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# Middlesboro & Pineville



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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY

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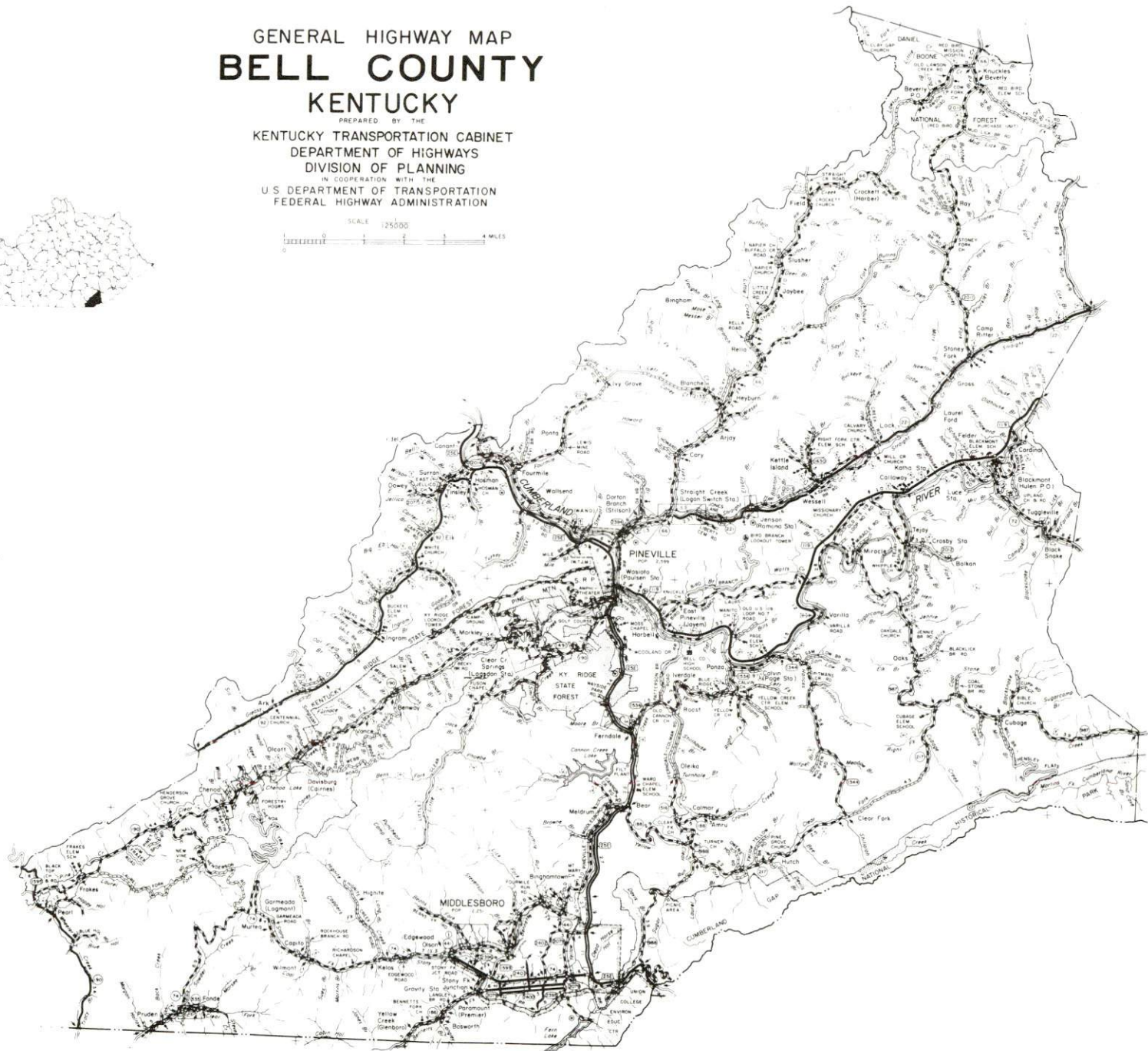
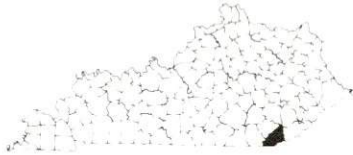
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**BELL COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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## MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Middlesboro, Bell County's largest city, had a 1990 population of 11,328. Located in the southeastern corner of the state, Middlesboro is only a few miles from the Tennessee and Virginia state lines. Middlesboro is located 61 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 129 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 205 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 255 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia.

Pineville is the county seat of Bell County and is located 13 miles north of Middlesboro. In 1990, Pineville had a population of 2,198.

Bell County covers 360 square miles and is situated in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky. In 1990, Bell County had a population of 31,506. Both the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park and the Pine Mountain State Resort Park are located within Bell County's boundaries, making it the only county in Kentucky to contain both a national park and a state park.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Bell County residents employed in 1992 averaged 8,595. In 1991, manufacturing firms in the county reported 941 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,546 jobs; 1,775 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,582 employees; and 1,107 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 34,048 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1993 through 1997, 14,137 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Middlesboro is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 58, and Kentucky Highway 74. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, and Kentucky Highways 221 and 66. Interstate 75 is accessible 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro and 35 miles northwest of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is located 54 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 67 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Fifteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Middlesboro while thirteen trucking companies serve Pineville. The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport is equipped with a 3,650-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled airline service is available in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the McGhee Tyson Airport, 71 miles south of Middlesboro. Rail service is provided to Middlesboro and Pineville by the CSX Transportation Company. Middlesboro is also served by the Norfolk Southern Railway.

