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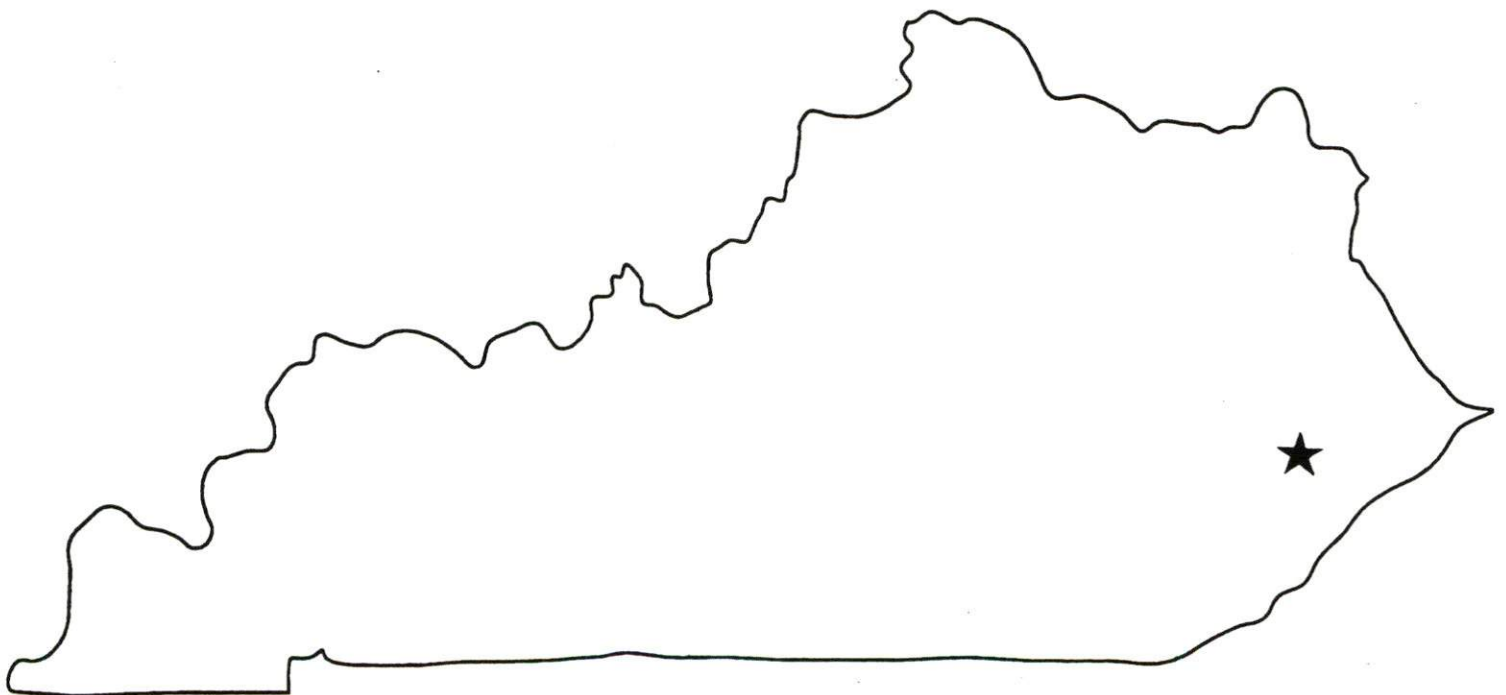
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**Resources For
Economic Development**

