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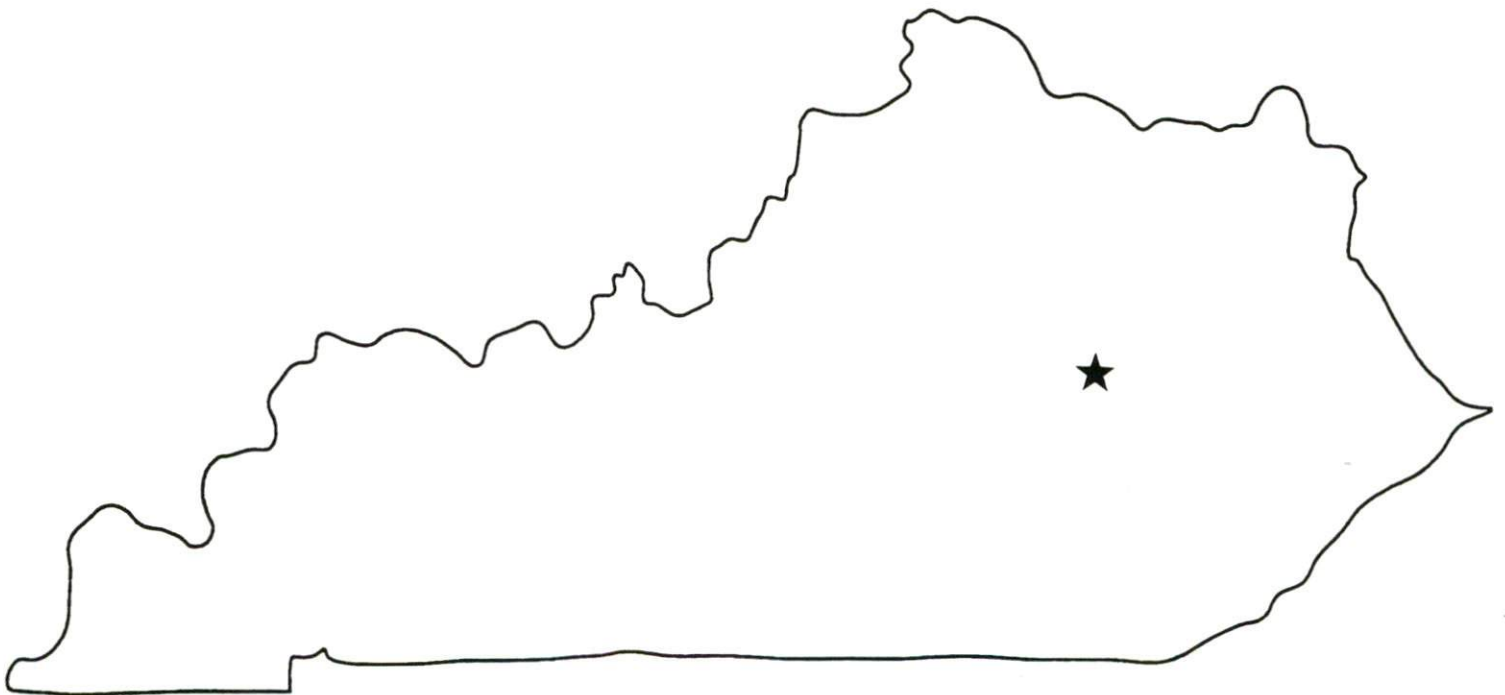
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