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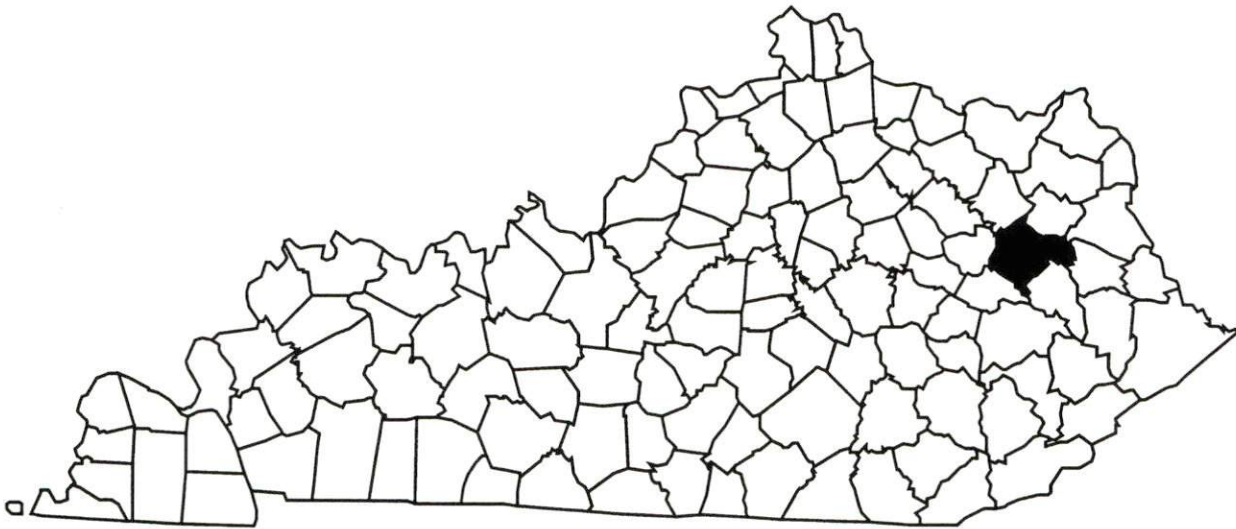
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WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

West Liberty, the county seat of Morgan County, is located in the Licking Valley area of Kentucky. West Liberty is located 72 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 89 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky; 166 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 194 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee. West Liberty had an estimated population of 2,904 in 1996.

Morgan County covers a land area of 381 square miles in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region and had an estimated 1997 population of 13,480 persons. Cave Run Lake and Daniel Boone National Forest occupy the northwestern portion of the county.

The Economic Framework – Morgan County firms employed 2,960 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 120 jobs; manufacturing firms in the county reported 486 employees; transportation and public utilities provided 147 jobs; wholesale and retail trade provided 538 jobs; finance, insurance, and real estate employed 81; 485 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 1,077 jobs.

Labor Supply – There is a current estimated labor supply of 14,165 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 to 2003, approximately 8,425 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

