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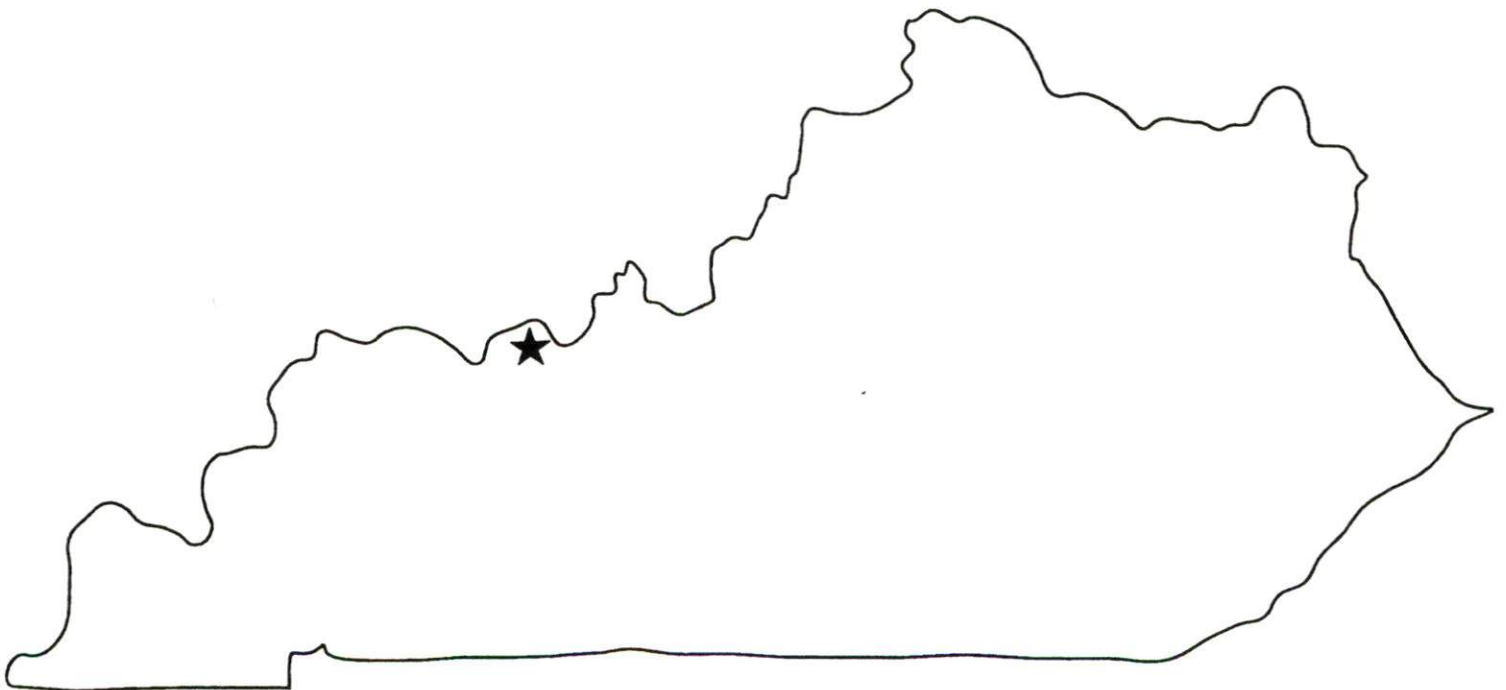
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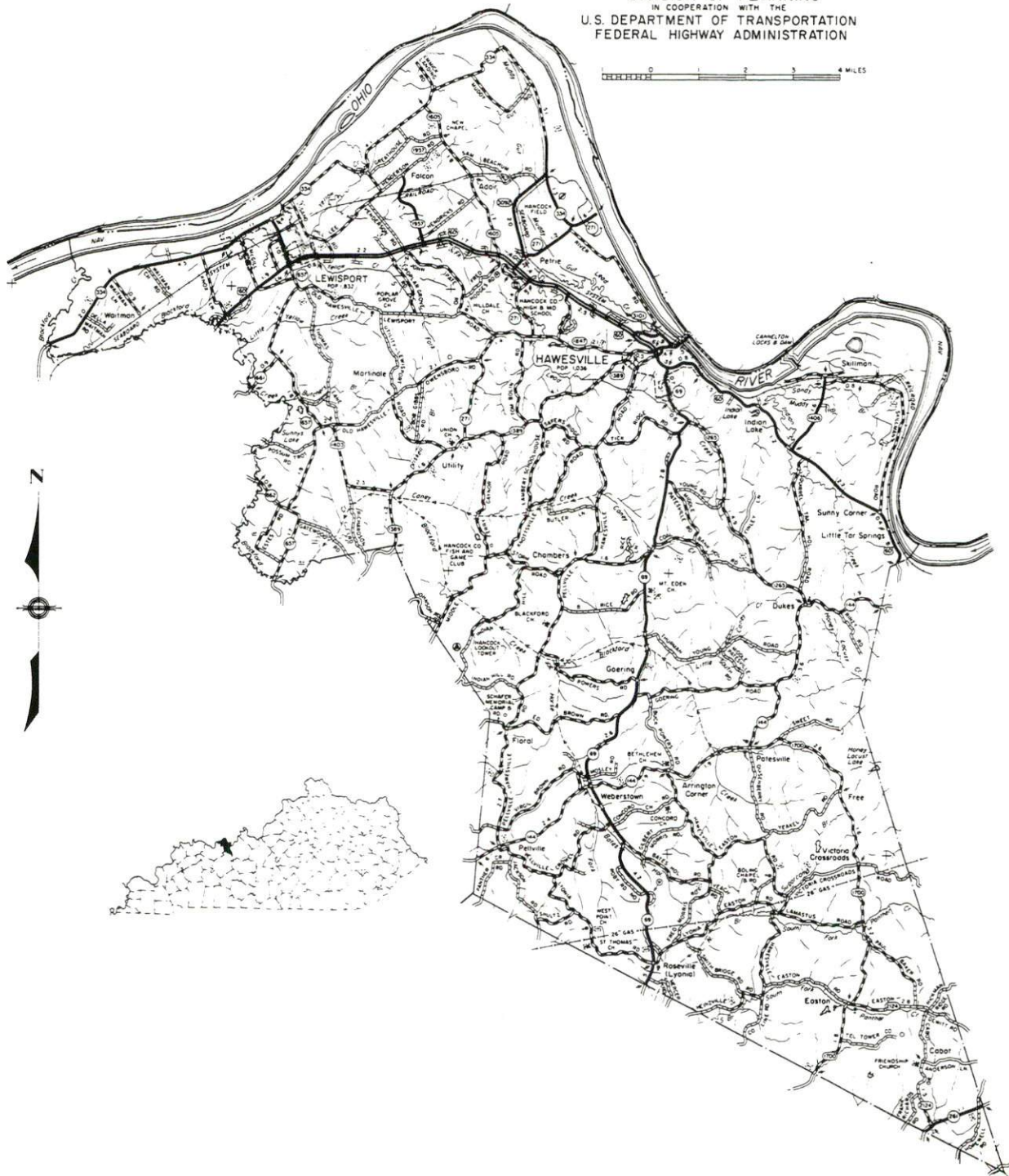
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
HANCOCK COUNTY
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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HANCOCK COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Hancock County is located along the Ohio River at the edge of Kentucky's Western Coal Field Region. The county has two incorporated cities, Hawesville and Lewisport. Hawesville, the county seat, had an estimated 1994 population of 1,103 persons. Lewisport, located ten miles northwest of Hawesville, is the largest of the two cities with an estimated 1994 population of 1,839 persons. Hancock County, with a land area of 188 square miles, had an estimated 1995 population of 8,483. Hancock County has experienced a 7.9 percent growth rate from 1990 to 1995 making it the 30th fastest growing county in Kentucky.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Hancock County residents employed in 1994 averaged 3,215. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 2,806 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 185 jobs; 178 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 364 employees; and contract construction firms provided 112 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 7,790 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1997 through 2001, 10,463 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Hawesville and Lewisport lie along U.S. Highway 60, a "AAA"-rated trucking highway which provides easy access to both north-south and east-west multi-lane routes at Owensboro, Kentucky, 25 miles southwest of Hawesville. Access to Interstate 64, a major east-west route, is 27 miles north of Hawesville. Other "AAA"-rated highways in Hancock County are Kentucky Routes 69 and 657. Nineteen common carrier trucking companies serve Hancock County. CSX Transportation provides main line rail freight service to Hawesville and Lewisport. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at Evansville Regional Airport, 68 miles west of Hawesville near Evansville, Indiana. Commuter air carrier service with connections to several major airlines is available at the Owensboro-Daviess County Airport, 28 miles southwest of Hawesville near Owensboro. Both Hawesville and Lewisport are located on the Ohio River, where a nine-foot navigation channel is maintained.

