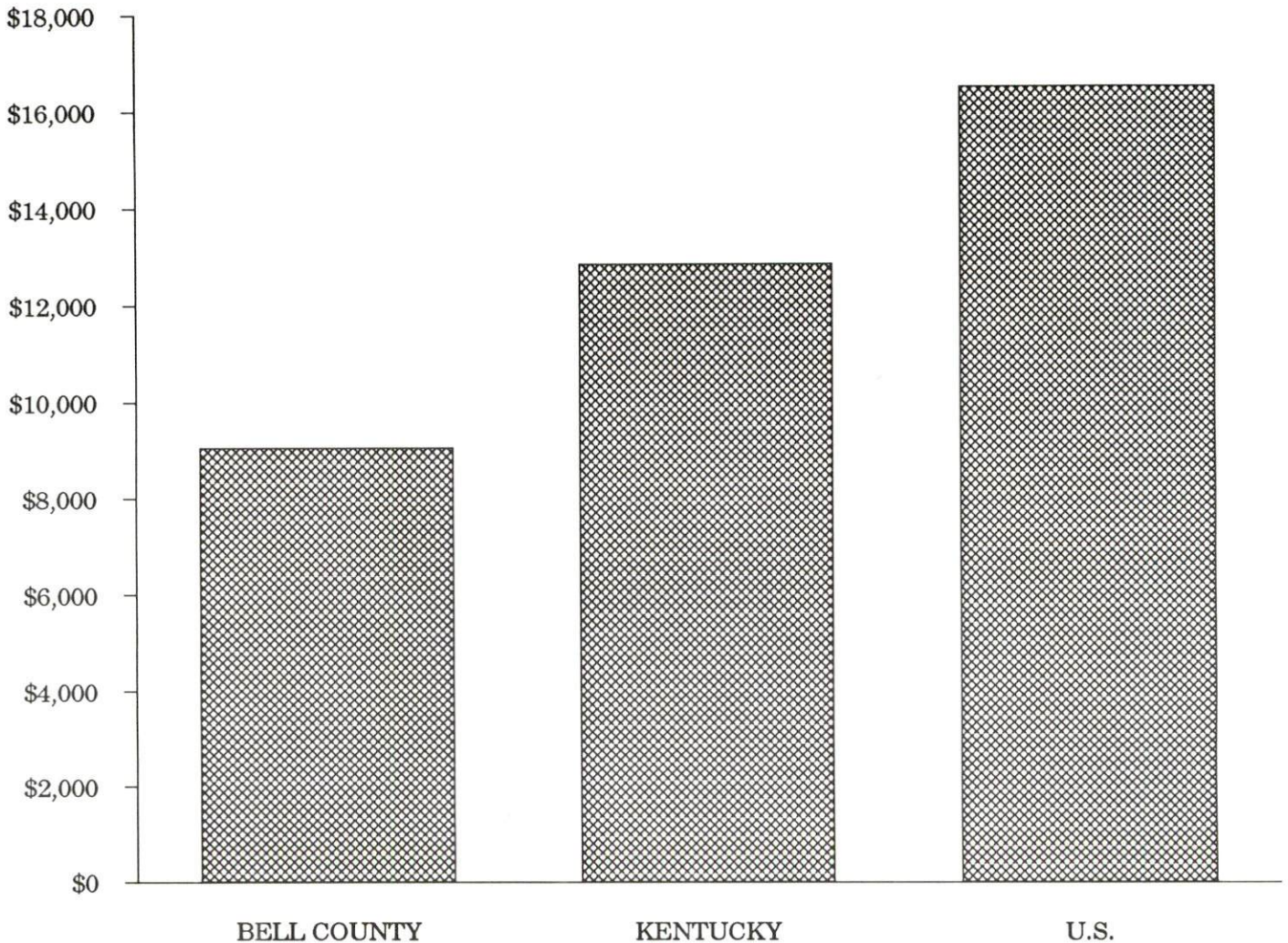


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Bell County	\$7,658	\$9,047	18.1
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,283 - \$8,290	\$7,337 - \$10,005	-
Kentucky	\$10,411	\$12,830	23.2
U.S.	\$13,116	\$16,490	25.7