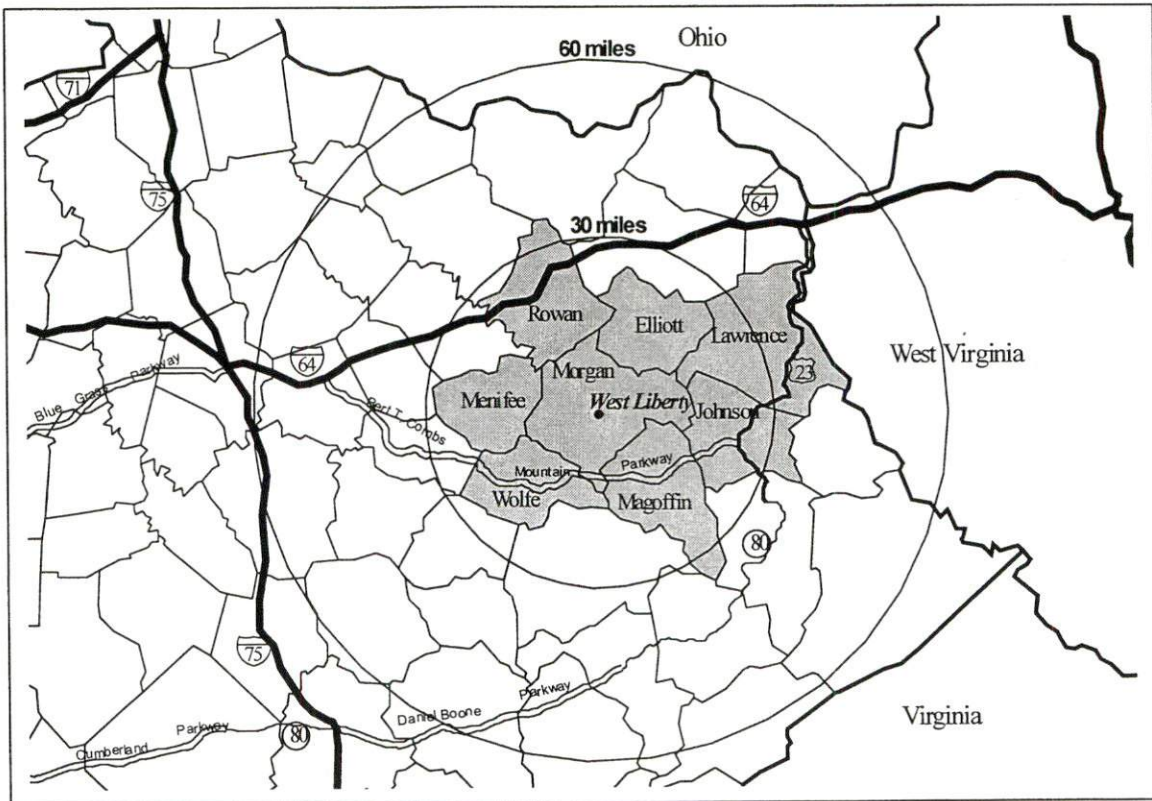
Transportation – West Liberty is served directly by U.S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Highways 7 and 519. Each is a AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Kentucky Highway 172 also serves West Liberty. In addition, the Mountain Parkway is accessible via U.S. 460 and Kentucky 205, 14 miles south of West Liberty. Interstate 64 is accessible via Kentucky 519, 26 miles northwest of the city. Three trucking companies provide service to West Liberty. CSX Transportation provides the nearest rail service at Paintsville, Kentucky, 42 miles southeast. Tri-State Regional Airport in Huntington, West Virginia, 64 miles northeast, provides the nearest commercial airline service. The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport maintains a 2,400-foot paved runway.

Power and Fuel – American Electric Power and Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation provide electric power to West Liberty and Morgan County. Elam Utility Company, which is supplied by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, provides natural gas to West Liberty.

Education – The Morgan County School System provides primary and secondary education to the residents of West Liberty and Morgan County. Ten institutions of higher learning are within 60 miles of West Liberty.

The nearest area technology center (ATC) providing secondary technical training is the Morgan County ATC in West Liberty. The nearest technical college providing postsecondary technical training is the Rowan County Technical College in Morehead, 25 miles northwest of West Liberty.

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 West Liberty labor market area includes Morgan County and the following additional counties: Elliott, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Menifee, Rowan, and Wolfe.

Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996*</u>	<u>1997*</u>
Labor Market Area	101,943	100,374	107,623	108,339
West Liberty	1,381	1,887	2,904	N/A
Morgan County	12,103	11,648	13,393	13,480

Notes: * Population estimates.

N/A: 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	114,207	123,291	129,663
Morgan County	13,692	14,094	14,311

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1997</u>			<u>Future Labor</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>	<u>Under-employed</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
Labor Market Area	14,165	3,946	2,579	7,640	8,425
Morgan County	1,456	458	323	676	1,009

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, 1997

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,903	43,067
Employed	4,444	39,121
Unemployed	458	3,946
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	9.2

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

Work Force Commuting Patterns (1990)

Workers commuting out of Morgan County	966
Workers commuting into Morgan County	506
Working and residing in Morgan County	2,460

