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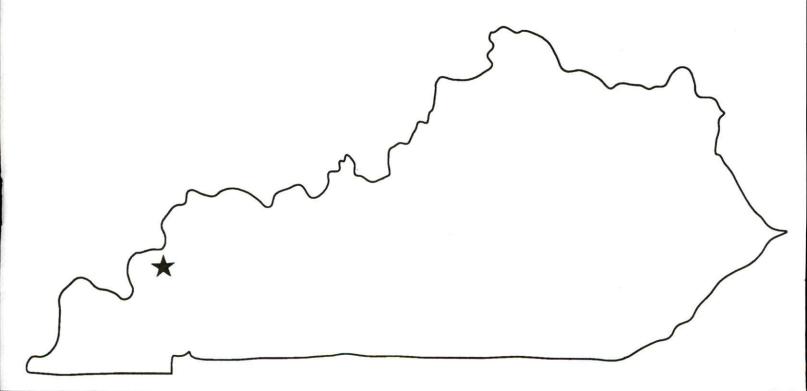
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP CRITTENDEN COUNTY **KENTUCKY** PREPARED BY THE
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MARION, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Marion, the county seat of Crittenden County, is located in the Western Kentucky fluorspar district of the Mississippian Plateaus area of extreme western Kentucky. Marion is located 64 miles southwest of Evansville, Indiana; 123 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; 175 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; and 181 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Marion had an estimated 1992 population of 3,350.

Crittenden County, which covers a land area of 362 square miles, is a well-dissected upland characterized by a variety of irregularly-shaped, sandstone-capped hills and ridges. The Ohio River forms the northwestern boundary of Crittenden County. Crittenden County had an estimated 1992 population of 9,270.

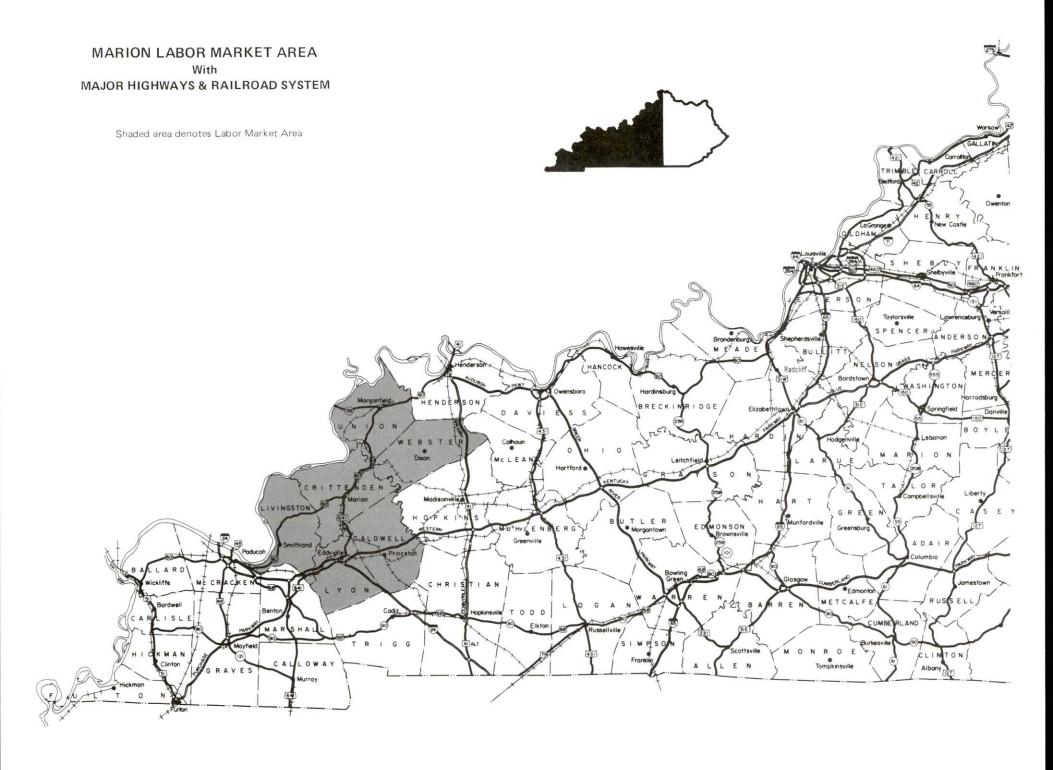
The Economic Framework - The total number of Crittenden County residents employed in 1994 averaged 3,885. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 536 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 487 jobs; 620 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 332 employees; and contract construction firms provided 39 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 4,976 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 4,955 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Marion is served by U.S. 60 and 641, and Kentucky 91 all "AAA"-rated trucking highways. Interstate 24 is available 21 miles south of Marion via U.S. 641. Sixteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Marion. Western Kentucky Railway provides short line rail service to Marion. The Marion Airport, two miles southwest of Marion, provides a 2,500-foot turf runway and the Sturgis Airport, 19 miles north of Marion, maintains three 5,000-foot paved runways. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Barkley Regional Airport near Paducah, 51 miles southwest; at Evansville Regional Airport in Evansville, Indiana, 67 miles northeast of Marion; and at Nashville International Airport, in Nashville, Tennesse 128 miles southeast of Marion.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Marion and parts of Crittenden County. Crittenden County is also served by the Henderson-Union Electric Cooperative. Western Kentucky Gas Company provides natural gas service to Marion.

