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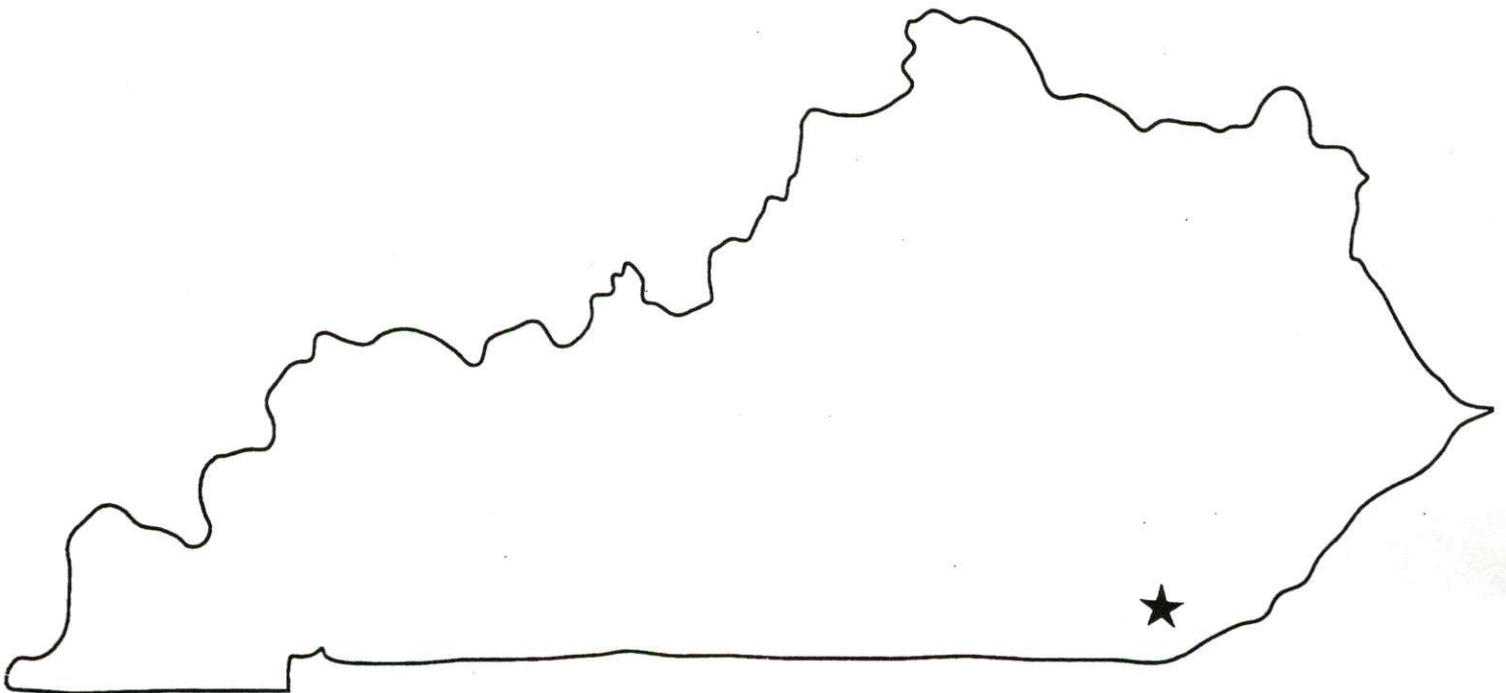
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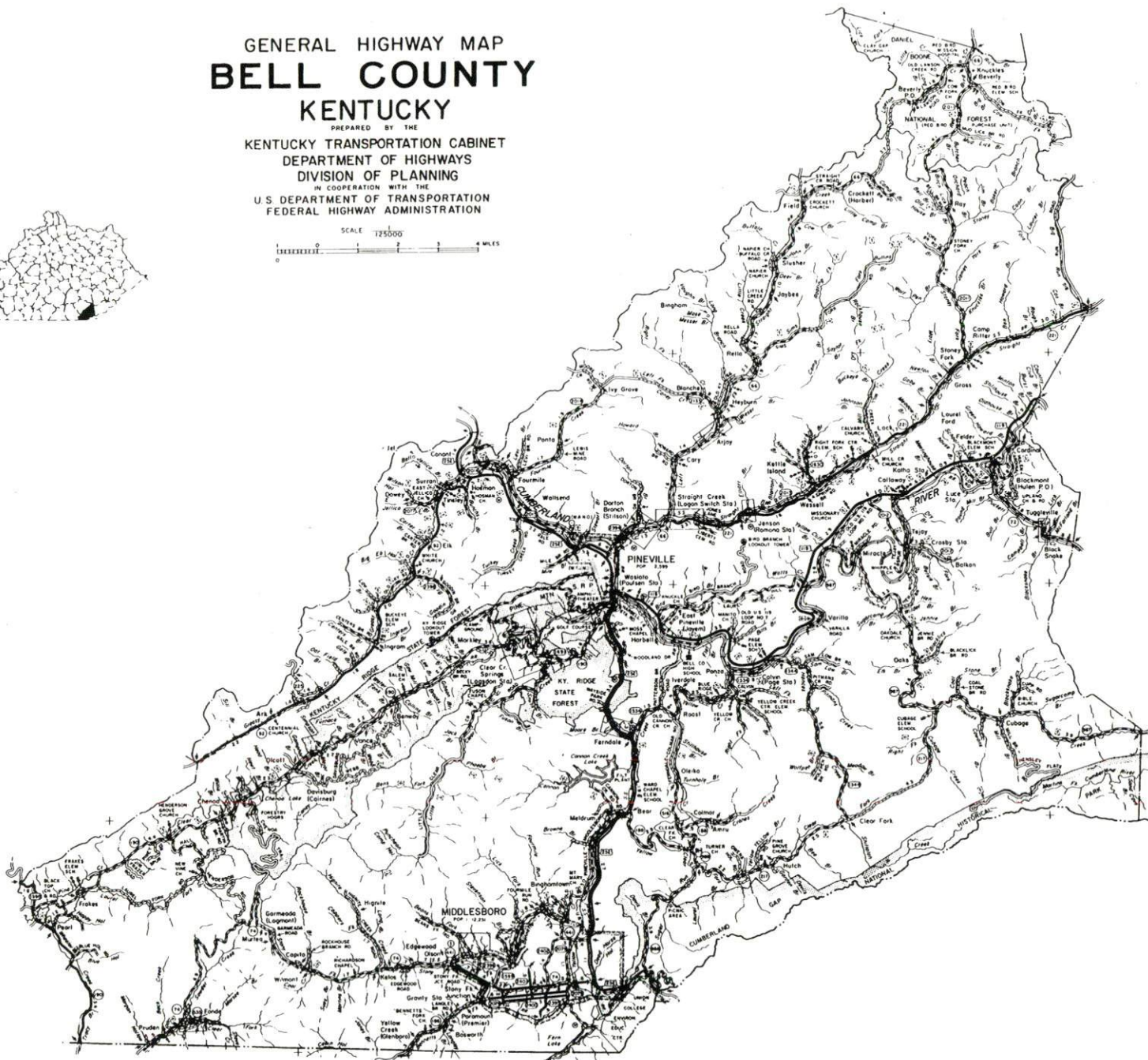
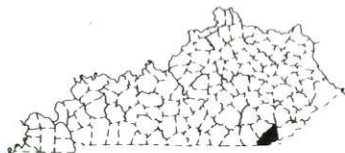
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP BELL COUNTY KENTUCKY

