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HAZARD, KENTUCKY

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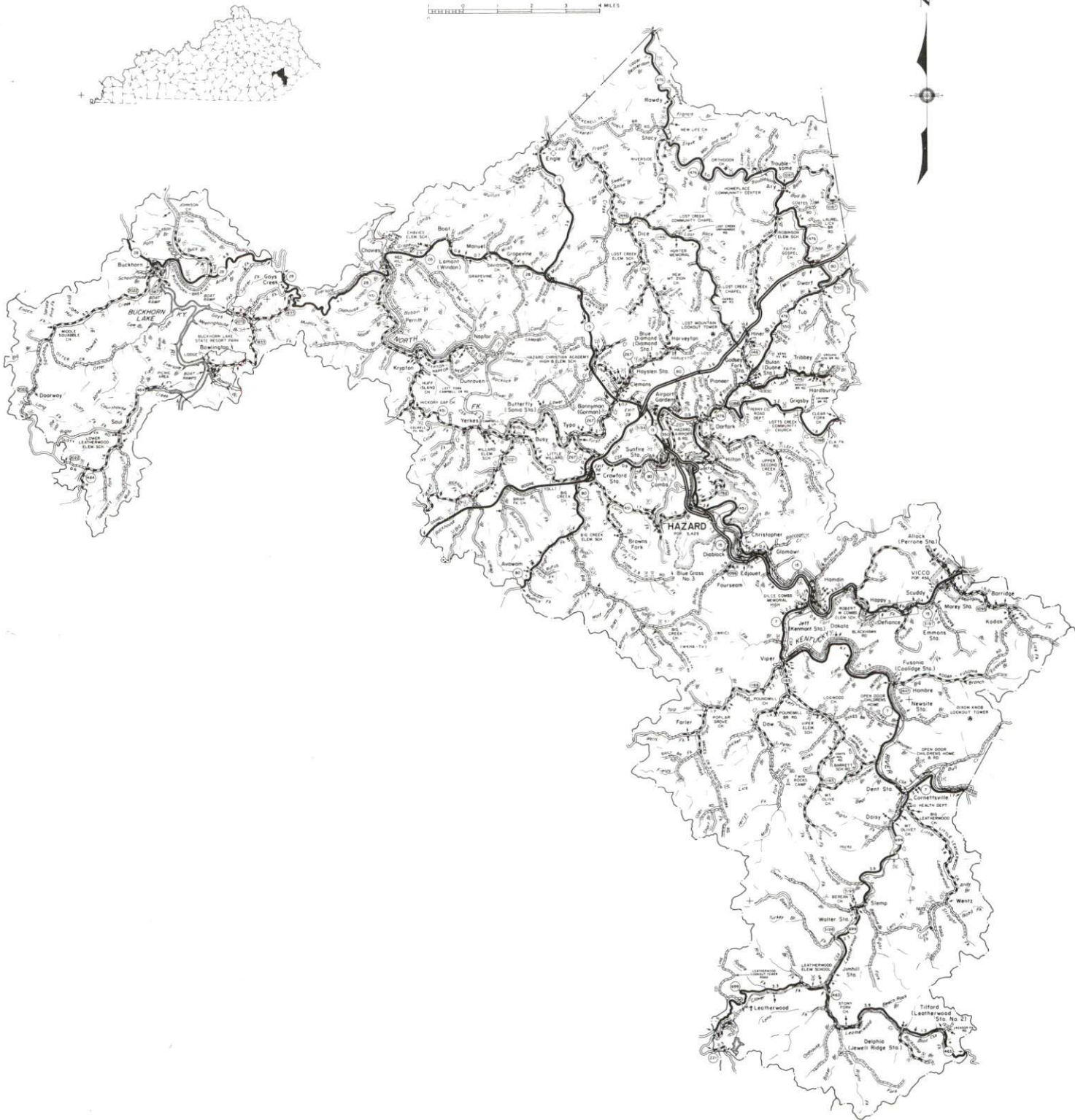
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
PERRY COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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HAZARD, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Hazard, the county seat of Perry County, is located in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. Hazard is located 117 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 140 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee; 190 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 187 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1990, Hazard had a population of 5,416.

Perry County, with a land area of 342 square miles, is made up of ridges and valleys occupying about equal portions of the landscape. In 1990, Perry County had a population of 30,283.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Perry County residents employed in 1991 averaged 9,688. In 1990, manufacturing firms in the county reported 184 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,550 jobs; 1,802 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,813 employees; and 2,309 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

