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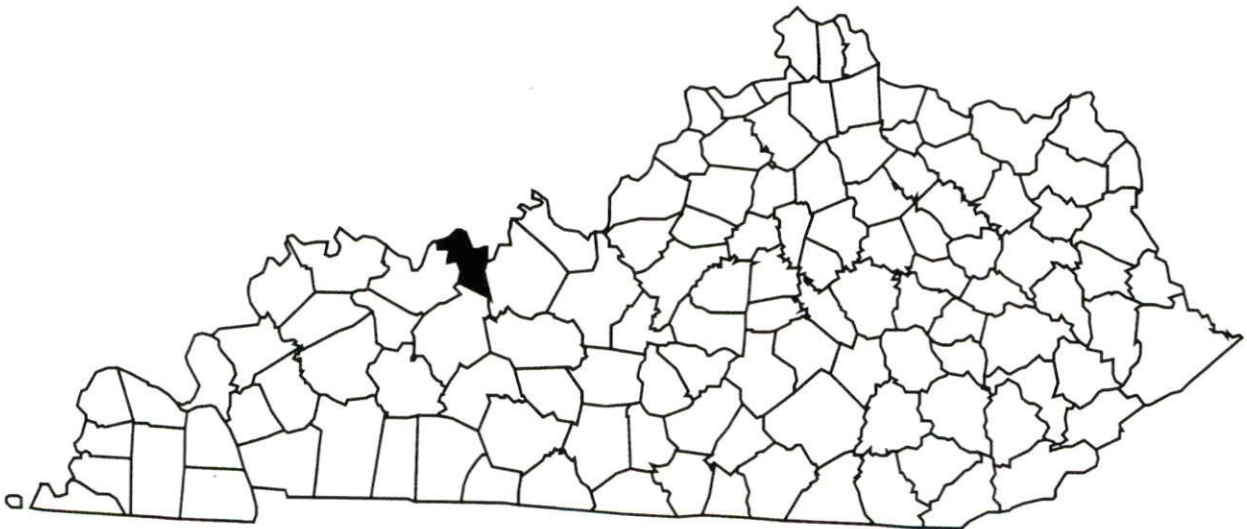
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## HANCOCK COUNTY, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

Hancock County is located along the Ohio River at the edge of Kentucky's Western Coal Field Region. The county has two incorporated cities, Hawesville and Lewisport. Hawesville, the county seat, had an estimated 1998 population of 1,145 persons. Lewisport, located ten miles northwest of Hawesville, is the largest of the two cities with an estimated 1998 population of 1,948 persons. Hancock County, with a land area of 188 square miles, had an estimated 1998 population of 8,941.

**The Economic Framework** – Hancock County firms employed 4,624 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 531 jobs; manufacturing firms in the county reported 3,061 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 203 jobs; 174 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 410 jobs.

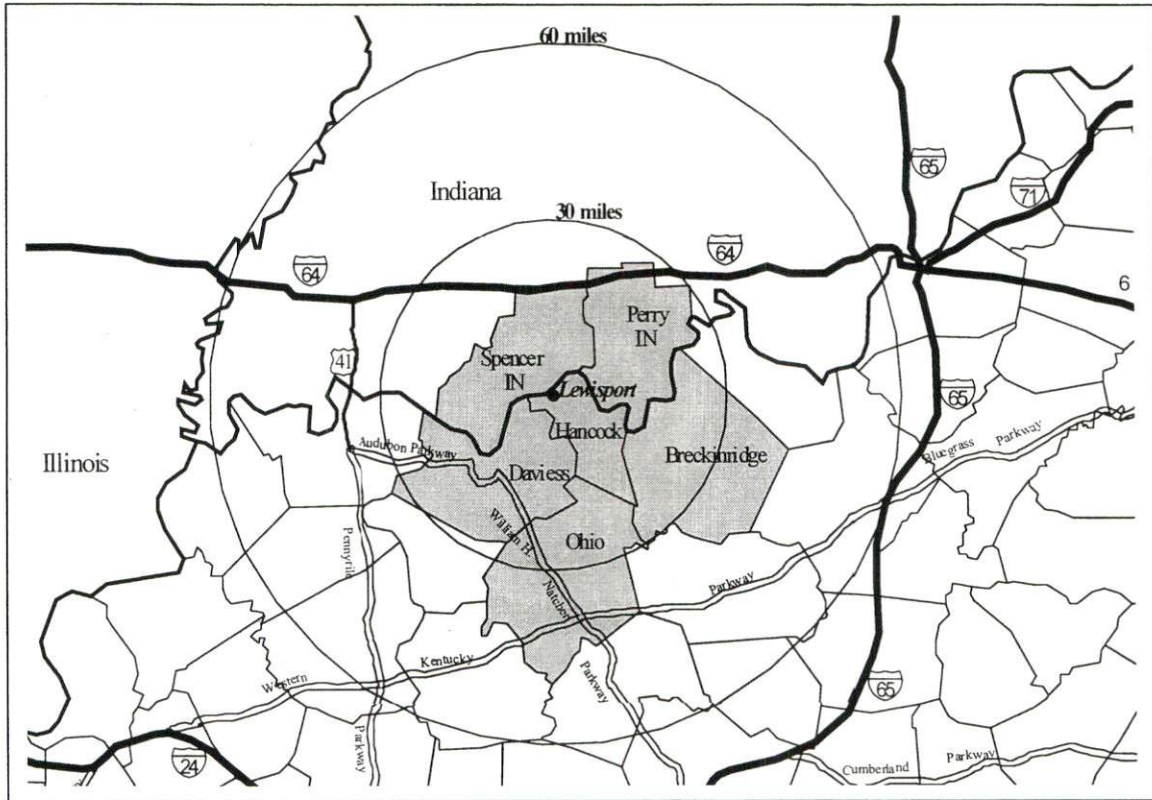
**Labor Supply** – There is a current estimated labor supply of 29,112 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 to 2003, approximately 13,213 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** – Hawesville and Lewisport lie along U.S. Highway 60, a "AAA"-rated trucking highway which provides easy access to both north-south and east-west multi-lane routes at Owensboro, Kentucky, 25 miles southwest of Hawesville. Access to Interstate 64, a major east-west route, is 27 miles north of Hawesville. Other "AAA"-rated highways in Hancock County are Kentucky Routes 69 and 657. Nineteen common carrier trucking companies serve Hancock County. CSX Transportation provides main line rail freight service to Hawesville and Lewisport. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at Evansville Regional Airport, 68 miles west of Hawesville near Evansville, Indiana. Commuter air carrier service with connections to several major airlines is available at the Owensboro-Daviess County Airport, 28 miles southwest of Hawesville near Owensboro. Both Hawesville and Lewisport are located on the Ohio River, where a nine-foot navigation channel is maintained.