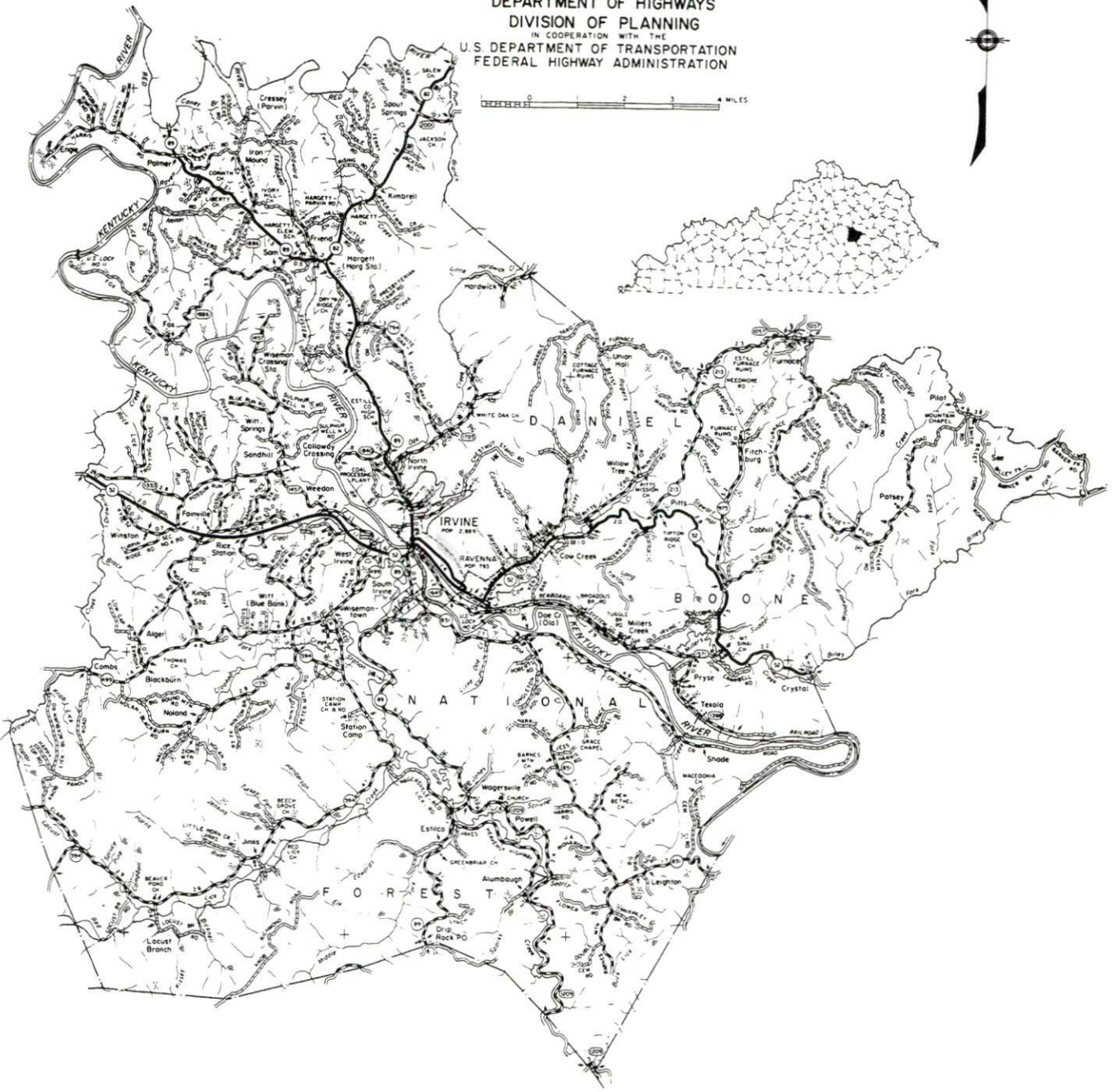
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
ESTILL COUNTY
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



