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Resources for Economic Development

LaGrange & Buckner



KENTUCKY

RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LAGRANGE & BUCKNER, KENTUCKY

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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP OLDHAM COUNTY KENTUCKY

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LAGRANGE & BUCKNER, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

LaGrange, the county seat of Oldham County, is located in north-central Kentucky. LaGrange is 25 miles northeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 74 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 198 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee. Buckner, four miles southwest of LaGrange, is not an incorporated city. LaGrange had a 1990 population of 3,853 persons.

Oldham County lies in the Outer Blue Grass Region in north-central Kentucky. The county covers a total land area of 190 square miles. The Ohio River forms the northwest boundary of the county. Oldham County had a 1990 population of 33,263.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Oldham County residents employed in 1991 averaged 16,271. In 1990, manufacturing firms in the county reported 834 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,858 jobs; 1,654 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 2,198 employees; and contract construction firms provided 914 jobs.

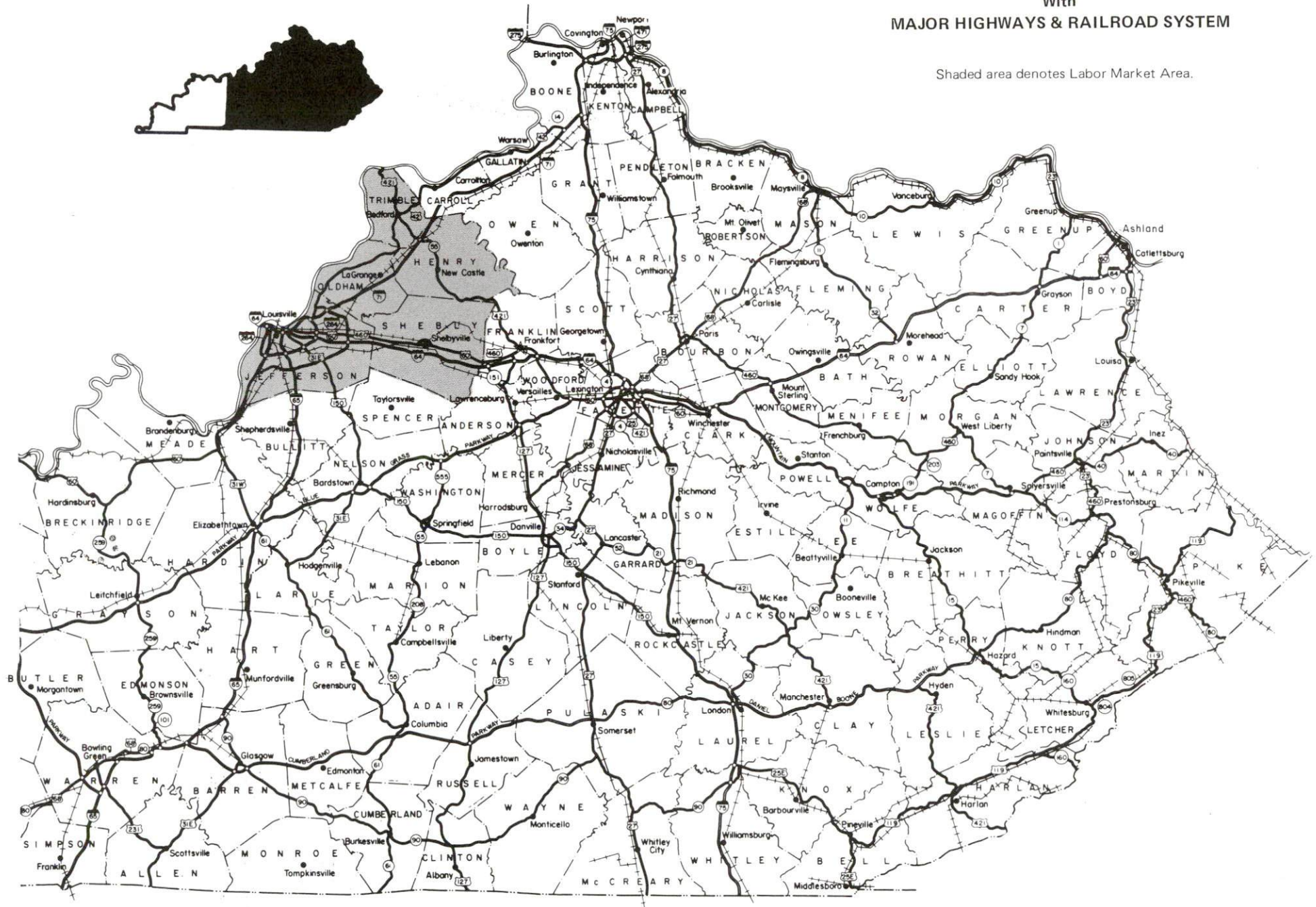
Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 56,720 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 49,756 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Major highways directly serving LaGrange and Buckner include Interstate 71, a major north-south route, and Kentucky Highway 146. Twenty-eight trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to the area. Main line rail service is provided to LaGrange and Buckner by CSX Transportation. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is located at Standiford Field, 29 miles southwest of LaGrange, near Louisville. Riverport facilities are available on the Ohio River at Louisville, 25 miles southwest of LaGrange.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to LaGrange and part of Oldham County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Buckner and a major portion of Oldham County are served electric power by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company. LaGrange and Buckner are provided natural gas service by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to LaGrange, Buckner, and Oldham County by the Oldham County School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Seven colleges and universities are located within 45 miles of LaGrange. The nearest vocational training is available at the Oldham County Area Vocational Education Center, located in Buckner, four miles southwest of LaGrange, and at the Jefferson State Vocational-Technical School in Louisville, 25 miles southwest of LaGrange.

