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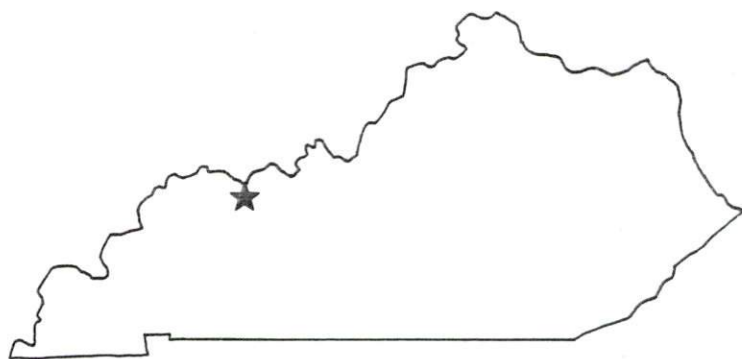
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# *Resources for Economic Development*

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OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

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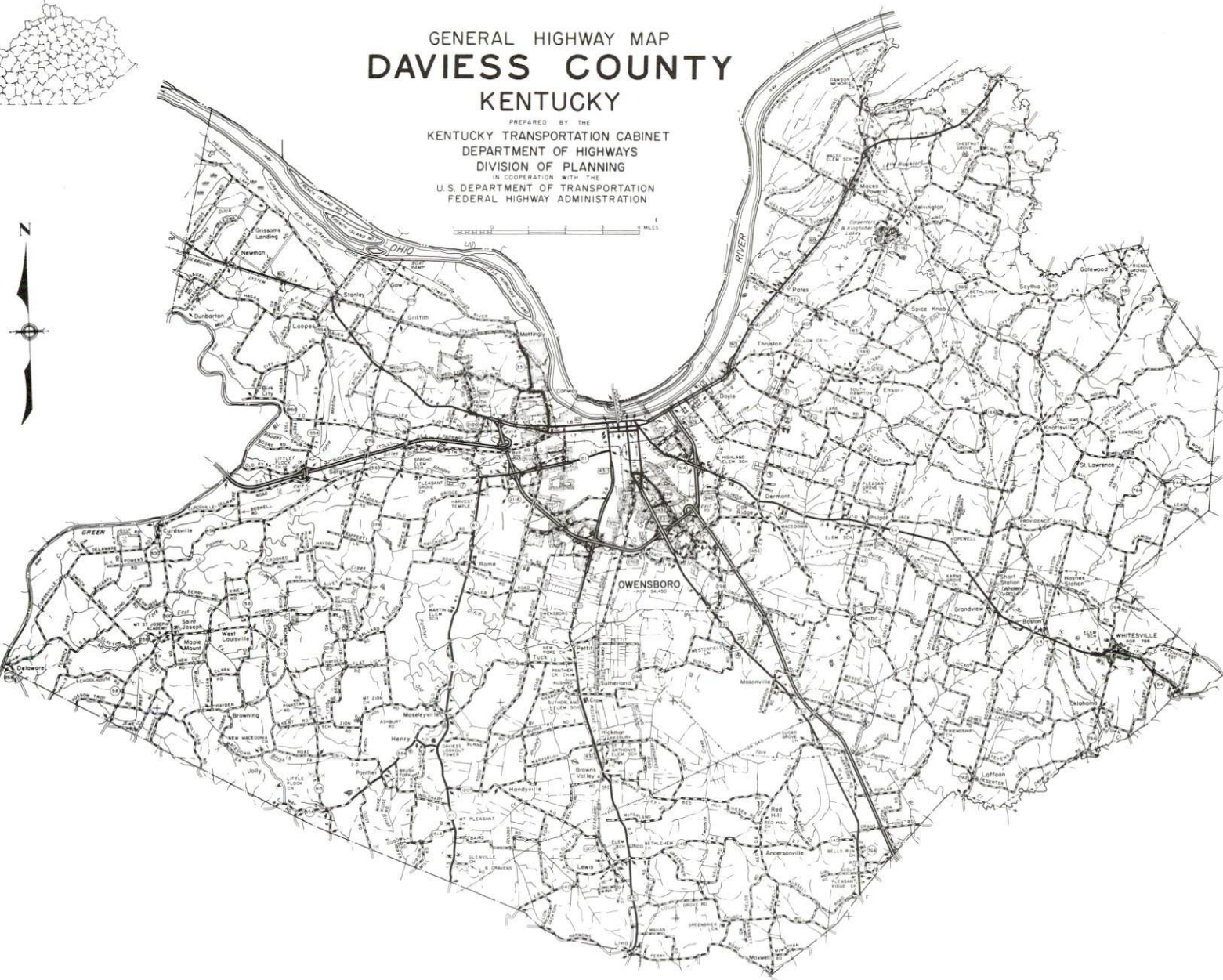
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# GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP DAVIESS COUNTY KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
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## OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Owensboro, the county seat of Daviess County, is Kentucky's third largest city with a 1990 population of 53,549. Located on the bank of the Ohio River in western Kentucky, Owensboro is 40 miles southeast of Evansville, Indiana; 100 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; 126 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; 202 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri; and 197 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Daviess County covers a total land area of 463 square miles in the Western Kentucky Coal Field Region. The Ohio River forms the northern boundary of the county and the Green River flows along part of the western border. Daviess County had a 1990 population of 87,189.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Daviess County residents employed in 1990 averaged 42,564. In 1989, manufacturing firms in the county reported 6,068 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 9,256 jobs; 6,803 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 4,830 employees; and contract construction firms provided 2,116 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 19,152 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 12,851 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