ESTILL COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Irvine, located on the banks of the Kentucky River, is the county seat of Estill County. Irvine is located 46 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 120 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 122 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. Irvine had an estimated 1994 population of 3,961. The city of Ravenna lies immediately adjacent to Irvine. Ravenna had an estimated 1994 population of 1,132.

Estill County, with an estimated 1994 population of 15,487, is located along the boundary between the Outer Blue Grass and the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field regions of Kentucky.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Estill County residents employed in 1995 averaged 5,538. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 578 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 592 jobs; 346 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 630 employees; and contract construction firms provided 60 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 10,329 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1997 through 2001, 9,568 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

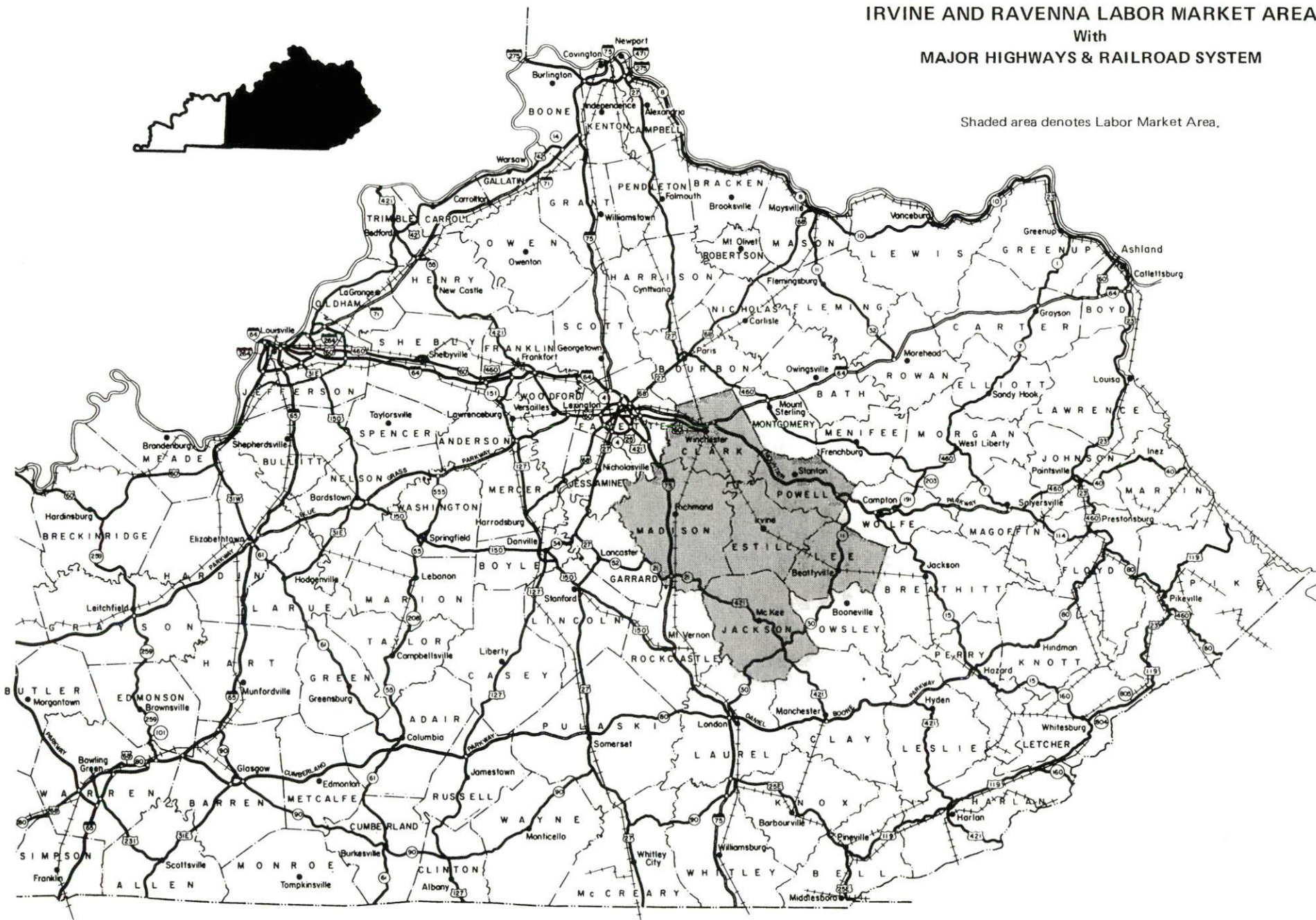
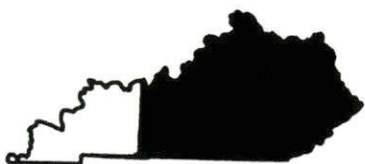
Transportation - Estill County is served by Kentucky Highways 52 and 89, both "AAA"-rated trucking highways. The Mountain Parkway is located fourteen miles north of Irvine. Interstate 75 is accessible twenty-three miles west of Irvine. Ten common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Estill County. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Estill County. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Blue Grass Airport, four miles west of Lexington, fifty-three miles northwest of Irvine. Stanton Airport, maintaining a 3,000-foot runway, and Madison Airport, maintaining a 4,000-foot runway, are both small craft airports within twenty-seven miles of Irvine.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Irvine, Ravenna, and a portion of Estill County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Estill County is also served by the Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, which is supplied by East Kentucky Power. Natural gas service to Irvine and Ravenna is provided by Columbia Gas of Kentucky which is supplied by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Irvine and Ravenna by the Estill County School System. Three universities, three senior colleges, and one community college are located within sixty miles of Irvine. Vocational training is provided by the Madison County Area Technology Center in Richmond, twenty-one miles west; and the Central Kentucky Regional Technology Center in Lexington, forty-six miles northwest.

IRVINE AND RAVENNA LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Estill County Labor Market Area includes Estill County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clark, Jackson, Lee, Madison, and Powell.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	140,578	132,681	127,020	103,868
Irvine	3,961	2,836	2,889	2,918
Ravenna	1,132	804	793	784
Estill County	15,487	14,614	14,495	12,752

*Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	151,084	163,299	172,564
Estill County	16,297	16,954	17,163

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1997 thru 2001</u>
Labor Market Area*	10,329	3,894	6,435	9,568
Estill County	2,915	421	2,494	1,171

* 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.

