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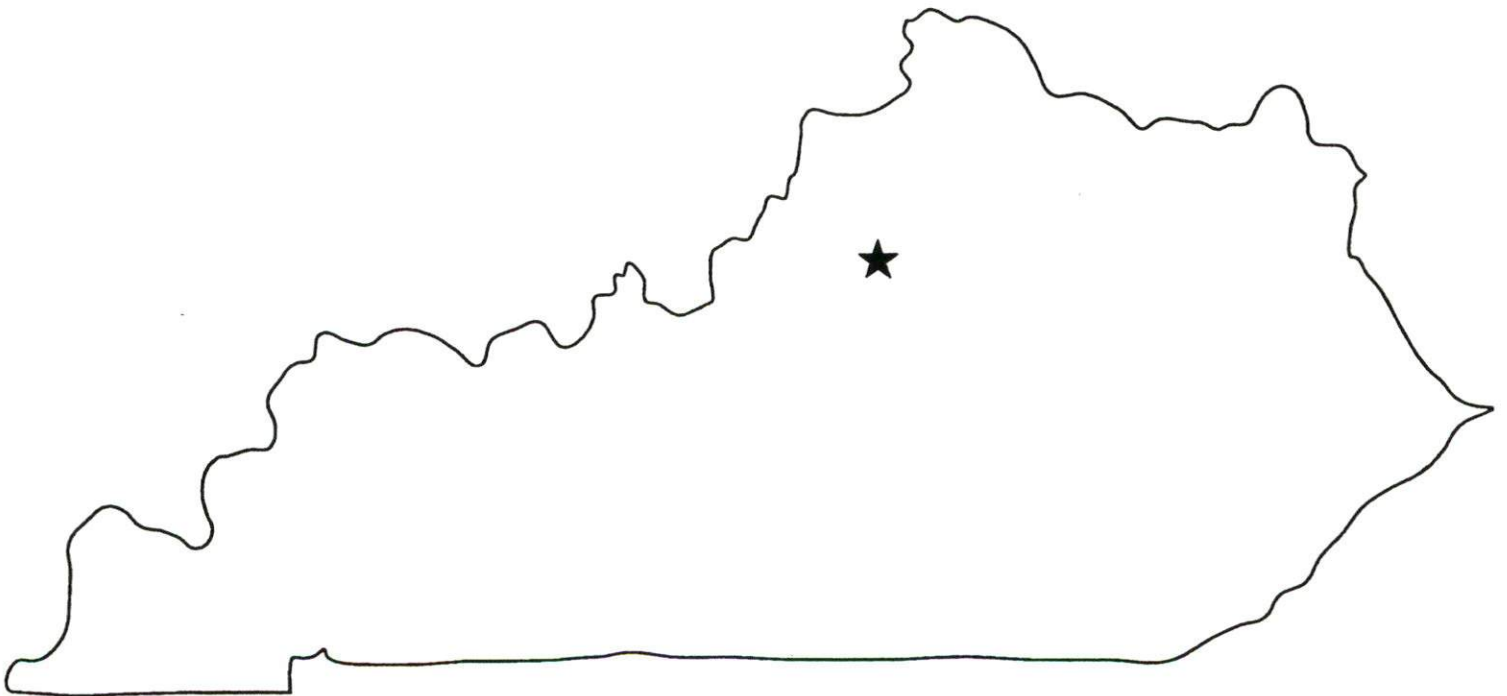
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**Resources For
Economic Development**