Power and Fuel - Green River Electric Corporation provides electricity to Hancock County. Western Kentucky Gas Company provides natural gas service to Hawesville, while the City of Lewisport operates a municipal natural gas system.

Education - The Hancock County School System, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, provides public education to residents of the county. Six institutions of higher learning are located within 65 miles of Hawesville. Vocational training is available at the Daviess County Regional Technology Center and the Owensboro Regional Technology Center, both 25 miles southwest of Hawesville; and the Ivy Tech Instructional Center in Tell City, Indiana, five miles north of Hawesville.

HANCOCK COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.

This map illustrates the Hancock County Labor Market Area, which is shaded in gray. The area includes Hancock County and extends into portions of neighboring counties: Henderson, Daviess, Breckinridge, and Harrison. The map shows a dense network of major highways, including Interstate 75 (I-75) running north-south through the center, and several U.S. Routes (e.g., US-41, US-50, US-60, US-127) and state routes. The railroad system is also depicted with various lines and stations. Surrounding counties are labeled, including Union, Webster, Crittenden, Livingston, Ballard, McCracken, Carlisle, Hickman, Graves, Calloway, Lyon, Christian, Todd, Logan, Warren, Barren, Simpson, Allen, Monroe, Clinton, Russell, Metcalfe, Cumberland, Adair, Casey, Taylor, Green, Marion, Larue, Hart, Grayson, Hardin, Meade, Bullitt, Jefferson, Shelby, Franklin, Mercer, Anderson, Spencer, Washington, Boyle, and Gallatin. The Ohio River is shown to the east of the shaded area, with towns like Hartford and Leitchfield marked. The map also shows the locations of several cities and towns, such as Owensboro, Hardinsburg, Brandenburg, Shepherdsville, Radcliff, Elizabethtown, Louisville, and Lexington. The shaded area is bounded by the Ohio River to the east and the Kentucky River to the south.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Hancock County Labor Market Area includes Hancock County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Breckinridge, Daviess, and Ohio. Although not included in the statistics below, the Labor Market Area is supplemented by the Indiana counties of Perry and Spencer.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	137,322**	132,470	132,317	120,145
Hawesville	1,103	1,046	1,036	1,262
Lewisport	1,839	1,778	1,832	1,595
Hancock County	8,483**	7,864	7,742	7,080

*Population estimates. **1995 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	142,213	148,891	152,985
Hancock County	8,760	9,465	9,879

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*	7,790	3,870	3,920	10,463
Hancock County	1,002	239	763	670

* 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.