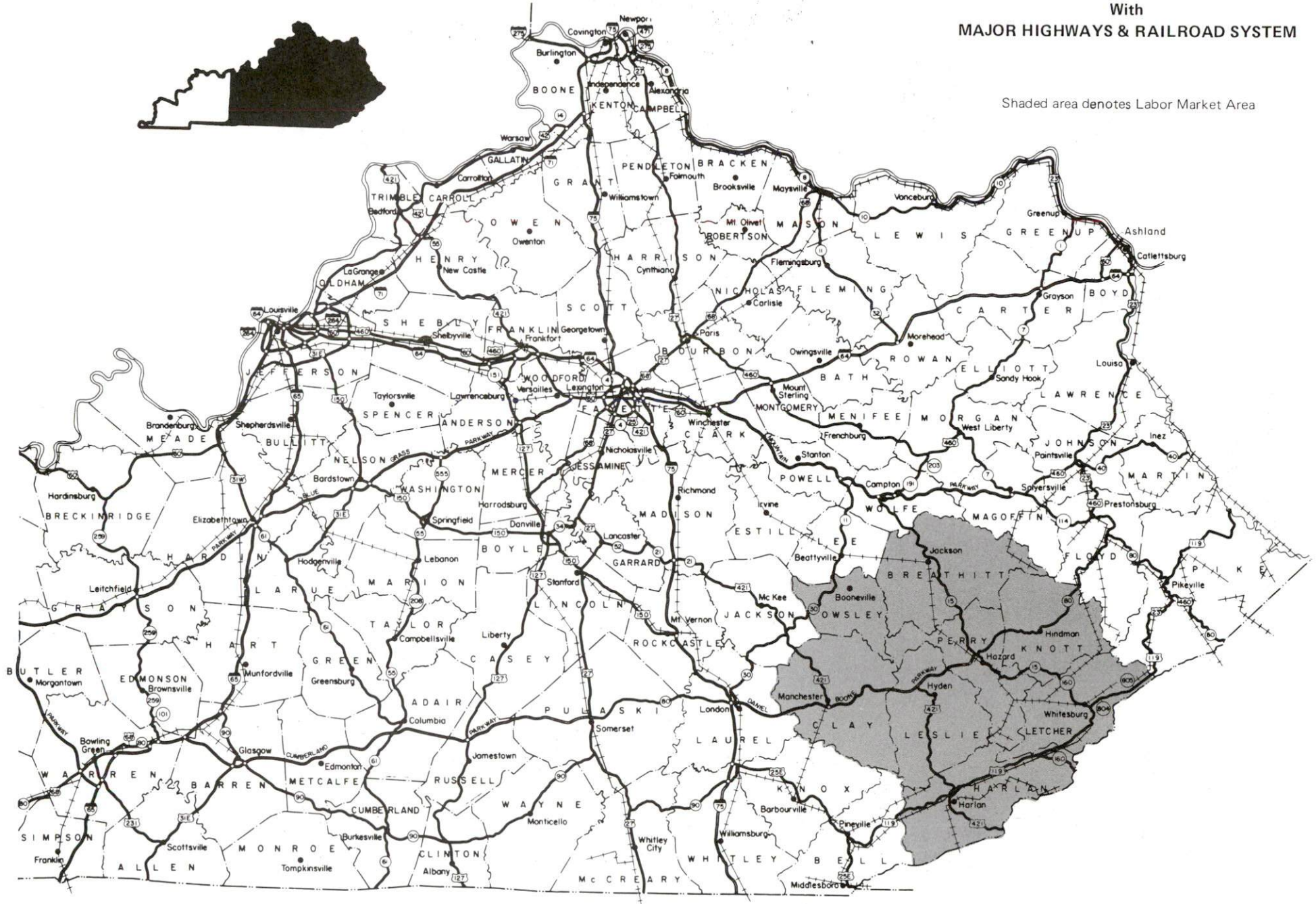
Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 46,046 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 15,117 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Major highways directly serving Hazard include Kentucky Highways 15, 80 and 476, all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Two interchanges of the Daniel Boone Parkway are located within five miles of Hazard. Fourteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hazard. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hazard. The East Kentucky Regional Airport, 15 miles north of Hazard, maintains a 4,000-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline services are located at Bluegrass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 121 miles northwest; and at Tri-State Field near Huntington, West Virginia, 121 miles northeast of Hazard.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Hazard and Perry County by the Kentucky Power Company. City of Hazard Gas Company provides natural gas service to Hazard.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Hazard Independent School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Perry County School System. Hazard Community College offers degrees in Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Nursing, and Associate in Radiography. In addition, seven other colleges are located within 70 miles of Hazard. Vocational training is available locally at the Hazard State Vocational-Technical School. Three area vocational centers are also located within 35 miles of Hazard.

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Hazard Labor Market Area includes Perry County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Breathitt, Clay, Harlan, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, and Owsley.

POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	167,890	184,626	150,840
Hazard	5,416	5,371	5,459
Perry County	30,283	33,763	26,259

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	159,121	150,521	138,268	127,879
Perry County	28,260	26,310	23,495	21,064

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>				<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996</u>
Labor Market Area*	46,046	4,918	6,638	34,490	15,117
Perry County	8,167	995	1,218	5,954	2,765

