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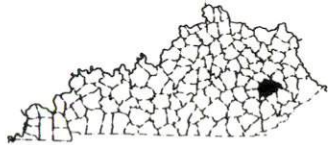
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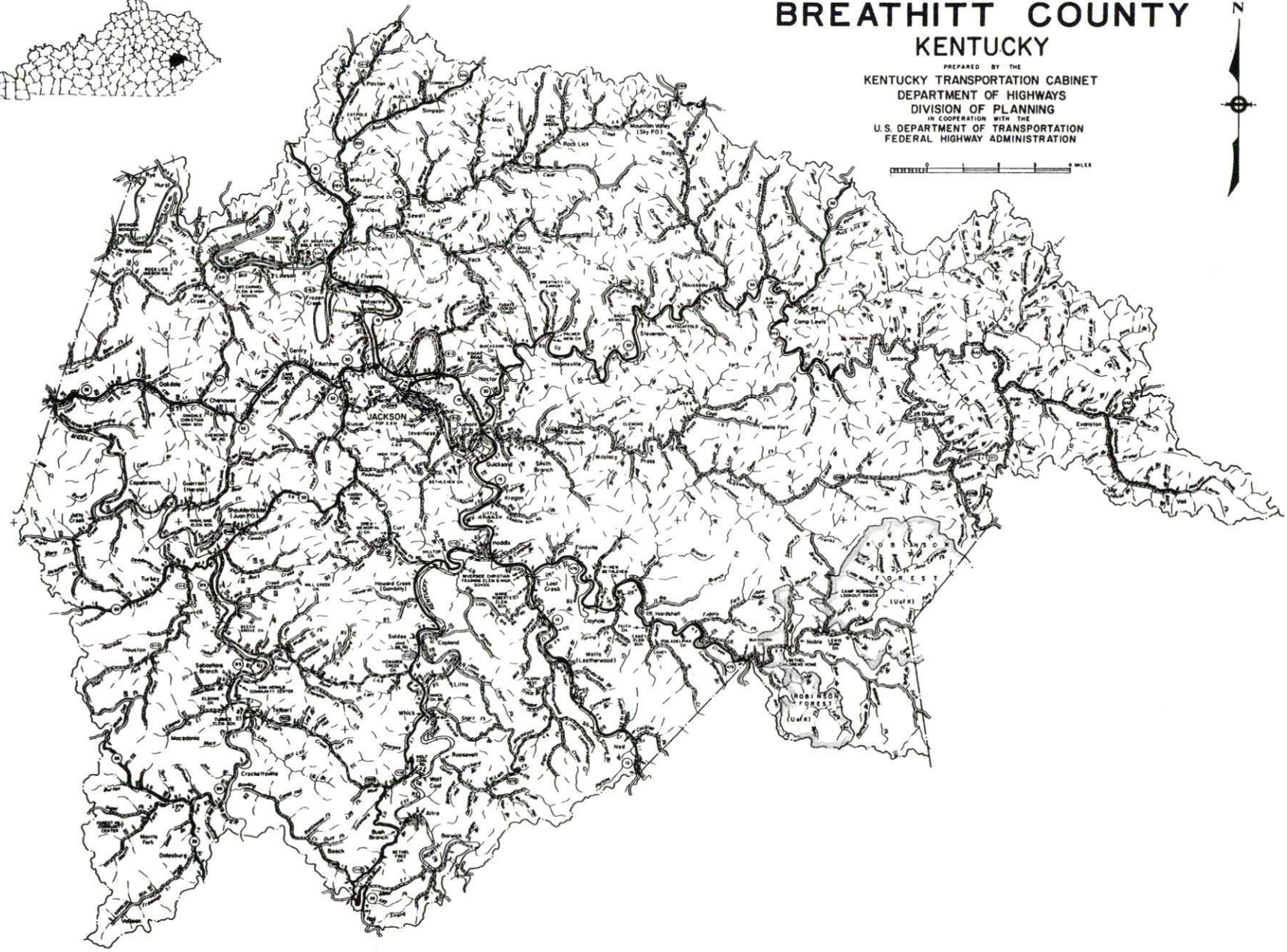
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP BREATHITT COUNTY KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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JACKSON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Jackson, the county seat of Breathitt County, is located in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. The city's estimated 1994 population was 2,819. Jackson is located 86 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 160 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 157 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 184 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Breathitt County covers a total land area of 495 square miles. The topography of Breathitt County is characterized by irregular ridges and deep, v-shaped valleys. Breathitt County had an estimated 1994 population of 15,384.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Breathitt County residents employed in 1995 averaged 4,196. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 127 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 898 jobs; 851 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 824 employees; contract construction firms provided 64 jobs; and 375 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 19,867 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1998 through 2002, 7,875 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Jackson is served directly by Kentucky Highways 15, 30, and 52, all AAA-rated trucking highways. The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 21 miles northwest. The Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is accessible 28 miles southeast. Interstate and/or intrastate trucking service is provided by twelve firms. Main line rail service is provided to Jackson by CSX Transportation. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, 90 miles northwest of Jackson. Local airport facilities include the Julian Carroll Airport, five miles east of Jackson, and the Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport, 17 miles southeast of Jackson.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Jackson and portions of Breathitt County by American Electric Power. Breathitt County is also served by the Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided by Public Gas Company.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Jackson and Breathitt County by the Jackson Independent School System and the Breathitt County School System. Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College is a two-year, coeducational campus located in Jackson. In addition, 12 other institutions of higher learning are located within 90 miles of Jackson. Vocational training facilities are available at the Breathitt County Area Technology Center in Jackson, and at the Hazard Regional Technology Center, 32 miles southeast of Jackson.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Jackson Labor Market Area includes Breathitt County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Knott, Lee, Magoffin, Owsley, Perry and Wolfe.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	98,895	95,930	102,383	82,900
Jackson	2,819	2,466	2,651	1,887
Breathitt County	15,384	15,703	17,004	14,221

