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Louisa



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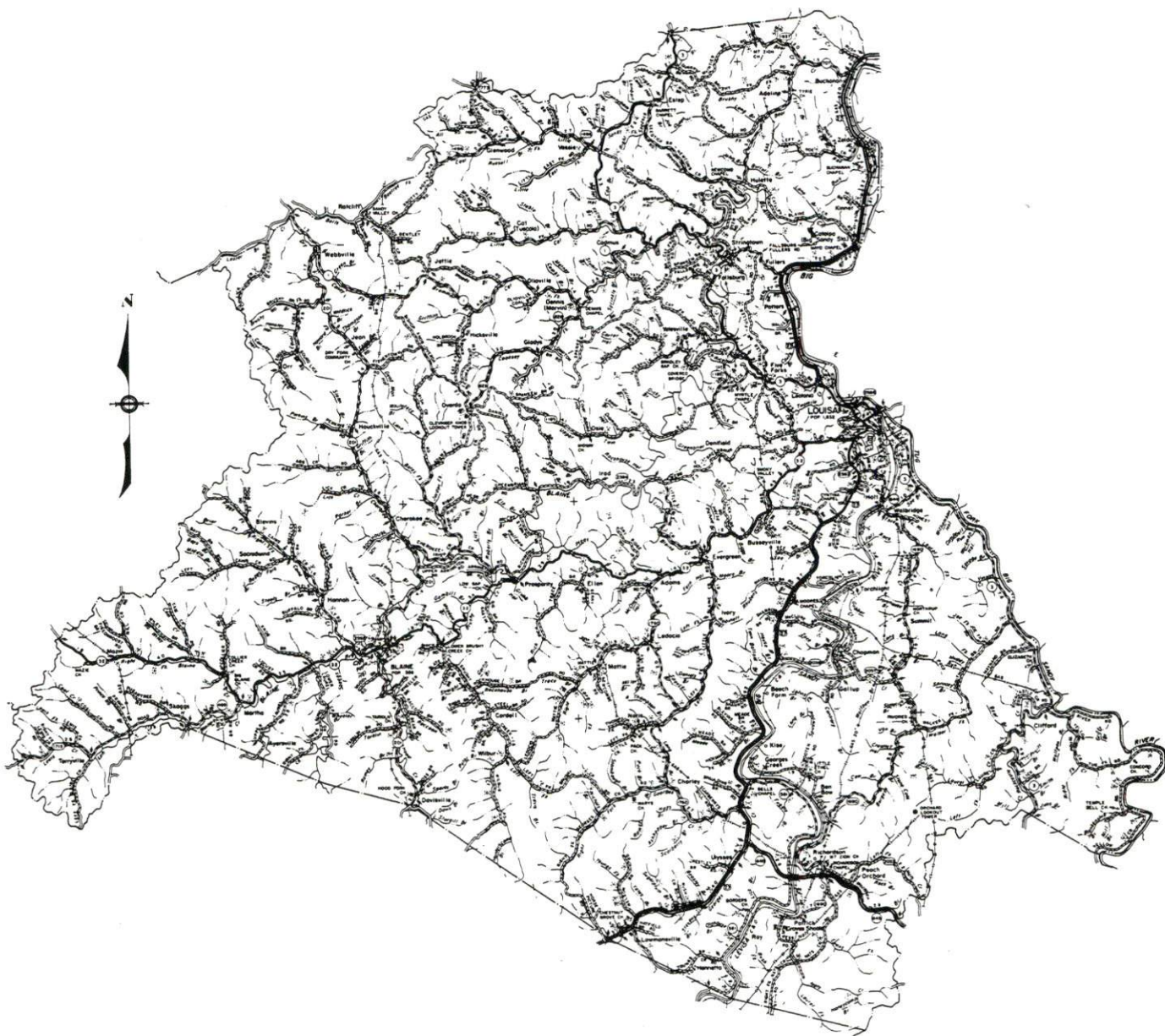
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
LAWRENCE COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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

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LOUISA, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Louisa, the county seat of Lawrence County, lies on the Kentucky-West Virginia border in the northeastern section of Kentucky's Eastern Coal Field Region. Lawrence County's eastern border is formed by the Big Sandy River. Its river valleys become narrower and the elevation generally higher as one moves westward.

Louisa is located 33 miles south of Ashland, Kentucky; 34 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 244 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 205 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky. Louisa had an estimated 1994 population of 2,258. Lawrence County, with a land area of 418 square miles, had an estimated 1994 population of 15,072.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Lawrence County residents employed in 1994 averaged 4,400. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 205 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 637 jobs; 549 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 555 employees; contract construction firms provided 125 jobs; and 99 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 22,477 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 11,393 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