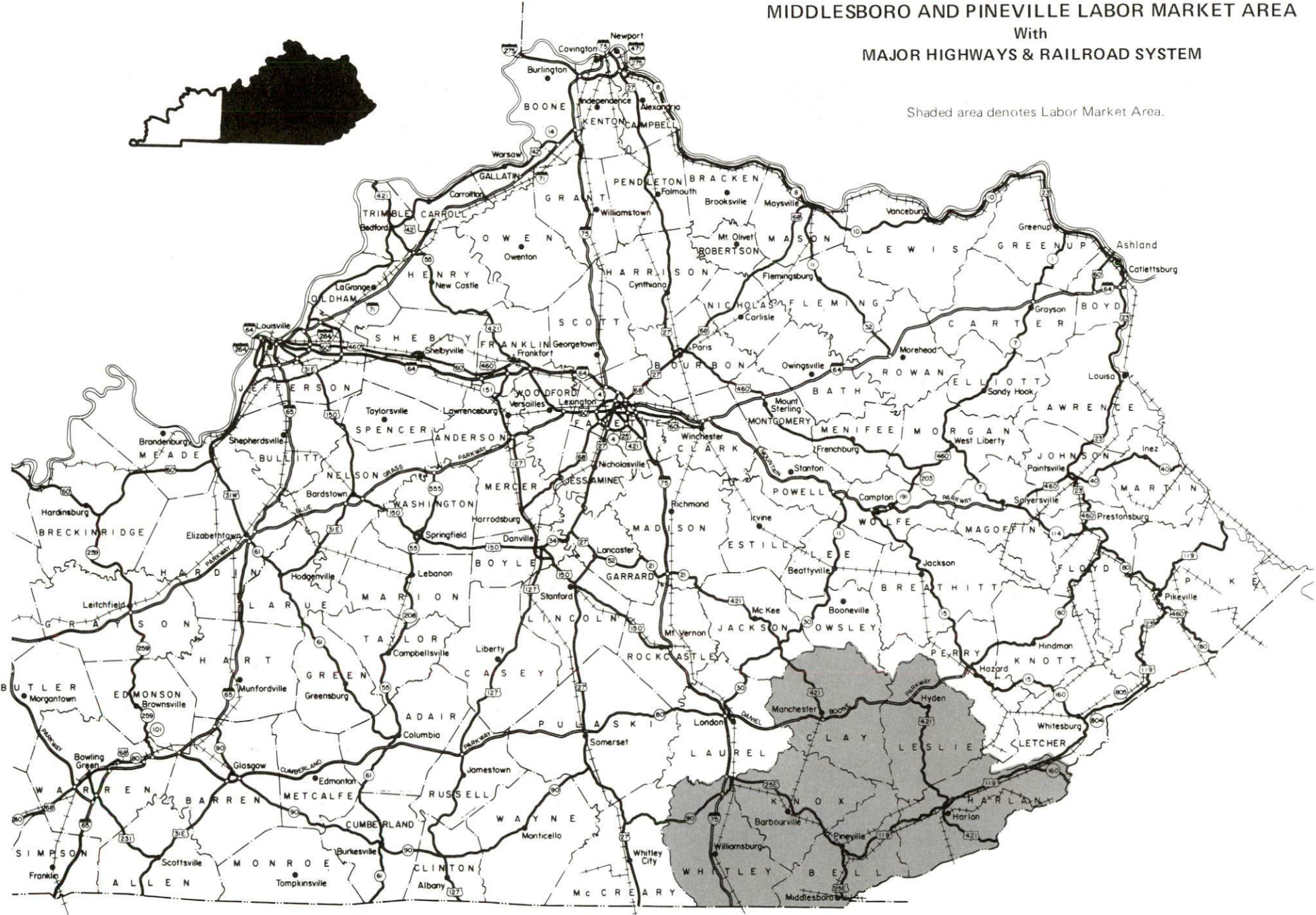
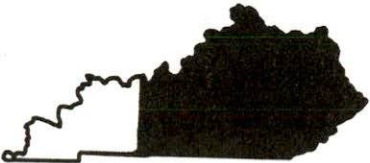
**Power and Fuel** - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Middlesboro, Pineville and Bell County. Natural gas service is provided to both Middlesboro and Pineville by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

**Education** - Three public school systems operate in Bell County: the Middlesboro Independent School System, the Pineville Independent School System, and the Bell County School System. Two non-public schools are available in Middlesboro. Twelve institutions of higher learning are located within 100 miles of Middlesboro. Vocational education is available at two vocational education centers located in Pineville - the Bell County Area Vocational Education Center and the Cumberland Valley Health Occupations Center. Harlan State Vocational-Technical School provides post-secondary vocational training in Harlan, Kentucky, 46 miles northeast of Middlesboro.



MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA  
With  
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Middlesboro/Pineville Labor Market Area includes Bell County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, and Whitley. Additional workers may be drawn from nearby counties in Tennessee and Virginia.

### POPULATION

	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	166,470	177,488	146,429
Middlesboro	11,328	12,251	11,878
Pineville	2,198	2,599	2,817
Bell County	31,506	34,330	31,121

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

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	1995	2000	2010	2020
Labor Market Area	166,318	165,559	164,324	161,794
Bell County	31,207	30,751	29,853	28,798

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

### ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	Current			Future
	Total	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1993 thru 1997
Labor Market Area*	34,048	5,472	28,576	14,137
Bell County	6,749	1,087	5,662	2,550

\* 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.