Hazard



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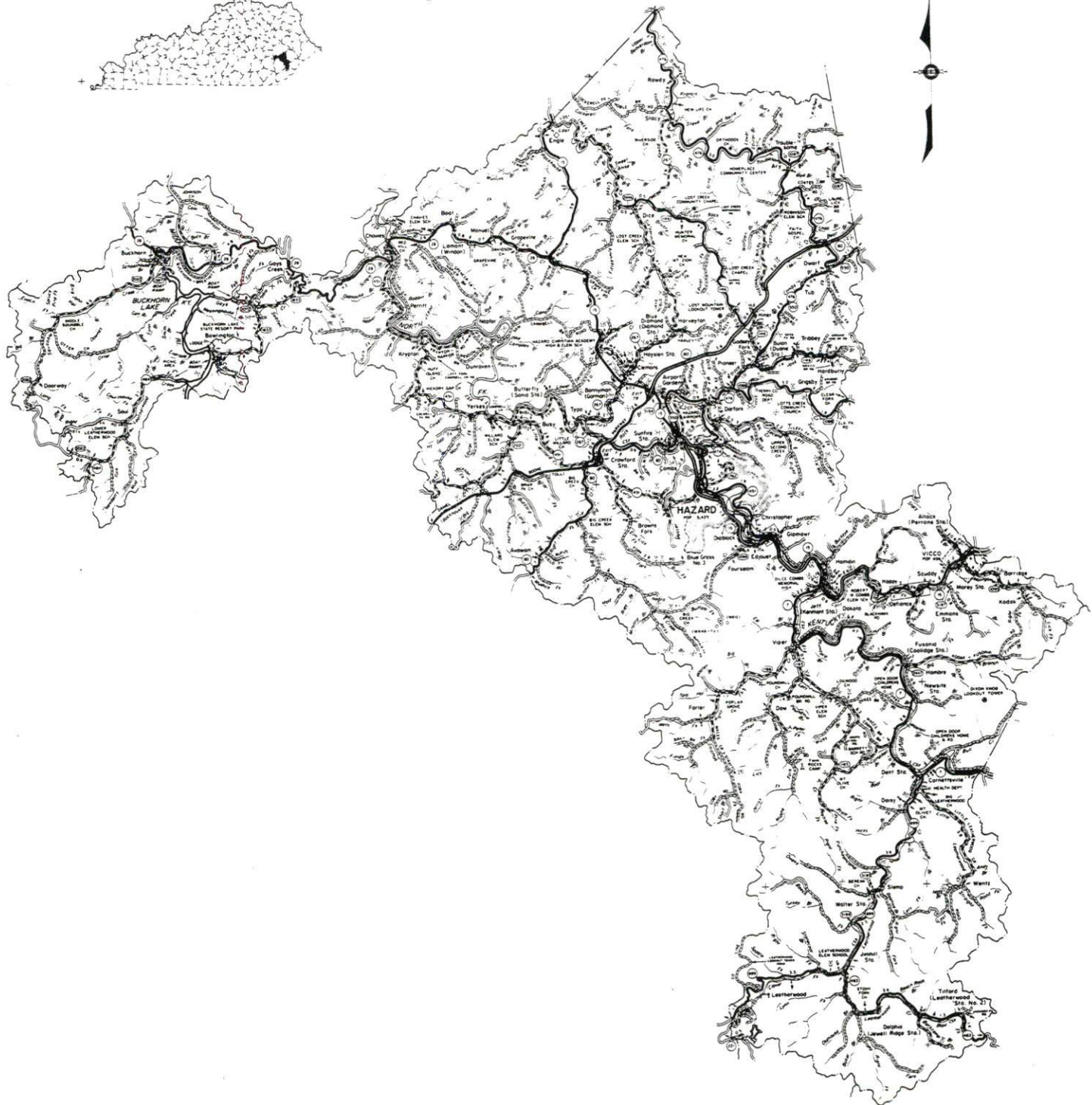
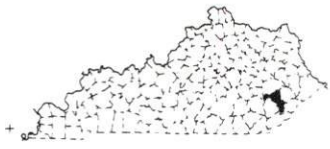
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
PERRY COUNTY
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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HAZARD, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Hazard, the county seat of Perry County, is located in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. Hazard is located 117 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 155 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 191 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 188 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. The city's estimated 1994 population was 5,730.

Perry County, with a land area of 342 square miles, is made up of ridges and valleys occupying about equal portions of the landscape. Perry County had an estimated 1994 population of 31,193.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Perry County residents employed in 1995 averaged 10,590. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 268 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,994 jobs; 2,548 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 2,288 employees; contract construction firms provided 220 jobs; and 1,318 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 40,122 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1998 through 2002, 14,477 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

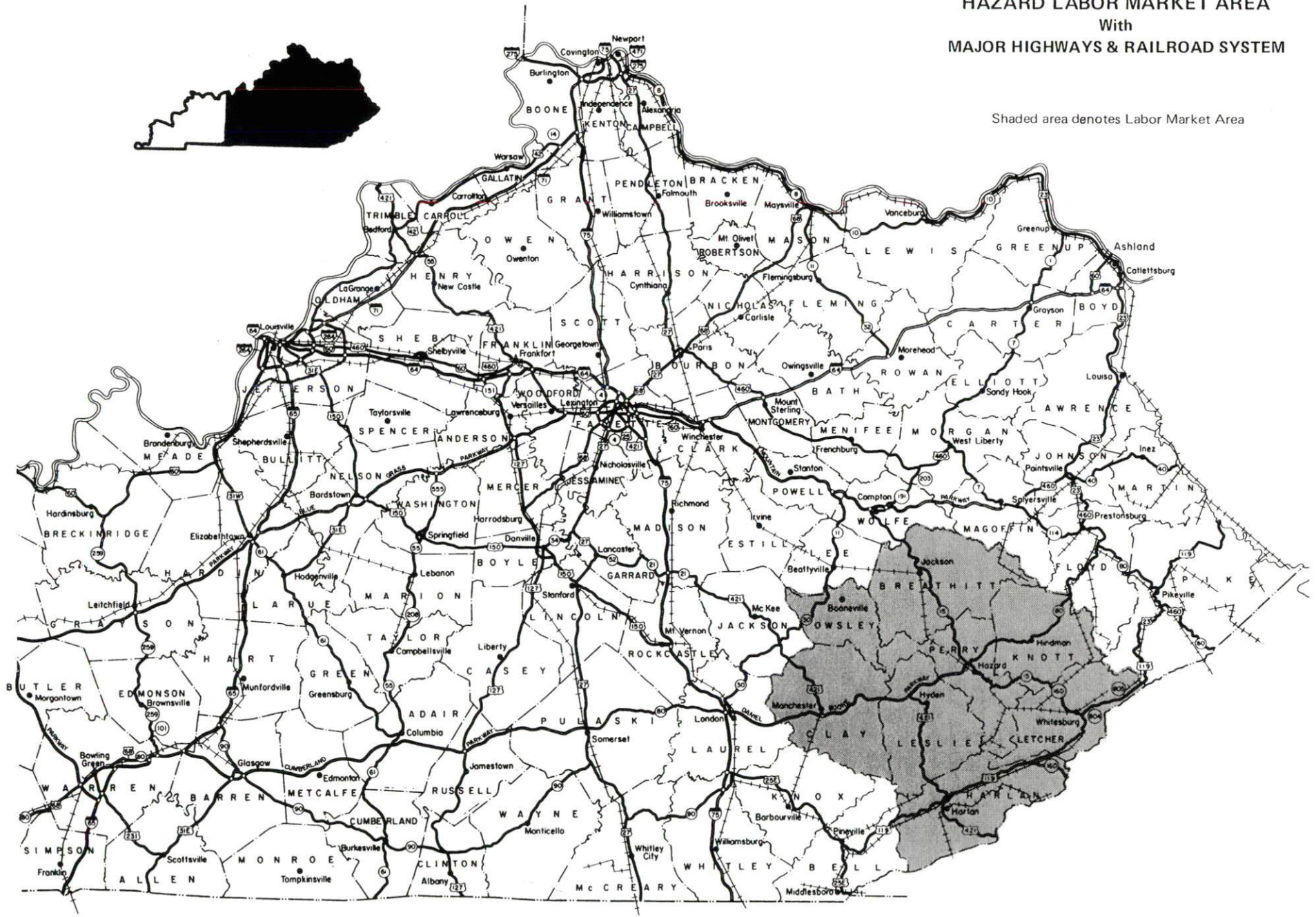
Transportation - Major highways directly serving Hazard include Kentucky Highways 15, 80, and 476, all AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Two interchanges of the Daniel Boone Parkway are located within five miles of Hazard. Fourteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hazard. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hazard. The Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport, 10 miles north of Hazard, maintains a 5,000-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline services are located at Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 121 miles northwest; and at Tri-State Airport near Huntington, West Virginia, 121 miles northeast of Hazard.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Hazard and Perry County by American Electric Power. The City of Hazard Gas Company provides natural gas service to Hazard.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Hazard Independent School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Perry County School System. Hazard Community College offers degrees in Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Nursing, and Associate in Radiography. In addition, seven other colleges are located within 70 miles of Hazard. Vocational training is available locally at the Hazard Regional Technology Center. Three area technology centers are also located within 35 miles of Hazard.