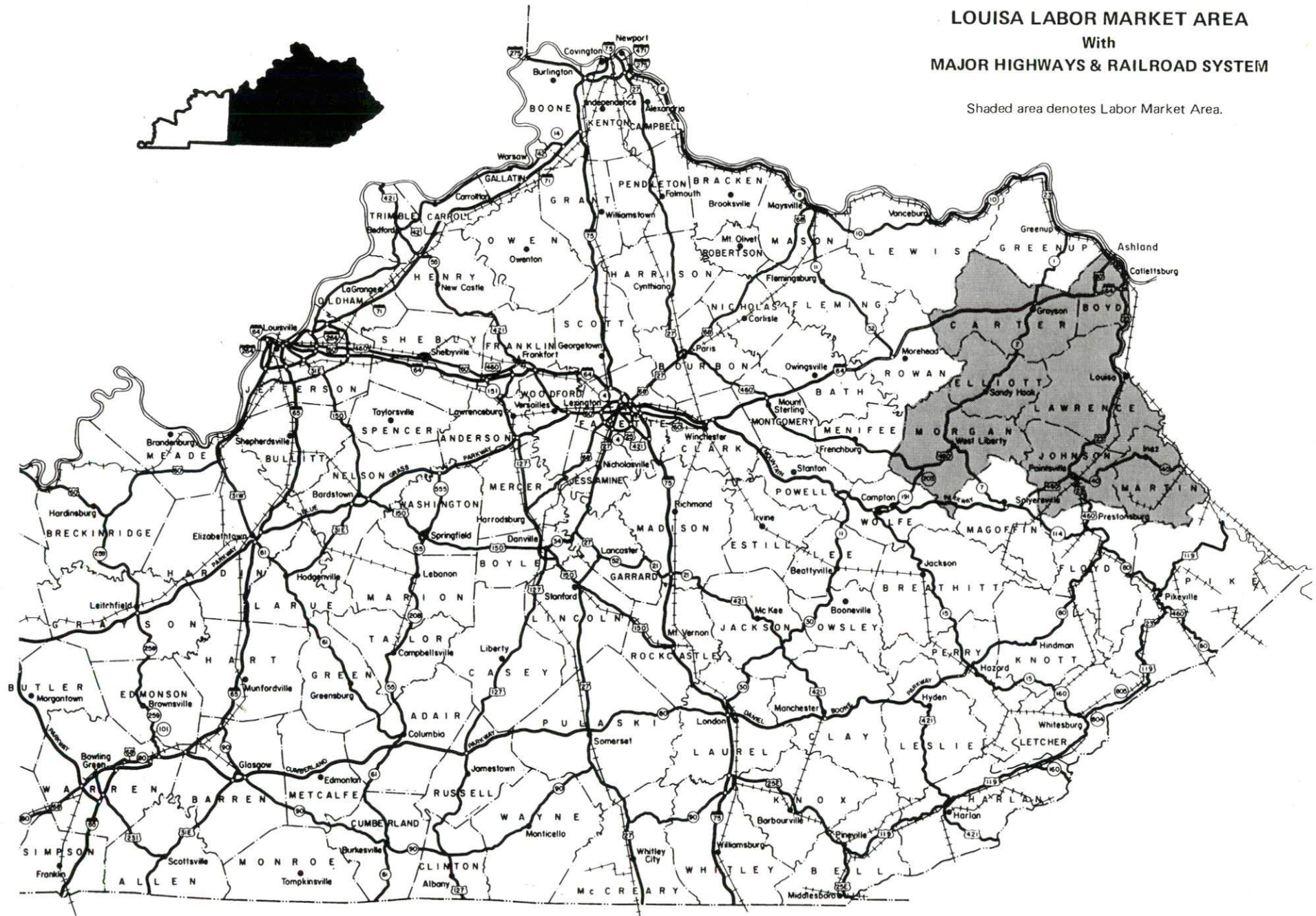
Transportation - U.S. Highway 23, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, serves Louisa and provides access to Interstate Highway 64, 25 miles north of the city. Kentucky Highways 3 and 32, both "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways, also serve Louisa. U.S. Highway 52 is accessible two miles east of Louisa in West Virginia via West Virginia Route 37. Fourteen common carrier trucking companies serve Louisa, providing interstate and/or intrastate service. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Louisa. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Tri-State Airport, 31 miles northeast of Louisa near Huntington, West Virginia.

Power and Fuel - American Electric Power provides electric power to Louisa and a major portion of Lawrence County. The remainder of the county is served by the Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and the Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Columbia Gas of Kentucky provides natural gas service to Louisa.

Education - The Lawrence County Public Schools System provides primary and secondary education to students in Lawrence County. Ten institutions of higher learning are located within 85 miles of Louisa. The Ashland Regional Technology Center at Ashland, the Martin County Area Technology Center and the Mayo Regional Technology Center provide vocational training facilities within 35 miles of Louisa.

LOUISA LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Louisa Labor Market Area includes Lawrence County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Johnson, Martin, and Morgan. Although not included below, the Labor Market Area is supplemented by Wayne County in West Virginia, which forms the eastern boundary of Lawrence County.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	147,949	143,365	152,062	125,820
Louisa	2,258	1,990	1,832	1,781
Lawrence County	15,072	13,998	14,121	10,726

*Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	149,386	155,999	164,013	167,995
Lawrence County	15,309	16,418	17,665	18,236

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 1996 thru 2000</u>
Labor Market Area*	22,477	5,106	17,371	11,393
Lawrence County	3,741	508	3,233	1,186

* 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.

