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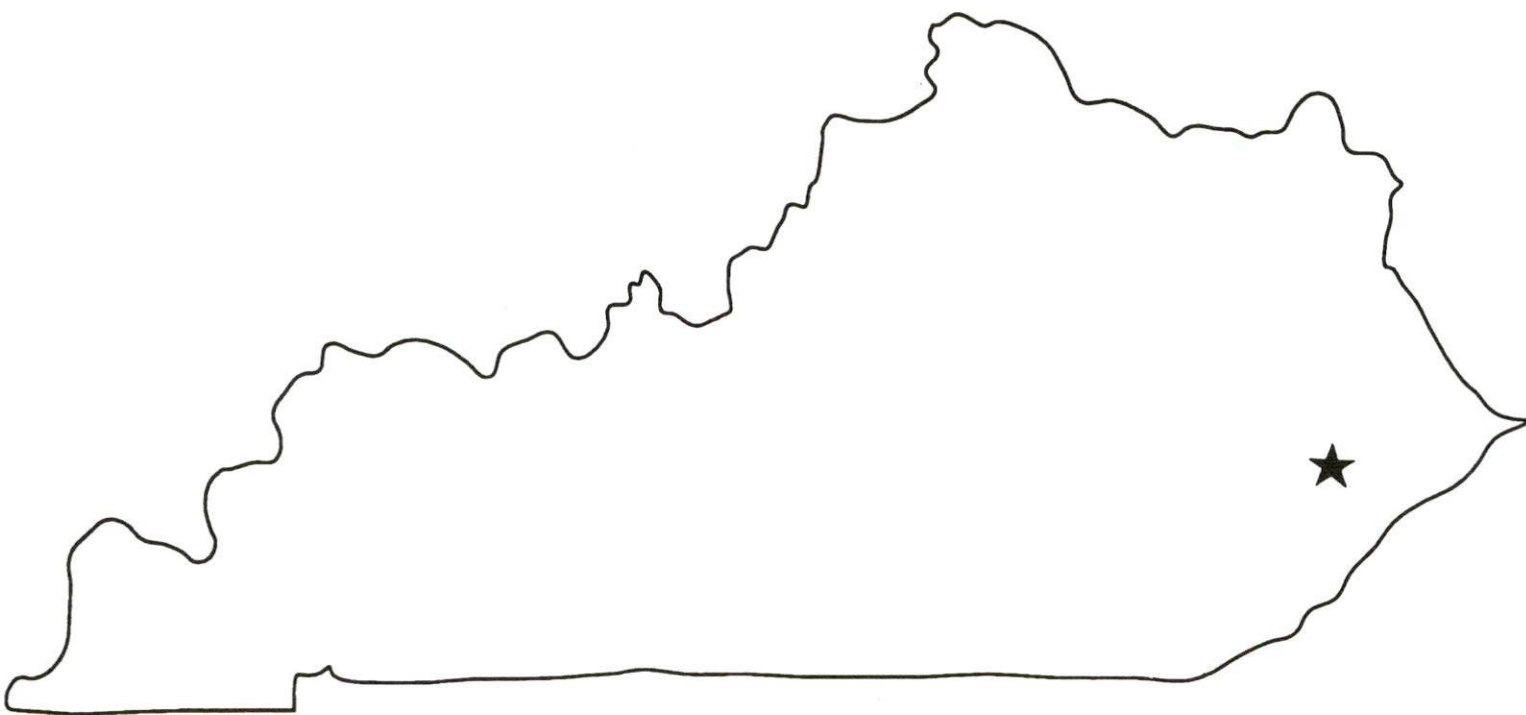
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**Resources For
Economic Development**

Hazard



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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
PERRY COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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HAZARD, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Hazard, the county seat of Perry County, is located in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. Hazard is located 117 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 145 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 190 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 187 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1992, Hazard had an estimated population of 5,648.

Perry County, with a land area of 342 square miles, is made up of ridges and valleys occupying about equal portions of the landscape. In 1992, Perry County had an estimated population of 30,942.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Perry County residents employed in 1994 averaged 10,355. In 1993, manufacturing firms in the county reported 126 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,990 jobs; 2,248 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 2,220 employees; and contract construction firms provided 147 jobs.