HAZARD LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Hazard Labor Market Area includes Perry County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Breathitt, Clay, Harlan, Knott, Leslie, Letcher, and Owsley.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	169,987	167,890	184,626	150,840
Hazard	5,730	5,416	5,429	5,459
Perry County	31,193	30,283	33,763	26,259

*Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	177,146	184,468	186,892
Perry County	32,414	33,623	33,998

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center.

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age <u>1998 thru 2002</u>
Labor Market Area*	40,122	6,061	34,061	14,477
Perry County	5,624	1,230	4,394	2,626

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

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

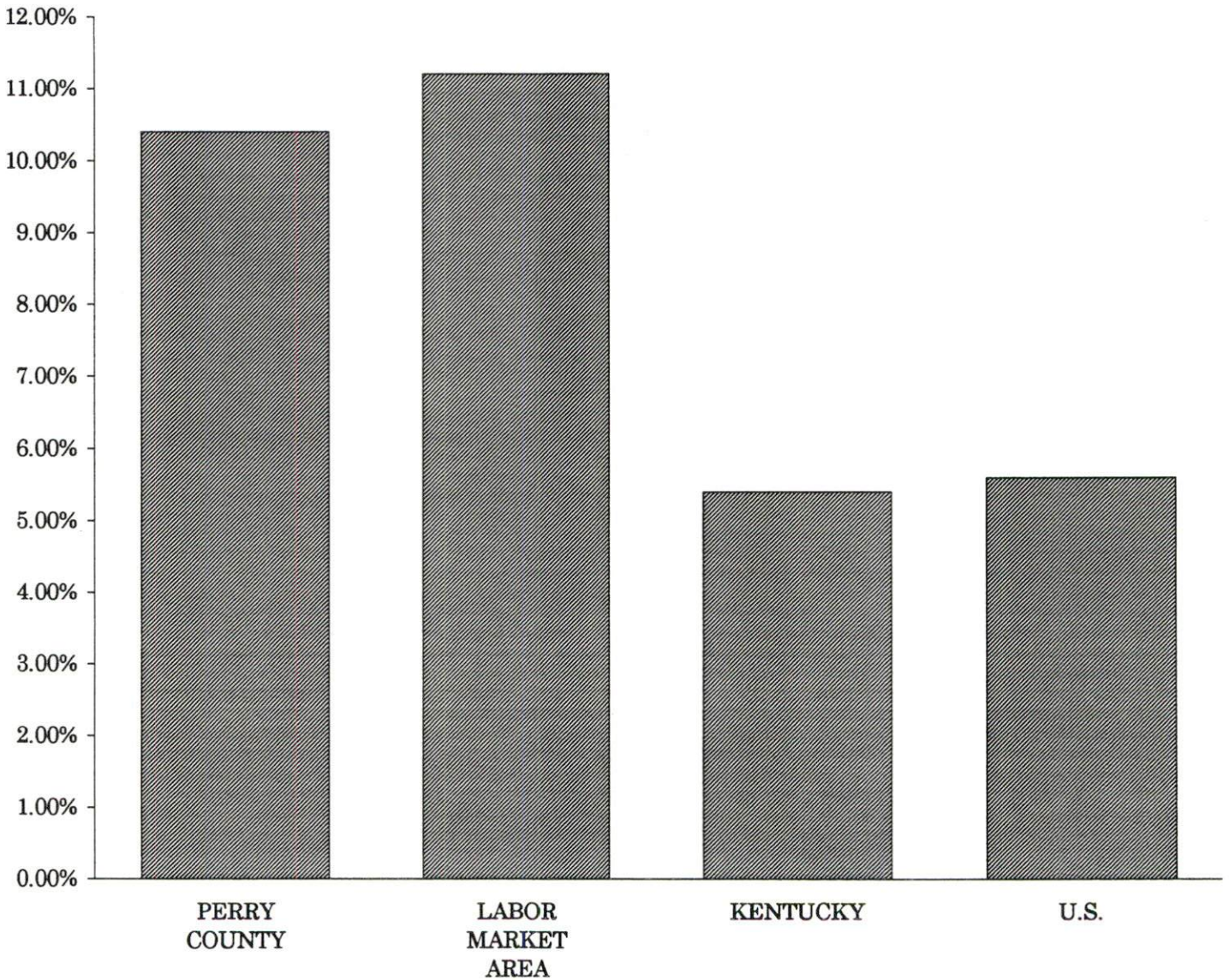
Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1995. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1998 thru 2002.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1995

