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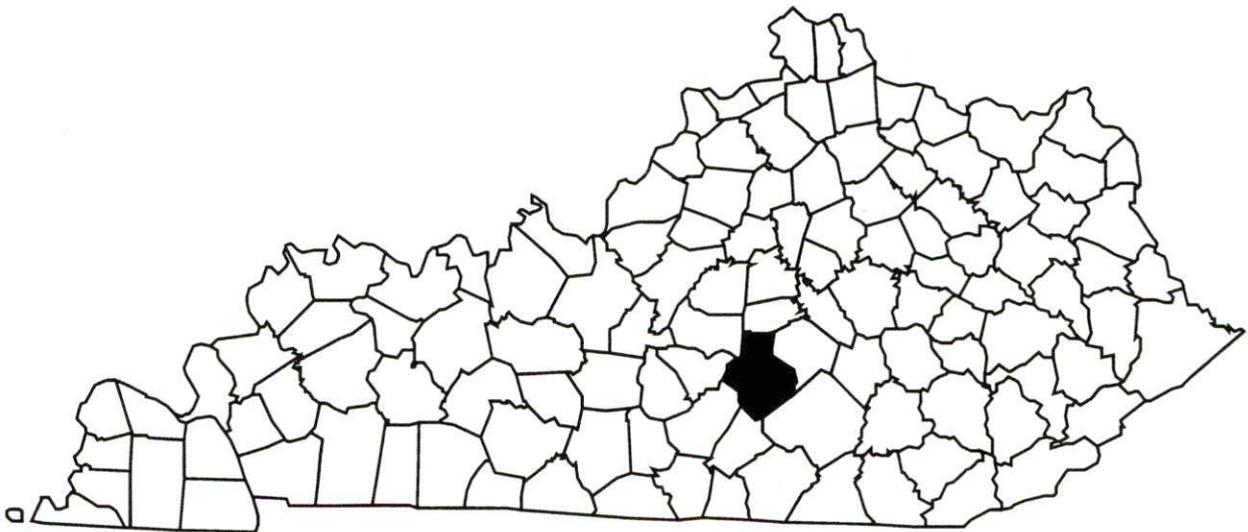
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LIBERTY-CASEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

Liberty, the county seat of Casey County, is located 77 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky; 179 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee; and 123 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky. Liberty had an estimated 1998 population of 2,003.

Casey County is located in the Mississippian Plateaus area of south-central Kentucky. It is a well-dissected upland area with rather broad valleys and numerous long, flat-topped ridges. Casey County, which covers a land area of 446 square miles, had an estimated 1998 population of 14,773.

The Economic Framework – Casey County firms employed 3,348 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 110 jobs; manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,348 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 560 jobs; 523 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 618 jobs.