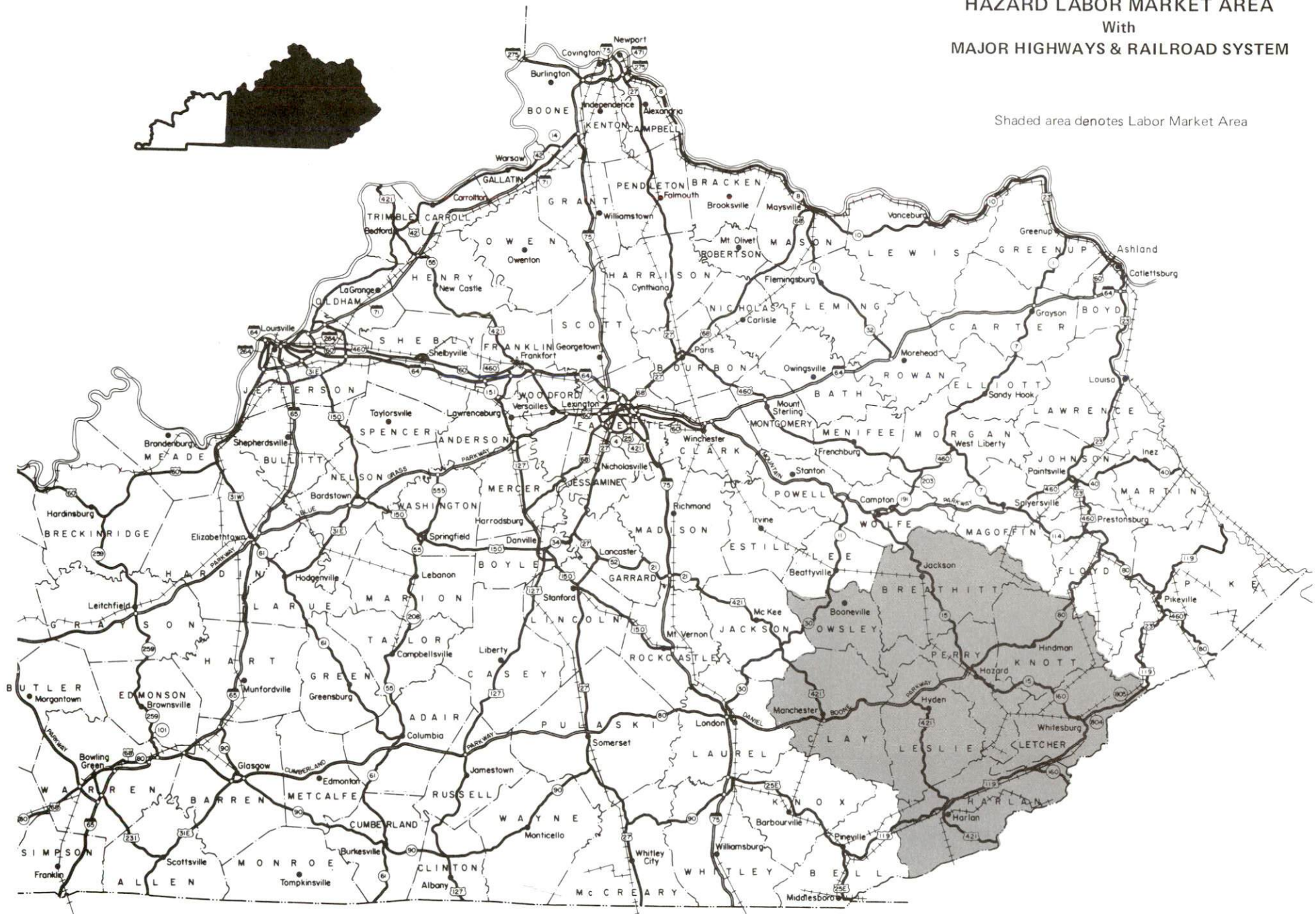
Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 34,876 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 14,477 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Major highways directly serving Hazard include Kentucky Highways 15, 80 and 476, all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Two interchanges of the Daniel Boone Parkway are located within five miles of Hazard. Fourteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hazard. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hazard. The Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport, 15 miles north of Hazard, maintains a 5,000-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline services are located at Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 121 miles northwest; and at Tri-State Field near Huntington, West Virginia, 121 miles northeast of Hazard.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Hazard and Perry County by the Kentucky Power Company. City of Hazard Gas Company provides natural gas service to Hazard.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Hazard Independent School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Perry County School System. Hazard Community College offers degrees in Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Nursing, and Associate in Radiography. In addition, seven other colleges are located within 70 miles of Hazard. Vocational training is available locally at the Kentucky Tech-Hazard. Three area vocational centers are also located within 35 miles of Hazard.

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Hazard Labor Market Area includes Perry County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Breathitt, Clay, Harlan, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, and Owsley.

POPULATION

	<u>1992*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	168,715	167,890	184,626	150,840
Hazard	5,648	5,416	5,429	5,459
Perry County	30,942	30,283	33,763	26,259

* 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	171,324	177,146	184,468	186,892
Perry County	31,359	32,414	33,623	33,998

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</u> <u>1996 thru 2000</u>
Labor Market Area*	34,876	5,087	29,789
Perry County	5,238	982	4,256

* 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.