With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The LaGrange & Buckner Labor Market Area includes Oldham County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Henry, Jefferson, Shelby, and Trimble.

POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	741,937	754,754	745,000
LaGrange	3,853	2,971	1,713
Oldham County	33,263	27,795	14,687

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	745,840	731,640	707,270	673,440
Oldham County	43,620	48,260	51,190	52,680

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 1992 thru 1996</u>
Labor Market Area*	56,720	22,994	33,510	216	49,756
Oldham County	2,499	602	1,897	0	2,757

* 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).

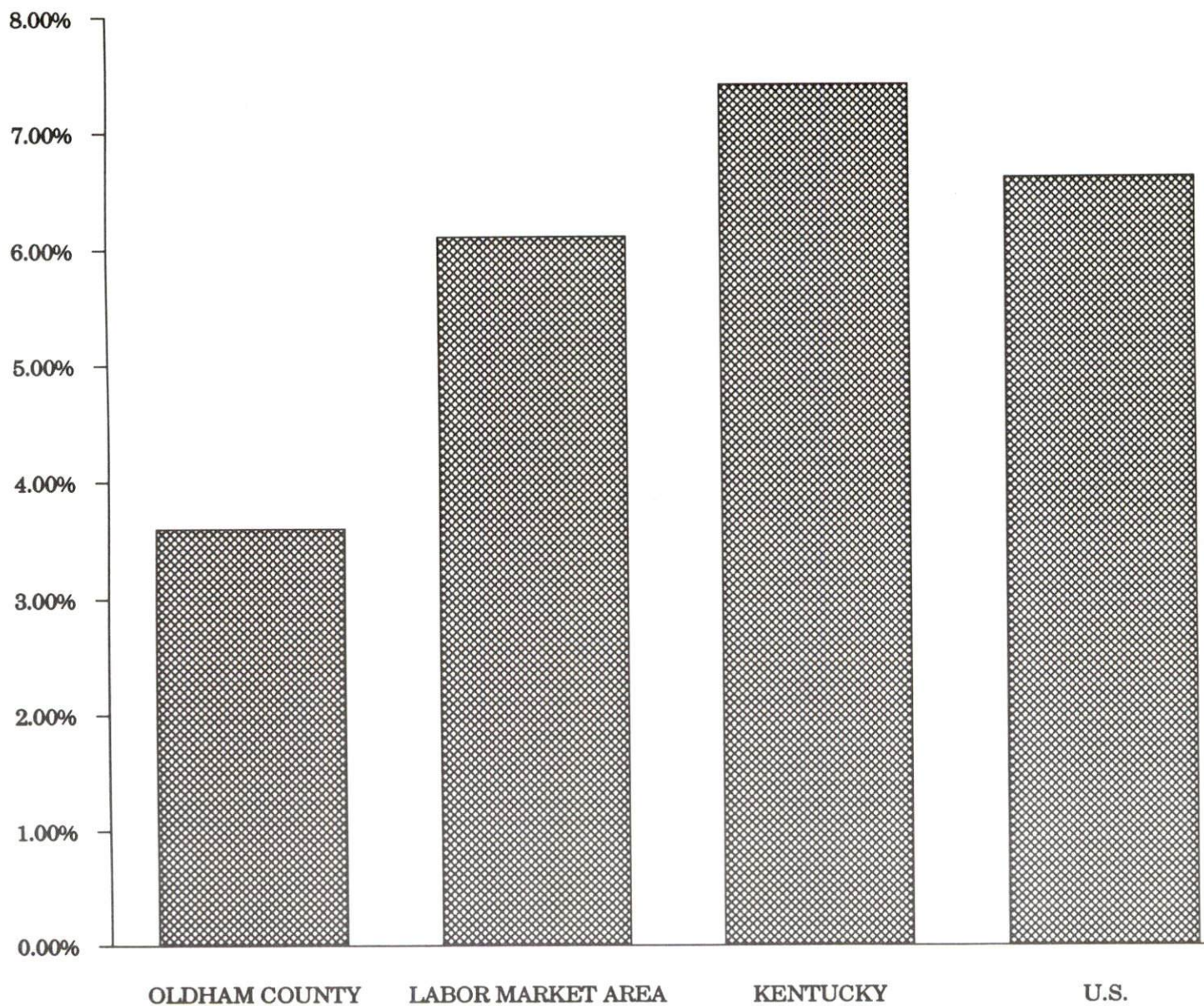
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1991