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

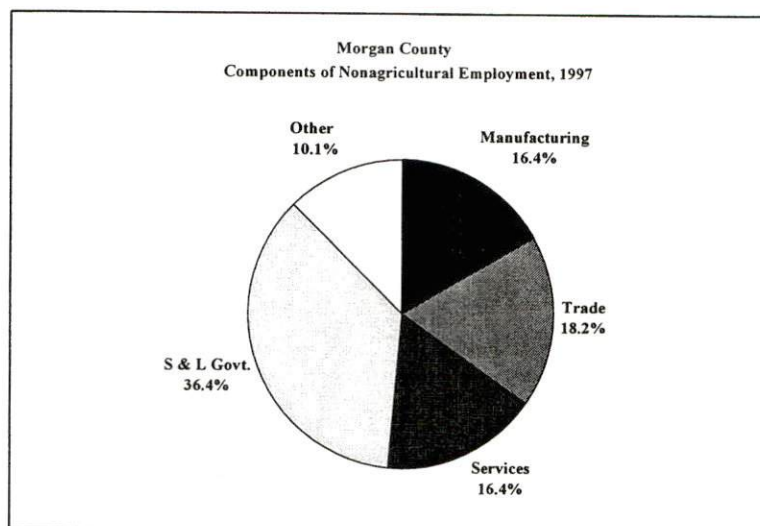
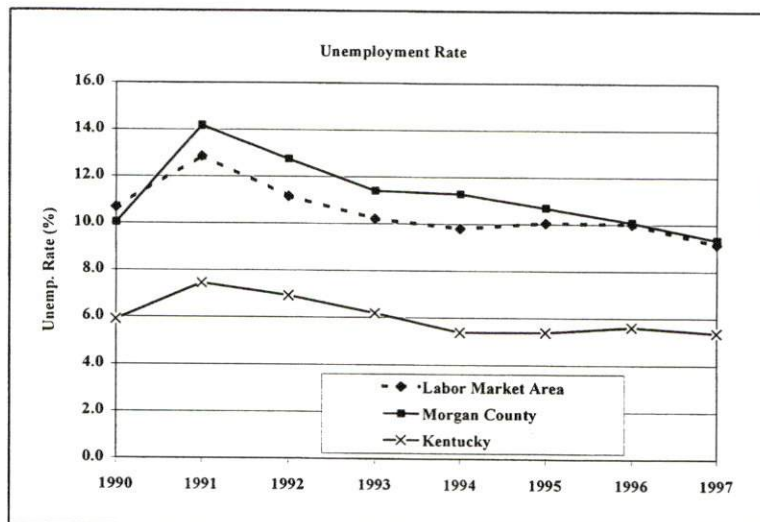
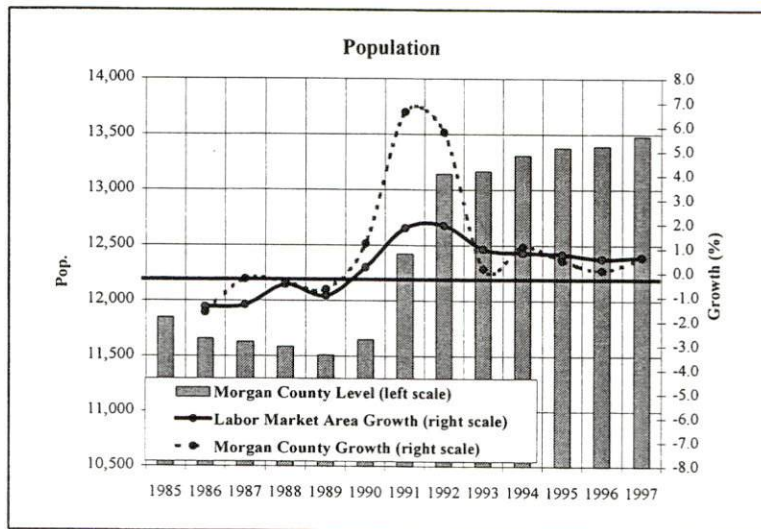
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	2,960	25,325
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	408
Contract Construction	120	1,000
Manufacturing	486	2,463
Transportation & Public Utilities	147	1,402
Wholesale & Retail Trade	538	6,559
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	81	695
Services	485	5,032
State & Local Government	1,077	7,273
Other	6	111