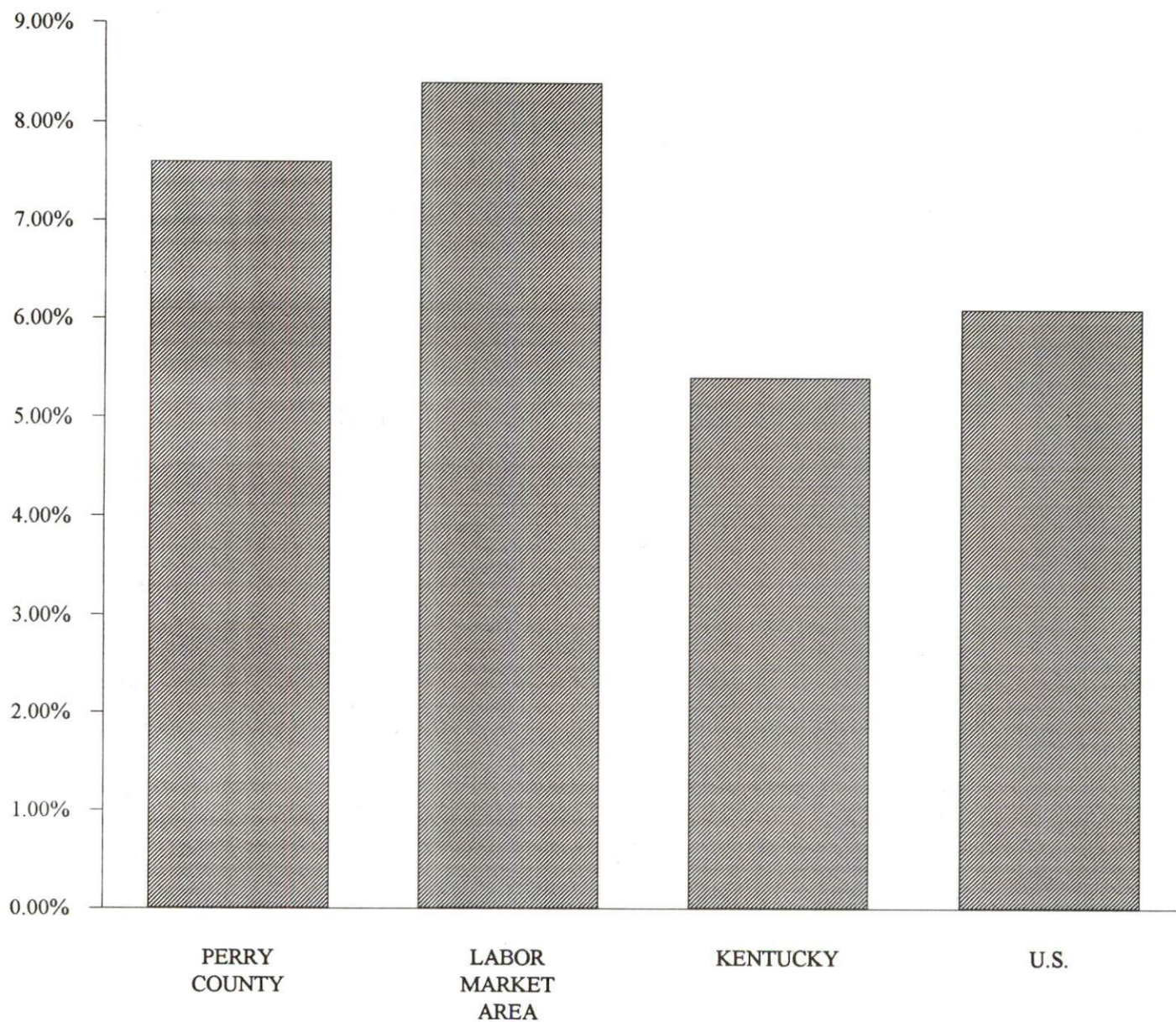
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1993. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	11,210	52,454
Employment	10,355	48,033
Unemployment	855	4,421
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.6	8.4

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

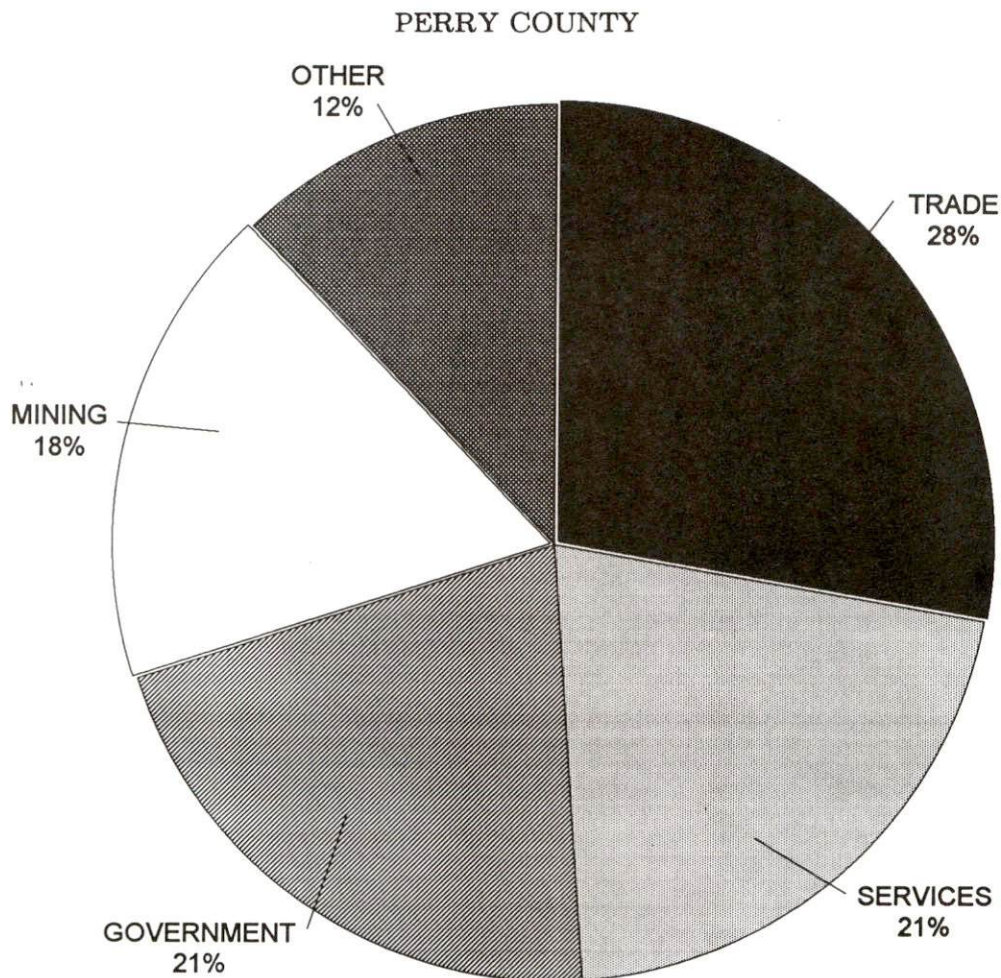
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1994



SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1993

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	10,642	40,242
Manufacturing	126	1,318
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,990	9,192
Services	2,248	7,722
State/Local Government	2,220	9,171
Contract Construction	147	671
Mining & Quarrying	1,925	8,464

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, 1993.

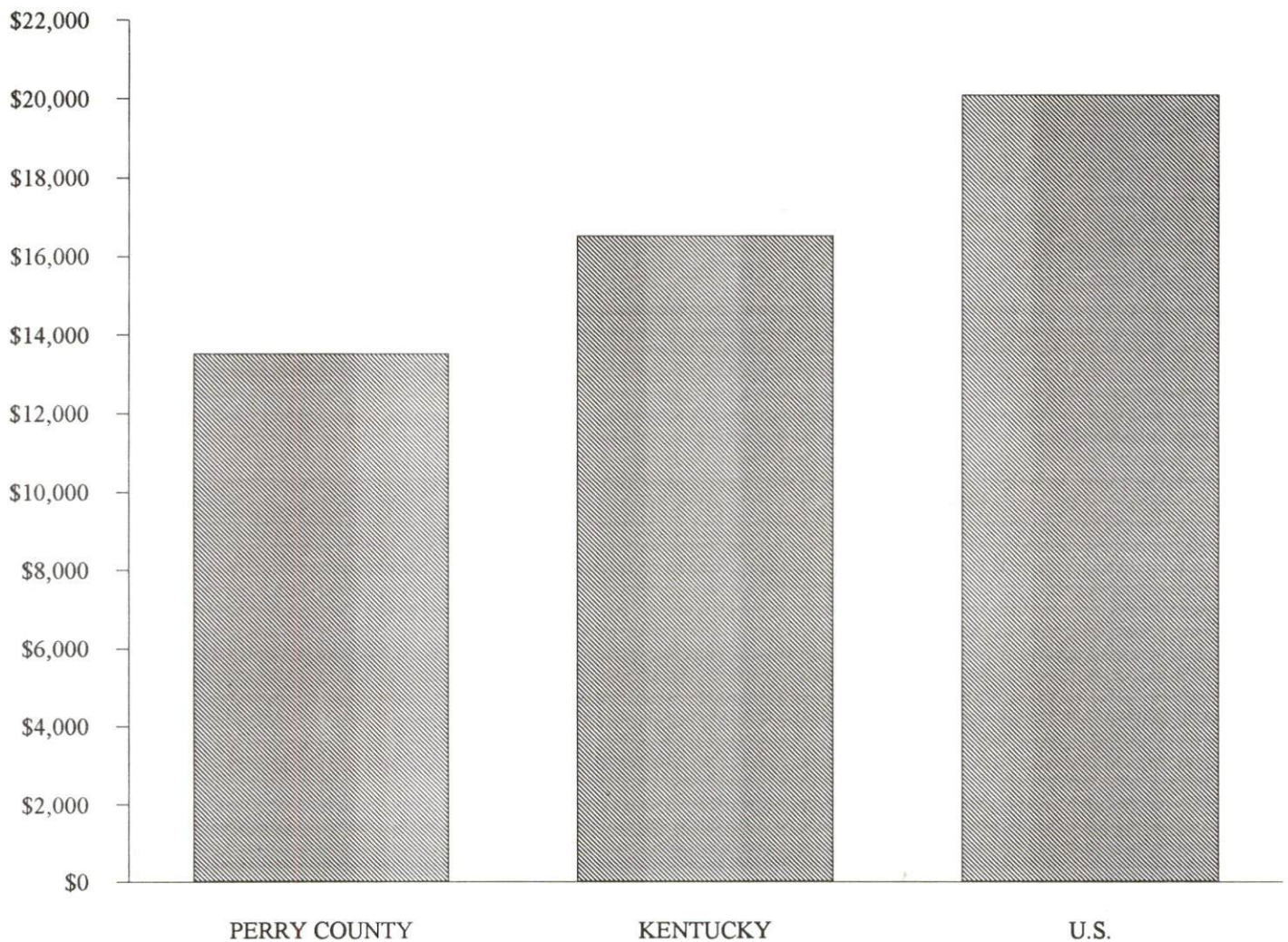


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1988	1992	Percent Change
Perry County	\$10,472	\$13,515	29.1
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,499 - \$10,472	\$9,466 - \$13,515	-
Kentucky	\$12,751	\$16,528	29.6
U.S.	\$16,610	\$20,105	21.0

