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## Resources For Economic Development

### Pike County



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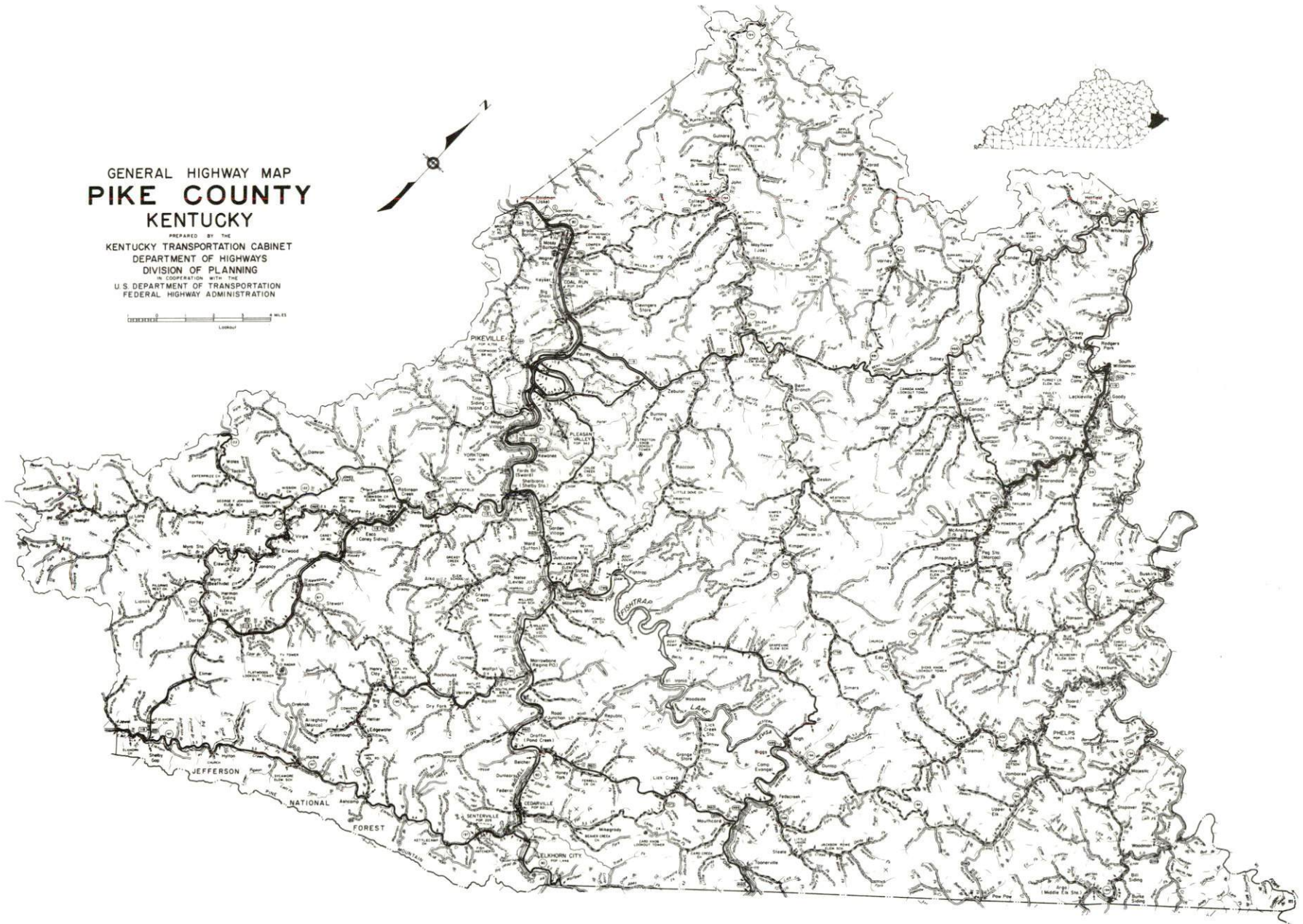
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**PIKE COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET  
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DIVISION OF PLANNING  
IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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## PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Pike County, located at the easternmost tip of Kentucky in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region, covers 787 square miles of land area. Pike County is both Kentucky's largest county and the nation's largest underground bituminous coal-producing county. The county had a 1992 estimated population of 73,351.

Pikeville, the county seat and a "Hall of Fame" Kentucky Certified City, is located along the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. The city had a 1992 estimated population of 6,406. Pikeville is located 144 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 193 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 181 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Elkhorn City, 23 miles southeast of Pikeville on the Kentucky-Virginia border, had a 1992 estimated population of 819 persons.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Pike County residents employed in 1993 averaged 23,531. In 1992, manufacturing firms in the county reported 555 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 5,383 jobs; 4,249 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 3,157 employees; and 5,029 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 34,099 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1995 through 1999, 15,256 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - U.S. Highways 23, 119, and 460, and Kentucky 80 are "AAA"-rated trucking highways serving Pikeville. The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway, is located 49 miles northwest of Pikeville. Fourteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Pike County. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Pike County. The nearest commercial airport is located at Huntington, West Virginia, 114 miles distant. The Pikeville Regional Airport maintains both 3,600-foot and 5,000-foot paved runways.