	<u>Oldham County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	16,884	407,821
Employment	16,271	382,756
Unemployment	613	25,065
Rate of Unemployment (%)	3.6	6.1

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1991.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1991

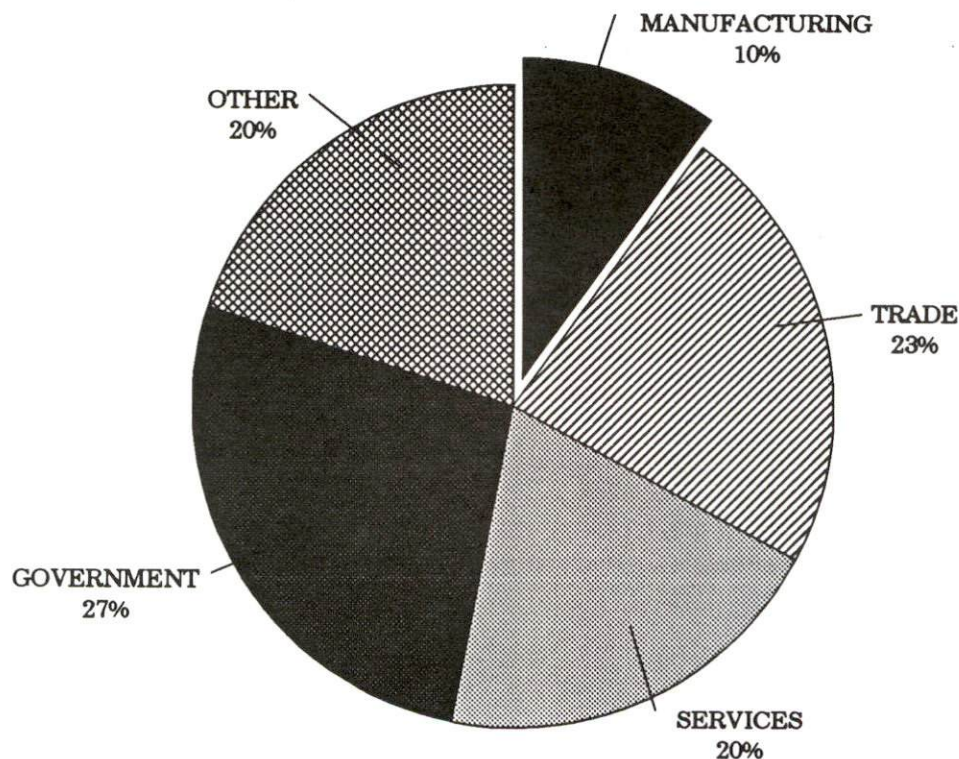


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990

	Oldham County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	8,151	383,145
Manufacturing	834	74,898
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,858	98,812
Services	1,654	101,991
State/Local Government	2,198	36,212
Contract Construction	914	18,560

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, 1990.