**Power and Fuel** – Green River Electric Corporation provides electricity to Hancock County. Western Kentucky Gas Company provides natural gas service to Hawesville, while the City of Lewisport operates a municipal natural gas system.

**Education** – The Hancock County School System, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, provides public education to residents of the county. Eight institutions of higher learning are located within 60 miles of Hawesville. The nearest area technology center (ATC) providing secondary technical training is Ohio County ATC in Hartford, 28 miles south. The nearest technical colleges providing postsecondary technical education are Owensboro Technical College and Owensboro Technical College Daviess County Extension both in Owensboro, 15 miles southwest.

### Labor Market Area Maps



**Note:** To obtain detailed topographical and general highway maps contact Maps and Publications at 502-564-4715, or for industrial site maps contact the Site Evaluation Division at 502-564-7140.

## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Hancock County labor market area includes Hancock County and the following additional counties: Breckinridge; Daviess; Ohio; Perry, IN; and Spencer, IN.

### Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1995*</u>	<u>1998*</u>
Labor Market Area	171,024	171,067	176,503	179,837
Hancock County	7,742	7,864	8,700	8,941
Lewisport	1,832	1,778	1,884	1,948
Hawesville	1,036	1,046	1,107	1,145

**Notes:** \* - Population estimates. N/A – Not available.

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

### Population Projections

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	181,973	189,144	193,664
Hancock County	9,485	11,007	12,135

**Note:** Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

**Source:** University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center. Population projections for the out-of-state counties were estimated by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

### Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1998</u>			<u>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>	<u>Under- employed</u>
Labor Market Area	29,112	4,489	2,979	21,644
Hancock County	738	227	183	328

**Note:** Unemployed – people not working but actively seeking work. Potential Labor Supply – represents the number of persons not in the labor force, but would like a job (based on national estimates). Underemployed – people employed in wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services. See Appendix for further explanation.

**Sources:** U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1999 through 2003.



### Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1998

	<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,059	91,976
Employed	3,832	87,487
Unemployed	227	4,489
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	4.9

**Source:** U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Work Force Commuting Patterns (1990)

Workers commuting out of Hancock County	925
Workers commuting into Hancock County	2,588
Working and residing in Hancock County	2,084