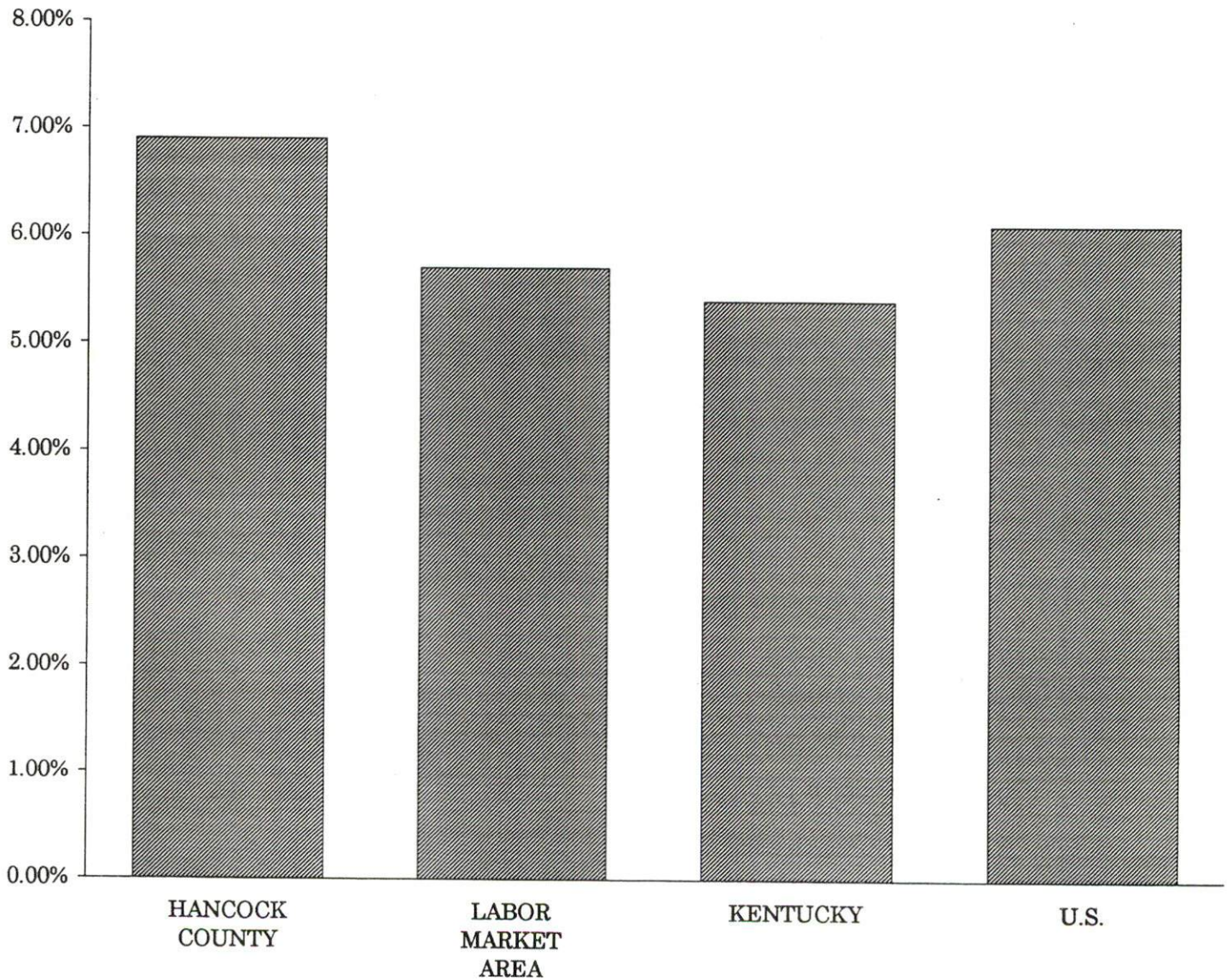
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1997 thru 2001.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,454	67,633
Employment	3,215	63,763
Unemployment	239	3,870
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.9	5.7

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1994.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1994



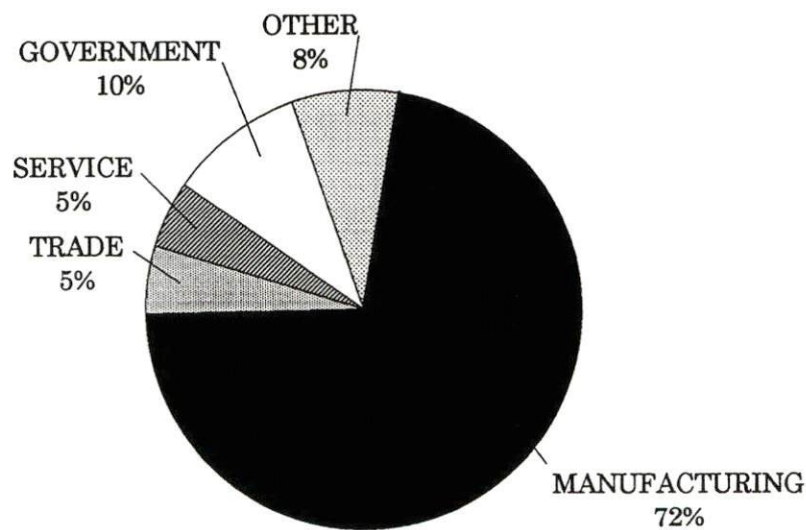
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	3,896	50,913
Manufacturing	2,806	10,972
Wholesale & Retail Trade	185	12,152
Services	178	10,584
State/Local Government	364	7,857
Contract Construction	112	3,149

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, 1994.