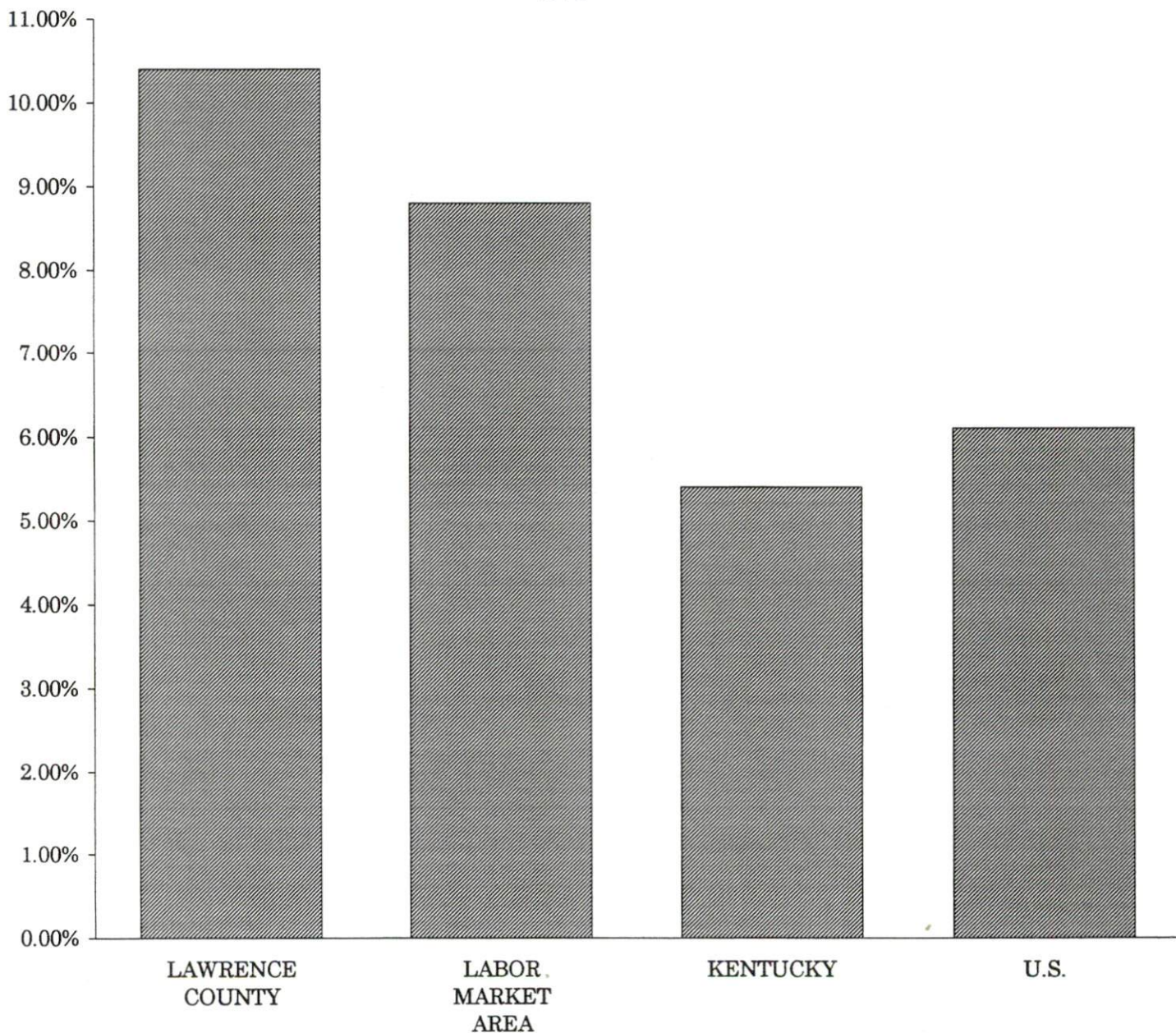
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Lawrence County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,908	57,838
Employment	4,400	52,732
Unemployment	508	5,106
Rate of Unemployment (%)	10.4	8.8