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	11,820	54,293
Employment	10,590	48,232
Unemployment	1,230	6,061
Rate of Unemployment (%)	10.4	11.2

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1995.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1995



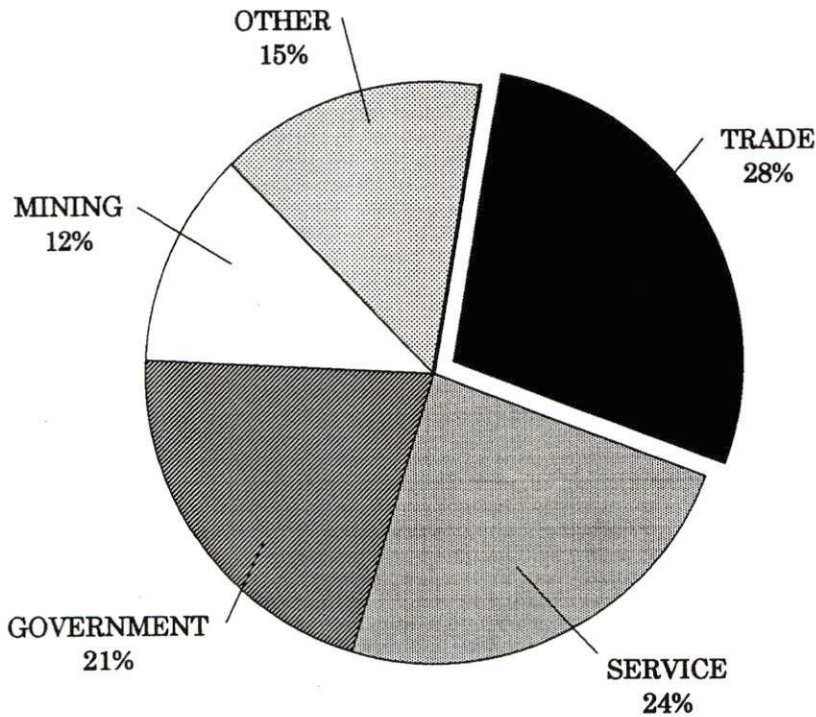
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	10,726	40,574
Manufacturing	268	1,765
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,994	9,338
Services	2,548	8,267
State/Local Government	2,288	9,384
Contract Construction	220	837

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, 1995.