Education - Crittenden County School System provides primary and secondary education to Marion and Crittenden County. Three universities and four community colleges are located within 65 miles of Marion. Madisonville Community College offers several evening courses at Crittenden County High School. Madisonville Regional Technology Center in Madisonville, 39 miles east of Marion and Caldwell County Area Technology Center in Princeton, 22 miles southeast of Marion, each provide the nearest vocational training facilities.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Marion Labor Market Area includes Crittenden County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon, Union, and Webster. In addition, the labor market is supplemented by Hardin County, Illinois.

POPULATION

	1992*	1990	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	68,751	68,626	71,042	63,994
Marion	3,350	3,320	3,392	3,008
Crittenden County	9,270	9,196	9,207	8,493

^{*}Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	2000	2010	2020
Labor Market Area	69,796	71,658	73,997	75,508
Crittenden County	9,476	9,802	10,380	10,967

Note: Population projections are from High 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 1996 thru 2000
Labor Market Area*	4,976	1,922	3,056	4,955
Crittenden County	892	254	638	672

^{*} Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

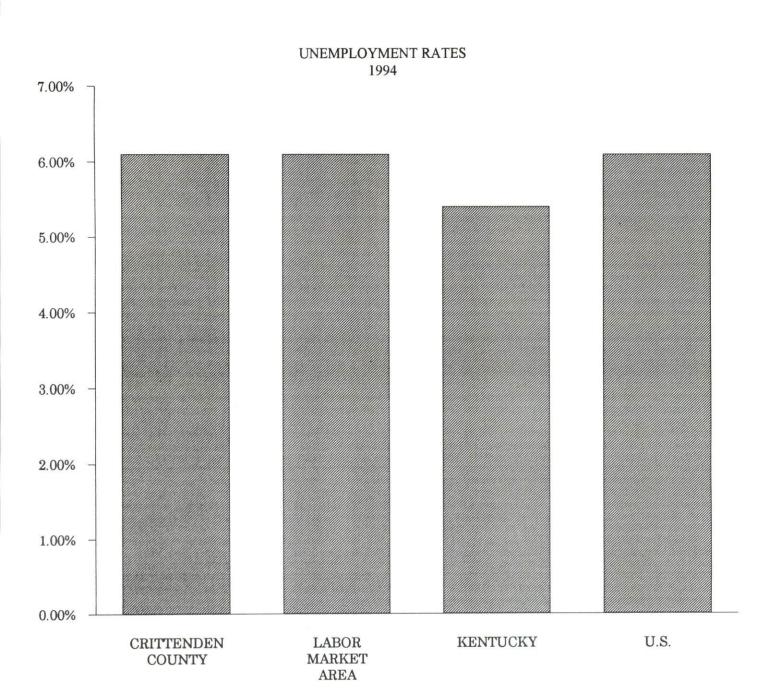
Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion 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, <u>Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994</u>. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, <u>Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000</u>.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	Crittenden County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	4,139	31,389
Employment	3,885	29,467
Unemployment	254	1,922
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.1	6.1

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Kentucky Labor Force Estimates</u>, <u>Annual Averages</u> 1994.