*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	103,665	109,218	112,094
Breathitt County	15,654	15,926	15,911

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 1998 thru 2002</u>
Labor Market Area*	19,867	3,669	16,198	7,875
Breathitt County	3,656	515	3,141	1,261

* 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.

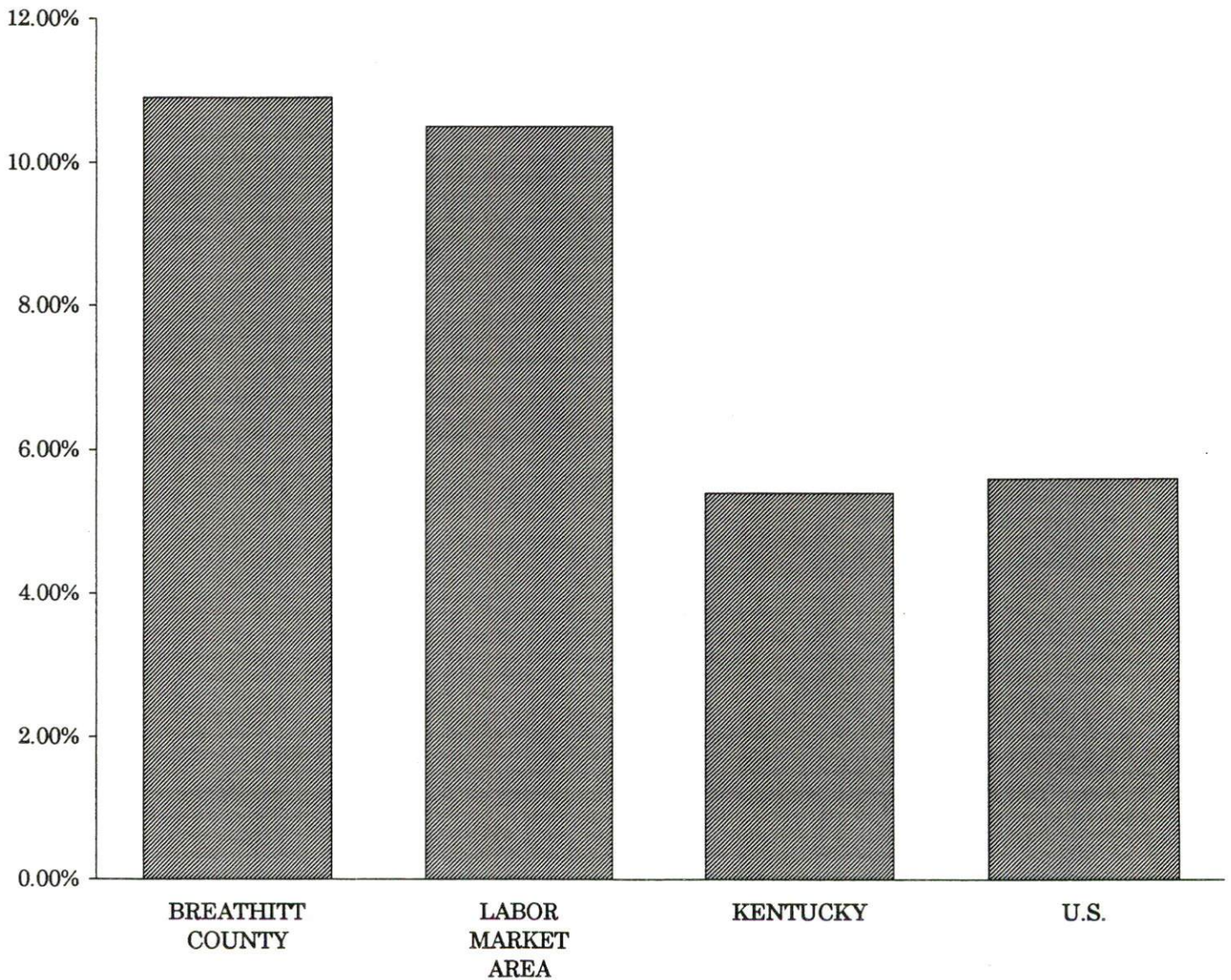
Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1995. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1998 thru 2002.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1995