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1992



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

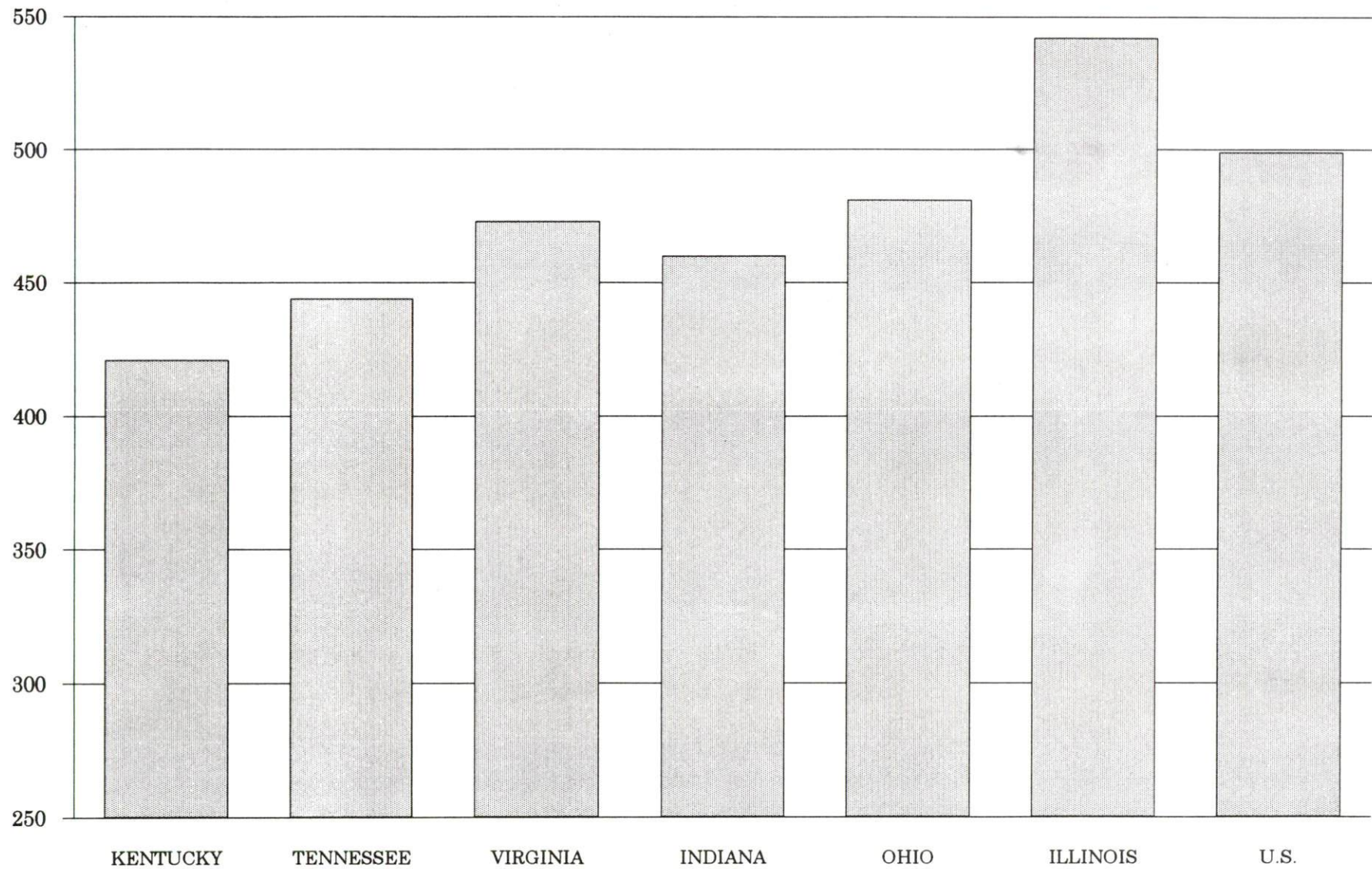
Perry County is served by the Hazard local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1994, the local employment office filled 1,564 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	1,564	4.78
Clerical	414	4.45
Sales	43	6.43
Services (excluding domestic)	502	4.08
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	5	5.30
Processing	1	4.25
Machine Trades	23	6.02
Bench Work	190	4.39
Structural	199	5.55
Motor Freight/ Transportation	41	5.30
Packaging and Materials Handling	48	4.55
Other	32	10.72

The Hazard local office also serves Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, and Wolfe 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>Perry County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$422.91	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00
Mining & Quarrying	689.25	691.01	605.00	684.00
Contract Construction	313.51	440.47	467.00	464.00
Manufacturing	417.66	541.18	522.00	543.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	480.88	567.94	572.00	648.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	271.48	287.24	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	465.84	529.88	574.00	612.00
Services	439.41	377.50	424.00	492.00
State/Local Government	366.86	431.93	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.