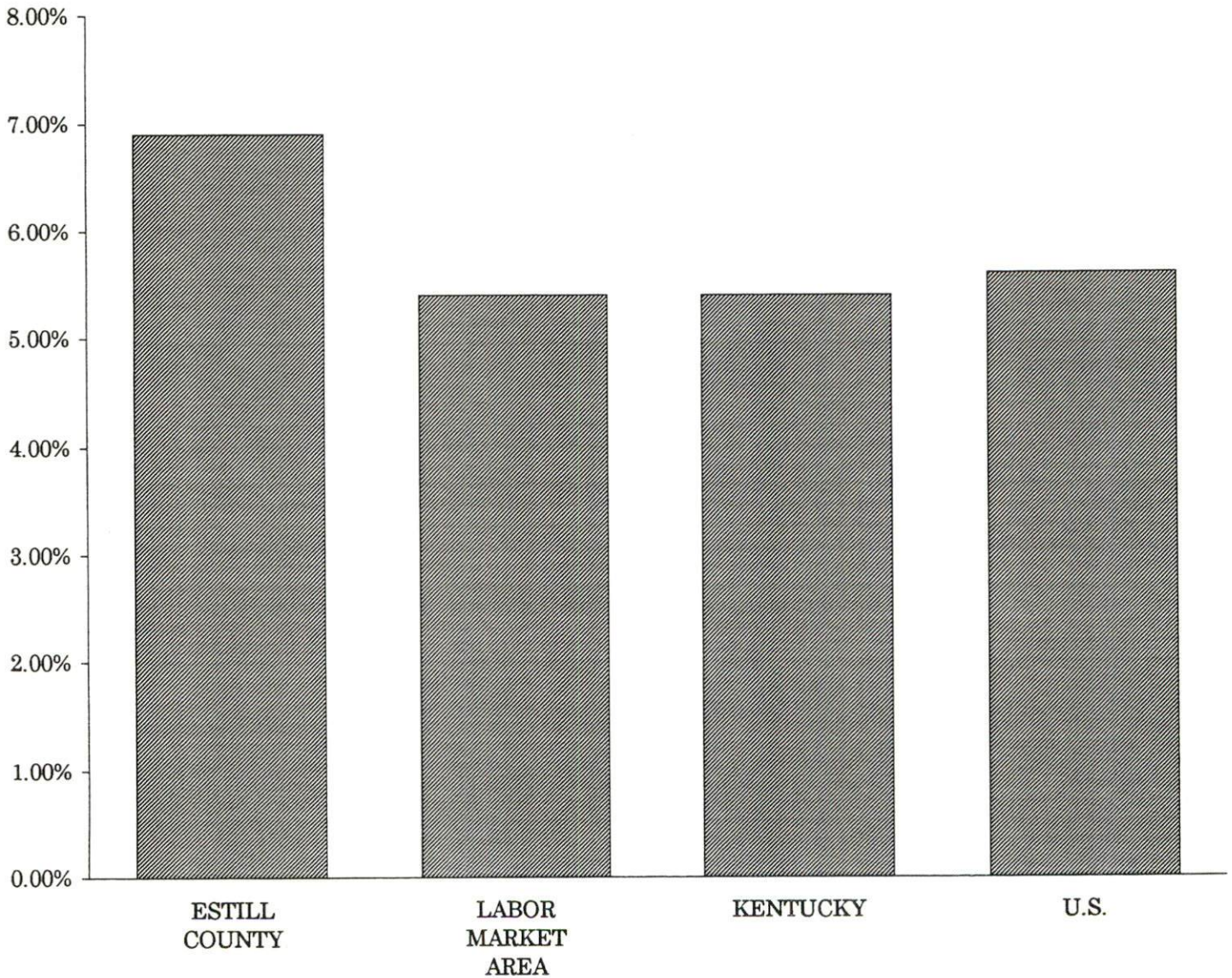
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1997 thru 2001.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1995

	<u>Estill County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	5,946	68,154
Employment	5,538	64,450
Unemployment	408	3,704
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.9	5.4

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1995.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1995



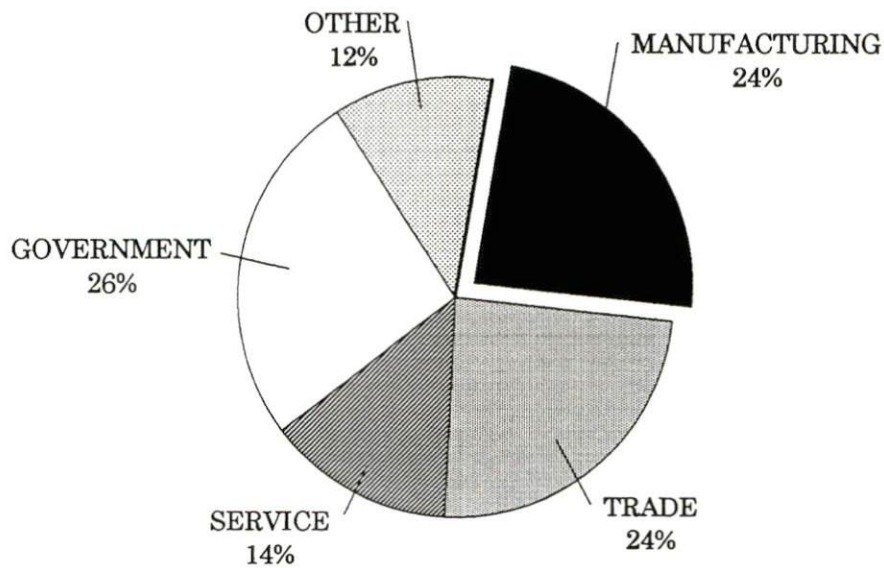
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

	<u>Estill County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,451	42,380
Manufacturing	578	10,990
Wholesale & Retail Trade	592	10,500
Services	346	7,553
State/Local Government	630	8,380
Contract Construction	60	1,340

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

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1995.