	<u>Breathitt County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,711	34,937
Employment	4,196	31,268
Unemployment	515	3,669
Rate of Unemployment (%)	10.9	10.5

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1995



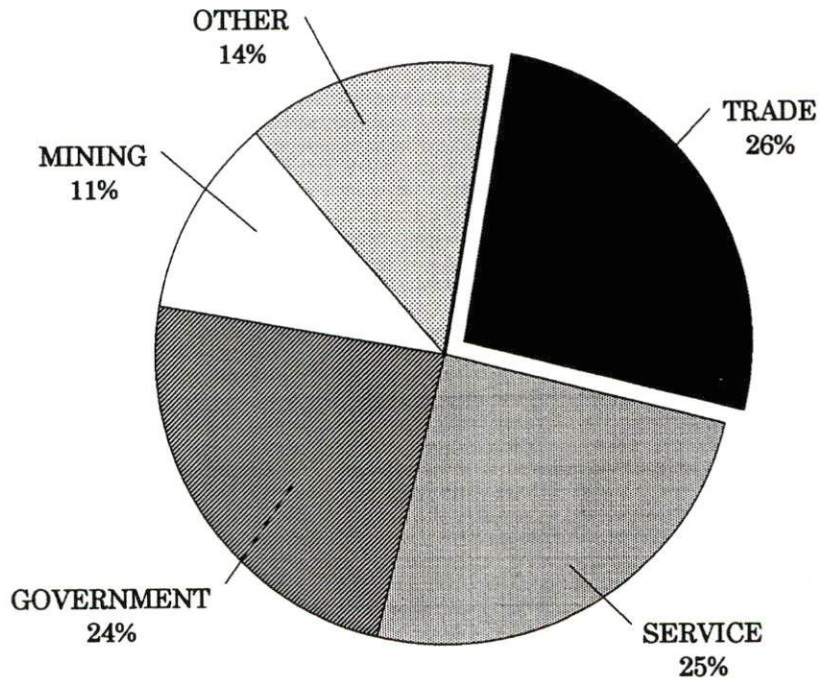
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

	<u>Breathitt County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	3,444	23,246
Manufacturing	127	1,127
Wholesale & Retail Trade	898	5,227
Services	851	4,886
State/Local Government	824	5,769
Contract Construction	64	446
Mining & Quarrying	375	3,306

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.