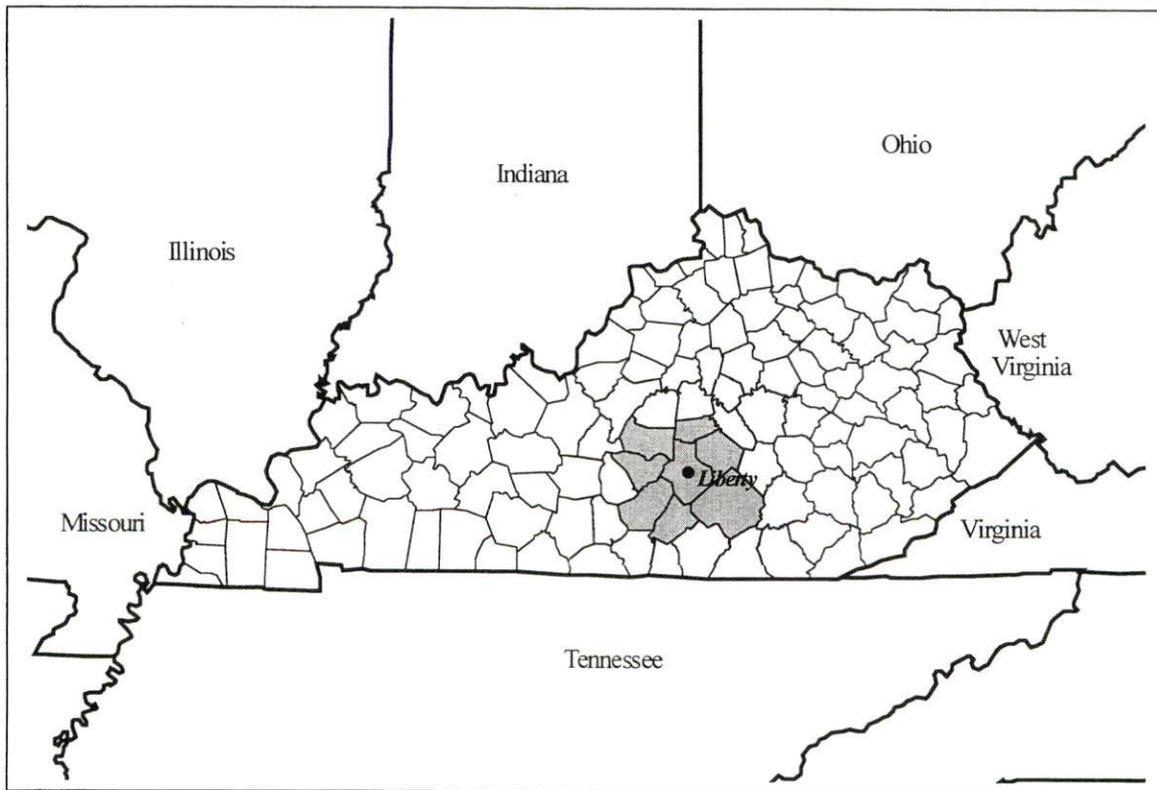
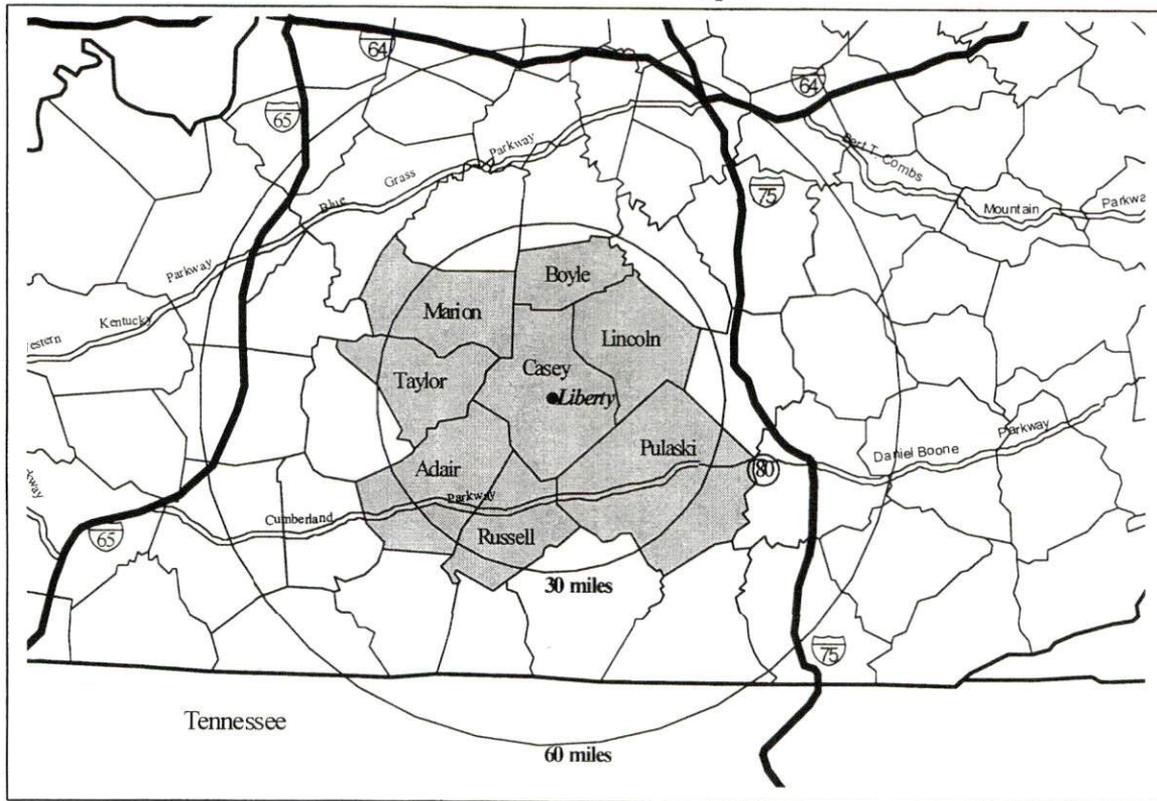
Labor Supply – There is a current estimated labor supply of 36,425 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 through 2003, approximately 13,607 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation – Liberty is served by U.S. Highway 127, a AAA-rated trucking highway, and AA-rated Kentucky Routes 70 and 49. Access to the Cumberland Parkway, a limited access multi-lane toll road, is 24 miles south of Liberty via U.S. 127. The Cumberland Parkway then provides access to Interstate 65 to the west. The Parkway and Kentucky 80 provide access to Interstate 75 to the east. Fifteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Liberty. The nearest rail service is provided by the Norfolk Southern Corporation at Moreland, 16 miles north of Liberty. The Liberty-Casey County Airport and the Stuart Powell Field Airpot in Danville, provide small aircraft service. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 62 miles north of Liberty.

Power and Fuel – Electric power is provided to Liberty and parts of Casey County by Kentucky Utilities Company. The remainder of Casey County is served by rural electric cooperative corporations supplied by East Kentucky Power. Natural gas service is provided to Liberty by the Liberty Gas Company, which is supplied by the Texas Eastern Transmission Company.

Education – Primary and secondary education is provided to Liberty and Casey County by the Casey County School System. Fifteen colleges and universities are located within 60 miles of Liberty. The Casey County ATC (area technology center) in Liberty provides secondary education. The nearest technical colleges providing post-secondary education are the Central Kentucky Technical College Danville Campus in Danville and the Somerset Technical College in Somerset.

Labor Market Area Maps



Note: To obtain detailed topographical and general highway maps contact Maps and Publications at 502-564-4715, or for industrial site maps contact the Site Evaluation Division at 502-564-7140.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Liberty-Casey County labor market area includes Casey County and the following additional counties: Adair, Boyle, Lincoln, Marion, Pulaski, Russell, and Taylor.

Population

| | <u>1980</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>1995*</u> | <u>1998*</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Labor Market Area | 172,769 | 177,107 | 188,374 | 193,261 |
| Casey County | 14,818 | 14,211 | 14,451 | 14,773 |
| Liberty | 2,206 | 1,937 | 1,965 | 2,003 |

Note: * Population estimates. N/A – Data not available.

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

Population Projections

| | <u>2000</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Labor Market Area | 197,564 | 209,173 | 215,152 |
| Casey County | 14,502 | 14,449 | 14,328 |

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

Estimated Labor Supply

| | <u>Available Labor, 1998</u> | | | <u>Under-employed</u> | <u>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Unemployed</u> | <u>Potential Labor Supply</u> | | |
| Labor Market Area | 36,425 | 9,147 | 3,760 | 23,518 | 13,607 |
| Casey County | 1,577 | 619 | 309 | 649 | 1,110 |

Note: Unemployed – people not working but actively seeking work. Potential Labor Supply – represents the number of persons not in the labor force, but would like a job (based on national estimates). Underemployed – people employed in wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services. See Appendix for further explanation.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1999 through 2003.

Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1998

| | <u>Casey County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 6,966 | 93,535 |
| Employed | 6,347 | 84,388 |
| Unemployed | 619 | 9,147 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.9 | 9.8 |

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Work Force Commuting Patterns, 1990

| | |
|--|-------|
| Workers commuting into Casey County | 548 |
| Workers commuting out of Casey County | 2,020 |
| Workers residing and working in Casey County | 3,427 |

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

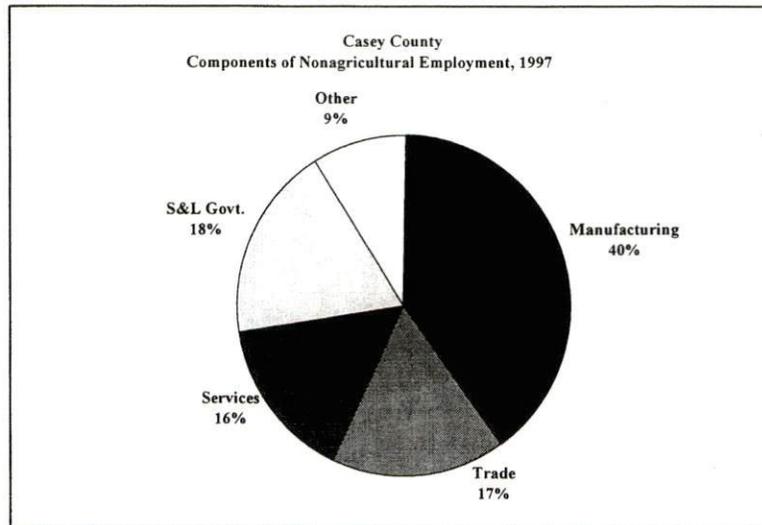
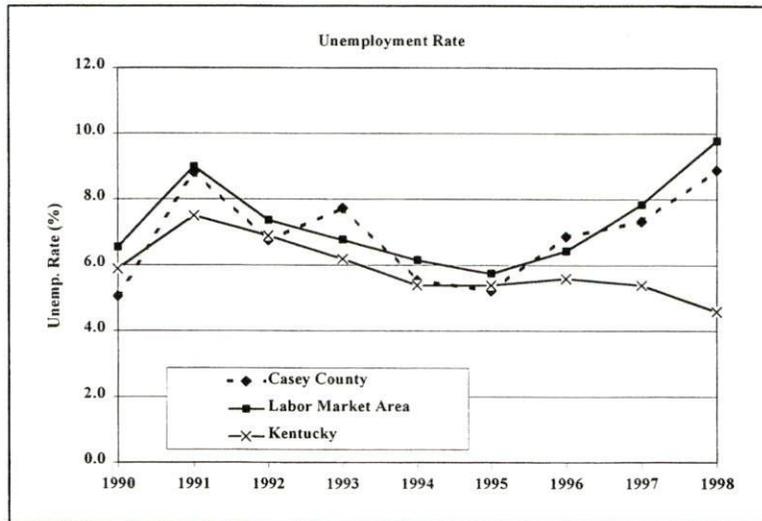
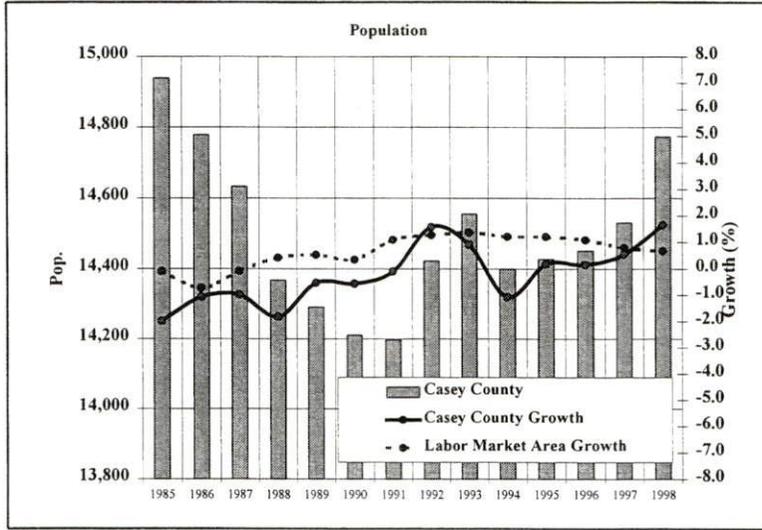
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

| | <u>Casey County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| All Industries | 3,348 | 68,523 |
| Mining & Quarrying | N/A | 84 |
| Contract Construction | 110 | 2,533 |
| Manufacturing | 1,348 | 19,661 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 70 | 2,761 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 560 | 16,994 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 76 | 2,072 |
| Services | 523 | 13,528 |
| State & Local Government | 618 | 10,559 |
| Other | 9 | 276 |

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers. N/A – Data not available.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997.

Selected Charts



Per Capita Personal Income

| | <u>1993</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>Percent Change (1993-1997)</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Casey County | \$11,445 | \$13,920 | 21.6% |
| Kentucky | \$17,309 | \$20,570 | 18.8% |
| U.S. | \$21,368 | \$25,288 | 18.3% |
| Labor Market Area Range | \$11,445 - \$16,891 | \$13,920 - \$20,517 | - |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1998.

Average Placement Wages

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services local office in Somerset serves Casey County. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Somerset 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 ended on June 30, 1998, the local employment office filled Casey County job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

| | <u>Number of Placements</u> | <u>Average Wage (\$)</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| All Occupations | 3,084 | 5.81 |
| Professional, Technical & Managerial | 39 | 7.26 |
| Clerical | 338 | 4.95 |
| Sales | 143 | 5.32 |
| Domestic | 17 | 4.65 |
| Services (excluding domestic) | 469 | 4.87 |
| Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc. | 104 | 6.50 |
| Processing | 43 | 5.43 |
| Machine Trades | 249 | 6.63 |
| Bench Work | 1,093 | 6.08 |
| Structural | 205 | 6.40 |
| Motor Freight & Transportation | 74 | 5.72 |
| Packaging & Materials Handling | 307 | 6.03 |
| Other | 3 | 8.95 |

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Somerset local office serves Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, McCreary, Pulas Counties.