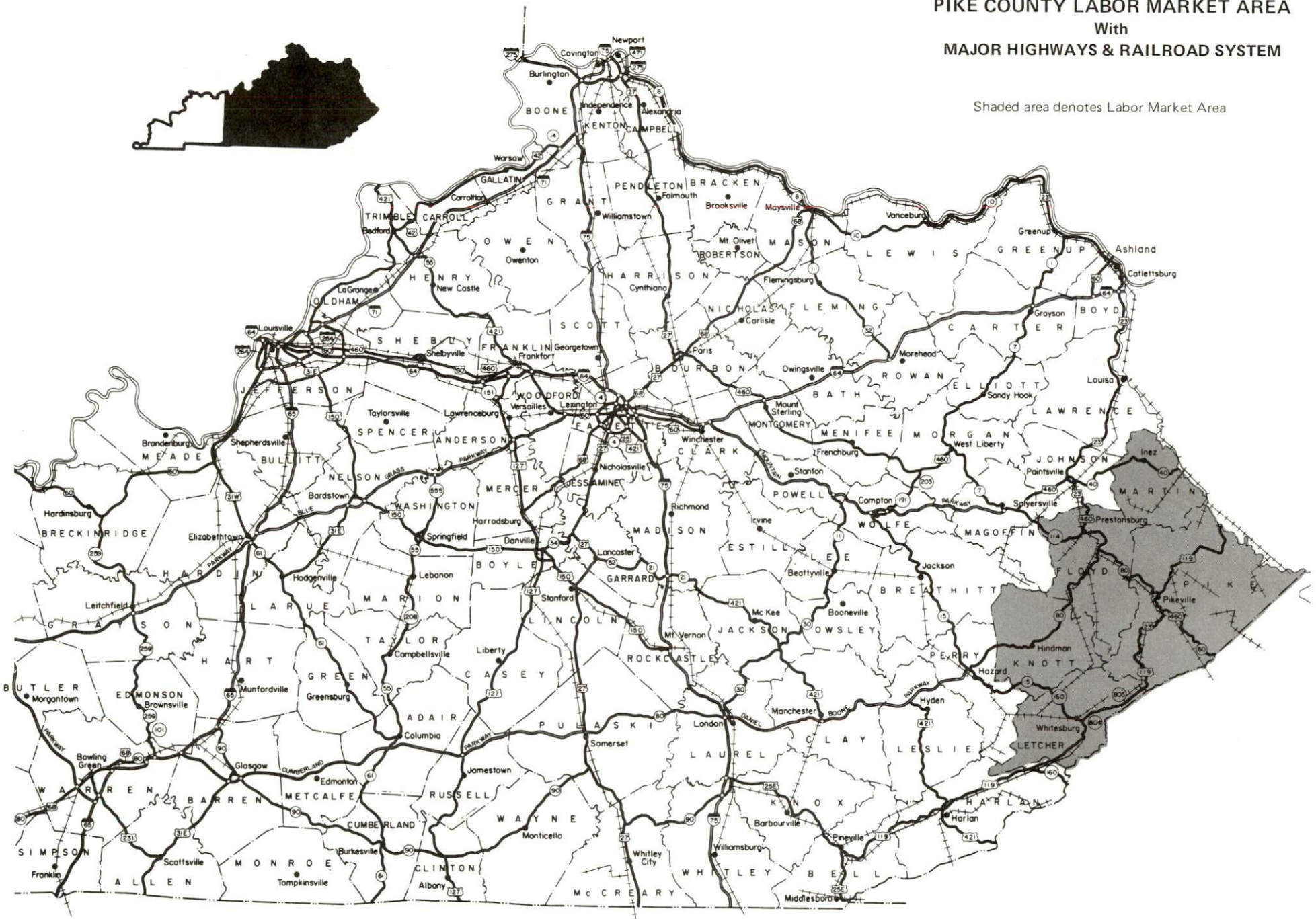
**Power and Fuel** - Kentucky Power Company provides electric power throughout Pike County. Natural gas service is provided to Pikeville by the City of Pikeville. In addition, seven privately owned gas companies provide natural gas service at wholesale rates to Pike County.

**Wood Resources** - Pike County's abundance of raw timber resources make it a natural location for manufacturers of wood products; however, most of Kentucky's timber production is sold out-of-state. By targeting the secondary wood industry, Pike County and Kentucky can reap the benefits of greater employment in the manufacture of high value-added wood products such as furniture and hardwood flooring.

**Education** - The Pikeville Independent School System and the Pike County School System provide primary and secondary education in Pike County. One private elementary school also operates in Pike County. Pikeville College is a local four-year, independent college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. Prestonsburg Community College operates a branch campus in Pikeville. Five other institutions of higher learning are located within 70 miles of Pikeville. Thirteen vocational education centers in Pike County provide training for all ages. Specialized on-site industrial training is available to new and existing industries.

# PIKE COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Pike County Labor Market Area includes Pike County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Floyd, Knott, Letcher, and Martin. In addition, the labor market area is supplemented by Mingo County, West Virginia; and Buchanan and Dickenson Counties, Virginia.

### POPULATION

|                   | <u>1992*</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>1980</u> | <u>1970</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Labor Market Area | 175,499      | 173,601     | 192,439     | 144,188     |
| Elkhorn City      | 819          | 813         | 1,446       | 1,081       |
| Pikeville         | 6,406        | 6,324       | 5,583       | 5,205       |
| Pike County       | 73,351       | 72,583      | 81,123      | 61,059      |

\* Population estimates.

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

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

|                   | <u>1995</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Labor Market Area | 172,192     | 170,014     | 165,863     | 159,983     |
| Pike County       | 71,598      | 70,252      | 67,365      | 63,660      |

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

### ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

|                       | <u>Current</u> |                   | <u>Not in<br/>Labor<br/>Force</u> | <u>Future</u>  |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|                       | <u>Total</u>   | <u>Unemployed</u> |                                   | <u>Becoming 18 years<br/>of age<br/>1995 thru 1999</u> |
| Labor Market<br>Area* | 34,099         | 6,313             | 27,786                            | 15,256   |
| Pike<br>County        | 13,698         | 2,738             | 10,960                            | 6,280  |

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

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

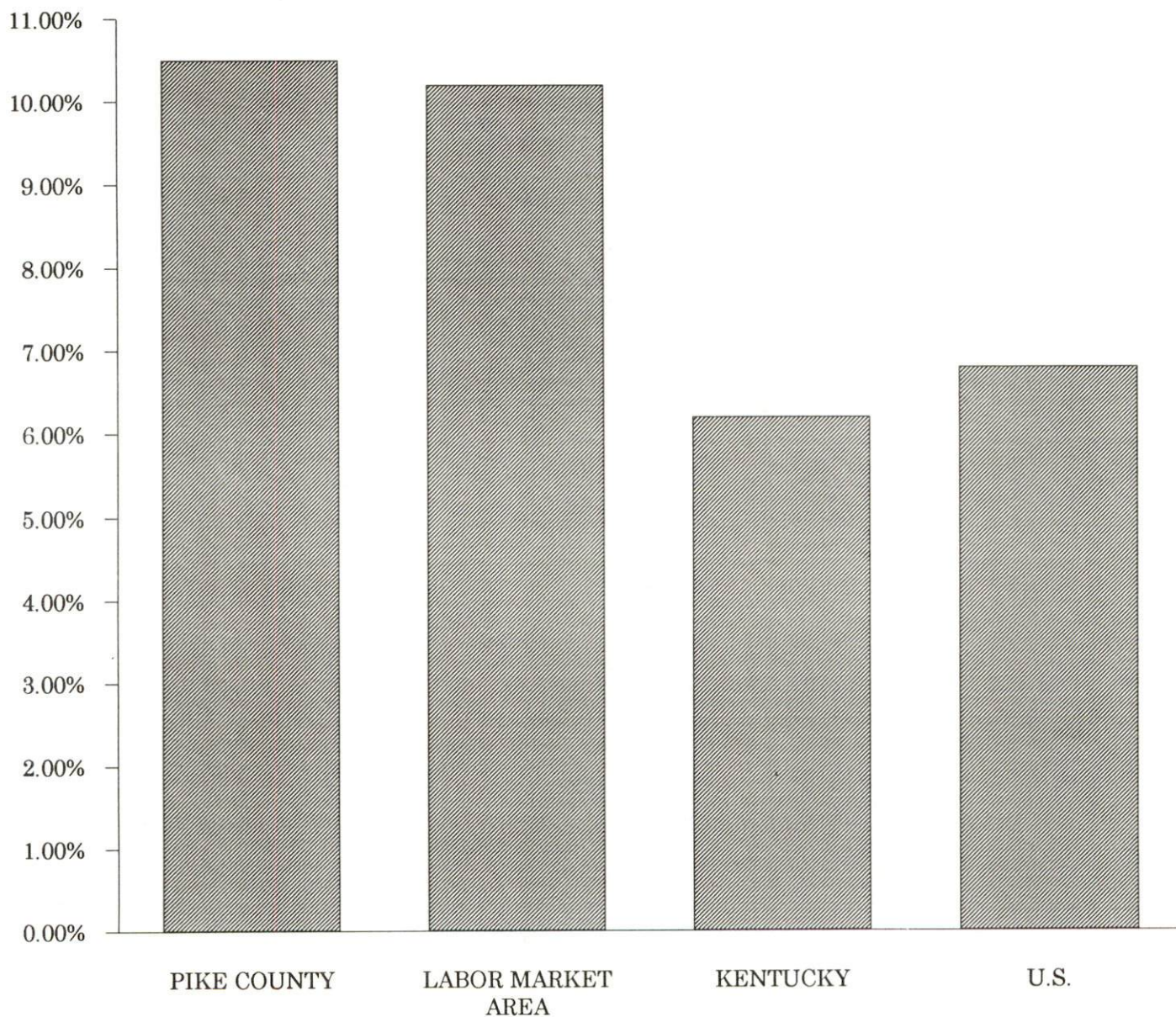
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1995 thru 1999.