BREATHITT COUNTY

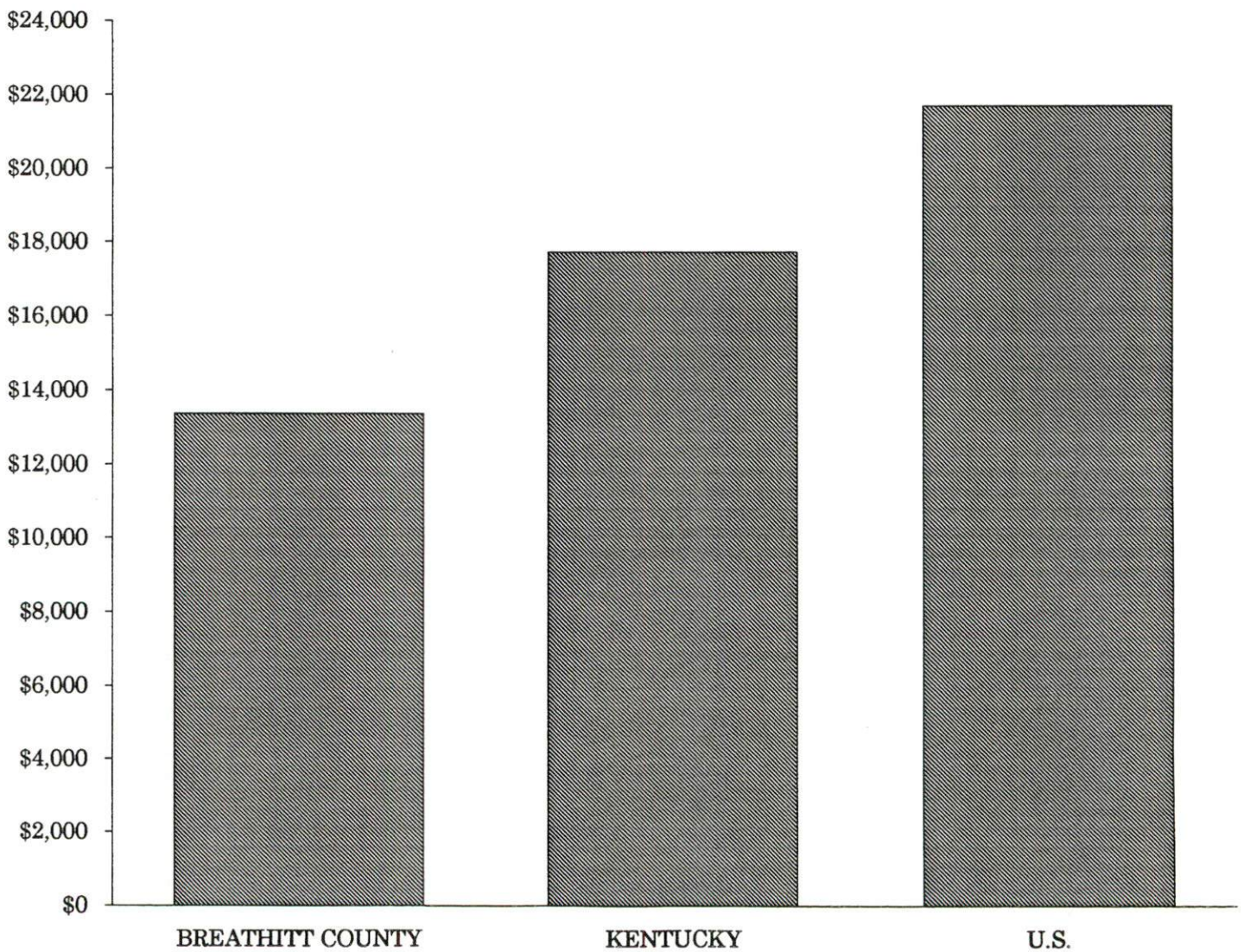


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Breathitt County	\$10,342	13,363	29.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$7,875 - \$12,168	\$10,232 - \$14,816	-
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

