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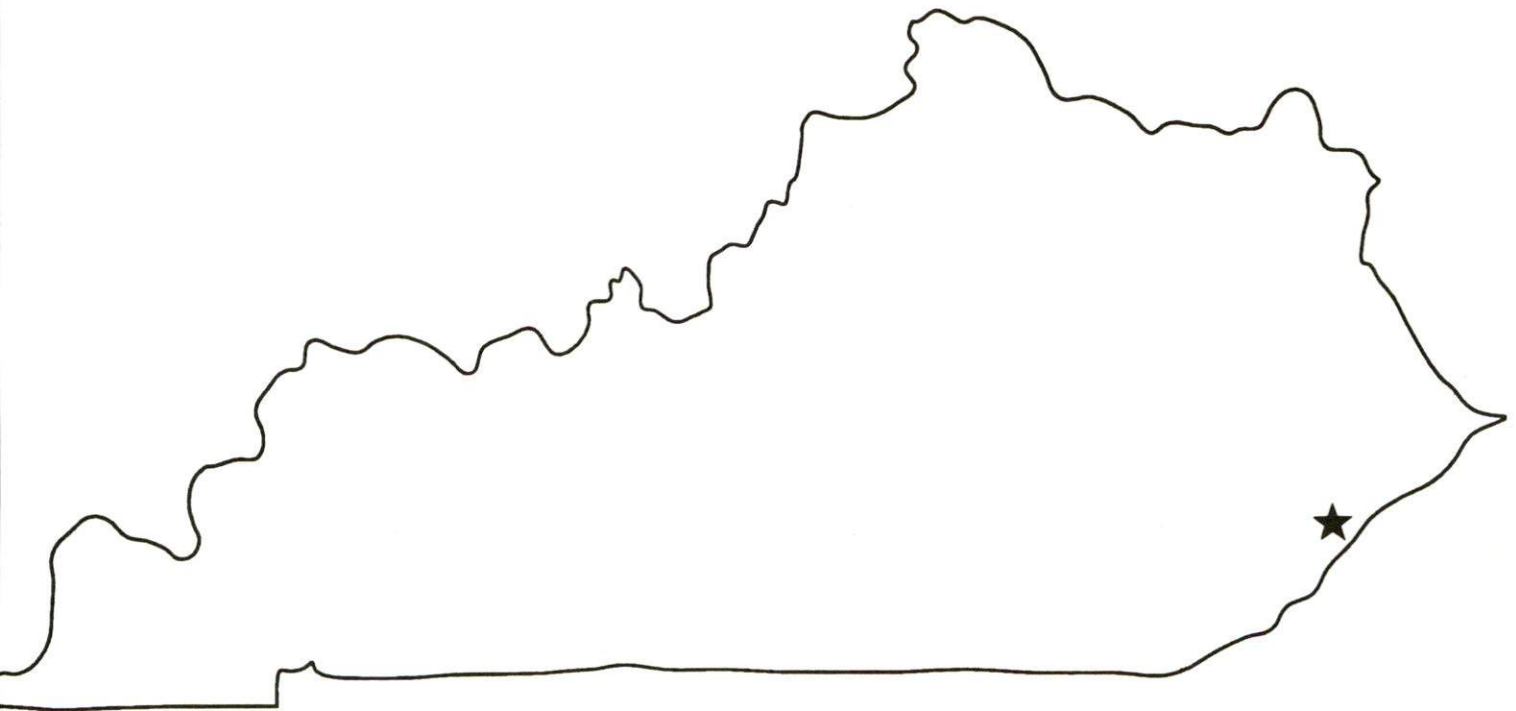
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Letcher County



