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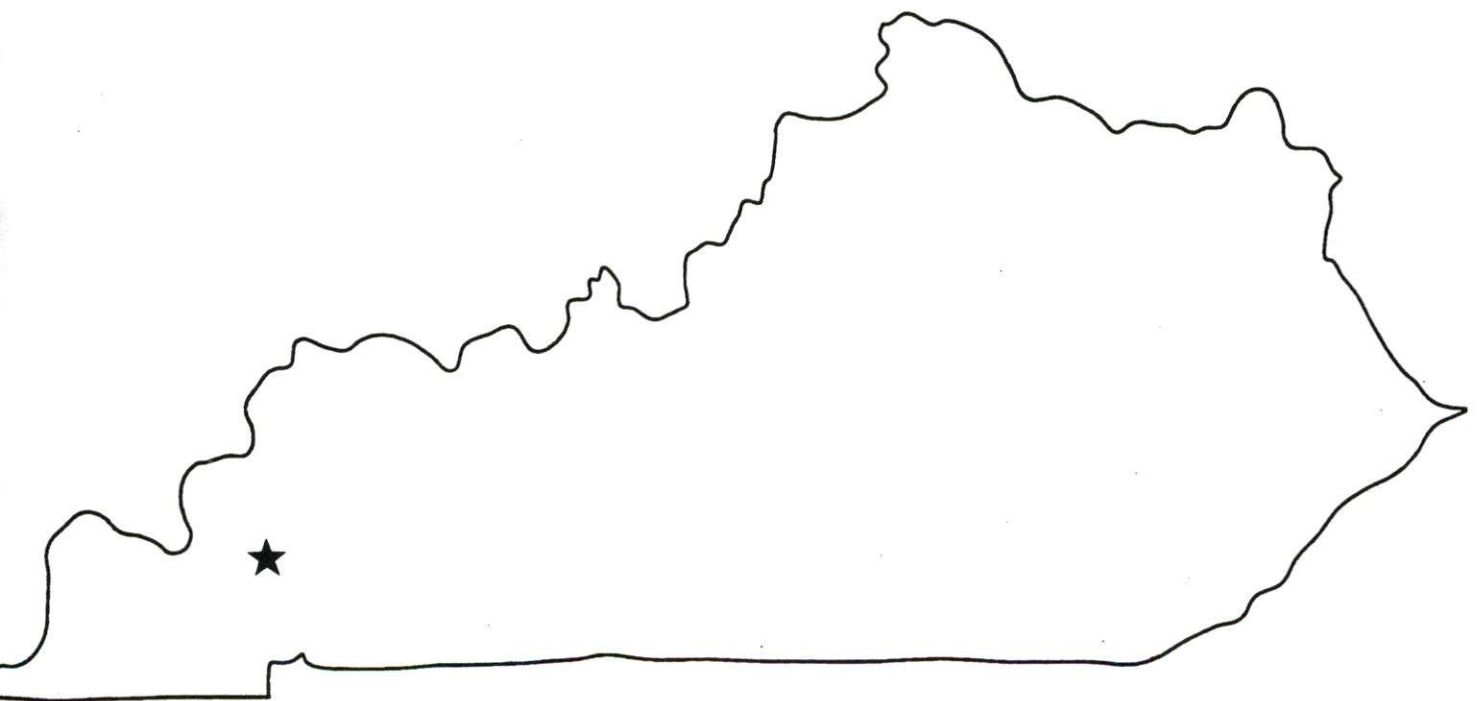
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# Kentucky

## **Resources For Economic Development**

### **Lyon County**



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# GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP LYON COUNTY KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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## LYON COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Lyon County, located in the Mississippian Plateaus Region of western Kentucky, is the gateway to the vast outdoor recreational area of Kentucky Lake, Lake Barkley, and the Land Between the Lakes. Kentucky Lake forms the southwestern boundary of the county; the Cumberland River flows along most of the northwestern boundary; and Lake Barkley crosses the center of the county. Lyon County covers a land area of 215 square miles. The estimated 1994 population of the county was 7,588.

Eddyville, the county seat of Lyon County, is situated in the central portion of the county. Eddyville's location is 186 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; 105 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; and 208 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. The estimated 1994 population of Eddyville was 2,675.

Kuttawa is located four miles west of Eddyville. The estimated 1994 population of Kuttawa was 865.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Lyon County residents employed in 1995 averaged 2,888. Wholesale and retail trade provided 628 jobs; 297 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 653 employees; and contract construction firms provided 144 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 5,966 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1998 through 2002, 5,094 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Major highways serving Lyon County include Interstate 24, the Western Kentucky Parkway, and U.S. Highways 62 and 641. Seventeen trucking companies serve Lyon County with interstate and/or intrastate service. Main line rail service is provided to Eddyville and Kuttawa by the Paducah and Louisville Railway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Nashville International Airport in Nashville, Tennessee, 105 miles southeast of Eddyville. Commuter service is available at Barkley Regional Airport near Paducah, 41 miles west of Eddyville. The Lyon County Port Authority operates a riverport on Lake Barkley. Lake Barkley is part of the inland waterway system and a nine-foot navigation channel is maintained.

**Power and Fuel** - Eddyville, Kuttawa, and northeast Lyon County are served electric power by Kentucky Utilities Company. Lyon County is also served by the Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and by the Pennyrite Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas is provided to Eddyville by Western Kentucky Gas Company and to Kuttawa by the Kuttawa Municipal Gas System.