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

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

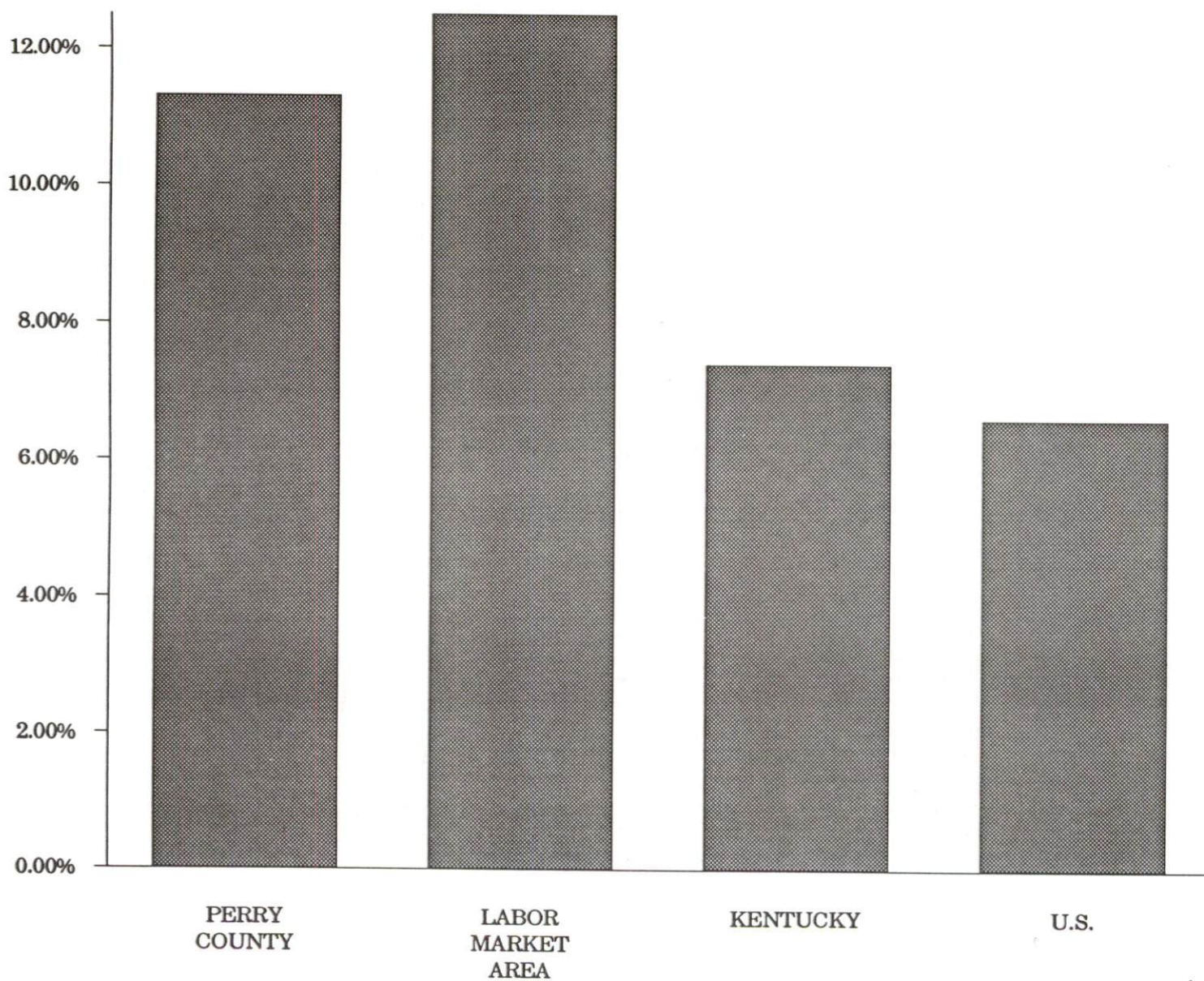
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1991

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	10,920	53,735
Employment	9,688	47,014
Unemployment	1,232	6,721
Rate of Unemployment (%)	11.3	12.5

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1991.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1991

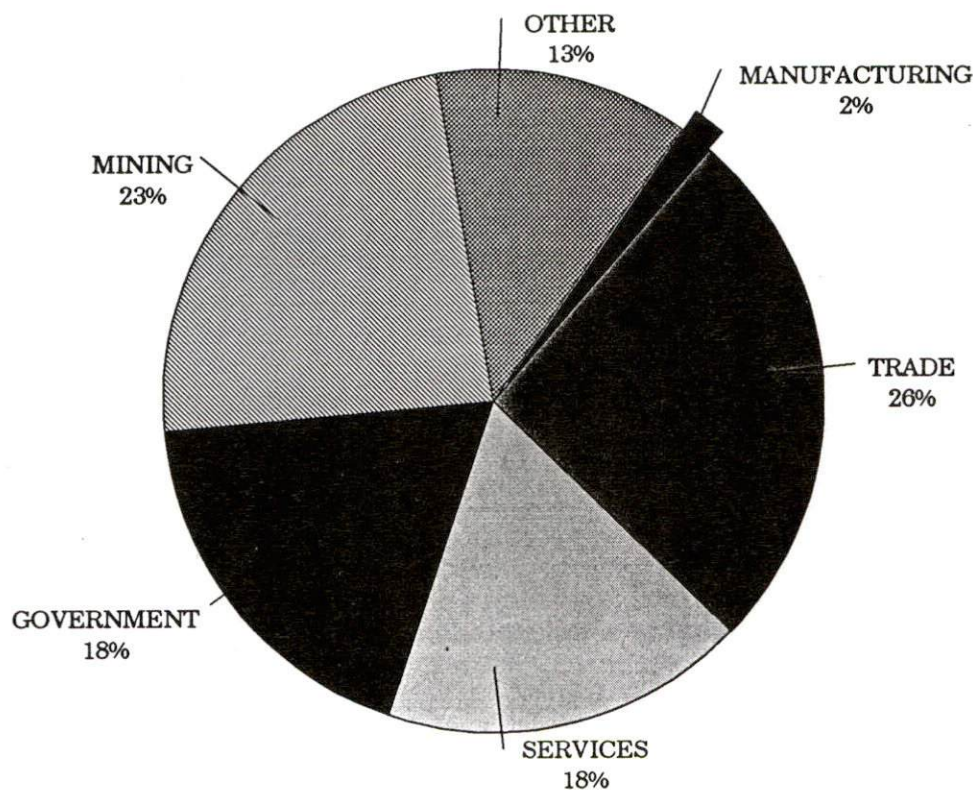


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990

	Perry County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	9,876	39,611
Manufacturing	184	1,099
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,550	8,650
Services	1,802	6,521
State/Local Government	1,813	8,024
Mining & Quarrying	2,309	11,132