Taylorsville



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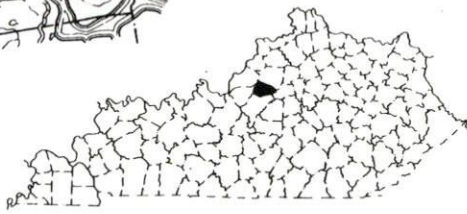
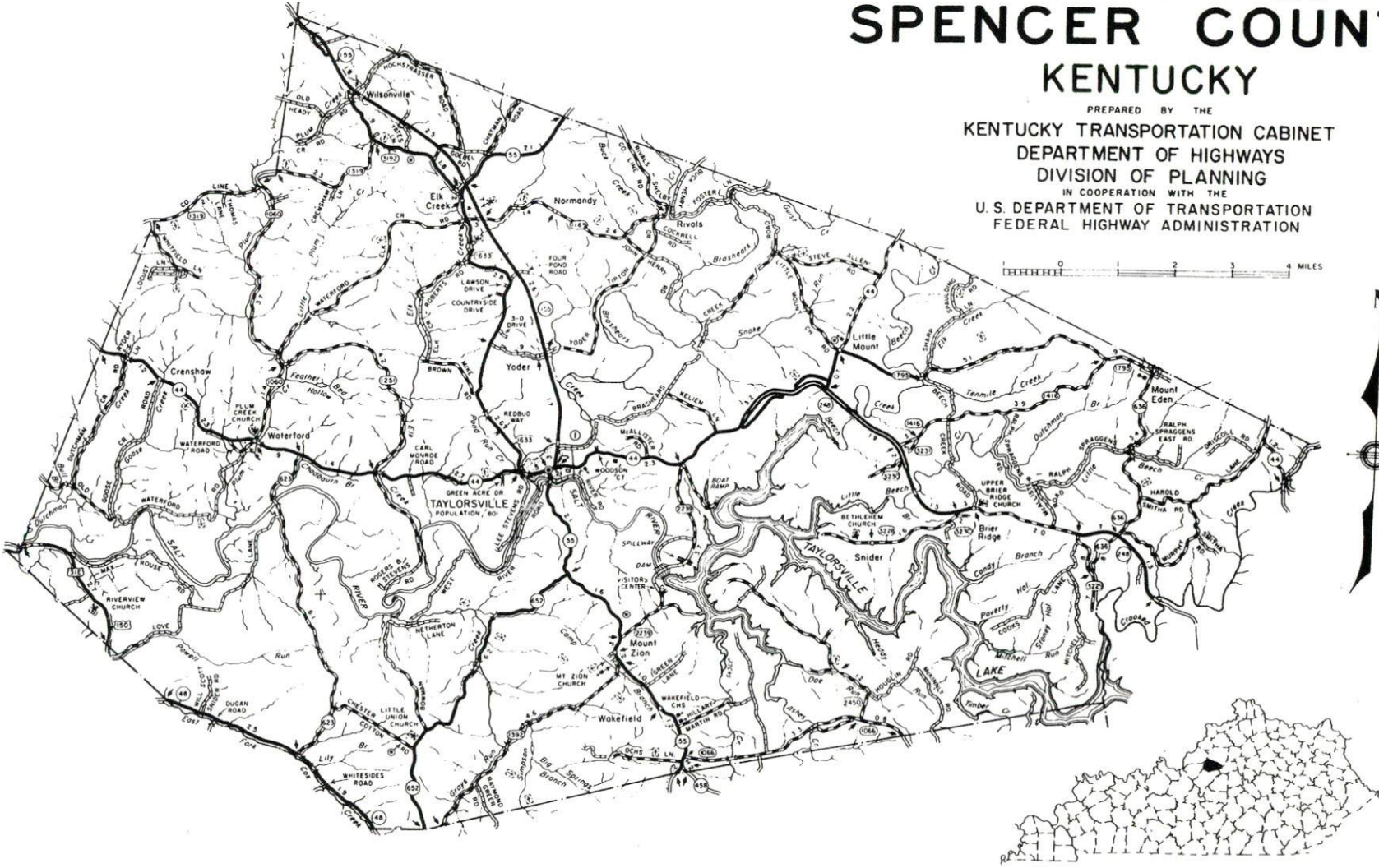
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
SPENCER COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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



TAYLORSVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Taylorsville, the county seat of Spencer County, is located in the Blue Grass Region of north-central Kentucky. The city is located 32 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky, and 60 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky. Taylorsville had an estimated 1994 population of 1,101.

Spencer County, with a rolling to hilly terrain, has a land area of 185 square miles. The county had an estimated 1994 population of 7,635 persons. Spencer County's most prominent feature is Taylorsville Lake, a 3,050-acre impoundment of the Salt River. Taylorsville Lake was created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and has been developed as a public recreation area and state park.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Spencer County residents employed in 1994 averaged 4,508. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 41 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 270 jobs; 219 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 331 employees; and contract construction firms provided 112 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 21,270 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1997 through 2001, 56,660 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