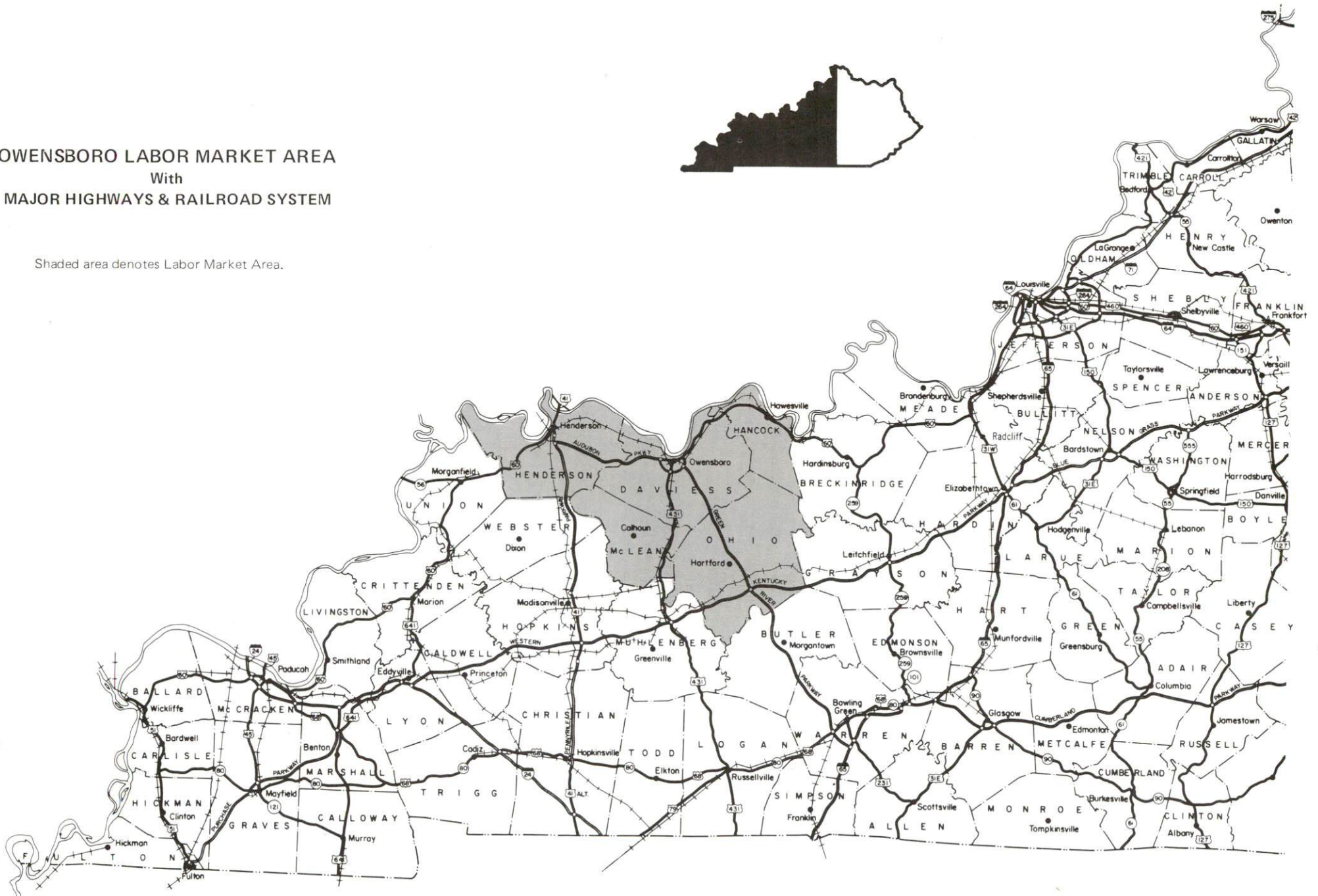
**Transportation** - Direct highway access to Owensboro is provided by the Audubon Parkway, the Green River Parkway, and U.S. Highways 60, 231 and 431, all "AAA"-rated trucking routes. The Western Kentucky Parkway, the Pennyryle Parkway, Interstate 65 and Interstate 64 are all located within 70 miles of Owensboro. Thirty-six common carrier trucking companies serve Owensboro. Two maintain local terminals. CSX Transportation provides main line rail and piggyback service to Owensboro. Commuter air carrier service is available at the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport, which maintains a 6,500-foot and a 3,700-foot paved runway. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at three airports within 135 miles of Owensboro. The Owensboro Riverport, a public river terminal located on the Ohio River, provides excellent water transportation facilities.

**Power and Fuel** - Owensboro Municipal Utilities provides electric power to Owensboro and parts of Daviess County. Green River Electric Corporation and Kentucky Utilities Company provide electric power to Daviess County. Western Kentucky Gas Company provides natural gas service to Owensboro.

**Education** - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Owensboro Independent School System and the Daviess County School System, which are both accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Fifteen nonpublic schools also provide primary and secondary educational opportunities for approximately 4,000 students. There are two fully-accredited, coeducational, senior colleges located in the city: Brescia College and Kentucky Wesleyan College. Both colleges confer associate and baccalaureate degrees and have graduate level course offerings in cooperation with Western Kentucky University and Murray State University. Owensboro Community College is also located in Owensboro. The college confers an associate degree. Two vocational training facilities are located in Owensboro, the Daviess County State Vocational-Technical School and the Owensboro Vocational-Technical School.

# OWENSBORO LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Owensboro Labor Market Area includes Daviess County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Hancock, Henderson, McLean and Ohio. In addition, the Labor Market Area is supplemented by the Indiana counties of Spencer and Warrick.

### POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	168,830	166,395	150,449
Owensboro	53,549	54,959	50,329
Daviess County	87,189	85,949	79,486

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, January 1991.

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2030</u>
Labor Market Area	173,430	175,680	175,060	171,320
Daviess County	89,790	90,600	90,000	87,860

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>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994</u>
Labor Market Area*	19,152	5,770	7,555	5,827	12,851
Daviess County	6,797	2,793	4,004	0	6,569

\* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Employed Part-Time - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year; 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).

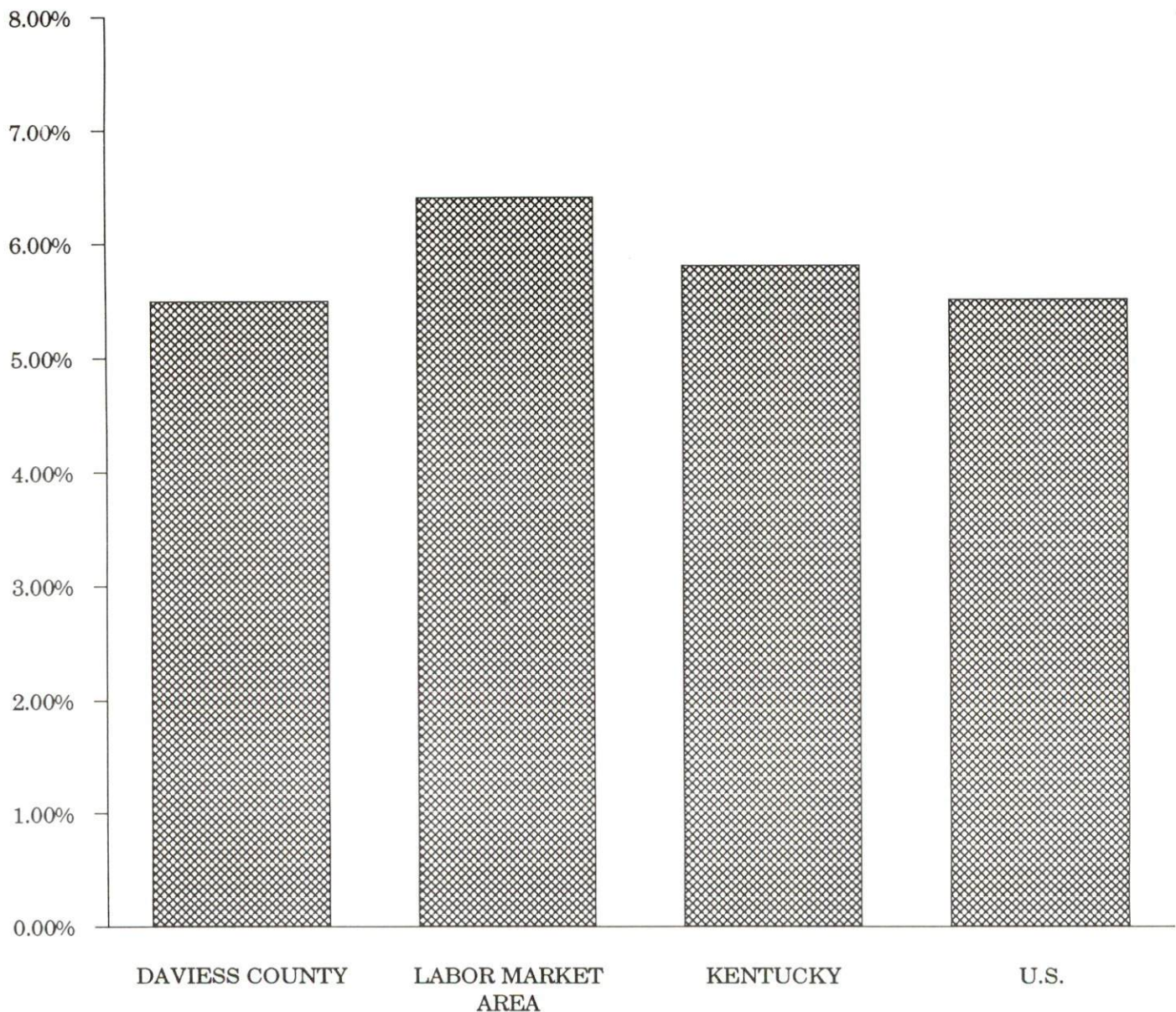
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1990