Source: 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

PERRY COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1994</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Bulan		
Mountain Crystal Water (1988)	Bottled water	3
Busy		
Kentucky Hose & Bolts (1991)	Tapit bolts	3
Hazard		
AAA Mine Service (1975)	Steel frame assembly	85
Ashland Electric (1993)	Electric motors	8
Graphic Arts Press, Inc. (1973)	Commercial printing	2
Hazard Herald Voice (1912)	Newspaper	12
Hazard Times (1985)	Newspaper	3
Home Lumber Company (1914)	Millwork, ready-mixed concrete, cabinets	38
Maggard Electric (1985)	Rebuild and repair electric motors	5
Mountain Enterprises, Inc. (1984)	Asphalt	5
Perry County News (1987)	Newspaper	7
Perry Manufacturing (1994)	Work uniform shirts	170
Solid Craft (1989)	Aluminum boats	4
Southern Welding Supply, Inc. (1983)	Equipment assembly, welding	6
Jeff		
A & T Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1972)	Conveyor belt systems, fabricated structural steel, preparation crushing and coal loading	83

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Business and Industry Technical Assistance Center of Hazard Community College; City of Hazard.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Trus Joist McMillian, a manufacturer of pressed lumber for trusses and joists, has invested \$100 million in a seven-acre facility in Perry County. The company plans to employ 130 people and be in operation by May 1995.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are no labor unions representing workers in Perry County manufacturing firms at the present time.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Hazard</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Annville, Kentucky	72
	Corbin, Kentucky	73
Electric Motor Repair	Hazard, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	112
Industrial Waste Removal	Manchester, Kentucky	41
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Harlan, Kentucky	57
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	102
Metal Finishers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	102
Metal Service Centers	Martin, Kentucky	42
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	124

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Hazard is served directly by Kentucky Highways 15, 80, and 476, all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Kentucky 80 is four lanes from Hazard to Pikeville. Interchanges with the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, are located four miles north and five miles west of Hazard.

The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 53 miles north of Hazard via Kentucky 15. Interstate 75, a major north-south multi-lane highway, is located 61 miles west of Hazard via the Daniel Boone Parkway.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM HAZARD, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	335	Los Angeles, CA	2,252
Baltimore, MD	493	Louisville, KY	190
Birmingham, AL	388	Nashville, TN	254
Chicago, IL	459	New Orleans, LA	727
Cincinnati, OH	187	New York, NY	694
Cleveland, OH	379	Pittsburgh, PA	363
Detroit, MI	425	St. Louis, MO	449
Knoxville, TN	145		

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

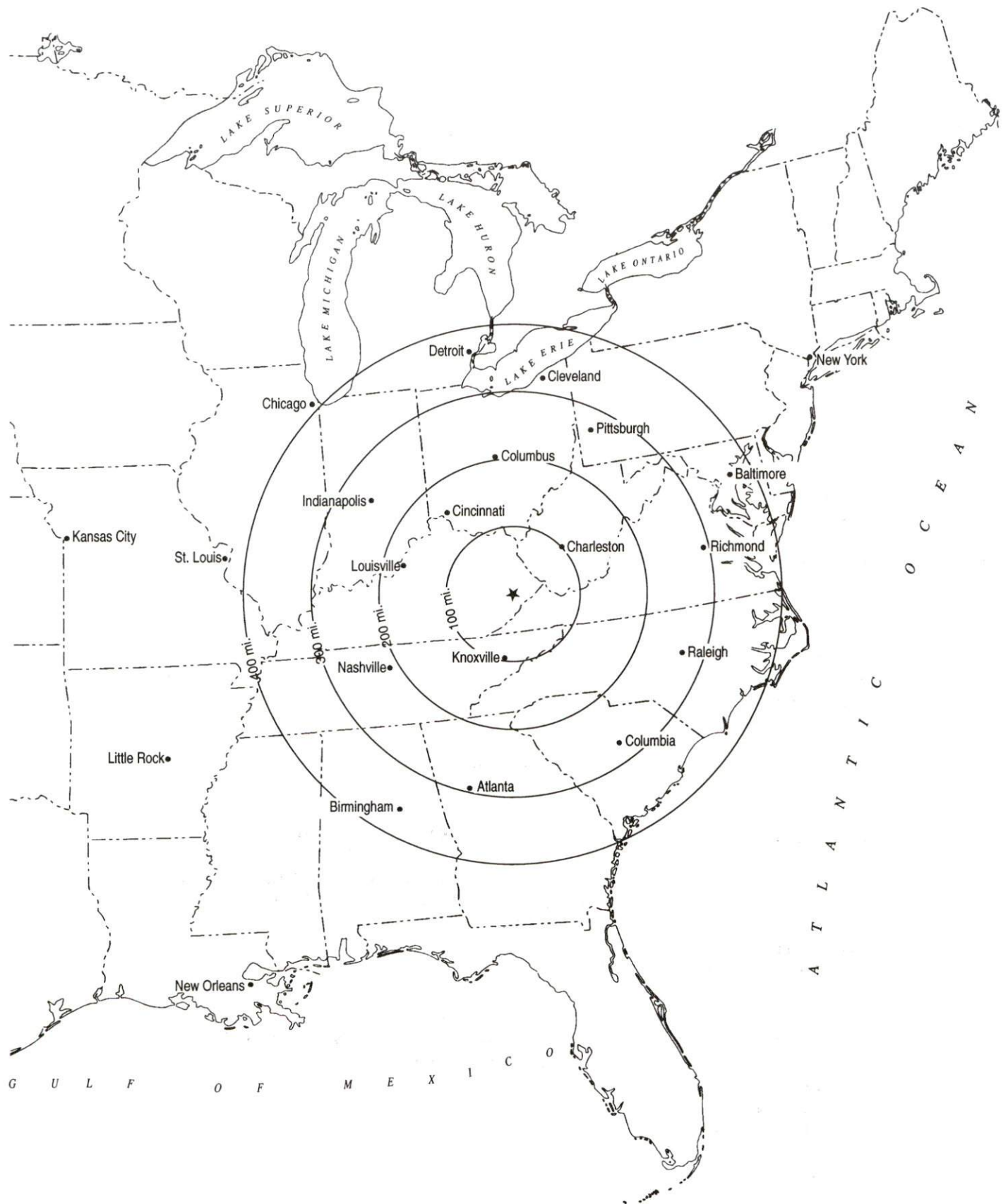
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1995.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hazard. It also provides the nearest intermodal facilities in Kingsport, Tennessee, 94 miles southeast of Hazard.