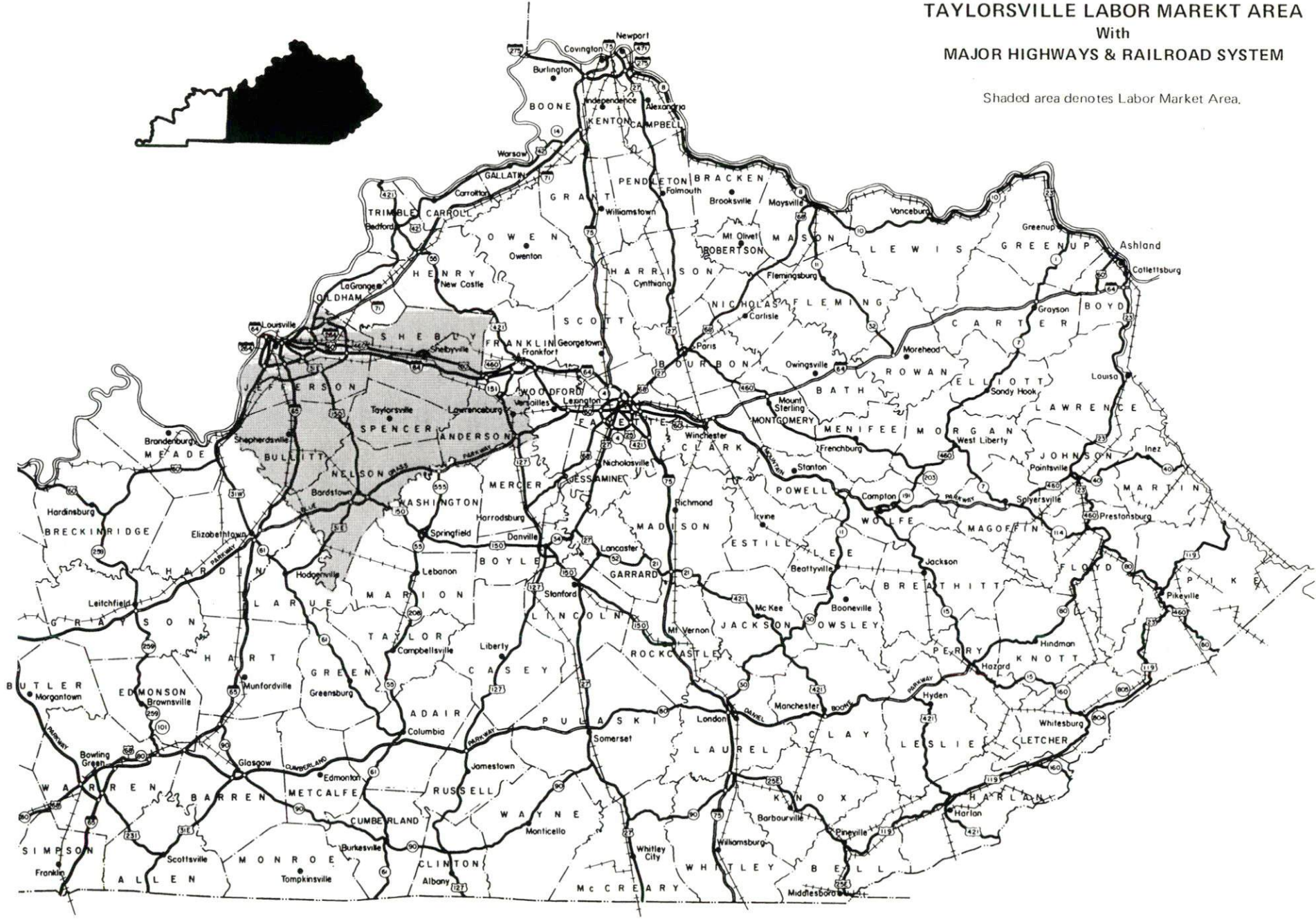
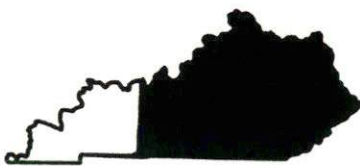
Transportation - Taylorsville is served by Kentucky Highways 44 and 55, both "AAA"-rated trucking highways. Interstate 64 and the Blue Grass Parkway are both accessible within 16 miles of Taylorsville, via Kentucky 55. Sixteen trucking companies offer interstate and/or intrastate service to Taylorsville. Taylorsville is located 20 miles southwest of rail freight lines operated by CSX Transportation and the Norfolk Southern Corporation. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Louisville International Airport, 28 miles northwest of Taylorsville.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Taylorsville and parts of Spencer County. Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation and Fox Creek Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation provide electric power to the remainder of Spencer County. Natural gas service is not available in Taylorsville at this time.

Education - The Spencer County School System provides primary and secondary public education to residents of Taylorsville and Spencer County. Six colleges and universities are located within 40 miles of Taylorsville. Vocational training is available at area vocational education centers in Shelbyville, Bardstown, Shepherdsville, and Jeffersontown, all within 26 miles of Taylorsville; and at Kentucky Tech-Jefferson Campus, 32 miles northwest of Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA
With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Taylorsville Labor Market Area includes Spencer County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Anderson, Bullitt, Jefferson, Nelson, and Shelby.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	811,075	788,596	797,392	778,467
Taylorsville	1,101	774	801	897
Spencer County	7,635	6,801	5,929	5,488

*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	832,367	885,250	928,174
Spencer County	8,583	9,849	11,065

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>	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age <u>1997 thru 2001</u>
Labor Market Area*	21,270	19,629	1,641	56,660
Spencer County	155	155	0	554