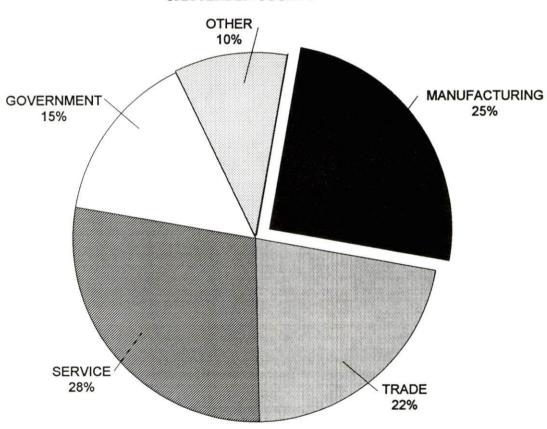
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	Crittenden County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	2,198	21,188
Manufacturing	536	4,140
Wholesale & Retail Trade	487	4,385
Services	620	3,546
State/Local Government	332	3,356
Contract Construction	39	700

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, <u>Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky</u> Unemployment Insurance Law, 1994.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

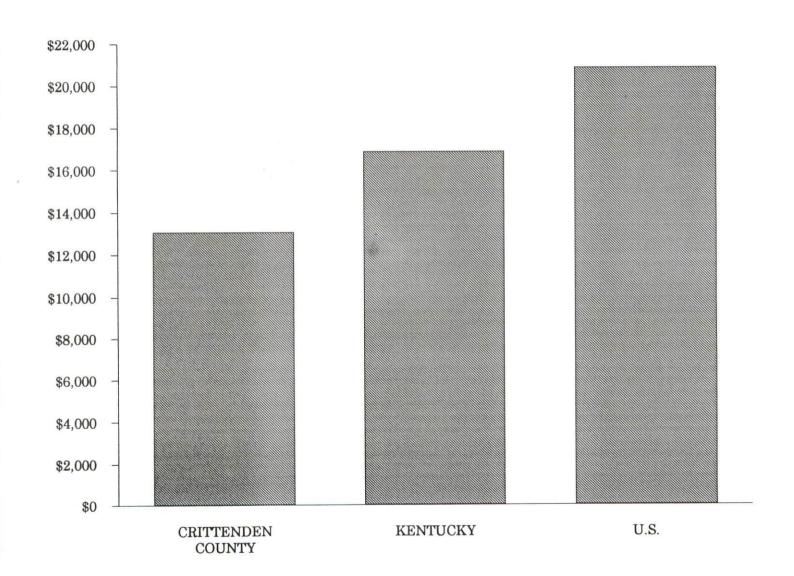


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	<u>1989</u>	<u>1993</u>	Percent Change
Crittenden County	\$10,841	\$13,070	20.6
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,535 - \$14,420	\$12,069 - \$16,822	-
Kentucky	\$13,756	\$16,889	22.8
U.S.	\$17,690	\$20,800	17.6

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1993



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

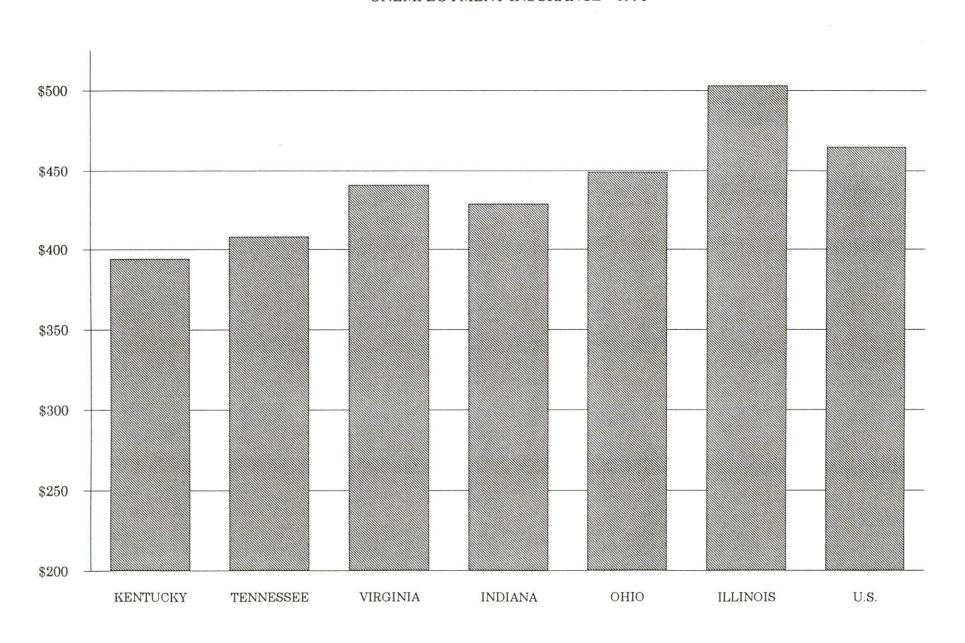
Crittenden County is served by the Madisonville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Madisonville local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 1,375 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS	AVERAGE WAGE(\$)
All Occupations	1,375	5.30
Clerical	249	5.30
Sales	62	4.82
Services (excluding domestic)	249	4.39
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	49	5.38
Processing	184	7.75
Machine Trades	22	5.05
Bench Work	300	4.26
Structural	76	6.22
Motor Freight/ Transportation	58	6.07
Packaging and Materials Handling	86	5.24
Other	1	4.25