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:	Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport 15 miles north of Hazard
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	5,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, unicom 122.7, VOR-DME
Lighting:	Runway lights, rotating beacon
Services:	100LL, jet-A fuel, courtesy car, tie-downs

The Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport is planning to extend its existing runway to 7,000 feet; construct a maintenance hangar and terminal building; and add a fuel system and precision approach. The \$3,000,000 project is targeted for completion in 1997.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Blue Grass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 121 miles northwest of Hazard
Air Service:	American Eagle, ASA, ComAir, Delta, Northwest Airlink, TWA Express, United Express, USAir, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	176
Location:	Tri-State Field (Walker-Long Field) 3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 121 miles northwest of Hazard
Air Service:	C.C. Air, ComAir, USAir
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	48

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Hazard** and Perry County - Kentucky Power Company
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company
For industrial rates contact:

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

Natural Gas

Company serving **Hazard** - City of Hazard Gas Company
Source of supply - Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company,
municipally-owned wells, and local private suppliers
For rates and supplies contact:

City of Hazard Gas Company
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
(606) 436-3171

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Hazard** - City of Hazard, Water Department
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
(606) 436-3171 Fax (606) 436-3252

Source -	North Fork of Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity -	4,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	1,900,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	2,300,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	7,000,000 gallons
Water pressure -	90 psi to 100 psi

The City of Hazard Water Company is planning to install 15 miles of additional water lines to the distribution system at Upper Second Creek. This will add approximately 250 new customers. Also, water lines will be installed into the city of Buckhorn. The newly formed municipal government will be supplied water by the City of Hazard and 150 customers will be added. This \$1,400,000 project is scheduled for completion by Spring of 1996.

Sewerage

Company serving Hazard - City of Hazard, Sewer Department
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
(606) 436-3171 Fax (606) 436-3252

Design capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 1,300,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of Kentucky River

The City of Hazard Sewer Department is planning the construction of a \$7,000,000 waste water treatment plant that will replace the current system and which will double the plant capacity. This project is scheduled for completion in 1997.

CLIMATE

Perry County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.50	degrees
Average annual 1993	56.20	degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (48-year record)	102.00	degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (48-year record)	-21.00	degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,406	
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)		

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	40.72	inches
Mean annual snowfall (56-year record)	15.80	inches
Total precipitation 1993	41.39	inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (48-year record)	133.40	
Mean number days thunderstorms (50-year record)	42.80	

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

Relative Humidity (32-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	57 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1993. Station of record: Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Hazard is served by a mayor, four council members, and a city manager. Perry County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - City of Hazard Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits

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 Hazard levies an occupational license fee of 1% of net profits and 1% of gross wages of individuals employed within the corporate limits and a franchise fee of 3% of gross sales.

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>
Perry County	\$0.2000	\$0.2482	\$0.2365
School Districts:			
Hazard Independent	0.4050	0.4050	0.5090
Perry County	0.4260	0.4450	0.4770
Cities:			
Hazard	0.2910	0.2910	0.3550

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Hazard Independent	Perry County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	1,274	5,456
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	15.5-1	17.8-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	81.0	44.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,775.75	\$3,526.08

The Hazard Independent School District is currently completing a District Facility Plan and priorities for construction/renovation are in the process of being determined. Significant facility improvements are anticipated in the near future.

The Perry County School System is in the process of constructing Perry Central High School. The 1,500-student complex will consolidate two existing high schools in the system. Facilities will include 50 classrooms, an auditorium, a library, a chemistry and physics lab, and a gymnasium. The \$16 million project is scheduled for completion by Fall 1995.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Hazard Christian Academy	26	K-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1993)</u>
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky	1,900
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, Kentucky (31)	617
Lees College	Jackson, Kentucky (32)	624
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (50)	3,012
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (55)	2,620
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (59)	497
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (64)	1,005
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Kentucky (69)	898

Hazard Community College

The Hazard Community College is one of fourteen community colleges in the University of Kentucky Community College System. Hazard Community College offers the first two years of most four-year degrees programs offered by the University of Kentucky or other four-year colleges and universities. Degrees offered by the Hazard Community College include the Associate in Arts, the Associate in Science, the Associate in Applied Science, the Associate in Nursing, and the Associate in Radiography. Courses leading to bachelors and masters degree are periodically offered by the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and Union College.