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

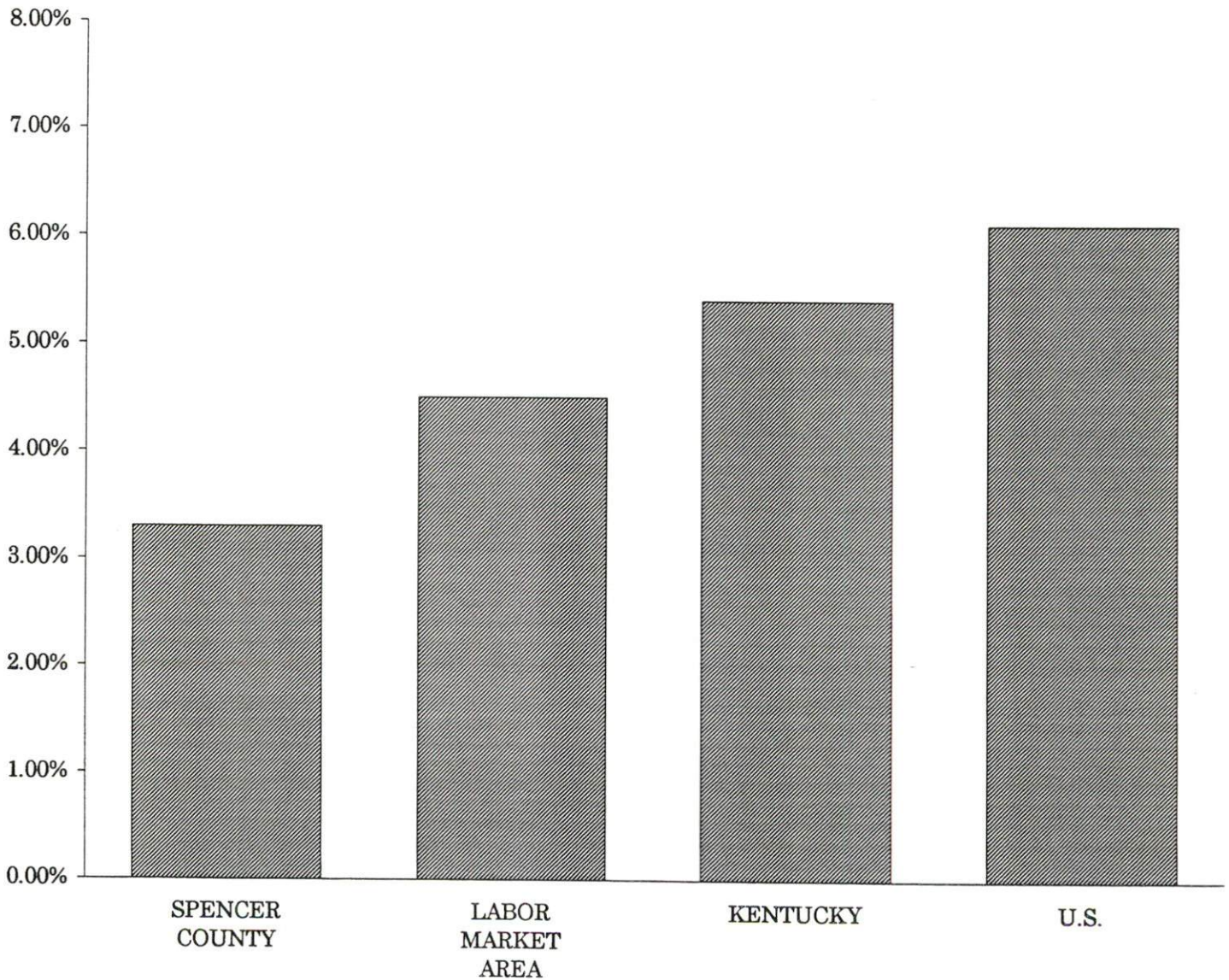
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1997 thru 2001.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Spencer County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,663	435,528
Employment	4,508	415,899
Unemployment	155	19,629
Rate of Unemployment (%)	3.3	4.5

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1994



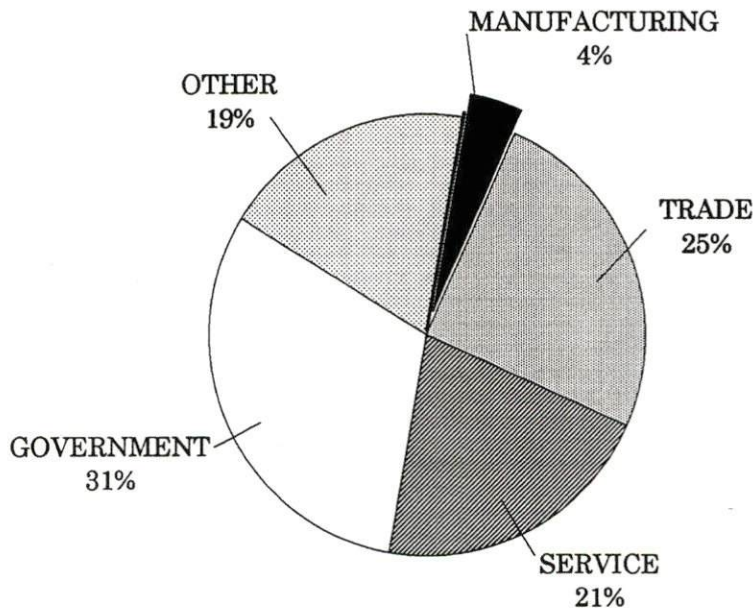
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>Spencer County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	1,060	422,482
Manufacturing	41	81,203
Wholesale & Retail Trade	270	105,503
Services	219	115,590
State/Local Government	331	40,052
Contract Construction	112	20,783

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.