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>1992</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Percent Change (1992-1996)</u>
Morgan County	\$9,289	\$10,739	15.6
Labor Market Area Range	\$9,289 - \$12,710	\$9,735 - \$14,797	-
Kentucky	\$16,761	\$19,773	18.0
U. S.	\$20,631	\$24,436	18.4

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

Average Placement Wages

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services local office in Morehead serves Morgan County. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Morehead 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 that ended on June 30, 1998, the local employment office filled Morgan 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	2,067	5.91
Professional, Technical & Managerial	23	6.27
Clerical	154	5.24
Sales	87	4.65
Domestic	8	5.18
Services (excluding domestic)	589	5.16
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	3	5.67
Processing	186	7.06
Machine Trades	57	5.53
Bench Work	806	6.43
Structural	57	6.42
Motor Freight & Transportation	34	6.46
Packaging & Materials Handling	62	5.89
Other	1	6.00

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Morehead local office serves Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties.

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

Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$375.08	\$488.00	\$521.00	\$555.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	790.00	839.00	772.00
Contract Construction	375.08	516.00	561.00	544.00
Manufacturing	292.64	644.00	621.00	644.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	612.66	648.00	653.00	761.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	260.77	337.00	391.00	392.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	466.27	613.00	696.00	748.00
Services	389.96	440.00	495.00	580.00
State & Local Government	419.39	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	624.00	682.00	938.00	863.00
Services	452.00	486.00	575.00	547.00
State & Local Government	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

West Liberty Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Continental Metal Specialty	Plastic & metal subcontract assembling	220	1995
Courier Publishing Co.	Newspaper publishing, letterpress & offset printing	9	1910
Evans Signs & Silk Screening	Wooden, metal, plastic, electrical signs; textile screen printing	1	N/A
Fannin, Walter Sawmill	Rough cut lumber	6	1970
Frederick & May Lumber & Supply	Rough, finished, dimension, hardwood & grade lumber; fencing boards	90	1946
Lion Apparel, Inc.	Uniforms, rainwear, protective clothing & aprons	100	1984
Pikeville Ready Mix, Inc.	Ready-mixed concrete	35	N/A
Wells Ready Mix, Inc.	Ready-mixed concrete	20	1958

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.

Labor Organizations in Morgan County

There are currently no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in Morgan County.

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

Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of West 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
18	Morehead		X		X	X				
27	Means					X				
30	Grayson				X					
34	Prestonsburg								X	
34	Stanton					X				
40	Mount Sterling					X		X		
41	Clay City					X				
42	Allen								X	
47	Wurtland	X								
48	Ashland				X	X			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

U.S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Highways 7 and 519 directly serve West Liberty. Each is a AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Kentucky Highway 172, a AA-rated (60,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, also serves West Liberty.

The Mountain Parkway, a limited-access highway which links eastern Kentucky with central Kentucky and Lexington, is accessible via U.S. 460 and Kentucky 205, 14 miles south of West Liberty. Interstate Highway 64, a major east-west highway corridor, is accessible via Kentucky Highway 519, 26 miles northwest of West Liberty.

Highway Miles from West Liberty, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	403	Kansas City, MO	670
Baltimore, MD	484	Knoxville, TN	194
Birmingham, AL	448	Los Angeles, CA	2,248
Charleston, WV	120	Louisville, KY	161
Chicago, IL	454	Minneapolis, MN	866
Cincinnati, OH	166	Nashville, TN	302
Cleveland, OH	321	New Orleans, LA	792
Columbia, SC	404	New York, NY	651
Columbus, OH	177	Pittsburgh, PA	347
Dallas, TX	964	Raleigh, NC	394
Des Moines, IA	750	Richmond, VA	438
Detroit, MI	429	St. Louis, MO	421
Indianapolis, IN	273	Tallahassee, FL	674