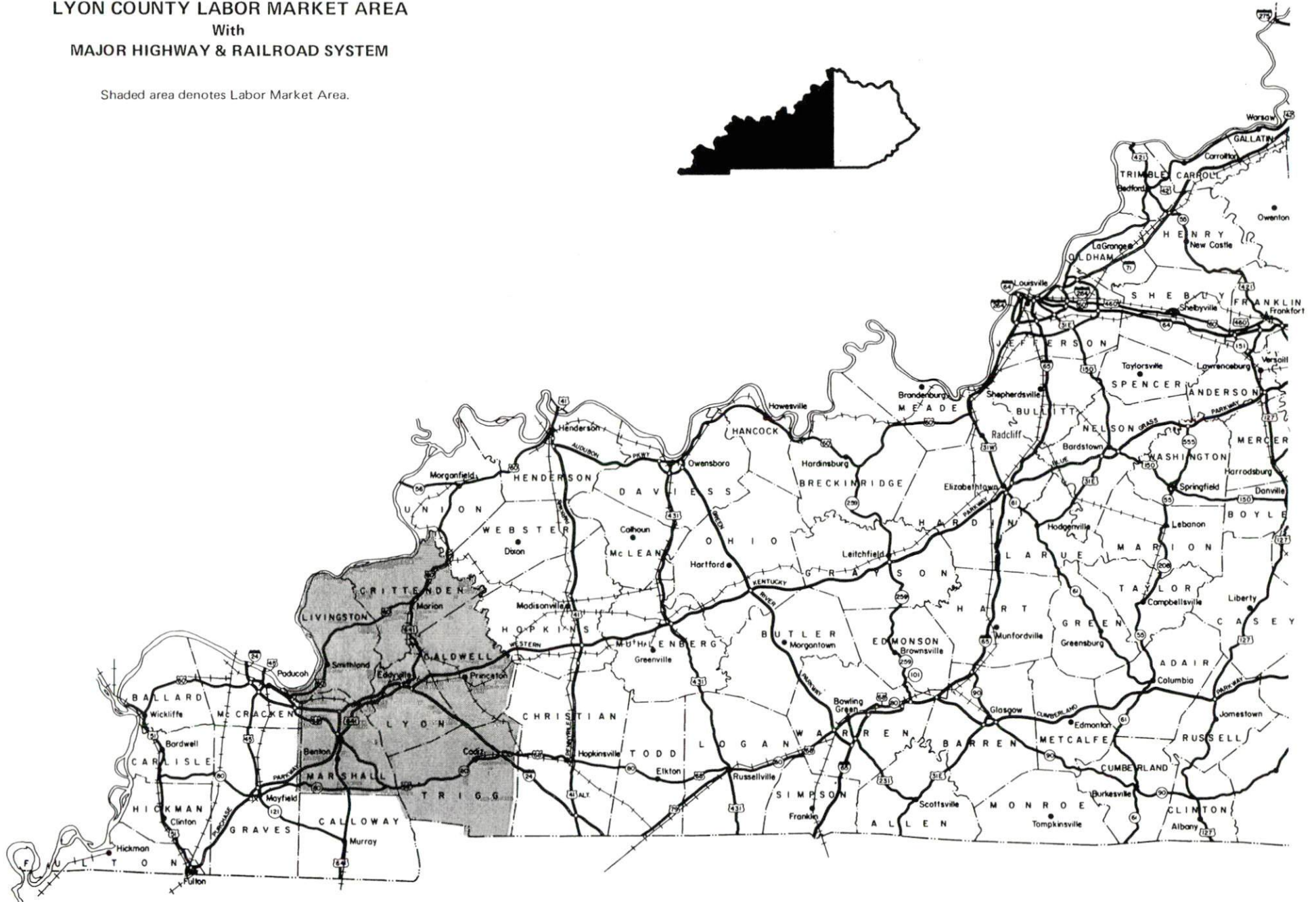
**Education** - Primary and secondary education is provided to Lyon County by the Lyon County School System. Five institutions of higher learning are located within 65 miles of Eddyville. Vocational training is available at the Madisonville Regional Technology Center in Madisonville, 48 miles west of Eddyville, and the Caldwell County Area Technology Center in Princeton, 13 miles east of Eddyville.



# LYON COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA

With  
MAJOR HIGHWAY & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Lyon County Labor Market Area includes Lyon County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Marshall, and Trigg.

### POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	79,389	75,680	73,410	63,831
Eddyville	2,675	1,889	1,949	1,981
Kuttawa	865	535	560	453
Lyon County	7,588	6,624	6,490	5,562

\*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	84,055	88,458	91,931
Lyon County	8,206	8,810	9,520

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 1998 thru 2002</u>
Labor Market Area*	5,966	2,299	3,667	5,094
Lyon County	696	216	480	297

\* 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.