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MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Middlesboro, Bell County's largest city, had an estimated 1994 population of 10,730. Located in the southeastern corner of the state, Middlesboro is only a few miles from the Tennessee and Virginia state lines. Middlesboro is located 61 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 129 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 205 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 255 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia.

Pineville is the county seat of Bell County and is located 13 miles north of Middlesboro. Pineville had an estimated 1994 population of 2,122.

Bell County covers 360 square miles and is situated in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky. Bell County had an estimated 1994 population of 30,766. Both the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park and the Pine Mountain State Resort Park are located within Bell County's boundaries, making it the only county in Kentucky to contain both a national park and a state park.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Bell County residents employed in 1994 averaged 9,280. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 925 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,808 jobs; 1,810 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,686 employees; contract construction firms provided 284 jobs; and 996 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 33,568 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 13,719 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Middlesboro is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 58, and Kentucky Highway 74. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, and Kentucky Highways 221 and 66. Interstate 75 is accessible 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro and 35 miles northwest of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is located 54 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 67 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Thirteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Middlesboro while twelve trucking companies serve Pineville. The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport is equipped with a 3,650-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the McGhee Tyson Airport, 71 miles south of Middlesboro. Rail service is provided to Middlesboro and Pineville by CSX Transportation. Middlesboro is also served by the Norfolk Southern Corporation.

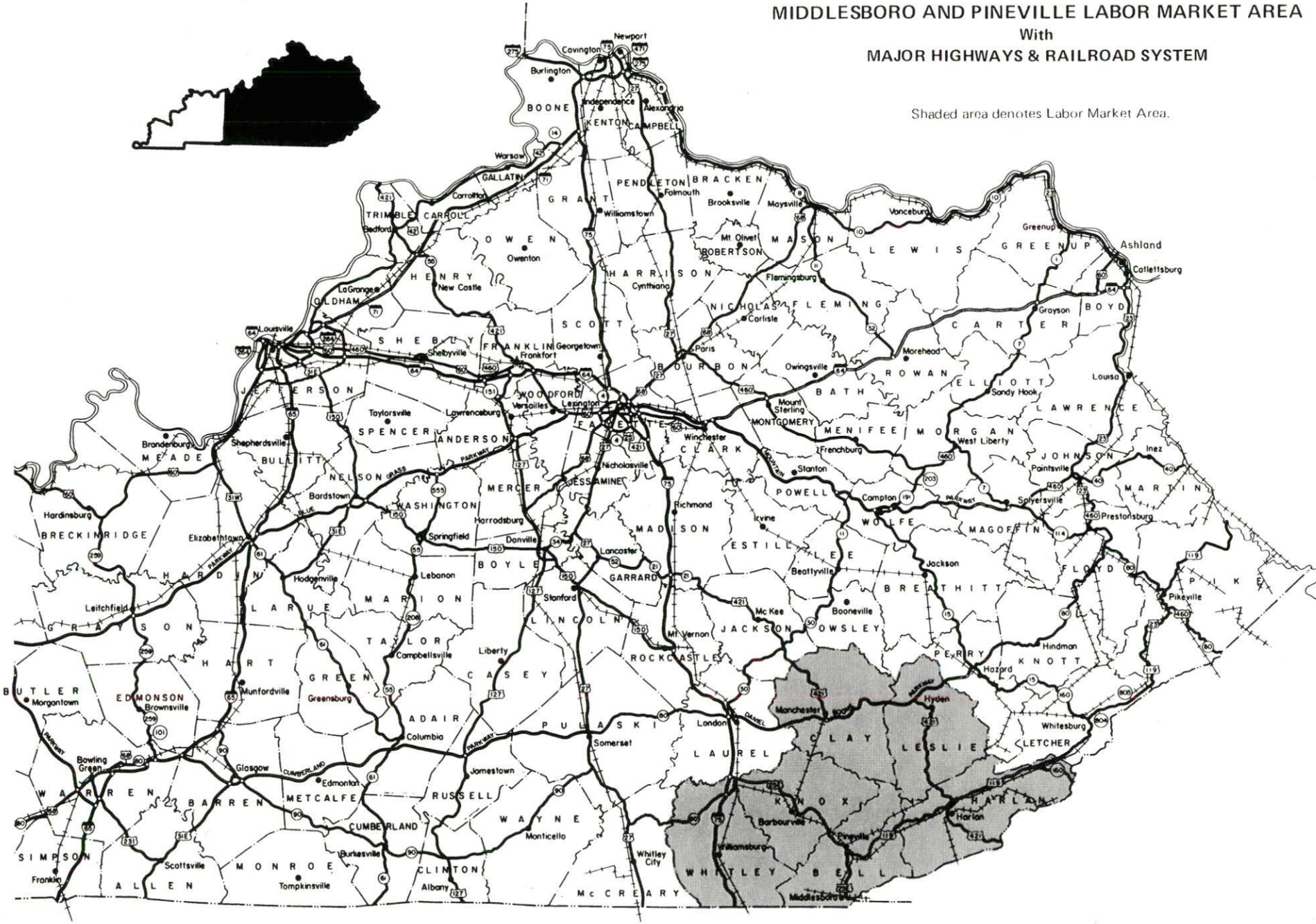
Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Middlesboro, Pineville and Bell County. Natural gas service is provided to both Middlesboro and Pineville by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