ESTILL COUNTY

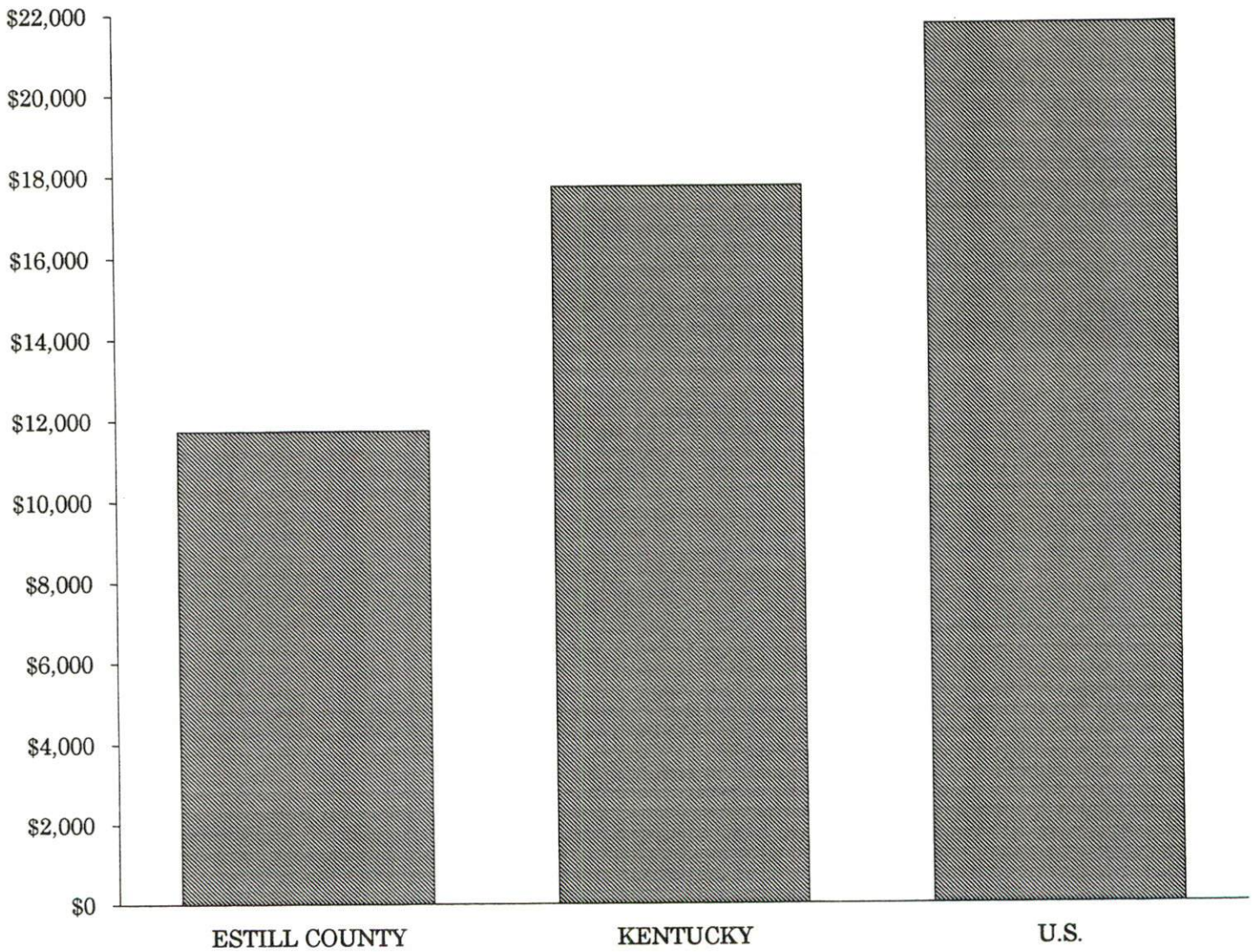


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1990	1994	Percent Change
Estill County	\$10,027	\$11,773	17.4
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,553 - \$14,614	\$10,953 - \$17,441	-
Kentucky	\$14,747	\$17,721	20.2
U.S.	\$18,666	\$21,696	16.2