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

Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1997

| | <u>Casey County</u> | <u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u> | <u>Tennessee</u> | <u>Virginia</u> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| All Industries | \$329.95 | \$488.00 | \$521.00 | \$555.00 |
| Mining & Quarrying | N/A | 790.00 | 839.00 | 772.00 |
| Contract Construction | 397.90 | 516.00 | 561.00 | 544.00 |
| Manufacturing | 324.96 | 644.00 | 621.00 | 644.00 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 662.66 | 648.00 | 653.00 | 761.00 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 216.45 | 337.00 | 391.00 | 392.00 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate Services | 443.40 | 613.00 | 696.00 | 748.00 |
| State & Local Government | 345.49 | 440.00 | 495.00 | 580.00 |
| | 351.70 | 484.00 | 494.00 | 530.00 |
| | <u>Indiana</u> | <u>Ohio</u> | <u>Illinois</u> | <u>U.S.</u> |
| All Industries | \$530.00 | \$553.00 | \$634.00 | \$578.00 |
| Mining & Quarrying | 849.00 | 773.00 | 881.00 | 961.00 |
| Contract Construction | 604.00 | 619.00 | 765.00 | 610.00 |
| Manufacturing | 732.00 | 776.00 | 792.00 | 737.00 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 633.00 | 669.00 | 764.00 | 724.00 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 351.00 | 384.00 | 452.00 | 411.00 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate Services | 624.00 | 682.00 | 938.00 | 863.00 |
| State & Local Government | 452.00 | 486.00 | 575.00 | 547.00 |
| | 510.00 | 567.00 | 615.00 | 576.00 |

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes salaries and wages of all persons working for that type of business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers are excluded. Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar. N/A – Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1997, December 1998.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Casey County Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

| <u>Firm</u> | <u>Product(s)</u> | <u>1999 Emp.</u> | <u>Date Established</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ACS | Data acquisition | 100 | 1995 |
| Baird Gate | Feeders, farm gates, dog pens, portable horse stalls | 16 | 1981 |
| Barron Pallets Inc. | Wood pallets | 12 | 1993 |
| C & R Gate | Farm gates, feeders | 2 | 1998 |
| C-Ville Fabricating Inc. | Hay movers, feeders, squeeze chutes & automatic head catchers | 30 | N/A |
| Calhoun Creek Trading Co. Inc. | Machine shop; livestock handling equipment; machined parts | 12 | 1990 |
| Casey County News | Newspaper publishing | 8 | 1904 |
| Casey Stone Company | Lime, sand, crushed stone, asphalt | 15 | 1948 |
| Cundiff Cattle Racks | Cattle racks, feeders | 2 | 1998 |
| Delp Farm Service | Mixed fertilizer, feed products | 3 | 1987 |
| Edcon Manufacturing Co. | Farm gates | 13 | 1989 |
| Emerson Gate | Farm gates | 6 | 1977 |
| Garrett Gate Company | Farm gates | 2 | 1981 |
| Gateway Designs Inc. | Screen printing, specialty ad items, embroidery | 2 | 1996 |
| Green River Gate | Farm gates, feeders | 50 | 1990 |
| J & T Steel Inc. | Galvanized cattle racks, farm gates, feeders | 7 | 1994 |
| Johnson Gate | Galvanized farm gates | 6 | 1996 |
| Lilygate Company Inc. | Farm gates, corrals, feeders | 30 | 1991 |
| Murphy Gate Company | Farm gates, feeders, corrals, steel tubing | 35 | 1981 |
| OshKosh B' Gosh Inc. | Knitted & woven children's clothing | 288 | 1985 |
| Quilt King Products | Quilt batting, precut quilt pattern kits, leather Products | 12 | 1988 |
| Rocky Point Manufacturing | Farm gates, feeders | 2 | 1999 |
| Scott Gate and Manufacturing | Farm gates, feeders, corrals | 30 | 1994 |
| SDS Services Inc. | Wire spool strippers | 20 | 1987 |
| South Indiana Lumber Co. Inc. | Furniture stock, hardwood lumber, squares & handle blanks | 50 | 1967 |
| Southern States Cooperative | Fertilizer blending & mixing | 6 | 1978 |
| Strong Gate Company | Farm gates, panels | 2 | N/A |
| Tarter Gate Co. Inc. | Farm gates, feeders, corrals, hardwood lumber, pallets, tobacco sticks | 300 | 1945 |
| Tarter Tubing Inc. | Steel tubing | 20 | 1975 |
| U.S. Label Company, Inc. | Labels for clothing | 13 | 1997 |
| Waldemar Design & Machine | Roll forming machinery | 5 | 1980 |
| Warner Fertilizer Company | Fertilizer, mixed feed, seed products | 6 | 1992 |
| Watson Lumber Co. Inc. | Lumber, squares and rounds, kiln drying | 15 | 1960 |
| Watson Tube Mill Inc. | Steel tubing | 8 | 1981 |
| Wayne Floyd Gate Co. Inc. | Farm gates, feeders, cattle head catchers | 65 | 1984 |
| Wesley Ice Company | Ice products | 9 | 1984 |
| Wilson Gate Co. Inc. | Farm gates, feeders | 15 | 1987 |

Casey County Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment (continued)

| <u>Firm</u> | <u>Product(s)</u> | <u>1999 Emp.</u> | <u>Date Established</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wolford & Wethington Co. Inc. | Hardwood lumber, furniture squares kiln drying | 65 | 1981 |
| Wood Products | Wood pallets | 38 | 1995 |

Note: N/A - Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers published by Harris InfoSource in cooperation with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; The Economic Development Authority of Liberty/Casey County.