**Source:** University of Louisville, State Data Center.

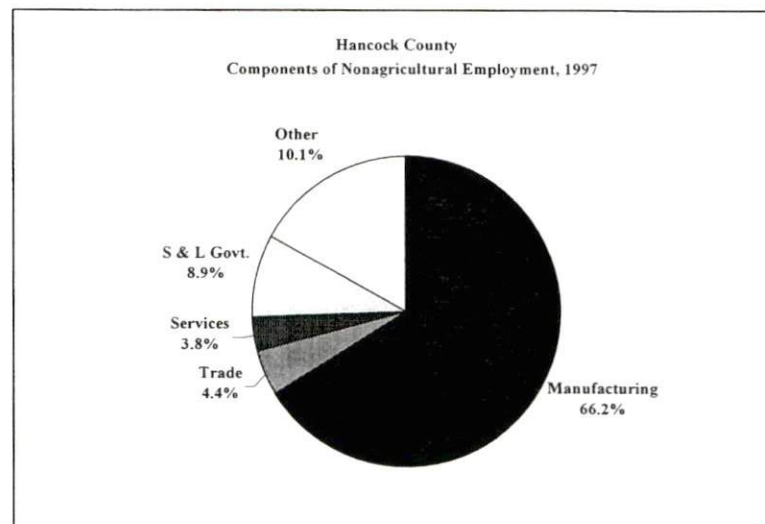
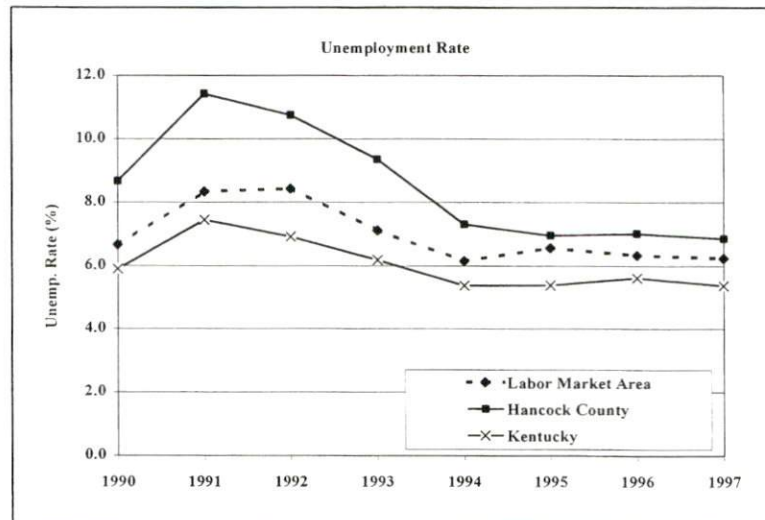
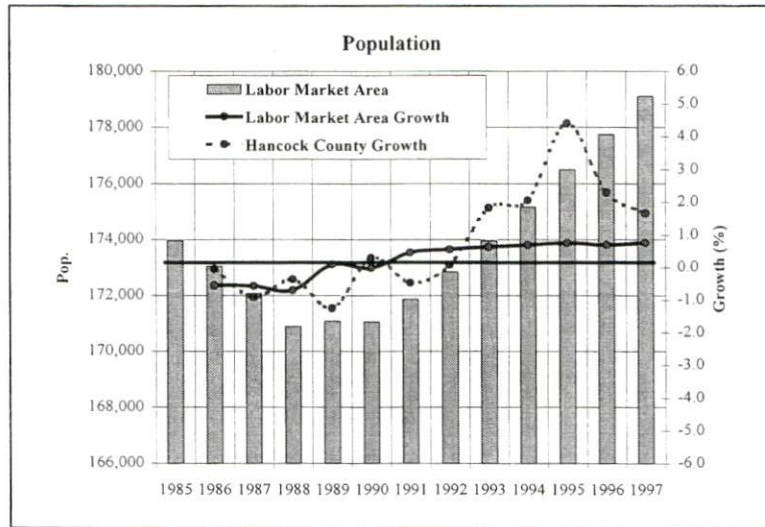
### Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	4,624	66,799
Mining & Quarrying	0	774
Contract Construction	531	4,407
Manufacturing	3,061	15,438
Transportation & Public Utilities	168	4,227
Wholesale & Retail Trade	203	15,396
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	67	2,489
Services	174	12,243
State & Local Government	410	11,340
Other	11	398

**Note:** Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

**Source:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997.

## Selected Charts



### Per Capita Personal Income

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Percent Change (1993-1997)</u>
Hancock County	\$17,844	\$21,711	21.7%
Labor Market Area Range	\$12,652 - \$17,844	\$15,520 - \$21,711	-
Kentucky	\$17,309	\$20,570	18.8%
U. S.	\$21,368	\$25,288	18.3%

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1998.

### Average Placement Wages

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services local office in Owensboro serves Hancock County. 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, 1998, the local employment office filled Hancock County job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

	<u>Number of Placements</u>	<u>Average Wage (\$)</u>
All Occupations	2,878	6.61
Professional, Technical & Managerial	62	7.32
Clerical	524	5.73
Sales	215	5.31
Domestic	6	5.48
Services (excluding domestic)	477	5.44
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	19	5.50
Processing	847	7.14
Machine Trades	48	9.15
Bench Work	59	7.08
Structural	321	8.16
Motor Freight & Transportation	51	6.36
Packaging & Materials Handling	243	7.36
Other	6	8.00

**Note:** Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Owensboro local office serves Daviess, Hancock, McLean, and Ohio Counties.

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

**Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1997**

	<u>Hancock County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$790.11	\$488.00	\$521.00	\$555.00
Mining & Quarrying	0.00	790.00	839.00	772.00
Contract Construction	745.45	516.00	561.00	544.00
Manufacturing	928.73	644.00	621.00	644.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	801.84	648.00	653.00	761.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	235.29	337.00	391.00	392.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	341.46	613.00	696.00	748.00
Services	259.70	440.00	495.00	580.00
State & Local Government	394.82	484.00	494.00	530.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
All Industries	\$530.00	\$553.00	\$634.00	\$578.00
Mining & Quarrying	849.00	773.00	881.00	961.00
Contract Construction	604.00	619.00	765.00	610.00
Manufacturing	732.00	776.00	792.00	737.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	633.00	669.00	764.00	724.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	351.00	384.00	452.00	411.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	624.00	682.00	938.00	863.00
Services	452.00	486.00	575.00	547.00
State & Local Government	510.00	567.00	615.00	576.00

**Note:** The average weekly wage for each category includes salaries and wages of all persons working for that type of business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers are excluded. Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar. N/A – Data not available.