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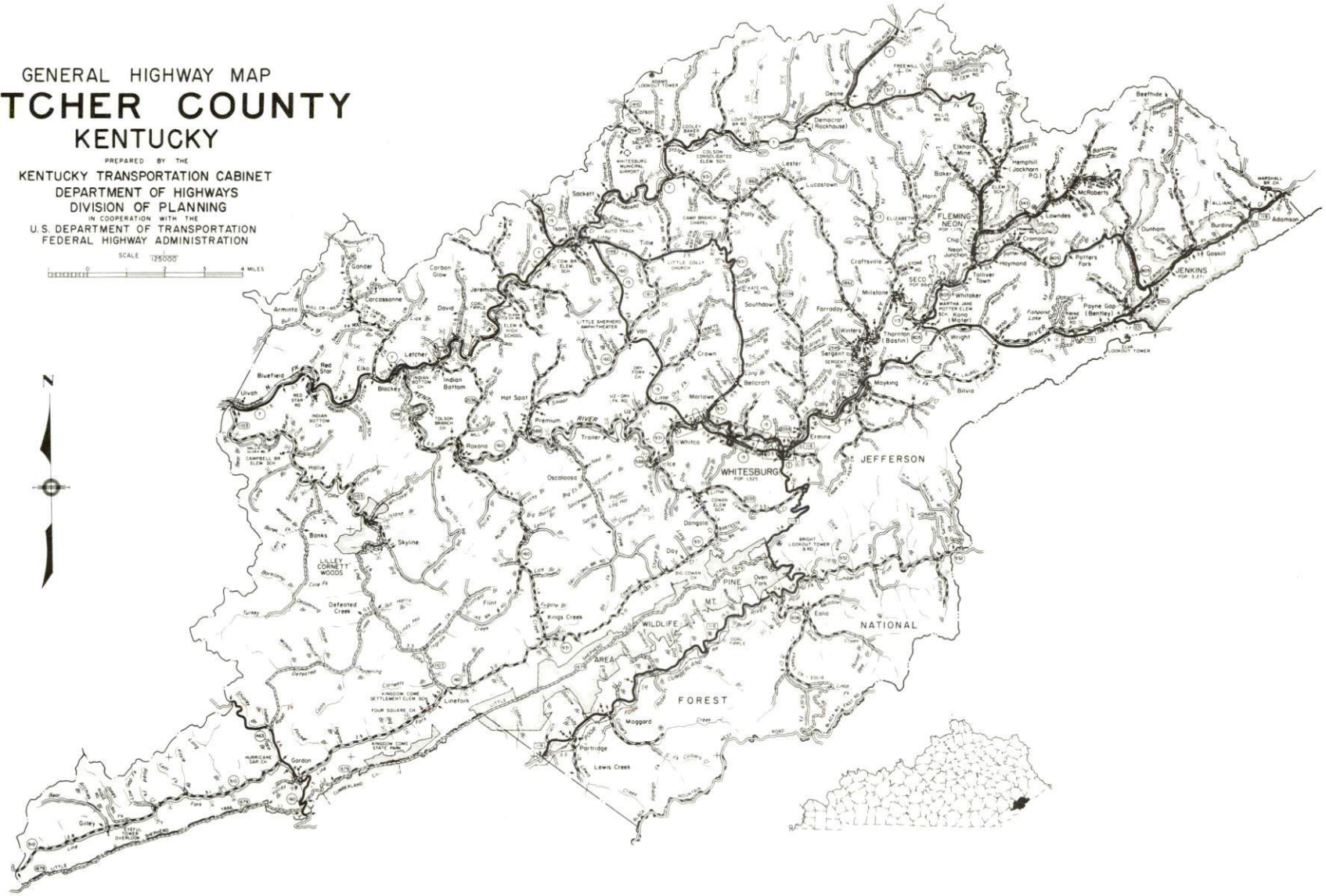
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
LETCHER COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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DIVISION OF PLANNING
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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Letcher County, with a 1992 estimated population of 27,044, has a land area of 339 square miles. Whitesburg, the county seat of Letcher County, is located in southeastern Kentucky. In 1992, Whitesburg had an estimated population of 1,701. Whitesburg is located 149 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 159 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; 222 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 217 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. Jenkins, located 12 miles northeast of Whitesburg, had a 1992 estimated population of 2,690.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Letcher County residents employed in 1993 averaged 7,074. In 1992, manufacturing firms in the county reported 44 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,289 jobs; 1,226 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,208 employees; and 1,255 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 36,958 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1994 through 1998, 16,421 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

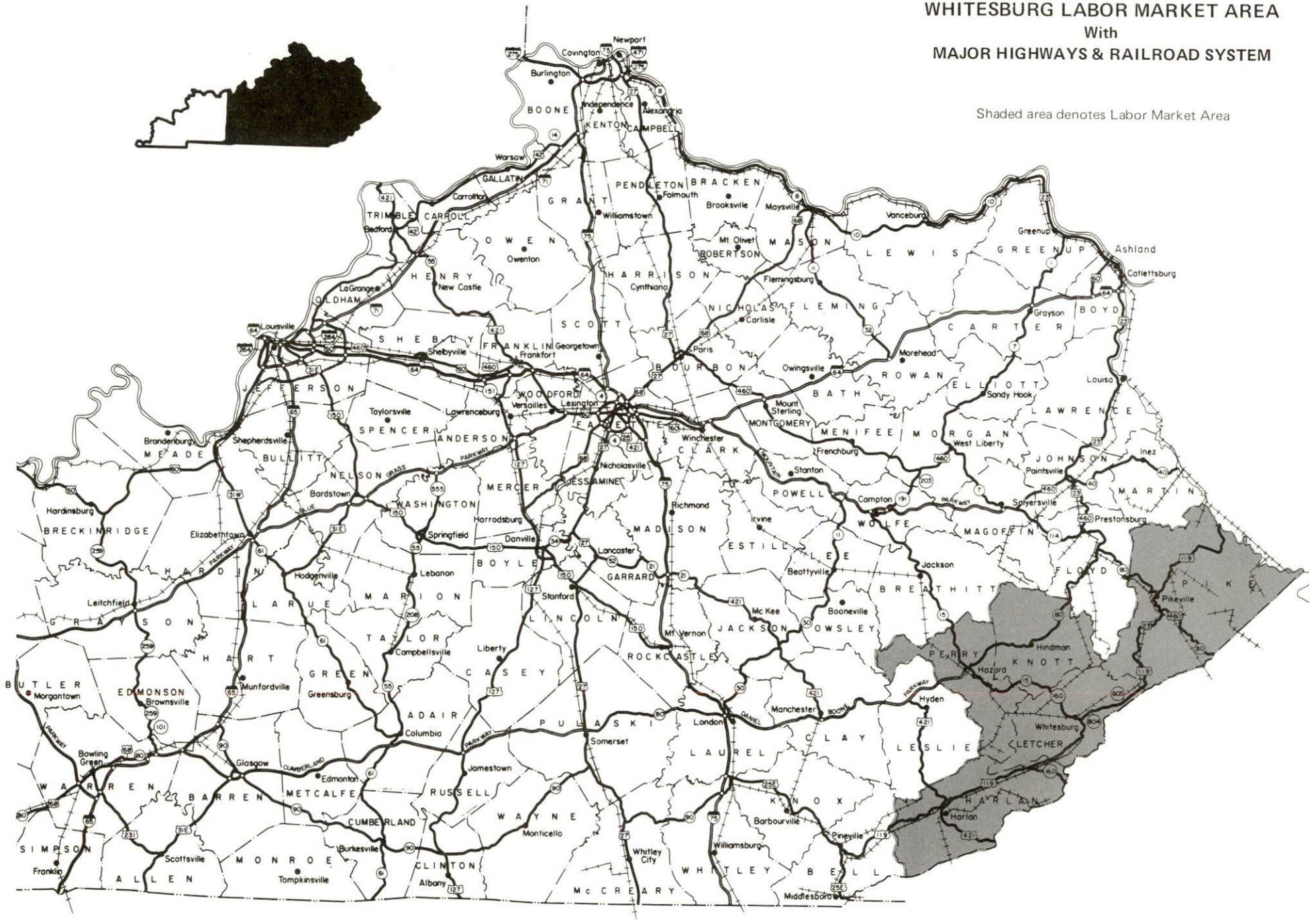
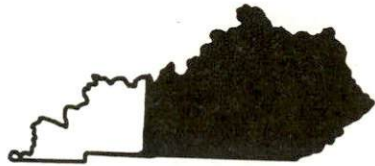
Transportation - Whitesburg is served directly by highways U.S. 119 and Kentucky 15. U.S. Highways 23 and 119 serve Jenkins. The Daniel Boone Parkway is located 35 miles northwest of Whitesburg, while Interstate 75 is accessible 92 miles west of Whitesburg. Fourteen trucking companies provide Letcher County with interstate and/or intrastate service. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Whitesburg, Jenkins and Letcher County. Lonesome Pine Airport, 30 miles south of Whitesburg, maintains a 5,400-foot paved runway. Tri-City Regional Airport, near Bristol, Tennessee, 97 miles southeast of Whitesburg, provides the nearest scheduled commercial airline service.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Power Company provides electric power to Whitesburg, Jenkins, and Letcher County. Letcher County is also provided electric power by Cumberland Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is currently only available at private wells in Letcher County.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Whitesburg and Letcher County by the Letcher County School System. The Jenkins Independent School System, located in Jenkins, Kentucky, 12 miles northeast of Whitesburg, also provides education for Letcher County. A nonpublic school also operates in the county. Southeast Community College, affiliated with the University of Kentucky, operates an extension campus in Whitesburg. Ten other institutions of higher learning are located within 100 miles of Whitesburg. Vocational training is provided by the Letcher County Area Vocational Education Center in Whitesburg and the Hazard State Vocational-Technical School in Hazard, 31 miles northwest of Whitesburg.