SPENCER COUNTY

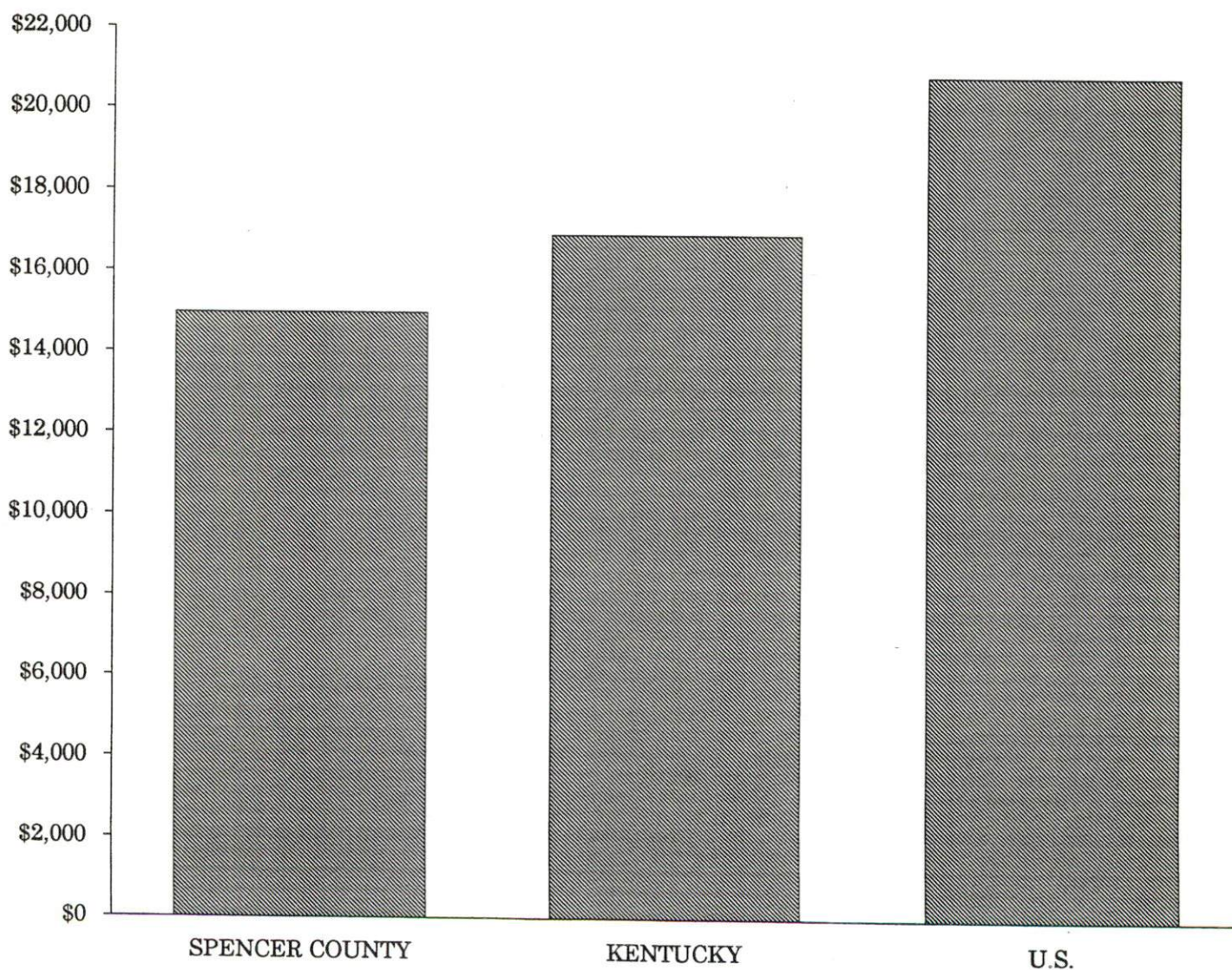


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1989	1993	Percent Change
Spencer County	\$12,127	\$14,951	23.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$11,986 - \$17,985	\$14,520 - \$22,372	-
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

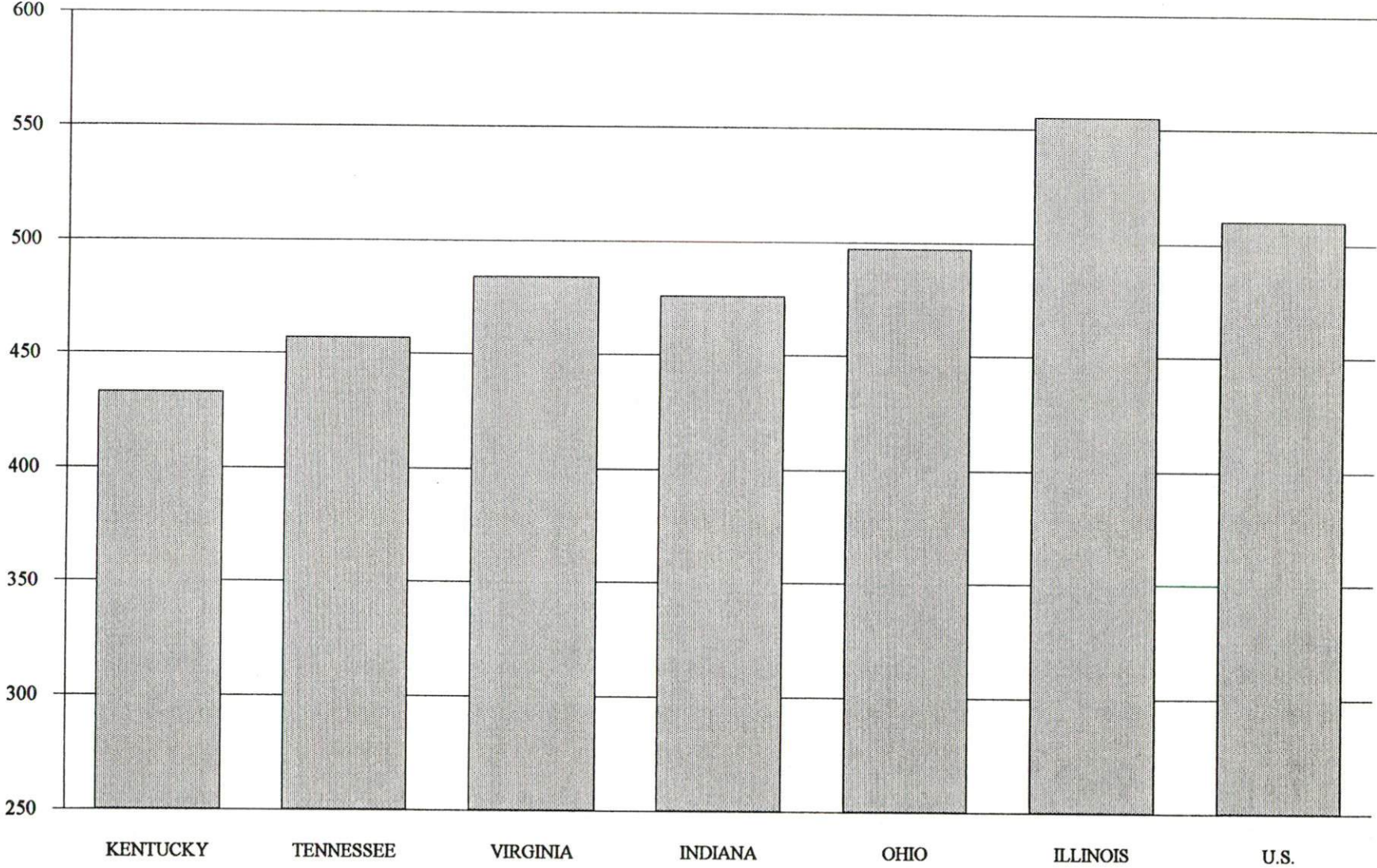
Spencer County is served by the Louisville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Louisville local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 19,219 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	19,219	6.86
Clerical	858	5.99
Sales	378	5.78
Services (excluding domestic)	1,829	5.44
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	63	5.57
Processing	1,460	5.92
Machine Trades	605	7.02
Bench Work	2,716	4.80
Structural	1,813	10.91
Motor Freight/ Transportation	476	7.20
Packaging and Materials Handling	8,717	7.22
Other	29	6.05