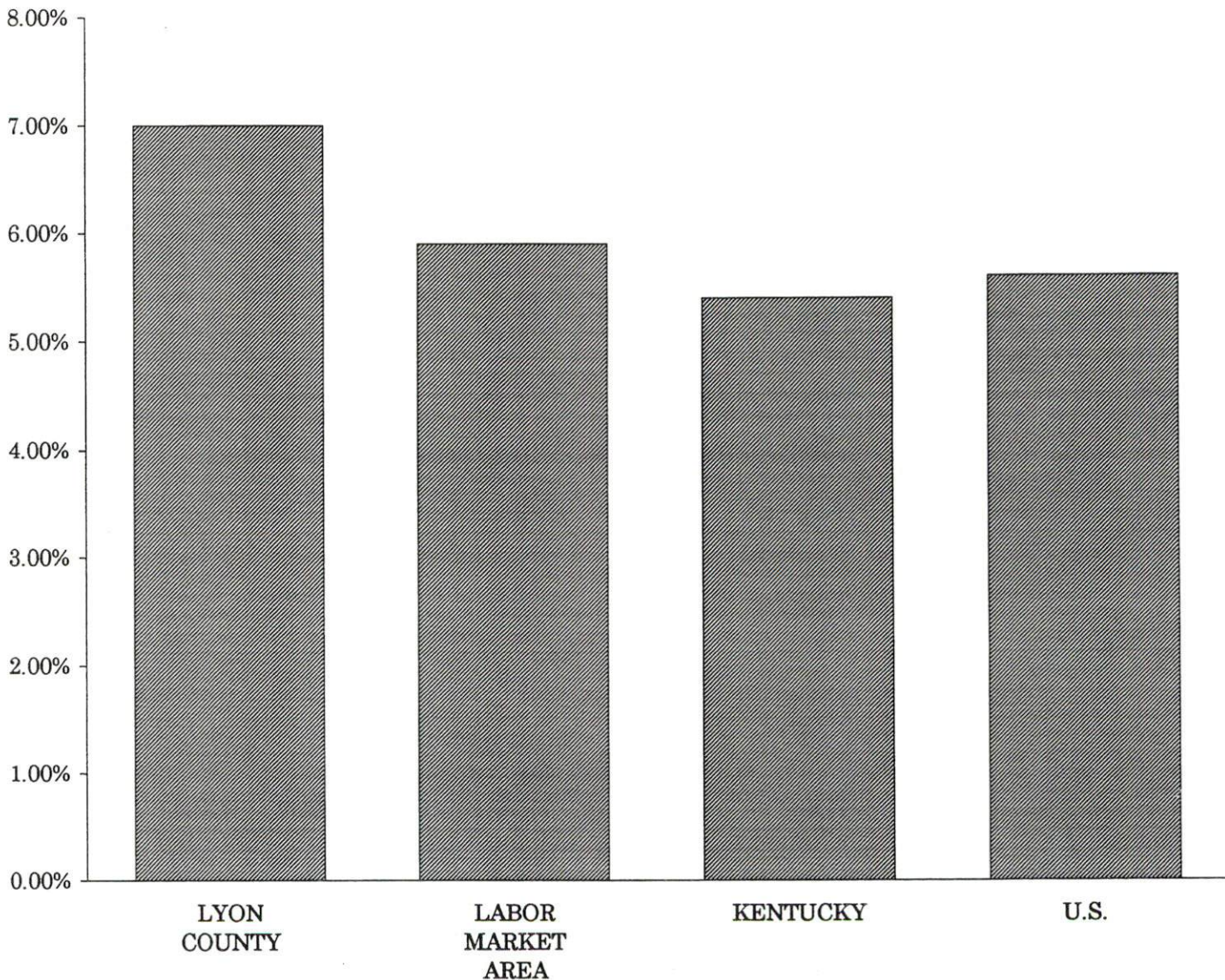
Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1995. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1998 thru 2002.

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1995

	<u>Lyon County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,104	38,717
Employment	2,888	36,418
Unemployment	216	2,299
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.0	5.9

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

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1995





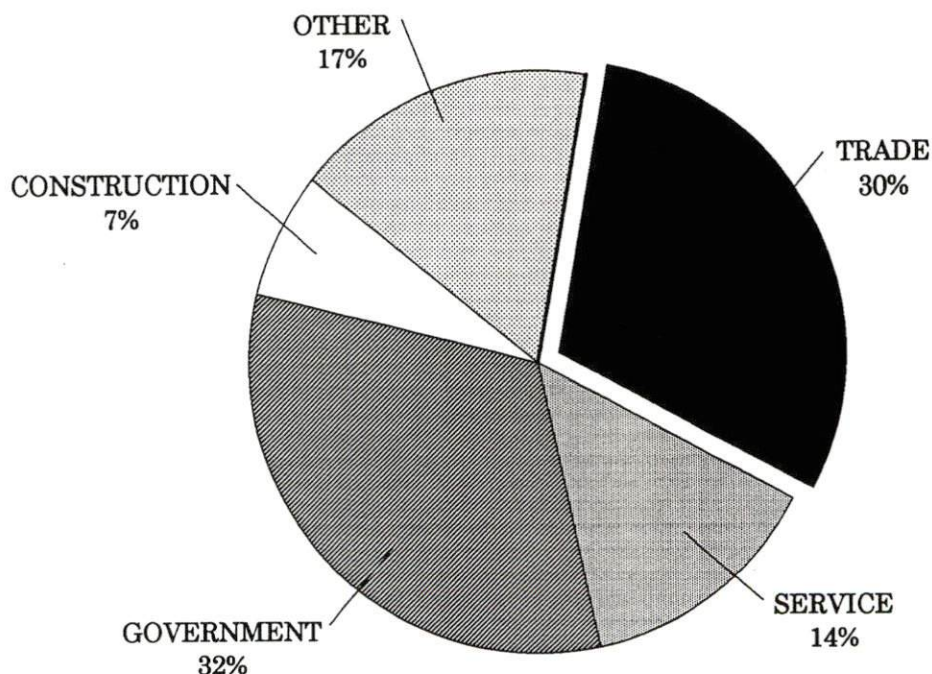
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