**WHITESBURG LABOR MARKET AREA
With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM**

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Letcher County Labor Market Area includes Letcher County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Harlan, Knott, Perry, and Pike. The southeastern boundary of Letcher County is formed by the Kentucky-Virginia state line. The Labor Market Area may be supplemented by Wise County, Virginia.

POPULATION

	<u>1992*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	186,034	184,346	205,402	162,551
Blackey	N/A	207	N/A	N/A
Fleming-Neon	749	759	1,195	N/A
Jenkins	2,690	2,751	3,271	2,552
Whitesburg	1,701	1,636	1,525	1,137
Letcher County	27,044	27,000	30,687	23,165

* Population estimates.

N/A: Not available.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	182,664	180,178	175,274	168,533
Letcher County	26,638	26,203	25,445	24,478

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>		<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1994 thru 1998</u>
Labor Market Area*	36,958	7,087	29,871	16,421
Letcher County	5,506	1,248	4,258	2,534

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

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

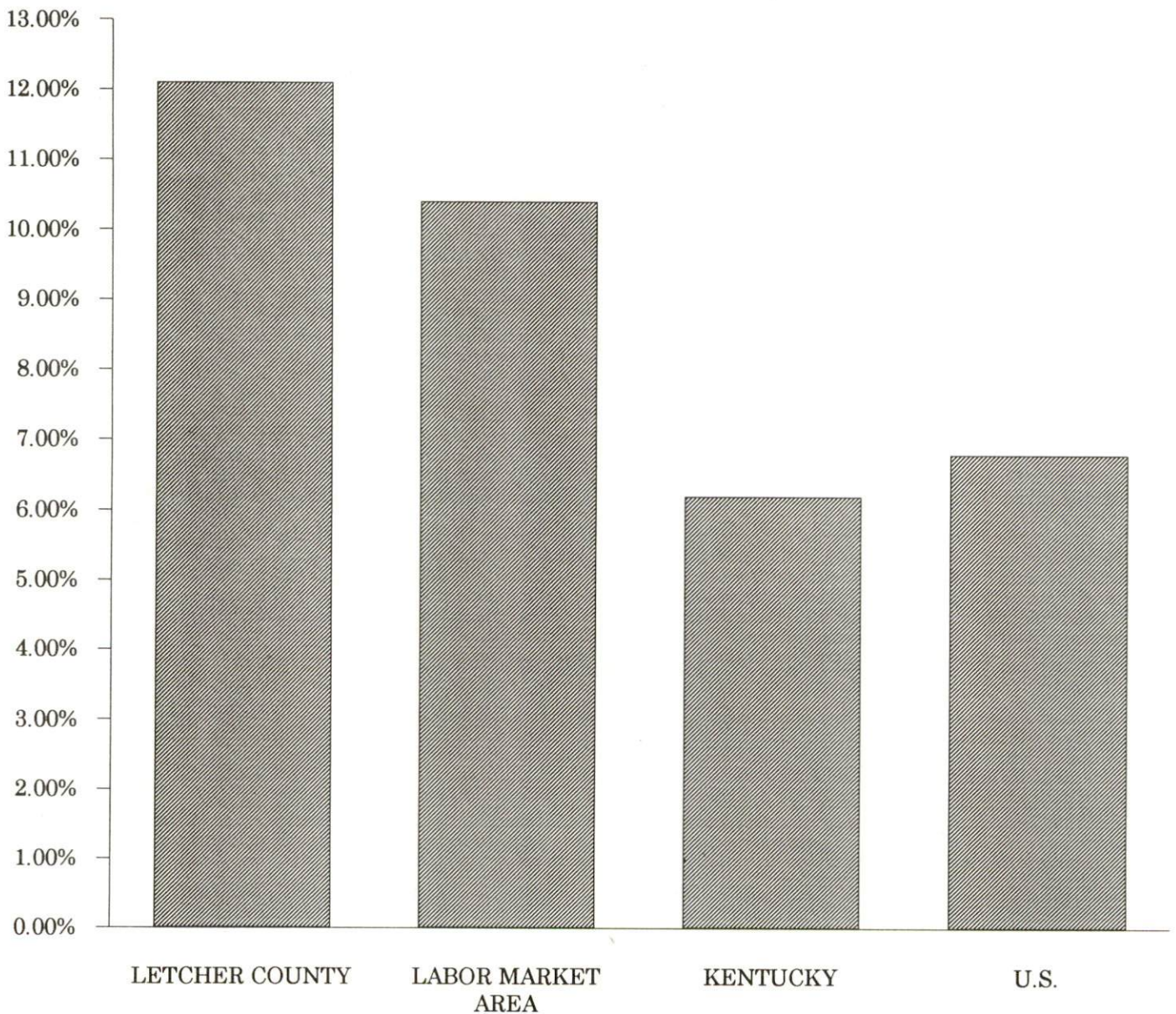
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1994 thru 1998.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1993