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

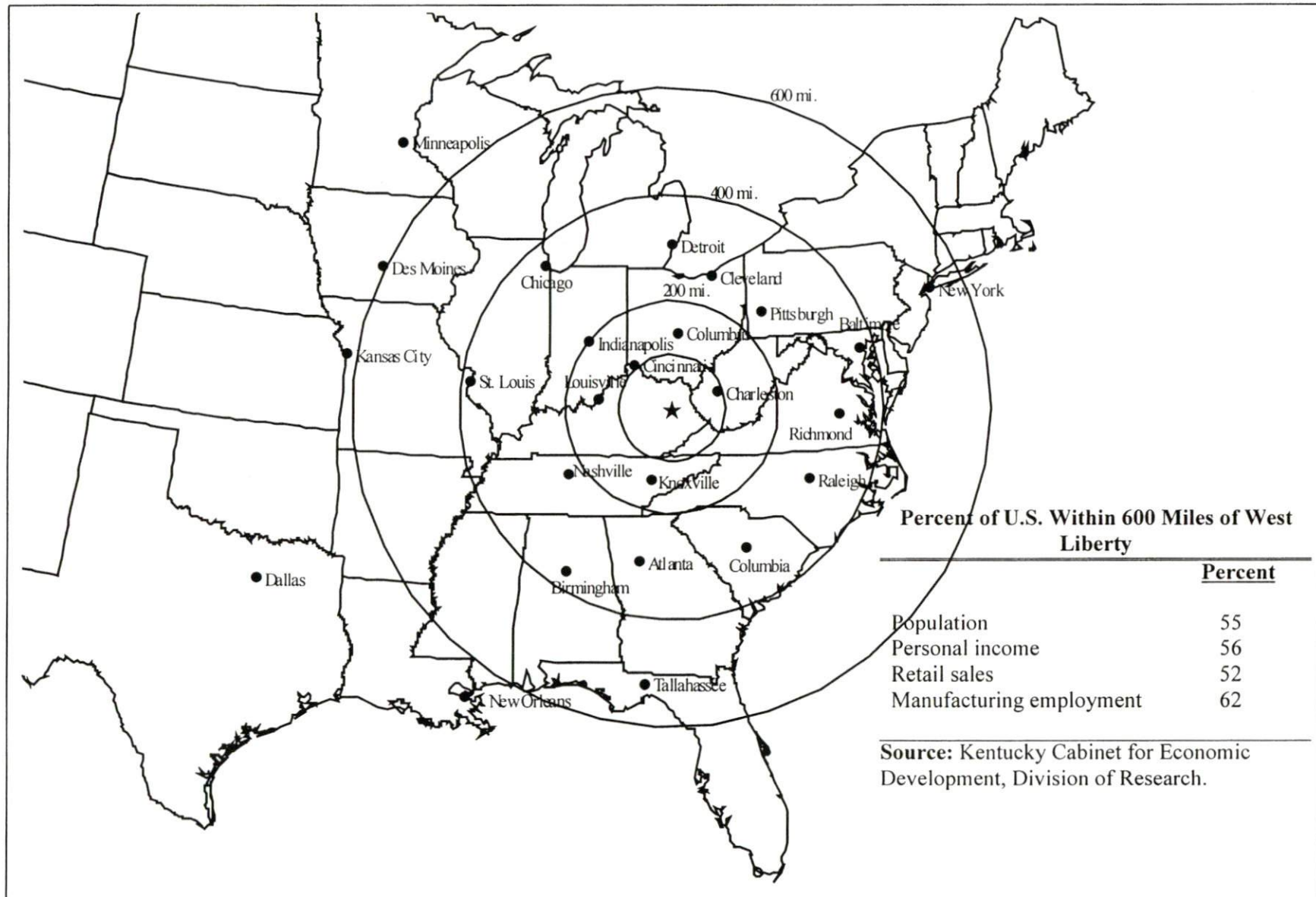
Source: AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

Truck Service

Four common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to West Liberty.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1999.

Selected Market Centers Map



Rail

CSX Transportation provides the nearest main line rail service at Paintsville, Kentucky, 41 miles southeast. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by Norfolk Southern Corporation at Georgetown, Kentucky, 102 miles west of West Liberty.