PERRY COUNTY

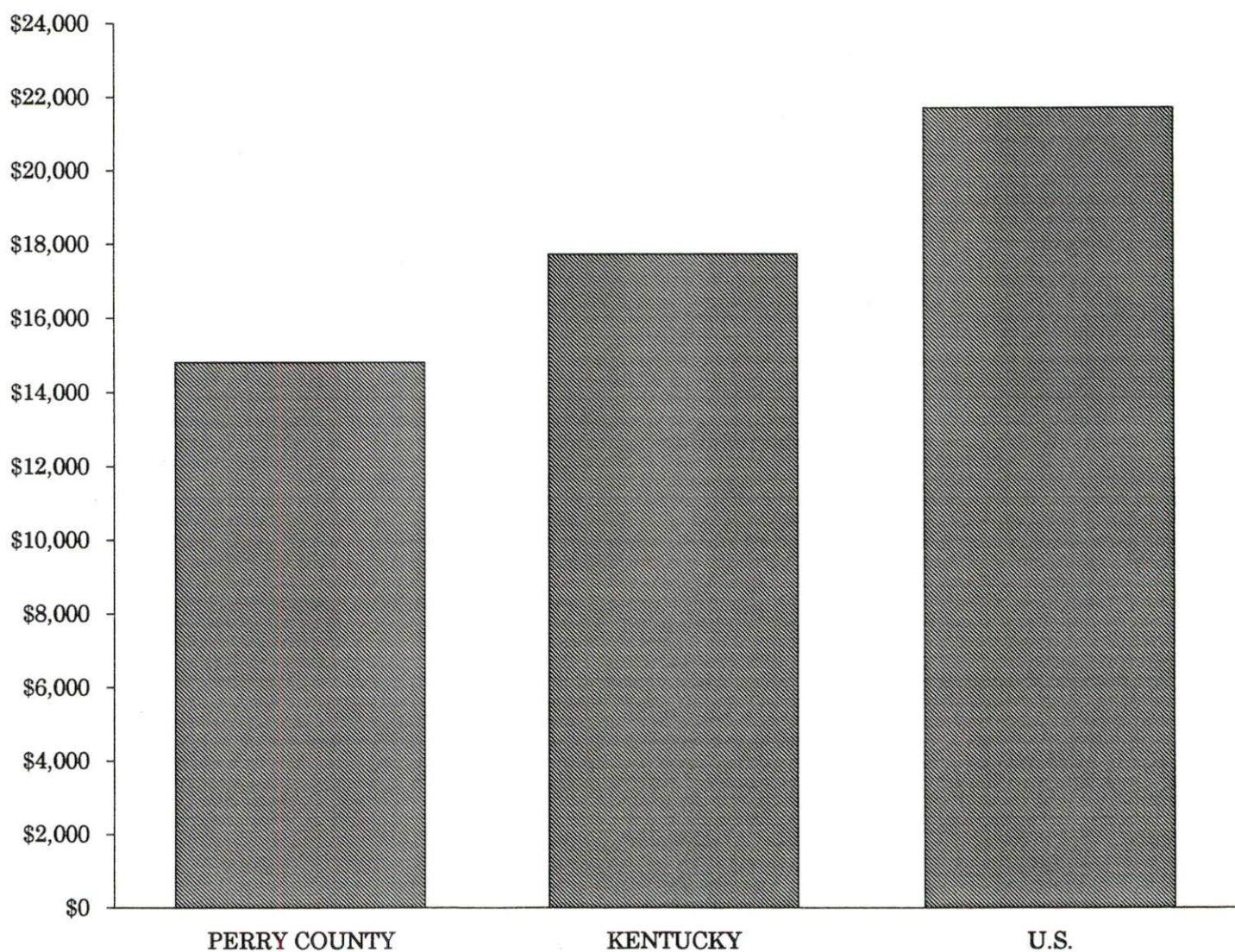


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Perry County	\$12,168	\$14,816	21.8
Labor Market Area Range	\$7,875 - \$12,168	\$10,232 - \$14,816	-
Kentucky	\$14,747	\$17,721	20.2
U.S.	\$18,666	\$21,696	16.2

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1994



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

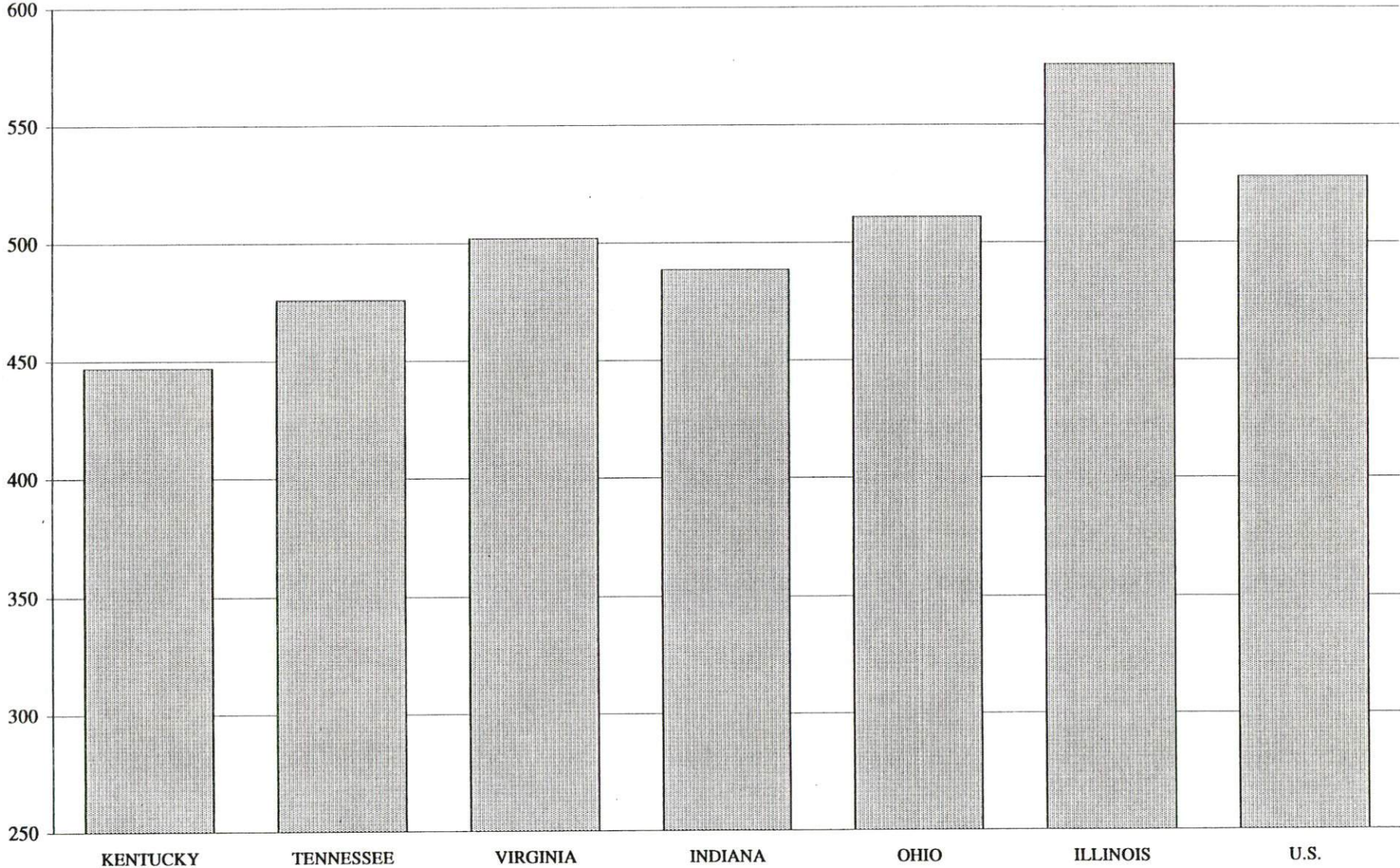
Perry County is served by the Hazard local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1996, the local employment office filled 1,300 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	1,300	5.11
Clerical	290	4.68
Sales	29	4.67
Services (excluding domestic)	484	4.37
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	14	4.23
Processing	32	8.00
Machine Trades	42	7.80
Bench Work	183	4.84
Structural	99	5.75
Motor Freight/ Transportation	27	6.07
Packaging and Materials Handling	24	4.38
Other	25	11.57