	<u>Daviess County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	45,051	80,875
Employment	42,564	75,731
Unemployment	2,487	5,144
Rate of Unemployment (%)	5.5	6.4

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1990.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1990



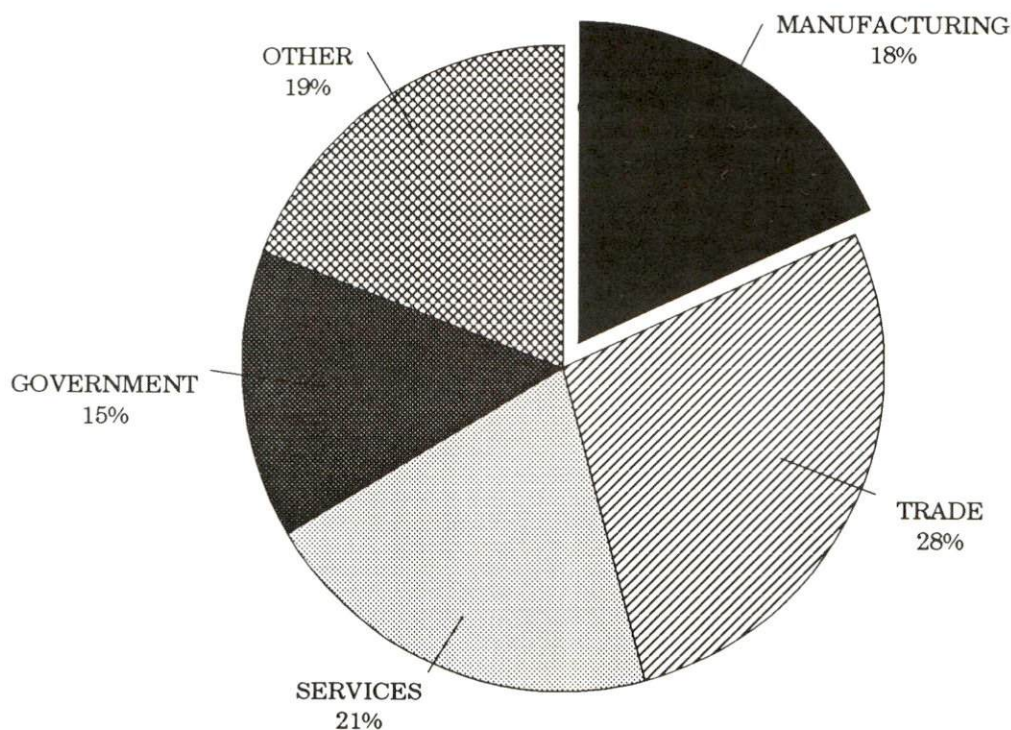


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989

	<u>Daviess County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	33,192	60,524
Manufacturing	6,068	16,118
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9,256	14,672
Services	6,803	11,342
State/Local Government	4,830	8,208
Contract Construction	2,116	2,909

**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, 1989.

DAVIESS COUNTY



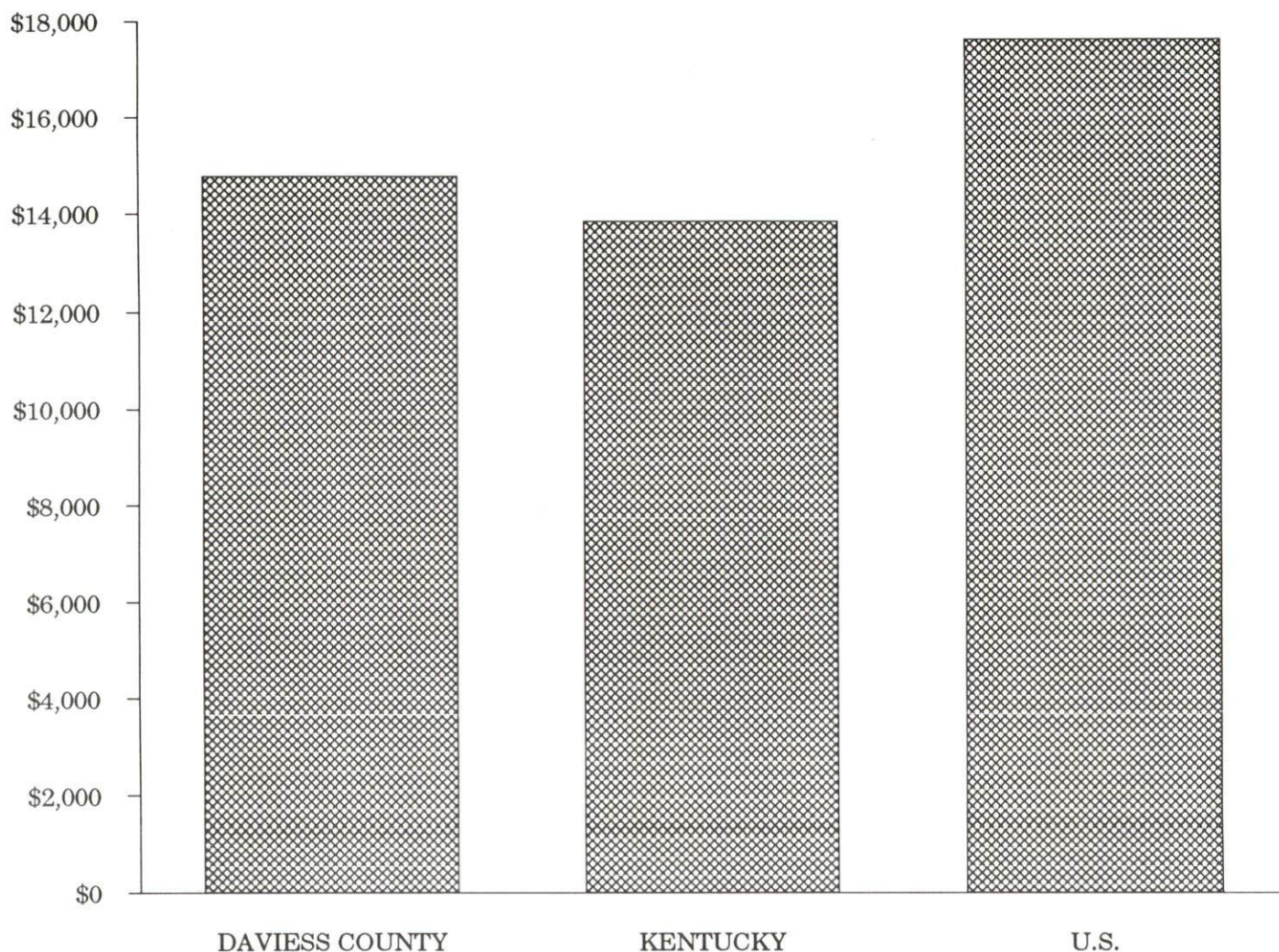


# PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Daviess County	\$11,898	\$14,769	24.1
Labor Market Area Range	\$9,177 - \$12,582	\$11,084 - \$15,623	-
Kentucky	\$10,755	\$13,823	28.5
U.S.	\$13,899	\$17,594	26.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1990.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1989