OLDHAM COUNTY

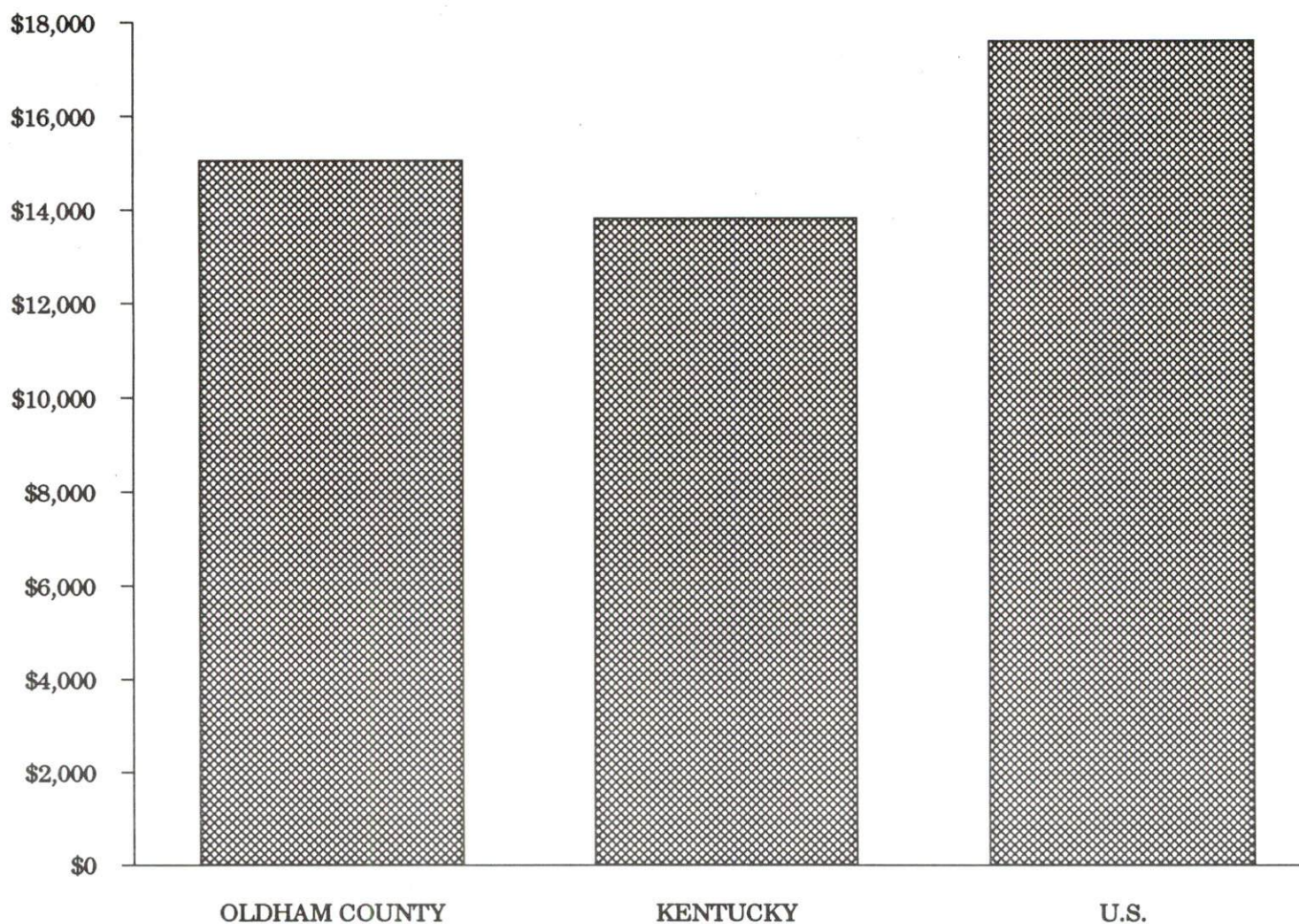


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1985	1989	Percent Change
Oldham County	\$12,924	\$15,060	16.5
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,861 - \$13,604	\$12,102 - \$17,783	-
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 1991.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1989



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

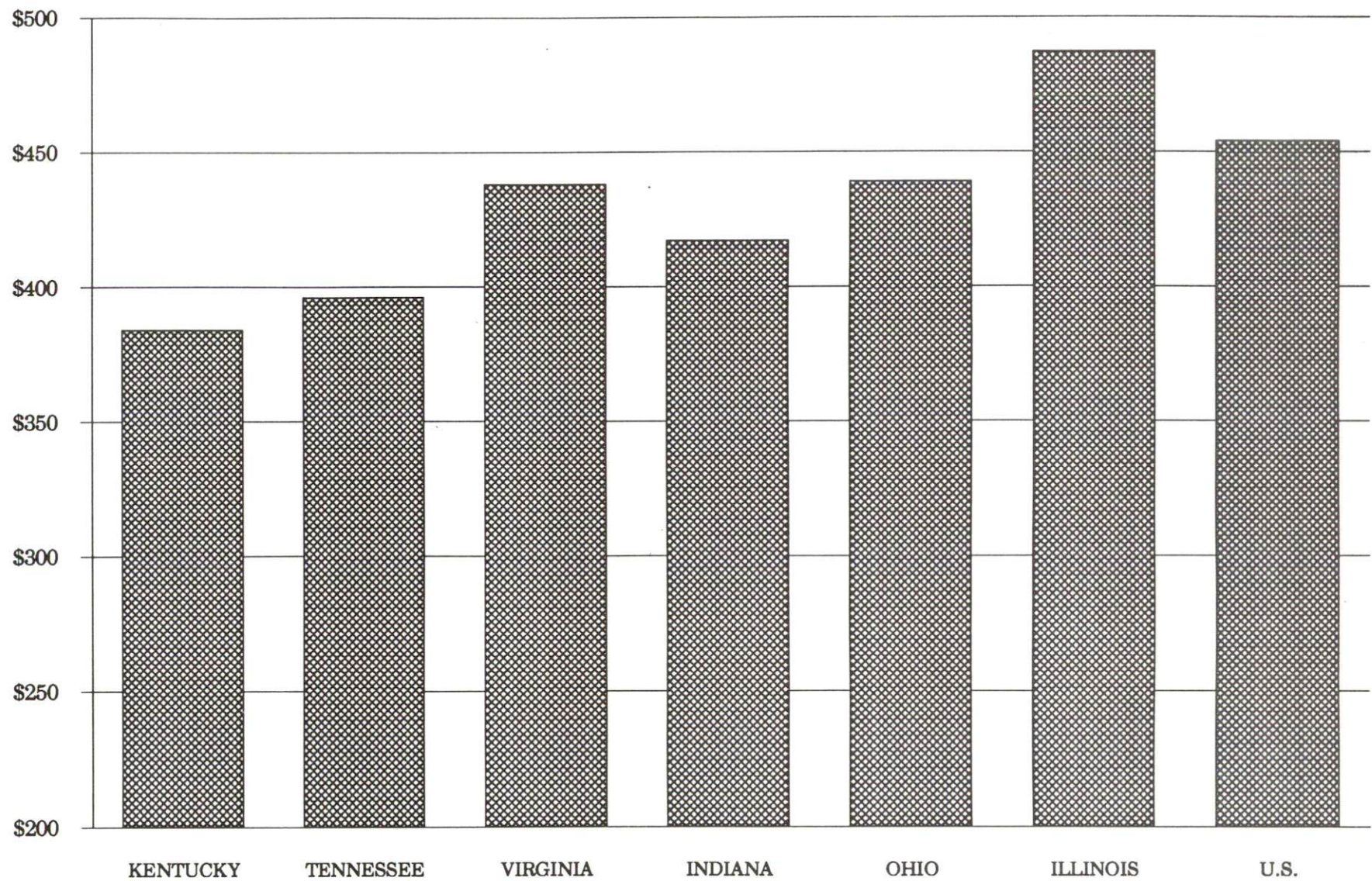
Oldham County is served by the Louisville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Louisville local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 15,967 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	15,967	5.24
Clerical	3,716	4.54
Sales	554	4.38
Services (excluding domestic)	1,901	3.85
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	259	4.01
Processing	808	4.97
Machine Trades	913	6.28
Bench Work	800	5.29
Structural	1,131	6.50
Motor Freight/ Transportation	408	4.36
Packaging and Materials Handling	5,079	6.00
Other	113	3.58