Labor Organizations in Casey County

International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, AFL-CIO
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC
United Garment Workers of America

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

Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of Liberty

| Miles | City | Custom Plastics Producers | Electric Motor Repair | Heat Treating Facilities | Industrial Waste Removal | Machine Shops, Tool & Die | Metal Castings | Metal Finishers | Metal Service Centers | Mill- wrights & Riggers |
|-------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 24 | Danville | X | X | | X | X | | | | |
| 24 | Somerset | | X | | X | X | | | | |
| 25 | Crab Orchard | | | | | X | | | | |
| 25 | Lebanon | X | X | | | X | | | | |
| 31 | Greensburg | | X | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Harrodsburg | | | | | X | | | | |
| 39 | Berea | | | | X | X | | | | |
| 43 | Nicholasville | X | | | X | X | | | | |
| 45 | Bardstown | X | X | | | X | | | X | |
| 46 | Bloomfield | | | | | | | | | X |
| 46 | Richmond | X | | X | | X | | X | | |
| 49 | Lawrenceburg | | | | | X | | | | |

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from city center to city center; not road miles.

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Liberty is served by U.S. Highway 127, a AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, and Kentucky Routes 70 and 49. Access to the Cumberland Parkway, an excellent multi-lane toll road, is 24 miles south of Liberty via U.S. 127. The Cumberland Parkway provides access to Interstate 65 to the west. Cumberland Parkway and Kentucky 80 provide access to Interstate 75 to the east and U.S. 127 north provides access to the Blue Grass Parkway.

Highway Miles from Liberty, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

| <u>City</u> | <u>Highway Miles</u> | <u>City</u> | <u>Highway Miles</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Atlanta, GA | 327 | Indianapolis, IN | 235 |
| Baltimore, MD | 607 | Kansas City, MO | 633 |
| Birmingham, AL | 371 | Knoxville, TN | 164 |
| Charleston, WV | 243 | Lexington, KY | 77 |
| Chicago, IL | 416 | Louisville, KY | 123 |
| Cincinnati, OH | 164 | Minneapolis, MN | 827 |
| Cleveland, OH | 415 | Nashville, TN | 179 |
| Columbia, SC | 425 | New Orleans, LA | 711 |
| Columbus, OH | 272 | New York, NY | 774 |
| Dallas, TX | 842 | Pittsburgh, PA | 453 |
| Des Moines, IA | 712 | Raleigh, NC | 526 |
| Detroit, MI | 427 | Richmond, VA | 561 |
| Evansville, IN | 235 | St. Louis, MO | 389 |
| Huntington, WV | 194 | Tallahassee, FL | 599 |

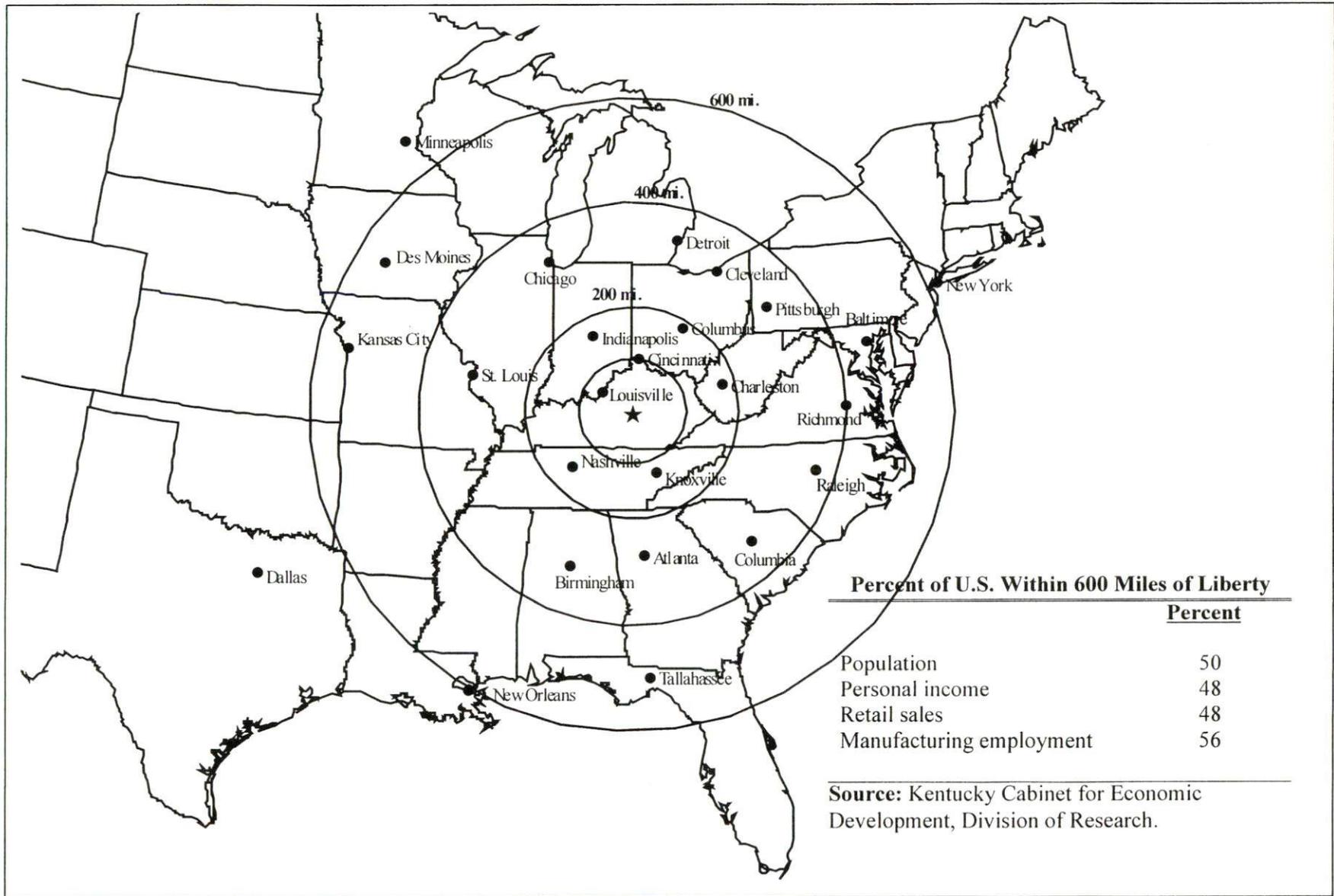
Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