The Hazard local office also serves Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, and Wolfe Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1995



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995*

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$436.35	\$447.03	\$476.00	\$502.00
Mining & Quarrying	698.59	739.22	671.00	736.00
Contract Construction	470.61	466.73	505.00	497.00
Manufacturing	405.02	577.94	559.00	589.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	534.79	586.90	612.00	679.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	295.42	308.87	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	482.18	546.83	614.00	643.00
Services	475.56	404.99	459.00	524.00
State/Local Government	392.01	457.63	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$489.00	\$511.00	\$576.00	\$528.00
Mining & Quarrying	770.00	684.00	828.00	871.00
Contract Construction	558.00	569.00	699.00	562.00
Manufacturing	671.00	716.00	715.00	668.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	589.00	623.00	710.00	674.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	552.00	601.00	815.00	742.00
Services	418.00	449.00	526.00	503.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

N/A Not Available.

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

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1995. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1995, December 1996.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

PERRY COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Bulan		
Mountain Crystal Water (1988)	Bottled water	3
Busy		
Ultra-Lok Fasteners, Inc. (1991)	Tapit bolts	3
Cornettsville		
Solid Craft (1989)	Aluminum boats	4
Hazard		
AAA Mine Service (1975)	Steel frame assembly	73
Ashland Electric (1993)	Electric motors	8
DJ, Inc. (1996)	Plastic injection molding	30
Graphic Arts Press, Inc. (1973)	Commercial printing	2
Home Lumber Company (1914)	Millwork, ready-mixed concrete, cabinets	38
Mountain Enterprises, Inc. (1984)	Asphalt	5
Perry County News (1987)	Newspaper	7
Perry Manufacturing (1994)	Work uniform shirts	207
Southern Welding Supply, Inc. (1983)	Equipment assembly, welding	6
Trus Joist MacMillan (1995)	Engineered and laminated lumber	214

(Continued)

<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996 Average Employment</u>
Jeff		
A & T Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1972)	Conveyor belt systems, fabricated structural steel, preparation crushing and coal loading equipment	83
Viper		
Lewis Construction Welding and Fabrication, Inc. (1995)	Machine fabrication and welding	35

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Business and Industry Technical Assistance Center of Hazard Community College; City of Hazard.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

D.J., Inc., a plastic injection molding firm, began operations in Hazard in 1996. Expansion is underway at Trus Joist MacMillan with the construction of a new building.

RECENT SUPPORTIVE/SERVICE FIRM DEVELOPMENTS

The Small Business Administration (SBA) recently located an office in Hazard to process low documentation loans for the eastern United States. The office will create 19 new jobs when fully operational.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no unions representing manufacturing workers in Perry County.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Hazard</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Hazard, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Hazard, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	112
Industrial Waste Removal	Manchester, Kentucky	41
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Viper, Kentucky	6
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	102
Metal Finishers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	102
Metal Service Centers	Martin, Kentucky	42
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	124

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Business and Industry Technical Assistance Center of Hazard Community College; City of Hazard.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Hazard is served directly by Kentucky Highways 15, 80, and 476, all AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Kentucky 80 is four lanes between Hazard and Pikeville. Interchanges with the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, are located four miles north and five miles west of Hazard.

The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is accessible 53 miles north of Hazard via Kentucky 15. Interstate 75, a major north-south multi-lane highway, is accessible 61 miles west of Hazard via the Daniel Boone Parkway.

Interstate 64, a major east-west multi-lane highway, is accessible 97 miles northwest of Hazard, near Winchester, via Kentucky 15 and the Mountain Parkway.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM HAZARD, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	345	Los Angeles, CA	2,257
Baltimore, MD	497	Louisville, KY	191
Birmingham, AL	390	Nashville, TN	256
Chicago, IL	466	New Orleans, LA	729
Cincinnati, OH	188	New York, NY	696
Cleveland, OH	382	Pittsburgh, PA	395
Detroit, MI	429	St. Louis, MO	452
Knoxville, TN	155		