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1993**

|                          | <u>Pike County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force     | 26,291             | 57,980                   |
| Employment               | 23,531             | 52,039                   |
| Unemployment             | 2,760              | 5,941                    |
| Rate of Unemployment (%) | 10.5               | 10.2                     |

**Source:** Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1993.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1993**

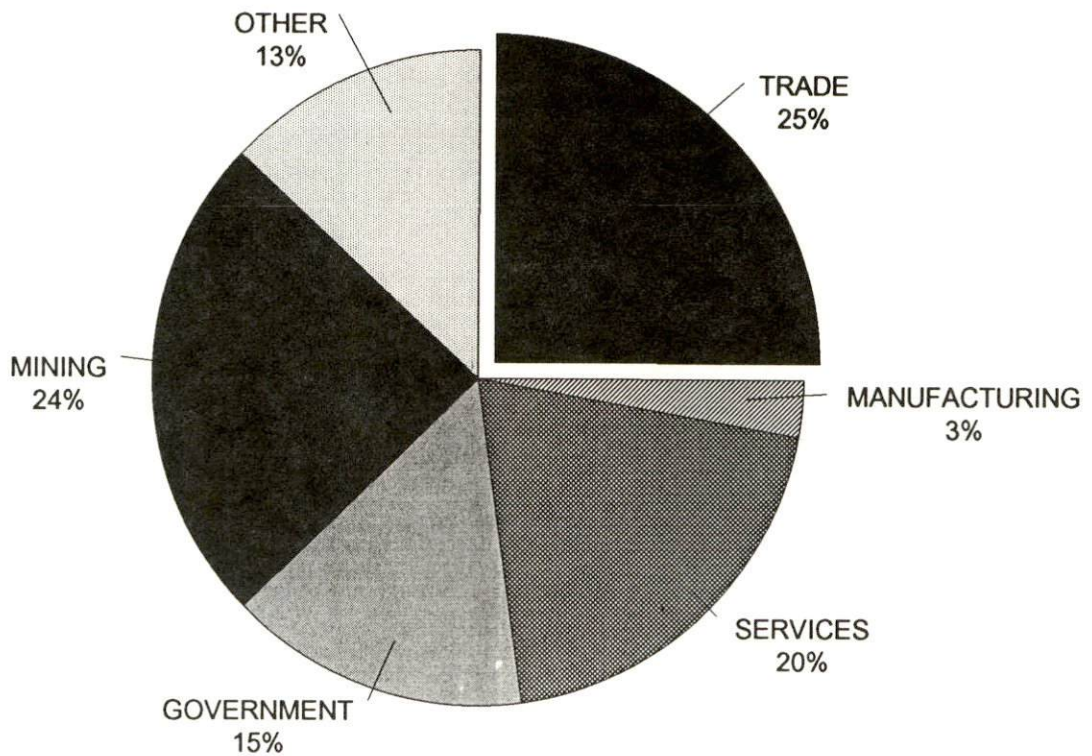


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992

|                          | <u>Pike County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| All Industries (total)   | 21,228             | 44,486                   |
| Manufacturing            | 555                | 969                      |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 5,383              | 10,341                   |
| Services                 | 4,249              | 8,925                    |
| State/Local Government   | 3,157              | 7,834                    |
| Mining & Quarrying       | 5,029              | 10,298                   |