**Sources:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1997, December 1998.



## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### Hancock County Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
<b><u>Hawesville</u></b>			
A-CMI	Aluminum foundries	275	1995
ALCOA	Aluminum sheet	17	1995
Foil Products Division			
Clarion Publishing Co.	Newspaper publishing & computer typesetting	8	1893
Faxe Paper Pigments	Organic chemical paper fillers	7	N/A
Grey Wolf Studio	Wooden, electrical, vinyl lettered, plastic & metal signs; textile screen printing	2	N/A
N S A	Aluminum castings, ingots, sows & smelting	650	1967
Southwire Co.	Aluminum wire strand & rod wire	175	1967
Willamette Industries, Inc.	Fine & medium corrugated paper & baled bleached pulp	570	1967
WorldSource Coil Coating, Inc.	Steel & aluminum coil painting & coating services	200	1989
Wroe Pallet & Skids Corp.	Wooden pallets	8	1985
Yager Materials, Inc.	Ready-mixed concrete	7	1964
<b><u>Lewisport</u></b>			
Commonwealth Aluminum Corp	Coils, aluminum tubing & flexible conduits	1,200	1966
Crescent Paper Tube Co., Inc.	Paper tubes	12	1990
Dal-Tile Intl. Corp.	Quarry tile	170	1959
J M C Pallet Co.	Wooden pallets & skids	5	1982
Maxwell Brothers Lumber Co.	Rough lumber & sawmill	16	1984
McElroy Metal, Inc.	Steel & aluminum fabricating	16	1964
Oliver Printing, Inc.	Offset printing & computer typesetting	3	1990
Precision Roll Grinders Inc.	Precision grinding	30	1998

**Note:** N/A - Data not available.

**Sources:** Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers published by Harris InfoSource in cooperation with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Hancock County Industrial Foundation, Inc.

### Recent Industrial Developments

Precision Roll Grinders Inc. has completed a new \$5 million plant. Willamette Industries is currently undergoing a \$600 million expansion. NSA's fifth potline is under construction at a cost of \$150 million. Southwire is expanding its services with a new rod mill.

### Riverside Warehouse, Inc.

Riverside Warehouse will be located in the center of the industrial park on KY 334 in Hancock County. This facility will be the most modern state-of-the-art facility of its kind anywhere in the Region. This project will be developed in two stages with Phase I being completed in the fall 1999 and Phase II will be brought on line in

2000. The building will have 32' eaves, 400-500 ft. in dimension and constructed with massive floors to accommodate any required industrial product. The warehouse will have a 50-ton overhead crane with 100 ft. span and rail running through the building. Additionally, the building will have climate control systems to protect the inventory. Skylights will be incorporated along with a truckers' lounge with offices, telephones and data ports, which will be available to the transportation professionals who use the facility.

Southern Shores Terminal, Inc.

A new riverport is currently under construction on 17.73 acres of prime industrial property already permitted by the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers for a riverport. The permit allows the trans-loading of multiple products to include international and domestic shipping containers, steel coils, aluminum scrap, ingot, wood chips and other products. The crane being installed will be the largest on the river between Louisville and St. Louis and is being constructed to provide year round service. Products can be unloaded and loaded from barge to truck and truck to barge. Eventually, rail will be added to the facility to provide a totally integrated transportation system. Specialized hopper systems are being constructed that will enable products to be trans-loaded more efficiently. Two large cells and dolphins have been approved by the Corp for this facility.

River Rail Transfer, Inc.

Construction will begin Fall 1999 on the River Rail Transfer. This facility will join the Riverside Warehouse but will be a separate operating entity. It will provide for the staging of 44 railroad cars for the storage but more importantly processing of multiple industrial products. The multi-modal system will integrate river, rail and road. The facility will be the first of its kind that will not only provide trans-loading but also the processing products and breaking down of large rail car shipments into smaller and customized shipments.

**Source:** Hancock County Industrial Foundation, Inc.

### **Labor Organizations in Hancock County**

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International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Teamsters)  
United Paperworkers International Union, AFL-CIO  
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC

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

**Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of Lewisport**

<b>Miles</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Custom Plastics Producers</b>	<b>Electric Motor Repair</b>	<b>Heat Treating Facilities</b>	<b>Industrial Waste Removal</b>	<b>Machine Shops, Tool &amp; Die</b>	<b>Metal Castings</b>	<b>Metal Finishers</b>	<b>Metal Service Centers</b>	<b>Mill- wrights &amp; Riggers</b>
10	Hawesville							X		
15	Owensboro	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
27	Livermore					X				
28	Hartford							X		
32	McHenry					X				
41	Henderson	X				X	X			
44	Leitchfield	X				X				
46	Greenville					X			X	
47	Corydon	X								
49	Madisonville				X	X		X		

**Note:** Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from city center to city center; not road miles.

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



## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

U.S. Highway 60 and Kentucky Routes 69 and 657 are all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Hancock County. Both Hawesville and Lewisport lie along U.S. 60, which is four lanes between the two cities.

Hancock County also has easy access to the interstate highway system. Interstate 64, a major east-west route, is accessible 27 miles north of Hawesville via the Ohio River Bridge and Indiana Routes 66 and 37. Interstate 64 provides multi-lane access to Interstate 65, a major north-south route, 78 miles northeast of Hawesville. Interstate 65 is also accessible, via Kentucky 69 and the multi-lane William H. Natcher Parkway (formerly the Green River Parkway), near Bowling Green, Kentucky, 85 miles south of Hawesville.

U.S. 60 provides easy access to the Audubon Parkway, an east-west, multi-lane highway, and to the William H. Natcher Parkway, a north-south multi-lane highway. Both are accessible at Owensboro, Kentucky, 25 miles southwest of Hawesville. A project to widen, straighten, and add passing lanes to U.S. 60 is presently under way between Cloverport and Hardinsburg. The segment from Hawesville to Cloverport has been completed. The widening of U.S. 60 from Lewisport to Maceo is in the six year plan.

Construction of the William H. Natcher Bridge over the Ohio River, five miles west of Lewisport, is underway. The bridge will connect U.S. 60 and Interstate 64 via U.S. Highway 231. The new route will provide a direct link to Interstate 64.