	<u>Lyon County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,075	23,883
Manufacturing	N/A	6,127
Wholesale & Retail Trade	628	5,563
Services	297	3,773
State/Local Government	653	4,140
Contract Construction	144	1,550

**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.

LYON COUNTY

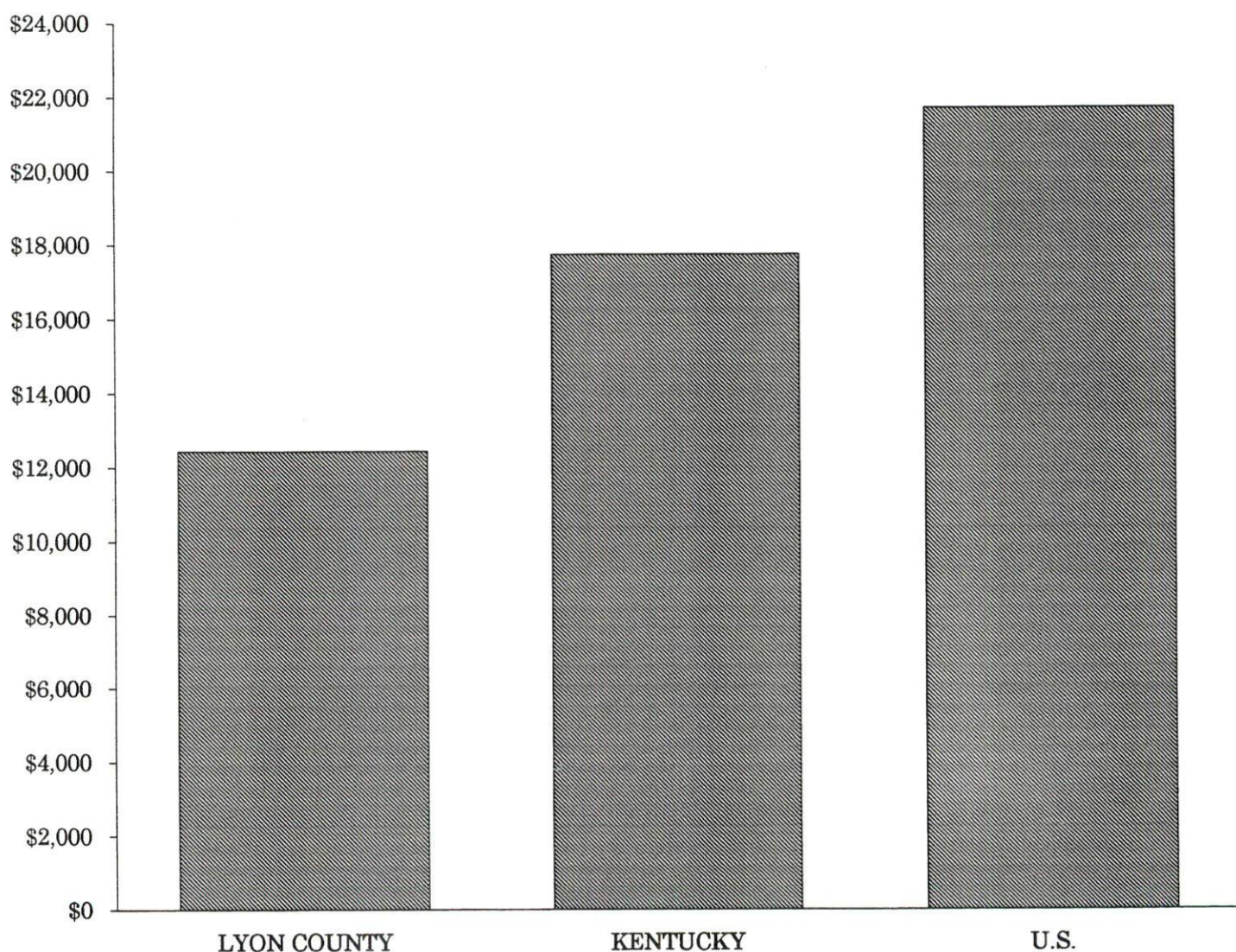


# PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Lyon County	\$11,098	\$12,438	12.1
Labor Market Area Range	\$11,098 - \$14,531	\$12,438 - \$17,925	-
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

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Lyon County is served by the Hopkinsville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hopkinsville 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, 1996, the local employment office filled 1,630 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