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1994



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

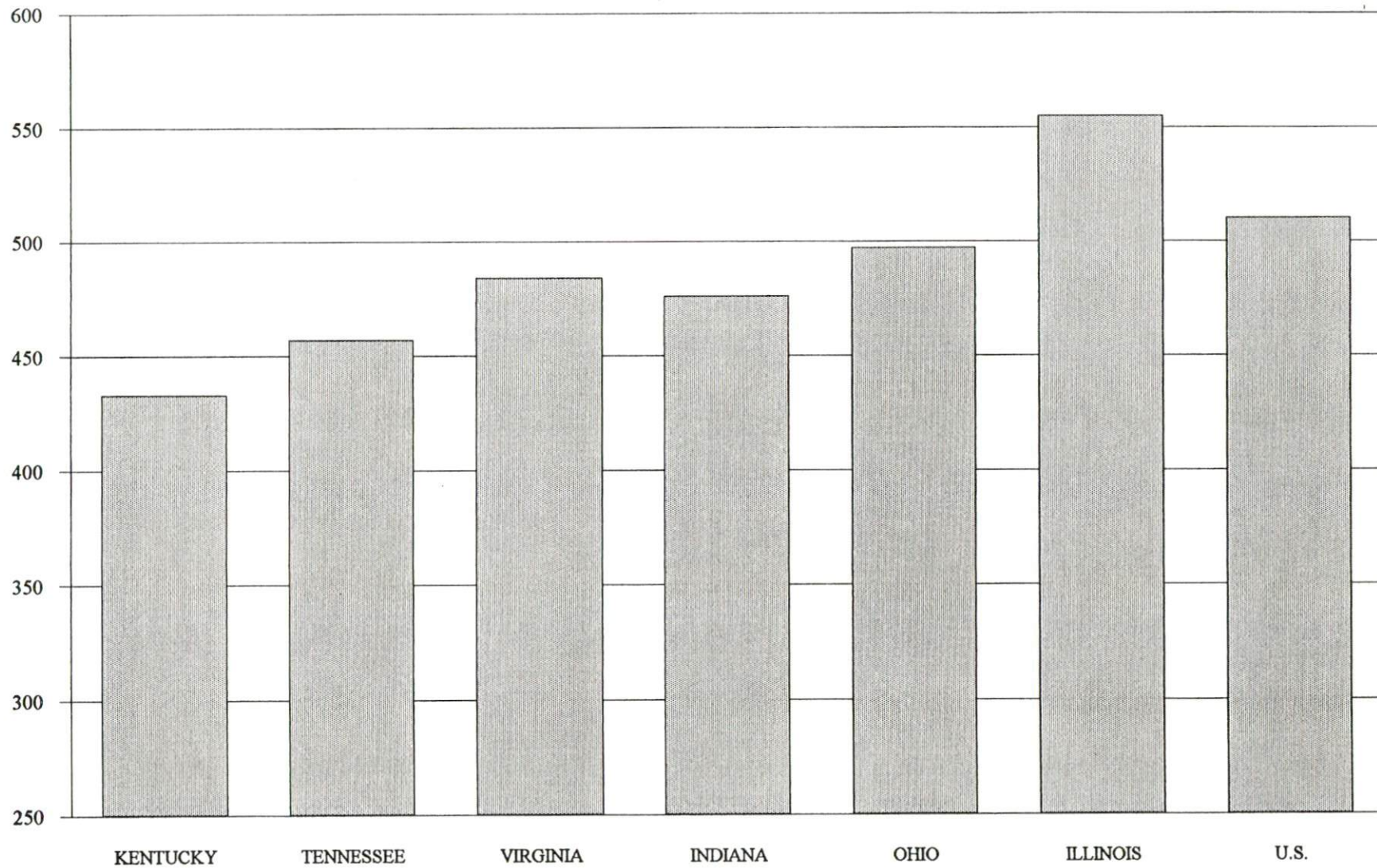
Estill County is served by the Winchester local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Winchester local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 2,802 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	2,802	5.26
Clerical	117	5.24
Sales	23	5.09
Services (excluding domestic)	214	4.77
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	25	5.06
Processing	172	6.39
Machine Trades	374	5.44
Bench Work	1,297	4.74
Structural	267	6.65
Motor Freight/ Transportation	44	5.42
Packaging and Materials Handling	224	5.74
Other	2	14.22

The Winchester local office also serves Clark, Madison and Powell 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 - 1994**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994*

	<u>Estill County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$305.78	\$432.45	\$457.00	\$484.00
Mining & Quarrying	541.82	724.79	638.00	721.00
Contract Construction	213.18	457.02	485.00	476.00
Manufacturing	313.47	560.04	540.00	565.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	346.06	573.31	588.00	673.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	194.40	297.57	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	388.21	521.15	585.00	609.00
Services	235.76	385.62	434.00	501.00
State/Local Government	408.38	441.53	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$476.00	\$497.00	\$555.00	\$510.00
Mining & Quarrying	771.00	682.00	815.00	839.00
Contract Construction	538.00	549.00	681.00	544.00
Manufacturing	653.00	701.00	692.00	645.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	581.00	619.00	694.00	658.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	557.00	572.00	764.00	693.00
Services	400.00	433.00	501.00	483.00
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.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1994. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1994, November 1995.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

ESTILL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	1996 <u>Average Employment</u>
Irvine		
Carhartt, Inc. (1934)	Men's outerwear, work clothing	325
Citizen Voice & Times (1886)	Newspaper	9
Ernest Isaacs Lumber Company (1969)	Rough lumber	11
Estill Ice Company, Inc. (1919)	Ice	1
Irvine Concrete (1983)	Ready-mixed concrete	2
Isaacs Lumber Company (1969)	Mulch, rough lumber	25
Oak Art of Kentucky Ltd. (1979)	Oak outdoor furniture	4
Panacron, Inc. (1983)	Radiant heating panels	6
Ravenna		
Armada Manufacturing Company (1989)	Fiberglass boats	75
Concrete Materials Corporation (1956)	Ready-mixed concrete, concrete septic tanks	3
Estill Wood Products, Inc. (1986)	Wood pallets, hardwood lumber & chips, furniture, dimension lumber	100
Hinkle Contracting Corporation (1969)	Asphalt	3
Smyth Lumber Company (1948)	Kiln dried rough lumber, truck flats, cattle racks, wood flooring	20
Tipton Ridge Quarry (1959)	Crushed stone, agricultural lime	21

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union

United Garment Workers
of America, AFL-CIO

Representing workers at:

Carhartt, Inc.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Irvine</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Richmond, Kentucky	21
Electric Motor Repair	Winchester, Kentucky	27
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	21
Industrial Waste Removal	Waco, Kentucky	11
	Richmond, Kentucky	21
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Clay City, Kentucky	14
	Stanton, Kentucky	19
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	59
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	21
Metal Service Centers	Richmond, Kentucky	21
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	46

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Estill County is served by Kentucky Highways 52 and 89, both "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. The Mountain Parkway is accessible 14 miles north of Irvine via Kentucky Highways 89 and 82. The Mountain Parkway provides multi-lane highway access to eastern Kentucky and to Interstate 64. Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor, is located 23 miles west of Irvine via Kentucky Highway 52.