### Highway Miles from Lewisport, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	393	Kansas City, MO	472
Baltimore, MD	695	Knoxville, TN	305
Birmingham, AL	339	Los Angeles, CA	2,050
Charleston, WV	332	Louisville, KY	87
Chicago, IL	374	Minneapolis, MN	767
Cincinnati, OH	185	Nashville, TN	148
Cleveland, OH	436	New Orleans, LA	680
Columbia, SC	567	New York, NY	823
Columbus, OH	292	Pittsburgh, PA	474
Dallas, TX	789	Raleigh, NC	668
Des Moines, IA	609	Richmond, VA	649
Detroit, MI	448	St. Louis, MO	223
Indianapolis, IN	193	Tallahassee, FL	665

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

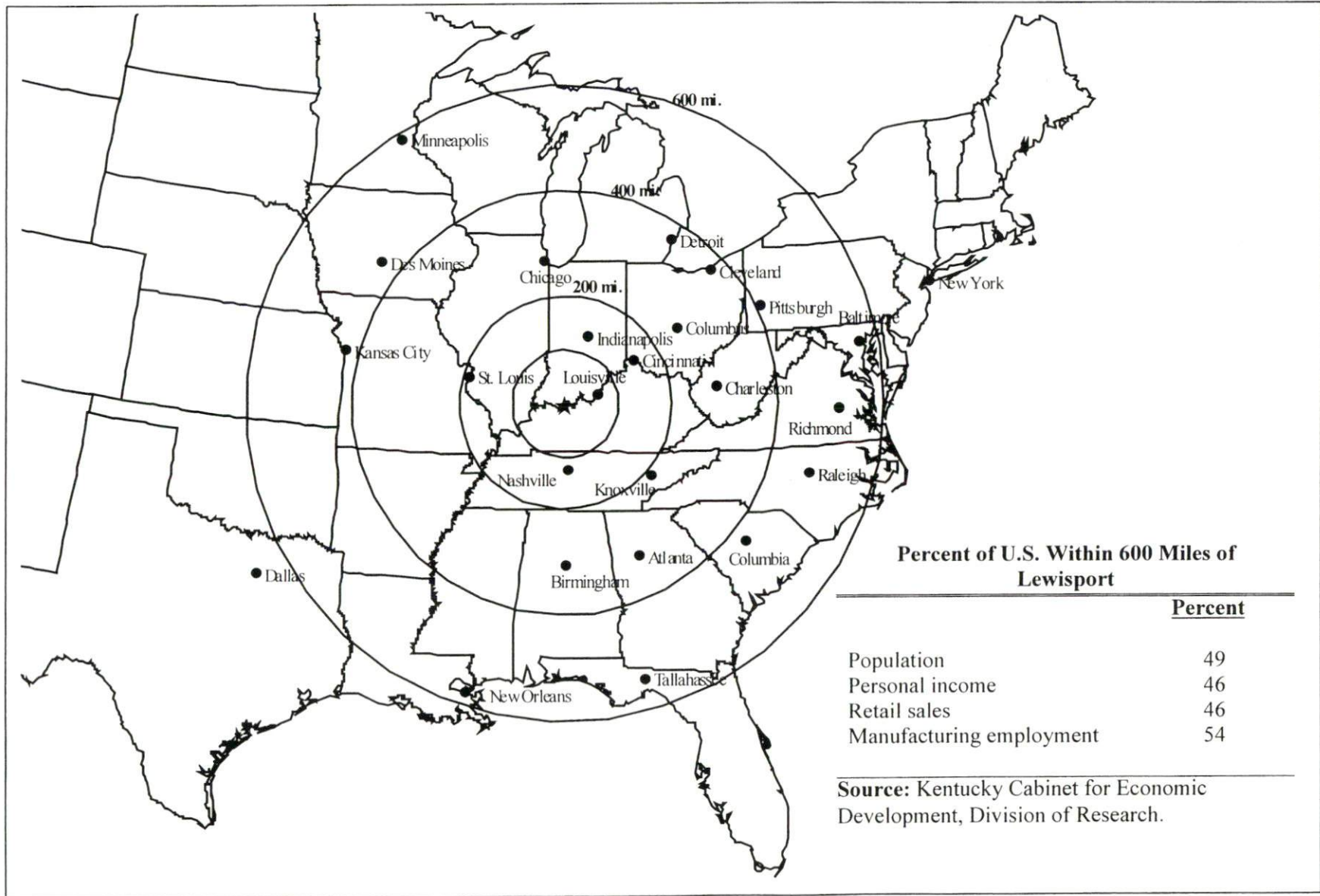
**Source:** AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

### Truck Service

Nineteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hancock County. American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1999.



Selected Market Centers Map



## **Rail**

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hawesville and Lewisport. Intermodal facilities are available 25 miles southwest at Owensboro, Kentucky. For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services contact:

Manager of Industrial Development  
CSX Transportation  
9420 Bunsen Parkway, Suite 212  
Louisville, KY 40220  
(502) 499-3025

## **Air**

### **Commercial**

Location: Owensboro-Daviess County Airport  
Owensboro, Kentucky  
28 miles southwest of Lewisport  
Air service: Northwest Airlink  
Daily arrivals & departures: 10

Location: Evansville Regional Airport  
Evansville, Indiana  
68 miles west of Lewisport  
Air service: ASA, Comair, American Eagle, Northwest, Airlink, TWA Express,  
US Airways Express  
Daily arrivals & departures: 98

### **International**

Location: Louisville International Airport  
Louisville, Kentucky  
81 miles northeast of Lewisport  
Air service: American, ASA, Comair, Continental, Continental Express, Delta,  
Delta Express, Northwest, Northwest Airlink, Skyway, Southwest,  
TWA, United, United Express, US Airways, US Airways Express  
Daily arrivals & departures: 182

## **Water**

The Ohio River provides one of the most modernized lock and dam systems and heavily traveled freight transportation corridors in the nation. Hawesville and Lewisport are both located along the Ohio River, which forms Hancock County's northern boundary.