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

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1990



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990*

	Oldham County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$320.35	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	419.03	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	335.86	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	459.17	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	284.08	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.34	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	367.61	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	266.35	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	384.72	392.28	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	U. S.
All Industries	\$417.00	\$439.00	\$487.00	\$454.00
Mining & Quarrying	746.00	619.00	747.00	714.00
Contract Construction	475.00	504.00	624.00	503.00
Manufacturing	561.00	595.00	590.00	555.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	519.00	553.00	610.00	578.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442.00	478.00	619.00	571.00
Services	349.00	382.00	444.00	423.00
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, 1990. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1990, November 1991.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

OLDHAM COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
LaGrange		
Blue Grass Electronics, Inc. (1972)	Temperature controls, electronic security systems, auto alarms	60
C W Magnet Wire Company (1989)	Aluminum & copper magnet wire, bare copper products	120
Jenner Company, Inc. (1981)	Foil stamping and embossing, engraved stationary	60
Joe Clark Quarry (1956)	Gravel, limestone, agricultural lime	20
Lesco Design & Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1972)	Steel fabrication, cranes, conveyors	50
Northland Corporation (1964)	Hardwood dimension, lumber, veneer, plywood	97
The Oldham Era, Inc. (1876)	Newspaper	14
Southern States LaGrange Cooperative (1946)	Fertilizer	9
Tredegear Molded Products (1967)	Plastic injection molding, closures	115
Buckner		
Aggressive Tool & Die, Inc. (1989)	Tools, dies, plastic injection molds	15
Clayton & Lambert Manufacturing Company (1956)	Grain bins & silos, steel swimming pool panels	28
Fastline Printing (1981)	Typesetting, commercial printing	21
Pearce Brothers Ready Mix Concrete & Supply Company, Inc. (1986)	Ready-mixed concrete	18
Rigo Company (1974)	Rodenticides, insecticides, pesticides	30
The Torbitt & Castleman Company (1869)	Chocolate syrup, barbecue sauces, syrups	27
U.S. Housing Components, Inc. (1980)	Wooden wall panels, prefab buildings, wood roof and floor trusses	58

(Continued)

<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991 Average Employment</u>
Crestwood		
Atlas Concrete, Inc. (1963)	Ready-mixed concrete	60
Creative Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc. (1976)	Bedspreads, draperies, textile machinery	13
Creative Packaging Company (1988)	Expanded polystyrene foam and corrugated laminated parts, specialty packaging products	4
Hartlage Mold & Tool, Inc. (1978)	Plastic injection molds	8
Microdry, Inc. (1988)	Microwave ovens, dryers, and power supply generators	14
Nemeth Engineering Associates, Inc. (1984)	Radio frequency heat sealing equipment, wood gluing systems, conveyORIZED heating/drying equipment	34
Oldham County Stone Company, Rogers Group Inc. (1968)	Crushed stone, agricultural lime	22
Specialty Conveyor Concepts, Inc. (1988)	Specialty equipment and accessories, conveyor products, mobile rack & dollies	10
Wilding Industries, Inc. (1974)	Engraving signs	4
Pewee Valley		
Kintec Wood Truss Manufacturing, Inc. (1976)	Wood trusses and panels	36

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Aluminum, Brick, and Glass Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	C W Magnet Wire Company
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO	Clayton & Lambert Manufacturing Company
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America	Atlas Concrete, Inc.
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	Clayton & Lambert Manufacturing Company; Tredegar Molded Products