	<u>Letcher County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	8,051	61,395
Employment	7,074	55,028
Unemployment	977	6,367
Rate of Unemployment (%)	12.1	10.4

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1993.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1993**

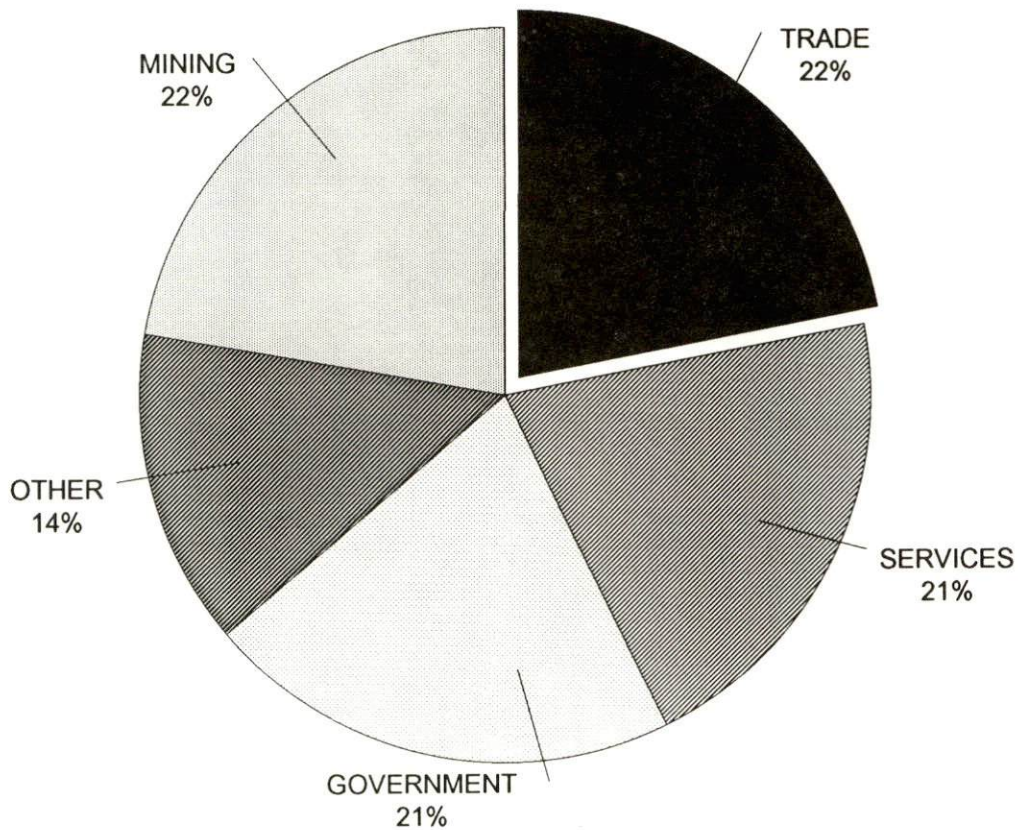


**SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992**

	<u>Letcher County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	5,782	49,288
Manufacturing	44	934
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,289	11,969
Services	1,226	9,237
State/Local Government	1,208	9,159
Mining & Quarrying	1,255	12,049

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, 1992.