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

Daviess County is served by the Owensboro local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Owensboro 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, 1990, the local employment office filled 2,230 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

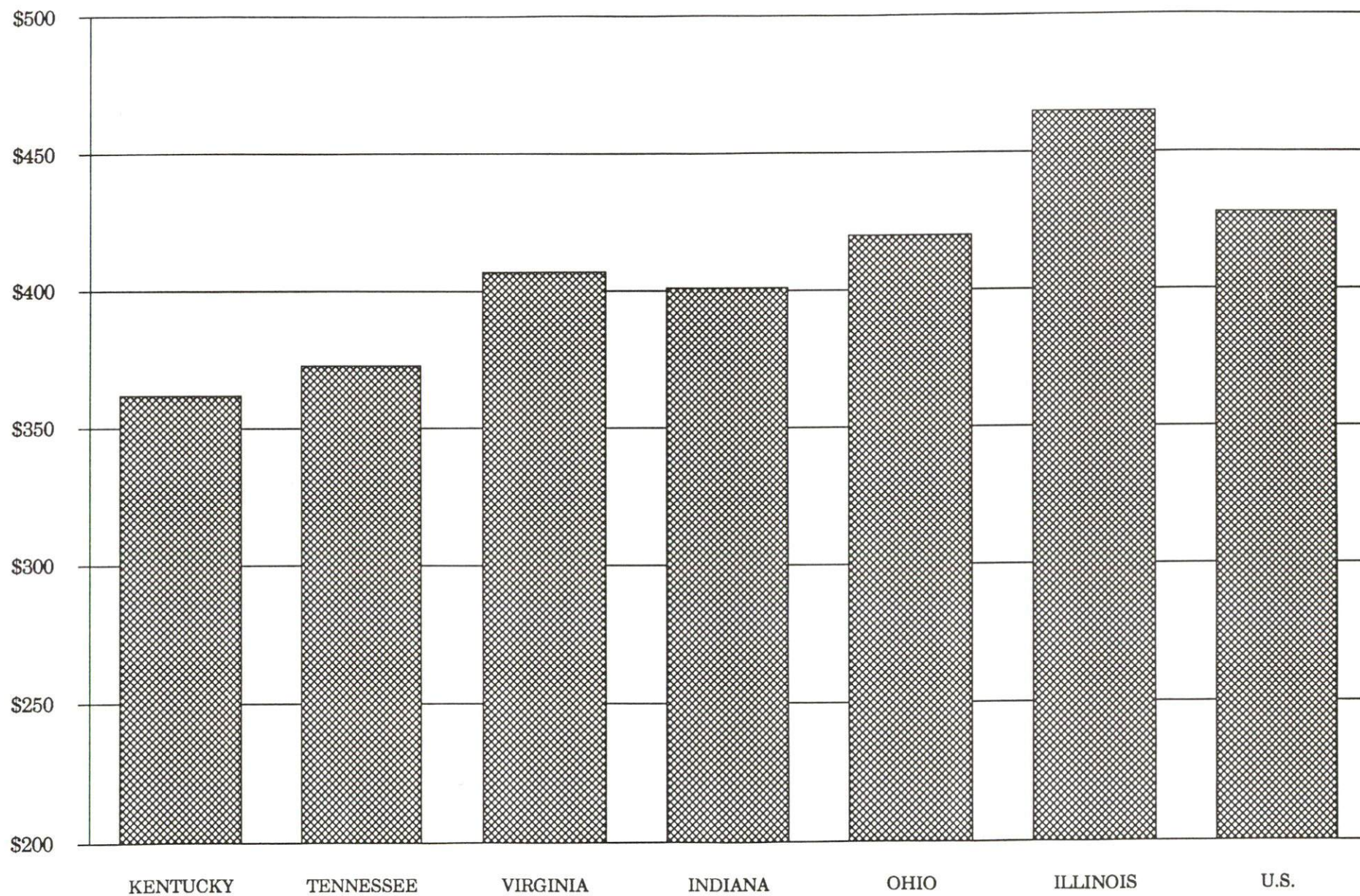
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	2,230	4.82
Clerical	340	4.20
Sales	54	5.17
Services (excluding domestic)	275	3.63
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	48	3.61
Processing	326	6.60
Machine Trades	56	5.46
Bench Work	229	5.23
Structural	123	5.97
Motor Freight/ Transportation	29	4.95
Packaging and Materials Handling	729	4.39
Other	1	3.35

The Owensboro local office also serves Hancock, McLean, and Ohio 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 - 1989



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989\*

	<u>Daviess County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$345.88	\$362.03	\$373.00	\$407.00
Mining & Quarrying	474.18	623.82	522.00	576.00
Contract Construction	355.27	388.21	407.00	434.00
Manufacturing	447.77	472.92	431.00	470.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	577.81	482.22	493.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.30	245.12	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	375.67	417.89	448.00	488.00
Services	304.94	310.29	357.00	409.00
State/Local Government	370.74	370.61	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$401.00	\$420.00	\$465.00	\$428.00
Mining & Quarrying	693.00	596.00	707.00	688.00
Contract Construction	464.00	480.00	608.00	485.00
Manufacturing	546.00	580.00	566.00	534.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	504.00	533.00	582.00	556.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	418.00	456.00	594.00	544.00
Services	328.00	360.00	419.00	399.00
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, 1989. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1989, October 1990.



## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### MAJOR OWENSBORO MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT\*

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Baskin Robbins, USA Company (1920)	Ice cream	60
Carousel Nut Products, Inc. (1987)	Nut processing and roasting	50
Colonial Baking Company, Inc. (1959)	Bread and rolls	187
Dart Polymers (1977)	Polystyrene pellets	71
Daviess County Sand & Gravel (1952)	Ready mix concrete, asphalt	50
Faith Tool & Die Company, Inc. (1946)	Gauges, tools, dies, metal stampings	63
Field Packing Company, Inc. (1915)	Meat packing	427
General Electric Company, (1977)	Electric motors and generators	400
Glenmore Distilleries Company (1869)	Whiskey, gin, vodka, cocktails, brandy	370
W.R. Grace and Company, Polyfibron Division (1959)	Battery separators, latex, cellulosic fibers	320
Green River Steel Cor- poration, Division of Athlone Industries, Inc. (1953)	Alloy-carbon steel bars and billets	219
Hausner Hard-Chrome of Kentucky, Inc. (1977)	Chrome plating	65
Hickory Springs Manufacturing (1966)	Foam fabrication	55
The Hon Company (1945)	Office chairs, public building furniture	403
Hunter Douglas, Inc. (1981)	Plastic injection molding, zinc die casting, plastic profiles	90
Ken-Tron Manufacturing, Inc. (1960)	Wire drawing, electrical componets assembly, precision metal stampings	90
Kenco Plastics, Inc. (1974)	Custom blow molded automobile parts, fire extinguishers	180
MPD, Inc. (1928)	Microwave components, commercial and special tubes and components	613
Modern Welding Company, Inc. (1933)	Storage tanks, pressure vessels, fabricated structural steel	175