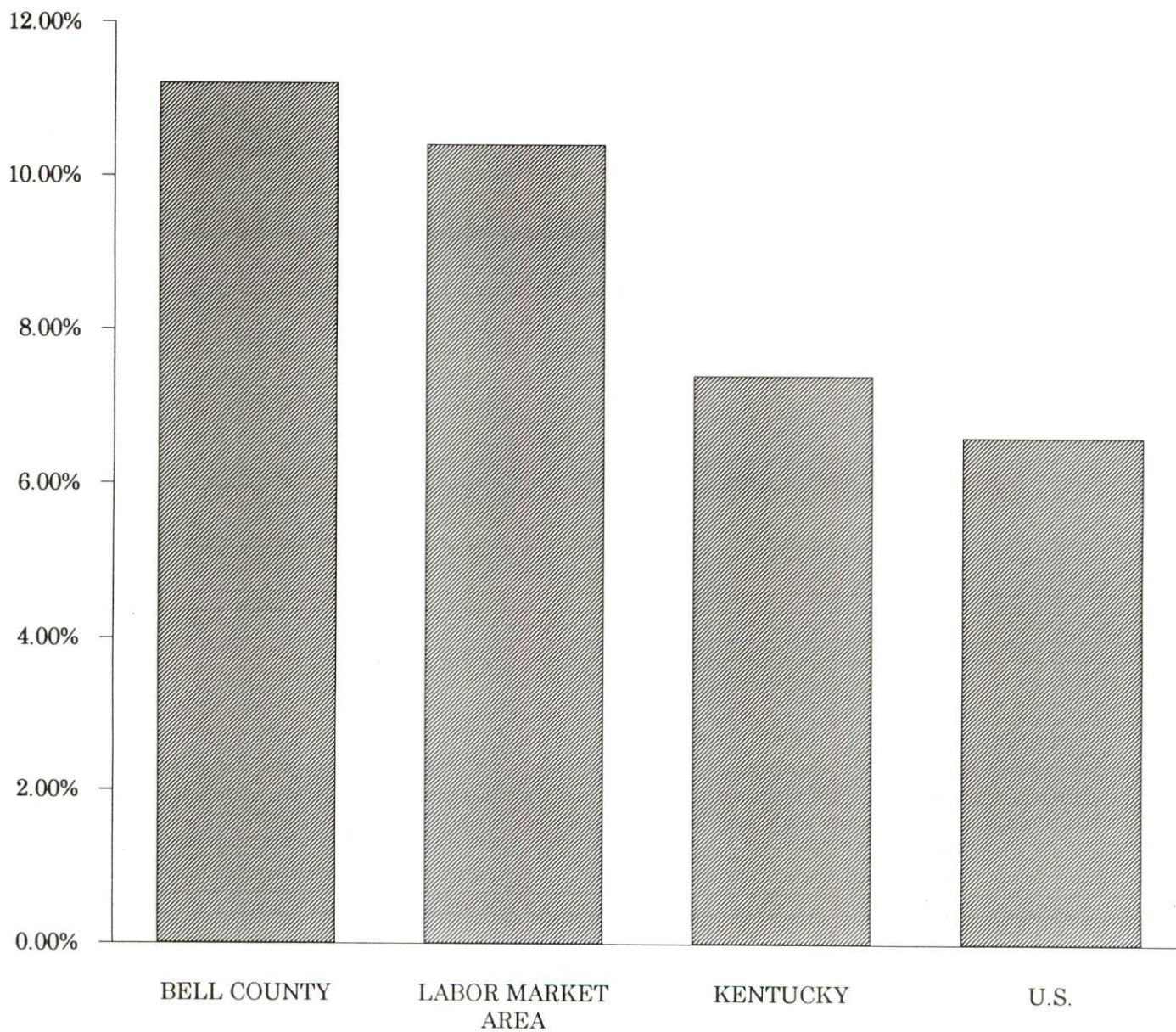
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1993 thru 1997.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1992

	Bell County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	9,682	52,739
Employment	8,595	47,267
Unemployment	1,087	5,472
Rate of Unemployment (%)	11.2	10.4

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1992.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1992

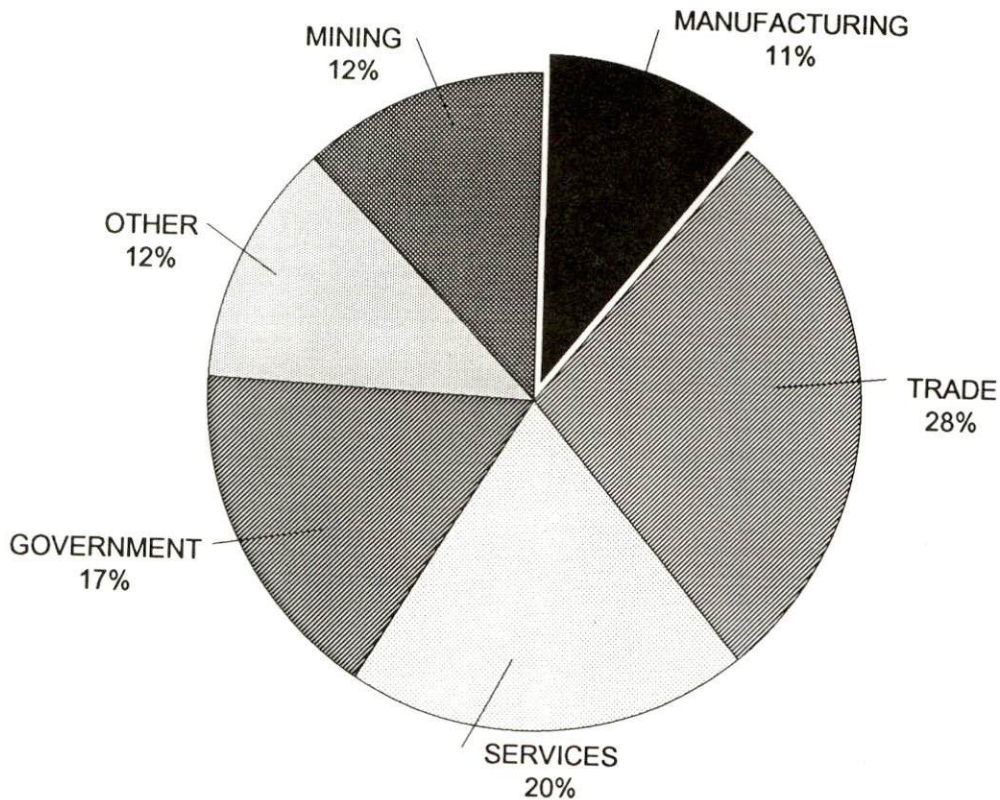


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	9,116	40,582
Manufacturing	941	4,310
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,546	10,086
Services	1,775	7,920
State/Local Government	1,582	7,999
Minning & Quarrying	1,107	6,167

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, 1991.