HANCOCK COUNTY

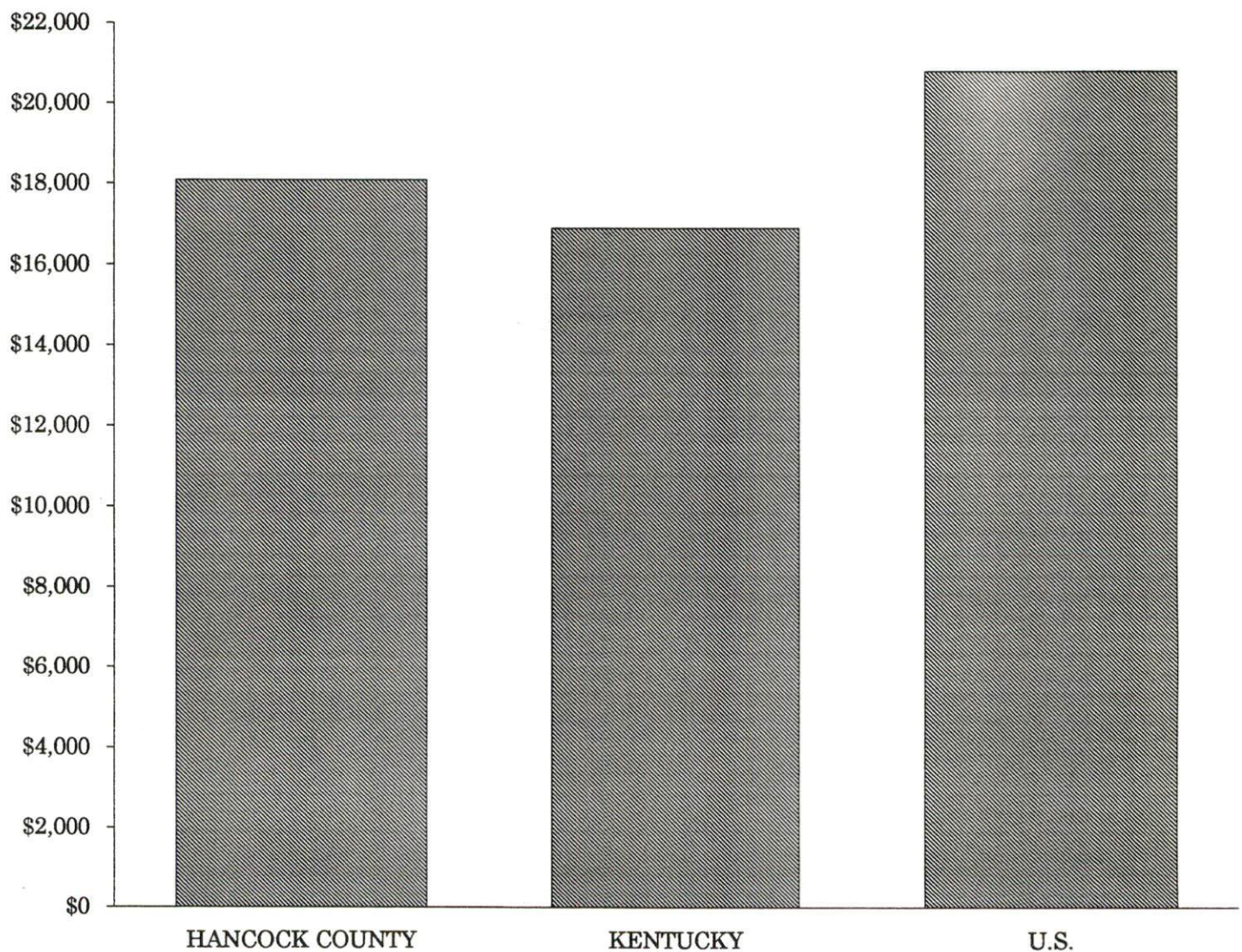


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1989	1993	Percent Change
Hancock County	\$14,981	\$18,086	20.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,483 - \$14,981	\$12,673 - \$18,086	-
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

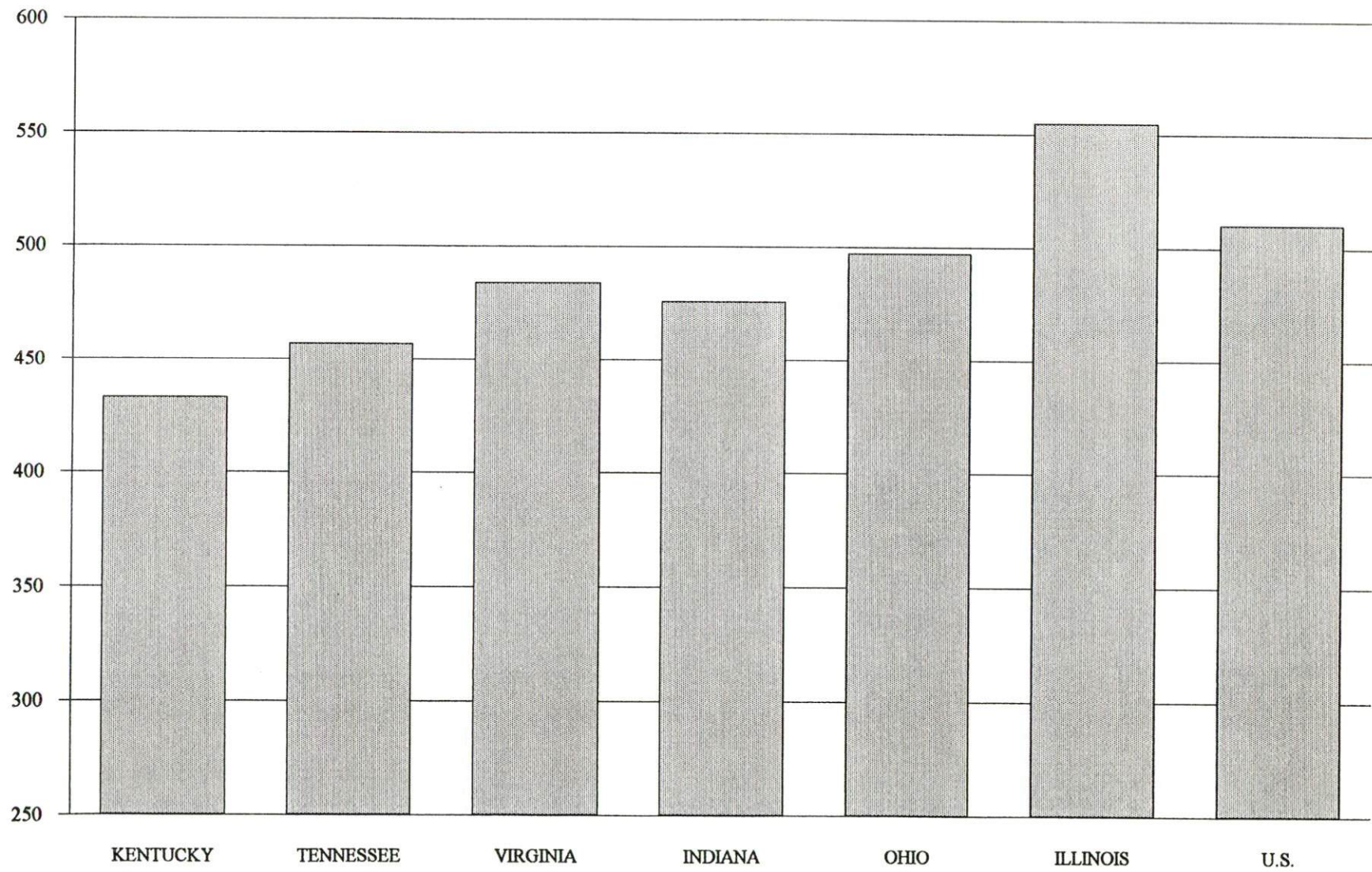
Hancock County is served by the Owensboro local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Owensboro local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 3,112 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	3,112	6.16
Clerical	318	5.27
Sales	75	5.35
Services (excluding domestic)	841	4.78
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	22	5.13
Processing	966	6.59
Machine Trades	169	10.13
Bench Work	131	6.32
Structural	184	6.93
Motor Freight/ Transportation	68	6.54
Packaging and Materials Handling	279	6.75
Other	4	8.06