Education - Three public school systems operate in Bell County: the Middlesboro Independent School System, the Pineville Independent School System, and the Bell County School System. Two non-public schools are available in Middlesboro. Twelve institutions of higher learning are located within 100 miles of Middlesboro. Vocational education is available at two vocational education centers located in Pineville - the Bell County Area Technology Center and the Cumberland Valley Health Technology Center. Harlan Regional Technology Center provides vocational training in Harlan, Kentucky, 46 miles northeast of Middlesboro.

MIDDLESBORO AND PINEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Middlesboro and Pineville Labor Market Area includes Bell County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, and Whitley.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	169,700	166,470	177,488	146,429
Middlesboro	10,730	11,328	12,251	11,878
Pineville	2,122	2,198	2,599	2,817
Bell County	30,766	31,506	34,330	31,121

*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	170,883	176,697	184,883	189,720
Bell County	30,757	30,720	30,467	29,762

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*	33,568	4,325	29,243	13,719
Bell County	5,864	797	5,067	2,435

* 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.

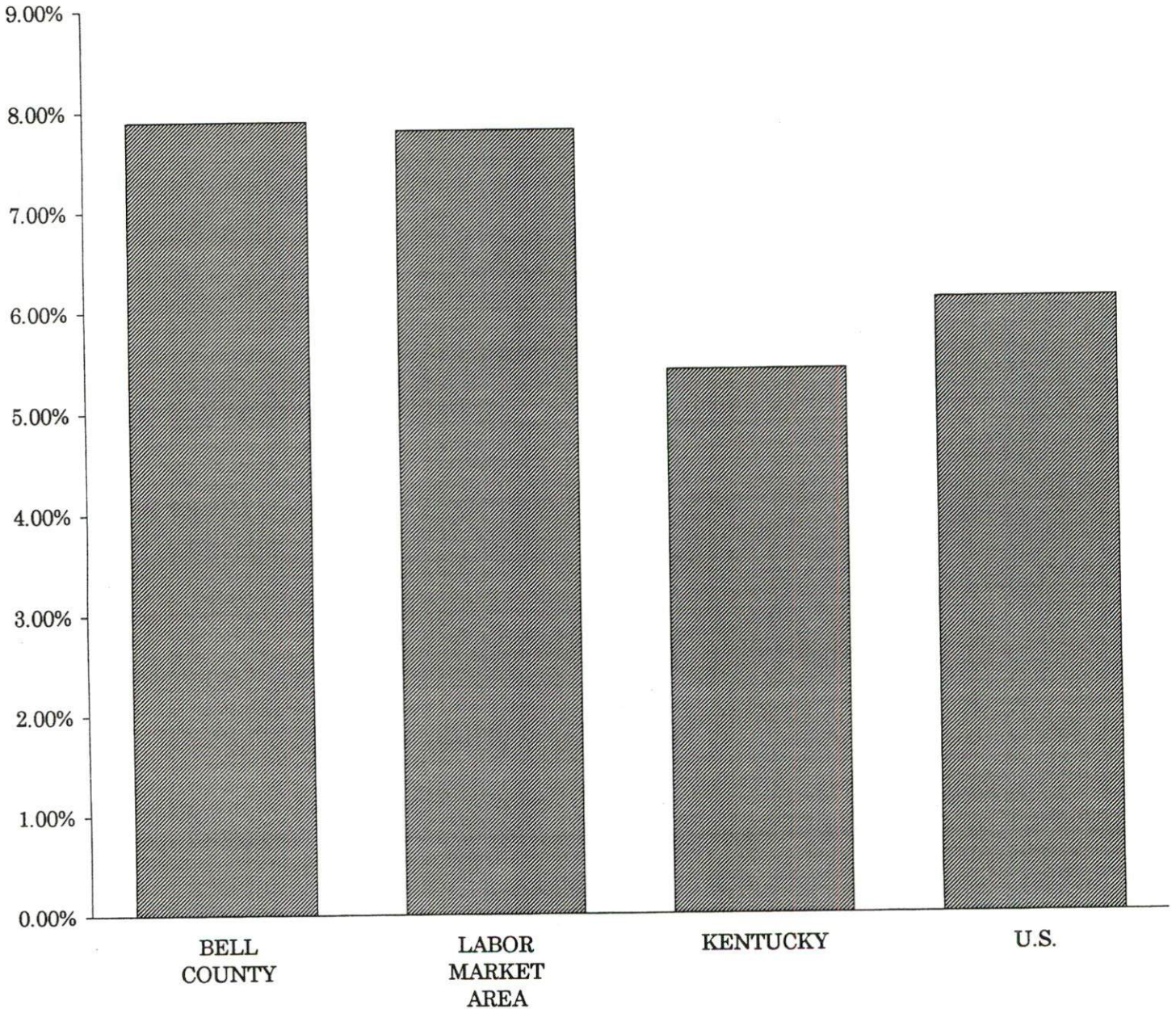
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	10,077	55,323
Employment	9,280	50,998
Unemployment	797	4,325
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.9	7.8