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

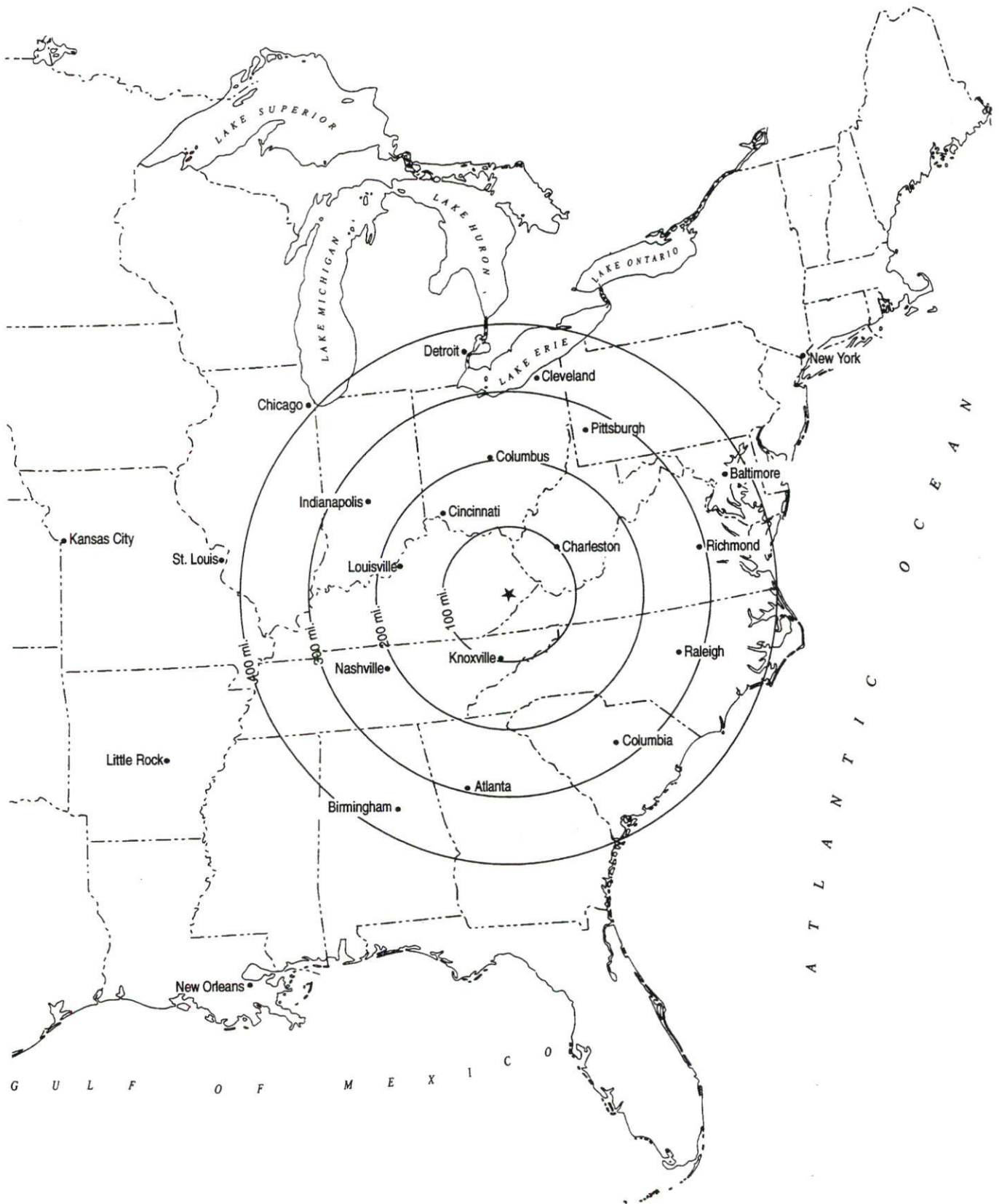
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1993. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Fourteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hazard.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1997.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hazard. It also provides the nearest intermodal facilities in Kingsport, Tennessee, 94 miles southeast of Hazard.

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 Small Craft Airport

Location:	Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport 10 miles north of Hazard, Kentucky
Runways:	2 paved
Length:	5,000 and 3,200 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, unicom 122.7, VOR-DME (AZQ)
Lighting:	Runway lights (sundown to sunrise), rotating beacon (radio controlled)
Services:	100LL and jet-A fuel, courtesy car, tie-downs, aircraft maintenance available

The Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport is planning to extend its existing runway to 7,000 feet; upgrade its fuel system; and add a non-precision approach. The \$3.0 million project is targeted for completion in 1997.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Blue Grass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 121 miles northwest of Hazard
Air Service:	American Eagle, ASA, Comair, Delta, Northwest Airlinck, TW Express, United Express, USAir, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	110
Location:	Tri-State Airport (Milton J. Ferguson Field) 3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 121 miles northeast of Hazard
Air Service:	C.C. Air, Comair, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	48

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Hazard and Perry County** - American Electric Power
Source of power - American Electric Power
For industrial rates contact:

Economic Development Manager
American Electric Power
1701 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 1428
Ashland, Kentucky 41105-1428
(606) 327-1244 Fax (606) 327-1246

Natural Gas

Company serving **Hazard** - City of Hazard Gas Company
Source of supply - Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company,
municipally-owned wells, and local private suppliers
For rates and supplies contact:

City of Hazard Gas Company
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
(606) 436-3171

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Hazard** - City of Hazard, Water Department
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
(606) 436-3171 Fax (606) 436-3252

Source -	North Fork of Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity-	4,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	2,500,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	2,800,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	10,000,000 gallons
Water pressure -	90 psi to 125 psi

The City of Hazard completed construction of a 2,000,000 gallon water storage tank in 1996. Expansion of water lines to the Buckhorn and Lotts Creek Communities is planned at an approximate cost of \$2.3 million.

Sewerage

Company serving **Hazard** - City of Hazard, Sewer Department
P.O. Box 420
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
(606) 436-3171 Fax (606) 436-3252

Design capacity - 3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 1,500,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of Kentucky River

Construction of a \$7.4 million waste water treatment plant was recently completed. The new treatment plant enabled the City of Hazard to double the treatment capacity.

CLIMATE

Perry County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	55.50 degrees
Average annual 1995	56.10 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (57-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (57-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,406

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	40.72 inches
Mean annual snowfall (57-year record)	15.50 inches
Total precipitation 1995	40.22 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (57-year record)	133.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (57-year record)	42.90

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

Northeast

Relative Humidity (34-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	57 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1995. Station of record: Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Hazard is served by a mayor, four council members, and a city manager. Perry County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - City of Hazard Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Local Fees and Licenses

The City of Hazard levies a 1.0 percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses within the city. A franchise fee of 3.0 percent of gross sales is also levied.