The Madisonville local office also serves Hopkins, and Muhlenberg Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the <u>Dictionary of Occupational Titles</u> 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 - 1991



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY BY PLACE OF WORK, 1993*

	Crittenden County	Kentucky (Statewide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$330.15	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	691.01	605.00	684.00
Contract Construction	300.22	440.47	467.00	464.00
Manufacturing	446.91	541.18	522.00	543.00
Transportation,				
Communications &				
Public Utilities	503.01	567.94	572.00	648.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	185.81	287.24	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance &				
Real Estate	320.41	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	292.58	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	364.23	413.84	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	<u>Ohio</u>	Illinois	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$460.00	\$481.00	\$542.00	\$499.00
Mining & Quarrying	757.00	645.00	738.00	816.00
Contract Construction	509.00	534.00	658.00	530.00
Manufacturing	629.00	670.00	667.00	623.00
Transportation,				
Communications &				
Public Utilities	561.00	600.00	682.00	643.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance &				
Real Estate	527.00	568.00	748.00	693.00
Services	391.00	422.00	494.00	475.00
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, <u>Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1993</u>. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, <u>Annual Averages</u>, 1993, October, 1994.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

MARION MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm		1994
(Establishment date)	Product	Average Employment
Cera Tech, Inc. (1987)	Industrial ceramics, ceramic tumbling media	25
Crittenden Press, Inc. (1876)	Newspaper, offset printing	9
Marion Machine Works, Inc. (1936)	Precision machine work, steel fabrication & erection	6
Marion Mining Bolts Corporation (1987)	Mine roof bolts and plates	40
Ohio River Concrete Corporation (1973)	Ready-mixed concrete	5
Par-4 Plastics (1991)	Molded plastics	32
Siemens Electromechanical Components, Inc. (1959)	Electro-magnetic relays	406
The Kentucky Stone Company (1946)	Agricultural lime, crushed stone, asphalt	30
Turner & Conyer Lumber Company, Inc. (1958)	Furniture stock, lumber, clay pipe spacers, pallets	38

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union	Representing workers at:
International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO	The Kentucky Stone Company
Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO	The Kentucky Stone Company

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

Types of Services	Location	Mileage from Marion
Custom Plastics Producers	Kuttawa, Kentucky	22
Electric Motor Repair	Princeton, Kentucky	22
Heat Treating Facilities	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	51
Industrial Waste Removal	Dawson Springs, Kentucky	36
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Marion, Kentucky	
Metal Castings	Henderson, Kentucky	54
Metal Finishers	Madisonville, Kentucky	39
Metal Service Centers	Madisonville, Kentucky Paducah, Kentucky	39 45
Millwrights & Riggers	Mayfield, Kentucky Evansville, Indiana	64 64

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major highways serving Marion include U.S. Highways 60 and 641. Both highways are "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Other highways serving Marion include Kentucky Routes 91 and 120. Kentucky 91 is "AAA"-rated throughout Crittenden County.