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1994



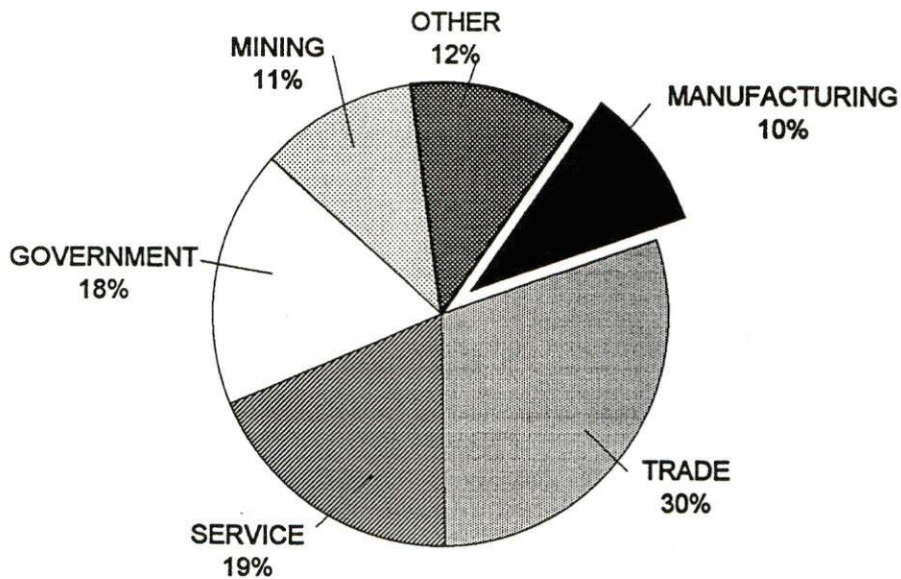
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	9,292	43,142
Manufacturing	925	4,861
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,808	10,721
Services	1,810	8,651
State/Local Government	1,686	8,799
Contract Construction	284	1,091
Mining and Quarrying	996	5,519

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.