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1994



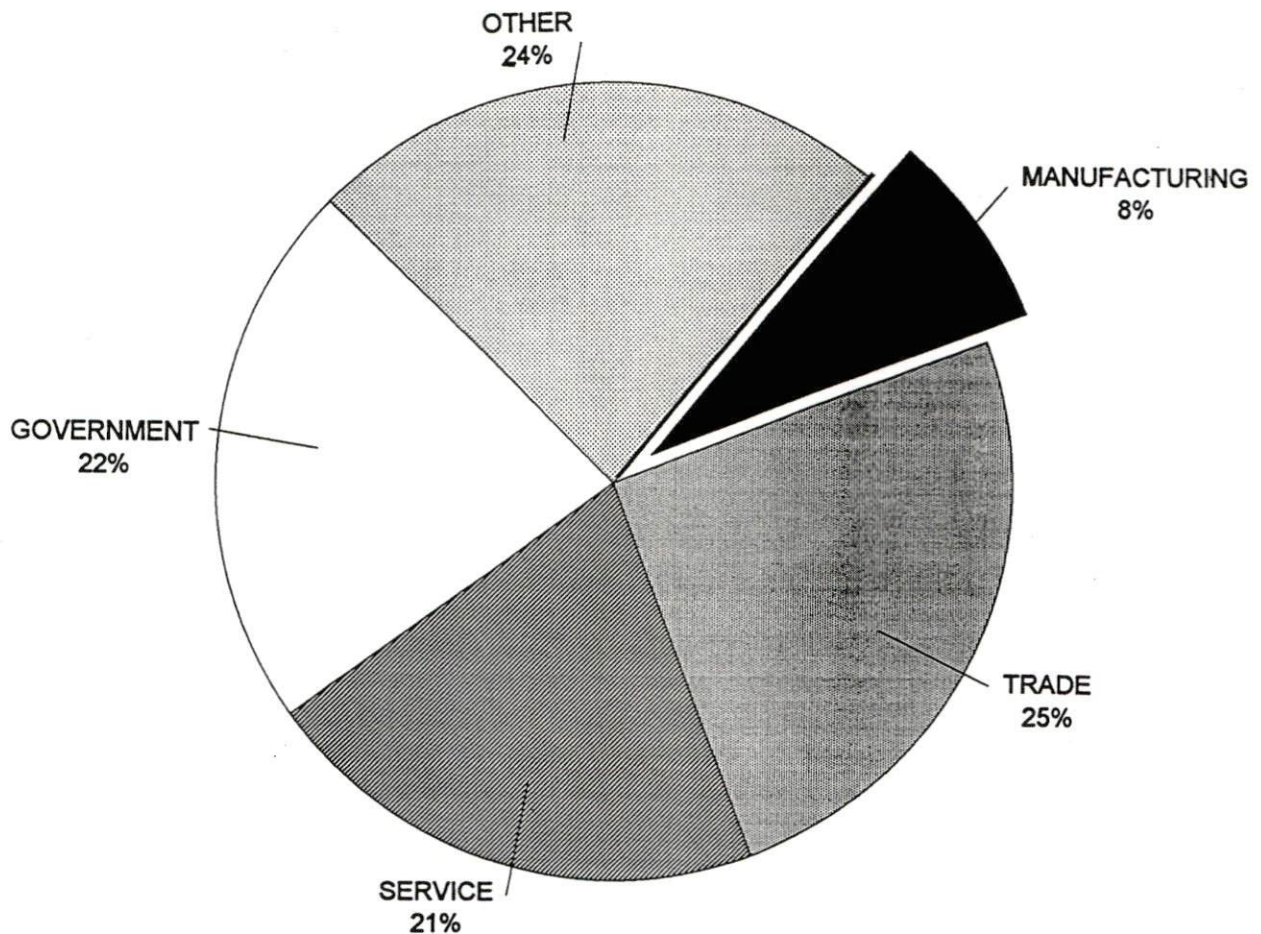
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>Lawrence County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,556	48,270
Manufacturing	205	7,376
Wholesale & Retail Trade	637	12,752
Services	549	9,636
State/Local Government	555	7,373
Contract Construction	125	3,316
Mining & Quarrying	99	2,882

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.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