BELL COUNTY

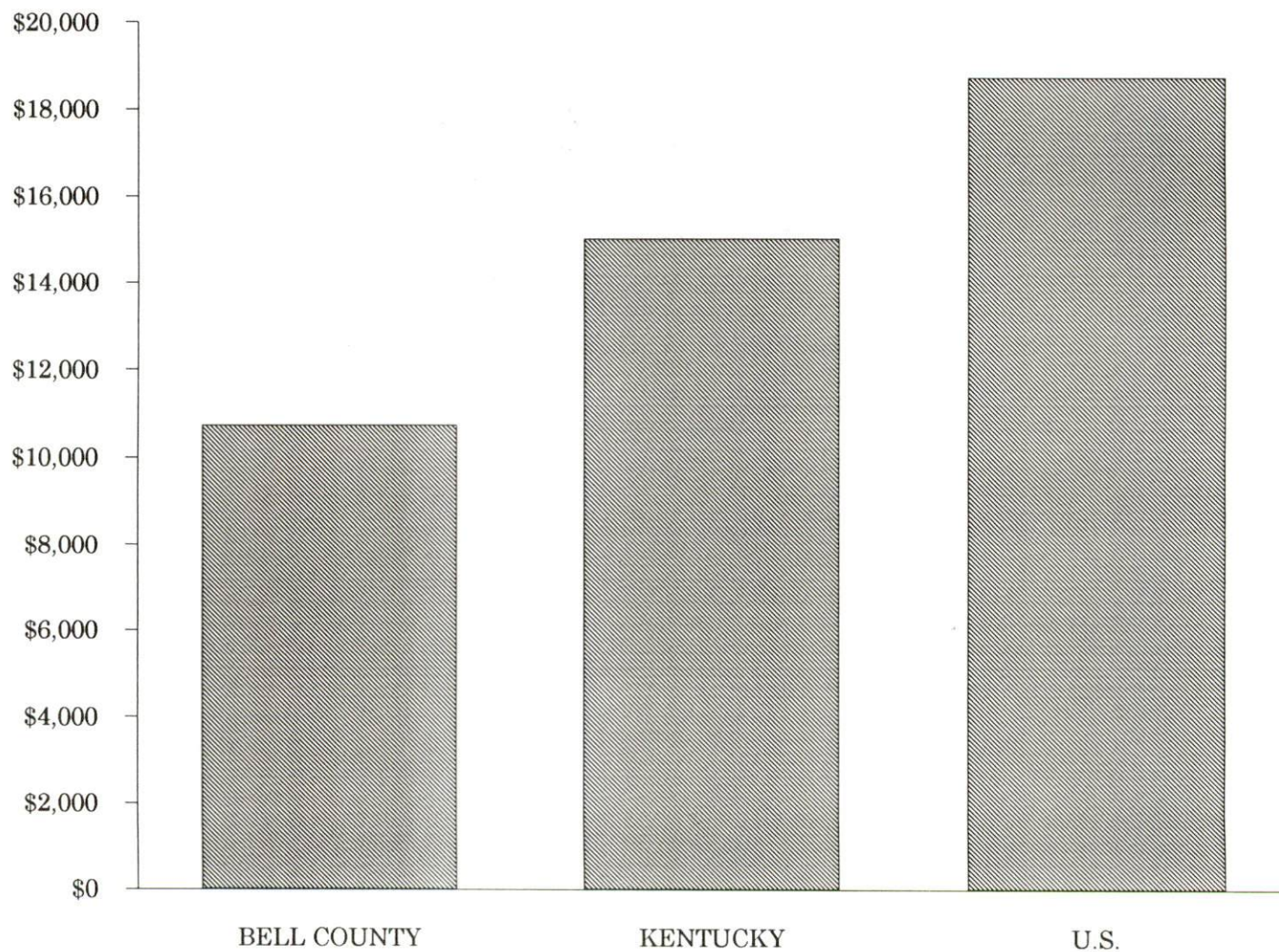


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1986	1990	Percent Change
Bell County	\$8,214	\$10,728	30.6
Labor Market Area Range	\$7,155 - \$9,282	\$8,693 - \$12,390	-
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

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Bell County is served by the Middlesboro local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Middlesboro 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 1,108 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