BELL COUNTY

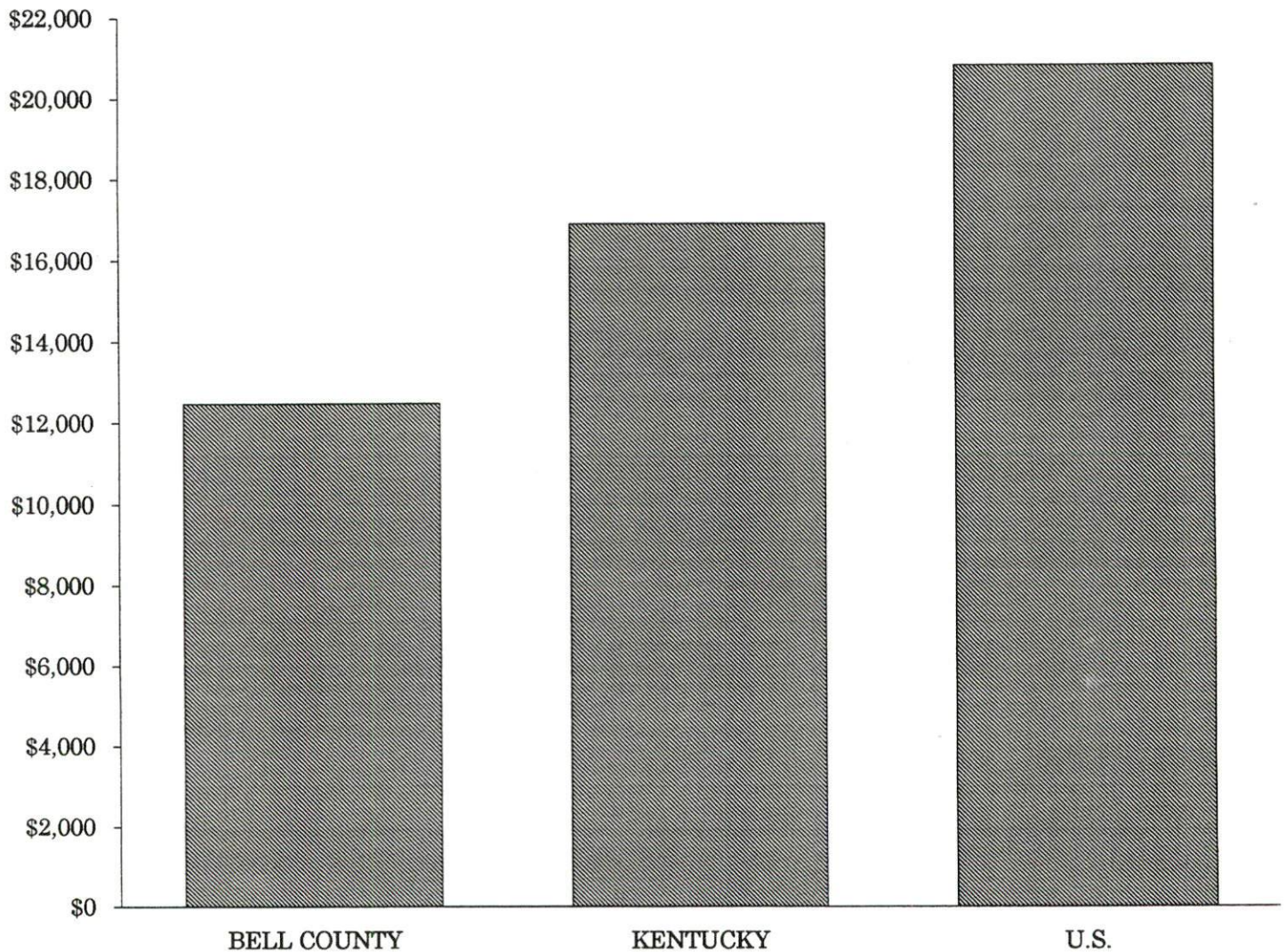


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Bell County	\$9,587	\$12,478	30.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,565 - \$10,204	\$11,161 - \$12,513	-
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

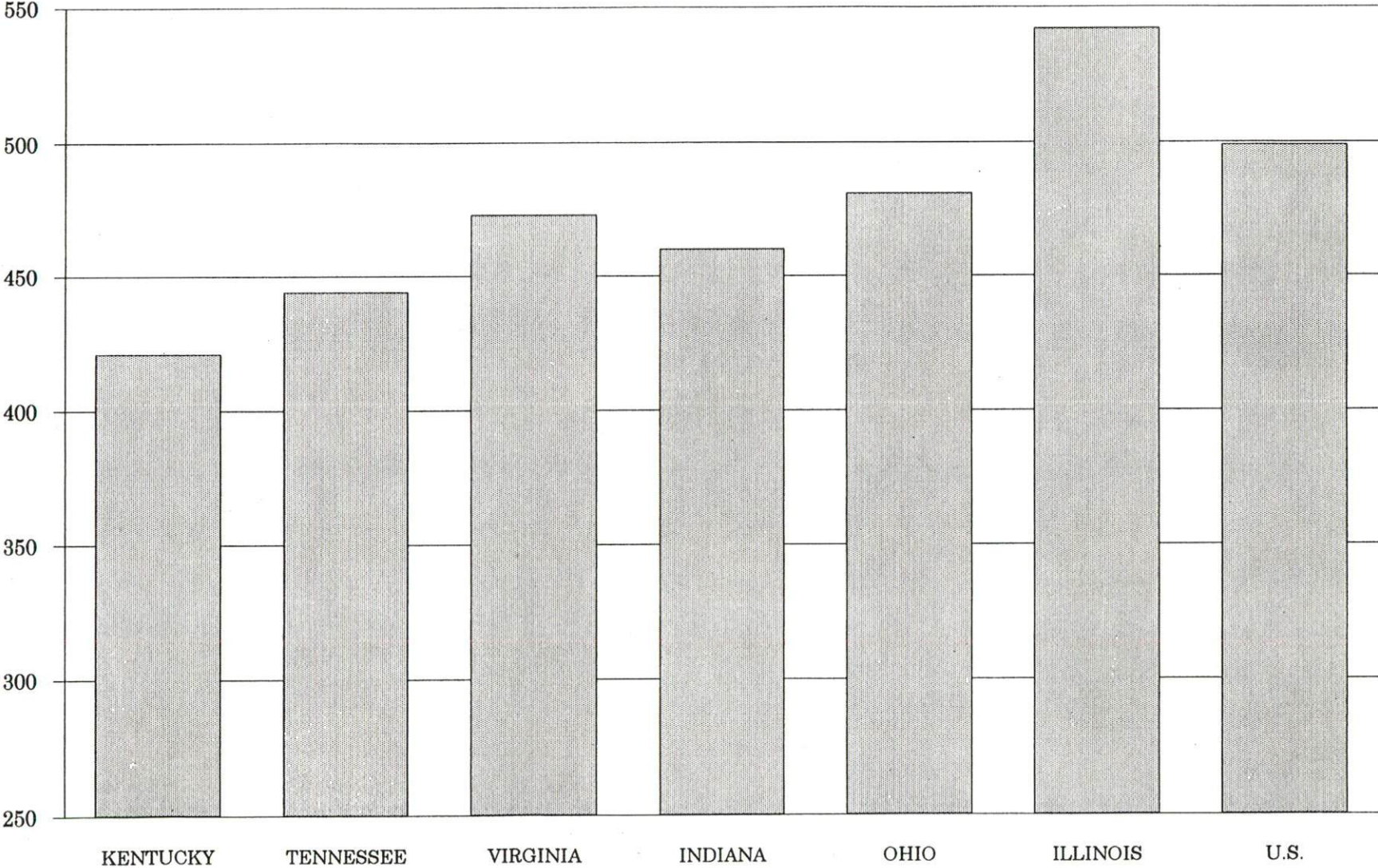
Bell County is served by the Middlesboro local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Middlesboro local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 939 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	939	5.62
Clerical	139	4.72
Sales	44	4.47
Services (excluding domestic)	353	4.42
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	11	4.26
Processing	52	4.72
Machine Trades	10	5.18
Bench Work	79	4.28
Structural	107	8.51
Motor Freight/ Transportation	20	6.48
Packaging and Materials Handling	12	10.24
Other	83	10.32

The Middlesboro local office serves Bell County only. 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>Bell County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$367.72	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00
Mining & Quarrying	656.73	691.01	605.00	684.00
Contract Construction	462.77	440.47	467.00	464.00
Manufacturing	363.07	541.18	522.00	543.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	441.51	567.94	572.00	648.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.75	287.24	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	416.89	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	359.84	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	393.11	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.