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from LaGrange</u>
Custom Data Processing	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Custom Plastics Producers	LaGrange, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Heat Treating Facilities	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Industrial Gases	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Industrial Waste Removal	Buckner, Kentucky	4
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Shelbyville, Kentucky	20
	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Metal Castings	Louisville, Kentucky	25
	Carrollton, Kentucky	28
Metal Finishers	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Metal Service Centers	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Millwrights	Louisville, Kentucky	25
Public Warehouse Facilities	Louisville, Kentucky	25

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major highways serving Oldham County include Interstate 71, U.S. Highway 42, and Kentucky Highways 146, 53, 393, 524, 329 and 22. All are "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways.

Interstate 71, with interchanges located at LaGrange and Buckner, is a major north-south route connecting Louisville, Kentucky; and Cincinnati, Ohio. Interstate 71 intersects with Interstates 64 and 65 in Louisville, 25 miles southwest of LaGrange and with Interstate 75 in Boone County, 56 miles northeast of LaGrange. U.S. 42 lies four miles north of LaGrange via Kentucky 53 and five miles north of Buckner via Kentucky 393. Kentucky 146 is a "AAA"-rated trucking highway directly serving LaGrange and Buckner.

Construction of a full cloverleaf exit on Interstate 71 at Kentucky Highway 146 near Buckner is scheduled to begin in 1993. The exit will provide access to Buckner from northbound and southbound I-71 traffic.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	404	Los Angeles, CA	2,111
Baltimore, MD	572	Louisville, KY	25
Birmingham, AL	385	Nashville, TN	198
Chicago, IL	312	New Orleans, LA	718
Cincinnati, OH	74	New York, NY	733
Cleveland, OH	321	Pittsburgh, PA	361
Detroit, MI	332	St. Louis, MO	283
Knoxville, TN	247		

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

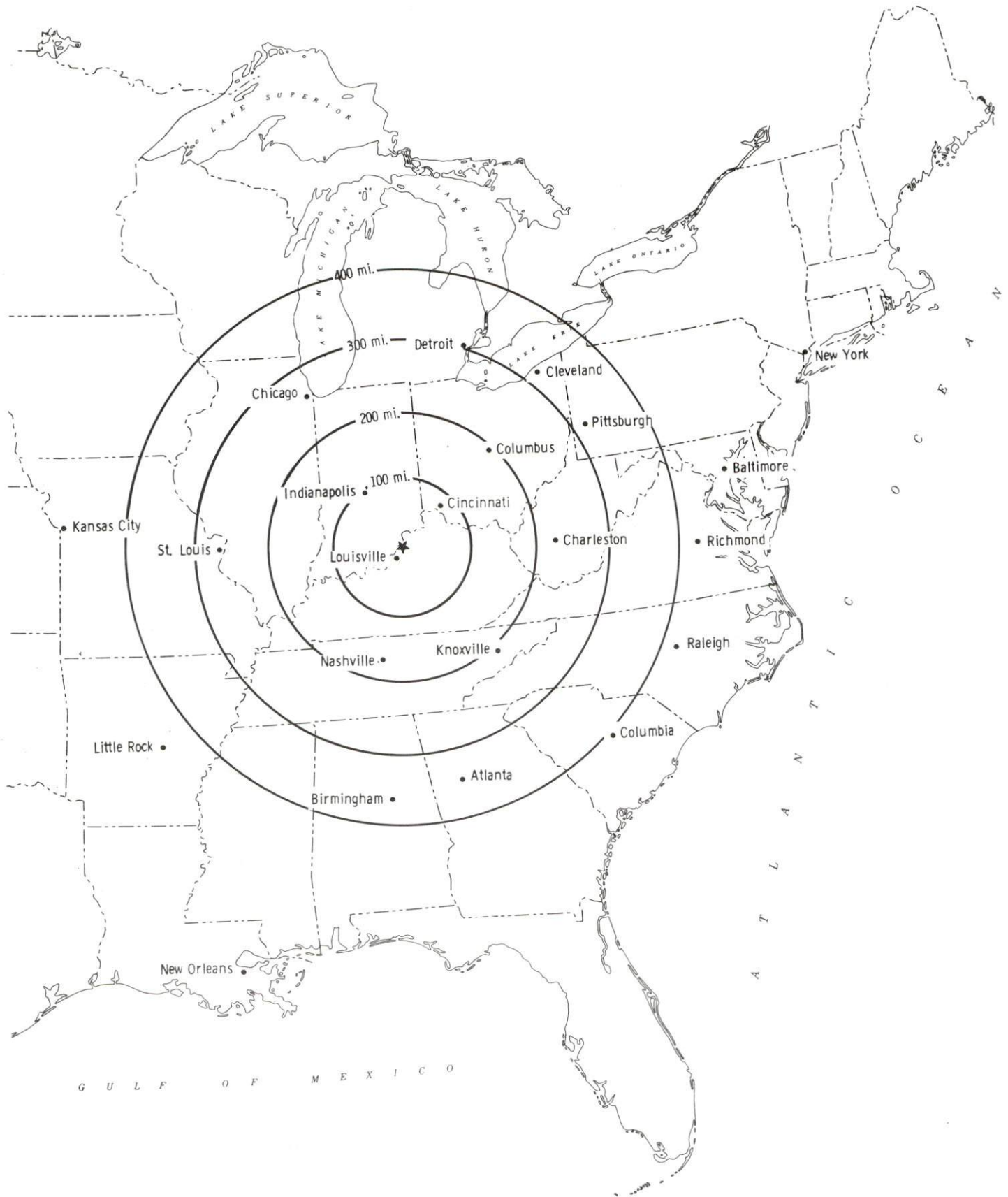
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