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, 1990.

PERRY COUNTY

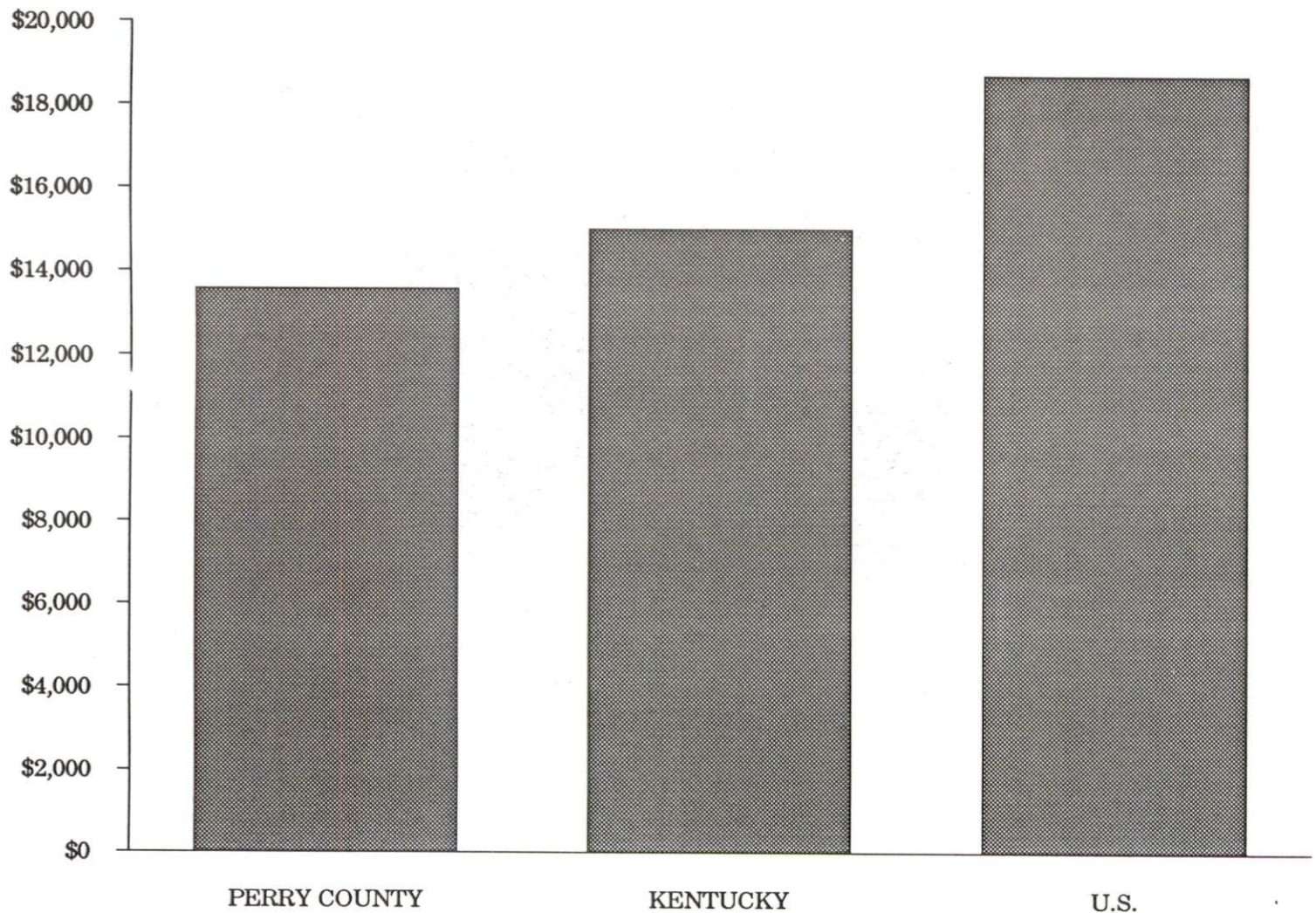


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1986	1990	Percent Change
Perry County	\$9,584	\$13,563	41.5
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,275 - \$9,584	\$8,551 - \$13,563	-
Kentucky	\$11,273	\$14,992	33.0
U.S.	\$14,654	\$18,696	27.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1992.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1990