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1988



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

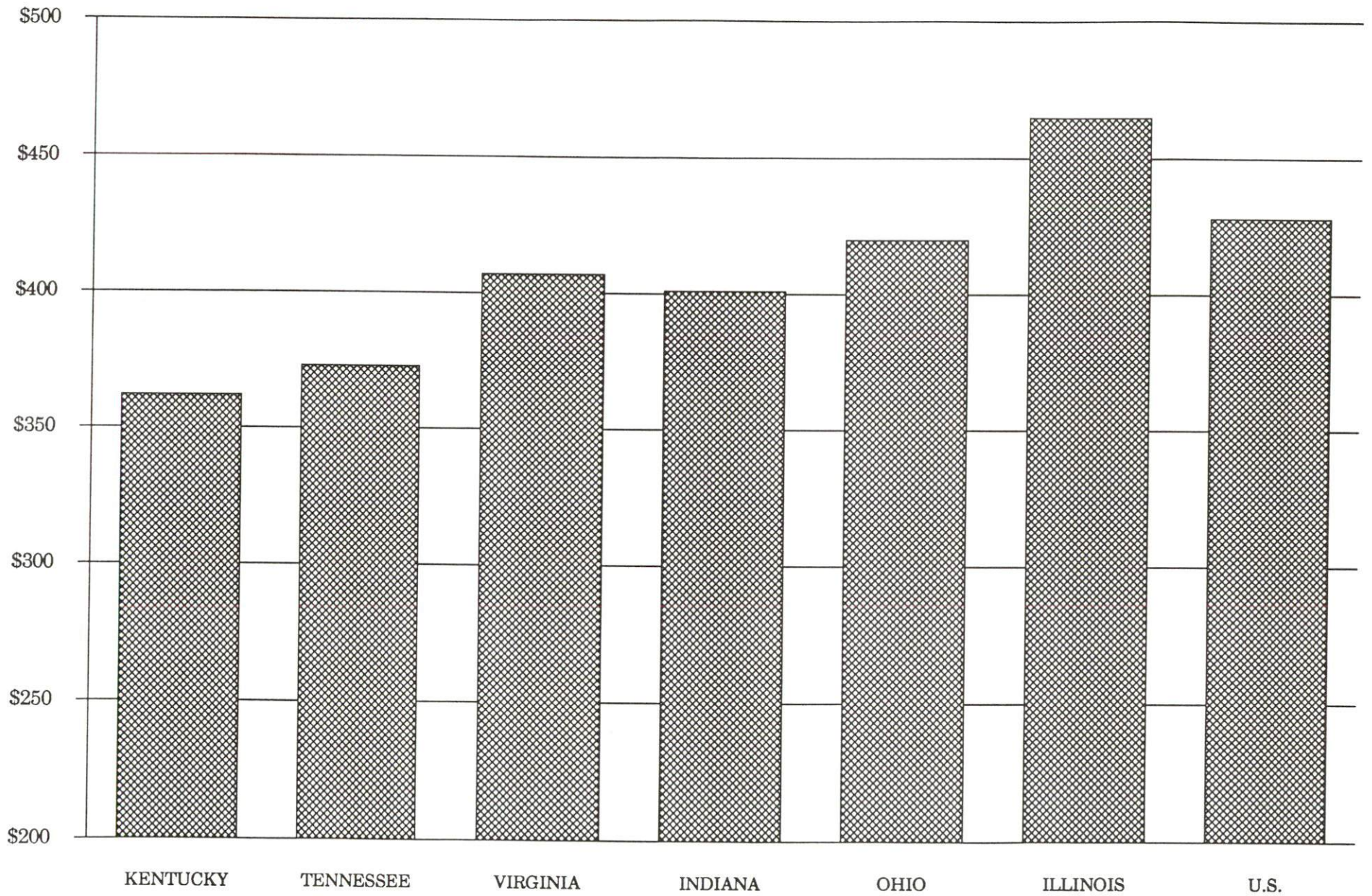
Bell County is served by the Middlesboro local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Middlesboro local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 1,127 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	1,127	4.09
Clerical	201	3.95
Sales	157	3.59
Services (excluding domestic)	319	3.51
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	6	3.43
Processing	6	4.17
Machine Trades	8	9.59
Bench Work	180	3.38
Structural	54	6.09
Motor Freight/ Transportation	20	4.21
Packaging and Materials Handling	104	3.86
Other	44	9.93