Source: AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

Truck Service

There are currently fifteen common carrier trucking companies that provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Casey County. American Motor Carrier Directory, 2000 Edition.

Selected Market Centers Map



Percent of U.S. Within 600 Miles of Liberty

| | <u>Percent</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Population | 50 |
| Personal income | 48 |
| Retail sales | 48 |
| Manufacturing employment | 56 |

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

Rail

The nearest main line rail service is provided by the Norfolk Southern Corporation at Moreland, 16 miles north of Liberty. Norfolk Southern also provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Georgetown, 83 miles north of Liberty.

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

Industrial Development Manager
Norfolk Southern Corporation
The Tower Suite 2904
611 Commerce Street
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 254-3398

Air

Local

Liberty-Casey County Airport

Location: Liberty, KY
Distance from Liberty: 7 miles
Phone: (606) 787-6214
Number of runways: 1
Length and type of longest runway: 3,000 feet (asphalt)

Stuart Powell Field Airport

Location: Danville, KY
Distance from Liberty: 24 miles north
Phone: (606) 854-6849
Number of runways: 2
Length and type of longest runway: 5,000 feet (asphalt)

Commercial/International

Blue Grass Airport

Location: Lexington, KY
Distance from Liberty: 62 miles north
Phone: (606) 254-9336
Air service: ASA, Comair, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest Airlinck, TW Express, United Express, US Airways
Daily arrivals & departures: 192

UTILITIES

Electricity

Service area: **Liberty and parts of Casey County**
Company: Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power: Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:

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

Service area: **northern Casey County**
Company: Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power: East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
1009 Hustonville Road, P.O. Box 87
Danville, KY 40423-0087
(606) 236-4561

and/or

East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Industrial Development Department
4775 Lexington Road, P.O. Box 707
Winchester, KY 40391
(606) 744-4812

Service area: **southeastern Casey County**
Company: South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power: East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
925-929 North Main Street, P.O. Box 190
Somerset, KY 42502
(606) 678-4121

and/or

East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Industrial Development Department
4775 Lexington Road, P.O. box 707
Winchester, KY 40391
(606) 744-4812

Service area: **southwestern Casey County**
Company: Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power: East Kentucky Power Cooperative

For industrial rates contact:

Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
West Main Street, P.O. Box 100
Campbellsville, KY 42719
(502) 465-4101

and/or

East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Industrial Development Department
4775 Lexington Road, P.O. Box 707
Winchester, KY 40391
(606) 744-4812

Natural Gas

Service area:
Company:
Source of supply:
For rates and supplies contact:

Liberty
Liberty Gas Company
Texas Eastern Transmission Company

Liberty Gas Company
P.O. Box 127
Liberty, KY 42539
(606) 787-6691

Public Water Supply

Service area:
Company:

Liberty
Liberty Water Company
P.O. Box 127
Liberty, KY 42539
(606) 787-7234

Treatment facilities information:

Source: 80 acre lake
Treatment plant capacity: 1,200,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption: 650,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption: 900,000 gallons
Storage capacity: 650,000 gallons
Water pressure: 65 psi to 90 psi

Sewerage

Service area:
Company information:

Liberty
Liberty Sewer Company
P.O. Box 127
Liberty, KY 42539
(606) 787-7727

Design capacity: 642,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow: 370,000 gallons
Type of treatment: Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into: Green River

CLIMATE

Casey County

Temperature

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Normal (115-year record) | 55.1 degrees |
| Average annual, 1998 | 57.6 degrees |
| Record highest, July 1988 (54-year record) | 103 degrees |
| Record lowest, January 1963 (54-year record) | -21 degrees |
| Normal heating degree days (30-year record) | 4,783 |
| Normal cooling degree days (30-year record) | 1,140 |

Precipitation

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Normal (30-year record) | 44.55 inches |
| Mean annual snowfall (30-year record) | 17.5 inches |
| Total precipitation, 1998 | 49.60 inches |
| Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more) (30-year record) | 129.1 |
| Mean number days thunderstorms (54-year record) | 43.8 |

Prevailing Winds (27-year record) South

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

| | |
|--------|------------|
| 1 a.m. | 77 percent |
| 7 a.m. | 82 percent |
| 1 p.m. | 60 percent |
| 7 p.m. | 64 percent |

Notes: Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F. Cooling degree day totals are the sums of positive departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Local Climatological Data, 1998.
Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Liberty Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits only

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within 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 Liberty requires a \$10 vehicle sticker for each vehicle owned by persons living or working within the city limits.

Sales and Use Tax

A state sales and use tax is levied at the rate of 6.0% on the purchase or lease price of taxable goods and on utility services. Local sales taxes are not levied in Kentucky.

State and Local 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 the city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. 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).