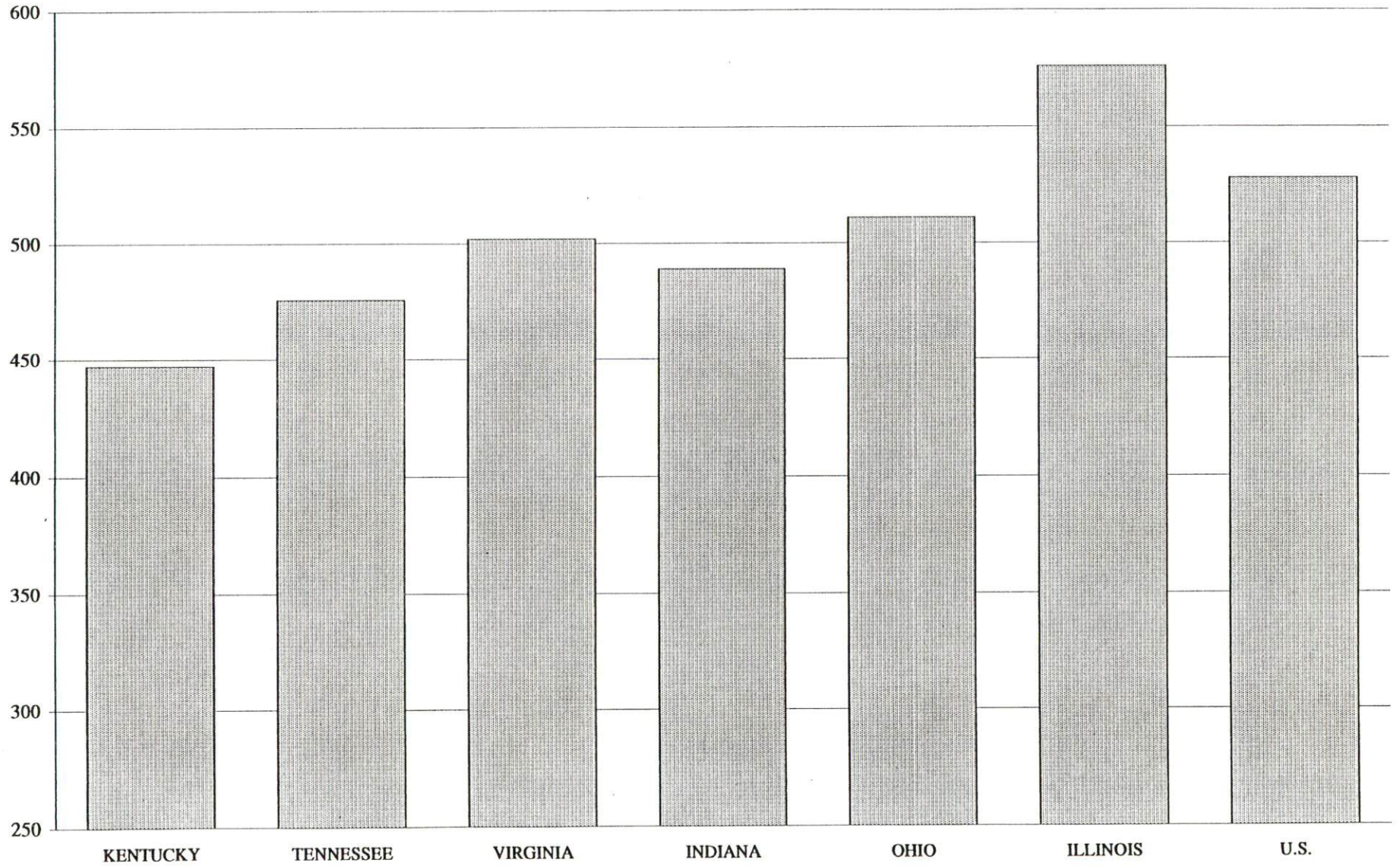
Breathitt County is served by the Hazard local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1996, the local employment office filled 1,300 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	1,300	5.11
Clerical	290	4.68
Sales	29	4.67
Services (excluding domestic)	484	4.37
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	14	4.23
Processing	32	8.00
Machine Trades	42	7.80
Bench Work	183	4.84
Structural	99	5.75
Motor Freight/ Transportation	27	6.07
Packaging and Materials Handling	24	4.38
Other	25	11.57

The Hazard local office also serves Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, and Wolfe Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1995



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995*

	<u>Breathitt County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$393.12	\$447.03	\$476.00	\$502.00
Mining & Quarrying	745.35	739.22	671.00	736.00
Contract Construction	304.10	466.73	505.00	497.00
Manufacturing	192.36	577.94	559.00	589.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	349.06	586.90	612.00	679.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	247.77	308.87	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	473.99	546.83	614.00	643.00
Services	366.32	404.99	459.00	524.00
State/Local Government	452.84	457.63	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$489.00	\$511.00	\$576.00	\$528.00
Mining & Quarrying	770.00	684.00	828.00	871.00
Contract Construction	558.00	569.00	699.00	562.00
Manufacturing	671.00	716.00	715.00	668.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	589.00	623.00	710.00	674.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	552.00	601.00	815.00	742.00
Services	418.00	449.00	526.00	503.00
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, 1995. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1995, December 1996.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

JACKSON MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Breathitt County Ready Mix Concrete (1965)	Asphalt, ready-mixed concrete	5
DanRac Industries, Inc. (1996)	Metal fabricating and general welding	10
Hinkle Contracting Corporation (1974)	Asphalt, ready-mixed concrete	8
Inter-Mountain Publishing Company (1965)	Newspapers, job printing	13