The Middlesboro local office serves Bell County only. 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 - 1989



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989\*

	Bell County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$325.50	\$362.03	\$373.00	\$407.00
Mining & Quarrying	569.89	623.82	522.00	576.00
Contract Construction	313.83	388.21	407.00	434.00
Manufacturing	304.32	472.92	431.00	470.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	389.79	482.22	493.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	193.45	245.12	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	362.99	417.89	448.00	488.00
Services	300.53	310.29	357.00	409.00
State/Local Government	359.79	370.61	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$401.00	\$420.00	\$465.00	\$428.00
Mining & Quarrying	693.00	596.00	707.00	688.00
Contract Construction	464.00	480.00	608.00	485.00
Manufacturing	546.00	580.00	566.00	534.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	504.00	533.00	582.00	556.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	418.00	456.00	594.00	544.00
Services	328.00	360.00	419.00	399.00
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, 1989. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1989, October 1990.



EXISTING INDUSTRY

BELL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Middlesboro</b>		
Bell Concrete Industries, Inc. (1966)	Precast concrete products, packaged cement mixes, ready mixed concrete	35
Bell Printing Company (1916)	Letterpress printing, offset printing	4
Cowden Manufacturing Company (1976)	Men and boy's jeans	300
Cumberland Gap Provision Company (1979)	Meat processing	175
Denim finishers (1977)	Fabric finishing, apparel	100
Dura Line Corporation (1971)	Plastic pipe	60
J.R. Hoe and Sons, Inc. (1909)	Fabricated structural steel, gray iron castings, machine shop, coal preparation equipment	48
Martin Manufacturing Corporation (1922)	Yarn bleaching and dyeing, elastic and nonelastic webbing	25
Mountain Tarp and Awning (1988)	Tarps and awnings	18
Middlesboro Coca Cola Bottling, Inc. (1904)	Soft drinks	98
Middlesboro Daily News (1916)	Newspaper	40
Middlesboro Tanning Company of Delaware (1960)	Leather tanning and coloring	60
Swanson Plating and Machine of Kentucky, Inc. (1986)	Chrome plating, mining equipment parts	44
Three States Printing Company (1948)	Job printing	5
Tri-State Concrete (1982)	Concrete products, ready mixed concrete	10
<b>Stoney Fork</b>		
Brock Lumber, Inc. (1969)	Lumber, mine timber	7

(Continued)

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Pineville</b>		
Delaware Powder Company (1964)	Explosives	5
MERC (1985)	Natural silica sand	20
Paul Elliott Lumber (1947)	Cap boards, mine timbers, cross ties	11

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

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO	Cowden Manufacturing Company
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	Middlesboro Tanning Company of Delaware
United Garment Workers of America, AFL-CIO	Denim Finishers
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	Dura Line Corporation

### RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Bell County Industrial Foundation received donated property for the development of an industrial park. Utilities are currently being extended to the site. Environmental audits are being conducted and additional site work is scheduled to begin in Spring 1991. Projected completion date of the industrial site is late 1992.

Mountain Tarp and Awning Company, which opened in Middlesboro in 1988, recently underwent an \$80,000 expansion. The company added 14 new jobs and moved to a larger facility.

Cowden Manufacturing Company added a new shift which required hiring 100 new employees. Bell County Fiscal Court and the city of Middlesboro constructed a \$40,000 parking lot for the company.