State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

| <u>Selected Classes of Property</u> | <u>State Rate, 1998</u> | <u>Local Taxation Permitted</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Real Estate | \$0.153 | 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 |

Source: Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1998

| <u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Real Estate</u> | <u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u> | <u>Motor Vehicles</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>County</u> | | | |
| Casey County | 0.2626 | 0.2669 | 0.4256 |
| <u>Cities</u> | | | |
| Liberty | 0.1876 | 0.1876 | 0.2080 |
| <u>School Districts</u> | | | |
| Casey County | 0.3880 | 0.3880 | 0.5630 |

Source: Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-97

| | <u>Total Enrollment</u> | <u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u> | <u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Casey County | 2,509 | 6,217 | 14.6 |

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-97

| <u>County-wide</u> | <u>Number of Graduates</u> | <u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total High School Graduates | 140 | |
| To College | 58 | 41.4 |
| To Vocational/Technical School | 6 | 4.3 |
| To Workforce | 65 | 46.4 |
| To Work & School | 5 | 3.6 |
| To Military | 1 | 0.7 |
| Other | 5 | 3.6 |

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Nonpublic Schools, 1997-98

| | <u>Enrollment</u> | <u>Grades</u> |
|--|-------------------|---------------|
| Casey Amish Elementary | 12 | 1-8 |
| Galilean Christian Academy Elementary | 47 | K-8 |
| Galilean Christian Academy High School | 45 | 9-12 |
| McBeath Elementary | 24 | 1-8 |
| South Fork Elementary | 14 | 1-8 |
| Turkey Creek Elementary | 25 | 1-8 |

Source: Kentucky Schools Directory 1997-98, Kentucky Department of Education.

Colleges and Technical Schools

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Liberty

| <u>Miles</u> | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 23 | Campbellsville College | Campbellsville | 1,583 |
| 24 | Centre College | Danville | 1,001 |

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Liberty (continued)

| <u>Miles</u> | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 24 | Somerset Community College | Somerset | 2,558 |
| 26 | Lindsey Wilson College | Columbia | 1,425 |
| 32 | Saint Catharine College | St. Catharine | 345 |
| 39 | Berea College | Berea | 1,464 |
| 41 | Asbury College | Wilmore | 1,258 |
| 46 | Eastern Kentucky University | Richmond | 15,425 |
| 56 | Lexington Community College | Lexington | 5,558 |
| 56 | Transylvania University | Lexington | 1,021 |
| 56 | University of Kentucky | Lexington | 24,171 |
| 58 | Elizabethtown Community College | Elizabethtown | 3,595 |
| 58 | Cumberland College | Williamsburg | 1,691 |
| 59 | Midway College | Midway | 968 |
| 60 | Kentucky State University | Frankfort | 2,288 |
| Total Enrollment | | | 64,351 |

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Liberty, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Kentucky Technical Schools Within 60 Miles of Liberty

| <u>Miles</u> | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Enrollment (1997-98)</u> | | |
|--------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | | | <u>Sec</u> | <u>P/S</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| | Casey County ATC | Liberty | 709 | 0 | 709 |
| 20 | Russell County ATC | Russell Springs | 414 | 0 | 414 |
| 24 | Central KY Technical College Danville Campus | Danville | 107 | 125 | 232 |
| 24 | Somerset Technical College | Somerset | 2 | 711 | 713 |
| 25 | Marion County ATC | Lebanon | 501 | 0 | 501 |
| 28 | Garrard County ATC | Lancaster | 199 | 0 | 199 |
| 31 | Green County ATC | Greensburg | 531 | 11 | 542 |
| 31 | Harrodsburg ATC | Harrodsburg | 383 | 4 | 387 |
| 32 | Rockcastle County ATC | Mount Vernon | 367 | 73 | 440 |
| 33 | Wayne County ATC | Monticello | 749 | 0 | 749 |
| 45 | Clinton County ATC | Albany | 516 | 29 | 545 |
| 45 | Nelson County ATC | Bardstown | 527 | 4 | 531 |
| 46 | Madison County ATC | Richmond | 799 | 0 | 799 |
| 49 | Central KY Technical College Anderson Campus | Lawrenceburg | 0 | 115 | 115 |
| 49 | Laurel County Technical College | London | 232 | 399 | 631 |
| 52 | Corbin ATC | Corbin | 265 | 44 | 309 |
| 56 | Central KY Technical College Lexington Campus | Lexington | 0 | 1,154 | 1,154 |
| 56 | Eastside Center for Applied Technology | Lexington | 345 | 0 | 345 |

Kentucky Technical Schools Within 60 Miles of Liberty (continued)

| <u>Miles</u> | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Enrollment (1997-98)</u> | | |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | | | <u>Sec</u> | <u>P/S</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| 56 | Southside Center for Applied Technology | Lexington | 261 | 0 | 261 |
| 58 | Elizabethtown Technical College | Elizabethtown | 47 | 662 | 709 |
| 59 | Barren County ATC | Glasgow | 561 | 7 | 568 |
| 59 | Bowling Green Technical College Glasgow Campus | Glasgow | 0 | 207 | 207 |
| 60 | Franklin County Area Vocational Education Center | Frankfort | 178 | 0 | 178 |
| 60 | Monroe County ATC | Tompkinsville | 680 | 2 | 682 |
| Total Enrollment | | | 8,373 | 3,547 | 11,920 |

Notes: Kentucky Tech secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers (ATC), are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post-secondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Adult courses may be offered at some secondary technical schools. Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Liberty, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

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 at the Somerset Technical College.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. The Career Connections Assessment Center serving the Liberty-Casey County area is located at the Somerset Technical College.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Casey County, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Casey County Board of Education.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) was established in 1984 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent, de jure corporation to stimulate economic development through customized business and industry specific skills training programs. The BSSC works with business and industry and Kentucky's educational institutions to establish programs of skills training. The BSSC is attached to the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes, in recognition of the relationship between economic development and skills training efforts.