The Louisville local office also serves Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby and Trimble Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Employment Services.

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1994**



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

	<u>Spencer County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$328.70	\$432.45	\$457.00	\$484.00
Mining & Quarrying	0.00	724.79	638.00	721.00
Contract Construction	363.54	457.02	485.00	476.00
Manufacturing	399.05	560.04	540.00	565.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	437.31	573.31	588.00	673.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.18	297.57	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	606.98	521.15	585.00	609.00
Services	264.51	385.62	434.00	501.00
State/Local Government	381.55	441.53	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$476.00	\$497.00	\$555.00	\$510.00
Mining & Quarrying	771.00	682.00	815.00	839.00
Contract Construction	538.00	549.00	681.00	544.00
Manufacturing	653.00	701.00	692.00	645.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	581.00	619.00	694.00	658.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	557.00	572.00	764.00	693.00
Services	400.00	433.00	501.00	483.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

N/A Not Available.

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes the salaries and wages of all persons working for that type business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

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

EXISTING INDUSTRY

TAYLORSVILLE MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
B & B Screw Machine Specialists, Ltd. (1965)	Screw machine products	27
Colors of Kentucky (1990)	Hand painted apparel, jewelry	20
Glasscock Sawmill, Inc. (1966)	Rough lumber, cedar shavings	5
Harloc Industries (1989)	Door lock sets	35
Hiteco, Inc. (1979)	Ready-mixed concrete	6
The Spencer Magnet (1867)	Newspaper, job printing	3

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Taylorsville-Spencer County Governments.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

The county recently purchased 29 acres for a new industrial park. The park is located north of Taylorsville off of Kentucky Highway 44 and within 13 miles of Interstate 64 with access to infrastructure.

Harloc Industries announced a \$25,000 expansion in 1995.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Hiteco, Inc.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Taylorsville</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Jeffersontown, Kentucky	22
	Bardstown, Kentucky	24
Electric Motor Repair	Shelbyville, Kentucky	20
	Bardstown, Kentucky	24
Heat Treating Facilities	Anchorage, Kentucky	26
Industrial Waste Removal	Mt. Washington, Kentucky	12
	Shelbyville, Kentucky	20
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Shelbyville, Kentucky	20
	Bardstown, Kentucky	24
Metal Castings	Louisville, Kentucky	32
Metal Finishers	Bardstown, Kentucky	24
	Louisville, Kentucky	32
Metal Service Centers	Bardstown, Kentucky	24
	Louisville, Kentucky	32
Millwrights & Riggers	Bloomfield, Kentucky	10

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Kentucky Highways 44 and 55 are both "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Taylorsville. Kentucky Highway 55 provides access to the Blue Grass Parkway, 13 miles south of Taylorsville, and to Interstate 64, only 16 miles north of Taylorsville. Kentucky Highway 44 provides access to Interstate 65, only 22 miles west of Taylorsville.