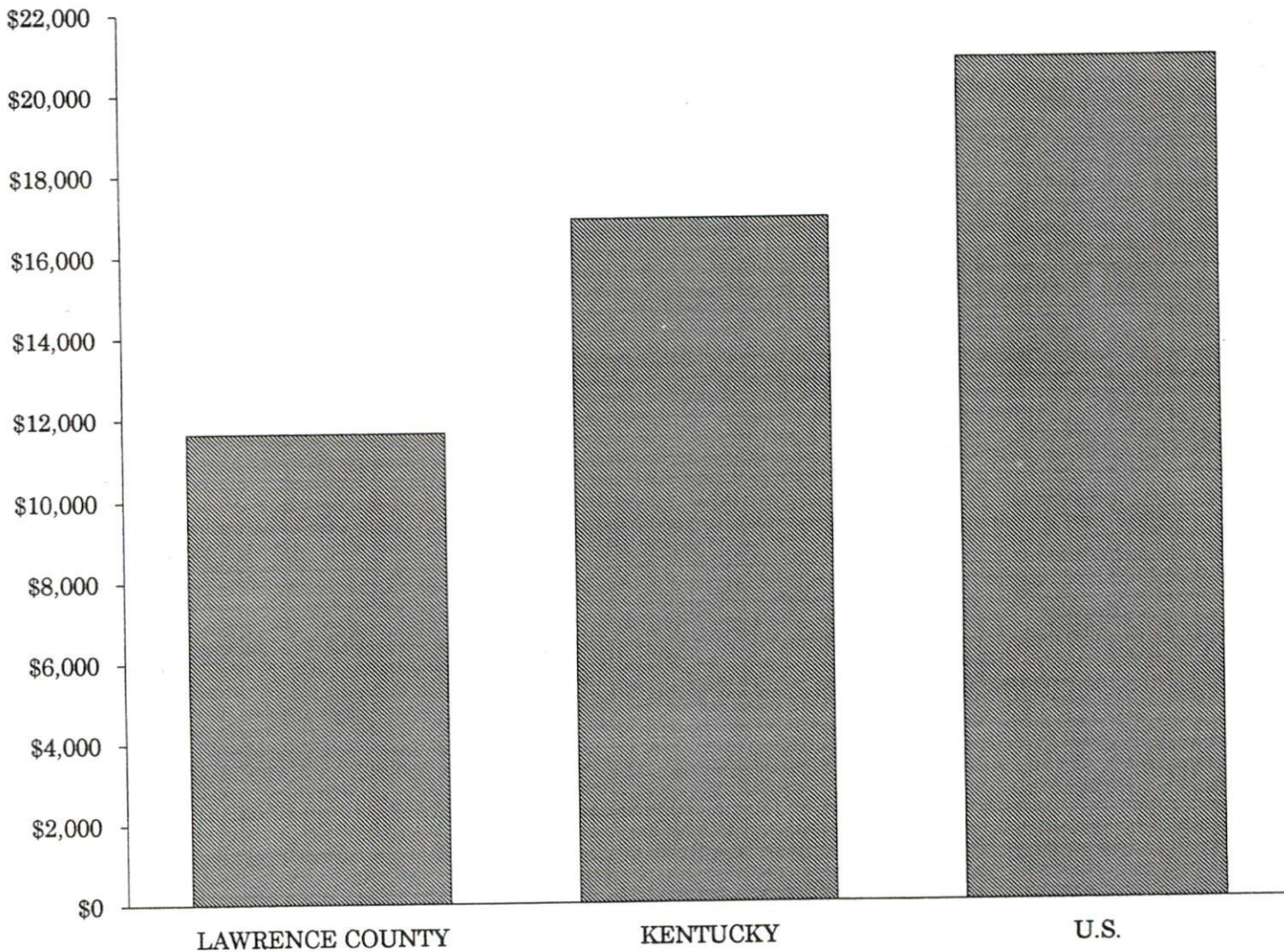


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Lawrence County	\$9,638	\$11,643	20.8
Labor Market Area Range	\$7,294 - \$15,731	\$9,307 - \$18,661	-
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

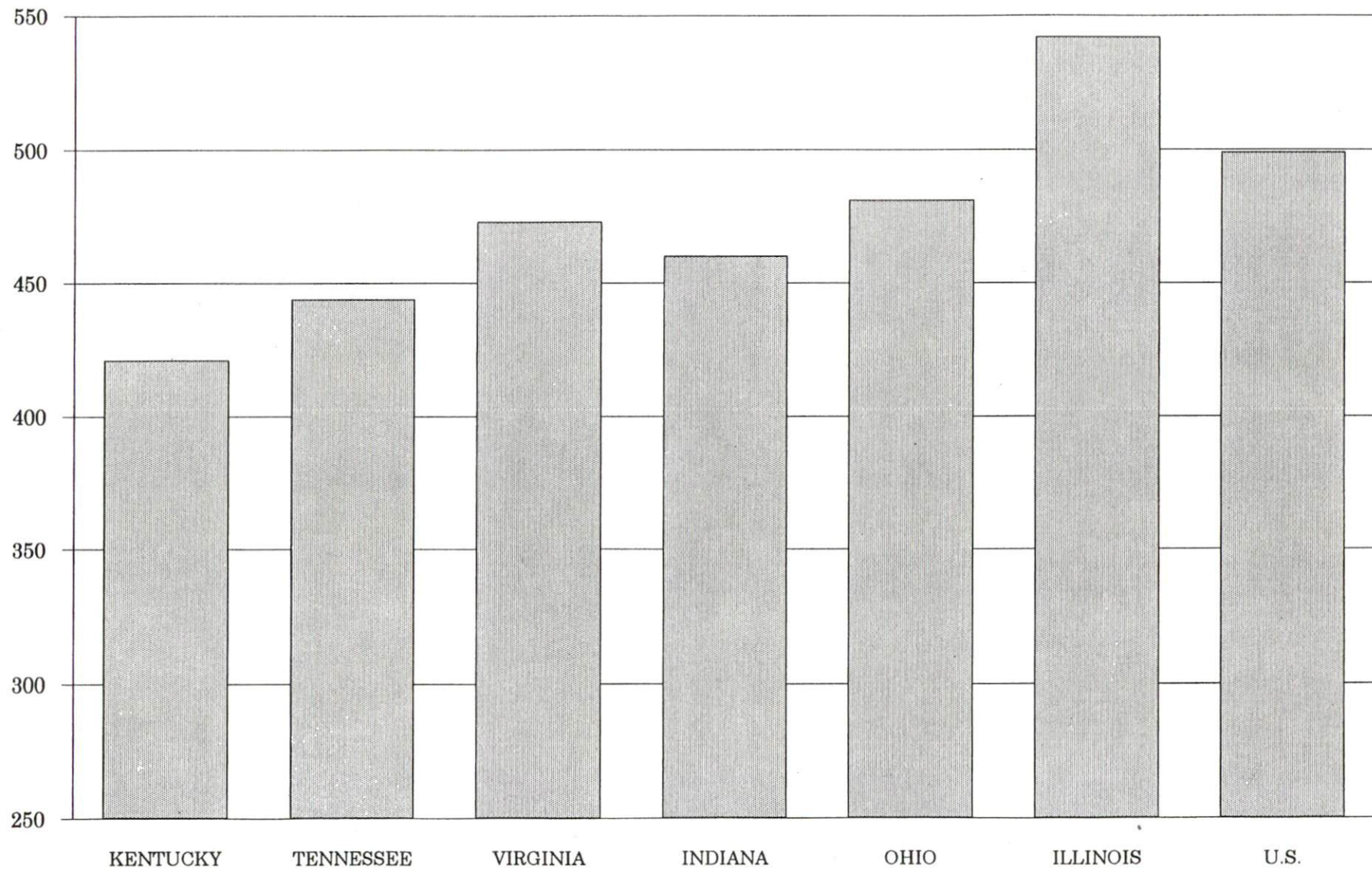
Lawrence County is served by the Ashland local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Ashland local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 1,973 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,973	5.05
Clerical	517	4.62
Sales	89	4.70
Services (excluding domestic)	629	4.31
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	10	5.80
Processing	129	6.61
Machine Trades	12	5.23
Bench Work	145	5.21
Structural	131	6.72
Motor Freight/ Transportation	59	6.21
Packaging and Materials Handling	154	5.46
Other	1	8.83