Cumberland Gap Provision Company added 35 new jobs in 1991 and plans to hire 70 additional workers in 1991. Employees recently formed an Employee Stock Option Plan and now own 51% of the company.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Middlesboro</u>
Custom Data Processing	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Custom Plastics Producers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Richmond, Kentucky	108
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	108
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Industrial Gases	London, Kentucky	58
	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Industrial Waste Removal	Corbin, Kentucky	49
	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	108
Metal Service Centers	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Millwrights	Knoxville, Tennessee	59
Public Warehouse Facilities	Corbin, Kentucky	49

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

U.S. Highway 25E, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) highway, U.S. Highway 58 and Kentucky Highway 74 serve Middlesboro. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, both "AAA"-rated. Kentucky Highways 221 and 66 also serve Pineville.

Interstate 75 is located 35 miles northwest of Pineville and 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is located 55 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 68 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E.

An important enhancement to transportation in Bell County is the Cumberland Gap Tunnel Project currently under way. This \$258 million federal highway project is scheduled for completion by 1995 with the concurrent restoration of the Cumberland Gap to be completed by 1998. In addition to the Tunnel Project, another major transportation improvement for Bell County is the U.S. 25E project. An 11 mile section, extending from Knox County through Pineville, is being converted to four lanes. Upon completion, U.S. 25E will provide four-lane access to Tennessee from I-75 in Whitley County. This project is being let in four phases, with the initial phase, a 3.5 mile section just north of Barbourville, scheduled for completion in Fall 1992. The entire project will be complete by 1995.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	254	Los Angeles, CA	2,292
Baltimore, MD	529	Louisville, KY	206
Birmingham, AL	309	Nashville, TN	237
Chicago, IL	476	New Orleans, LA	649
Cincinnati, OH	211	New York, NY	846
Cleveland, OH	451	Pittsburgh, PA	474
Detroit, MI	469	St. Louis, MO	464
Knoxville, TN	59		

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

Fifteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Middlesboro, and eleven companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Pineville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1991.



## Rail

Main line rail service is provided to Middlesboro by CSX Transportation Company. A branch line of the Norfolk Southern Corporation also operates in Middlesboro. Main line rail service is also provided to Pineville by CSX Transportation Company.

The nearest piggyback facilities are available at Knoxville, Tennessee, 59 miles southwest of Middlesboro.

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

and/or

District Sales Manager  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
1402 South 15th Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40210  
(502) 636-6023

## Air

### Local

Location:	Middlesboro-Bell County Airport 1 mile west of Middlesboro
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	3,650 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, Unicom
Lighting:	None
Services:	100LL and jet-A fuel, major and minor A & P repairs, general flying service, taxi, aircraft inspection and authorization

The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport Board will implement a \$280,000 runway resurfacing project in Spring 1991. Plans to construct a new taxi-way and install an AWOS weather reporting system will be implemented by 1992.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: McGhee Tyson Airport  
10 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee;  
69 miles south of Middlesboro

Air Service: American Eagle, ComAir, Delta, Northwest,  
USAir, TransWorld Express, United,  
United Express, USAir Express

Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 126

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Middlesboro, Pineville and the majority of Bell County** - Kentucky Utilities Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department  
Kentucky Utilities Company  
One Quality Street  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507  
(606) 255-1461

Company serving a **small portion of southwest Bell County** - Cumberland Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division  
East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
P. O. Box 707  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Cumberland Valley Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
Highway 25E  
Gray, Kentucky 40734  
(606) 528-2677

### Natural Gas

Company serving **Middlesboro and Pineville** - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Source of supply - Columbia Transmission Corporation and local production  
For rates and supplies contact:

Manager of Marketing and Public Relations  
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
3617 Lexington Road  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-6171



## Public Water Supply

Company serving Middlesboro -	Aqua/Kentucky Water Service Company, Inc. 2103 Cumberland Avenue Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965 (606) 248-5730
Source -	Fern Lake
Treatment plant capacity -	3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	1,245,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,600,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	2,525,000 gallons
Water pressure -	50 psi to 120 psi

Aqua/Kentucky Water Service is currently rebuilding the main distribution lines from Fern Lake to the city.