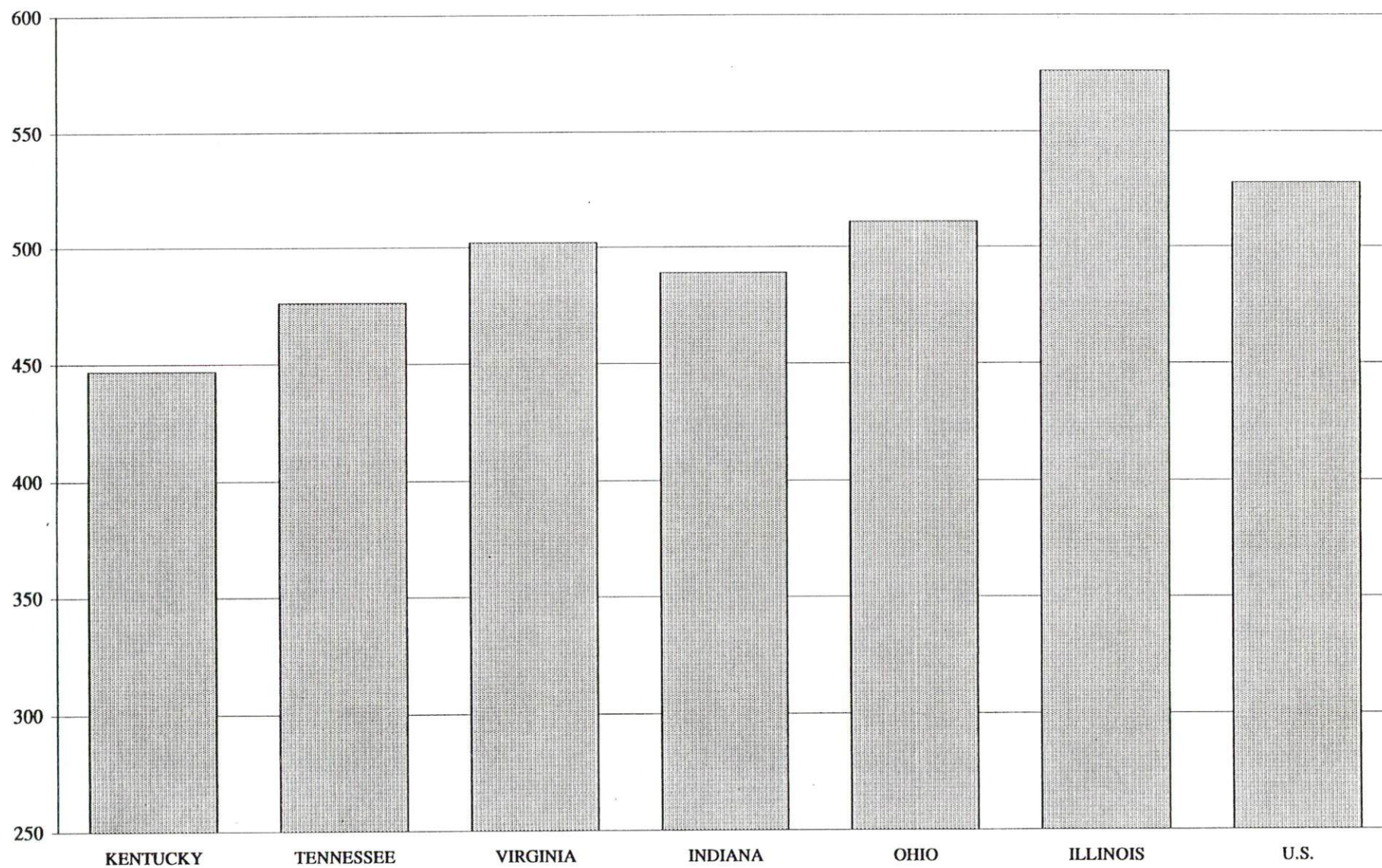
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,630	6.25
Clerical	229	4.94
Sales	196	4.75
Services (excluding domestic)	186	5.22
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	178	5.96
Processing	73	6.90
Machine Trades	271	7.55
Bench Work	44	5.29
Structural	260	8.38
Motor Freight/ Transportation	25	6.99
Packaging and Materials Handling	128	5.56
Other	2	7.23

The Hopkinsville local office also serves Caldwell, Christian, Todd, and Trigg Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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**Source:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1995





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995\*

	<u>Lyon County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$308.73	\$447.03	\$476.00	\$502.00
Mining & Quarrying	0.00	739.22	671.00	736.00
Contract Construction	518.16	466.73	505.00	497.00
Manufacturing	N/A	577.94	559.00	589.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	286.22	586.90	612.00	679.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	188.64	308.87	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	321.14	546.83	614.00	643.00
Services	221.65	404.99	459.00	524.00
State/Local Government	400.38	457.63	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$489.00	\$511.00	\$576.00	\$528.00
Mining & Quarrying	770.00	684.00	828.00	871.00
Contract Construction	558.00	569.00	699.00	562.00
Manufacturing	671.00	716.00	715.00	668.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	589.00	623.00	710.00	674.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	552.00	601.00	815.00	742.00
Services	418.00	449.00	526.00	503.00
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, 1995. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1995, December 1996.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

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

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Eddyville</b>		
White Fiberglass Systems (1992)	Fiberglass greenhouses (one piece), fiberglass garden ponds and swim spas	10
<b>Kuttawa</b>		
Shawnee Plastics (1970)	Plastic parts for autos & appliances, and for cosmetics packaging	200
Southern States Asphalt Company (1957)	Asphalt, fuel oil	15

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

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no unions representing manufacturing workers in Lyon County.



# SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Eddyville</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Kuttawa, Kentucky	4
Electric Motor Repair	Princeton, Kentucky	13
Heat Treating Facilities	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	44
Industrial Waste Removal	Dawson Springs, Kentucky	25
	Paducah, Kentucky	35
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Marion, Kentucky	19
	Cadiz, Kentucky	22
Metal Castings	Elkton, Kentucky	64
Metal Finishers	Madisonville, Kentucky	48
Metal Service Centers	Paducah, Kentucky	35
Millwrights & Riggers	Mayfield, Kentucky	45

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Major highways serving Lyon County include Interstate 24, the Western Kentucky Parkway, and U.S. Highways 62 and 641.

Interstate 24, a major east-west highway, traverses Lyon County. Access to I-24 is available approximately two miles west of Eddyville and two miles east of Kuttawa.