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

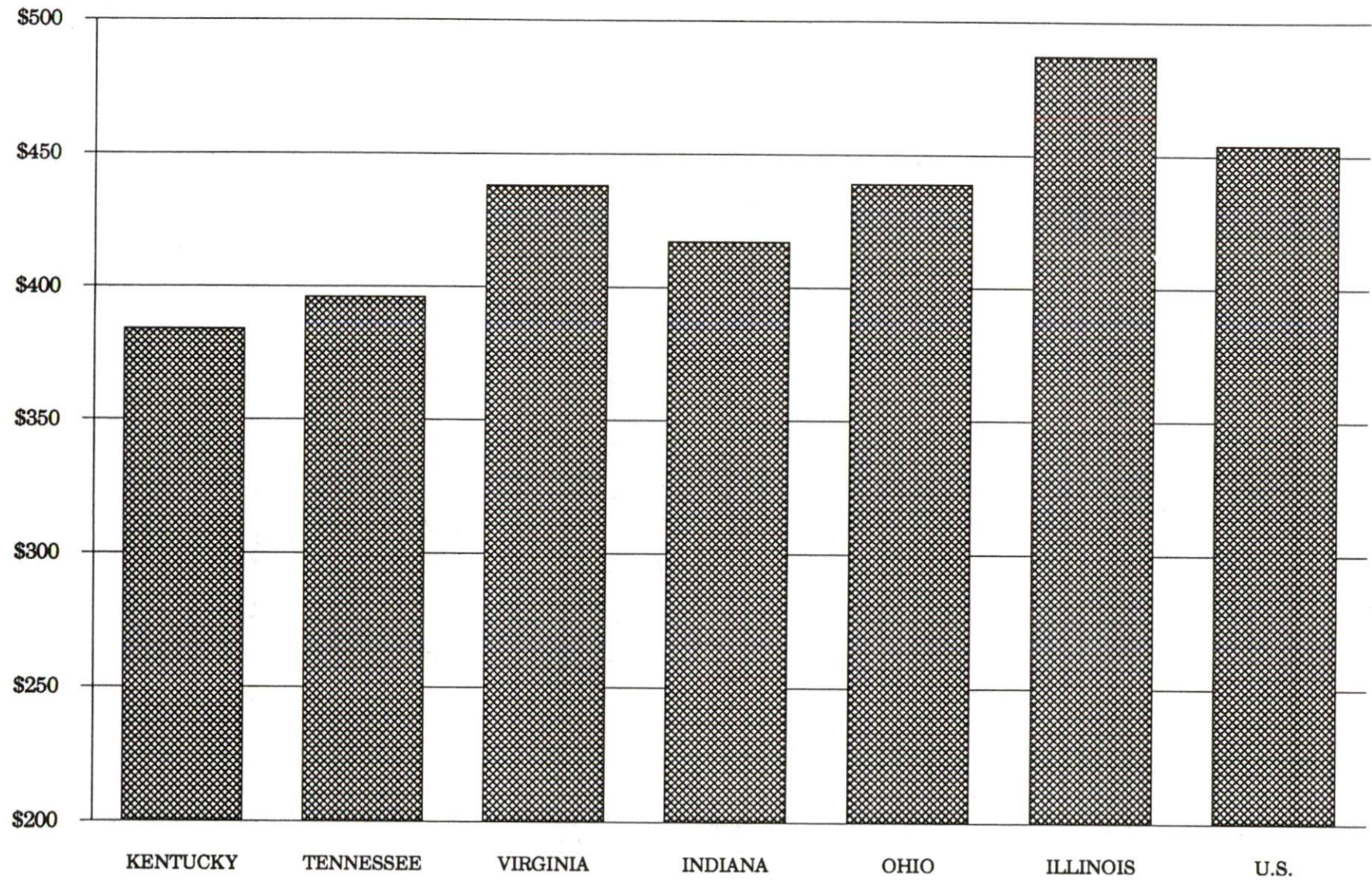
Perry County is served by the Hazard local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 1,392 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	1,392	4.02
Clerical	483	3.73
Sales	54	4.02
Services (excluding domestic)	483	3.35
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	5	3.75
Processing	12	5.54
Machine Trades	29	4.42
Bench Work	2	5.53
Structural	161	5.35
Motor Freight/ Transportation	42	4.96
Packaging and Materials Handling	46	3.66
Other	33	8.75

The Hazard local office also serves Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, 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 - 1990



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990*

	Perry County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$413.34	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	678.71	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	299.10	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	468.78	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	454.56	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	260.19	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	421.07	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	359.96	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	333.97	392.28	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$417.00	\$439.00	\$487.00	\$454.00
Mining & Quarrying	746.00	619.00	747.00	714.00
Contract Construction	475.00	504.00	624.00	503.00
Manufacturing	561.00	595.00	590.00	555.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	519.00	553.00	610.00	578.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442.00	478.00	619.00	571.00
Services	349.00	382.00	444.00	423.00
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, 1990. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1990, November 1991.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

PERRY COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Hazard		
East Kentucky Beverage Company (1942)	Soft drinks	41
Graphic Arts Press, Inc. (1973)	Commercial printing	4
Home Lumber Company (1914)	Millwork, ready-mixed concrete, cabinets	30
Kentucky Welding Supply, Inc. (1983)	Equipment assembly, welding	7
Mountain Crystal Water (1989)	Bottled water	4
Mountain Enterprises, Inc. (1984)	Asphalt	5
Solid Craft (1989)	Aluminum boats	4
Jeff		
A & T Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1972)	Conveyor belt systems, fabricated structural steel, preparation crushing and coal loading equipment	120