The BSSC is comprised of two economic development tools, matching grants and the newly authorized Skills Training Investment Credit Act. The BSSC grant program is available to new, expanding and existing business and industry. Eligible training activities include pre-employment skills training and assessment; entry level, skills upgrade and occupational upgrade training; train-the-trainer travel; and capacity-building. The Skills Training Investment Credit Act provides tax credits to existing businesses for skills upgrade training.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5

Dentists - 3

Hospitals

| <u>General Hospital</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Beds</u> |
|---|-----------------|-------------|
| Casey County Hospital/Primary Care Center | Liberty | 24 |

Medical staff: 4 active staff physicians, 5 courtesy staff physicians, 21 registered nurses, 13 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Adanta Mental Health Center
Casey County Ambulance Service
Casey County Chiropractic Center
Casey County Health Department
Family Home Health Care, Inc.
Family Practice Clinic
Green River Medical Center
Green River Rest Home
Grider Chiropractic Center
Lake Cumberland Health Agency
Liberty Care Center
Liberty-Casey County Rescue Squad
Liberty Center Ephraim McDowell
Lifeline Home Health Agency
Pioneer Vocational-Rehabilitation Office

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Casey County Bank
Farmers Deposit Bank

Newspapers

Casey County News (weekly)

Telephone Service

GTE South
"911" emergency dispatch communications system

RECREATION

The Casey County Apple Festival, held annually during the last full week of September, is one of the largest and most successful festivals in the state of Kentucky. The primary event of the festival is the baking and serving of the world's largest apple pie. Estimated crowds of up to 50,000 attend the week-long celebration. The festivities include something for everyone, including a kid's Big Wheel race, sports activities, fun-filled tournaments, fireworks, and continuous live entertainment.

Gateway Park offers two basketball courts, two tennis courts, a volleyball court, two baseball fields, picnic area and playground. The Casey County Community Youth Center is located at the park. The community raised \$100,000 in donations and "in kind" service for construction of the facility. The center includes meeting rooms, offices, a kitchen, bathrooms, and a recreational loft. The facility is available for community and youth activities, family reunions, and church and school functions.

The Casey County Fair and Horse Show is held the last of July each year. The emphasis is on the youth of the county. Agricultural products and equestrian events are featured.

Hickory Hills Country Club offers a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, and swimming pool.

Casey County Sportsman Club, located five miles from Liberty, has a large and small bore rifle range, skeet shooting range, and an archery and black powder range.

A variety of hunting is available in Casey County and great fishing on Green River and Lake Liberty. Trout fishing is available on Goose Creek.

Many hiking trails are available in Casey County along with 500 miles of scenic drives throughout the county.

The county has very active Pee-Wee and Junior Pro basketball and football programs, little league and Babe Ruth baseball programs and an adult softball league.

Area (Within 50 miles)

Constitution Square State Historic Site
General Burnside State Park
Green River Lake State Park
Herrington Lake
Isaac Shelby State Historic Site
Lake Cumberland State Resort Park
Lincoln Homestead State Park
Old Fort Harrod State Park
Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site
Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill
William Whitley House State Historic Site

APPENDIX A - DEFINITIONS

Geographic definition of the labor market area

A county's labor market area is defined as the base county, adjacent counties, and any other major commuting counties. Adjacency is used to define the labor market area primarily because of the small size of Kentucky's counties. The major commuting counties are defined from the point of view of the base county. Major commuting counties are those counties that comprise 90% of the base county's total commuters. The source of the commuting patterns is the 1990 journey-to-work data available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Example – Logan County

To determine the labor market area for Logan County the following steps are taken. First, the counties with workers commuting into Logan county are listed in ascending order (see the table below). The cumulative percent is calculated. Next, all counties that comprise up to 90% of the commuters are included in the labor market area (actually the cut-off will be the county that breaks the 90% threshold – Montgomery County, TN at 92.6% in this case). Although Robertson is not a major commuter county, it is included since it is adjacent. The Logan County labor market is then comprised of the seven bold-faced counties in the table below.

| Labor Market Area – Logan County (Example Only) | | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Adjacent to Logan | Commuter County | Commuters into Logan | Percent of Total Commuters | Cumulative Percent |
| Y | Todd | 385 | 24.4% | 24.4% |
| Y | Warren | 377 | 23.9 | 48.4 |
| Y | Muhlenberg | 365 | 23.2 | 71.5 |
| Y | Simpson | 162 | 10.3 | 81.8 |
| Y | Butler | 116 | 7.4 | 89.1 |
| | Montgomery, TN | 55 | 3.5 | 92.6 |
| | Christian | 36 | 2.3 | 94.9 |
| | Sumner, TN | 35 | 2.2 | 97.1 |
| Y | Robertson, TN | 25 | 1.6 | 98.7 |
| | Davidson, TN | 20 | 1.3 | 100.0 |
| | <i>Total Commuters into Logan County</i> | <i>1,576</i> | <i>100.0</i> | |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Economic Information System, CD-ROM. August 1997.

Potential Labor Supply

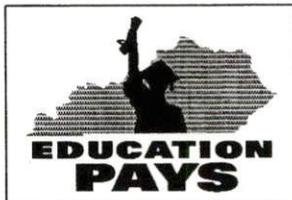
The potential labor supply is an estimate of those persons not classified as in the labor force (not employed and not unemployed), but who want a job. The assumption is that people not in the labor force at the local level would like a job at the same rate as the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics provides national, yearly estimates of the percent of the people not in the labor force who want a job. This percent is applied to the county-level number of people not in the labor force.

Underemployed

Wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services have historically paid low wages. The assumption is that workers in these industries would take higher paying jobs if they were available. Non-professional services excludes Miscellaneous Repair Services (SIC 7600), Health Services (SIC 8000), Legal Services (SIC 8100), and Engineering and Management Services (SIC 8700).

Total Available Labor

Total available labor is the sum of the number of unemployed, potential labor supply, and underemployed. Please note that the number of unemployed is the only generally accepted measure of labor availability. The other concepts are weaker measures and should be used with caution.



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