The Owensboro Riverport Authority operates a public riverport on the Ohio River, 25 miles southwest of Hawesville, at Owensboro. Facilities include more than 160,000 square feet of general commodity warehousing, 48,000 square yards of compacted rock outside storage, and two 110-ton cranes and a coal preparation plant. The riverport is located on a main line of the CSX Transportation system.

A private developer is constructing a \$5.0 million Hancock County Riverport which will be a multi-modal, state-of-the-art transloading facility.

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Service area: **a major portion of Hancock County, including Hawesville and Lewisport**

Company: Green River Electric Corporation  
Source of power: Big Rivers Electric Corporation  
For industrial rates contact:

Manager of Economic Development  
Big Rivers Electric Corporation  
201 Third Street, P.O. Box 24  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-2561

and/or

Green River Electric Corporation  
3111 Fairview Drive, P.O. Box 1389  
Owensboro, KY 42302  
(270) 926-4141

### Natural Gas

Service area: **Hancock County's industrial complex**

Company: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
Source of supply: Texas Gas Transmission Company  
For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company  
2401 New Hartford Road  
P.O. Box 886  
Owensboro, KY 42302-8069  
(270) 685-8069

Service area: **Hawesville**

Company: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
Source of supply: Texas Gas Transmission Company  
For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company  
2401 New Hartford Road  
P.O. Box 886  
Owensboro, KY 42302-8069  
(270) 685-8069

Service area: **Lewisport**

Company: Lewisport Natural Gas System  
Source of supply: Texas Gas Transmission Corporation  
For rates and supplies contact:

Lewisport Natural Gas System  
City Hall  
P.O. Box 22

Lewisport, KY 42351  
(270) 295-3324

## **Public Water Supply**

Service Area:  
Company:

**Hancock County**  
East Daviess County Water Association  
Knottsville, KY 42366-9743  
270-281-5187

### **Treatment facilities information:**

Average daily consumption:	250,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption:	340,000 gallons
Storage capacity:	450,000 gallons
Water pressure:	30 psi to 140 psi
Additional water source:	Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Maximum available for purchase:	2,300,000 gallons per day

### **Improvements:**

Cabot Project is currently underway at an estimated cost of \$493,000.

Service area:  
Company:

**Hawesville**  
Hawesville Water Works  
P.O. Box 157  
Hawesville, KY 42348  
(270) 927-8707

### **Treatment facilities information:**

Treatment plant capacity:	576,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption:	300,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption:	443,000 gallons
Storage capacity:	581,000 gallons
Water pressure:	30 psi to 115 psi

### **Improvements:**

Water system improvements are in the planning stages at an estimated cost of \$1,409,200.

Service Area:  
Company:

**Lewisport**  
City of Lewisport  
P.O. Box 22  
Lewisport, KY 42351  
(270) 295-3324

### **Treatment facilities information:**

Source of raw water:	3 deep wells
Well pumping capacity:	300 gallons per minute
Treatment plant capacity:	432,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption:	250,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption:	380,000 gallons
Storage capacity:	250,000 gallons
Water pressure:	60 psi to 65 psi

### **Improvements:**

A 300,000 gallon above ground storage tank is currently underway to be completed in 1999.

## **Raw Water**



Surface water sources - Ohio River

Average discharge - Ohio River at Cannelton Dam - 128,500 cfs (19 years, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along Ohio River; 50 to 200 gpm in north-south band through central portion of the county; 5 gpm or less over most of the county

## **Sewerage**

Service area:

Company:

### **Hawesville**

Hawesville Sewer System

Nugent Lane

Hawesville, KY 42348

(270) 927-8707

Design capacity:

250,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow:

100,000 gallons per day

Type of treatment:

Primary

Treated effluent discharged into:

Lead Creek

Improvements:

Plant renovations are currently underway at an estimated cost of \$930,000.

Service Area:

Company:

### **Lewisport**

Lewisport Sewer System

Riverview Drive

Lewisport, KY 42351

(270) 295-3326

Design capacity:

200,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow:

120,000 gallons per day

Type of treatment:

Primary

Treated effluent discharged into:

Ohio River

Improvements:

A new sewer treatment plant has been completed along with complete improvements to all collection systems.

## CLIMATE

### Hancock County

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#### Temperature

Normal (101-year record)	56.60 degrees
Average annual, 1997	54.30 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (57-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, February 1951 (57-year record)	-23.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,708
Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)	1,376

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	43.14 inches
Mean annual snowfall 30-year record)	15.50 inches
Total precipitation, 1997	47.58 inches
Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	114.90
Mean number days thunderstorms (57-year record)	44.70

Prevailing Winds (29-year record) South

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

12 midnight	79 percent
6 a.m.	82 percent
12 noon	59 percent
6 p.m.	62 percent

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**Notes:** Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F. Cooling degree day totals are the sums of positive departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Local Climatological Data, 1997.

Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Structure**

Hancock County is governed by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term. Hawesville and Lewisport are both governed by mayor-city council forms of government. Each city has a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members each serve two-year terms.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Joint agency - Hancock County Urban Planning Commission

Participating cities - Hawesville, Lewisport and northern Hancock County

Zoning and subdivision regulations enforced - Hancock County from the Ohio River to three miles south of U.S. Highway 60

Local codes enforced - Building and housing in Hancock County from the Ohio River to three miles south of U.S. Highway 60

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**

Hawesville levies an annual business license fee of \$30.50. Presently, there are no city business licenses or fees required for manufacturers in Lewisport. Hancock County levies an occupational license tax of 1.25 percent on wages and on net profits. Industries employing more than 100 persons are exempt from the tax on net profits.

### **Sales and Use Tax**

A state sales and use tax is levied at the rate of 6.0% on the purchase or lease price of taxable goods and on utility services. Local sales taxes are not levied in Kentucky.

### **State and Local 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 the city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. 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).

### State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>State Rate, 1998</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.153	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

**Source:** Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

### Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1998

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Hancock County	\$0.1260	\$0.1260	\$0.1289
<b><u>Cities</u></b>			
Hawesville	0.3940	0.8410	0.4128
Lewisport	0.2100	0.2100	0.2100
<b><u>School Districts</u></b>			
Hancock County School District	0.4500	0.4500	0.3310

**Source:** Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.



## EDUCATION

### Primary and Secondary Schools

#### Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-1997

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u>	<u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u>
Hancock County	1,657	\$5,976	16.6 to 1

**Source:** Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

#### Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-1997

<u>County-wide</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>	<u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u>
Total High School Graduates	109	100.0
To College	65	59.6
To Vocational/Technical School	5	4.6
To Workforce	32	29.4
To Work & School	2	1.8
To Military	5	4.6
Other	0	0.0

**Source:** Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

### Colleges and Technical Schools

#### Area Colleges and Universities within 60 Miles of Lewisport

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
15	Brescia College (Private)	Owensboro	711
15	Kentucky Wesleyan College (Private)	Owensboro	774
15	Owensboro Community College	Owensboro	2,300
37	Oakland City University (Private)	Oakland City, IN	1,159
41	Henderson Community College	Henderson	1,075
43	University of Evansville	Evansville, IN	3,130
43	University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, IN	8,300
49	Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	2,412

**Note:** Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Lewisport, not road miles.

**Source:** Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

## Technical Schools

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (1997-1998)</u>		
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	<u>Total</u>
15	Owensboro Technical College	Owensboro	109	365	474
15	Owensboro Technical College Daviess County Extension	Owensboro	225	150	375
28	Ohio County ATC	Hartford	673	23	696
41	Henderson County ATC	Henderson	701	2	703
44	Meade County ATC	Brandenburg	337	2	339
46	Muhlenberg County ATC	Greenville	142	57	199
49	Madisonville Technical College	Madisonville	74	128	202
49	Madisonville Technical College Madisonville Health Extension	Madisonville	0	372	372
49	West Kentucky Technical College	Madisonville	21	1,113	1,134
53	Webster County ATC	Dixon	409	1	410

**Notes:** Kentucky Tech secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers (ATC), are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post-secondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Lewisport, not road miles. Adult courses may be offered at some secondary technical schools.

**Source:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

### 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 wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator at the Owensboro Technical College (270) 687-7255.

### Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. The Career Connections Assessment Center serving the Hancock County area is located at the Owensboro Owensboro Technical College (270) 686-3234.

### Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In the Hancock County area, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Hancock County Literacy Program and adult basic education is provided through the Hancock County Board of Education.

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 Hancock County School System offers programs in the areas of agriculture, business/marketing, home economics, health services, and technology.

### **Bluegrass State Skills Corporation**

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) was established in 1984 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent, de jure corporation to stimulate economic development through customized business and industry specific skills training programs. The BSSC works with business and industry and Kentucky's educational institutions to establish programs of skills training. The BSSC is attached to the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes, in recognition of the relationship between economic development and skills training efforts.

The BSSC is comprised of two economic development tools, matching grants and the newly authorized Skills Training Investment Credit Act. The BSSC grant program is available to new, expanding and existing business and industry. Eligible training activities include pre-employment skills training and assessment; entry level, skills upgrade and occupational upgrade training; train-the-trainer travel; and capacity-building. The Skills Training Investment Credit Act provides tax credits to existing businesses for skills upgrade training.

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3 (including one at Southwire Company and at the Hancock County Health Department)  
Dentists - 4

### Hospital

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Hawesville)</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Perry County Memorial Hospital	Tell City, Indiana (5)	85
Owensboro Mercy Health System	Owensboro, Kentucky (25)	
Parrish Avenue Campus		485
Ford Avenue Campus		149

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Green River Comprehensive Care Center  
Green River District Health Department,  
Hancock County Center (a public health facility)  
Hancock County Emergency Ambulance Service  
Hancock County Health Department  
Hancock County Medical Center  
Heartland Villa Nursing Home  
Hospice  
Lewisport Medical Center  
State approved day care facilities (Hawesville and Lewisport)

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Hancock Bank and Trust Company  
(Hawesville and Lewisport)  
Great Financial Bank

### Newspapers

Hancock Clarion (weekly)

### Telephone Service

Hawesville - BellSouth  
Lewisport - Lewisport Telephone Company

Hancock County has implemented the enhanced version of the "911" emergency dispatch communications system.