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<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991 Average Employment</u>
OMICO, Inc. (1964)	Blow molded automotive and appliance products	175
Opportunity Center Workshop (1960)	Surveying stakes, paper plant sleeves, wood shipping pallets	114
Owensboro Brick & Tile Company (1954)	Brickettes, brick, paving	65
Owensboro Grain Company (1906)	Soybean oil, meal, grain	121
Owensboro Publishing Company (1929)	Newspaper, commercial offset printing and color separations, typesetting	183
Pinkerton Tobacco Company (1973)	Chewing, smoking, and snuff tobacco	525
Premium Allied Tool, Inc. (1966)	Metal stampings, deep drawn parts, wire forms	250
Ragu Foods, Inc. (1974)	Spaghetti sauce	268
Southern Tank & Manufacturing (1897)	Machine shop, steel sheet and plate fabrication, steel truck and storage tanks	75
Sun Windows, Inc. (1979)	Aluminum and wooden windows	60
Whitehall Furniture, Inc. (1968)	Wood office furniture	165
Yager Materials, Inc. (1914)	Ready mix concrete, asphalt paving	180

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\*Manufacturing firms with 50 or more employees.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce.

## RECENT AND PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Scott Paper Company announced in November 1990 that it would build its new \$500 million midwest paper plant in Daviess County. The project will provide the area up to 350 initial jobs and hundreds of construction jobs when work begins in early 1992.

Forty-five of Daviess County's existing primary employers plan to increase employment in 1991, thereby creating an additional 431 new jobs. In addition, several major firms plan to create an additional 900 jobs over the next five years.

## MAJOR NON-MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

<u>Major Employers</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital	1,352
Daviess County School Board Education	1,142
Owensboro Board of Education	725
City of Owensboro	542
Texas Gas Transmission Corporation	490
Executive Inn Rivermont	432
Green River Regional Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board, Inc.	400
Wyndall's Enterprises, Inc.	377
Mercy Hospital	369
Miles Farm Supply	344
South Central Bell Telephone	275
Kentucky State Government	254
Wal-Mart	236
Kroger	233
WaxWorks/VideoWorks	210
K-Mart	208

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Source: Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce.

## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Bakery, Confectionery, and Tobacco Workers' International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC	Colonial Baking Company; Pinkerton Tobacco Company
Distillery, Wine and Allied Workers' International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC	Clarendon Flavor Engineering, Inc.; Glenmore Distilleries Company
Graphic Communications International Union, AFL-CIO	Owensboro Publishing Company
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers	W.R. Grace Company, Polyfibron Division
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO	Eastern Electric Apparatus Repair Company
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America	Baskin Robbins, USA Company; Colonial Baking Company; Transit-Mix Concrete Company; Yager Materials, Inc.
International Guards Union of America	General Electric Company
International Union, Allied Industrial Workers of America, AFL-CIO	MPD, Inc.; General Electric Company
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO	Harpe & Sons, Inc.; Loyds Mechanical Erection Company; Yager Materials, Inc.
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union AFL-CIO	Kenco Plastics, Inc.; Kustom Kwik Print
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC	Green River Steel Corporation, Division of Athlone Industries; Ken-Tron Manufacturing, Inc.; The Hon Company
Upholster's International Union of North America, AFL-CIO	The Hon Company



## SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Owensboro</u>
Custom Data Processing	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Custom Plastics Producers	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville, Indiana	40
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Industrial Gases	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Industrial Waste Removal	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Henderson, Kentucky	30
Metal Finishers	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Metal Service Centers	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Millwrights	Owensboro, Kentucky	-
Public Warehouse Facilities	Owensboro, Kentucky	-

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Major highways providing direct access to Owensboro include the Audubon and Green River Parkways, and U.S. Highways 60, 231, and 431. Kentucky Highways 81 and 54 also provide access to Owensboro. With the exception of Kentucky Highway 54, all are "AAA"-rated trucking routes (80,000-pound gross load limit).

The Audubon Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, extends 23 miles west of Owensboro and connects with the Pennyriple Parkway at that point. The Green River Parkway, also a multi-lane toll road, extends south from Owensboro. An interchange with the Western Kentucky Parkway is located 30 miles away, and then connects with Interstate 65 in Bowling Green, 70 miles from Owensboro.

Owensboro is encircled by the Wendell H. Ford Expressway, a multi-lane, controlled-access bypass. An interchange with Interstate 64, providing direct access to Louisville and St. Louis, is located 39 miles north of Owensboro via U.S. Highway 231.

Construction of a new bridge over the Ohio River from eastern Daviess County to U.S. 231 in southern Indiana is scheduled for construction in Fall 1991. The \$112 million project includes construction of an access road and is scheduled for completion during the next five to six years. The new route will provide a direct link to Louisville and St. Louis.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	364	Los Angeles, CA	2,029
Baltimore, MD	694	Louisville, KY	100
Birmingham, AL	315	Nashville, TN	126
Chicago, IL	323	New Orleans, LA	640
Cincinnati, OH	197	New York, NY	854
Cleveland, OH	442	Pittsburgh, PA	484
Detroit, MI	440	St. Louis, MO	202
Knoxville, TN	272		