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

BELL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	1995 <u>Average Employment</u>
Middlesboro		
Bell Concrete Industries, Inc. (1966)	Precast concrete products, packaged cement mixes	35
Bell Printing Company (1916)	Letterpress printing, offset printing	4
CBJ Plating & Machine (1986)	Chrome plating, mining equipment parts	24
Cumberland Gap Provision Company (1979)	Meat processing (ham and sausage)	215
Dura Line Corporation (1971)	Plastic pipe, fiber optic conduit, power cable conduit	85
J.R. Hoe and Sons, Inc. (1909)	Fabricated structural steel, gray and ductile iron castings, coal preparation equipment	45
Kentucky Leather Company (1960)	Leather tanning and coloring	45
M. Fine & Sons Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1976)	Men's and boys' jeans	150
Martin Manufacturing Corporation (1922)	Yarn bleaching and dyeing, elastic and nonelastic webbing	25
Middlesboro Coca Cola Bottling, Inc. (1904)	Soft drinks	92
Middlesboro Daily News (1916)	Newspaper	35
Mountain Tarp and Awning (1988)	Vinyl tarps and awnings, semi-automatic tarp systems, signs	26
Pioneer Print Shop, Inc. (1991)	Printing on shirts, hats, jackets	1
The Ideal Print Shop, Inc. (1991)	Business forms, stationery, brochures	7
Three States Printing Company (1948)	Job printing	6
Tri-State Concrete (1982)	Concrete products, ready-mixed concrete	10

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<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	1995 <u>Average Employment</u>
Pineville		
Brock Lumber, Inc. (1969)	Lumber, mine timber	9
E & E Hardwoods, Inc. (1947)	Rough lumber, chips, pallets	17
Pineville Machine Shop (1976)	Machine shop	1
Pineville Sun Courier (1907)	Newspaper	5

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union

Amalgamated Clothing and Textile
Workers Union, AFL-CIO

United Food and Commercial Workers
International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC

United Steelworkers of America,
AFL-CIO-CLC

Representing workers at:

M. Fine & Sons Manufacturing
Company, Inc.

Kentucky Leather Company

Dura Line Corporation

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Middlesboro</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	109
Industrial Waste Removal	Gray, Kentucky	42
	Corbin, Kentucky	48
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Harlan, Kentucky	46
	Corbin, Kentucky	48
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Finishers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Service Centers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	-
Millwrights & Riggers	Knoxville, Tennessee	61

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

U.S. Highway 25E, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) highway, U.S. Highway 58 and Kentucky Highway 74 serve Middlesboro. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, both "AAA"-rated. Kentucky Highways 221 and 66 also serve Pineville.

Interstate 75 is located 35 miles northwest of Pineville and 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is located 54 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 67 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E.

Construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel is underway. The \$258 million federal highway project is scheduled for completion by early 1996 with the concurrent restoration of the Cumberland Gap to be completed by 1998. U.S. 25E has been converted to a four-lane highway from Interstate 75 to Middlesboro. Portions of U.S. 25E in Tennessee are presently being upgraded to four lanes. Upon completion, U.S. 25E (Cumberland Gap Parkway) will be four-lane from Interstate 75 near Corbin to Interstate 81 in Tennessee. Improvements to U.S. 58 are also underway. When completed, U.S. 58 will provide four-lane access from Middlesboro to Norfolk, Virginia.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	255	Los Angeles, CA	2,234
Baltimore, MD	496	Louisville, KY	199
Birmingham, AL	311	Nashville, TN	232
Chicago, IL	473	New Orleans, LA	650
Cincinnati, OH	205	New York, NY	696
Cleveland, OH	438	Pittsburgh, PA	444
Detroit, MI	465	St. Louis, MO	457
Knoxville, TN	61		

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

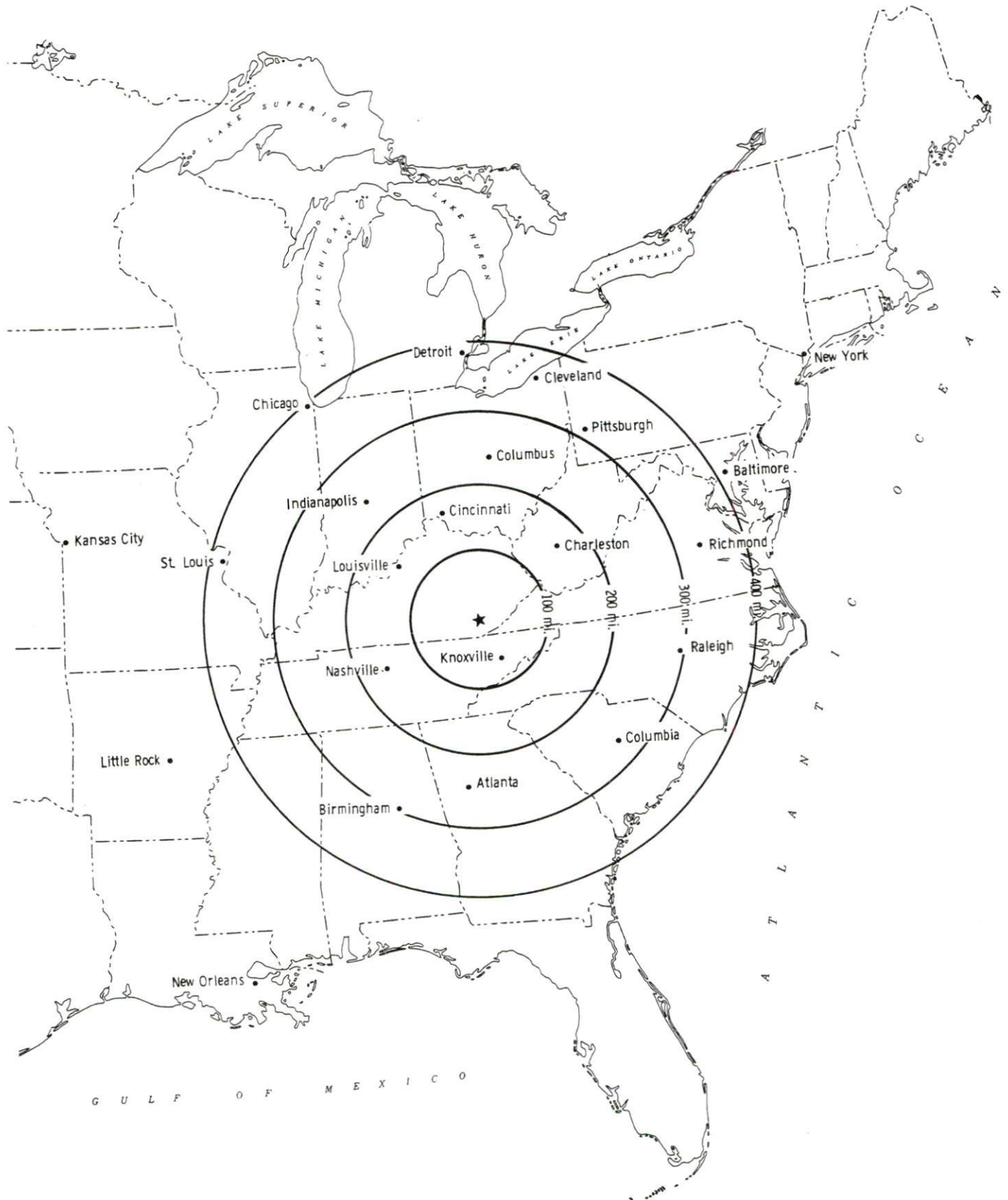
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Thirteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Middlesboro, while twelve companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Pineville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1995.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Main line rail service is provided to Middlesboro by CSX Transportation. A branch line of the Norfolk Southern Corporation also operates in Middlesboro. Main line rail service is also provided to Pineville by CSX Transportation. Norfolk Southern Corporation provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee, 61 miles south of Middlesboro.