LETCHER COUNTY

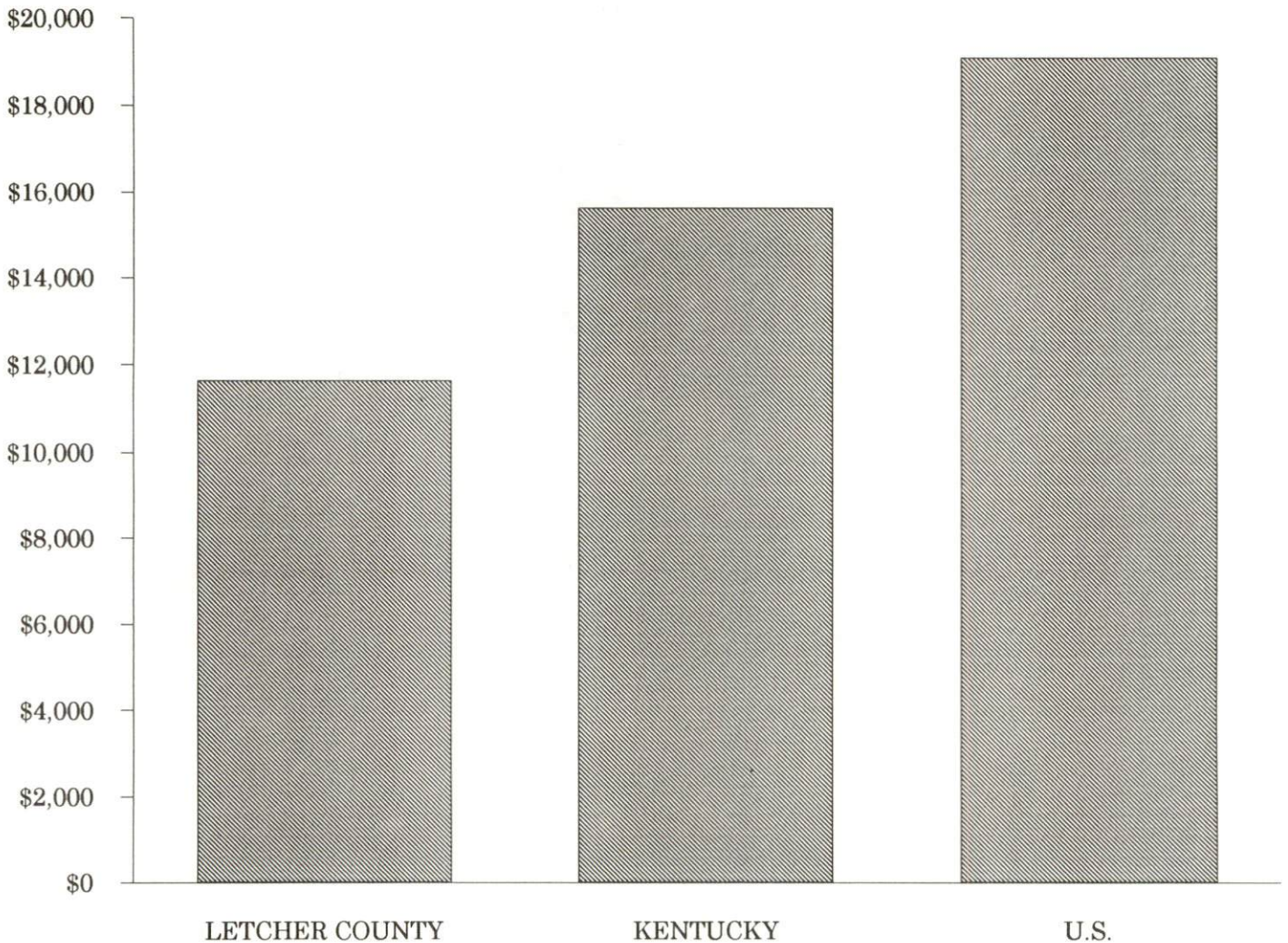


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Letcher County	\$8,323	\$11,640	39.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$7,584 - \$10,963	\$9,740 - \$13,972	-
Kentucky	\$12,216	\$15,626	27.9
U.S.	\$15,638	\$19,091	22.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, April 1993.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1991



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

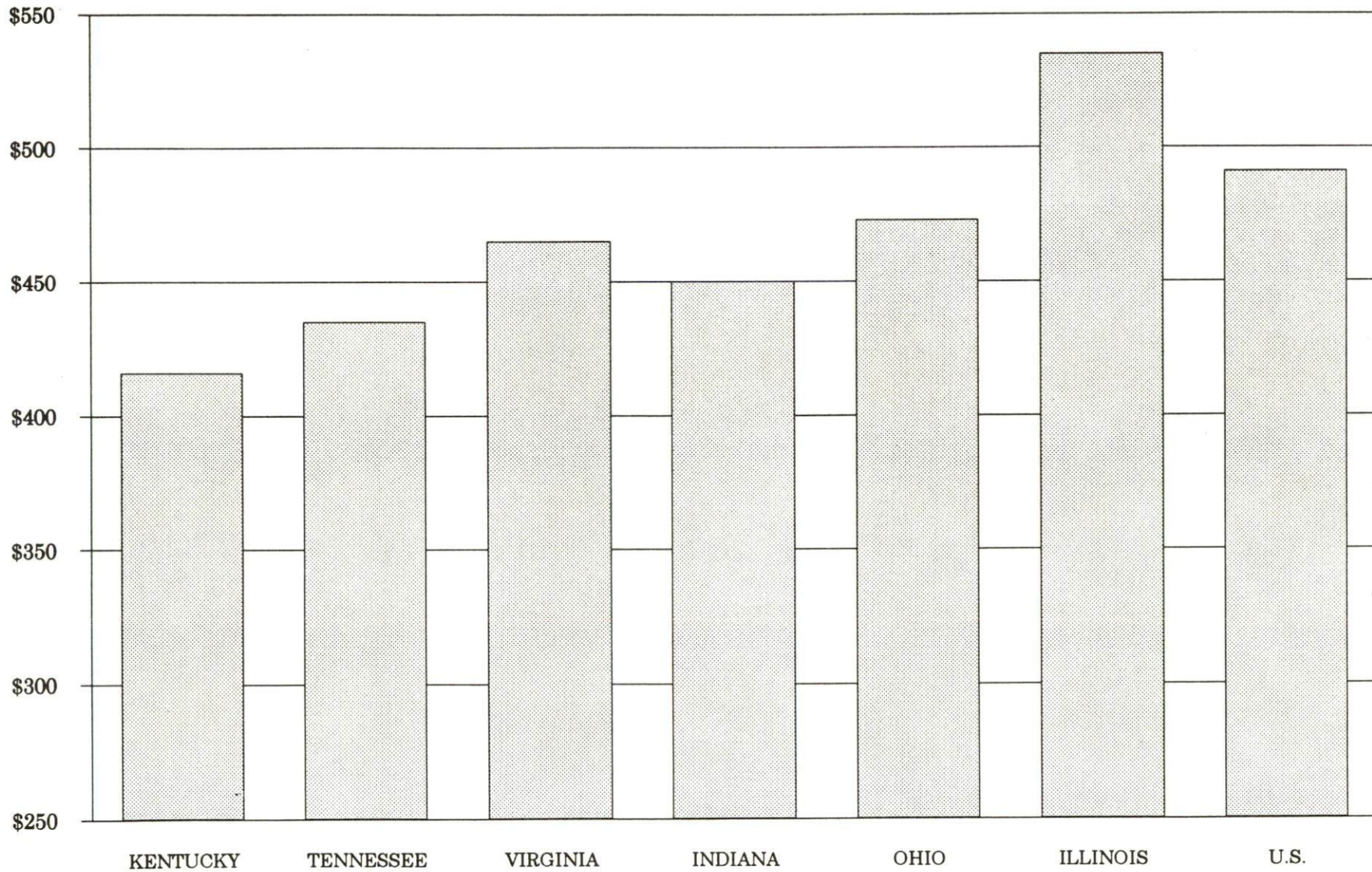
Letcher County is served by the Hazard local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1993, the local employment office filled 1,287 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	1,287	5.80
Clerical	261	4.40
Sales	47	4.78
Services (excluding domestic)	435	4.36
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	2	4.25
Processing	5	4.26
Machine Trades	16	7.27
Bench Work	74	4.40
Structural	197	5.24
Motor Freight/ Transportation	27	8.28
Packaging and Materials Handling	63	4.61
Other	116	15.82