Company serving Pineville -	Pineville Water System P.O. Box 277 Pineville, Kentucky 40977 (606) 337-6611
Source -	Cannon Creek
Treatment plant capacity -	1,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	900,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,400,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,400,000 gallons
Water pressure -	30 psi to 150 psi

## Sewerage

Company serving Middlesboro -	Middlesboro Sewerage Commission P.O. Box 596 Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965 (606) 248-7225
Design capacity -	2,800,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	2,100,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Yellow Creek

The Middlesboro Sewerage Commission is currently installing new sewerage lines and drains from the westend of the city to the downtown area. The new lines will decrease infiltration of rain water and thereby decrease the amount of wastewater entering the plant to be treated.

In addition, the Commission is implementing a \$900,000 sewer line expansion. The project will provide improved sewer service to the westend of Middlesboro, service the Middlesboro Health Care Facility and the Bell County Industrial Park.

Company serving Pineville -

Pineville Municipal Sanitation  
Commission  
P.O. Box 222  
Pineville, Kentucky 40977  
(606) 337-6614

Design capacity -

350,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow -

At capacity

Type of treatment -

Secondary

Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River

The City of Pineville plans to begin construction of a new wastewater treatment facility in Summer 1991. The new \$2.6 million facility will have a 724,000 gallon-per-day design capacity.

## CLIMATE

### Bell County

#### Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	58.90 degrees
Average annual 1989	58.00 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (48-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (48-year record)	-24.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	3,658

#### Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	47.29 inches
Mean annual snowfall (47-year record)	12.40 inches
Total precipitation 1989	56.22 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (47-year record)	126.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (47-year record)	47.20

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

#### Relative Humidity (29-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	85 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

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

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The city of Middlesboro is served by a mayor and twelve council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. The city of Pineville is served by a mayor and eight council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. Bell County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. The judge/executive and magistrates serve four-year terms.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Middlesboro City Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - City only

Subdivision regulations enforced - City only

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

City agency - Pineville Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - City only

Subdivision regulations enforced - City only

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

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 Middlesboro levies a two percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses.

The city of Pineville levies a one and one-half percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses.

The cities of Middlesboro and Pineville also levy a business privilege fee ranging from \$35 upward per year.

Bell County accesses an Insurance Premium Fee of five percent of premiums received each year.

## 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. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

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

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1990 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.189	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, 1990

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Bell County	\$0.2260	\$0.2290	\$0.2294
School Districts			
Bell County	0.4250	0.4250	0.2490
Middlesboro	0.4770	0.4770	0.5000
Independent			
Pineville Independent	0.4410	0.4410	0.4450
Cities:			
Middlesboro	0.2320	0.2320	0.2320
Pineville	0.3640	0.3640	0.4150
Other (not county wide):			
Garbage & Refuse	0.1000		
Fire Protection	2 cents per acre		

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Middlesboro Independent	Pineville Independent	Bell County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1990)	2,100	566	3,895
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools		Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1989-90)	18.3-1	16.6-1	17.8-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1989-90)	39.7	38.7	33.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1989-90)	\$2,640.07	\$2,506.58	\$2,626.01

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1990)</u>
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Tennessee (5)	1,819
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (31)	1,028
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (51)	1,812
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (59)	512
Johnson Bible College	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	458
Knoxville College	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	1,266
University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Knoxville, Tennessee (59)	25,414
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City, Tennessee (65)	2,110
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (68)	2,087
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (95)	1,318
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (96)	1,550
King College	Bristol, Tennessee (106)	535
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (109)	15,371

## 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 from Middlesboro)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1989-1990</u>
Bell County Area Vocational Education Center	Pineville, Kentucky (13)	600
Cumberland Valley Health Occupational Center	Pineville, Kentucky (13)	137
Harlan State Vocational- Technical School	Harlan, Kentucky (46)	486

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 43  
Dentists - 11

### Hospitals

<u>General Hosptial</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
The Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital	Middlesboro	96
The Pineville Community Hospital	Pineville	155

#### The Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital

Medical staff - 29 active physicians; 20 courtesy staff; 2 consulting staff; 55 registered nurses; 46 licensed practical nurses, 297 total personnel

#### Pineville Community Hospital

Medical staff - 29 active physicians; 23 courtesy staff; 1 consulting staff; 46 registered nurses; 38 licensed practical nurses, 338 total personnel