**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, 1992.

PIKE COUNTY

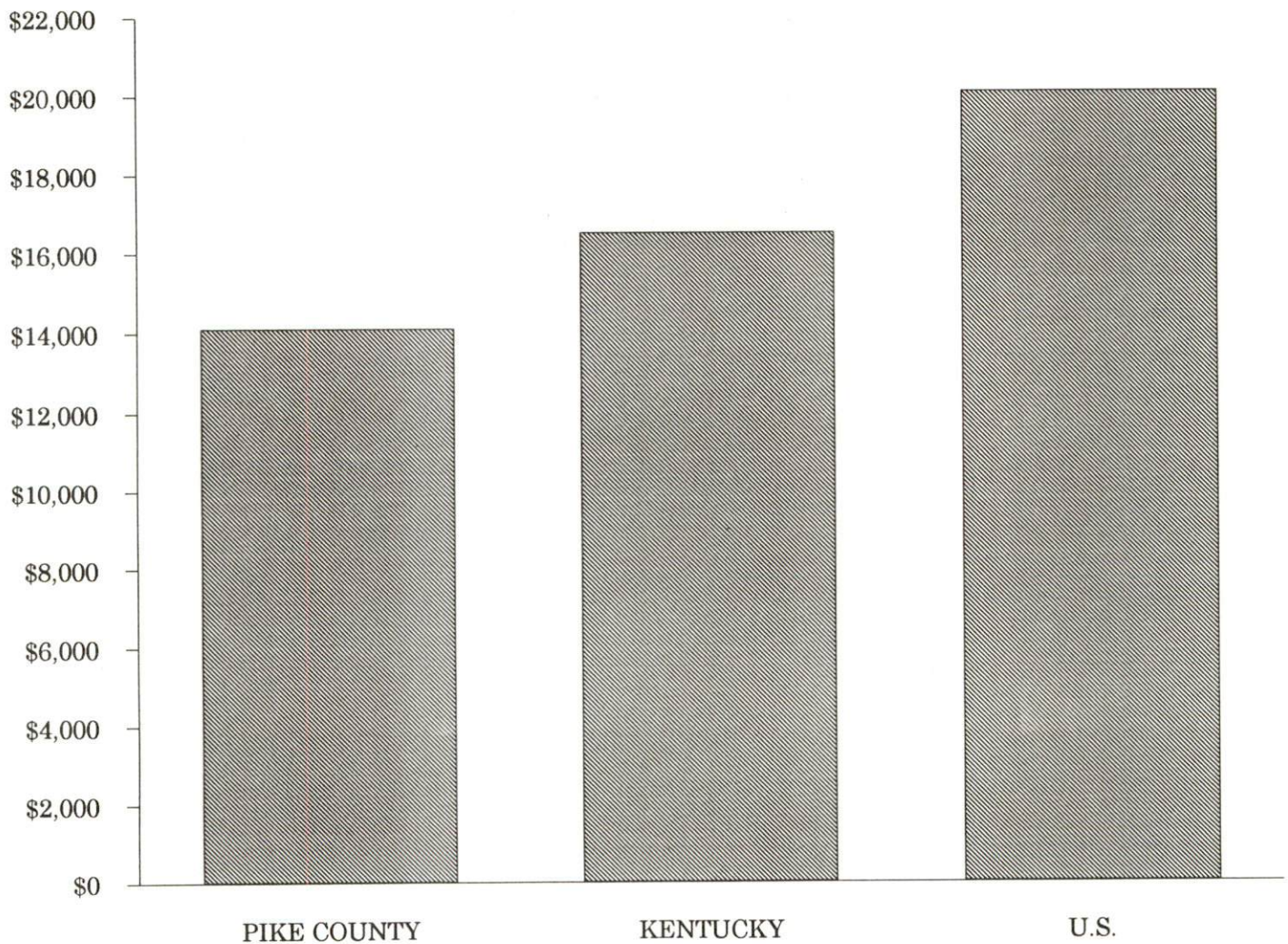


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

| <u>Area</u>                | <u>1988</u>        | <u>1992</u>         | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Pike County                | \$10,458           | \$14,105            | 34.9                  |
| Labor Market Area<br>Range | \$8,572 - \$10,479 | \$11,059 - \$14,105 | -                     |
| Kentucky                   | \$12,751           | \$16,528            | 29.6                  |
| U.S.                       | \$16,610           | \$20,105            | 21.0                  |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, April 1994.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1992



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Pike County is served by the Pikeville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Pikeville 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, 1994, the local employment office filled 1,374 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

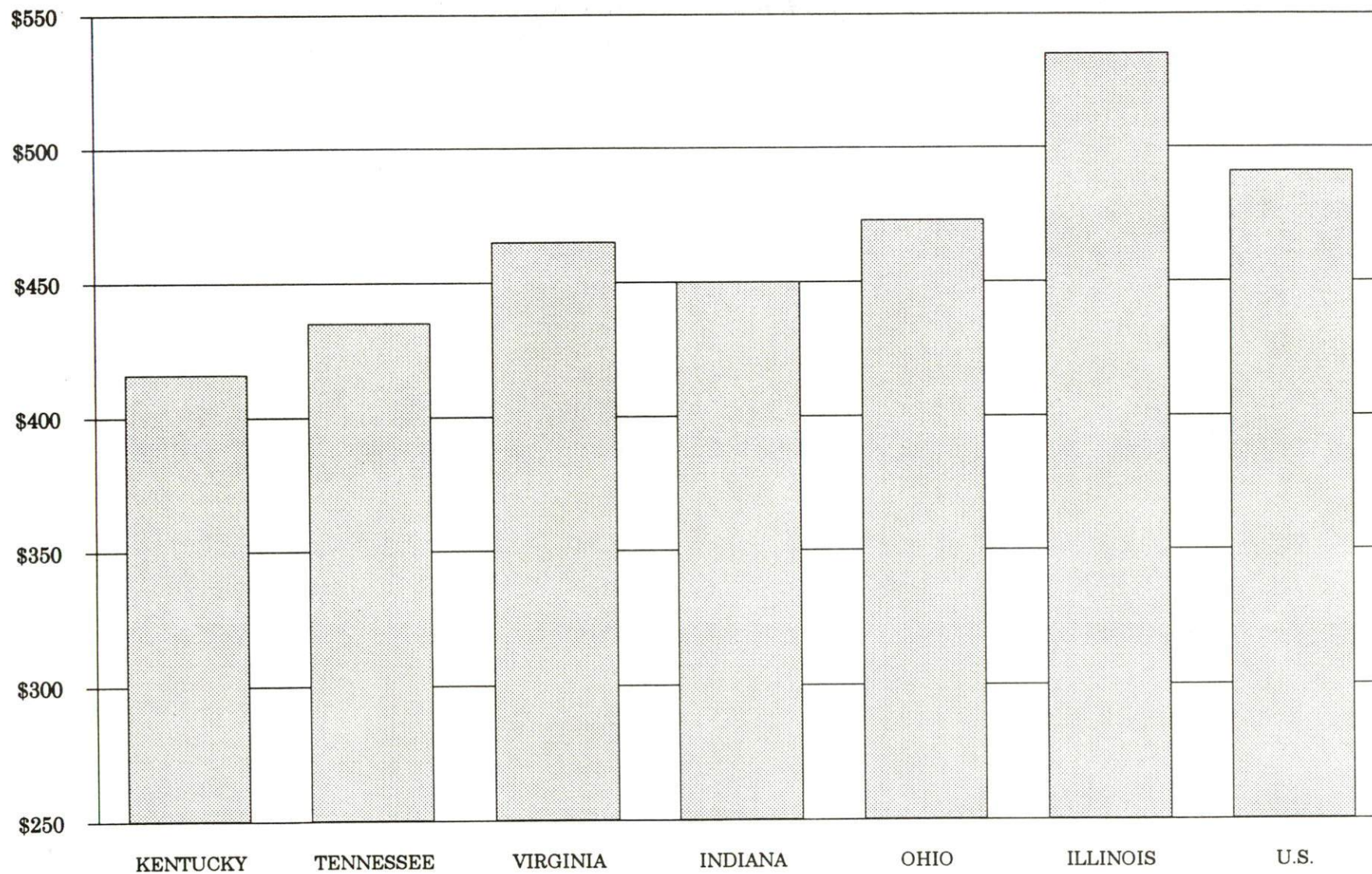
| <u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>          | <u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u> | <u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| All Occupations                       | 1,374                       | 5.12                    |
| Clerical                              | 328                         | 4.51                    |
| Sales                                 | 48                          | 5.58                    |
| Services (excluding domestic)         | 439                         | 4.21                    |
| Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc. | 9                           | 5.19                    |
| Processing                            | 3                           | 4.83                    |
| Machine Trades                        | 23                          | 7.21                    |
| Bench Work                            | 1                           | 4.25                    |
| Structural                            | 66                          | 8.29                    |
| Motor Freight/ Transportation         | 74                          | 6.76                    |
| Packaging and Materials Handling      | 231                         | 4.57                    |
| Other                                 | 29                          | 11.75                   |