Construction of a new bridge and bypass connecting Kentucky 52 and Kentucky 89 is scheduled to begin in 1997. The cost of the project is approximately \$8.2 million. River Drive, from Irvine to Ravenna, is scheduled to be widened to three lanes.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM IRVINE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	361	Los Angeles, CA	2,205
Baltimore, MD	560	Louisville, KY	120
Birmingham, AL	396	Nashville, TN	231
Chicago, IL	390	New Orleans, LA	735
Cincinnati, OH	122	New York, NY	745
Cleveland, OH	355	Pittsburgh, PA	378
Detroit, MI	382	St. Louis, MO	378
Knoxville, TN	167		

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

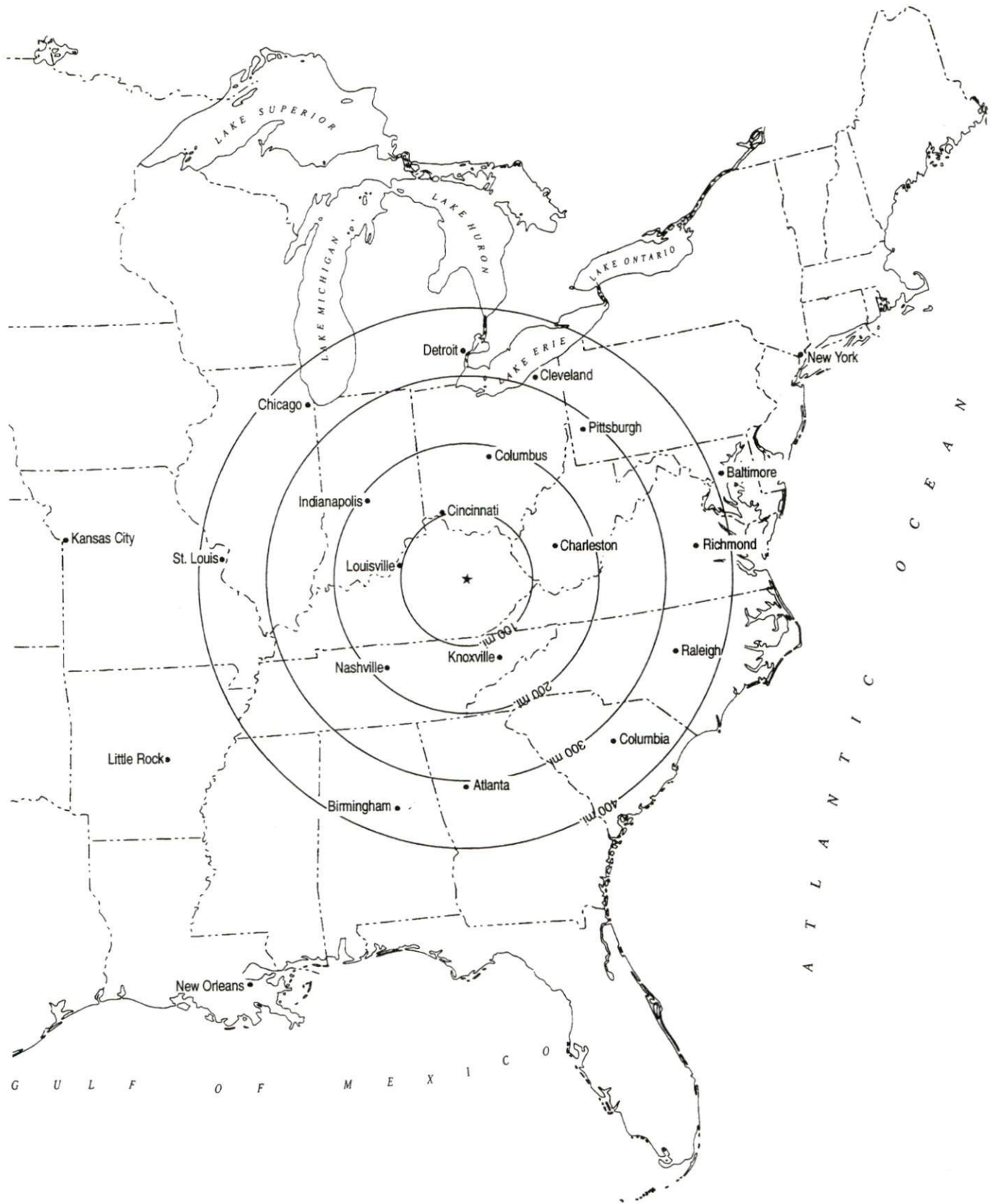
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Ten common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Estill County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1996.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Estill County. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by the Norfolk Southern Corporation at Georgetown, Kentucky, 60 miles northwest of Irvine.