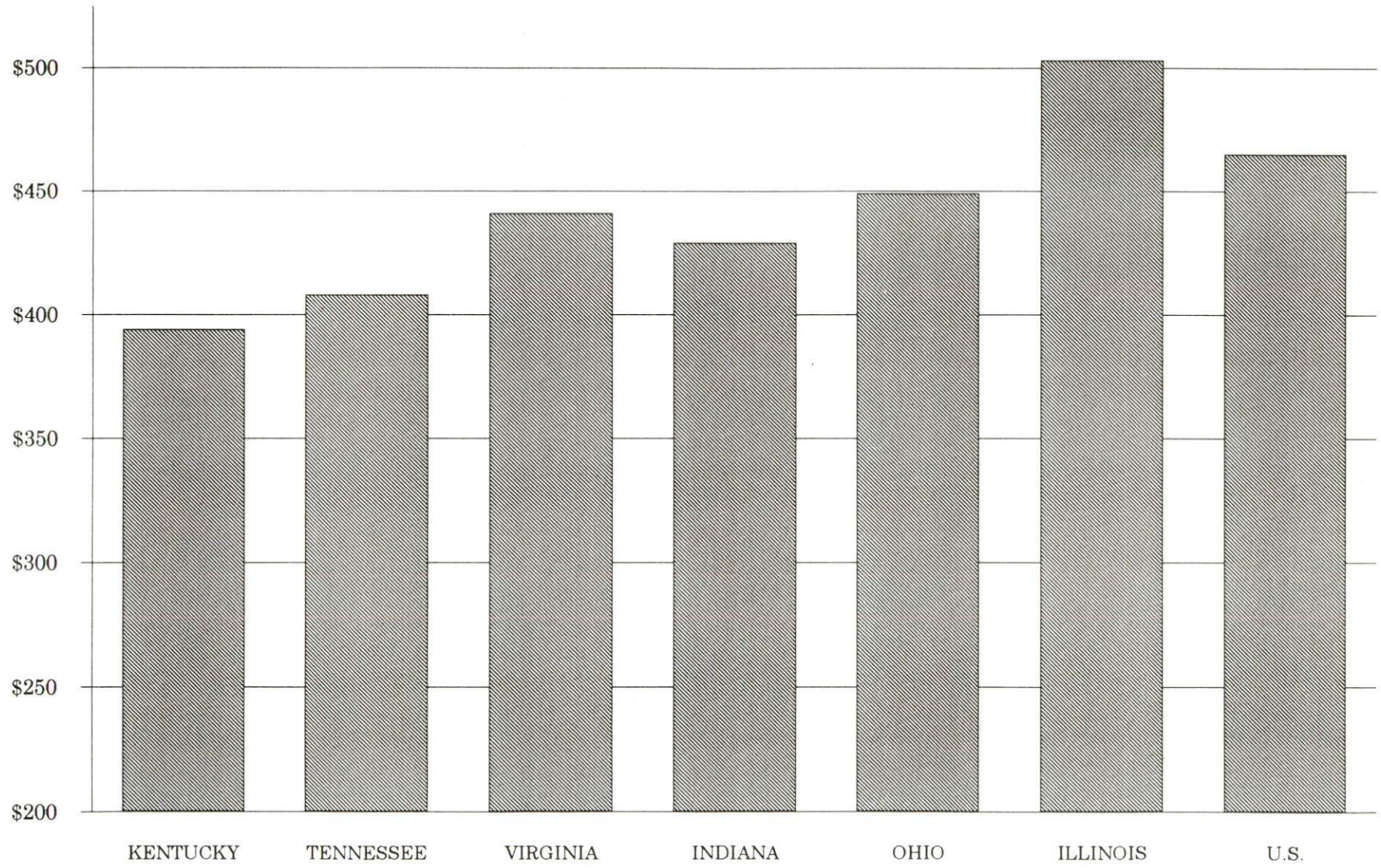
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,108	4.59
Clerical	187	4.54
Sales	86	4.51
Services (excluding domestic)	415	4.04
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	9	4.25
Processing	36	4.38
Machine Trades	27	4.65
Bench Work	186	4.38
Structural	31	4.44
Motor Freight/ Transportation	16	5.77
Packaging and Materials Handling	47	5.39
Other	42	9.24

The Middlesboro local office serves Bell County only. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Employment Services.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1991



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991\*

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$340.70	\$394.46	\$408.00	\$441.00
Mining & Quarrying	586.79	661.68	528.00	655.00
Contract Construction	378.73	410.33	436.00	452.00
Manufacturing	309.86	505.56	477.00	509.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	425.83	528.78	541.00	605.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	209.79	268.42	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	360.58	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	324.21	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	379.94	413.84	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$429.00	\$449.00	\$503.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	708.00	609.00	758.00	747.00
Contract Construction	499.00	510.00	635.00	514.00
Manufacturing	583.00	613.00	609.00	579.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	531.00	567.00	632.00	599.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	458.00	498.00	650.00	596.00
Services	368.00	398.00	462.00	443.00
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, 1991. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1991, January 1993.



## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### BELL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	1992 <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Middlesboro</b>		
Bell Concrete Industries, Inc. (1966)	Precast concrete products, packaged cement mixes	35
Bell Printing Company (1916)	Letterpress printing, offset printing	3
Cumberland Gap Provision Company (1979)	Meat processing (ham and sausage)	175
Denim Finishers (1977)	Apparel fabric finishing	100
Dura Line Corporation (1971)	Plastic pipe, fiber optic conduit, power cable conduit	85
J.R. Hoe and Sons, Inc. (1909)	Fabricated structural steel, gray and ductile iron castings, coal preparation equipment	45
Kentucky Leather Company (1960)	Leather tanning and coloring	72
M. Fine & Sons Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1976)	Men's and boys' jeans	150
Martin Manufacturing Corporation (1922)	Yarn bleaching and dyeing, elastic and nonelastic webbing	25
Middlesboro Coca Cola Bottling, Inc. (1904)	Soft drinks	92
Middlesboro Daily News (1916)	Newspaper	35
Mountain Tarp and Awning (1988)	Vinyl tarps and awnings	18
Swanson Plating and Machine of Kentucky, Inc. (1986)	Chrome plating, mining equipment parts	24
Three States Printing Company (1948)	Job printing	7
Tri-State Concrete (1982)	Concrete products, ready-mixed concrete	10
<b>Pineville</b>		
Brock Lumber, Inc. (1969)	Lumber, mine timber	7
Paul Elliott Lumber (1947)	Rough lumber	10
Pineville Sun Courier (1907)	Newspaper	5

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

## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO	M. Fine & Sons Manufacturing Company, Inc.
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC	Kentucky Leather Company
United Garment Workers of America, AFL-CIO	Denim Finishers
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	Dura Line Corporation

## SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Middlesboro</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	109
Industrial Waste Removal	Corbin, Kentucky	47
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Corbin, Kentucky	47
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Finishers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Service Centers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Millwrights & Riggers	Knoxville, Tennessee	61

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

U.S. Highway 25E, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) highway, U.S. Highway 58 and Kentucky Highway 74 serve Middlesboro. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, both "AAA"-rated. Kentucky Highways 221 and 66 also serve Pineville.

Interstate 75 is located 35 miles northwest of Pineville and 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is located 54 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 67 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E.

Construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel is under way. The \$258 million federal highway project is scheduled for completion by early 1996 with the concurrent restoration of the Cumberland Gap to be completed by 1998. In addition, an 11-mile section of U.S. Highway 25E in Bell County extending from Pineville into Knox County is presently being converted to four lanes. Upon completion, U.S. 25E will provide four-lane access to Tennessee from I-75 in Whitley County. All projects have been let and are expected to reach completion by 1995.