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

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

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	1996 <u>State Rate</u>	Local Taxation <u>Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.163	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, 1996

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	Real <u>Estate</u>	Finished Goods & <u>Tangibles</u>	Motor <u>Vehicles</u>
Perry County	\$0.2180	\$0.2721	\$0.2400
School Districts:			
Hazard Independent	0.4090	0.4090	0.5090
Perry County	0.4680	0.4680	0.4950
Cities:			
Hazard	0.2910	0.2910	0.2910

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Hazard Independent	Perry County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1996)	1,214	5,118
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1995-96)	14.8-1	17.7-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1995-96)	84.0	45.1
Expenditures Per Pupil (1995-96)	\$3,872.84	\$6,355.12

The Hazard Independent School District ranks 15th in the state in absolute ranking by district total scores of the KIRIS Assessment, improving its standing from 17th. A \$3.5 million district-wide renovation project is under way. All schools in the district will undergo significant upgrade and renovation.

The Perry County School System completed construction of Perry County Central High School. The 1,300-student complex consolidated two existing high schools in the system. Facilities include 70 classrooms, an auditorium, a library, a chemistry and physics lab, and the John C. Combs Arena.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Hazard Christian Academy	19	1-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Hazard)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1996)</u>
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky	2,370
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, Kentucky (31)	503
Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College	Jackson, Kentucky (32)	722
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (50)	2,698
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (55)	2,400
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (59)	404
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (64)	988
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Kentucky (69)	824

Hazard Community College

Hazard Community College is one of 14 two-year colleges in the University of Kentucky Community College System. H.C.C. is a unique multi-campus institution with a commuter campus in Hazard and a residential campus at Lees College in Jackson. Serving the eight-county Kentucky River region of southeastern Kentucky, the college enrolls 2,400 students in credit courses and over 7,500 students in non-credit classes each semester. The college is committed to the development of the region through education, leadership training, economic development, preservation of Appalachian culture, and cultural enrichment.

The College is constructing a classroom/economic development building. The \$10 million complex will feature state-of-the-art classrooms, computer labs, training rooms, a 10,000 square-foot convention center, a telecommunications/interactive video center, a bookstore, food service, a black-box theatre, and faculty offices.

Eastern Kentucky Challenger Center

Hazard Community College is facilitating the development of a Challenger Learning Center. Formed in 1986 by families of the NASA Challenger 51-L space crew, the Challenger Center for Space Science Education develops programs that inspire students to learn and explore while fostering an interest in math, science, and technology. The centers, targeting grades 5-8, give students hands-on experience in a spaceflight simulator. Instructional models emphasize educational content, cooperative learning, problem-solving, and responsible decision-making.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

Kentucky Tech schools are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and provide secondary (Sec) and postsecondary (P/S) vocational-technical training.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Hazard)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1995-1996</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	
Hazard Regional Technology Center	Hazard	15	90	260	132
Leslie County Area Technology Center	Hyden (21)	5	542	11	50
Knott County Area Technology Center	Hindman (22)	5	253	27	28
Breathitt County Area Technology Center	Jackson (32)	7	404	38	42

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 located at the Hazard Regional Technology Center.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Hazard Regional Technology Center.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Hazard, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Kentucky Valley Educational Coop office.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is a major source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 71
Dentists - 15

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
ARH Regional Medical Center	Hazard	308

Medical staff - 60 physicians, 205 registered nurses, 129 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health
Added Hours Treatment Center
Hazard-Perry County Community Hospice
Kentucky River Community Care, Inc.
Kentucky River District Health Department
Perry County Health Department
Vicco Treatment Center
Perry County Ambulance Authority
Primetime Emergency Treatment Center

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Citizens National Bank and Trust
First Federal Savings and Loan Association
Peoples Bank and Trust Company

Newspapers

The Hazard Times (weekly)
The Herald Voice (weekly)
Perry County News (weekly)

Telephone Service

General Telephone Company

Television Stations

WYMT-Channel 57

RECREATION

Local

Hazard offers a variety of public recreational facilities which includes three city parks with basketball courts, tennis courts, an amphitheater, a picnic shelter, two playgrounds, a nine-hole golf course, two volleyball courts, a horseshoe court, and a boat ramp on the North Fork of Kentucky River.

Perry County Park features a swimming pool, four picnic shelters, four ball fields, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a walking track, mini-golf, a playground, a horse show ring, and a senior citizens center.

The Hazard Pavilion, located in the heart of Hazard, is a multi-purpose complex which contains an Olympic-size swimming pool, an indoor track, basketball/volleyball courts, two tennis courts, racquetball courts, an aerobics room, locker rooms, and a kitchen.

A private country club in Perry County maintains a nine-hole golf course and a swimming pool.

The Black Gold Festival, held the third weekend in September, is dedicated to the coal industry, one of Kentucky's major resources. Events held during the festival include a canoe and raft race; car raffle; 10,000 meter marathon; powder shoot; style show; parade; coal truck competition; square dancing; window decorating contest; horseshoe contest; continuous country, rock, and gospel music; old-fashioned dressup day; the Miss Black Gold Festival Pageant; arts and crafts exhibits; and food booths. The festival annually attracts nearly 100,000 visitors.

Hazard Community College provides many entertainment opportunities which include the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series, Civic Chorus, and Civic Theater.

The Bobby Davis Park and Museum contains artifacts and photographs depicting the area's heritage from the late nineteenth century through World War II.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Carr Fork Lake
Daniel Boone National Forest
Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Kingdom Come State Park
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Jefferson National Resort