The Ashland local office also serves Boyd, Carter, Elliott, and Greenup 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 - 1993**



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

	<u>Lawrence County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$349.37	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00
Mining & Quarrying	498.46	691.01	605.00	684.00
Contract Construction	346.00	440.47	467.00	464.00
Manufacturing	199.84	541.18	522.00	543.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	643.48	567.94	572.00	648.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	212.05	287.24	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	325.75	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	360.88	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	363.66	413.84	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<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.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1993. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1993, October, 1994.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

LOUISA MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
American National Rubber (1995)	Rubber auto parts	128
Austin Apparel Manufacturing Company (1991)	Men's jeans	98
Louisa Coca-Cola Bottling Company (1905)	Soft drinks	10
Pyramid Enterprises (1983)	Offset printing, publishing	3
Sandy Valley Press, Inc., Big Sandy News (1885)	Newspaper	7
Sword Manufacturing, Inc. Headwear Division (1986)	Caps and hats	25

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Greater Louisa Industrial Foundation.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Greater Louisa Industrial foundation plans to utilize 23 acres of land, located near the junction of Kentucky Routes 23 and 32 for an industrial site.

American National Rubber recently began operation in Louisa and expects to have 190 jobs filled by 1996. Total investment was \$2.4 million.

NON-MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Brown Food Service, a distribution center for institutional foods and supplies, is a major non-manufacturing employer in Louisa. Expansion currently underway will increase refrigeration capacity of 12,500 square feet by another 6,000 square feet. The operation has an average employment of 125, and serves eastern Kentucky, south Ohio, and nearby counties in Virginia and West Virginia. Three Rivers Medical Center employs 200 persons. Kentucky Power Company currently employs 220 persons. Jim Syrus Construction and Equipment, Inc. employs 20 persons.

Wilson Enterprises, a land development firm, employs 10 full-time persons and is in the process of developing a strip mall, food marts, a 60-room motel, and a 50 home residential area for older adult couples. Young Realty is preparing a 10-acre site with utilities at the northern city limits of Louisa that will be available for development.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Presently there are no labor unions representing workers in Louisa manufacturing firms.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Louisa</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Wurtland, Kentucky	47
Electric Motor Repair	Ashland, Kentucky	33
Heat Treating Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	140
Industrial Waste Removal	Ashland, Kentucky	33
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Ashland, Kentucky	33
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	139
Metal Finishers	Ashland, Kentucky	33
Metal Service Centers	Ashland, Kentucky	33
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	140

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

U.S. Highway 23, a four-lane, "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, serves Louisa, and connects with Interstate Highway 64, 25 miles north of the city. Kentucky Highways 3 and 32, both "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways, also serve Louisa. Kentucky Route 645 is a multi-lane highway from its intersection with U.S. 23, 14 miles south of Louisa, to Inez.

U.S. Highway 52, a major trucking highway, is accessible two miles east of Louisa in West Virginia, via West Virginia Route 37.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM LOUISA, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	439	Los Angeles, CA	2,299
Baltimore, MD	444	Louisville, KY	205
Birmingham, AL	473	Nashville, TN	350
Chicago, IL	483	New Orleans, LA	813
Cincinnati, OH	218	New York, NY	633
Cleveland, OH	338	Pittsburgh, PA	273
Detroit, MI	451	St. Louis, MO	471
Knoxville, TN	244		