The Pikeville local office serves Pike County only. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1992**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992\*

|   | Pike<br>County | Kentucky<br>(State-<br>Wide) | Tennessee       | Virginia     |
|---|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| All Industries  | \$425.55       | \$415.94                     | \$435.00        | \$465.00     |
| Mining & Quarrying                                      | 651.66         | 685.48                       | 564.00          | 690.00       |
| Contract Construction                                   | 374.00         | 431.97                       | 456.00          | 456.00       |
| Manufacturing   | 344.69         | 535.73                       | 510.00          | 535.00       |
| Transportation,<br>Communications &<br>Public Utilities | 499.73         | 560.84                       | 561.00          | 637.00       |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade                                | 267.35         | 282.29                       | N/A             | N/A          |
| Finance, Insurance &<br>Real Estate                     | 404.23         | 493.68                       | 548.00          | 576.00       |
| Services  | 373.51         | 371.91                       | 419.00          | 483.00       |
| State/Local Government                                  | 410.81         | 434.01                       | N/A             | N/A          |
|   | <u>Indiana</u> | <u>Ohio</u>                  | <u>Illinois</u> | <u>U. S.</u> |
| All Industries  | \$450.00       | \$473.00                     | \$535.00        | \$491.00     |
| Mining & Quarrying                                      | 731.00         | 639.00                       | 787.00          | 799.00       |
| Contract Construction                                   | 504.00         | 525.00                       | 658.00          | 527.00       |
| Manufacturing   | 609.00         | 653.00                       | 652.00          | 612.00       |
| Transportation,<br>Communications &<br>Public Utilities | 548.00         | 590.00                       | 674.00          | 632.00       |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade                                | N/A            | N/A                          | N/A             | N/A          |
| Finance, Insurance &<br>Real Estate                     | 511.00         | 545.00                       | 728.00          | 670.00       |
| Services  | 386.00         | 419.00                       | 488.00          | 468.00       |
| 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, 1992. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1992, October 1993.

**EXISTING INDUSTRY**

**PIKE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT**

| <u>Firm</u><br><u>(Establishment date)</u>         | <u>Product</u>   | <u>1993</u><br><u>Average Employment</u> |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Meta</b>  |  |  |
| Mountain Top Baking<br>Company (1990)              | Cookies and crackers   | 400                                      |
| <b>Pikeville</b>                                   |  |  |
| Adams Construction<br>Corporation (1955)           | Ready-mixed concrete,<br>bituminous concrete                               | 12                                       |
| Appalachian News-Express<br>(1920)                 | Newspaper  | 30                                       |
| Damron Welding & New<br>Steel Sales (1970)         | Fabricated steel products  | 18                                       |
| Executive Printing &<br>Office Supply (1977)       | Job printing   | 4  |
| Hydroplate of Kentucky,<br>Inc. (1983)             | Hydraulic cylinders, pumps,<br>valves, motors                              | 6  |
| Industrial Rubber<br>Products Company<br>(1976)    | Rubber knee pads   | 12                                       |
| Johnson Industries, Inc.<br>(1981)                 | Engineering laser, mine<br>personnel carriers, coal<br>sampling systems    | 8  |
| Kentucky Welding Supply,<br>Inc. (1946)            | Welding equipment assembly   | 4  |
| Kris Electrical<br>Manufacturing Company<br>(1985) | Electrical mining equipment,<br>battery chargers, dry type<br>transformers | 6  |
| Mountain Enterprises,<br>Inc. (1974)               | Asphalt, crushed limestone   | 18                                       |
| Pikeville Ready Mix<br>(1969)                      | Ready-mixed concrete   | 23                                       |
| Printing By George<br>(1985)                       | Job printing   | 10                                       |
| Webco Conveyor<br>Manufacturing, Inc.<br>(1985)    | Conveyor structure   | 5  |
| <b>Raccoon</b>                                     |  |  |
| Hessco, Inc. (1992)                                | Vacuum filter parts,<br>de-watering screens                                | 11                                       |

(Continued)



| <u>Firm</u><br><u>(Establishment date)</u> | <u>Product</u>  | <u>1993</u><br><u>Average Employment</u> |
|--|-----------------|--|
| <b>Robinson Creek</b>                      |                 |  |
| Colley Block Company,<br>Inc. (1958)       | Concrete blocks | 18                                       |
| <b>Virgie</b>                              |                 |  |
| Coolidge Johnson Lumber<br>Company (1957)  | Lumber          | 9  |

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

#### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

| <u>Union</u>                                   | <u>Representing workers at:</u>  |
|--|--|
| United Mine Workers<br>of America              | Mountain Top Baking Company  |
| United Steelworkers of<br>America, AFL-CIO-CLC | Adams Construction Corporation;<br>Damron Welding & New Steel Sales;<br>Mountain Enterprises, Inc. |

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

| <u>Types of Services</u>  | <u>Location</u>         | <u>Mileage from<br/>Pikeville</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Custom Plastics Producers | Wurtland, Kentucky      | 114                               |
| Electric Motor Repair     | Pikeville, Kentucky     | -                                 |
| Heat Treating Facilities  | Richmond, Kentucky      | 143                               |
|                           | Lexington, Kentucky     | 144                               |
| Industrial Waste Removal  | Prestonsburg, Kentucky  | 27                                |
| Machine Shops, Tool & Die | West Van Lear, Kentucky | 36                                |
| Metal Castings            | Middlesboro, Kentucky   | 138                               |
| Metal Finishers           | Ashland, Kentucky       | 104                               |
| Metal Service Centers     | Pikeville, Kentucky     | -                                 |
| Millwrights & Riggers     | Lexington, Kentucky     | 144                               |

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Pike County and Pikeville are served by an excellent transportation network including "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) U.S. Highways 23 and 119. U.S. 460 and Kentucky Route 80 are "AAA"-rated west of Pikeville and "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) east of the city. Portions of U.S. 23 and 119, and Kentucky 80 are four-lane highways. The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane limited access highway, is located 49 miles northwest of Pikeville, and provides easy access to Interstate 64, 125 miles northwest of Pikeville. Elkhorn City is located 23 miles southeast of Pikeville via Kentucky Route 80.