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

Small Craft Airports

Stanton Airport
Location: 1/2-mile east of Stanton;
20 miles northeast of Irvine
Runways: One paved
Length: 3,000 feet
Traffic
Control: Wind sock
Lighting: Sunset to sunrise; rotating beacon, runway
Services: 100LL, hangar, tie-downs

Madison Airport
Location: 6 miles south of Richmond
27 miles west of Irvine
Runways: One paved
Length: 4,000 feet
Traffic
Control: Lighted wind sock
Lighting: Runway, taxiway, beacon, VASI, REIL, MIRL
Services: 100LL and jet-A fuel; major A & P repairs;
tie-downs; hangar with lobby, offices, and
maintenance shop; flight instruction; FBO;
plane rental; charter; car rental; parking

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Blue Grass Airport
Location: 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;
53 miles northwest of Irvine
Air Service: American Eagle, ASA, Comair, Delta,
Northwest Airlink, TW Express,
United Express, USAir, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 110

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Irvine, Ravenna, and central portions of Estill 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 **Estill County** - Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Jackson County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
P.O. Box 307
McKee, Kentucky 40447
(606) 287-7161

Natural Gas

Company serving **Estill County** - Columbia Gas of Kentucky

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Company
For rates and supplies contact:

Economic Development Department
Columbia Gas of Kentucky
70 Fountain Place
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(502) 227-4998 Fax (502) 227-7645

Public Water Supply

Company serving Irvine and Ravenna -	Irvine Municipal Utilities 239 Broadway Irvine, Kentucky 40336 (606) 723-2197
Source -	Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity-	2,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	1,000,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,533,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,200,000 gallons
Water pressure -	50 psi to 80 psi

Sewerage

Company serving Irvine and Ravenna -	Irvine Municipal Utilities 239 Broadway Irvine, Kentucky 40336 (606) 723-2197
Design capacity -	600,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	440,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Primary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Kentucky River

Irvine Municipal Utilities is presently renovating the sewer treatment plant, installing a new lift station, and completing a line extension project. These projects are expected to be completed by the fall of 1997 at an approximate cost of \$2.3 million.

CLIMATE

Estill County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1994	55.40 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (50-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (50-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,783

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	44.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.90 inches
Total precipitation 1994	45.70 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (50-year record)	129.70
Mean number days thunderstorms (50-year record)	44.40

Prevailing Winds (through 1963) South

Relative Humidity (31-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent * (30-year record)
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1994. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Irvine and Ravenna are each served by a mayor and six council members. Estill County is served by a county judge/executive and three magistrates.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Irvine Planning & Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Yes

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 Irvine levies business license fees that range from \$10 to \$200 annually. The City of Ravenna levies business license fees that range from \$30 to \$100 annually. Estill County levies an occupational license tax of 0.75 percent on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses (\$350 maximum).

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

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

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	1995 <u>State Rate</u>	Local Taxation <u>Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.167	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, 1995

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Estill County	\$0.2986	\$0.3040	\$0.2916
School Districts:			
Estill County	0.3890	0.3890	0.5000
Cities:			
Irvine	0.3580	0.3580	0.3450
Ravenna	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Estill County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1995)	2,786
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	13.9-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	33.8
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$4,165.61

The Estill County School System is presently constructing the new Estill County Middle School. The new facility is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 1997. In addition, recent expansions have been completed at South Irvine and West Irvine Elementary Schools.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Irvine)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (21)	15,727
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (34)	1,559
Lexington Community College	Lexington, Kentucky (46)	5,228
Transylvania University	Lexington, Kentucky (46)	923
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky (46)	24,378
Georgetown College	Georgetown, Kentucky (60)	1,461

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 Irvine)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1995-1996</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Madison County Area Technology Center	Richmond (21)	7	<u>Sec</u> 155 <u>P/S</u> 27	84
Central Kentucky Regional Technology Center	Leixngton (46)	26	<u>P/S</u> 909	350

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its Training and Development Coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Central Kentucky Regional Technology Center.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. A Career Connection Assessment Center is located on the campus of the Central Kentucky Regional Technology Center.

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 Estill County, adult education and adult literacy programs are provided through the Estill County Board of Education.

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 - 4

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital	Irvine	26

Medical staff - 5 physicians, 16 registered nurses, and 5 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Comprehensive Care Center
Estill Ambulance Service
Estill County Health Department
Estill County Rescue Squad
Estill Medical Clinic
Irvine Health Care Center

Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Citizens Guaranty Bank
Great Financial Bank
HNBANK

Newspapers

Citizen Voice & Times
Estill County Tribune

Telephone Service

GTE Kentucky

RECREATION

Local

Public recreation facilities in Irvine are centered around the Kiwanis Park. Facilities at this park include four baseball diamonds and a public swimming pool. A public park in Ravenna contains a picnic area, playground, and a tennis court. The Kentucky River provides opportunities for boating, fishing, and swimming enthusiasts.

Among private recreational facilities in the area are a country club, with a nine-hole golf course, and a pleasure boat dock.

Some of the highlights of the county are the Estill County Fair, held annually in August; and the Kentucky River Folk Festival, an annual event held in September which features folk music, arts, crafts, entertainment booths, food, and refreshments. The Mushroom Festival, held the last weekend in April, features arts & crafts booths, a 5K Run, an antique car show, and entertainment.

Estill County is located in an area that provides excellent recreational facilities. The Cottage Furnace Recreation Area and the Fitchburg Furnace, located in the northeastern part of the county, provide facilities for picnicking and camping, as well as historical sites.

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

Area (Within 60 miles)

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park
Fort Boonesborough State Park
Keeneland Race Course
The Kentucky Horse Park
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Waveland State Historic Site
White Hall State Historic Site
Cave Run Lake
Herrington Lake

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