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; City of Jackson; Breathitt County Industrial Foundation.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Breathitt County Fiscal Court plans to construct a 40,000 square-foot "spec" building in the Panbowl Lake Industrial Park. Estimated investment in the project is \$1 million with completion scheduled for late 1997.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no unions representing manufacturing workers in Jackson.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Jackson</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Annnville, Kentucky	50
Electric Motor Repair	Hyden, Kentucky	56
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	73
Industrial Waste Removal	Manchester, Kentucky	58
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Jackson, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	95
Metal Finishers	Frenchburg, Kentucky	53
	Richmond, Kentucky	73
Metal Service Centers	Prestonsburg, Kentucky	63
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	86

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; City of Jackson; Breathitt County Industrial Foundation.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Highways serving Jackson include Kentucky Highways 15, 30, and 52. Each is a AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 21 miles northwest of Jackson via Kentucky Highway 15. An interchange with the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is located 28 miles southeast of Jackson via Kentucky 15.

Major widening of Kentucky Route 205 northeast of Jackson is under way with completion scheduled for 1998.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM JACKSON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	374	Los Angeles, CA	2,251
Baltimore, MD	529	Louisville, KY	160
Birmingham, AL	419	Nashville, TN	285
Chicago, IL	435	New Orleans, LA	758
Cincinnati, OH	157	New York, NY	712
Cleveland, OH	374	Pittsburgh, PA	387
Detroit, MI	413	St. Louis, MO	421
Knoxville, TN	184		

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

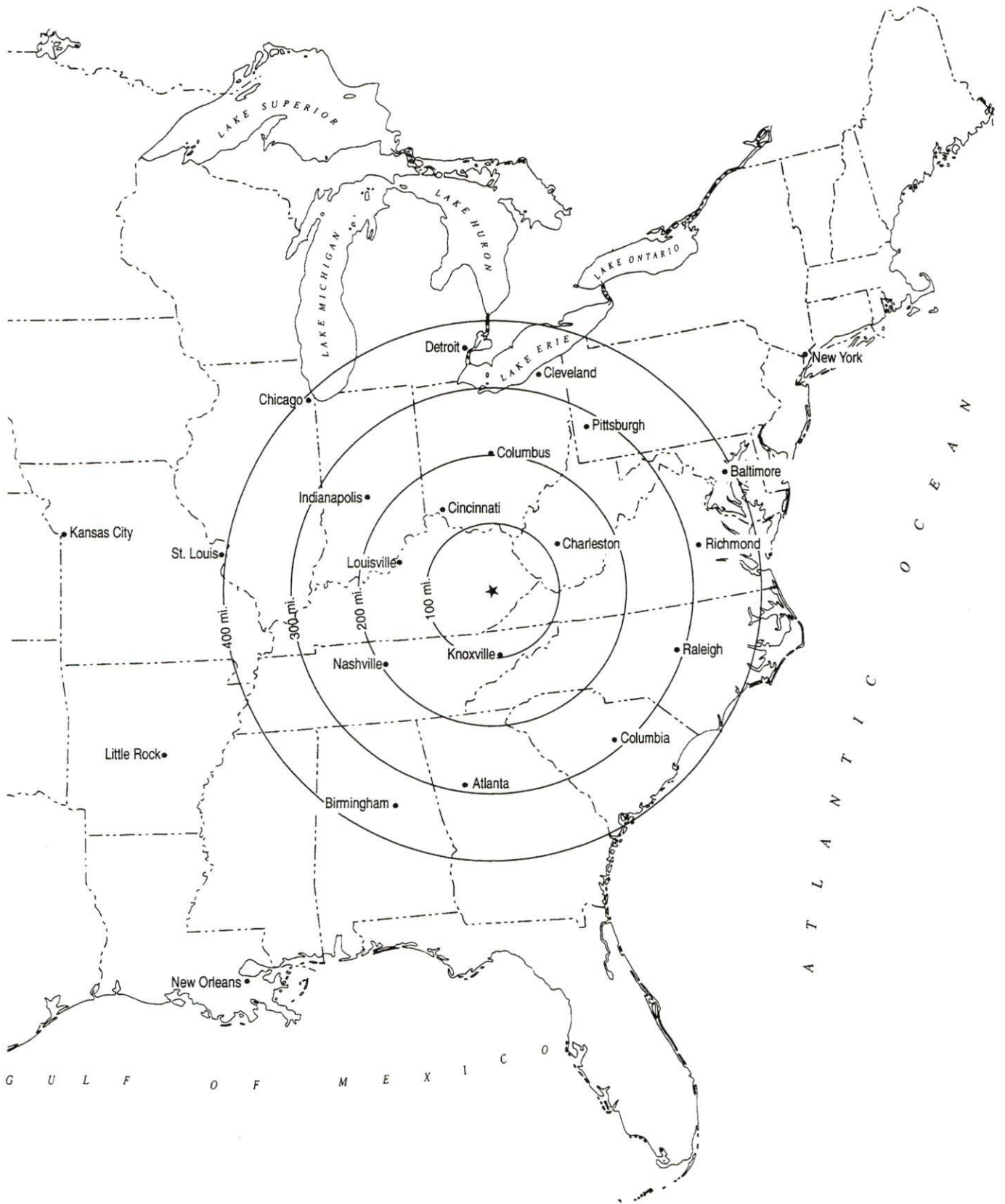
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1993. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Twelve common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Jackson.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1997.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Jackson. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by Norfolk Southern Corporation at Georgetown, 94 miles west of Jackson.