Construction of a \$10.6 million bypass connecting Kentucky 55 to Kentucky 248 was recently completed at Taylorsville.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM TAYLORSVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	417	Los Angeles, CA	2,100
Baltimore, MD	594	Louisville, KY	32
Birmingham, AL	366	Nashville, TN	178
Chicago, IL	319	New Orleans, LA	698
Cincinnati, OH	133	New York, NY	750
Cleveland, OH	380	Pittsburgh, PA	401
Detroit, MI	388	St. Louis, MO	290
Knoxville, TN	230		

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

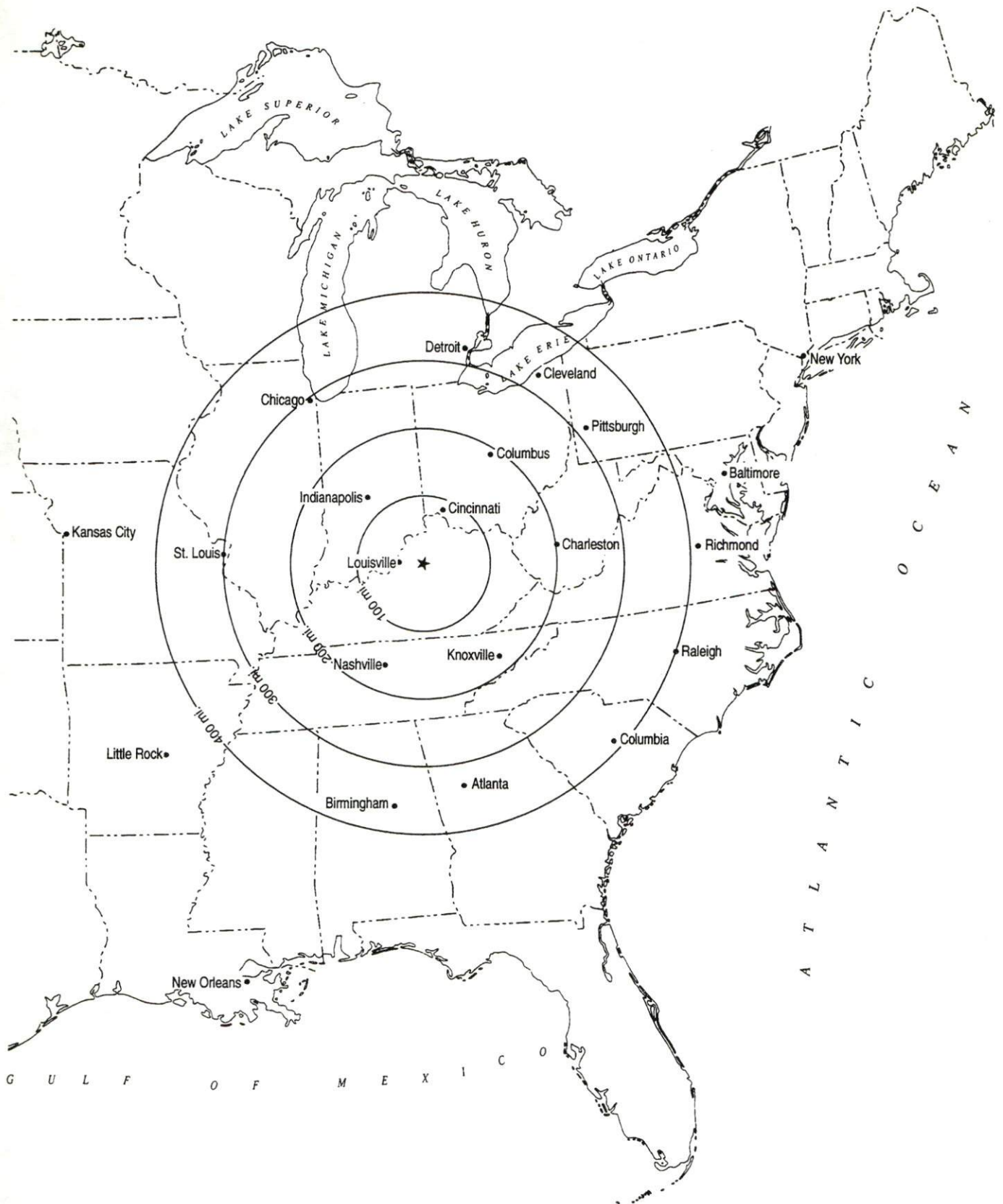
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Sixteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Taylorsville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1996.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Taylorsville is not directly served by rail lines. Main line rail service is available at Shelbyville, 20 miles northeast of Taylorsville. Lines serving Shelbyville are CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Corporation. The nearest intermodal facilities are located at Louisville, 32 miles northwest of Taylorsville.

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

and/or

Industrial Development Manager
Norfolk Southern Corporation
The Tower Suite 2904
611 Commerce Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
(615) 254-3398

Air

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Louisville International Airport
4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky;
28 miles northwest of Taylorsville

Air Service: American, America West Express, American
Eagle, ASA, ComAir, Continental, Continental
Express, Delta, Northwest, Northwest Airlinck,
Southwest, TWA, United, United Express,
USAir, USAir Express, Valujet

Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 210

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Tayorsville and parts of Spencer 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 **remainder of Spencer County** - Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation
(major portion of the county); Fox Creek Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (extreme
eastern portion of the county)
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

Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation
111 West Brashear Avenue
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004
(502) 348-3931

and/or

Fox Creek Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
P.O. Box 150
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342
(502) 839-3442 or (800) 372-7160

Natural Gas

Natural gas service is not available in Taylorsville at this time.

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Taylorsville** - City of Taylorsville Utilities
P.O. Box 279
Taylorsville, Kentucky 40071
(502) 477-3235

Source -	Salt River
Treatment plant capacity-	700,000 gallons per day
Source of treated water -	Louisville Water Company
Maximum amount available -	550,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	1,000,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,250,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	850,000 gallons
Water pressure -	40 psi to 80 psi

The City of Taylorsville Utilities is presently purchasing 60 percent of its water from the Louisville Water Company and eventually plans to purchase all of its water supply from the company.