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

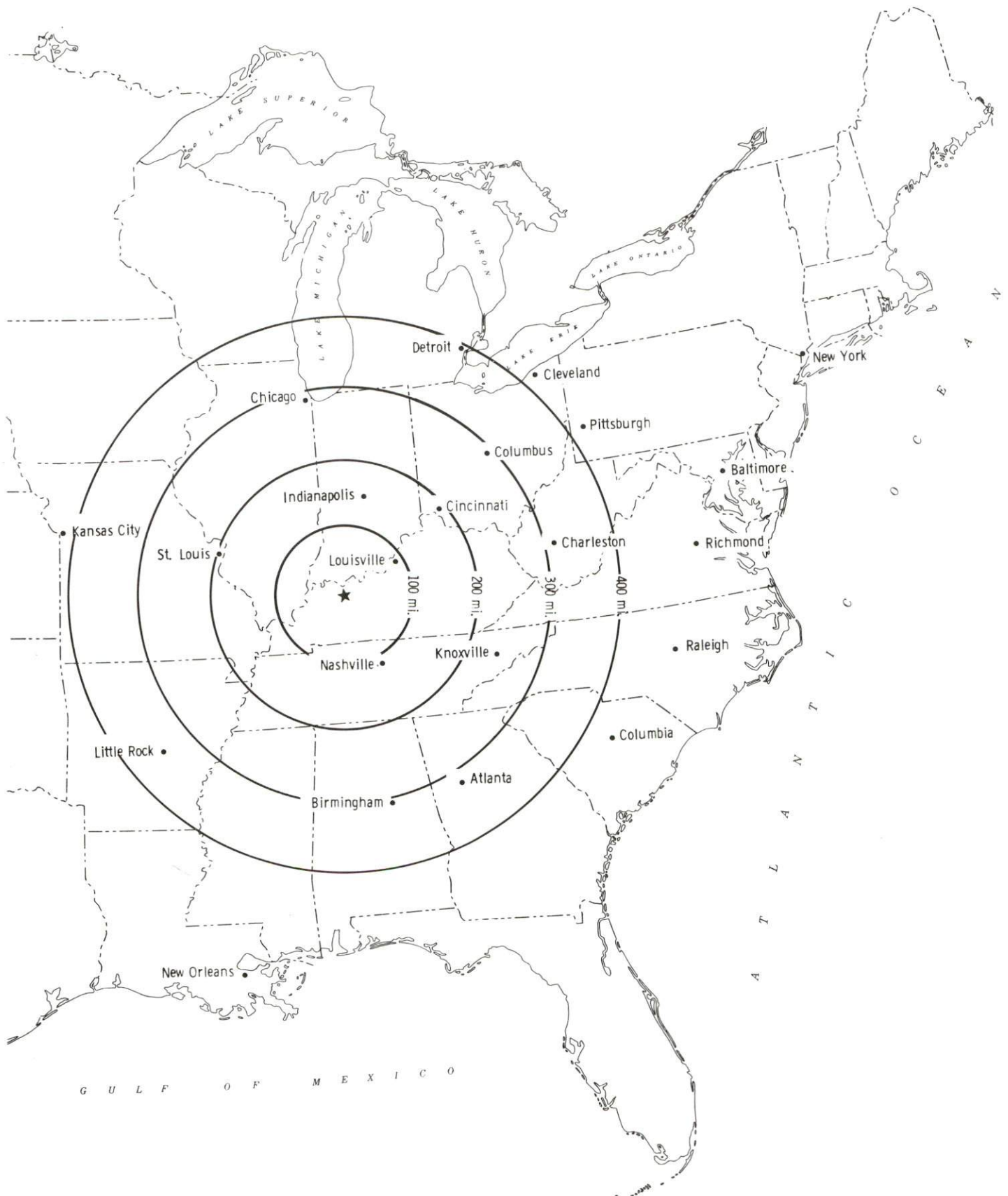
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

### Truck Service

Thirty-six common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Owensboro. Two terminals are maintained locally.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1991.

## Selected Market Centers





## Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Owensboro. Siding space, team track space, switching services, and piggyback facilities are available locally.

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:	Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport 3 miles southwest of Owensboro city limits
Runways:	2 paved
Length:	6,500 feet; 3,700 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Control tower, ground control, ILS
Lighting:	Beacon, runway, windsock, obstruction, and taxi lights
Services:	American Eagle, Northwest Airlink; 100LL, Jet-A fuel; storage; hangar tie-downs; major A & P repairs; general flying service; taxi, rental cars; direct line to motel; Avionics; and terminal snack bar
Air Freight	
Service:	Air carriers accept freight on space available basis

The Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport completed construction of general aviation apron areas, security fencing and gates, as well as drainage improvements, providing for a new FBO (Singleton Aviation) and a private aviation club building and hangar (Ayer Flying Club). Airport construction totaled \$220,000 with associated companies making business investments exceeding \$500,000. During the summer of 1991, the Airport plans additional ramp space and drainage work to accompany expanded general aviation hangars at Singleton Aviation at a cost of \$595,000. Total improvements for the two years ending in the fall of 1991 will exceed \$1.3 million.

### Area

Other area airports within close proximity of Owensboro which offer scheduled commercial service include: Evansville Regional Airport in Evansville, Indiana, located 43 miles northwest of Owensboro; Standiford Field in Louisville, Kentucky, located 104 miles northeast; and Nashville Metropolitan Airport in Nashville, Tennessee, located 132 miles south of Owensboro.

## Water

Located on the Ohio River, a major water transportation corridor on the United States Inland Waterways System, Owensboro is an excellent location for riverport commerce and water based industrial development. Navigation on the Ohio River is being improved by the construction of new and larger locks and dams under the supervision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This multi-billion-dollar modernization effort has already made great strides in promoting more efficient and cost-effective freight transportation for the Ohio River Basin and its neighboring states.

The Owensboro Riverport Authority was established in 1967 by the City of Owensboro for the purpose of developing riverport facilities and developing land to attract river-oriented industries. The authority officially opened a \$5.6 million public river terminal in June 1976. This facility, located on a 50-acre site at Ohio River mile 759, has over 100,000 square feet of general commodity warehousing, 9,300 square yards of paved outside storage capacity, two 600,000-gallon liquid storage tanks, 4,200 tons of inside bulk storage, 15,000-bushel-per-hour grain loading facilities and storage capacity with the capability of handling 60,000 bushels of grain, and two 110-ton cranes (one located on a spud barge) for the transfer of commodities. The facility has eight mooring dolphins and tug and fleeting service is available 24 hours a day. The riverport is located on a main line of the CSX Rail System and is served by a new state access road to the parkway and interstate systems. A 404-acre fully-developed industrial park, which includes natural gas service, is located adjacent to the riverport facility. Approximately 100 acres are presently available for industrial use. The Owensboro Riverport Authority is now designated as a Customs Port of Entry.

Commercial barge lines providing regular service to Owensboro include American Commercial Barge Line Company, Mid-America Barge Lines, Inc., Riverway, Dravo Corporation, Walker Towing Corporation, Ohio River Company, Ingram Barge Lines, Valley Line Company, and many others.

The Owensboro Riverport Authority recently opened the East/West Marine Terminal which provides coal loading facilities for the riverport. The terminal currently provides storage capacity of 50,000 tons with expansion available to 500,000 tons. The rail unloading rate is currently 4,500 tons per hour while the terminal is capable of loading barges at a rate of 3,600 tons per hour.

# RIVER TERMINALS-OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

Owner or Operator	Type of Freight	Shelter
Owensboro River Rail Terminal (Division of Yager Materials, Inc.)*	Steel, scrap iron and miscellaneous freight	None
Owensboro River Terminal	Petroleum products	Storage tanks
Owensboro Riverport Authority**	Steel, dry bulk, alu- minum, liquids, coal, grain	Warehouse/ storage tanks
Ashland Oil & Refining Company and Owensboro Ashland Company (Sohio-Ashland)	Oil (crude)	Storage tanks
Texaco, Inc.	Petroleum products	Storage tanks
Glenmore Distilleries	Grain alcohol	Storage tanks
Iceland Coal Dock	Coal	None
Missouri Portland Cement Company	Bulk cement	Silos
Owensboro Grain Company, Inc.	Grain	None
Yager Materials, Inc.	Sand and gravel	Silos, truck- loading hoppers and garage
Farmers Elevator	Grain	None
Green Coal Company	Coal	None
Pacific Molasses	Molasses	Storage tanks

\* Private and public facility.

\*\* Public facility; all others are private.



## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving Owensboro and parts of Daviess County - Owensboro  
Municipal Utilities

Source of power - Owensboro Municipal Utilities  
For industrial rates contact:

General Manager  
Owensboro Municipal Utilities  
P.O. Box 806  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302  
(502) 926-3200

Company serving a major portion of Daviess County - Green River  
Electric Corporation

Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation  
For industrial rates contact:

Green River Electric Corporation  
3111 Fairview Drive  
P.O. Box 1389  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302  
(502) 926-4141

and/or

Big Rivers Electric Corporation  
201 Third Street  
P.O. Box 24  
Henderson, Kentucky 42420  
(502) 827-2561

Company serving a small portion of Daviess County - Kentucky Utilities  
Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department  
Kentucky Utilities Company  
One Quality Street  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507  
(606) 255-1461

### Natural Gas

Company serving Owensboro - Western Kentucky Gas Company

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation  
For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company  
P.O. Box 866  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302  
(502) 685-8067

## Public Water Supply

Company serving Owensboro - Owensboro Municipal Utilities  
P.O. Box 806  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302  
(502) 926-3200

Source -	Wells
Treatment plant capacity -	19,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	13,418,380 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	18,600,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	9,000,000 gallons
Water pressure -	50 psi to 60 psi

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Name of water district - West Daviess County Water District  
3400 Bittel Road  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301  
(502) 685-5594

Area served - West Daviess County  
Source of supply of treated water - Owensboro Municipal Utilities  
Amount of treated water that can be purchased - No limit  
Average daily consumption - 933,490 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 1,368,200 gallons  
Storage capacity - 650,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 30 psi to 130 psi

The West Daviess County Water District plans to construct a new water storage tank in Utica at a cost of \$350,000.

Name of water district - Southeast Daviess County Water  
District  
3400 Bittel Road  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301  
(502) 685-5594

Area served - Southeastern Daviess County  
Source of supply of treated water - Owensboro Municipal Utilities  
Amount of treated water that can be purchased - No limit  
Average daily consumption - 1,420,040 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 1,977,500 gallons  
Storage capacity - 750,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 40 psi to 120 psi

The Southeast Daviess County Water District plans to construct two new water storage tanks at Pleasant Grove Road at a total cost of \$612,000.



## Raw Water

Surface water sources - Ohio River, Green River, and Panther Creek

Average discharge - Ohio River at Cannelton Dam, Kentucky -125,700 cfs (14 years, USGS); Green River at Lock 2, at Calhoun, Kentucky - 11,230 cfs (59 years, unadjusted, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along the Ohio River; 5 to 50 gpm in southwestern tip of county; 5 gpm or less over remainder of county

## Sewerage

Company serving Owensboro - Owensboro Wastewater Treatment Operations  
P.O. Box 847  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302  
(502) 685-8272

Design capacity - East Plant: 6,800,000 gallons per day  
West Plant: 12,000,000 gallons per day  
Total: 18,800,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow - East Plant: 2,000,000 gallons  
West Plant: 10,500,000 gallons  
Total: 12,500,000 gallons

Type of treatment - Secondary (both plants)

Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River (both plants)

## CLIMATE

### Daviess County

#### Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	55.70 degrees
Average annual 1989	55.20 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (49-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, February 1951 (49-year record)	-23.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record)	4,729
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	41.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (49-year record)	13.80 inches
Total precipitation 1989	47.34 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (49-year record)	115.10
Mean number days thunderstorms (49-year record)	45.10

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South-Southwest

#### Relative Humidity (28-year record)

Midnight	79 percent
6 a.m.	81 percent
Noon	59 percent
6 p.m.	62 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1989. Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Owensboro is governed by a mayor, four commissioners, and a full-time city manager. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the commissioners each serve two-year terms. Daviess County is governed by a county judge/executive and three commissioners. Each county official serves a four-year term.

### Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (includes Daviess County)

Participating cities - Owensboro, Whitesville

Zoning enforced - All areas

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas

Local codes enforced - Building (all areas), Housing, (Owensboro only)

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 Owensboro levies a one percent occupational license fee on all gross wages, salaries, commissions, and other compensation earned in the city. The one percent tax is also levied on net profits on sales of all businesses, professions or occupations for activities conducted inside the city limits. The City of Owensboro and Daviess County each levy a four percent insurance premium tax on policies written within their respective taxing jurisdictions.

## 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. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

### **STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION**

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1990 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.189	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, 1990**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Daviess County	\$0.1630	\$0.2010	\$0.1940
School Districts:			
Owensboro Independent	0.6290	0.6290	0.6410
Daviess County	0.3620	0.3620	0.3000
Cities:			
Owensboro	0.3281	0.3281	0.3300

Certified companies located within the enterprise zone are exempt from paying the city inventory tax.



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Owensboro Independent	Daviess County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1990)	4,496	9,224
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1989-90)	15.6-1	18.8-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1989-90)	58.7	65.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1989-90)	\$3,515.97	\$2,812.71

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### Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Catherine Spalding School	424	K-6
Francis R. Cotton School	326	K-6
Good Shepherd Christian School	73	K-12
Henry J. Soenneker School	207	K-6
Heritage Christian School	170	K-6
Holy Angel's School	185	K-6
Mary Carrico Memorial	169	K-8
Owensboro Catholic High School	600	9-12
Owensboro Catholic Middle School	371	7-8
St. Angela Merici	478	K-6
St. Mary of the Woods	290	K-8
Trinity High School	158	9-12
Triplett School	62	K-8

## Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1990)</u>
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky	756
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky	707
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky	2,415
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (30)	1,371
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (40)	6,480
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (40)	3,051
Oakland City College	Oakland City, Indiana (58)	732
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (70)	15,240

### Brescia College

Brescia College is a private liberal-arts college located in downtown Owensboro. Brescia offers Associate and Baccalaureate degrees in over 30 areas, and is especially well-known for programs in speech and hearing, special education, photography, and business. Brescia's Weekend College offers adults an opportunity to earn a degree through study on weekends, or in combination with day or evening classes.

### Kentucky Wesleyan College

Kentucky Wesleyan College was founded in 1858 by the Methodist Church. The College prepares leaders for the twenty-first century through a coordinated and integrated liberal arts education in a nurturing Christian environment. Academic programs combine the liberal arts and career-oriented subjects. Besides providing baccalaureate degrees in over 30 majors, Kentucky Wesleyan offers specialized career programs in Criminal Justice, Mass Communications, and Nursing, as well as preprofessional programs in law, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, medical technology, pharmacy, physical therapy, optometry, engineering, and Christian ministry. The full-time faculty numbers about 60 giving the College an 11-1 student/faculty ratio. Wesleyan's \$7 million annual budget has a significant impact on the region's economy.

### Owensboro Community College

Owensboro Community College is a member of the University of Kentucky's Community College System and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The College confers Associate Degrees in Arts, Science and Applied Science. Current curriculum offerings allow students to earn the first two years of a baccalaureate program. Students may also prepare for immediate employment by completion of one of the following career programs -- data processing technology, business technology, human services, office administration, and engineering technology. Future programs include accounting technology, banking management, and radiologic technology. The College plans to construct two new buildings including a student center and classroom building for nursing and archaeology. The student center will provide space for meeting rooms, a cafeteria, and an art gallery. The \$2 million project is scheduled for completion by Fall 1992.



## Vocational Training

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

### 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 the primary 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.

<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1989-1990</u>
Daviess County State Vocational- Technical School	Owensboro	417
Owensboro Vocational-Technical School	Owensboro	426
Ohio County Area Vocational Education Center	Hartford (26)	375
Henderson County Area Vocational Education Center	Henderson (30)	463

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 152

Dentists - 53

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital	Owensboro	480
Mercy Hospital	Owensboro	145

#### Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital

Medical staff - 135 physicians, 425 registered nurses, and 91 licensed practical nurses

The Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital plans to break ground soon for a \$36.8 million expansion that will provide new private patient rooms and expanded areas for cancer treatment and outpatient services.