Twenty-eight common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Oldham County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1992.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to LaGrange and Buckner. Burlington Northern Railroad, Norfolk Southern Corporation, and Paducah and Louisville Railway provides piggyback facilities at Louisville, 25 miles southwest of LaGrange.

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

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Standiford Field 4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky; 29 miles southwest of LaGrange
Air Service:	Air Toronto, Delta, Northwest, American, Continental, TWA, United, USAir, ComAir, Midway,
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	172

Water

The Ohio River forms the northwestern boundary of Oldham County. A nine-foot navigation channel is maintained for the entire length of the Ohio River.

Port facilities are available on the Ohio River at Louisville, 25 miles southwest of LaGrange. The Jefferson Riverport Complex has been designated as a Foreign Trade Zone and offers complete U.S. Customs services for exports and imports. The Port of Louisville terminal, although privately-owned, is also available for public use.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving LaGrange and parts of Oldham 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) 255-2100

Company serving Buckner and a major portion of Oldham County -
Louisville Gas and Electric Company

Source of power - Louisville Gas and Electric Company
For industrial rates contact:

Manager
Economic Development Department
Louisville Gas and Electric Company
311 West Chestnut Street
P.O. Box 32010
Louisville, Kentucky 40232
In Kentucky: (502) 627-3717
Out-of-State: (800) 252-0226

Natural Gas

Company serving LaGrange and Buckner - Louisville Gas and Electric
Company

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

Manager
Economic Development Department
Louisville Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 32010
Louisville, Kentucky 40232
In Kentucky: (502) 627-3717
Out-of-State: (800) 252-0226

Public Water Supply

Company serving LaGrange - LaGrange Utilities Commission
412 West Jefferson Street
LaGrange, Kentucky 40031
(502) 222-9325

Source of treated water - Oldham County Water District
Amount of water that can be purchased - 1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 560,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 620,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,000,000 gallons
Water pressure - 39 psi to 94 psi

LaGrange Utilities Commission is in the process of constructing a 500,000-gallon water storage tank and 6,900 feet of distribution line which will connect the storage tank to the water system. The \$377,000 project is scheduled for completion by October 1992.

Name of water district - Oldham County Water District
3707 West Highway 146
P.O. Box 51
Buckner, Kentucky 40010
(502) 222-1690

Area served - Oldham County
Source of raw water - Wells (pumping capacity - 6,300 gallons per minute)
Capacity of treatment plant - 5,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 2,400,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 4,400,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 3,735,000 gallons
Water pressure - 41 psi to 110 psi

Raw Water

Surface water sources - The Ohio River, Harrods Creek, and Floyd's Fork of the Salt River
Average discharge - Ohio River at Markland Dam, 116,300 cfs (20-year record, USGS); Harrods Creek near LaGrange, 37.2 cfs (22-year record, USGS); Floyd's Fork near Crestwood, 54.9 cfs (11-year record, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - 500-1,000 gpm along the Ohio River; 5-50 gpm along Floyd's Fork; 5 gpm or less in the remainder of the county

Sewerage

Company serving LaGrange - LaGrange Utilities Commission
412 West Jefferson Street
LaGrange, Kentucky 40031
(502) 222-9325

Design capacity - 775,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 380,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Curry's Fork tributary

CLIMATE

Oldham County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	56.20 degrees
Average annual 1990	59.40 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (43-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (43-year record)	-20.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record)	4,525
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	43.56 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	16.60 inches
Total precipitation 1990	57.47 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (43-year record)	124.20
Mean number days thunderstorms (43-year record)	45.30

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 a.m.	76 percent
7 a.m.	81 percent
1 p.m.	58 percent
7 p.m.	60 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1990. Station of record: Louisville, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

LaGrange is governed by a mayor and eight council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Oldham County is governed by a county judge/executive and eight magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term. Buckner is not an incorporated city, therefore has no form of city government.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Oldham County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission

Participating cities - LaGrange, Crestwood, Goshen, Pewee Valley,

Park Lake, Orchard Grass, and River Bluff

Zoning enforced - All areas

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas

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

Business within the city of LaGrange are required to pay an annual license tax. Contractors, professional, and delivery type businesses in LaGrange pay a flat annual license tax. The amount of the license ranges from \$26 to \$201 per year, depending upon the type of business. Manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade businesses must pay a license tax based upon gross receipts. The minimum tax is \$51 and the maximum tax is \$301.