The Owensboro local office also serves Daviess, McLean, and Ohio 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>Hancock County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$705.22	\$432.45	\$457.00	\$484.00
Mining & Quarrying	0.00	724.79	638.00	721.00
Contract Construction	376.34	457.02	485.00	476.00
Manufacturing	832.52	560.04	540.00	565.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	697.61	573.31	588.00	673.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	214.27	297.57	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	318.46	521.15	585.00	609.00
Services	234.28	385.62	434.00	501.00
State/Local Government	372.68	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

HANCOCK COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Hawesville		
Clarion Publishing Company (1893)	Newspaper	7
Hancock County Ready Mixed Concrete (1964)	Ready-mixed concrete, agricultural lime	13
Lasher Ice Company (1982)	Ice	2
NSA-Division of Southwire Company (1967)	Primary aluminum products, foundry alloy ingot	700
Southwire Company Kentucky Division (1967)	Stranded aluminum cable and wire, aluminum rod	180
Willamette Industries, Inc.; Kentucky Mills (1967)	Fine paper, bleached kraft hardwood pulp, paper corrugating medium	465
Worldsource Coil Coating, Inc. (1988)	Coating of metal	182
Wroe Pallet & Skids; Division of Wroe Lumber Company, Inc. (1985)	Wood pallets, wood specialty skids	15
Lewisport		
American Olean Tile Company (1959)	Quarry tile, ceramic floor tile	188
Commonwealth Aluminum (1966)	Aluminum sheet	1,100
Crescent Tube Company (1990)	Paper tubing (cores)	12
JMC Pallet Construction Inc. (1982)	Wood pallets and skids	6
Maxwell Brothers Lumber (1986)	Sawmill	10
McElroy Metal, Inc. (1988)	Roll forming metal roofing and siding	9

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Hancock County Industrial Foundation, Inc..

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Alcoa Foil Products announced plans in 1995 to begin a \$5.0 million foil products operation in Hawesville. Employment is expected to reach 25 to 45.

A-CMI announced plans in 1995 to begin a \$69.5 million auto components operation in Hawesville with employment expected to reach 400.

Willamette Industries in Hawesville is planning a \$500 million expansion that will create 70 additional jobs; Worldsource Coil Coating in Hawesville is planning an expansion that will create 21 new jobs; Commonwealth Aluminum in Lewisport is planning a \$75 million expansion that will create 20 jobs; and Maxwell Brothers Lumber recently announced a \$300,000 expansion that is expected to create 10 new jobs.

A new Hancock County public airport is being developed adjacent to the industrial park. Plans call for a 5,500-foot runway to accommodate corporate aircraft for local industry.

A new solid waste transfer station was completed in 1995 and is now in operation.

A private developer is constructing a \$5.0 million Hancock County Riverport which will be a multi-modal, state-of-the-art transloading facility.

The Career Center is a newly formed regional partnership offering a single-source site for job assessment, placement, and training assistance that is dedicated to providing employment opportunities for job seekers and workforce development solutions to employers. The Center also provides professional services to companies considering locating in the area, or to existing companies, and can assist a company in designing recruitment, selection, and training programs. (See the section on Vocational-Technical Training for additional information.)

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union

Representing workers at:

Hawesville

International Brotherhood of
Teamsters

Worldsource Coil Coating, Inc.

United Paperworkers
International Union,
AFL-CIO

Willamette Industries, Inc.;
Kentucky Mills

Lewisport

United Steelworkers of
America, AFL-CIO-CLC

Commonwealth Aluminum

MAJOR NON-MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

<u>Major Employers</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Hancock County Board of Education	220
Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Hawesville	125
City/County Government	94
First Class Services, Lewisport	50
Heartland Villa Nursing Home, Lewisport	45

Source: Hancock County Industrial Foundation, Inc.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Hawesville</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Owensboro, Kentucky	25
Electric Motor Repair	Owensboro, Kentucky	25
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville, Indiana	65
Industrial Waste Removal	Owensboro, Kentucky	25
Machine Shops, Tool & Die*	Owensboro, Kentucky	25
Metal Castings	Owensboro, Kentucky	25
Metal Finishers	Hawesville, Kentucky	-
Metal Service Centers	Owensboro, Kentucky	25
Millwrights & Riggers	Owensboro, Kentucky	25
Specialized Trucking	Lewisport, Kentucky	10

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

* A location is being developed in Lewisport, ten miles west of Hawesville.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

U.S. Highway 60 and Kentucky Routes 69 and 657 are all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Hancock County. Both Hawesville and Lewisport lie along U.S. 60, which is four lanes between the two cities.