The Hazard local office also serves Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, 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 Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Employment Services.

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1992**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992*

	Letcher County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$386.43	\$415.94	\$435.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	593.11	685.48	564.00	690.00
Contract Construction	295.40	431.97	456.00	456.00
Manufacturing	238.63	535.73	510.00	535.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	383.21	560.84	561.00	637.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	227.78	282.29	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	431.06	493.68	548.00	576.00
Services	342.32	371.91	419.00	483.00
State/Local Government	393.63	434.01	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$450.00	\$473.00	\$535.00	\$491.00
Mining & Quarrying	731.00	639.00	787.00	799.00
Contract Construction	504.00	525.00	658.00	527.00
Manufacturing	609.00	653.00	652.00	612.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	548.00	590.00	674.00	632.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	511.00	545.00	728.00	670.00
Services	386.00	419.00	488.00	468.00
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, 1992. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1992, October 1993.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

LETCHER COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>1993</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Burdine		
Pine Mountain Stone (1971)	Concrete block, crushed limestone, asphalt	15
Cromona		
Superior Printing & Publishing Company, Inc. (1954)	Newspapers, letterpress printing, lithographic printing	12
Deane		
Rockhouse Wood Products, Inc. (1989)	Lumber, mulch, logs, mine timbers	21
Ermine		
Custom Concrete, Inc. (1989)	Ready-mixed concrete	4
Gordon Nally & Haydon (1980)	Crushed limestone	8
Jenkins		
Adams Concrete Products (1970)	Concrete block	7
Neon		
Mine Signs and Decals (1983)	Silk screen printing for T-shirts	2
Whitesburg		
Heritage Chair (1988)	Office chairs	7

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research;
Letcher County Chamber of Commerce.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	Adams Concrete Products; Pine Mountain Stone

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Whitesburg</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	92
Electric Motor Repair	Whitesburg, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	136
Industrial Waste Removal	Lynch, Kentucky	28
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Harlan, Kentucky	46
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	92
Metal Finishers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	92
Metal Service Centers	Martin, Kentucky	48
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	149

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Whitesburg is served directly by U.S. Highway 119 and Kentucky Route 15, both "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Jenkins is served directly by U.S. Highway 23, a "AAA"-rated trucking highway. The Daniel Boone Parkway, a limited-access toll road, is located 35 miles northwest of Whitesburg via Kentucky Route 15. Interstate 75 is located 92 miles west of Whitesburg via Kentucky Route 15 and the Daniel Boone Parkway.

Blackey is served by Kentucky Route 7 and Fleming-Neon is served by Kentucky Route 317. Each is a "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway.

Two major highway improvement projects in Letcher County include the recent widening and straightening of U.S. 119 near Whitesburg. U.S. 23 and 119 at Jenkins is being widened to four lanes.

U.S. Highway 23 extends from Michigan to Florida and is predominately four lanes throughout the highway system. Construction is planned to widen the entire highway to four lanes. U.S. 23 and Alternate U.S. 58 in Virginia provide multilane access to Interstate 81, 74 miles southeast of Letcher County.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	353	Los Angeles, CA	2,284
Baltimore, MD	467	Louisville, KY	222
Birmingham, AL	409	Nashville, TN	311
Chicago, IL	492	New Orleans, LA	748
Cincinnati, OH	217	New York, NY	667
Cleveland, OH	408	Pittsburgh, PA	377
Detroit, MI	456	St. Louis, MO	480
Knoxville, TN	159		