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Bell County Health Department  
(Offices in both Middlesboro and Pineville)  
Daniel Boone Clinic (Pineville)  
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center  
(Pineville and Middlesboro)  
Total Care - DEVCO (Pineville)  
Britt Haven Nursing Home (Pineville)  
Middlesboro Ambulance Service  
Bell County Emergency Ambulance Service (Pineville)  
Middlesboro Health Care Facility

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Commercial Bank  
First State Bank  
Home Federal Savings & Loan Association  
Middlesboro Federal Savings & Loan Association  
First Federal Savings & Loan Association

### Newspapers

Middlesboro Daily News  
Pineville Sun - Cumberland Courier

### Telephone Service

South Central Bell



## RECREATION

### Local

The city of Middlesboro offers a variety of recreational facilities and programs. The city supports supervised programs, six parks, four playgrounds, a swimming pool, six tennis courts, one softball field, two baseball diamonds, one football field, four basketball courts and the Tri-County YMCA.

Many private recreational facilities are also available in Middlesboro. The Middlesboro Country Club, which opened in 1889, has been in continuous operation longer than any other Country Club in the United States. The country club maintains a nine-hole golf course and a swimming pool. Two movie theaters (one indoor and one drive-in), a video arcade and a roller skating rink are available to the public in Middlesboro. A new bowling alley will be constructed in 1991.

The Cumberland Mountain Fall Festival is held in Middlesboro in mid-October. Other tourist attractions found in Middlesboro are the Cumberland Gap Arts Council and Coal House (Chamber of Commerce Building). Lincoln Memorial University, located a few miles outside of Middlesboro in Harrogate, Tennessee, has the world's second largest collection of Abraham Lincoln relics on display. Cumberland Gap National Historical park is located three miles from Middlesboro. Features in this 20,270-acre park include: a frontier museum; Pinnacle Mountain that overlooks three states; three caves; an old iron furnace; and Hensley Settlement, a resort mountain village where the Quilt Festival is held annually. Cumberland Gap is a natural passage which served as a gateway through the Appalachian Mountains for pioneers moving westward into new frontiers.

Pineville offers a variety of cultural events and attractions. The Southeastern Kentucky Community Concert Series performs concerts on a regular basis. Also held in town each year is the Sidewalk Art Show. Located just outside of town is **Pine Mountain State Resort Park**, which provides the finest in mountain scenery and the ultimate in quiet comfort. The 1,500-acre park is located in the Kentucky Ridge State Forest and is the scene of the Mountain Laurel Festival each spring. Also featured is a 35-acre lake, 30 lodge rooms, 20 cottages, a dining room, a gift shop, a meeting room, 33 camping sites, a lodge pool, fishing, a nine-hole golf course, hiking trails, a nature center, a recreation room, picnicking, playgrounds, miniature golf, shuffleboard, and planned recreation.

### Area (Within 70 miles)

Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine  
Levi Jackson State Park  
The Big South Fork National River  
and Recreational Area  
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park  
Kingdom Come State Park

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent

Middlesboro re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1990, and is distinguished as a gold award winner recognizing five consecutive years of certification. Pineville also re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1990, and is distinguished as a gold award winner recognizing six consecutive years of certification. Re-certification is based on achievement in the following areas: existing industry assistance, small business assistance, educational resources, and community development factors of health care, public safety, arts and culture, recreation, governmental awareness and resources. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

The Bell County Industrial Foundation received donated property for the development of an industrial park. Utilities are currently being extended to the site. Environmental audits are being conducted and additional site work is scheduled to begin in Spring 1991. Projected completion date of the industrial site is late 1992.

Mountain Tarp and Awning Company, which opened in Middlesboro in 1988, recently underwent an \$80,000 expansion. The company added 14 new jobs and moved to a larger facility.

Cowden Manufacturing Company added a new shift which required hiring 100 new employees. Bell County Fiscal Court and the city of Middlesboro constructed a \$40,000 parking lot for the company.