Access to Interstate 24 is available 21 miles south of Marion near Eddyville. An interchange of the Western Kentucky Parkway, a multi-lane east-west highway, is also located 21 miles south of Marion.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM MARION, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	364	Los Angeles, CA	1.069
Baltimore, MD	762	Louisville, KY	1,968 175
Birmingham, AL	310	Nashville, TN	123
Chicago, IL	354	New Orleans, LA	586
Cincinnati, OH	276	New York, NY	935
Cleveland, OH	523	Pittsburgh, PA	563
Detroit, MI	513	St. Louis, MO	181
Knoxville, TN	295		

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

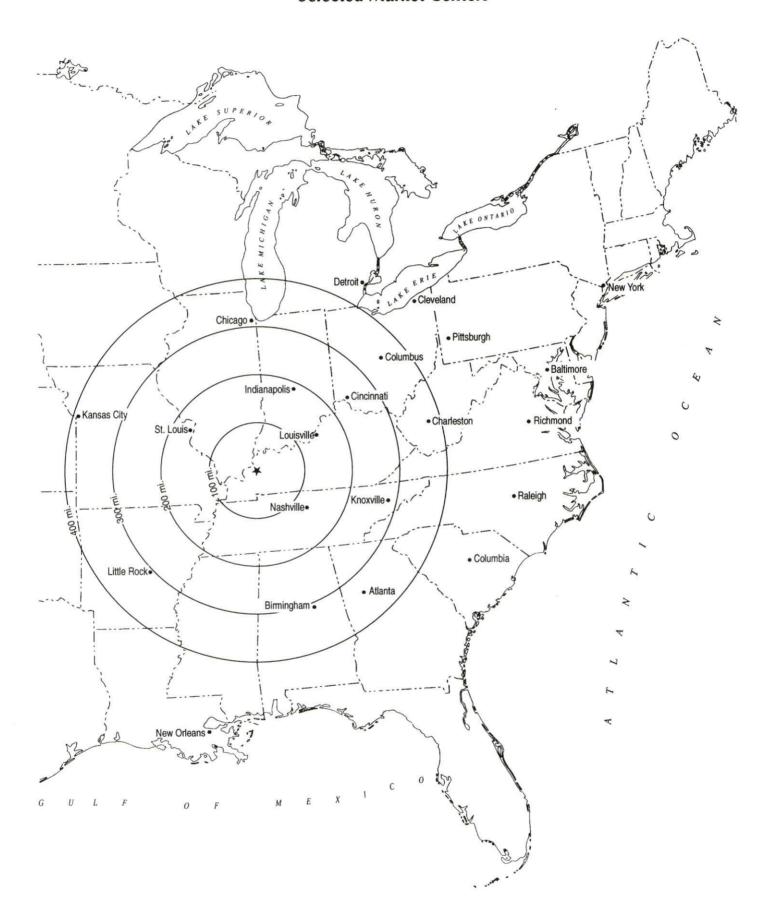
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Sixteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Marion.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1995.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

The Western Kentucky Railway provides short line rail service to Marion. The Paducah and Louisville Railway provides intermodal facilities in Paducah, Kentucky, 45 miles southwest of Marion.

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

Vice President - Marketing and Sales Paducah and Louisville Railway 1500 Kentucky Avenue Paducah, Kentucky 42001 (502) 444-4341

and/or

Western Kentucky Railway P.O. Box 66 Sturgis, Kentucky 42459 (502) 664-9938

Air

Location:

Local

Marion Airport

2 miles southwest of Marion

Runways: 1 turf Length: 2,500 feet

Traffic 2,300 led

Control: None

Lighting: None Services: None

Sturgis Airport

Location: 1 mile southeast of Sturgis, Kentucky;

19 miles north of Marion

Runways: 3 paved

Length: 5,000 feet each

Traffic

Control: Wind sock and tetrahedron

Lighting: MIRL and VASI 18-36 sunset to sunrise,

rotating beacon, tetrahedron

Services: 100LL octane fuel, jet-A fuel, flight

training, tie-downs, hangars

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service (Commuter)

Barkley Regional Airport

Location: 6 miles west of Paducah, Kentucky;

51 miles southwest of Marion

Air Service: American Eagle, Northwest Airlink, TW Express

Daily Arrivals

& Departures:

26

Nearest Major Commercial Airline Service

Evansville Regional Airport

Location: 3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana;

67 miles northeast of Marion

Air Service: ASA, Chicago Express, ComAir, American Eagle,

Northwest Airlink, TW Express, USAir

US Air Express

Daily Arrivals

& Departures: 98

Nearest International Airport

Nashville International Airport

Location: 6 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee;

128 miles southeast of Marion

Air Service: American, AirTrans, ASA, Continental

Connection, ComAir, Delta, American Eagle, Northwest, Southwest, TWA, United, USAir, USAir Express, Valujet

Daily Arrivals

& Departures: 564

Water

Marion is located approximately ten miles from the Ohio River which forms the northwestern boundary of Crittenden County. A nine-foot navigation channel is maintained the entire length of the Ohio River.