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

Small Craft Airports

Location: Julian Carroll Airport
5 miles east of Jackson
Runways: 1 paved
Length: 4,400 feet
Traffic
Control: Wind sock, unicom, VOR-DME
Lighting: REIL, rotating beacon
Services: 100LL fuel, jet-A fuel, NOAA regional center

Location: Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport
17 miles southeast of Jackson, near Hazard
Runways: 2 paved
Length: 5,000 and 3,200 feet
Traffic
Control: Wind sock, unicom, 122.7, VOR-DME (AZQ)
Lighting: Runway lights (sundown to sunrise), rotating beacon (radio controlled)
Services: 100LL and jet-A fuel, courtesy car, tie-downs, aircraft maintenance available

The Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport is planning to extend its existing runway to 7,000 feet, upgrade its fuel system, and add a non-precision approach. The \$3.0 million project is scheduled for completion in 1997.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

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

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Jackson and the eastern and southern portion of Breathitt 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 **the northern and western portion of Breathitt 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 **Jackson** - Public Gas Company

Source of supply - Jefferson Gas Transmission Company, Inc.

For rates and supplies contact:

Public Gas Company
P.O. Box 619
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-2205

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Jackson** - Jackson Municipal Water Works
333 Broadway
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-2056 Fax (606) 666-7046

Source - North Fork of Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity- 1,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 712,091 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 872,640 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,000,000 gallons
Water pressure - 35 psi to 120 psi

In 1997, Jackson Municipal Water Works plans to construct a 300,000 gallon storage tank at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Sewerage

Company serving **Jackson** - Jackson Municipal Sewer Company
333 Broadway
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-5197 Fax (606) 666-7046

Design capacity - 1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 375,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of Kentucky River

Complete rehabilitation of the sewer system and installation of new lines is under way. The \$620,000 project is scheduled for completion by September, 1997.

CLIMATE

Breathitt County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1995	54.90 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (51-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (51-year record)	-21.00 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.)	4,783

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	44.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (50-year record)	15.80 inches
Total precipitation 1995	50.08 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (51-year record)	129.60
Mean number days thunderstorms (51-year record)	44.40

Prevailing Winds (through 1963) South

Relative Humidity (31-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent (31-year record)
7 a.m.	82 percent (32-year record)
1 p.m.	60 percent (32-year record)
7 p.m.	64 percent (32-year record)

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1995. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Jackson Planning and Zoning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within city limits
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits
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 Jackson levies an occupational license tax of one percent on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. An insurance premium tax of 8.5 percent is also assessed. Business license fees range from \$50 to \$100. The fee is credited toward the occupational license tax levied by the City of Jackson.

Breathitt County levies an occupational license tax of one percent on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses within Breathitt County.