Another segment of U.S. 23 was recently widened to four lanes, extending from south of Pikeville to Jenkins, Kentucky. U.S. 23 is now a four-lane highway throughout most of Pike County.

U.S. Highway 23 extends from Michigan to Florida and is predominately four lanes throughout the system. Construction is planned to widen the entire highway to four lanes.

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

| City           | Highway<br>Miles | City            | Highway<br>Miles |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Atlanta, GA    | 375              | Los Angeles, CA | 2,314            |
| Baltimore, MD  | 453              | Louisville, KY  | 218              |
| Birmingham, AL | 453              | Nashville, TN   | 317              |
| Chicago, IL    | 478              | New Orleans, LA | 788              |
| Cincinnati, OH | 193              | New York, NY    | 653              |
| Cleveland, OH  | 346              | Pittsburgh, PA  | 337              |
| Detroit, MI    | 411              | St. Louis, MO   | 476              |
| Knoxville, TN  | 181              |                 |                  |

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

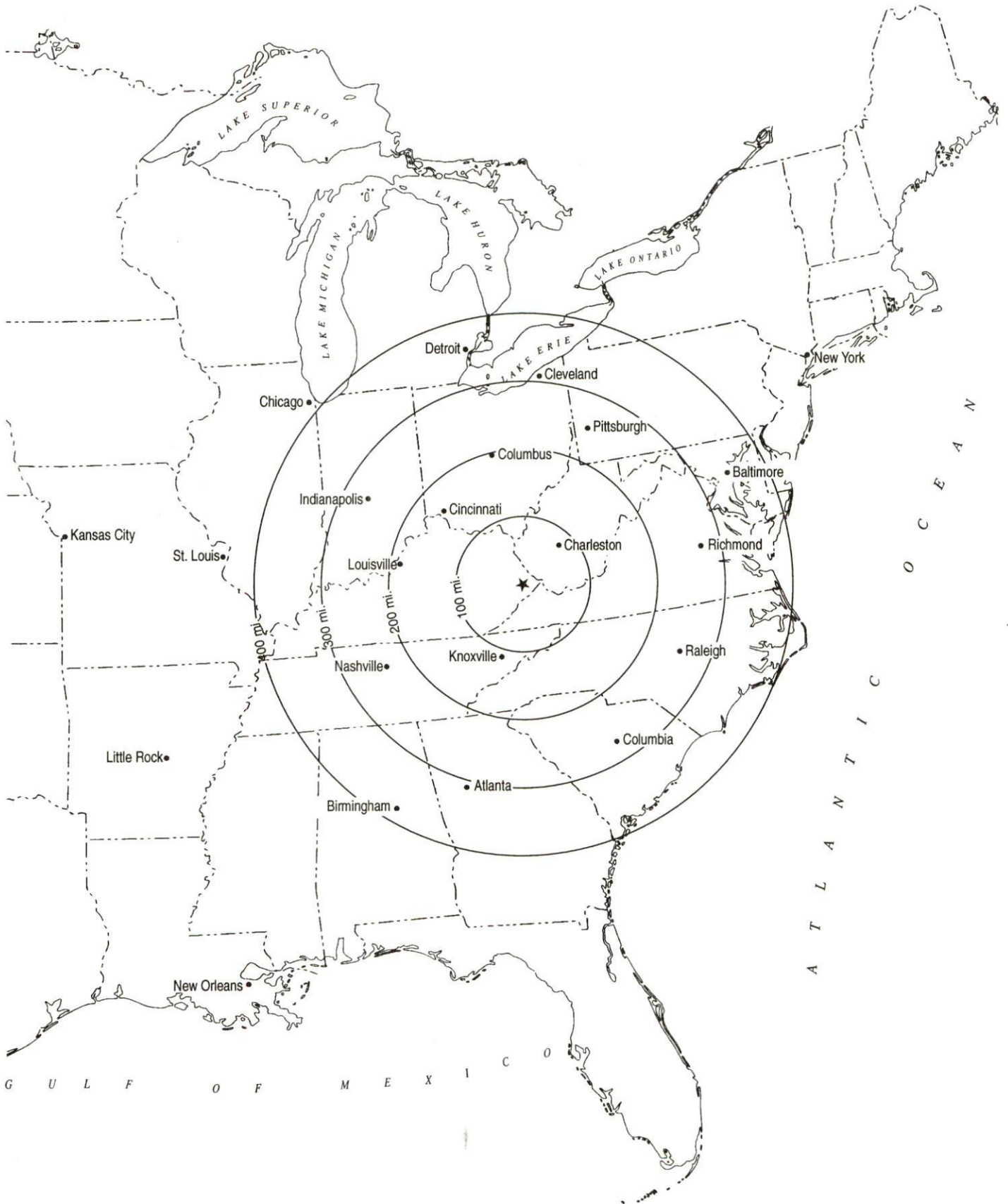
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

### Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1994.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Pikeville and to Elkhorn City, 23 miles southeast of Pikeville. CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Corporation provide the nearest intermodal facilities in Kingsport, Tennessee, 101 miles south of Pikeville. The Norfolk Southern Corporation provides rail service to numerous coal mining operations in Pike County.

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services contact:

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

## Air

### Local

Location: Pike County Regional Airport  
6 miles north of Pikeville  
Runways: 2 paved  
Length: 5,000 and 3,600 feet  
Traffic  
Control: Wind sock, ILS  
Lighting: Runway lights, VASI, sundown to sunrise  
Services: 100LL and jet-A fuel; hangars and tie-downs;  
flight instruction; plane rentals; FBO,  
which services general aviation aircraft  
Air Freight  
Service: Charter air freight services must be arranged

The 3,600-foot runway at Pike County Regional Airport will be extended to 5,000 feet by Spring 1995.