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
Industrial Development Department
The Tower Suite 2904
611 Commerce Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
(615) 254-3398

Air

Local

Location:	Middlesboro-Bell County Airport 1 mile west of Middlesboro
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	3,650 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, unicom, AWOS
Lighting:	None
Services	100LL and jet-A fuel, major and minor A & P repairs, general flying service, taxi, aircraft inspection and authorization

The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport Board recently completed a project to construct a new taxiway and several new hangars at the airport.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: McGhee Tyson Airport
10 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee;
71 miles south of Middlesboro

Air Service: American Eagle, ComAir, Delta, Northwest,
Northwest AirlinK, T.W. Express, United,
United Express, USAir, USAir Express

Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 240

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Middlesboro, Pineville and the majority of Bell 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 a **small portion of southwestern Bell County** - Cumberland

Valley 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

Cumberland Valley Rural Electric

Cooperative Corporation

U.S. Highway 25E

Gray, Kentucky 40734

(606) 528-2677 or (606) 546-9295

Natural Gas

Company serving **Middlesboro and Pineville** - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and local production

For rates and supplies contact:

VP-Public and Consumer Affairs

Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

3617 Lexington Road

Winchester, Kentucky 40391

(606) 744-6171

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Middlesboro** - Aqua/KWS, Inc.
P.O. Box 818
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965
(606) 248-5730

Source - Fern Lake
Treatment plant capacity - 3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 1,500,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,650,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 3,000,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 122 psi

Company serving **Pineville** - Pineville Water System, Inc.
P.O. Box 277
Pineville, Kentucky 40977
(606) 337-6611

Source - Cannon Creek Lake
Treatment plant capacity - 2,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 1,200,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,500,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,700,000 gallons
Water pressure - 40 psi to 135 psi

The City of Pineville is presently extending water service to the Stoney Fork area. Construction of several new lines and replacement of existing lines at the Stoney Fork area will eliminate some leaking problems thereby increasing overall water capacity by approximately 25 percent. The \$1.6 million project is scheduled for completion by June 1996. In addition, the City of Pineville plans to expand its existing water treatment plant to 3.0 million gallons per day. The expansion is scheduled to be completed in 1998.

Sewerage

Company serving **Middlesboro** - Middlesboro Sewerage Commission
P.O. Box 596
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965
(606) 248-5670

Design capacity - 2,800,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 1,800,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Yellow Creek

Company serving **Pineville** - Pineville Water System, Inc.
P.O. Box 277
Pineville, Kentucky 40977
(606) 337-6612

Design capacity - 724,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 300,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary (Lagoon system)
Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River

The City of Pineville recently completed construction of a new 724,000-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment facility. Line extensions and replacements were included in this \$2.6 million project. The new treatment plant utilizes a "state-of-the-art" lagoon system.

CLIMATE

Bell County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	57.60 degrees
Average annual 1994	58.90 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (53-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (53-year record)	-24.00 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.)	3,937

Precipitation

Normal (53-year record)	47.14 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	11.70 inches
Total precipitation 1994	63.27 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (52-year record)	126.60
Mean number days thunderstorms (52-year record)	47.10

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

Northeast

Relative Humidity (34-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Middlesboro Planning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within city only
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only
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)

City agency - Pineville Planning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within city only
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only
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 Middlesboro levies a two percent occupational license tax on gross wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The City of Middlesboro also levies an annual business license fee ranging from \$250 to \$750 based upon the number of employees.

The City of Pineville levies a one and one-half percent occupational license tax on gross wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The City of Pineville also levies an annual business license fee ranging from \$35 to \$500 based upon gross receipts.