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>1996 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.163	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, 1996

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Breathitt County	\$0.2760	\$0.2909	\$0.2407
School Districts:			
Jackson Independent	0.4410	0.4410	0.5570
Breathitt County	0.4200	0.4200	0.4920
Cities:			
Jackson	0.1270	0.3020	0.2000

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Jackson Independent	Breathitt County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1996)	372	2,687
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1995-96)	15.4-1	15.6-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1995-96)	65.0	55.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1995-96)	\$5,060.40	\$4,772.86

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Mt. Carmel Elementary	60	K-7
Mt. Carmel High School	61	8-12
Oakdale Christian High School	40	7-12
Riverside Christian Training Center	114	K-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Jackson)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1996)</u>
Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College	Jackson, Kentucky	503
Kentucky Mountain Bible College	Vancleve, Kentucky (7)	64
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (32)	2,370
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, Kentucky (54)	503
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (63)	2,698
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (73)	15,161
Morehead State University	Morehead, Kentucky (79)	8,354
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (81)	404
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (83)	1,526
Transylvania University	Lexington, Kentucky (86)	979
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky (86)	24,061
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (86)	988
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Kentucky (90)	824

Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College

On July 1, 1996, Lees College became associated with the University of Kentucky Community College System. Today the institution is officially known as the Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College. This new arrangement allows Hazard Community College to expand its educational outreach to areas previously served by Lees College. The Lees College Campus continues to emphasize personal attention to student needs from faculty and staff while offering a varied range of degree programs for transfer to four-year institutions and entry into several career areas. Continuing education and other community development opportunities are also offered as a part of the College's mission. The Lees College Campus is expected to continue growing in response to emerging needs of the region and the expanded vision of service by Hazard Community College to Eastern Kentucky.

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 Jackson)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1995-1996</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Breathitt County Area Technology Center	Jackson	7	<u>Sec</u> 404	<u>P/S</u> 38	42
Hazard Regional Technology Center	Hazard (47)	15	<u>Sec</u> 90	<u>P/S</u> 260	132

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 wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Hazard Regional Technology Center.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration, and developing training programs within the organization. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Hazard Regional Technology Center.

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 diploma. In Jackson, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Jackson County Board of Education in McKee.

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 - 4

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Kentucky River Medical Center	Jackson	50

Medical staff - 13 active staff physicians, 76 registered nurses; 6 licensed practical nurses

Kentucky River Medical Center plans construction of a \$1.0 million office building with completion scheduled for November, 1997.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Breathitt County Health Department

Breathitt County Clinic

Breathitt County Medical Center

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Citizens Bank and Trust of Jackson

The First National Bank and Trust

Newspapers

The Jackson Times (weekly)

The Breathitt County Voice (weekly)

Telephone Service

BellSouth

Enhanced "911" emergency dispatch communication system

RECREATION

Local

Recreational facilities in Jackson include the Jackson Recreation Park, which is a five-acre park designed for family outings and features two softball/baseball diamonds, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, shuffleboard, a shelter house, a concession stand, restrooms, a picnic area, and an equipped playground. In addition, four playgrounds, a swimming pool, a movie theatre, two lighted tennis courts, a picnic area, and a supervised little league program are available in the community.

The Jackson Lions Club Park has a picnic area, meeting room with complete kitchen facilities, and a lighted softball field.

The Breathitt County Museum offers an array of historical exhibits, folk art, artifacts, and displays depicting the heritage and culture of Breathitt County and Jackson.

The 10-acre S.W. Douthitt Memorial Park, a joint city/county project, is being developed. The park, scheduled for completion in one to two years, will have walking trails, a little league baseball field, and picnic area.

Cliffview Resort is a mountain getaway near Red River Gorge. Fully-equipped cabins are available and a lodge is planned for construction in 1997.

Annual events in the county include the Breathitt County Lions Fair in June and the Honey Festival held on Labor Day weekend.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park near Slade, 33 miles northwest of Jackson, is located within the Daniel Boone National Forest where cliffs and stone arches fill the landscape. The rugged beauty of the great Natural Bridge is the main attraction. The park offers a 35-room resort lodge with a dining room, a convention center, a gift shop, ten cottages, and 95 camping sites. Other facilities include a lake, a swimming pool, picnic shelters and playgrounds, mini-golf, hiking trails, a riding stable, a chair lift, and pedal boats.

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, 38 miles south of Jackson at Buckhorn, is a full-facility resort park with a 36-room lodge. The lodge itself offers a dining room with a lake view, a gift shop, a pool, meeting rooms, and a recreation room. Other park facilities and activities include a beach, a bathhouse, a picnic shelter, a playground, mini-golf, tennis, hiking, a dock with open and covered slips, boat rentals, a 40-foot levee plus a fishing pier, bicycle rentals, and planned recreation.

Area (Within 90 miles)

Daniel Boone National Forest
Red River Gorge
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Cave Run Lake
Boonesborough State Park
Grayson Lake State Park
Jefferson National Forest

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