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

Local

Location:	West Liberty Airport
Runway length:	West Liberty, KY 2,400 feet (asphalt)
Phone:	None

Commercial/International

Location:	Tri-State Regional Airport Huntington, West Virginia 64 miles northeast of West Liberty
Air service:	Allegheny, CC Air, Comair, Delta Connection, USAir Express
Daily arrivals & departures:	44

Location:	Blue Grass Airport Lexington, Kentucky 95 miles west of West Liberty
Air service:	Comair, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest Airlink, TW Express, United Express, US Airways
Daily arrivals & departures:	192

Location:	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport Covington, Kentucky 122 miles northwest of West Liberty
Air service:	Air Trans, American, American Eagle, Comair, Continental, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest, Northwest Airlink, Skyway, Sunworld, SwissAir, TWA, United, US Airways, US Airways Express
Daily arrivals & departures:	1,060

UTILITIES

Electricity

Service area: **most of West Liberty and a small portion of southern Morgan County**
Company: 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, KY 41105-1428
(606) 327-1244

Service area: **small portion of West Liberty and majority of Morgan County**
Company: Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power: East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
271 Main Street
P.O. Box 605
West Liberty, KY 41472
(606) 743-3179

Natural Gas

Service area: **West Liberty**
Company: Elam Utility Company
Source of supply: Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation
For rates and supplies contact:

Elam Utility Company
459 Main Street
West Liberty, KY 41472
(606) 743-3695

Public Water Supply

Service area: **Morgan County (rural)**
Company: Morgan County Water District
450 Preston Street
West Liberty, KY 41472
(606) 743-1204

Treatment facilities information:
Source of raw water: Licking River
Average daily consumption: 71,839 gallons per day
Peak daily consumption: 85,000 gallons
Storage capacity: 190,000 gallons
Water pressure: 60 psi to 180 psi

Service area: **West Liberty**
Company: West Liberty Water Works
100 Keeton Heights
West Liberty, KY 41472
(606) 743-4335

Treatment facilities information:
Source of raw water: Cave Run Lake, Licking River
Treatment plant capacity: 1,080,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption: 795,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption: 1,080,000 gallons
Storage capacity: 1,800,000 gallons
Water pressure: 23 psi to 148 psi

Improvements: A waterline improvement project for the Hutchinson Road area is planned at an estimated cost of \$334,000.

Sewerage

Service area: **West Liberty**
Company: West Liberty Wastewater Treatment Plant
600 Wells Hill Lane
West Liberty, KY 41472
(606) 734-4129

Design capacity: 575,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow: 450,000 gallons per day
Type of treatment: Primary
Treated effluent discharged into: Licking River

CLIMATE

Morgan County

Temperature

Average (56-year record)	55.60 degrees
Average annual, 1996	54.40 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (36-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1994 (36-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,665
Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)	1,005

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall 30-year record)	25.70 inches
Total precipitation, 1996	50.01 inches
Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	139.70
Mean number days thunderstorms (34-year record)	41.30

<u>Prevailing Winds</u> (28-year record)	Southwest
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Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent
7 a.m.	83 percent
1 p.m.	58 percent
7 p.m.	61 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, 1996.
Station of record: Huntington, West Virginia.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

West Liberty 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. Morgan County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency – West Liberty Planning Commission

Zoning enforced – Within city only

Subdivision regulations enforced – Within city only

Local codes enforced – Building

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 West Liberty levies an annual business license fee of \$35, an unloading license fee of \$100 per year, and an annual auto sticker license fee of \$10.

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>			
Morgan County	0.2786	0.2905	0.2968
<u>Cities</u>			
West Liberty	0.1780	0.2460	0.1600
<u>School Districts</u>			
Morgan County School District	0.3980	0.4060	0.5330

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

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-1997

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u>	<u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u>
Morgan County	2,456	\$6,239	14.6 to 1

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

Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-1997

<u>County-wide</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>	<u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u>
Total High School Graduates	134	100.0
To College	60	44.8
To Vocational/Technical School	15	11.2
To Workforce	38	28.4
To Work & School	0	0.0
To Military	1	0.7
Other	20	14.9

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

Nonpublic Schools

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Faith Hills School	38	1-8

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

Colleges and Technical Schools

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of West Liberty

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
18	Morehead State University	Morehead	8,208
30	Kentucky Christian College (Private)	Grayson	547
34	Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	2,573
44	Alice Lloyd College (Private)	Pippa Passes	501
48	Ashland Community College	Ashland	2,271
50	Shawnee State University	Portsmouth, OH	3,505