Hancock County also has easy access to the interstate highway system. Interstate 64, a major east-west route, is accessible 27 miles north of Hawesville via the Ohio River Bridge and Indiana Routes 66 and 37. Interstate 64 provides multi-lane access to Interstate 65, a major north-south route, 78 miles northeast of Hawesville. Interstate 65 is also accessible, via Kentucky 69 and the multi-lane William H. Natcher Parkway (formerly the Green River Parkway), near Bowling Green, Kentucky, 85 miles south of Hawesville.

U.S. 60 provides easy access to the Audubon Parkway, an east-west, multi-lane highway, and to the William H. Natcher Parkway, a north-south multi-lane highway. Both are accessible at Owensboro, Kentucky, 25 miles southwest of Hawesville.

A project to widen, straighten, and add passing lanes to U.S. 60 is presently under way between Cloverport and Hardinsburg. The segment from Hawesville to Cloverport has been completed.

A project to construct the William H. Natcher Bridge over the Ohio River, five miles west of Lewisport, is under way. The bridge will connect U.S. 60 and Interstate 64 via U.S. Highway 231. The new route will provide a direct link to Interstate 64.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM HAWESVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	382	Los Angeles, CA	2,046
Baltimore, MD	677	Louisville, KY	77
Birmingham, AL	328	Nashville, TN	141
Chicago, IL	315	New Orleans, LA	663
Cincinnati, OH	178	New York, NY	837
Cleveland, OH	425	Pittsburgh, PA	465
Detroit, MI	438	St. Louis, MO	219
Knoxville, TN	275		

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

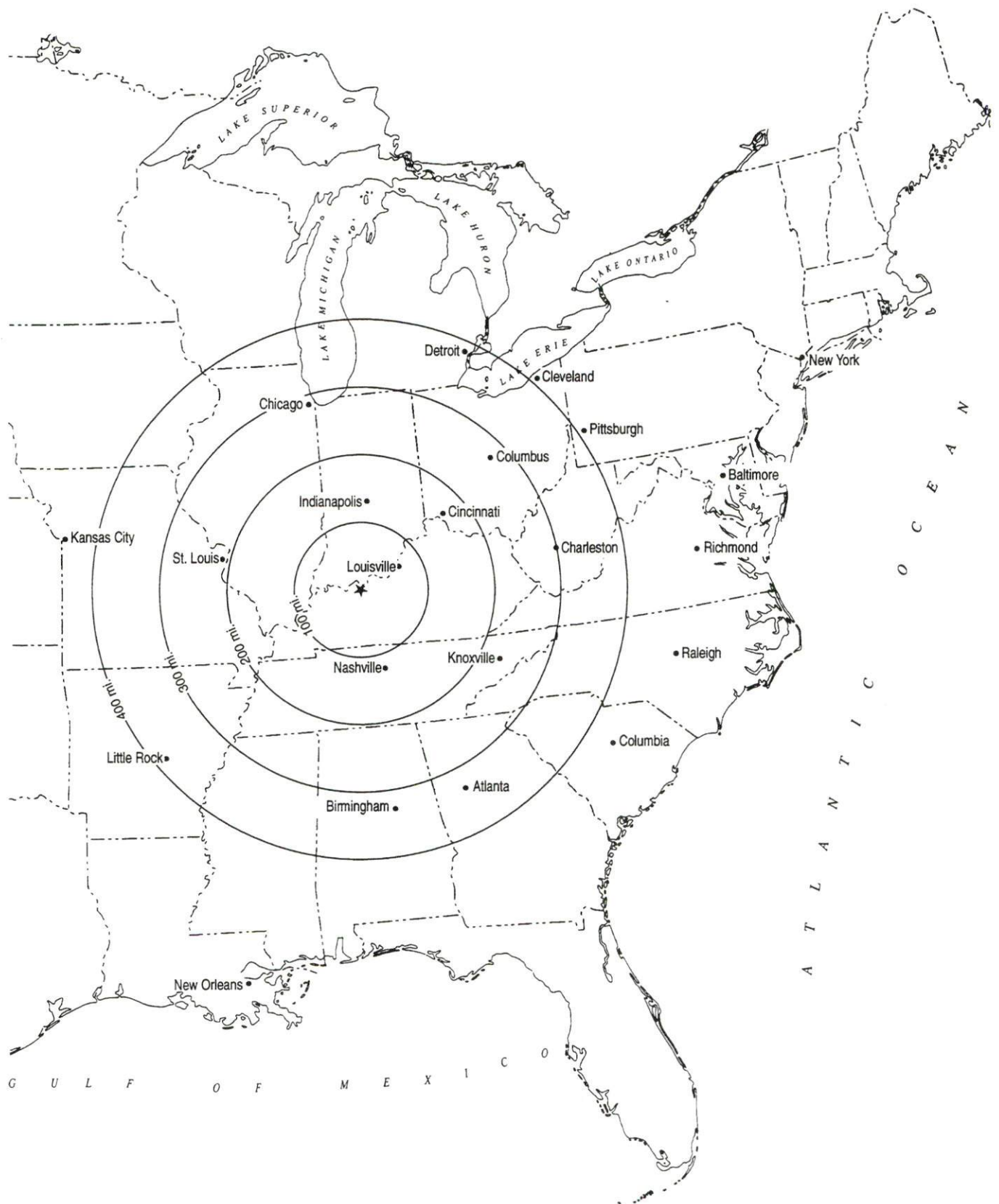
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Nineteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hancock County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1996.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hawesville and Lewisport. Intermodal facilities are available 25 miles southwest at Owensboro, Kentucky.