### Cable Television

Lewisport Cable Company  
Tele-Media, Hawesville



## RECREATION

A wide variety of recreational opportunities are available to the residents of Hancock County. The county offers six lighted baseball diamonds, four playgrounds, one skating rink, and four county parks. Vastwood Park is a 340-acre park approximately three miles from Hawesville. Present facilities include four lighted baseball and softball diamonds; horseback riding trails; a new horse show arena; a volleyball area; a 20-acre lake with a beach, bathhouse, picnic area and playground (lifeguards are on duty all summer); and both primitive and recreational vehicle camping facilities. South Hancock Park features a softball diamond, two tennis courts, a croquet yard, a basketball court, a picnic area, and playground equipment. All park facilities are lighted.

Hawesville has a boat ramp on the Ohio River, a picnic area, two mini-parks, and fairground facilities.

Lewisport offers a picnic area and boat ramp on the Ohio River and two mini-parks with tennis courts, basketball courts, and playground equipment.

The Windward Heights Country Club, located between Hawesville and Lewisport, provides a clubhouse, a swimming pool, a nine-hole golf course, and several tennis courts.

Annual recreational events in Hancock County include the Hancock County Fair which includes a variety of sporting events, contests, and shows. The annual Fourth of July Celebration is held at Vastwood Park and features fireworks, booths, contests, tournaments, and entertainment.

The Hawesville Steamboat Festival is another local tradition offering an opportunity to enjoy parties, dancing, sports, contests, music exhibitions, shows, arts and crafts, demonstrations, antiques, and markets.

Annual events in Lewisport include the Lions Club Tractor Pull Contest, which offers a picnic, exhibitions, and prizes; and the Lewisport Heritage Festival, held in June, which features arts and crafts, exhibits, barbecue, music, and fireworks.

The Hancock County Museum, a restored railroad depot located in Hawesville, contains a collection of artifacts representing all facets of history in the county. The Hancock County Farm Museum in Lewisport is the only public museum in Kentucky dedicated to agriculture.

The Emmick Plantation Home, a brick plantation built in 1850 and recently restored, is now open to the public.

Owensboro, 25 miles west of Hawesville, is Kentucky's third largest city and is the source of many entertainment and recreational activities.

### Area (Within 45 miles)

Ben Hawes State Park  
Holiday World (amusement park)  
Hoosier National Forest  
International Barbecue Festival  
International Bluegrass Museum

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial  
Owensboro Museum of Fine Art  
Owensboro Symphony Orchestra  
River Park Center for the Performing Arts  
Rough River Dam State Resort Park

## APPENDIX - DEFINITIONS

### Geographic definition of the labor market area

A county's labor market area is defined as the base county, adjacent counties, and any other major commuting counties. Adjacency is used to define the labor market area primarily because of the small size of Kentucky's counties. The major commuting counties are defined from the point of view of the base county. Major commuting counties are those counties that comprise 90% of the base county's total commuters. The source of the commuting patterns is the 1990 journey-to-work data available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

### Example – Any County U. S. A.

To determine the labor market area for Any County U.S.A., for instance, the following steps are taken. First, the counties with workers commuting into Any County U.S.A. are listed in ascending order (see the table below). The cumulative percent is calculated. Next, all counties that comprise up to 90% of the commuters are included in the labor market area (actually the cut-off will be the county that breaks the 90% threshold – Montgomery County, TN at 92.6% in this case). Although Robertson is not a major commuter county, it is included since it is adjacent. The Any County U.S.A. labor market is then comprised of the seven bold-faced counties in the table below.

<b>Labor Market Area Example – Any County U.S.A.</b>				
<b>Adjacent to Any County U.S.A.</b>	<b>Commuter County</b>	<b>Commuters into Any County U.S.A.</b>	<b>Percent of Total Commuters</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>Todd</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>24.4%</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>Warren</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>48.4</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>Muhlenberg</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>71.5</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>Simpson</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>81.8</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>Butler</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>89.1</b>
	<b>Montgomery, TN</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>92.6</b>
	Christian	36	2.3	94.9
	Sumner, TN	35	2.2	97.1
<b>Y</b>	<b>Robertson, TN</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>98.7</b>
	Davidson, TN	20	1.3	100.0
<i>Total Commuters into Any County U.S.A.</i>		<i>1,576</i>	<i>100.0</i>	

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Economic Information System, CD-ROM. August 1997.

### **Potential Labor Supply**

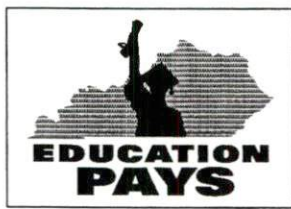
The potential labor supply is an estimate of those persons not classified as in the labor force (not employed and not unemployed), but who want a job. The assumption is that people not in the labor force at the local level would like a job at the same rate as the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics provides national, yearly estimates of the percent of the people not in the labor force who want a job. This percent is applied to the county-level number of people not in the labor force.

### **Underemployed**

Wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services have historically paid low wages. The assumption is that workers in these industries would take higher paying jobs if they were available. Non-professional services excludes Miscellaneous Repair Services (SIC 7600), Health Services (SIC 8000), Legal Services (SIC 8100), and Engineering and Management Services (SIC 8700).

### **Total Available Labor**

Total available labor is the sum of the number of unemployed, potential labor supply, and underemployed. Please note that the number of unemployed is the only generally accepted measure of labor availability. The other concepts are weaker measures and should be used with caution.





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