#### Mercy Hospital

Medical staff - 135 physicians, 201 registered nurses, and 61 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Arrow Non-Emergency Ambulance Service

Emergi-Center

Green River Comprehensive Care Center

Green River District Health Agency

ODC Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc. (Based  
at the Owensboro-Daviess County Hospital)

Owensboro Ambulatory Surgical Facility

Valley Institute of Psychiatry

Wendell Foster Center (cerebral palsy treatment center)

### Newspapers

Messenger-Inquirer (Daily)

### Telephone Service

South Central Bell Telephone Company

### Hotels and Motels

Total number - 13

Total rooms - 1,000



## **Banks and Savings & Loan Associations**

Cardinal Federal Savings Bank  
Central Bank and Trust Company  
Citizens State Bank  
First Nationwide Bank  
Great Financial Federal  
Old National Bancorp  
Owensboro National Bank  
Republic Savings Bank

## RECREATION

### Local

Owensboro offers excellent public recreation facilities which are sponsored and maintained by the Owensboro Parks and Recreation Department. Public recreation facilities include 16 parks, 15 playgrounds, three swimming pools, a nine-hole golf course, 32 tennis courts, 13 baseball diamonds, nine basketball courts and two soccer complexes. Owensboro's Sports Center features an air-conditioned, 7,000-seat auditorium-arena and an enclosed ice rink. The Sports Center is the home court of the nationally known Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers, winners of the NCAA small college championship five times since 1966.

Private recreation facilities at Owensboro include three country clubs with golf courses at each, five swimming pools, seven indoor and one outdoor movie theatres, three bowling facilities, Family-Y and indoor and outdoor tennis courts.

The Owensboro Summer Fest is one solid week of fun leading up to a grand finale on the 4th of July. A weekend of sports in late June offers something for everyone. The following weekend sets the stage for an outdoor orchestra concert, ballet, fireworks, fish fry, an assorted music and food festival and the Anything That Goes and Floats Race. All activities are staged on or near the Ohio River.

The International Barbecue Festival is a popular annual event held in Owensboro, which features cooking competition, cooking exhibitions, mime and puppet shows, square dancing, clogging exhibition, fiddling, battle of the bands, a petting zoo, and a number of other festivities.

Owensboro is also becoming well-known for its Bluegrass music. "Bluegrass With Class" is the theme of the annual Bluegrass festival sponsored by the local Tourism Commission. Thousands of Bluegrass listeners gather on the Ohio River bank at the English Park for three days of free top-name Bluegrass entertainment.

The Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, the Owensboro Youth Orchestra, the Theatre Workshop, the Owensboro Concert Association, the Owensboro Museum of Fine Arts, the Owensboro Area Museum and the Owensboro Dance Theatre provide a wide variety of cultural events and attractions. Owensboro's Festival of Arts features art exhibits, dramatics, music events, and writing seminars. Kentucky Wesleyan College, Brescia College and Owensboro Community College also offer a variety of cultural events.

Other interesting attractions of the Owensboro area include the world's largest sassafras tree; tours of strip mining areas and coal mines; and tours of Glenmore Distilleries, and Pinkerton Tobacco Company.

RiverPark Center is presently under construction in downtown Owensboro. The complex will contain a 1,500-seat auditorium, a 300-seat studio/auditorium, an art gallery, and will house the International Bluegrass Music Association's Hall of Fame. The \$14 million center is scheduled for completion in 1992.

**Ben Hawes State Park**, eight miles west of Owensboro, is a 300-acre park which is open year-round. It features a playground, a softball field, tennis courts, hiking trails, a picnic area and shelters, including an 18-hole and a nine-hole golf course, pro shop, driving range and archery range.

Three recreation areas in the Owensboro vicinity include Windy Hollow Campground and Recreation Area, Diamond Lake Recreation Area, and Miller Lakes, Inc. These areas offer facilities for camping, swimming, fishing, boating, and hiking.

**Area (Within 55 miles)**

John James Audubon State Park  
James C. Ellis Park and  
Thoroughbred Race Track  
Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial  
Holiday World (amusement park)  
Rough River Dam State Resort Park  
Lake Malone State Park



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Owensboro re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1990, and is distinguished as a gold award winner recognizing six consecutive years of certification. Re-certification is based on achievement in the following areas: existing industry assistance, small business assistance, educational resources, and community development factors of health care, public safety, arts and culture, recreation, governmental awareness and resources. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

### Industrial and Commercial Development

The Scott Paper Company announced in November 1990 that it would build its new \$500 million midwest paper plant in Daviess County. The project will provide the area up to 350 initial jobs and hundreds of construction jobs when work begins in early 1992.

Forty-five of Daviess County's existing primary employers plan to increase employment in 1991, thereby creating an additional 431 new jobs. In addition, several major firms plan to create an additional 900 jobs over the next five years.

### Transportation

Construction of a new bridge over the Ohio River from eastern Daviess County to U.S. 231 in southern Indiana is scheduled for construction in Fall 1991. The \$112 million project includes construction of an access road and is scheduled for completion during the next five to six years. The new route will provide a direct link to Louisville and St. Louis.

Another planned road improvement includes the widening of Carter Road, from Parrish Avenue to Southtown Boulevard, from a two-lane to a four-lane highway. The project includes construction of an interchange with the Wendell Ford Bypass and is scheduled for completion in 1994.

The Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport completed construction of general aviation apron areas, security fencing and gates, as well as drainage improvements, providing for a new FBO (Singleton Aviation) and a private aviation club building and hangar (Ayer Flying Club). Airport construction totaled \$220,000 with associated companies making business investments exceeding \$500,000. During the summer of 1991, the Airport plans additional ramp space and drainage work to accompany expanded general aviation hangars at Singleton Aviation at a cost of \$595,000. Total improvements for the two years ending in the fall of 1991 will exceed \$1.3 million.

The Owensboro Riverport Authority recently expanded warehousing for general commodities to over 100,000 square feet. In addition, the East-West Marine Terminal is in the process of increasing its coal loading capabilities.

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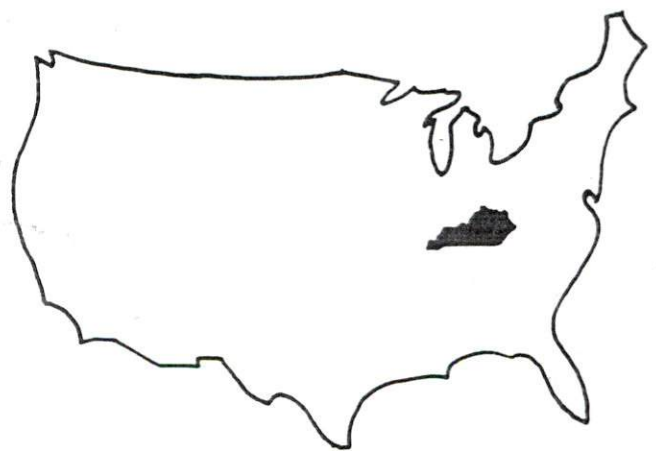
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Construction of the new judicial center was recently completed in downtown Owensboro. The \$5.2 million facility houses the district, circuit, and juvenile courts.

Other downtown projects under way include: construction of a \$10 million nine-story office-condo complex; development of Corporate Centre; a \$2 million office complex; and construction of a \$3.5 million four-story parking garage.



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