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	East Kentucky Beverage Company

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Hazard</u>
Custom Data Processing	Prestonsburg	50
Custom Plastics Producers	Mt. Vernon	83
Electric Motor Repair	Hazard	-
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Hazard	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond	112
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Hazard	-
Industrial Gases	Hazard	-
Industrial Waste Removal	Corbin	76
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Hazard	-
Metal Castings	Middlesboro	102
Metal Finishers	Richmond	112
Metal Service Centers	Hazard	-
Millwrights	Stanton	74
Public Warehouse Facilities	Lexington	118
	Danville	119

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; Business and Industry Technical Assistance Center of Hazard Community College.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Hazard is served directly by Kentucky Highways 15, 80, and 476, all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Kentucky 80 is four lanes from Hazard to Pikeville. Interchanges with the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, are located four miles north and five miles west of Hazard.

The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 53 miles north of Hazard via Kentucky 15. Interstate 75, a major north-south multi-lane highway, is located 61 miles west of Hazard via the Daniel Boone Parkway.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM HAZARD, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	335	Los Angeles, CA	2,252
Baltimore, MD	493	Louisville, KY	190
Birmingham, AL	381	Nashville, TN	254
Chicago, IL	459	New Orleans, LA	721
Cincinnati, OH	187	New York, NY	694
Cleveland, OH	379	Pittsburgh, PA	363
Detroit, MI	420	St. Louis, MO	449
Knoxville, TN	140		

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

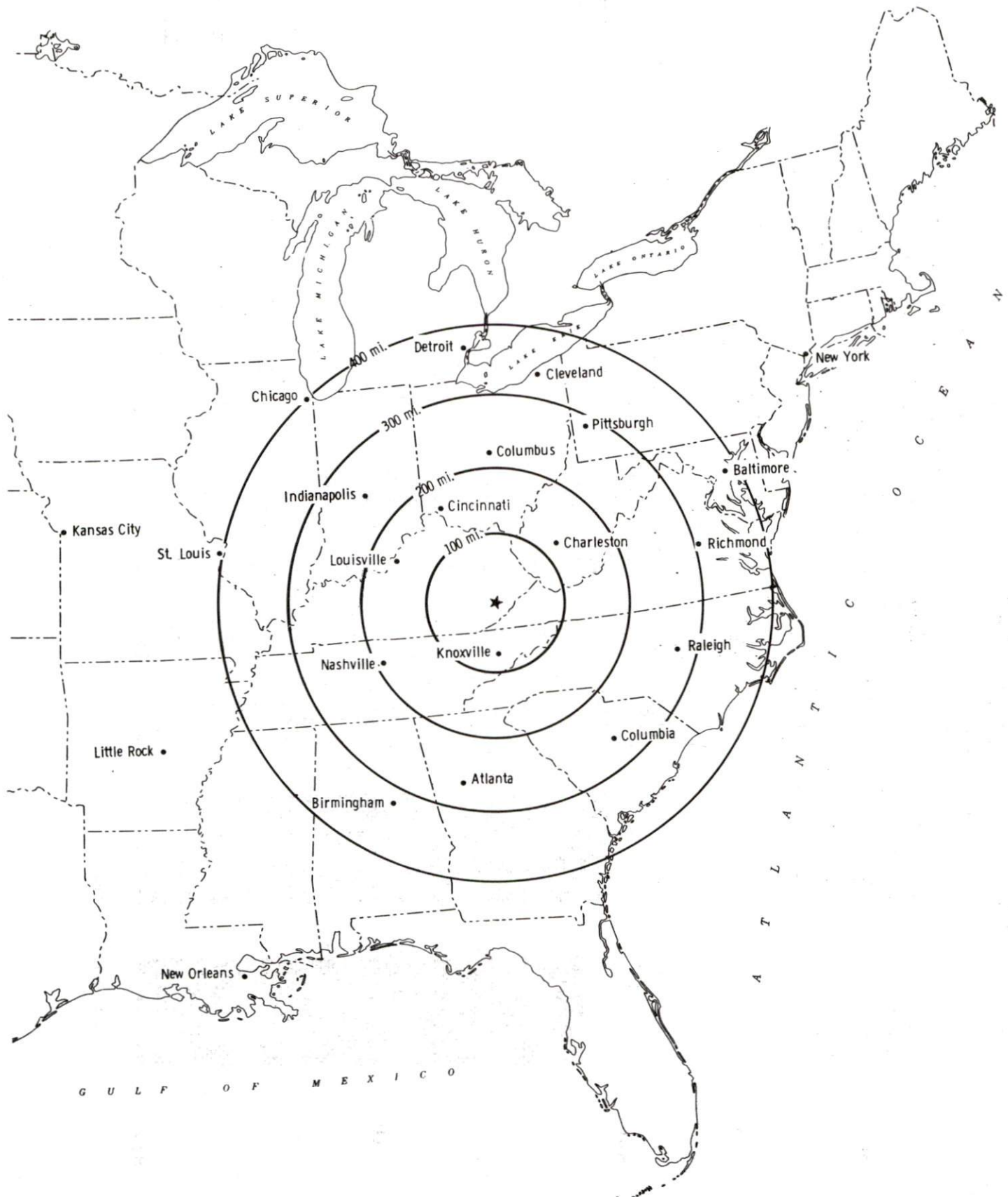
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1992.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hazard. It also provides the nearest intermodal facilities in Kingsport, Tennessee, 94 miles southeast of Hazard.