Sewerage

Company serving **Taylorsville** - City of Taylorsville Utilities
P.O. Box 279
Taylorsville, Kentucky 40071
(502) 477-3235

Design capacity -	200,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	100,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Salt River

Construction of a new sewer plant is under way for the City of Taylorsville Utilities. The \$1.6 million project will involve the construction of a lagoon system treatment facility which will approximately double the size of the existing plant. The completion is scheduled for August 1996.

CLIMATE

Spencer County

Temperature

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

Precipitation

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

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (31-year record)

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

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Taylorsville is served by a mayor and four commissioners. Spencer County is governed by a county judge/executive and six magistrates.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Taylorsville-Spencer County Joint Planning & Zoning Commission

Participating cities - Taylorsville

Zoning enforced - All areas

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas

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 Taylorsville levies an annual regulatory business license fee ranging from \$50 to \$125. The City also levies an annual unloading license fee of \$50.

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

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

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	1995 <u>State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.167	YES
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	NO
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	NO
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.050	NO
Goods in Process	0.050	NO
Finished Goods	0.050	YES
Motor Vehicles	0.450	YES
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.450	YES
Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand)	0.250	NO

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1995

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Spencer County	\$0.2542	\$0.2709	\$0.2633
School Districts:			
Spencer County	0.4440	0.4440	0.5600
Cities:			
Taylorsville	0.1700	0.1700	0.1760

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Spencer County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	1,560
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	17.5-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	41.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$4,080.21

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
Saint Catharine College	Springfield, Kentucky (29)	442
Bellarmino College	Louisville, Kentucky (32)	2,935
Jefferson Community College	Louisville, Kentucky (32)	9,273
Spalding University	Louisville, Kentucky (32)	1,342
University of Louisville	Louisville, Kentucky (32)	21,218
Indiana University Southeast	New Albany, Indiana (36)	5,381

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 Taylorsville)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Kentucky Tech- Jefferson Campus	Louisville (32)	23	<u>P/S</u> 5,931	197
Shelby County Area Technology Center	Shelbyville (20)	7	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 356 93	131

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-Jefferson Campus (502) 595-4136.

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 Kentucky Tech-Jefferson Campus (502) 595-2363.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. The Shelby County Area Technology Center offers tech prep programs in the areas of business technology, health services, computer science, criminal justice, drafting/CAD, and electronic manufacturing.

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 Spencer County, adult literacy is provided by the Spencer County Adult Reading Program and adult basic education is provided by the Spencer County Adult Learning 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 - 3

Dentists - 4

Hospitals

<u>Hospitals</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Taylorsville)</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Jewish Hospital of Shelbyville	Shelbyville (20)	76

There are 17 hospitals with facilities for acute care, psychiatric care, rehabilitation, and chemical dependency treatment located in Louisville, 32 miles from Taylorsville.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Spencer County Ambulance Service
Spencer County Rural Health Clinic
Spencer County Health Department
Taylorsville Health Care Center

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

The Peoples Bank

Newspapers

The Spencer Magnet (weekly)

Telephone Service

BellSouth

Taylorsville is in the process of implementing the enhanced version of the "911" emergency dispatch communication system

RECREATION

Local

A variety of public and private recreational facilities are available in the Taylorsville area. Facilities located at Taylorsville include a city park with playground equipment and a picnic site. The Spencer County Park features three ball fields, four tennis courts, a soccer field, a running track, a concession stand, and restrooms.

Privately managed recreational facilities include an 18-hole golf course, with a clubhouse and pro shop; and a campground for recreational vehicles.

Spencer County's most popular tourist attraction is the 3,050-acre Taylorsville Lake, created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Salt River basin. The Corps of Engineers operates a visitors center overlooking the dam. Four boat ramps, and a marina on the lake offer easy access for boating and fishing. Pontoon and fishing boat rentals are available through Taylorsville Lake Dock. The state managed Possum Ridge Boat Ramp offers a boat ramp, shoreline fishing, horseback riding, and picnic facilities. Several other state managed boat ramps are also available. Over 10,000 acres of surrounding lakeside property including Taylorsville Lake State Park, are devoted to wildlife preservation and recreational uses. Architectural work is under way to develop plans for a pool, bathhouse, and 60 campsites at the State Park. Spencer County has acquired 165 acres overlooking the lake and developed a park and picnic area. Village By The Lake, also located at the lake, provides camping facilities, cabins, and a swimming pool.

Christian Homes of Kentucky is building Chapell House, a retirement community, which is scheduled for completion by June 1996.

Taylorsville recently received a \$200,000 state grant to build a Taylorsville community senior citizens center.

Annual events in the Taylorsville area include the Spencer County Fair, held at the Fairgrounds each July, featuring truck and horse pulls, exhibits, shows, and entertainment. The Taylorsville Homecoming is held in September and includes a parade, contests, arts and crafts booths, music, children's rides, and concessions. Christmas on Main Street, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, features a parade, the arrival of Santa Claus, games and activities for children, and a Christmas decorating contest.

Area (Within 45 miles)

- Bernheim Forest
- Churchill Downs
- E.P. (Tom) Sawyer State Park
- Kentucky Derby Museum
- Lincoln Homestead State Park
- My Old Kentucky Home State Park