Eddyville is the terminus of the Western Kentucky Parkway, a multi-lane highway which stretches from western Kentucky to central Kentucky. Access to the Western Kentucky Parkway is available four miles east of Eddyville via U.S. 62. In addition, the Purchase Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 17 miles west of Eddyville via U.S. 62 and I-24. The Purchase Parkway extends through the Jackson Purchase region of extreme western Kentucky.

U.S. Highways 62 and 641 also serve Lyon County. Both of these highways are AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. In addition, Kentucky Highway 93 is a scenic route along Lake Barkley.

Reconstruction of U.S. Highway 641 from Eddyville to Marion is planned at a future date. Major widening of U.S. Highway 62 East from Eddyville to the Western Kentucky Parkway is also planned.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	344	Los Angeles, CA	1,956
Baltimore, MD	765	Louisville, KY	186
Birmingham, AL	293	Nashville, TN	105
Chicago, IL	380	New Orleans, LA	576
Cincinnati, OH	285	New York, NY	948
Cleveland, OH	532	Pittsburgh, PA	574
Detroit, MI	539	St. Louis, MO	208
Knoxville, TN	282		

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

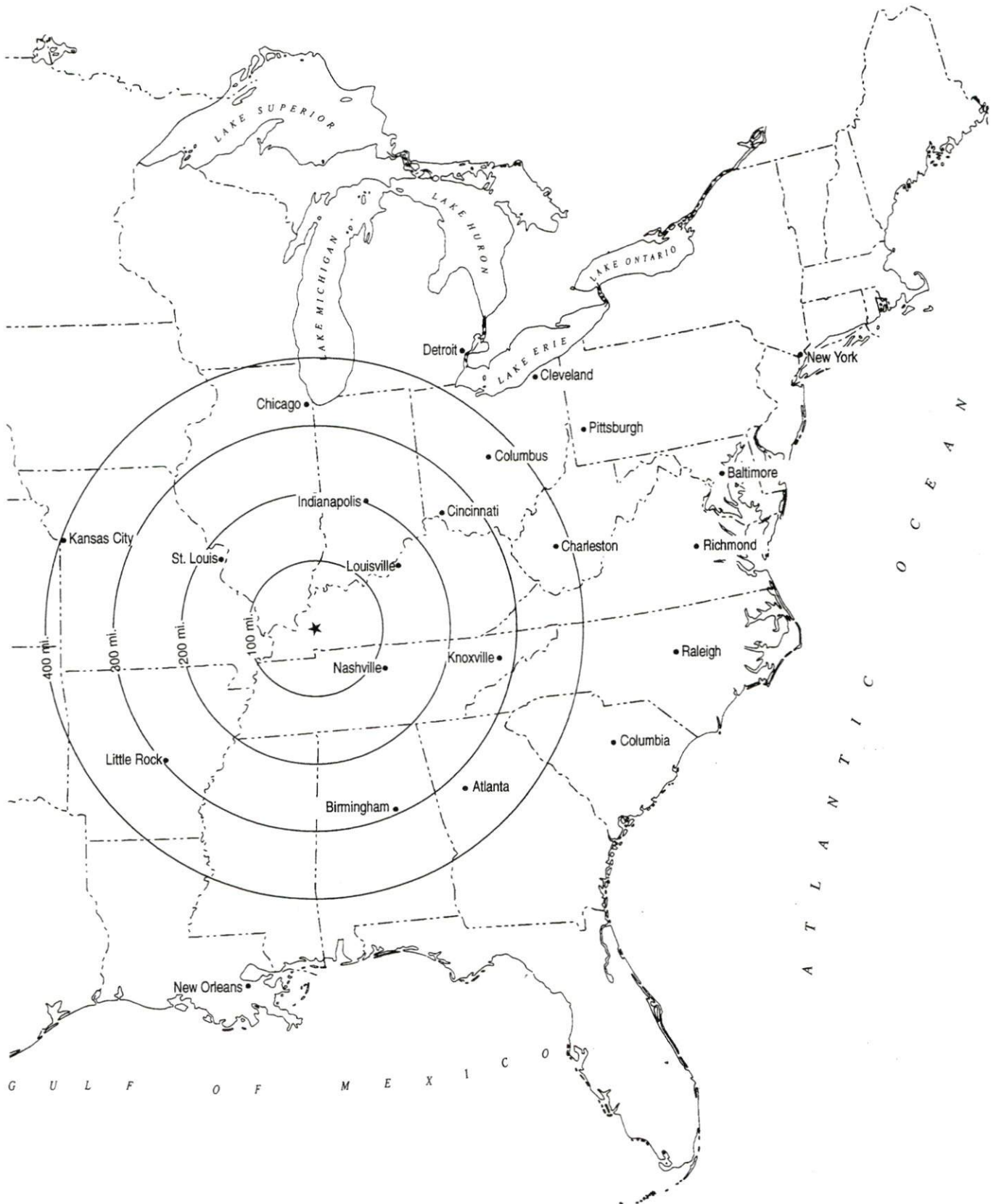
**Sources:** Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1993. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

### Truck Service

Seventeen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Lyon County.

**Source:** American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1997.

## Selected Market Centers



## Rail

Paducah and Louisville Railway provides main line rail service to Eddyville and Kuttawa. The nearest intermodal facilities are available at Paducah, Kentucky; 35 miles west of Eddyville.