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:	East Kentucky Regional Airport 15 miles north of Hazard
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	4,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, unicom 122.7, VOR-DME
Lighting:	Runway lights, rotating beacon
Services:	100LL, jet-A fuel, courtesy car, tie-downs

The East Kentucky Regional Airport is planning to extend its existing runway to 5,000 feet, construct a maintenance hangar and fixed-based operator building, and install an ILS landing system. The \$9 million project will reach completion in 1994. Scheduled commuter flights will be offered as a result of this expansion.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Bluegrass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 121 miles northwest of Hazard
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle, ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Northwest Airlin, Henson Airlines
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120

Location:	Tri-State Field (Walker-Long Field) 3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 121 miles northeast of Hazard
Air Service:	ComAir, USAir, C.C. Air, United Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	48

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Hazard and Perry County - Kentucky Power Company
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company
For industrial rates contact:

Marketing and Customer Service Department
Kentucky Power Company
1701 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 1428
Ashland, Kentucky 41101
(606) 327-1244

Natural Gas

Company serving Hazard - City of Hazard Gas Company
Source of supply - Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company,
municipally-owned wells, and local private suppliers
For rates and supplies contact:

City of Hazard Gas Company
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
(606) 436-3171

Public Water Supply

Company serving Hazard - City of Hazard, Water Department
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41702
(606) 436-3171

Source - North Fork of Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity - 4,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 2,000,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 2,200,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 11,000,000 gallons
Water pressure - 80 psi to 100 psi

The City of Hazard Water Department is in the process of renovating its water distribution system and treatment plant.

Sewerage

Company serving Hazard - City of Hazard, Sewer Department
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41702
(606) 436-3171

Design capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 900,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of Kentucky River

CLIMATE

Perry County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	55.90 degrees
Average annual 1990	58.20 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (45-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (45 year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record)	4,356
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	41.24 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	16.20 inches
Total precipitation 1990	44.36 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (45-year record)	133.20
Mean number days thunderstorms (47-year record)	43.10

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

Relative Humidity (29-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, 1990. Station of record: Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Hazard is served by a mayor, four council members, and a city manager. Perry County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Hazard Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

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

Local Fees and Licenses

The City of Hazard levies an occupational license fee of \$50 plus 1% of net profits and 1% of gross wages of individuals employed within the corporate limits.

PROPERTY TAXES

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside of city limits may also be subject to city property taxes.

Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1991 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.187	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, 1991

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Perry County	\$0.1990	\$0.2256	\$0.2365
School Districts:			
Hazard Independent	0.4330	0.4330	0.4520
Perry County	0.4700	0.4700	0.3500
Cities:			
Hazard	0.3550	0.3550	0.3550

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Hazard Independent	Perry County
Total Enrollment Fall, 1991)	1,343	5,653
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	18-1	18.3-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	66.2	50.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$2,909.83	\$3,132.98

The Hazard Independent School System plans several projects including construction of a four-classroom addition at Walkertown Primary School, development of a community playground adjacent to the middle school, and construction of the Family Resource Youth Service Center.

The Perry County School System is in the process of constructing Perry Central High School. The 1,500-student complex will consolidate two existing high schools in the system. Facilities will include 50 classrooms, an auditorium, a library, a chemistry and physics lab, and a gymnasium. The \$16 million project is scheduled for completion by Fall 1994.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Hazard Christian Academy	38	K-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1991)</u>
Hazard Community College	Hazard	1,429
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes (31)	548
Lees College	Jackson (32)	425
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg (50)	2,863
Southeast Community College	Cumberland (55)	2,250
Sue Bennett College	London (59)	454
Union College	Barbourville (64)	945
Pikeville College	Pikeville (69)	941

Hazard Community College

The Hazard Community College is one of fourteen community colleges in the University of Kentucky Community College System. Hazard Community College offers the first two years of most four-year degree programs offered by the University of Kentucky or other four-year colleges and universities. Degrees offered by the Hazard Community College include the Associate in Arts, the Associate in Science, the Associate in Applied Science, the Associate in Nursing, and the Associate in Radiography. Courses leading to bachelors and masters degree are periodically offered by the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and Union College.

Hazard Community College provides as a special service the Business and Industry Technical Assistance Center (BITAC). The formation of this center, to assist area business and industry in the education process, is an example of the college's commitment to the economic development of the region. The Center conducts entrepreneurial training and retraining for dislocated workers in the eight-county area. BITAC in Hazard serves as a model for other similar programs at Kentucky community colleges.