Cumberland Gap Provisions added 35 new jobs in 1991 and plans to hire 70 additional workers in 1991. Employees recently formed an Employee Stock Option Plan and now own 51% of the company.

A new Bell County Health Department was completed in November 1990. The 7,000 square-foot facility is staffed with a physician and provides a full range of health care services with an emphasis on early childhood health issues.

The city of Pineville updated its Land Use and Zoning Plan in 1990. The 1990 plan designates additional acreage available for industry.

The Pineville Community Hospital recently completed a \$5.5 million expansion. A new surgical suite was constructed and Magnetic Resonance Imaging equipment was added.

The Middlesboro Health Care Facility opened in March 1991. The 80-bed nursing home represents a \$2,400,000 investment.

### Under Way

The Cumberland Gap Tunnel Project is under way. This \$258 million federal highway project is scheduled for completion by 1995 with the concurrent restoration of the Cumberland Gap to be completed by 1998. In addition to the Tunnel Project, another major transportation improvement for Bell County is the U.S. 25E project. An 11 mile section, extending from Knox County through Pineville, is being converted to four lanes. Upon completion, U.S. 25E will provide four-lane access to Tennessee from I-75 in Whitely County. This project is being let in four phases, with the initial phase, a 3.5 mile section just north of Barbourville, scheduled for completion in Fall 1992. The entire project will be complete by 1995.

Construction of a \$1.2 million multi-purpose building is underway at the Pine Mountain State Resort Park. The facility will contain a 400 seat convention center and a recreation area. The convention center, which is scheduled for completion in Spring 1992, will enable organizations to hold meetings and retreats at the State Resort Park.

The 1990 Session of the General Assembly appropriated \$9.8 million for the construction of a facility in Bell County to be used jointly by the Southeast Community College and Kentucky Tech, the first such joint venture between the community college system and vocational education in Kentucky. A site announcement for the Bell County Campus of the Southeast Community College/Kentucky Tech is expected in April 1991 with the completion of the facility planned for late 1992.

New sewer lines and drains are being installed from the westend of Middlesboro to downtown in order to decrease infiltration and thereby decrease the amount of wastewater being treated by the sewage treatment plant. The \$600,000 project will be completed by mid-1991. In addition, the city of Middlesboro is implementing a \$900,000 sewer line expansion. The project will provide improved sewer service to the westend of Middlesboro, service the Middlesboro Health Care Facility and the Bell County Industrial Park.

Aqua/American Water Service is currently rebuilding the main distribution lines from Fern Lake to the city of Middlesboro.

The Middlesboro Medical Mall and Senior Citizens Center is currently under construction. The \$1.8 million facility will be staffed by three doctors, maintain a pharmacy and home health care products.

Phase I of the Middlesboro Centennial Park and Canal Project was completed in 1990. Phase II is under way. The project involves the dredging of a canal that runs through the center of downtown Middlesboro and development of the area surrounding the canal. Landscaping, walking trails, and gazebos have been planned.

The Middlesboro School System is currently implementing capital construction projects which include two gymnasiums, two new libraries, three computer labs and a Fine Arts Center. Project costs total approximately \$3 million and all are expected to be completed in 1991.

The Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital is implementing \$1.4 million in improvements. New operating rooms, a new out-patient care area and new waiting area are being constructed and are scheduled to be completed by early 1992.

The Bell County-Middlesboro Airport Board is implementing a \$280,000 runway resurfacing project. Plans to construct a new taxi-way and to install an AWOS weather reporting system will be implemented by 1992.

The city of Pineville is currently restoring the Bell Theatre in downtown Pineville. When completed, the theatre will be utilized for movies and community events. Approximately \$200,000 has been invested in the project.

## Planned

Plans have been made to construct a new waste water treatment plant in Pineville. The plant will utilize the BIOLAC aerated lagoon system. Pineville received a Community Development Block Grant of \$747,500 and a Kentucky Infrastructure Loan of \$1,830,000 for the project, which is scheduled for completion in late 1992. The new facility will have a treatment design capacity of 724,000 gallons per day.

The city of Pineville plans to extend water service to Harlan and Leslie Counties.