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

Manager
Industrial Development
CSX Transportation
9420 Bunsen Parkway
Suite 212
Louisville, Kentucky 40220
(502) 499-3025

Air

Local

Location: Owensboro-Daviess County Airport
3 miles southwest of Owensboro city limits;
28 miles southwest of Hawesville
Air Service: American Eagle, Northwest Airlink
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 12

A new Hancock County public airport is being developed adjacent to the industrial park. Plans call for a 5,500-foot runway to accommodate corporate aircraft for local industry.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Evansville Regional Airport
3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana;
68 miles west of Hawesville
Air Service: ASA, Chicago Express, ComAir, American Eagle,
Northwest Airlink, TW Express, USAir
US Air Express
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 98

Water

The Ohio River provides one of the most modernized lock and dam systems and heavily traveled freight transportation corridors in the nation. Hawesville and Lewisport are both located along the Ohio River, which forms Hancock County's northern boundary.

The Owensboro Riverport Authority operates a public riverport on the Ohio River, 25 miles southwest of Hawesville, at Owensboro. Facilities include more than 160,000 square feet of general commodity warehousing, 48,000 square yards of compacted rock outside storage, and two 110-ton cranes and a coal preparation plant. The riverport is located on a main line of the CSX Transportation system.

A private developer is constructing a \$5.0 million Hancock County Riverport which will be a multi-modal, state-of-the-art transloading facility.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **a major portion of Hancock County, including Hawesville and Lewisport** -
Green River Electric Corporation

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

Green River Electric Corporation
3111 Fairview Drive
P.O. Box 1389
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302
(502) 926-4141

Natural Gas

Company serving **Hawesville** - Western Kentucky Gas Company

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company
2401 New Hartford Road
P.O. Box 866
Owensboro, Kentucky 42303-0866
(502) 685-8069

Company serving **Lewisport** - Lewisport Natural Gas System

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Lewisport Natural Gas System
P.O. Box 22
City Hall
Lewisport, Kentucky 42351
(502) 295-3324

Company serving **Hancock County's industrial complex** - Western Kentucky Gas Company

Source of supply - Local gas well production and Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company
2401 New Hartford Road
P.O. Box 866
Owensboro, Kentucky 42303-0866
(502) 685-8069

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Hawesville** - Hawesville Water Works
P.O. Box 157
Hawesville, Kentucky 42348
(502) 927-8707

Source - 4 wells; total pumping capacity of 400 gallons per minute
Treatment plant capacity - 576,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 275,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 432,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 581,000 gallons
Water pressure - 32 psi to 90 psi

Company serving **Lewisport** - City of Lewisport
P.O. Box 22
City Hall
Lewisport, Kentucky 42351
(502) 295-3324

Source - Groundwater; total pumping capacity of 400 gallons per minute
Treatment plant capacity - 400,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 280,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 372,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 315,000 gallons
Water pressure - 60 psi to 68 psi

The City of Lewisport plans to construct a new \$2.5 million 600,000 gallon per day plant. Plans also call for construction of a new 200,000 gallon storage tank.

Name of water district - East Daviess County Water Association
9210 Highway 144
Philpot, Kentucky 42366
(502) 281-5187

Area served - Southern Hancock County, east Daviess County, extreme northeastern Ohio County
Source of supply of treated water - Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Amount of water that can be purchased - no set limit
Average daily consumption - 620,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,127,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,450,000 gallons
Water pressure - 35 psi to 140 psi

The East Daviess County Water Association is in the process of upgrading part of its distribution system, and constructing a new 750,000 gallon water tank, a pump station, and 60,000 feet of 12-inch main lines at a cost of \$1,824,000.

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Ohio River

Average discharge - Ohio River at Cannelton Dam - 128,500 cfs (19 years, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along Ohio River; 50 to 200 gpm in north-south band through central portion of the county; 5 gpm or less over most of the county

Sewerage

Company serving **Hawesville** - Hawesville Sewer System
P.O. Box 157
Hawesville, Kentucky 42348
(502) 927-8707

Design capacity - 250,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 100,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Lead Creek

The City of Hawesville plans renovation of the sewage treatment plant, rehabilitation of the sewer mains and pump station, and adding 2.5 miles of force main at an estimated cost of \$930,000. Completion is expected by Fall 1997.

Company serving **Lewisport** - Lewisport Sewer System
P.O. Box 22
City Hall
Lewisport, Kentucky 42351
(502) 295-3324

Design capacity - 250,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 180,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

The City of Lewisport plans to construct a new \$2.5 million 600,000 gallon per day treatment plant.

CLIMATE

Hancock County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.80 degrees
Average annual 1994	57.30 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (54-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, February 1951 (54-year record)	-23.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,708
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (54-year record)	43.14 inches
Mean annual snowfall (54-year record)	13.70 inches
Total precipitation 1994	36.75 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (54-year record)	115.20
Mean number days thunderstorms (54-year record)	45.00

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South-Southwest

Relative Humidity (33-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, Climatological Data, 1994. Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Hancock County is governed by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term. Hawesville and Lewisport are both governed by mayor-city council forms of government. Each city has a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members each serve two-year terms.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Hancock County Urban Planning Commission

Participating cities - Hawesville, Lewisport and northern Hancock County

Zoning enforced - Hancock County from the Ohio River to three miles south of U.S. Highway 60

Subdivision regulations enforced - Hancock County from the Ohio River to three miles south of U.S. Highway 60

Local codes enforced - Building and housing in Hancock County from the Ohio River to three miles south of U.S. Highway 60

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

Hawesville levies an annual business license fee of \$30.50. Presently, there are no city business licenses or fees required for manufacturers in Lewisport. Hancock County levies an occupational license tax of 1.25 percent on wages and on net profits. Industries employing more than 100 persons are exempt from the tax on net profits.

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>	<u>1995 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation 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>
Hancock County	\$0.1300	\$0.1369	\$0.1289
School Districts:			
Hancock County	0.4000	0.4000	0.3310
Cities:			
Hawesville	0.4200	0.7220	0.4128
Lewispport	0.2100	0.2100	0.2100

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Hancock County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	1,558
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	19.1-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	43.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$4,007.67

The Hancock County School System is dedicated to technology advancement and has recently spent over \$500,000 to add 150 new computers and an instructional computer management program to their current system.