Three public riverports are located within a 55-mile radius of Marion. The Lyon County Riverport is located on Lake Barkley, 24 miles south of Marion; the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport is located 47 miles southwest of Marion; and the Henderson County Riverport is located approximately 54 miles northeast of Marion.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Marion and portions of southwestern Crittenden County - Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving the majority of Crittenden County - Henderson-Union Electric Cooperative Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation For industrial rates contact:

> Manager of Economic Development Big Rivers Electric Corporation P.O. Box 24 Henderson, Kentucky 42420 (502) 827-2561

> > and/or

Henderson-Union Electric Cooperative P.O. Box 18 Henderson, Kentucky 42420 (502) 826-3991 or (800) 264-4832

Natural Gas

Company serving Marion - Western Kentucky Gas Company Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation For rates and supplies contact:

> Western Kentucky Gas Company P.O. Box 866 Owensboro, Kentucky 42302-0866 (502) 685-8069

Public Water Supply

Company serving Marion -

City of Marion

108 East Bellville Street Marion, Kentucky 42064

(502) 965-2266

Source of raw water -

Treatment plant capacity -

Source of treated water -

Amount that can purchased -Average daily consumption -

Peak daily consumption -

Water pressure -

Storage capacity -

Two municipally-owned lakes

1,000,000 gallons per day

Crittenden/Livingston Water District

100,000 gallons per day

456,431 gallons

750,000 gallons 1,200,000 gallons

60 psi to 65 psi

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Ohio and Tradewater Rivers

Average discharge - Ohio River at Evansville Indiana, 133,300 cfs (34 years, USGS, unadjusted); Tradwater River at Olney, Kentucky -335 cfs (54 years USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along Ohio River; 50 to 200 gpm along Tradewater River, west central and south central portions of Crittenden County; 5 to 50 gpm in central and western portions of county; 5 gpm or less along southeastern border of the county

Sewerage

Company serving Marion -

City of Marion

108 East Bellville Street Marion, Kentucky 42064

(502) 965-2266

Design capacity -

660,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow -

582,500 gallons

Type of treatment -

Secondary

Treated effluent discharged into - Rush Creek

CLIMATE

Crittenden County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record) 55.70 degrees

Average annual 1993 56.30 degrees

Record highest, July 1954 (53-year record) 105.00 degrees

Record lowest, February 1951 (53-year record) -23.00 degrees

Normal heating degree days (30-year record) 4,729

(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (53-year record)	13.30 inches
Total precipitation 1993	35.81 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(53-year record)	115.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (53-year record)	45.30

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South-Southwest

Relative Humidity (32-year record)

1 a.m.	79 percent		
7 a.m.	82 percent		
1 p.m.	59 percent		
7 p.m.	63 percent		

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, <u>Climatological Data</u>, 1993. Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The city of Marion is governed by a mayor, six council members and a full-time city administrator. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members each serve two-year terms. Crittenden County is governed by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. Each county official is elected to a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

There are no active planning and zoning agencies in Marion or Crittenden County at the present time. Funding has been approved for Fiscal Year 95-96 to develop and implement Phase I of a comprehensive Master Plan for planning and zoning.

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 Marion levies an occupational license tax of 0.75 percent on all wages, salaries and commissions earned within the city. A net profits tax of 0.75 percent and a \$25 business license fee are levied on businesses within the city. The business license fee is credited toward the net profits tax. A municipal insurance premium tax of four percent is also levied by the City of Marion.

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

Selected Classes of Property	1994 State Rate	Local Taxation Permitted
Real Estate	\$0.172	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, 1994

Taxing Jurisdiction	Real Estate	Finished Goods &	Motor <u>Vehicles</u>
Crittenden County	\$0.1920	\$0.1990	\$0.1990
School Districts:	0.2000	0.3880	0.5410
Crittenden County Cities:	0.3880	0.3880	0.3410
Marion	0.2270	0.2390	0.2290
Other: Floodplain District	0.2920	None	None

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Crittenden County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	1,591
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	16.8-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	47.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,957.33

The Crittenden County School System, working in cooperation with the Kentucky-Tech system, the Western Kentucky Industrial Foundation, and Siemens Electromechanical Components, Inc., has implemented job shadowing and remediation programs for Siemens (the largest employer in the area). Also, a preapprenticeship program and Tech-Prep curriculum program are being developed to meet employment needs.