Hazard Community College provides as a special service the Business and Industry Technical Assistance Center (BITAC). The formation of this center to assist area business and industry in the education process, is an example of the college's commitment to the economic development of the region. The Center conducts entrepreneurial training and retraining for dislocated workers in the eight-county area. Hazard Community College's BITAC offers the only Electronic Bid Center in Eastern Kentucky. The bid board system enables local businesses to tap into the \$190 million market of federal and state contract jobs. BITAC in Hazard serves as a model for other similar programs at Kentucky community colleges.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

Kentucky Tech schools are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and provide secondary (Sec) and postsecondary (P/S) vocational-technical training.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Hazard)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1993-1994</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Kentucky Tech Hazard	Hazard	15	<u>Sec</u> 112	<u>P/S</u> 2,886	43
Breathitt County Area Vocational Education Center	Jackson (32)	7	<u>Sec</u> 305	<u>P/S</u> 839	56
Leslie County Area Vocational Education Center	Hyden (24)	5	<u>Sec</u> 114	<u>P/S</u> 30	38
Knott County Area Vocational Education Center	Hindman (22)	5	<u>Sec</u> 258	<u>P/S</u> 54	40

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 Kentucky Tech-Hazard, 101 Vo-Tech Drive, Hazard, Kentucky 41701 (606-436-3101).

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 Kentucky Tech-Hazard (606-439-2500).

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a technical field. Kentucky Tech-Hazard offers Tech Prep programs in the areas of auto body, auto technology, carpentry, drafting, electricity, electronics and office technology. Breathitt County Area Vocational Education Center offers Tech Prep programs in the area of auto technology, auto body repair, carpentry, electricity/electronics, health services, major appliance technology and office technology. Knott County Area Vocational Education Center offers Tech Prep programs in the areas of automotive technology, carpentry, drafting, electricity and office technology. Leslie County Area Vocational Education Center offers Tech Prep programs in the areas of carpentry, electricity, health services and office technology.

Adult Education Services

Adult education is available to adults who want to develop new skills, or earn a high school equivalency degree. In Hazard, adult literacy and adult basic education are provided by the Hazard Community College Learning Center, Hazard, Kentucky 41701; Perry County Literacy Council, Adult Reading Program, 479 High Street, Box 928, Hazard, Kentucky 41701; and Kentucky Tech-Hazard Campus, 101 Vo-Tech Drive, Hazard, Kentucky 41701.

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 - 66
Dentists - 30

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
ARH Regional Medical Center	Hazard	308

Medical staff - 61 physicians, 114 registered nurses, 94 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health
Added Hours Treatment Center
Hazard-Perry County Community Hospice
Kentucky River Community Care, Inc.
Kentucky River District Health Department
Perry County Health Department
Vicco Treatment Center
Perry County Ambulance Authority
Primetime Emergency Treatment Center

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Citizens Bank and Trust
First Federal Savings and Loan Association
Peoples Bank and Trust Company

Newspapers

The Hazard Times (weekly)
The Herald Voice (weekly)
Perry County News (weekly)

Telephone Service

General Telephone Company

Television Stations

WYMT-Channel 57

RECREATION

Local

Hazard offers a variety of public recreation facilities which includes three city parks with basketball courts, tennis courts, an amphitheatre, a picnic shelter, two playgrounds, a nine-hole golf course, two volleyball courts, a horseshoe court, and a boat ramp on the North Fork of Kentucky River.

Perry County Park features a swimming pool, four picnic shelters, four ball fields, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a walking track, mini-golf, a playground, a horse show ring, and a senior citizens center.

The Hazard Pavilion, located in the heart of Hazard, is a multi-purpose complex which contains an olympic-size swimming pool, an indoor track, basketball/volleyball courts, two tennis courts, racquetball courts, an aerobics room, locker rooms, and a kitchen.

A private country club in Perry County maintains a nine-hole golf course and a swimming pool.

The Black Gold Festival, held the third weekend in September, is dedicated to the coal industry, one of Kentucky's major resources. Events held during the festival include a tobacco spitting contest; canoe and raft race; car raffle; 10,000 meter marathon; powder shoot; style show; parade; coal truck competition; square dancing; window decorating contest; horseshoe contest; continuous country, rock, and gospel music; old-fashioned dressup day; the Miss Black Gold Festival Pageant; arts and crafts exhibits; and food booths. The festival annually attracts nearly 100,000 visitors.

Hazard Community College provides many entertainment opportunities which include the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series, Civic Chorus, and Civic Theater.

Hazard Community College is planning the construction of the Student, Performing Arts and Regional Conference Center (SPARCC). The \$15 million complex will feature a 1,000-seat state-of-the-art convocation hall, a second smaller auditorium, a student activities center, student dining facilities, an exhibit hall and arts gallery, general and specialized classrooms, and a full-service bookstore.

The Bobby Davis Park and Museum contains artifacts and photographs depicting the area's heritage from the late nineteenth century through World War II.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Carr Fork Lake
Daniel Boone National Forest
Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Kingdom Come State Park
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Jefferson National Forest