#### HIGHWAY MILES FROM MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	255	Los Angeles, CA	2,234
Baltimore, MD	496	Louisville, KY	199
Birmingham, AL	311	Nashville, TN	232
Chicago, IL	473	New Orleans, LA	650
Cincinnati, OH	205	New York, NY	696
Cleveland, OH	438	Pittsburgh, PA	444
Detroit, MI	465	St. Louis, MO	457
Knoxville, TN	61		

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

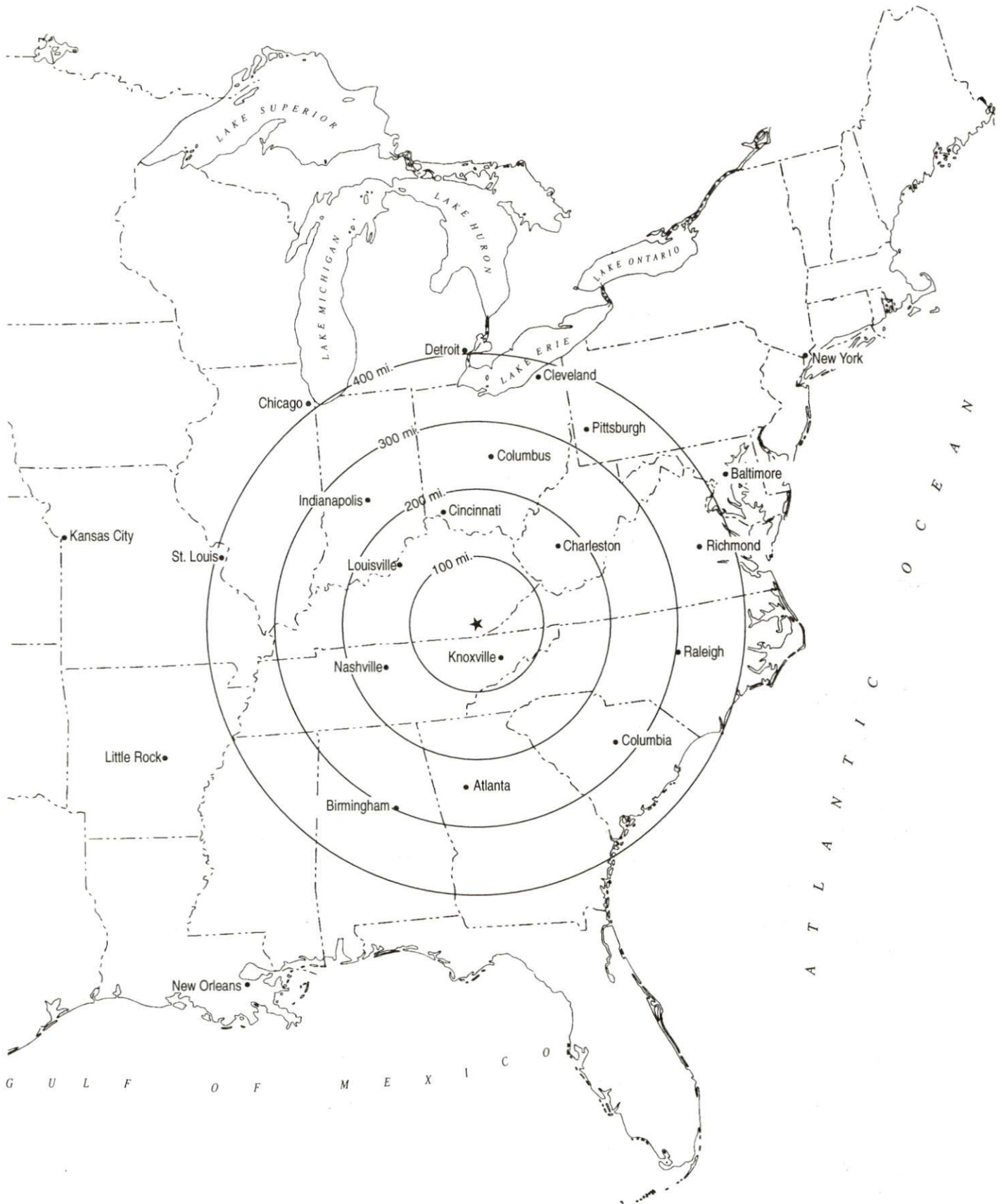
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

### Truck Service

Fifteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Middlesboro, while thirteen companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Pineville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1993.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

Main line rail service is provided to Middlesboro by CSX Transportation Company. A branch line of the Norfolk Southern Corporation also operates in Middlesboro. Main line rail service is also provided to Pineville by CSX Transportation Company.

Norfolk Southern Corporation provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee, 61 miles south of Middlesboro.

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

and/or

District Sales Manager  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
1402 South 15th Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40210  
(502) 636-6023

## Air

### Local

Location:	Middlesboro-Bell County Airport 1 mile west of Middlesboro
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	3,650 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, unicom
Lighting:	None
Services:	100LL and jet-A fuel, major and minor A & P repairs, general flying service, taxi, aircraft inspection and authorization

The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport Board recently completed a project to resurface the runway and constructed several new hangars at the airport.

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	McGhee Tyson Airport 10 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee; 71 miles south of Middlesboro
Air Service:	American Eagle, ComAir, Delta, Northwest, USAir, TransWorld Express, United, United Express, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	126

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Middlesboro, Pineville and the majority of Bell County** -  
Kentucky Utilities Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving **a small portion of southwestern Bell County** - Cumberland  
Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department  
East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
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) 546-9295

### Natural Gas

Company serving **Middlesboro and Pineville** - Delta Natural Gas  
Company, Inc.  
Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and local  
production  
For rates and supplies contact:

VP-Public and Consumer Affairs  
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
3617 Lexington Road  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-6171

## Public Water Supply

Company serving Middlesboro - Aqua/KWS, Inc.  
P.O. Box 818  
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965  
(606) 248-5730

Source - Fern Lake  
Treatment plant capacity - 3,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 1,438,645 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 1,873,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 2,500,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 65 psi to 120 psi

Company serving Pineville - Pineville Water System, Inc.  
P.O. Box 277  
Pineville, Kentucky 40977  
(606) 337-6611

Source - Cannon Creek Lake  
Treatment plant capacity - 1,475,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - At capacity  
Peak daily consumption - 2,460,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 1,700,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 40 psi to 100 psi

The City of Pineville is presently extending water service to the Stoney Fork and Hances Creek areas. Construction of several new lines and replacement of existing lines at the Stoney Fork area will eliminate some leaking problems thereby increasing overall water capacity by approximately 25 percent. The \$1.6 million project is scheduled for completion by June 1994. In addition, the City of Pineville plans to expand its existing water treatment plant in the near future.