Vocational Training

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is the primary source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1990-1991</u>
Hazard State Vocational-Technical School	Hazard	793
Leslie County Area Vocational Education Center	Hyden (21)	377
Knott County Area Vocational Education Center	Hindman (22)	225
Breathitt County Area Vocational Education Center	Jackson (32)	416

Hazard State Vocational-Technical School recently initiated construction of a 42,000-square-foot technical annex building. The facility will house state-of-the-art programs in electricity, electronics, drafting, civil highway engineering and technology, computers, and heating and air conditioning. The \$4.5 million project is scheduled for completion by January 1993.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 49
Dentists - 12

Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
ARH Regional Medical Center	Hazard	208

Medical staff - 42 physicians, 135 registered nurses, 86 licensed practical nurses

A 100-bed ARH psychiatric hospital is under construction in Hazard adjacent to the ARH Regional Medical Center. The project is scheduled for completion in April 1993.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health
Added Hours Treatment Center
Hazard-Perry County Community Hospice
Kentucky River Community Care, Inc.
Kentucky River District Health Department
Perry County Health Department
Vicco Treatment Center
Perry County Ambulance Authority

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Citizens Bank and Trust
First Federal Savings and Loan Association
Peoples Bank and Trust Company

Newspapers

The Hazard Times (weekly)
The Herald Voice (weekly)
Perry County News (weekly)

Telephone Service

General Telephone Company

Television Stations

WYMT-Channel 57

RECREATION

Local

Hazard offers a variety of public recreation facilities which includes three city parks with a basketball court, seven tennis courts, an amphitheatre, a picnic shelter, two playgrounds, a nine-hole golf course, two volleyball courts, a horseshoe court, and a boat ramp on the North Fork of Kentucky River.

Perry County Park features a swimming pool, four picnic shelters, four ball fields, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a walking track, mini-golf, a playground, a horse show ring, and a senior citizens center.

The Hazard Pavilion, located in the heart of Hazard, is a multi-purpose complex which contains an olympic-size swimming pool, an indoor track, basketball/volleyball courts, two tennis courts, racquetball courts, an aerobics room, locker rooms, and a kitchen.

A private country club in Perry County maintains a nine-hole golf course and a swimming pool.

The Black Gold Festival, held the third weekend in September, is dedicated to the coal industry, one of Kentucky's major resources. Events held during the festival include a tobacco spitting contest; canoe and raft race; car raffle; 10,000 meter marathon; powder shoot; style show; parade; coal truck competition; square dancing; window decorating contest; horseshoe contest; continuous country, rock, and gospel music; old-fashioned dressup day; the Miss Black Gold Festival Pageant; arts and crafts exhibits; and food booths. The festival annually attracts nearly 100,000 visitors.

Hazard Community College provides many entertainment opportunities which include the Community Concert Series, Civic Chorus, Civic Theater, the Summer Playhouse, and its annual performances of "Harmony in the Mountains".

Hazard Community College is planning the construction of the Student, Performing Arts and Regional Conference Center (SPARCC). The \$15 million complex will feature a 1,000-seat state-of-the-art convocation hall, a second smaller auditorium, a student activities center, student dining facilities, an exhibit hall and art gallery, general and specialized classrooms, and a full-service bookstore.

The Hazard-Perry County Museum contains artifacts and photographs depicting the area's heritage from the late nineteenth century through World War II.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Carr Fork Lake
Daniel Boone National Forest
Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Kingdom Come State Park
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Jefferson National Forest

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Hazard re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1991, and is distinguished as a gold award winner recognizing nine consecutive years of certification. Re-certification is based on achievement in the following areas: existing industry assistance, small business assistance, educational resources, and community development factors of health care, public safety, arts and culture, recreation, governmental awareness and resources. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Recent

Recent improvements at Perry County Park include: four ball fields, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a walking track, a mini-golf course, a senior citizens center, and two picnic shelters.

The Black Gold Mall was recently constructed in the Jack Lot Hollow area of Hazard. The \$35 million shopping complex contains 226,000 square feet of retail space for three anchor stores and a number of specialty shops.

The Area Health Education Centers are a collaborative effort of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. The SE AHEC, which opened in 1991 in Hazard, provides clinical rotations for medical and allied health students away from the main university medical centers. In addition, the SE AHEC personnel assist in the recruitment and retention of health professionals in the areas of need; conduct health manpower needs assessments and disseminate information; maintain a medical library/learning resource center for use by local professionals, residents and students in the area as well as those in the area on rotation; and provide continuing education programs at the local and regional level.

Under Way

The City of Hazard Water Department is in the process of renovating its water distribution system and treatment plant.

The Perry County School System is in the process of constructing Perry Central High School. The 1,500-student complex will consolidate two existing high schools in the system. Facilities will include 50 classrooms, an auditorium, a library, a chemistry and physics lab, and a gymnasium. The \$16 million project is scheduled for completion by Fall 1994.

Hazard State Vocational-Technical School recently initiated construction of a 42,000-square-foot technical annex building. The facility will house state-of-the-art programs in electricity, electronics, drafting, civil highway engineering and technology, computers, and heating and air conditioning. The \$4.5 million project is scheduled for completion by January 1993.

A 100-bed ARH psychiatric hospital is under construction in Hazard adjacent to the ARH Regional Medical Center. The project is scheduled for completion in April 1993.

Planned

The East Kentucky Regional Airport is planning to extend its existing runway to 5,000 feet, construct a maintenance hangar and fixed-base operator building, and install an ILS landing system. The \$9 million project will reach completion in 1994. Scheduled commuter flights will be offered as a result of this expansion.

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The Hazard Independent School System plans several projects including construction of a four-classroom addition at Walkertown Primary School, development of a community playground adjacent to the middle school, and construction of the Family Resource Youth Service Center.