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

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

## Air

### Nearest Small Craft Airports

Location:	Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park Airport
Runways:	Gilbertsville, 14 miles west of Eddyville
Length:	1 paved
Traffic	5,000 feet
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	REIL, VASI, runway lights (sundown to sunrise)
Services:	Transportation to Kentucky Dam Village State Park available

Location:	Princeton-Caldwell County Airport
Runways:	Princeton, 13 miles east of Eddyville
Length:	1 paved
Traffic	3,000 feet
Control:	Wind tee
Lighting:	Beacon, runway lights (dusk to dawn)
Services:	tie-down, hangar

### Nearest International Airport

Location:	Nashville International Airport
	6 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee;
	105 miles southeast of Eddyville
Air Service:	American, AirTrans, ASA, Continental Connection, Comair, Delta, American Eagle, Northwest, Southwest, TWA, United, USAir, USAir Express, Valujet
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	564

Commuter air carrier service is provided by Northwest Air Link and TransWorld Express at Barkley Regional Airport, which is located 6 miles west of Paducah, Kentucky; 41 miles west of Eddyville.



## Water

Lake Barkley is part of the inland waterway system, and a nine-foot navigation channel is maintained. The Ohio, Cumberland, and Tennessee Rivers are all part of the inland waterway system and are interconnected at or near the northwestern portion of Lake Barkley.

The Port Authority of Lyon County operates a port facility in the Lick Creek embayment on Lake Barkley at Cumberland River mile 43.6. Kentucky Lake is only ten miles from the Port as the two lakes are joined by a one and three quarter mile long canal, 300 feet wide. The Port has been labeled the "Gateway to the North" for potential users of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. It is the only public port on either Lake Barkley or the adjoining Kentucky Lake, and there is only one lock between the Port and the Tennessee-Tombigbee.

The Port consists of a 43-acre public port area. The docking/loading face is 3,800 feet long with a 30-acre deeply dredged basin for fleeting and mooring barges. The 300-foot wide entry channel and dock face has a minimum working depth of 14 feet. The slackwater port, which enjoys a controlled pool level, is ice-free and navigable to barge traffic 365 days per year.

Present public port facilities consist of a grain loading facility, truck to barge; a crushed limestone loading facility, truck to barge; a coal loading facility, coal storage areas available for property handling and blending of coal; a public dock with crane service available to transfer general cargo from barge to truck or truck to barge; outside storage area; mooring facilities; harbor service available to assist in fleeting and switching of barges; and truck scales.

For more information contact:

Port Authority of Lyon County  
Box 621  
Eddyville, Kentucky 42038  
(502) 388-9671

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Eddyville, Kuttawa and northeast Lyon 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 **northwest and north central Lyon County** - Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation

For industrial rates contact:

Henderson-Union Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
6402 Old Corydon Road  
P.O. Box 18  
Henderson, Kentucky 42420  
(502) 826-3991 Fax (502) 826-3999

and/or

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

Company serving **southern Lyon County** - Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority

For industrial rates contact:

Pennyrile Rural Electric Cooperative  
Corporation  
2000 Harrison Street  
P.O. Box 551  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241  
(502) 886-2555 Fax (502) 886-5933

and/or

South Kentucky Industrial Development  
Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 726  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241-0726  
(502) 885-5392 Fax (502) 885-9451

## Natural Gas

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

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

Company serving **Kuttawa** - Kuttawa Municipal Gas System  
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation  
For rates and supplies contact:

Kuttawa Municipal Gas System  
P.O. Box 400  
Kuttawa, Kentucky 42055  
(502) 388-7151

## Public Water Supply

Company serving **Eddyville** - Eddyville Water Treatment Plant  
P.O. Box 673  
Eddyville, Kentucky 42038  
(502) 388-2226 Fax (502) 388-5683

Source -	Wells
Total pumping capacity -	400 gallons per minute
Treatment plant capacity -	500,000 gallons per day
Source of treated water -	Princeton Water Department
Maximum amount available -	150,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	375,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	500,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	750,000 gallons
Water pressure -	40 psi to 110 psi

Construction of a new water treatment plant is under way with completion scheduled for June, 1997.  
Treatment capacity of the new plant will be 1.5 million gallons per day.

Company serving **Kuttawa** - Kuttawa Water System  
P.O. Box 400  
Kuttawa, Kentucky 42055  
(502) 388-7151

Source -	Lake Barkley
Treatment plant capacity -	750,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	200,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	250,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	600,000 gallons
Water pressure -	60 psi to 80 psi

## Sewerage

Company serving **Eddyville** - Eddyville Wastewater Department  
P.O. Box 673  
Eddyville, Kentucky 42038  
(502) 388-2226 Fax (502) 388-5683

Design capacity - 750,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 200,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Hammond Creek

Company serving **Kuttawa** - Kuttawa Wastewater Treatment Plant  
P.O. Box 400  
Kuttawa, Kentucky 42055  
(502) 388-7151

Design capacity - 350,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 150,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Lake Barkley



## CLIMATE

### Lyon County

#### Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	59.10 degrees
Average annual 1995	N/A
Record highest, July 1952 (56-year record)	107.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (56-year record)	-17.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record)	3,729
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	47.30 inches
Mean annual snowfall (53-year record)	10.00 inches
Total precipitation 1995	48.84 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(54-year record)	118.60
Mean number days thunderstorms (54-year record)	52.60

#### Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South

#### Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 a.m.	79 percent
7 a.m.	84 percent
1 p.m.	57 percent
7 p.m.	61 percent

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1995. Station of record: Nashville, Tennessee.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Structure**

The Cities of Eddyville and Kuttawa are governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor serves a four-year term while the council members each serve two-year terms. Lyon County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates. The county judge/executive is elected to a four-year term while the magistrates each serve two-year terms.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Joint agency - Lyon County Planning Commission  
Participating cities - Eddyville and Kuttawa  
Zoning enforced - Within corporate limits of Eddyville and Kuttawa  
Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas  
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 Eddyville levies a business license fee of \$250 per year on businesses operating within the city. An unloading license fee of \$25 annually is also charged.