## Sewerage

Company serving Middlesboro - Middlesboro Sewerage Commission  
P.O. Box 596  
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965  
(606) 248-5670 (office)  
(606) 248-7625 (plant)

Design capacity - 2,800,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 1,800,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Yellow Creek

The City of Middlesboro is presently constructing new sewer lines in the developing areas of the beltline. At a cost of \$850,000, the project is scheduled for completion by November 1993.

Company serving Pineville - Pineville Water System, Inc.  
P.O. Box 277  
Pineville, Kentucky 40977  
(606) 337-6612

Design capacity - 300,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - At capacity  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River

The City of Pineville is presently constructing a new 724,000-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment facility. Line extensions and replacements are included in this \$2.6 million project, which is scheduled for completion by January 1995.



## CLIMATE

### Bell County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	58.90 degrees
Average annual 1991	60.50 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (50-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (50-year record)	-24.00 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.)	3,658

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	47.29 inches
Mean annual snowfall (49-year record)	12.00 inches
Total precipitation 1991	58.26 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (49-year record)	126.20
Mean number days thunderstorms (49-year record)	47.20

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

#### Relative Humidity (31-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1991. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The City of Middlesboro is governed by a mayor and twelve council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members serve two-year terms. The City of Pineville is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members serve two-year terms. Bell County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official serves four-year terms.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Middlesboro City Planning 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 - Pineville Planning 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)

### Local Fees and Licenses

The City of Middlesboro levies a two percent occupational license tax on gross wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The City of Middlesboro also levies an annual business license fee ranging from \$250 to \$750 based upon the number of employees.

The City of Pineville levies a one and one-half percent occupational license tax on gross wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The City of Pineville also levies an annual business license fee ranging from \$35 to \$500 based upon gross receipts.

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>1992 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.184	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, 1992**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Bell County	\$0.2280	\$0.2320	\$0.2304
School Districts:			
Bell County	0.4220	0.4220	0.5660
Middlesboro Independent	0.4770	0.4770	0.5000
Pineville Independent	0.4410	0.4410	0.5530
Cities:			
Middlesboro	0.1730	0.2320	0.2320
Pineville	0.3490	0.3490	0.4150
Other: (not county-wide)			
Garbage & refuse district	0.0670	None	None

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Middlesboro Independent	Pineville Independent	Bell County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	1,999	511	3,709
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools		
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	16.5-1	15.7-1	16.3-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	49.6	50.0	43.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,957.82	\$3,217.72	\$3,826.98

### Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
St. Julian Elementary (Middlesboro)	89	K-8
Gateway Christian School (Middlesboro)	250	PS-8

## Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Middlesboro)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1992)</u>
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Tennessee (5)	1,860
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (31)	995
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (51)	1,498
Johnson Bible College	Knoxville, Tennessee (61)	488
Knoxville College	Knoxville, Tennessee (61)	1,914
University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Knoxville, Tennessee (61)	25,998
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (62)	455
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City, Tennessee (63)	2,022
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (68)	2,453
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (96)	1,579
King College	Bristol, Tennessee (100)	559
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (109)	16,866

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## 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 Middlesboro)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1991-1992</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Bell County Area Vocational Education Center	Pineville (13)	13	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 229 221	83
Cumberland Valley Health Occupations Center	Pineville (13)	4	<u>P/S</u> 133	90
Harlan State Vocational- Technical School	Harlan (46)	12	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 226 241	124

### 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 simply contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Laurel State Vocational-Technical School in London, Kentucky.

### 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 at the Laurel State Vocational-Technical School.

### 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 Bell County, adult literacy is provided by the Bell County Council on Literacy in Middlesboro and adult basic education is provided by the Bell County Board of Education in Pineville and the Middlesboro Independent Board of Education in Middlesboro.

### 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

(Bell County)  
Physicians - 45  
Dentists - 14

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital	Middlesboro	96
Pineville Community Hospital	Pineville	155

#### Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital

Medical staff - 29 active physicians; 20 courtesy staff;  
2 consulting staff; 55 registered nurses; 46 licensed  
practical nurses; 297 total personnel

#### Pineville Community Hospital

Medical staff - 29 active physicians; 23 courtesy staff;  
1 consulting staff; 46 registered nurses; 38 licensed  
practical nurses; 338 total personnel

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Bell County Health Department  
(Offices in both Middlesboro and Pineville)  
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center  
(Pineville and Middlesboro)  
Daniel Boone Clinic (Pineville)  
Total Care - DEVCO (Pineville)  
Britt Haven Nursing Home (Pineville)  
Bell County Emergency Ambulance Service (Pineville)  
Con-Care Ambulance Service (non-emergency)  
Middlesboro Ambulance Service  
Middlesboro Health Care Facility

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Commercial Bank  
First State Bank  
Home Federal Savings Bank  
Middlesboro Federal Savings & Loan Association  
First Federal Savings Bank

### Newspapers

Middlesboro Daily News (daily except Sunday)  
Pineville Sun - Cumberland Courier (weekly)

### Telephone Service

South Central Bell



## RECREATION

### Local

Middlesboro offers a variety of recreational facilities and programs. The city supports supervised programs, six parks, four playgrounds, a swimming pool, six tennis courts, one softball field, two baseball diamonds, one football field, four basketball courts and the Tri-County YMCA.