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Tri-State Field (Walker-Long Field)  
3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia;  
114 miles north of Pikeville  
Air Service: C.C. Air, ComAir, Northwest AirlinK, USAir  
Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 48

Location: Tri-City Regional Airport  
14 miles southwest of Bristol, Tennessee;  
133 miles south of Pikeville  
Air Service: American Eagle, Atlantic Southeast, ComAir,  
Delta, USAir  
Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 68

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving Pike County - Kentucky Power Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company  
For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Kentucky Power Company  
749 North Mayo Trail  
Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-8220  
(606) 437-3777

### Natural Gas

Company serving Pikeville - City of Pikeville  
Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and  
local wells  
For rates and supplies contact:

City of Pikeville  
P.O. Box 1228  
Pikeville, Kentucky 41502  
(606) 437-5100

In addition, several other privately-owned local gas companies provide natural gas service at wholesale rates to Pike County including:

Alert Oil and Gas Company  
Ashland Exploration  
Case Enterprises, Inc.  
CD&G Development  
Interstate Natural Gas Company  
Kentucky - West Virginia Gas  
Kinzer Drilling Company

## Public Water Supply

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Company serving <b>Pikeville</b> -  | Professional Services Group, Inc.<br>787 Island Creek Road<br>Pikeville, Kentucky 41501<br>(606) 437-5114    |
| Source -  | Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River   |
| Treatment plant capacity -  | 6,000,000 gallons per day  |
| Average daily consumption -   | 3,500,000 gallons  |
| Peak daily consumption -  | 4,200,000 gallons  |
| Storage capacity -  | 4,600,000 gallons  |
| Water pressure -  | 70 psi to 122 psi  |
| Company serving <b>Elkhorn City</b> -                                     | Elkhorn City Water and Sewer<br>Department<br>P.O. Box 681<br>Elkhorn City, Kentucky 41522<br>(606) 754-5080 |
| Source -  | Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River  |
| Treatment plant capacity -  | 400,000 gallons per day  |
| Average daily consumption -   | 178,000 gallons  |
| Peak daily consumption -  | 204,000 gallons  |
| Storage capacity -  | 200,000 gallons  |
| Water pressure -  | 105 psi to 145 psi   |
| Name of water district -  | Mountain Water District<br>P.O. Box 3157<br>Pikeville, Kentucky 41502-3157<br>(606) 631-9167                 |
| Area served - Pike County (except Pikeville, Elkhorn City & Sandy Valley) |  |
| Source of raw water -   | Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River   |
| Source of supply of treated water - (Maximum amount available)            |  |
| City of Pikeville -   | 1,800,000 gallons per day  |
| City of Williamson, West Virginia -                                       | 1,200,000 gallons per day  |
| Sandy Valley Water District -   | 80,000 gallons per day   |
| Capacity of treatment plant -   | 720,000 gallons per day  |
| Average daily consumption -   | 1,800,000 gallons  |
| Peak daily consumption -  | 2,100,000 gallons  |
| Storage capacity -  | 7,435,000 gallons  |
| Water pressure -  | 30 psi to 275 psi  |

Name of water district - Sandy Valley Water District  
P.O. Box 127  
Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605  
(606) 478-5500

Area served - Western Pike County including Coal Run  
Source of supply of treated water - (Maximum amount available)  
City of Pikeville - 530,000 gallons per day  
City of Prestonsburg - 210,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 666,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 740,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 300,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 30 psi to 110 psi

The Sandy Valley Water District plans to construct two new 200,000-gallon water storage tanks by 1996.

### Sewerage

Company serving Pikeville - Professional Services Group, Inc.  
787 Island Creek Road  
Pikeville, Kentucky 41501  
(606) 437-5114

Design capacity - 2,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 400,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River

Company serving Elkhorn City - Elkhorn City Water and Sewer  
Department  
P.O. Box 681  
Elkhorn City, Kentucky 41522  
(606) 754-5080

Design capacity - 150,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 51,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Primary  
Treatment effluent discharged into - Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River



## CLIMATE

### Pike County

#### Temperature

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Normal (30-year record)   | 55.90 degrees  |
| Average annual 1992   | 55.50 degrees  |
| Record highest, July 1952 (47-year record)  | 102.00 degrees |
| Record lowest, January 1985 (47-year record)  | -21.00 degrees |
| Normal heating degree days (30-year record)<br>(Heating degree day totals are the sums of<br>negative departures of average daily<br>temperatures from 65 degrees F.) | 4,356          |

#### Precipitation

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Normal (30-year record)   | 41.24 inches |
| Mean annual snowfall (55-year record)                                 | 15.70 inches |
| Total precipitation 1992  | 38.72 inches |
| Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)<br>(47-year record) | 133.40       |
| Mean number days thunderstorms (49-year record)                       | 43.00        |

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

#### Relative Humidity (31-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, 1992. Station of record: Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Pikeville is governed by a mayor, four commissioners and a full-time city manager. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the commissioners each serve two-year terms. Elkhorn City is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Pike County is governed by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

### Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Pikeville-Pike County-Elkhorn City

Joint Planning Commission

Participating cities - Pikeville and Elkhorn City

Zoning enforced - Pikeville corporate limits

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas of Pike County

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 Pikeville levies a two percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The City of Pikeville also levies a contractors occupational license fee of one-half percent of all local contracts, with a minimum fee of \$10.

The City of Elkhorn City levies a business license fee on businesses, occupations, and professions in the city. These fees range from \$25 to \$150 annually for most businesses. Elkhorn City also levies a \$50 per year loading and unloading fee.

## 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>                 | <u>1993<br/>State Rate</u> | <u>Local Taxation<br/>Permitted</u> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Real Estate   | \$0.180                    | 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,<br>Money on Hand) | 0.250                      | NO                                  |

### LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1993

| <u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Real<br/>Estate</u> | <u>Finished Goods &amp;<br/>Tangibles</u> | <u>Motor<br/>Vehicles</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Pike County                | \$0.2179               | \$0.2179                                  | \$0.2234                  |
| School Districts:          |                        |   |                           |
| Pikeville Independent      | 0.6940                 | 0.6940                                    | 0.7930                    |
| Pike County                | 0.4950                 | 0.4950                                    | 0.5530                    |
| Cities:                    |                        |   |                           |
| Elkhorn City               | 0.2600                 | 0.2600                                    | 0.2000                    |
| Pikeville                  | 0.1810                 | 0.1810                                    | 0.1810                    |

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

|  | <b>Pikeville<br/>Independent</b>                | <b>Pike<br/>County</b> |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Total Enrollment<br>(Fall, 1993)                         | 1,346   | 12,882                 |
| Accreditation  | Southern Association<br>of Colleges and Schools |                        |
| Pupil-Teacher Ratio<br>(1991-92)                         | 17.0-1  | 17.0-1                 |
| Percent High School<br>Graduates to College<br>(1991-92) | 89.6  | 55.1                   |
| Expenditures Per Pupil<br>(1991-92)                      | \$3,811.59                                      | \$3,737.98             |

### Nonpublic Schools

| <u>School</u>                       | <u>Enrollment</u> | <u>Grades</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| St. Francis of Assisi<br>Elementary | 75                | K-6           |

### Pikeville Independent School District

The Pikeville Independent School District is highly regarded throughout the state in both academics and athletics. Currently, the Pikeville Independent School Board has committed \$850,000 toward computer technology into the curriculum over the next five years.

In 1986, the Pikeville High School Academic Team won first place in the first statewide Governor's Cup Competition and has continued to place near the top each year since. The high school's 1989 Girls State Championship Cheerleading Squad and the football team has won the Class A State Championship several times in recent years. There has always been strong community involvement in all aspects of Pikeville Independent Schools.