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

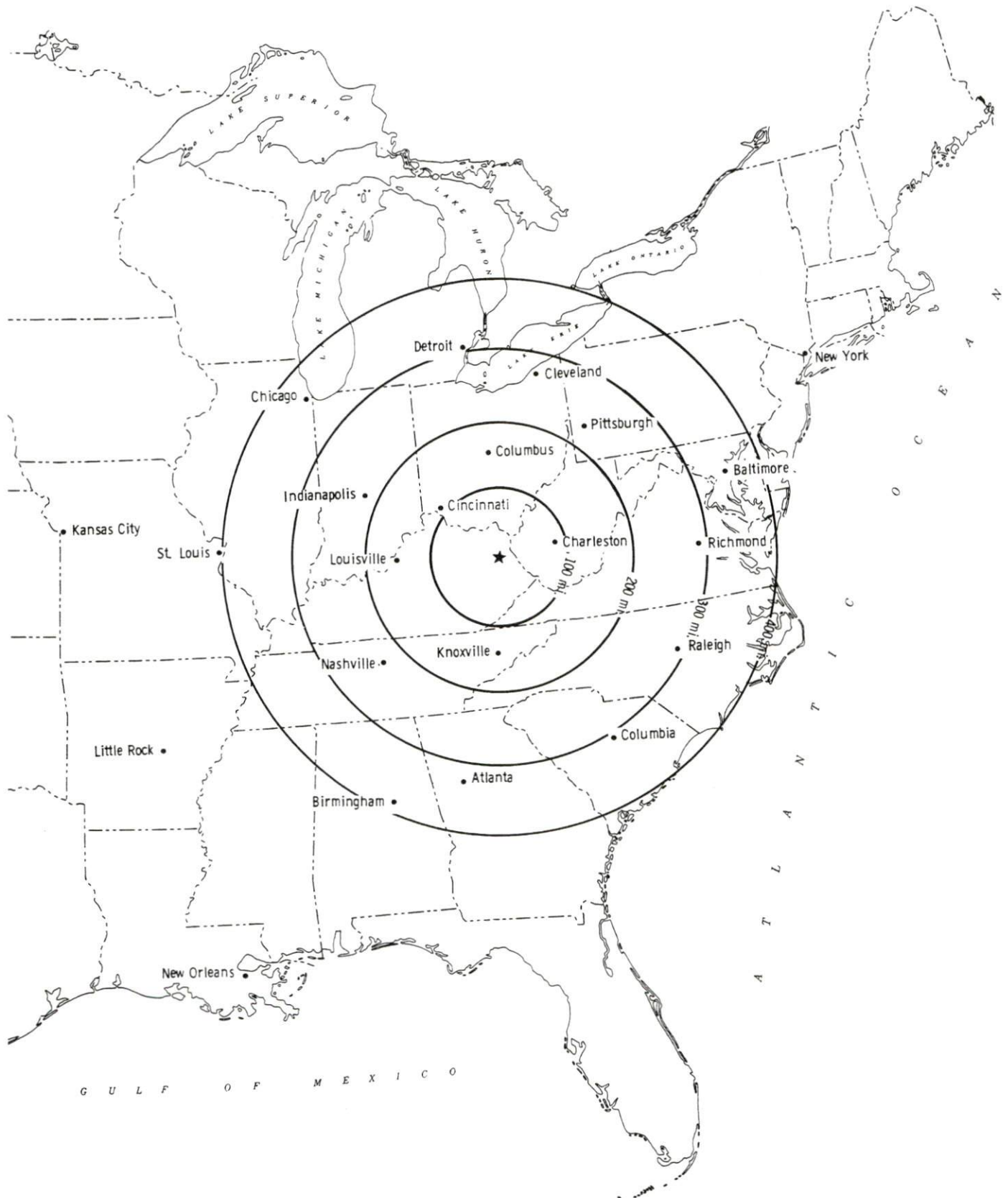
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1995.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Louisa. Norfolk Southern Corporation provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Georgetown, Kentucky, 142 miles west of Louisa.

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

Location:	Big Sandy Regional Airport 18 miles southeast of Paintsville; 51 miles south of Louisa
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	5,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Unicom 122.7
Lighting:	Rotating beacon, pilot controlled runway and taxiway lights, PAPI
Services:	Jet-A, AV-Gas fuels; light mechanic work; flight instruction; rental cars; aircraft rental

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Tri-State Airport (Milton J. Ferguson Field) 3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 31 miles northeast of Louisa
Air Service:	C.C. Air, ComAir, USAir
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	48

Other airports located within approximately 40 miles of Louisa include Combs Field southwest of Louisa near Paintsville, Kentucky and the Ashland-Boyd County Airport north of Louisa near Raceland, Kentucky.

Water

Louisa is located on the Big Sandy River, approximately five miles south of a point where a six-foot navigation channel begins, and approximately 20 miles south of a point where a nine-foot navigation channel begins.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Louisa and a major portion of Lawrence County** - American Electric Power
Source of power - American Electric Power
For industrial rates contact:

Economic Development Manager
American Electric Power
1701 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 1428
Ashland, Kentucky 41105-1428
(606) 327-1244 Fax (606) 327-1246

Company serving **portions of southern and southwestern Lawrence County** - Big Sandy
Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Grayson 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

Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
P.O. Box 1746
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240-5746
(606) 789-4095 Fax (606) 789-5454

and/or

Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
109 Bagby Park
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
(606) 474-5136 Fax (606) 474-5862

Natural Gas

Company serving **Louisa** - Columbia Gas of Kentucky
Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation
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

Several local gas wells provide direct access to a natural gas supply for business and industry.

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Louisa** - City of Louisa, Water and Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 608
213 Ricky Skaggs Blvd.
Louisa, Kentucky 41230
(606) 638-4566 Fax (606) 638-3414

Source - Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River
Treatment plant capacity - 1,300,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 724,900 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,128,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,368,000 gallons (plus 200,000-gallon clearwell)
Water pressure - 30 psi to 150 psi

Lawrence County recently received a \$500,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to extend water service to additional customers in the county. The following serve portions of Lawrence County: Lawrence County Water District; Johnson County Water District; Rattlesnake Water District; and Big Sandy Water District.

Sewerage

Company serving **Louisa** - City of Louisa, Water and Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 608
213 Ricky Skaggs Blvd.
Louisa, Kentucky 41230
(606) 638-4566 Fax (606) 638-3414

Design capacity - 1,090,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 547,700 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Big Sandy River

CLIMATE

Lawrence County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1994	55.80 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (34-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1994 (34-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,665
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.30 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	25.90 inches
Total precipitation 1994	45.83 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(33-year record)	139.70
Mean number days thunderstorms (32-year record)	41.30

Prevailing winds

N/A

Relative Humidity (33-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent (32-year record)
7 a.m.	83 percent
1 p.m.	58 percent
7 p.m.	61 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1994. Station of record: Huntington, West Virginia.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

County agency - Lawrence County Zoning Board
Zoning enforced - County-wide
Subdivision regulations enforced - County-wide
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

Business licenses in Louisa range from \$20 to \$95 annually. A \$10 automobile sticker fee and an eight percent insurance premium license are levied annually.