Many private recreational facilities are also available in Middlesboro. The Middlesboro Country Club, which opened in 1889, has been in continuous operation longer than any other Country Club in the United States. The country club maintains a nine-hole golf course and a swimming pool. A movie theatre, a video arcade and a roller skating rink are available to the public in Middlesboro.

The Cumberland Mountain Fall Festival is held in Middlesboro in mid-October. Other tourist attractions found in Middlesboro are the Cumberland Gap Arts Council and Coal House (Chamber of Commerce Building). Lincoln Memorial University, located a few miles outside of Middlesboro in Harrogate, Tennessee, has the world's second largest collection of Abraham Lincoln relics on display. Cumberland Gap National Historical Park includes: a frontier museum; Pinnacle Mountain that overlooks three states; three caves; an old iron furnace; and Hensley Settlement, a resort mountain village where the Quilt Festival is held annually. Cumberland Gap is a natural passage which served as a gateway through the Appalachian Mountains for pioneers moving westward into new frontiers. As a part of a major federal project, the Gap will be restored to its original condition by 1998.

Pineville offers a variety of cultural events and attractions. The Southeastern Kentucky Community Concert Series performs concerts on a regular basis. Also held in town each year is the Sidewalk Art Show. The City of Pineville recently restored the Bell Theatre in downtown Pineville. Movies and community events are featured at the theatre. Located just outside of town is Pine Mountain State Resort Park, which provides the finest in mountain scenery and the ultimate in quiet comfort. The 1,500-acre park is located in the Kentucky Ridge State Forest and is the scene of the Mountain Laurel Festival each spring. Also featured is a 35-acre lake, 30 lodge rooms, 20 cottages, a dining room, a gift shop, a convention center, 33 camping sites, a lodge pool, fishing, a nine-hole golf course, hiking trails, a nature center, a recreation room, picnicking, playgrounds, miniature golf, shuffleboard, and planned recreation. The City of Pineville plans to restore a lake in the Pineville area for recreational purposes. A boat dock and 50 RV sites will be added to the area. In addition, the existing nine-hole golf course at the lake will be expanded to 18 holes.

### Area (Within 70 miles)

Dr. Thomas Walker State Historic Site  
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park  
The Big South Fork National River  
and Recreational Area  
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park  
Kingdom Come State Park

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Middlesboro and Pineville each re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1992, and are distinguished as gold award winners. 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. In addition to receiving the 1992 Gold Award, Middlesboro and Pineville were recognized as Hall of Fame communities. This category not only demonstrates that a community is adequately prepared for immediate growth, but also that the community has analyzed emerging economic trends, and has set about planning for the future. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

### Recent

Mountain Tarp and Awning Company recently relocated to a newer more modern facility in Middlesboro. New products have been added to its manufacturing operation.

Cumberland Gap Provision Company, a meat processor in Middlesboro, added 30 new jobs.

The Bell County Industrial Foundation received donated property for the development of an industrial park. Covering approximately 50 acres, the site has access to all utilities and public highways. Sewer lines are presently being constructed.

Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital recently completed a \$3 million expansion project involving the construction of a new emergency room, an out-patient care area, and acquisition of new equipment.

Bell County School System currently has two schools including an elementary and high school which are participating in the National Alliance. The program is designed to award grants to selected schools, thereby providing monies for telecommunications equipment to create innovative and unique learning opportunities. Bell County High School was one of only four high schools selected in Kentucky.

The Middlesboro Independent School System recently completed construction of two new gymnasiums, two new libraries, and three new computer labs, plus the installation of central air conditioning at all school buildings.

Construction of a \$1.2 million multi-purpose facility was recently completed at Pine Mountain State Resort Park. Facilities include a convention center and a recreation area.

The Middlesboro Medical Mall and Senior Citizens Center have recently opened. Total cost of construction for the two projects was \$1.8 million.

The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport Board recently completed a project to resurface the runway and constructed several new hangars at the airport.

The City of Pineville restored the Bell Theatre in downtown Pineville at a cost of \$200,000. Movies and community events are featured at the theatre.

### **Under Way**

Construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel is under way. The \$258 million federal highway project is scheduled for completion by early 1996 with the concurrent restoration of the Cumberland Gap to be completed by 1998. In addition, an 11-mile section of U.S. Highway 25E in Bell County extending from Pineville into Knox County is presently being converted to four lanes. Upon completion, U.S. 25E will provide four-lane access to Tennessee from I-75 in Whitley County. All projects have been let and are expected to reach completion by 1995.

M. Fine & Sons Manufacturing Company, Inc. is in the process of adding 30 new jobs which will improve its finishing processes for the garments.

The City of Pineville is presently constructing a new 724,000-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment facility. Line extensions and replacements are included in this \$2.6 million project, which is scheduled for completion by January 1995.

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The City of Middlesboro is presently constructing new sewer lines in the developing areas of the beltline. At a cost of \$850,000, the project is scheduled for completion by November 1993.

Wal-Mart in Middlesboro is relocating to another new facility. Construction of a 200,000-square-foot super store is under way and scheduled for completion in Summer 1994. The new store will create approximately 225 new jobs.

The City of Pineville is presently extending water service to the Stoney Fork and Hances Creek areas. Construction of several new lines and replacement of existing lines at the Stoney Fork area will eliminate some leaking problems thereby increasing overall water capacity by approximately 25 percent. The \$1.6 million project is scheduled for completion by June 1994.

The Middlesboro Independent School System is in the process of constructing a fine arts center which should be completed by December 1993. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$2.8 million.

Phase I of the Middlesboro Centennial Park and Canal Project was completed in 1990. Phase II is under way. The project involves the dredging of a canal that runs through the center of downtown Middlesboro and development of the area surrounding the canal. Landscaping, walking trails, and gazebos have been planned.

#### **Planned**

The City of Pineville plans to expand its existing water treatment plant in the near future.

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