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

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
51	Maysville Community College	Maysville	1,294
51	Ohio University, Ironton Campus	Ironton, OH	2,368
52	Pikeville College (Private)	Pikeville	830
59	Marshall University	Huntington, WV	11,066

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

Source: Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Technical Schools

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (1997-1998)</u>		
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	<u>Total</u>
19	Morgan County ATC	West Liberty	221	0	221
18	Rowan County Technical College	Morehead	99	417	516
24	Breathitt County ATC	Jackson	376	19	395
27	Mayo Technical College	Paintsville	95	861	956
34	Lee County ATC	Beattyville	429	21	450
38	Floyd County ATC (GARTH)	Martin	222	0	222
40	Montgomery County ATC	Mount Sterling	692	0	692
43	Knott County ATC	Hindman	612	12	624
44	Martin County ATC	Inez	245	0	245
46	Greenup County ATC	Greenup	620	0	620
48	Ashland Technical College	Ashland	0	670	670
48	Leslie County ATC	Hyden	641	15	656
49	Russell ATC	Russell	470	0	470
51	Mason County ATC	Maysville	185	33	218
54	Pike County ATC (Millard)	Millard	143	0	143
55	Clark County ATC	Winchester	207	2	209
56	Letcher County ATC	Whitesburg	499	60	559
57	Clay County ATC	Manchester	248	35	283

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 West 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 Rowan County Technical College (606) 783-1538.

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 West Liberty area is located at the Rowan County Technical College (606) 783-1538.

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 the West Liberty area, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the MSU-Licking Valley Center and the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. In West Liberty the Morgan County Area Technology Center offers tech-prep programs in auto body repair, drafting, health services, and welding technologies.

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 - 12

Dentists - 5

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital	West Liberty	45

Medical staff - Nine active staff physicians, 47 registered nurses (including home health), nine licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Lake Cumberland Home Health
Morgan County Ambulance Service
Morgan County Appalachian Regional
Hospital Home Health Agency
Morgan County Health Department
Morgan County Rescue Squad
Pathways, Inc. (mental health service)

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of the Mountains
Commercial Bank

Newspapers

Licking Valley Courier (weekly)

Telephone Service

Mountain Rural Telephone
Cooperative Corporation

Local Radio Station

WLKS AM/FM

RECREATION

West Liberty and Morgan County offer several public recreation opportunities for the entire family. Kiwanis Playground and Park features a swimming pool, five tennis courts, a basketball court, a picnic shelter and grill, and a playground. The Old Mill Park, located along the banks of the scenic Licking River, provides picnic areas and grills, walking areas, fishing, and canoeing. Index Hill Park also contains a picnic area. Three public ball fields and a soccer field are also available locally.

Pleasant Valley Country Club in West Liberty offers a nine-hole private golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and a clubhouse.

The former Morgan County High School building in West Liberty serves as a community center housing the Arts and Recreation Commission and Morgan County Government. The center offers a gym, playgrounds, and meeting rooms.

Morgan County's annual Sorghum Festival is held the last full weekend of September. The event includes arts and crafts exhibits, food booths, live music, and a parade.

The Patoker Branch Campground in Morgan County on the upper gorge of Paintsville Lake, offers guided canoe rentals, camping, a boat dock, and fishing. Magnificent "cliffs of paint" line the shore of the gorge and were heavily "painted" by the many Indian tribes that once lived there.

The northwestern portion of Morgan County is located within the Daniel Boone National Forest, which covers 640,000 acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

Cave Run Lake, constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is 19 miles northwest of West Liberty within the Daniel Boone National Forest. The lake has 8,270 surface acres and the area offers everything for the camper, boatsman, hiker, hunter, and fisherman.

Area (Within 50 miles)

Carter Caves State Resort Park
Grayson Lake State Park
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Morehead State University
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Paintsville Lake State Park
Red River Gorge Area
Yatesville Lake State Park

APPENDIX - 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 Example – Logan County

<u>Adjacent to Logan</u>	<u>Commuter County</u>	<u>Commuters into Logan</u>	<u>Percent of Total Commuters</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
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>		1,576	100.0	

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.