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>1991 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.187	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, 1991

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Oldham County	\$0.145	\$0.169	\$0.168
School Districts:			
Oldham County	\$0.472	\$0.472	\$0.643
Cities:			
LaGrange	\$0.264	\$0.265	\$0.265

Sixteen fire protection districts levy a special property tax within their boundaries. The rates range from \$0.050 to \$0.100 per \$100 valuation.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Oldham County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1991)	7,187
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	19.2-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	64.0
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$3,059.46

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Immaculate Conception Elementary	118	K-8
St. Aloysius Elementary	240	K-8
St. Francis Elementary	245	K-8

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1991)</u>
Bellarmino College	Louisville, Kentucky (25)	3,569
Jefferson Community College	Louisville, Kentucky (25)	10,969
Spalding University	Louisville, Kentucky (25)	1,117
University of Louisville	Louisville, Kentucky (25)	23,575
Indiana University Southeast	New Albany, Indiana (30)	5,804
Hanover College	Hanover, Indiana (38)	1,069
Kentucky State University	Frankfort, Kentucky (45)	2,534

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 1990-1991</u>
Oldham County Area Vocational Education Center	Buckner (4)	139
Jefferson State Vocational- Technical School	Louisville (25)	1,039

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 30

Dentists - 12

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Tri-County Community Hospital	LaGrange	120

Medical staff - 187 physicians, 137 registered nurses, 27 licensed practical nurses

Tri-County Community Hospital recently installed a new CT-scanner at a cost of \$500,000. In addition, the Hospital has applied for a certificate-of-need to expand the existing facility by eight beds.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Oldham County Health Department

The LaGrange Fire and Rescue Department

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust Company of Oldham County

Crestwood State Bank

First Nationwide Bank

Newspapers

The Oldham Era (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell

RECREATION

Local

A year-round, supervised recreation program is open to all county residents. The program is operated through the Oldham County Board of Education and the various activities are conducted through the schools, using school recreational facilities.

The Oldham County Recreational Park is located one mile north of Buckner. The park contains a 56-acre fishing lake, volleyball courts, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, grills, picnic shelters, public restrooms, and parking facilities. There are plans for the construction of additional facilities at the Oldham County Recreational Park. They include a miniature golf course and additional soccer and football fields.

LaGrange sponsors Pony and Babe Ruth Baseball Leagues. In addition, there are a number of county-wide softball leagues, some operated by the Recreation Department and others privately organized. Additional public recreational facilities in LaGrange and Buckner include two tennis courts, five baseball diamonds, and two football fields.

A city park has recently been developed in LaGrange. The ten-acre park contains picnic areas, shelters, ball fields, and restrooms.

A small park located on the Ohio River near Westport, Kentucky, provides facilities for launching small boats and a boat dock.

Several new soccer fields recently opened in Buckner. A new driving range is located between Buckner and Crestwood.

There are two private country clubs in LaGrange and Buckner area. Each club maintains an 18-hole golf course and a swimming pool.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Bernheim Forest Arboretum and Nature Center
Big Bone Lick State Park
E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park
General Butler State Resort Park
Louisville (Kentucky's largest City)
My Old Kentucky Home State Park
Taylorsville Lake State Park
The Kentucky Horse Park

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

LaGrange was chosen as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1991. The award is based on achievement in the following categories: Economic development (includes tourism or industrial development) community organizations, utilities, infrastructure, community appearance, downtown revitalization, education, and recreation. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

LaGrange Utilities Commission is in the process of constructing a 500,000-gallon water storage tank and 6,900 feet of distribution line which will connect the storage tank to the water system. The \$377,000 project is scheduled for completion by October 1992.

Construction of a full cloverleaf exit on Interstate 71 at Kentucky Highway 146 near Buckner is scheduled to begin in 1993. The exit will provide access to Buckner from northbound and southbound I-71 traffic.

Recreational developments in Oldham County include: the opening of several new soccer fields in Buckner, a new driving range located between Buckner and Crestwood, and the addition of nine holes at the golf course for LaGrange Woods Country Club. The local YMCA is planning the development of a youth activities center in LaGrange.

Plans have been approved for the installation of a sewage collection system at the Oak Leaf Terrace Subdivision. The project is expected to be completed by Summer 1992.

Construction of a medical complex adjacent to the hospital in LaGrange is planned. Facilities will include offices for physicians, a pharmacy, and a conference building.

The Oldham County Fiscal Court recently completed the acquisition and renovation of an old bank building and converted it to the county government office space. Total cost of the project was \$1.3 million. The old courthouse building will be renovated starting in mid-1992 for the housing of judicial courts at a cost of \$2.5 million.

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Two subdivisions including Gleneagles and Cherrywood are currently being developed in LaGrange.