The City of Kuttawa does not levy any local fees or require business licenses.

## **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>	1996 <u>State Rate</u>	Local Taxation <u>Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.163	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, 1996**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Lyon County	\$0.2021	\$0.2402	\$0.2320
School District:			
Lyon County	0.3390	0.3390	0.3390
Cities:			
Eddyville	0.1730	0.2240	0.1990
Kuttawa	0.1500	0.1930	0.2200



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

#### Lyon County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1995)	952
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	16.1-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	46.0
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,811.21

The Lyon County School System recently completed construction of a new elementary school which will house approximately 600 students. Total cost of the project was approximately \$3.5 million.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Eddyville)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (35)	2,833
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville, Kentucky (44)	2,898
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (44)	8,166
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky (48)	2,533
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, Tennessee (65)	7,556

## 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 Eddyville)	Number of Program Offerings	Cumulative Enrollment 1995-1996		Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually
<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	
Caldwell County Area Technology Center	Princeton (13)	7	193	28	20
Madisonville Regional Technology Center	Madisonville (48)	11	23	167	60
Madisonville Health Technology Center	Madisonville (48)	11	0	350	105

### 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 Madisonville Regional Technology Center.

### 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 at the Madisonville 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 Lyon County, adult literacy and adult education is provided through the Lyon County Board of Education and by the Western Kentucky Education Cooperative.

### 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 - 1

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Mileage from Eddyville</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Caldwell County Hospital	Princeton (13)	50
Lourdes Hospital	Paducah (35)	389
Western Baptist Hospital	Paducah (35)	373

Caldwell County Hospital

Medical staff - 14 active physicians, 48 consulting physicians, 43 registered nurses, and 12 licensed practical nurses

Lourdes Hospital

Medical staff - 203 physicians, 243 registered nurses, and 107 licensed practical nurses

Western Baptist Hospital

Medical staff - 178 physicians, 220 registered nurses, and 76 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Crittenden Health Systems, Eddyville  
Lyon County Health Department (a public health facility), Eddyville  
Lifeline Home Health Services, Eddyville  
Lourdes Hospice and Dialysis, Kuttawa  
Lyon County Emergency Ambulance Service, Eddyville  
Lyon County Clinic, Eddyville  
Redi-Care, Kuttawa  
Trover Clinic, Eddyville

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of Lyon County (Eddyville and Kuttawa)  
Citizens Bank (Eddyville)

### Newspapers

Herald-Ledger (weekly)

### Telephone Service

Bell South

"911" Emergency Communications System



## RECREATION

### Local

Lyon County is located in Kentucky's magnificent western waterlands, one of the top outdoor recreational areas in the southeastern United States. Lake Barkley, which flows through Lyon County, and Kentucky Lake, which follows the western boundary of the county, form the world's largest man-made water complex with over 218,000 surface acres and 3,300 miles of shoreline. A portion of TVA's Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area also lies within Lyon County.

Highway access to Land Between the Lakes is available approximately 12 miles west of Eddyville. Six to eight miles wide and over 40 miles long, the complex, developed by the Tennessee Valley Authority, is a major area for outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental learning. From scenic beauty, solitude and abundant wildlife to entertaining programs and special events, Land Between The Lakes offers something for everyone. The Golden Pond Visitor Center, The Homeplace 1850, Woodlands Nature Center and Empire Farm invite residents and visitors to scheduled year-round programs. A combined 500 miles of hiking trails and back country roads make it easy to spend a day roaming this 170,000-acre National Recreation Area.

Many free boat launching and water access areas for family picnics, company outings and good old-fashioned fun are conveniently located at the lakes. Three major marinas, located within Lyon County, provide more than 350 covered and uncovered boat slips, as well as all the services necessary for recreational boating.

Lyon County maintains excellent facilities provided by four public parks and a new privately owned amusement water park. Eddyville City Park offers a swimming pool, tennis courts, trails, bike trails, a picnic area and ample parking. The new Venture Action park offers water slides, 750-foot Lazy River ride, Cyclone Water ride, volleyball courts, go-cart rides and even a "Bungee Tower".

Eddyville's largest attraction is the West Kentucky Factory Outlet Mall featuring more than 46 brand name outlet stores. Shopping and dining in one of Lyon County's many varied restaurants has become a popular activity for folks throughout the lakeland.

Facilities at the 76-acre Lyon County Park include a community building, four lighted ball fields, a grandstand, four soccer fields, two sand volleyball courts, paved basketball court, parking lots and restroom facilities.

An 1830's house was restored by the Lyon County Historical Society and is now home to the Lyon County Museum (Rose Hill). Features include guided tours, research, special events, and museum exhibits.

The Old Kuttawa Park and the New Kuttawa Park contain paved basketball courts, baseball/softball diamonds, playground equipment, and tennis courts.

Lyon County, due to its close proximity to Interstate 24 and the Western Kentucky Parkway, is fast becoming a choice area in the lakes region for both vacationing and year-round living. From seaplane rides to riding stables, Lyon County has an abundance of recreational opportunities.

### Area (Within 45 miles)

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park  
Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park  
Lake Barkley State Resort Park  
Kenlake State Resort Park