The Hancock County Employability Program, an industrial development resource, was developed as a collaborative effort of local government, business/industry, employment services, and schools (high school, vocational schools, and community college) to address the skills needs for employers. It began as a concern of local schools and local government to increase the employment of Hancock Countians in local industries. An Industrial Advisory Council was formed to identify the skills/knowledge necessary for employment in local industries, and a plan was developed to provide the needed training for adults and high school students. The program will be integrated into the new Career Center when it opens in mid 1996. (See Vocational-Technical Training section for more information.)

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Hawesville)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (25)	678
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (25)	654
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (25)	2,348
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (55)	1,191
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (65)	3,291
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (65)	7,666

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.

	Location (Mileage from (Hawesville))	Number of Program Offerings	Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995	Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually
<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>				
Daviess County Regional Technology Center	Owensboro (25)	9	<u>Sec</u> 149 <u>P/S</u> 5,083	43
Owensboro Regional Technology Center	Owensboro (25)	10	<u>Sec</u> 71 <u>P/S</u> 1,746	61

The Career Center (Hancock County satellite office opening mid 1996)

The Career Center is a newly regional formed partnership offering a single-source site for job assessment, placement, and training assistance that is dedicated to providing employment opportunities for job seekers and workforce development solutions to employers. Upon completion of an assessment program and appropriate training programs, job candidates are placed in a database that is available to the area's employers. Candidates needing skills upgrade training are enrolled in programs to enable them to become more attractive to employers. The Center also provides professional services to companies considering locating in the area, or to existing companies. The Center can assist a company in designing recruitment, selection, and training programs. Consultation services are provided at no cost; and implementation services are provided at either no cost, or cost recovery. For more information call (502) 927-8066.

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 Owensboro Regional Technology Center (502) 687-7255.

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. A Career Connections assessment center is located on the Owensboro Regional Technology Center campus (502) 686-3234.

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. The Hancock County School System offers programs in the areas of agriculture, business/marketing, home economics, health services, and technology.

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 Hancock County, adult basic education is provided by the Hancock County Literacy Program and adult basic education is provided through the Hancock County Board of Education.

Ivy Tech Instructional Center

The Ivy Tech Instructional Center in Tell City, Indiana, five miles north of Hawesville, provides vocational-technical training leading to the conferral of technical certificates in administrative office technology/secretarial, industrial maintenance, and welding. The Center is designed to accommodate students above the usual high school age and those who have withdrawn from high school. The center can develop programs and training opportunities designed to meet the special needs of business or industry.

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 - 3 (including one at Southwire Company and at the Hancock County Health Department)
Dentists - 4

Hospital

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Hawesville)</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Perry County Memorial Hospital	Tell City, Indiana (5)	85
Owensboro Mercy Health System	Owensboro, Kentucky (25)	
Parrish Avenue Campus		485
Ford Avenue Campus		149

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Green River Comprehensive Care Center
Green River District Health Department,
 Hancock County Center (a public health facility)
Hancock County Emergency Ambulance Service
Hancock County Health Department
Hancock County Medical Center
Heartland Villa Nursing Home
Hospice
Lewisport Medical Center
State approved day care facilities
 (Hawesville and Lewisport)

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Hancock Bank and Trust Company
 (Hawesville and Lewisport)
Great Financial Bank

Newspapers

Hancock Clarion (weekly)

Telephone Service

Hawesville - BellSouth
Lewisport - Lewisport Telephone Company

Hancock County has implemented the enhanced version of the "911" emergency dispatch communications system.

Cable Television

Lewisport Cable Company
Tele-Media, Hawesville

RECREATION

Local

A wide variety of recreational opportunities are available to the residents of Hancock County. The county offers six lighted baseball diamonds, four playgrounds, one skating rink, and four county parks. Vastwood Park is a 340-acre park approximately three miles from Hawesville. Present facilities include four lighted baseball and softball diamonds; horseback riding trails; a new horse show arena; a volleyball area; a 20-acre lake with a beach, bathhouse, picnic area and playground (lifeguards are on duty all summer); and both primitive and recreational vehicle camping facilities. South Hancock Park features a softball diamond, two tennis courts, a croquet yard, a basketball court, a picnic area, and playground equipment. All park facilities are lighted.

Hawesville has a boat ramp on the Ohio River, a picnic area, two mini-parks, and fairground facilities.

Lewisport offers a picnic area and boat ramp on the Ohio River and two mini-parks with tennis courts, basketball courts, and playground equipment.

The Windward Heights Country Club, located between Hawesville and Lewisport, provides a clubhouse, a swimming pool, a nine-hole golf course, and several tennis courts.

Annual recreational events in Hancock County include the Hancock County Fair which includes a variety of sporting events, contests, and shows. The annual Fourth of July Celebration is held at Vastwood Park and features fireworks, booths, contests, tournaments, and entertainment.

The Hawesville Steamboat Festival is another local tradition offering an opportunity to enjoy parties, dancing, sports, contests, music exhibitions, shows, arts and crafts, demonstrations, antiques, and markets.

Annual events in Lewisport include the Lions Club Tractor Pull Contest, which offers a picnic, exhibitions, and prizes; and the Lewisport Heritage Festival, held in June, which features arts and crafts, exhibits, barbecue, music, and fireworks.

The Hancock County Museum, a restored railroad depot located in Hawesville, contains a collection of artifacts representing all facets of history in the county. A new Agriculture Museum is being developed in Lewisport which will depict the history of agriculture in Hancock County.

Owensboro, 25 miles west of Hawesville, is Kentucky's third largest city and is the source of many entertainment and recreational activities.

Area (Within 45 miles)

Hoosier National Forest
Holiday World (amusement park)
Ben Hawes State Park
Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial
Rough River Dam State Resort Park
International Barbecue Festival
International Bluegrass Museum
Owensboro Symphony Orchestra
Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
RiverPark Center for the Performing Arts

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