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

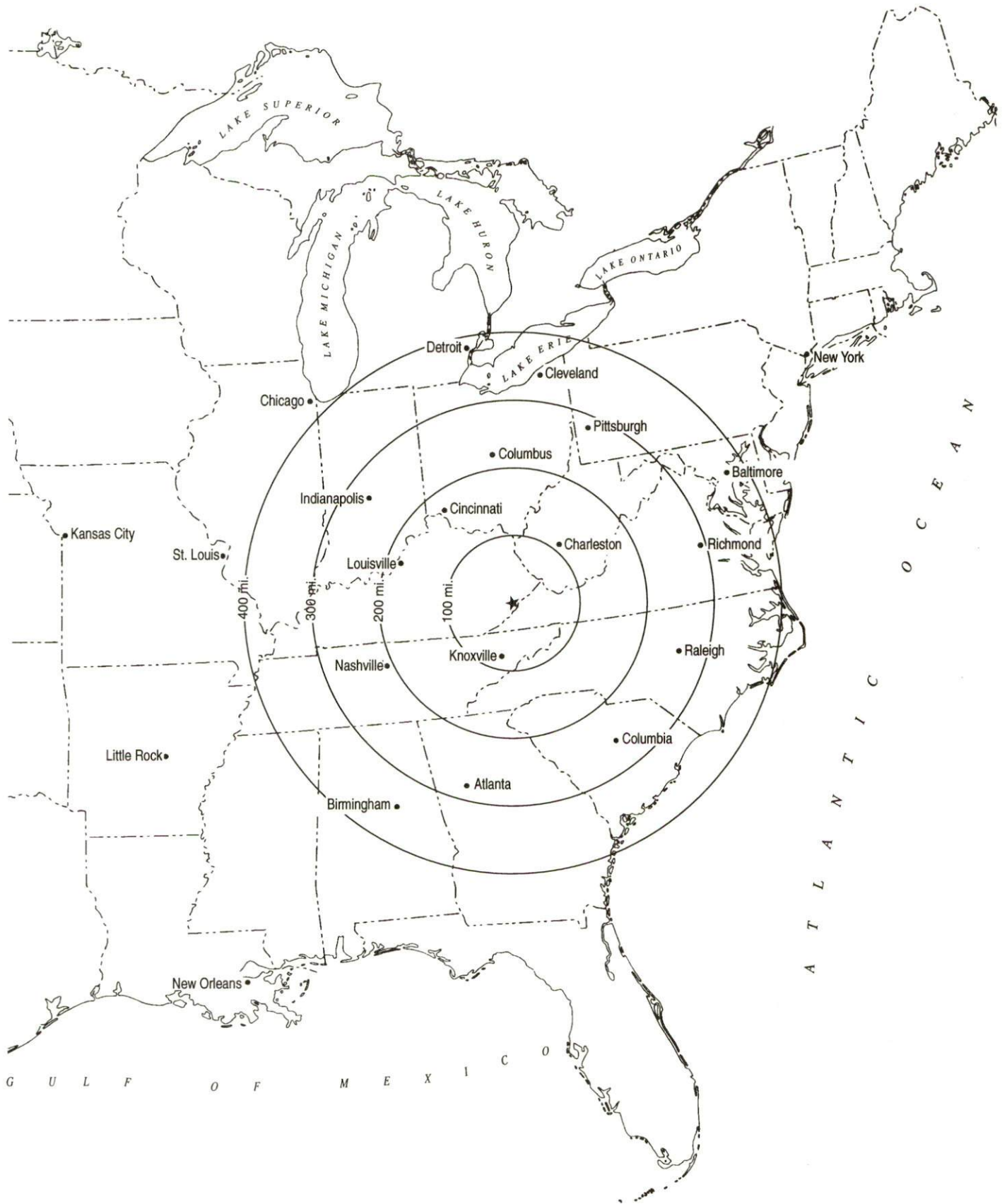
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

Fourteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Letcher County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1994.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Whitesburg, Jenkins, and Letcher County. Norfolk Southern Corporation provides the nearest intermodal facilities which are located at Kingsport, Tennessee, 79 miles southeast of Whitesburg.

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

Nearest Small Craft Airport

Location: Lonesome Pine Airport
Wise, Virginia, 30 miles south of Whitesburg
Runways: 1 paved
Length: 5,400 feet
Traffic Control: Unicom, rotating beacon, non-precision
instrument approach
Lighting: Sunset to sunrise
Services: 100LL and jet-A fuel; minor A & P repairs;
hangar, tie-downs; flight instruction;
courtesy car; weather data; rental cars;
lounge

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Tri-City Regional Airport
14 miles southwest of Bristol, Tennessee;
97 miles southeast of Whitesburg
Air Service: American Eagle, Atlantic Southeast, ComAir,
Delta, USAir
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 68

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Whitesburg, Jenkins and the northern portion of
Letcher County - Kentucky Power Company
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company
For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving the southern portion of Letcher County - Cumberland
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

Cumberland Valley Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
U.S. Highway 25E
Gray, Kentucky 40734
(606) 528-2677 or (606) 589-4421

Natural Gas

Natural gas is only available in Letcher County through local private wells.
Public natural gas service is not available in Letcher County at the present time.

Public Water Supply

Company serving Whitesburg -	Whitesburg Waterworks 215 East Main Street Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858 (606) 633-3701
Source -	North Fork of the Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity -	500,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	280,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	320,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	690,000 gallons
Water pressure -	52 psi to 91 psi

The City of Whitesburg is presently constructing a water treatment plant and an eight-inch distribution main. The \$1.4 million project is scheduled for completion by August 1994.

Company serving Jenkins -	City of Jenkins Water Department P.O. Box 689 Jenkins, Kentucky 41537 (606) 832-4218
Source -	Elkhorn Reservoir
Treatment plant capacity -	1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	425,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	500,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	550,000 gallons
Water pressure -	90 psi to 135 psi

Sewerage

Company serving Whitesburg -	Whitesburg Waterworks 215 East Main Street Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858 (606) 633-3701
Design capacity -	500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	275,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Primary
Treated effluent discharged into -	North Fork of the Kentucky River
Company serving Jenkins -	City of Jenkins Sewer Department P.O. Box 689 Jenkins, Kentucky 41537 (606) 832-4421
Design capacity -	600,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	At capacity
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Elkhorn Creek

The City of Jenkins is in the process of renovating and expanding its wastewater treatment facility to accommodate existing and future demands.