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>	1994 <u>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 Vehicle	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>
Bell County	\$0.2230	\$0.2330	\$0.2304
School Districts:			
Bell County	0.4600	0.4600	0.5660
Middlesboro Independent	0.4700	0.4700	0.5000
Pineville Independent	0.4400	0.4450	0.5530
Cities:			
Middlesboro	0.1450	0.2320	0.2320
Pineville	0.3490	0.3490	0.4150

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Middlesboro Independent	Pineville Independent	Bell County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	1,831	593	3,599
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools		Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	15.0-1	15.8-1	15.2-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	46.2	47.6	45.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$4,326.55	\$4,085.81	\$4,459.61

The Bell County School System recently completed construction of the Lone Jack Elementary School.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
St. Julian Elementary (Middlesboro)	96	K-8
Gateway Christian School (Middlesboro)	300	PS-8

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Middlesboro)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1994)</u>
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Tennessee (5)	1,528
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (31)	1,005
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (51)	1,550
Johnson Bible College	Knoxville, Tennessee (61)	442
Knoxville College	Knoxville, Tennessee (61)	865
University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Knoxville, Tennessee (61)	25,412
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (62)	419
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City, Tennessee (63)	2,042
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (68)	2,769
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (96)	1,550
King College	Bristol, Tennessee (100)	562
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (109)	16,060

Construction began in 1993 of an \$11 million higher education facility to be used jointly by the Southeast Community College and Kentucky Tech, thereby making it the first joint venture between the community college system and the vocational education program in Kentucky. The Middlesboro Campus was completed and opened in the fall of 1995.

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 Middlesboro)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Bell County Area Technology Center	Pineville (13)	11	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 309 187	73
Cumberland Valley Health Technology Center	Pineville (13)	5	<u>P/S</u> 141	73
Harlan Regional Technology Center	Harlan (46)	11	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 186 184	10

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 Laurel Regional Technology Center in London, Kentucky (606) 677-4049.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills and academic potential. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of Laurel Regional Technology Center (606) 864-7311.

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 Bell County, adult literacy is provided by the Bell County Council on Literacy in Middlesboro and adult basic education is provided by the Bell County Board of Education in Pineville and the Middlesboro Independent Board of Education in Middlesboro.

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. Bell County Area Technology Center offers tech prep in the areas of auto body repair, auto, carpentry, diesel, electronics, health, machine tool and welding technologies.

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

(Bell County)
Physicians - 53
Dentists - 16

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital	Middlesboro	96
Pineville Community Hospital	Pineville	150

Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital

Medical staff - 32 active physicians; 20 courtesy staff; 6 consulting staff; 83 registered nurses; 38 licensed practical nurses; 300 total personnel

Pineville Community Hospital

Medical staff - 14 active physicians; 30 courtesy staff; 1 consulting staff; 47 registered nurses; 34 licensed practical nurses; 375 total personnel

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Bell County Health Department
(Offices in both Middlesboro and Pineville)
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center
(Pineville and Middlesboro)
Daniel Boone Clinic (Pineville)
Total Care - DEVCO (Pineville)
Britt Haven Nursing Home (Pineville)
Bell County Emergency Ambulance Service (Pineville)
Con-Care Ambulance Service (non-emergency)
Middlesboro Ambulance Service
Middlesboro Health Care Facility

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Commercial Bank
First State Bank
Home Federal Savings Bank
Middlesboro Federal Savings & Loan Association
First Federal Savings Bank

Newspapers

Middlesboro Daily News (daily except Sunday)
Pineville Sun - Cumberland Courier (weekly)

Telephone Service

BellSouth

RECREATION

Local

Middlesboro offers a variety of recreational facilities and programs. The city supports supervised programs, six parks, four playgrounds, a swimming pool, six tennis courts, one softball field, two baseball diamonds, one football field, four basketball courts and the Tri-County YMCA.

Many private recreational facilities are also available in Middlesboro. The Middlesboro Country Club, which opened in 1889, has been in continuous operation longer than any other Country Club in the United States. The country club maintains a nine-hole golf course and a swimming pool. A movie theatre, a video arcade and a roller skating rink are available to the public in Middlesboro.

The Middlesboro Independent School System recently completed construction of the Fine Arts Center. Performances by the Middlesboro Little Theatre are held at the center.

The Cumberland Mountain Fall Festival is held in Middlesboro in mid-October. Other tourist attractions found in Middlesboro are the Cumberland Gap Arts Council and Coal House (Chamber of Commerce Building). Lincoln Memorial University, located a few miles outside of Middlesboro in Harrogate, Tennessee, has the world's second largest collection of Abraham Lincoln relics on display. Cumberland Gap National Historic Park includes: a frontier museum; Pinnacle Mountain that overlooks three states; three caves; an old iron furnace; and Hensley Settlement, a resort mountain village where the Quilt Festival is held annually. Cumberland Gap is a natural passage which served as a gateway through the Appalachian Mountains for pioneers moving westward into new frontiers. As a part of a major federal project, the Gap will be restored to its original condition by 1998.

Pineville offers a variety of cultural events and attractions. The Southeastern Kentucky Community Concert Series performs concerts on a regular basis. Also held in town each year is the Sidewalk Art Show. The City of Pineville recently restored the Bell Theatre in downtown Pineville. Movies and community events are featured at the theatre. Located just outside of town is **Pine Mountain State Resort Park**, which provides the finest in mountain scenery and the ultimate in quiet comfort. The 1,500-acre park is located in the Kentucky Ridge State Forest and is the site of the Mountain Laurel Festival each spring. Also featured is a 35-acre lake, 30 lodge rooms, 20 cottages, a dining room, a gift shop, a convention center, 33 camping sites, a recreation room, picnicking, playgrounds, miniature golf, shuffleboard, and planned recreation.

Area (Within 70 miles)

Dr. Thomas Walker State Historic Site
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park
The Big South Fork National River
and Recreational Area
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
Kingdom Come State Park