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>1994 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
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

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Lawrence County	\$0.2202	\$0.2708	\$0.2522
School Districts:			
Lawrence County	0.4230	0.4230	0.1540
Cities:			
Louisa	0.1710	0.2160	0.2000

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Lawrence County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	2,745
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	16.5-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	40.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,632.27

Music, science, and art department additions were recently completed at Fallsburg Elementary and Blaine Elementary Schools at a cost of \$900,000. Construction of a new 31 classroom elementary school in Louisa is expected to be completed in 1996 at a cost of \$5.8 million.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
First Baptist Christian School	130	K-8

First Baptist Christian School recently completed a \$350,000 expansion project.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Louisa)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1994)</u>
Ashland Community College	Ashland, Kentucky (33)	2,760
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia (34)	12,659
Ohio University (Ironton Campus)	Ironton, Ohio (38)	2,209
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (44)	2,866
Kentucky Christian College	Grayson, Kentucky (45)	529
Southern West Virginia Community College	Williamson, West Virginia (50)	3,231*
Shawnee State University	Portsmouth, Ohio (67)	3,135
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Kentucky (71)	776
Morehead State University	Morehead, Kentucky (81)	8,697

*Enrollment includes campuses at Madison Northwest, Saulsville Southwest, Logan and Williamson.

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. Postsecondary vocational-technical training is also provided by Workforce Development through the Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center in Johnson County.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Louisa)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Ashland Regional Technology Center	Ashland (33)	13	<u>Sec</u> 63 <u>P/S</u> 4,979	93
Mayo Regional Technology Center	Paintsville (31)	18	<u>Sec</u> 135 <u>P/S</u> 1,402	240
Martin County Area Technology Center	Inez (25)	5	<u>Sec</u> 220 <u>P/S</u> 2	61
Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center	Paintsville (31)	8	<u>P/S</u> 1,380	604

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 at the Ashland Regional Technology Center in Ashland (606) 928-4256.

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 campus of Ashland Regional Technology Center (606) 928-6427.

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 Lawrence County, adult literacy is provided through the Lawrence County Adult Reading Program and Lawrence County Adult Education.

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. Ashland Regional Technology Center offers tech prep in the areas of machine tool and welding technology. Similar tech prep programs are offered at Mayo Regional Technology Center and Martin County Area Technology Center.

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 - 20
Dentists - 5

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Three Rivers Medical Center	Louisa	90 (acute)

Medical staff - 45 physicians, 60 registered nurses, 28 licensed practical nurses,
110 additional support staff personnel

Other Medical Facilities

Fivco District Health Department,
Lawrence County Health Center (a public health facility)
Three Rivers Medical Plaza (adjacent to hospital)-offices for physicians
J.J. Jordon Geriatric Center - Skilled care, intermediate care, and
personal care nursing facility
Lawrence County Ambulance Service
Lawrence County Home Health Service
Life Star Ambulance Service, Inc.
Louisa Hospice
Louisa Medical Clinic
Pathways, Inc. (a comprehensive care center)
Riverview Medical Clinic

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

First National Bank of Louisa
Peoples Security Bank
Home Federal Savings & Loan Association

Newspapers

Big Sandy News (weekly)

Telephone Service

BellSouth
Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative
Corporation, Inc.

RECREATION

Local

Louisa offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all ages. Facilities include Stella-Moore Park, which features a softball field, tennis courts, and a basketball court. Additional football and baseball fields are available at the local schools. The City of Louisa operates a swimming pool and is developing a recreation area with a picnic area, a shelter house, horseshoe pits, grills, and a pond. A mini-park and a playground are maintained in the downtown area as well.

A softball field is located in the Lawrence County community of Martha, approximately 15 miles southwest of Louisa.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently developed Yatesville Lake four miles northwest of Louisa. With almost 40 miles of scenic shoreline, the lake and recreational site is located on approximately 27,000 acres. It provides some of the best bass fishing in the eastern United States. Future development plans for the lake include the Pleasant Ridge Recreational Area, which will offer an array of recreation activities such as an 18-hole golf course, lodge accommodations, tennis courts, horseback riding, an outdoor pool, day camps, RV hook ups, and hiking trails.

Recreational boating is a popular sport at Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big Sandy River where a boat ramp is available.

Louisa sponsors several recreational programs each year, including Little League baseball, basketball, and football. Adult baseball and basketball leagues are offered as well.

Phase I plans are underway in Louisa to develop a museum honoring a former local resident, Fred M. Vinson, the 13th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The \$2.0 million Phase II of the project is being supported by the National Bar Association and the National American Legion. The project includes a restoration of his birthplace which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Area (Within 35 miles)

The Big Sandy area provides a variety of recreational attractions including nine lakes, five golf courses, several parks and other sources of entertainment.

The Paramount Arts Center, located in Ashland, 33 miles north of Louisa, is owned and operated by the Greater Ashland Foundation, a non-profit group. The Center is the site of many cultural events including plays, concerts, and ballets. Groups may rent the facility for conventions and performances.

The Kentucky Highland Museum, also at Ashland, is the former Mayo Manor Mansion and features displays of clothing, artwork, and changing exhibits relating to Appalachian culture.