CLIMATE

Letcher County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.90 degrees
Average annual 1992	55.50 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (47-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (47-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,356

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.24 inches
Mean annual snowfall (55-year record)	15.70 inches
Total precipitation 1992	38.72 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (47-year record)	133.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (49-year record)	43.00

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

Relative Humidity (31-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	57 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1992. Station of record: Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Letcher County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Whitesburg, Blackey, Fleming-Neon and Jenkins are each governed by a mayor-council form of government.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - City of Whitesburg Planning and Zoning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within city 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)

City agency - Jenkins City Planning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within corporate limits
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within corporate 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 Whitesburg levies a business license fee of \$75 for the first year for most businesses. Then each year thereafter, the fee is based on annual retail sales receipts. The City of Jenkins levies an annual business license fee ranging from \$18.75 to \$300. Annual unloading license fees are \$100. The City of Fleming-Neon levies annual business license fees ranging from \$25 to \$75.

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>1993 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.180	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, 1993

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Letcher County*	\$0.2590	\$0.2623	\$0.2552
School Districts:			
Jenkins Independent*	0.7710	0.7710	1.0890
Letcher County*	0.4350	0.4350	0.3830
Cities:			
Whitesburg	0.3400	0.3400	0.3400
Jenkins	0.4000	0.4000	0.4000
Fleming-Neon	0.2500	0.2500	None

*1992 rates are shown for Letcher County and for the two school districts. 1993 rates were not available at the date of publication of this document.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Jenkins Independent	Letcher County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	917	4,736
Accreditation		Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	18.7-1	15.9-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	77.3	51.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,733.75	3,614.51

The Jenkins Independent School System recently renovated and expanded the existing high school building.

The Letcher County School System recently completed several classroom additions at various schools in Letcher County.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Calvary Christian Academy	19	7-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1993)</u>
Southeast Community College- Whitesburg Center	Whitesburg, Kentucky	620 (Spring 1994)
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (24)	2,620
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, Kentucky (28)	617
Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia	Wise, Virginia (29)	1,729
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (31)	1,900
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Kentucky (49)	898
Lees College	Jackson, Kentucky (63)	624
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (81)	3,012
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (90)	497
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (97)	1,005
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Tennessee (97)	1,860

Southeast Community College-Whitesburg Center

Southeast Community College-Whitesburg Center opened its campus in 1990. The College, with a current enrollment of 620 students, offers degree programs including Associates in Science, Applied Science, and in Arts. Courses are available which transfer to other state four-year institutions.

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 Whitesburg)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1992-1993</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Letcher County Area Vocational Education Center	Whitesburg	10	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 236 143	113
Hazard State Vocational-Technical School	Hazard (31)	15	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 158 469	147

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 on the campus of Hazard SVTS.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, psychomotor skills and academic potential as well as pre-hire assessment. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of Hazard SVTS.

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 Letcher County, adult literacy is provided through the Letcher County Adult Literacy Program and adult basic education is provided by Southeast Community College.

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 - 33
Dentists - 10

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital	Whitesburg	90
Jenkins Community Hospital	Jenkins	60

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Golden Years Rest Home (Jenkins)
Daniel Boone Clinic
Letcher County Health Department
Letcher Manor
Letcher Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department
Neon Volunteer Fire Department (ambulance service)
P & B Ambulance Service

Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation provides health care based on a sliding scale at the Whitesburg Clinic, the McRoberts Clinic, the Leatherwood-Blackey Clinic, and at special respiratory clinics in Whitesburg.

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

The Bank of Whitesburg
First Security Bank and Trust Company

Newspapers

Letcher County Community Press (weekly)
The Mountain Eagle (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell
GTE South (Jenkins)

RECREATION AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Local

Recreation

Letcher County maintains a public park which includes a swimming pool, four tennis courts, two playgrounds, a baseball diamond, and a football field. Private recreational facilities include a twin-cinema theatre, a country club, a golf course, a swimming pool, a skating rink, and a drive-in theatre.

Recreational projects under way in the Whitesburg area include the development of: Fish Pond Lake, a county fishing lake with picnic facilities; and the Riverside Community Park.

Nature Conservancy's Bad Branch Falls is located ten miles south of Whitesburg. This hiking area features a 60-foot waterfall and various endangered plant and animal species.

Daniel Boone and Jefferson National Forests, which lie in Kentucky and Virginia respectively, are located near Whitesburg. Hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping are permitted.

Carr Fork Lake, located about 20 miles north of Whitesburg, is a 710-acre flood control lake which provides excellent recreational facilities. Kentucky Highways 15 and 160 provide easy access to the lake area. The lake provides swimming, boating, productive fishing and a camping area with hookups and primitive campsites.

The Lilley Cornett Woods is located in Letcher County, approximately 30 miles east of Whitesburg. Guided tours are offered from April to October in the 554 acres of virgin woodland.

Development of new picnic areas and overlooks are under way at the Little Shepherd Trail. This is a 20-mile state-designated scenic route on the Pine Mountain ridge.

Culture

Appalshop, Inc., located in Whitesburg, is an award-winning, nationally acclaimed non-commercial arts and education center which produces and distributes film and television documentaries, recordings, radio programs, and plays focusing on the Appalachian region. The center consists of Appalshop Films, Headwaters Television, June Appal Recordings, Roadside Theatre, WMMT-FM, Appalachian Media Institute, and the Appalshop Center, which features an art gallery and a 175-seat theatre and presents a variety of performances and community activities throughout the year.

Letcher County Arts Council, Inc., promotes art, music, theatre, dance, writing, and other cultural programs in the area. High quality ballet, jazz and modern dance classes are offered in Whitesburg.

Area Attractions (Within 60 miles)

Breaks Interstate Park
Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park (includes outdoor theatre)
Kingdom Come State Park