Nonpublic Schools

School	Enrollment	<u>Grades</u>
Marion Christian School Elementary	20	K-12

Area Colleges and Universities

Name	Location (Miles distant)	Enrollment (Fall, 1994)
Madisonville Community College*	Madisonville, Kentucky (39)	2,513
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (45)	2,918
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville, Kentucky (51)	2,612
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (54)	1,240
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (63)	7,960
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (64)	3,306
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (64)	7,443

^{*} Madisonville Community College offers several evening courses at Crittenden County High School in Marion, which may be transferrable to a four-year state-supported institution.

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.

Kentucky Tech Schools	Location (Mileage from Marion)	Number of Program Offerings	Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995	Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually
Caldwell County Area Technology Center	Princeton (22)	7	Sec P/S 175 54	10
Madisonville Regional Technology Center	Madisonville (39)	11	Sec P/S 97 6,190	42
Madisonville Health Technology Center	Madisonville (39)	11	Sec P/S 105 284	139

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 needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Kentucky Tech-West Region, 750 North Laffoon Street, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431, (502) 824-7552.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills and academic potential. Career Connections is located on the Madisonville Regional Technology Center campus (502) 825-5059.

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 degree. In Crittenden County, adult basic education is provided by the Crittenden County Board of Education and adult literacy is provided through the Crittenden County Literacy Project.

Articulation

Articulation agreements developed between various colleges and universities and the Kentucky Tech system allow students to earn credits to be used when matriculating to degree programs at a college or university. Madisonville Regional Technology Center and Madisonville HTC each have articulation agreements with Madisonville Community College. Madisonville HTC also has articulation agreements in most of its health programs with other universities throughout the state.

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. Caldwell County Area Technology Center offers tech prep programs in air conditioning/refrigeration, auto technology, carpentry, electricity/electronics and food technology. Madisonville Regional Technology Center has tech prep programs in business, auto, construction, and welding technology.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

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

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

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 6 Dentists - 3

Hospitals

 General Hospital
 Location
 Beds

 Crittenden County Hospital
 Marion
 50

Medical staff - 6 active physicians, 20 courtesy physicians, 41 registered nurses, and 9 licensed practical nurses

Outpatient Clinics - Oncology, urology, cardiology, otorhinolaryngology and minor surgery

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Crittenden County Convalescent Center Crittenden County Health Center Crittenden County Ambulance Service Marion Home Health Agency Marion Physicians Clinic Salem Nursing Home (Livingston County)

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Farmers Bank & Trust Company Citizens Bank The Peoples Bank

Newspapers

Crittenden Press (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell

RECREATION

Local

Public recreational facilities at Marion include two parks, two playgrounds, four tennis courts, five baseball/softball diamonds, two football fields, a fairground with an exhibition building, a livestock show barn and a horse show ring.

The Marion/Crittenden Park features four lighted baseball/softball diamonds, three lighted tennis courts, two lighted basketball courts, a volleyball court, a six-lane running track, a shuffleboard court, a shelterhouse, restrooms, concession stand, picnic areas with grills, and ample parking.

The Veterans Memorial Park provides excellent and well-maintained playground equipment and facilities for children age 12 and under.

Of special interest to residents and visitors to Marion is the Bob Wheeler Museum. This privatelyowned museum contains the largest collection of hand tools and home utensils in western Kentucky. In addition to memorabilia, a circa 1800 loom is on display. In perfect working order, the loom is used in conjunction with the Crittenden County School System to teach students the art of weaving.

Fohs Hall Community Center is a restored school building which now houses the Chamber of Commerce. The center also provides facilities for community activities including symphony concerts and plays and contains a civic auditorium and art gallery. In addition, the development of the Clement Mineral Museum is presently under way and located adjacent to Fohs Hall. The \$700,000 project, when completed in 1996, will contain one of the world's largest collections of fluorspar minerals.

Private facilities include a country club with a nine-hole golf course which recently underwent a \$200,000 upgrade, a swimming pool and clubhouse, and a racquet club.

Dam 50, located in northern Crittenden County and the site of the former lock and dam on the Ohio River, provides public space for primitive camping and a boat ramp.

Area (Within 60 miles)

Bluegrass Downs (quarter horse racing)
John James Audubon State Park
Kenlake State Resort Park
Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
Lake Barkley State Resort Park
The Land Between the Lakes
National Recreation Area
Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park



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