### Pike County School District

The Pike County School District is the third largest school system in Kentucky. Thirty-two schools located throughout the school district provide a community-based educational program and promote parental involvement in all programs.

The Pike County School System provides a wide variety of educational programs for its students. Vocational programs are available in all eight high schools and three vocational centers. Special education students are served by sixty-one different programs. Headstart programs are available for all qualifying four-year olds. The kindergarten program serves all five-year olds on a "full day-everyday basis".

## Area Colleges and Universities

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Location<br/>(Miles distant)</u> | <u>Enrollment<br/>(Fall, 1993)</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pikeville College   | Pikeville, Kentucky                 | 898                                |
| Prestonsburg Community<br>College-Pikeville Campus        | Pikeville, Kentucky                 | 860                                |
| Prestonsburg Community<br>College                         | Prestonsburg, Kentucky (27)         | 3,012                              |
| Southern West Virginia<br>Community College               | Williamson, West Virginia (32)      | 3,148                              |
| Clinch Valley College of<br>the University of<br>Virginia | Wise, Virginia (48)                 | 1,593                              |
| Alice Lloyd College                                       | Pippa Passes, Kentucky (58)         | 617                                |
| Hazard Community College                                  | Hazard, Kentucky (69)               | 1,900                              |

### Pikeville College

Pikeville College is a four-year, independent, co-educational college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. The institution is a liberal arts college offering courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Business Administration. Associate degrees are offered in Nursing and Business.

### Prestonsburg Community College-Pikeville Campus

Prestonsburg Community College-Pikeville Campus, is a branch of the University of Kentucky. This two-year college offers associate degrees in Nursing, Accounting, Secretarial Science, and Early Childhood Education and also offers prerequisites for those students who plan to attend a four-year college to pursue a bachelor's degree.

## 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<br/>(Mileage from<br/>Pikeville)</u> | <u>Number of Program<br/>Offerings</u> | <u>Cumulative Enrollment<br/>1992-1993</u> |            | <u>Approximate<br/>Number<br/>Completing<br/>Programs<br/>Annually</u> |
|--|--|--|--|------------|--|
|  |  |  | <u>Sec</u>                                 | <u>P/S</u> |  |
| Mayo State<br>Vocational<br>Technical School   | Prestonsburg<br>(40)                             | 19                                     | 101  | 776        | 258  |
| Millard Area<br>Vocational<br>Education Center | Millard (13)                                     | 6                                      | 184  | 59         | 77   |
| Belfry Area<br>Vocational<br>Education Center  | Belfry (28)                                      | 5                                      | 160  | 0          | 39   |
| Phelps Area<br>Vocational<br>Education Center  | Phelps (35)                                      | 4                                      | 135  | 3          | 41   |

### 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 simply contact a Training and Development Coordinator located on the campus of Mayo SVTS.

### 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 on the campus of Mayo SVTS.

### 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 Pike County, adult basic education is provided through the Pike County Board of Education and adult literacy programs are provided through the Pike County Public Library District.

## 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 - 104  
Dentists - 36

### Hospitals

| <u>General Hospitals</u>                 | <u>Location</u>                                   | <u>Beds</u> |
|--|---|-------------|
| Pikeville Methodist Hospital             | Pikeville   | 350         |
| Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital | South Williamson, 31 miles northeast of Pikeville | 193         |

#### **Pikeville Methodist Hospital**

Medical staff - 101 physicians, 145 registered nurses, and 112 licensed practical nurses

Pikeville Methodist Hospital is the top private sector employer in Pike County with more than 750 employees. Methodist Hospital provides state-of-the-art medical care to patients, including a Breast Care Center and Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. An additional wing opened in 1993 to expand and improve emergency services. The expansion includes radiation and medical oncology units, a new emergency room, an ambulatory surgery center, and a pediatric urgent care center.

#### **Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital**

Medical staff - 58 physicians, 47 registered nurses, and 55 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center  
Pike County Health Department  
Marrowbone Health Clinic  
Phelps Clinic  
Pikeville Pediatric Clinic  
Accu-Med Ambulance Service (Pikeville)  
Elkhorn City Area Ambulance Service  
Med-Tech Ambulance Service (Pikeville)  
Shelby Valley Ambulance Service, Inc.  
Pike County "911" Service



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

Bank One

Family Federal Savings Bank

The Josephine Bank

Pikeville National Corporation and its  
subsidiaries (Pikeville National Bank  
and Trust Company and the First Security  
Bank and Trust Company)

Matewan National Bank

Trans Financial Bank

## **Newspaper**

Appalachian News-Express (three times weekly)

## **Telephone**

South Central Bell

## RECREATION

Pike County is in the center of Kentucky's mountain vacationland and is surrounded by some of the most majestic scenery in the eastern United States.

Public recreational facilities in Pikeville include the 15-acre Bob Amos Park, offering ball fields, tennis courts, a track, a football field, a golf driving range, mini-golf, a horseshow ring, picnic areas, a scenic overlook and walking trails. Construction of an outdoor theatre is proposed in Pikeville. The Hambley Recreational Facility (a youth center) features a tennis court, a year-round swimming pool, Little League ball fields, a football field, and a mini-park. The Pikeville City Park offers basketball goals, a playground, and tennis courts. In addition, several mini-parks are located in Pikeville. The Fourth Street Community Recreation Center provides a gymnasium.

Public recreation in Pike County includes the city park in Elkhorn City, which offers a playground, a Little League ball field, and a swimming pool. Two tennis courts are located at the local school. Swimming pools are also located in Virgie, Phelps, and Blackberry. Mountain Pub-Links is a nine-hole public golf course located in John's Creek. Pike County is home to the Kentucky Rifles, a minor league professional baseball team.

Private recreational facilities in Pike County include two country clubs with a golf course and swimming pools, a YMCA facility, a bowling alley, roller rinks, and seven movie theatres.

The Augusta Dils York "Creekmore" Mansion, located on a hill overlooking downtown Pikeville, was home to Augusta Dils York, a prominent woman of Pikeville. This circa 1912 mansion features period furniture, antiques, china, and many other historic artifacts. Tours are offered by appointment.

Annual events in Pike County include Pikeville's Fourth of July Festival, featuring a fireworks display, and the Christmas Parade. The internationally renowned Hillbilly Days, also held in Pikeville, features costume contests, food booths, games, bluegrass and country music, and a parade. The annual Pike Area Coal Exposition, one of the largest coal expositions in the country, is held in Pikeville. Ocktoberfest is held annually each fall. The Apple Blossom Festival is held each year in Elkhorn City.

Fishtrap Lake, seven miles southeast of Pikeville, contains 1,131 acres of excellent boating and fishing. The lake extends about 18 1/2 miles up the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

**Breaks Interstate Park**, near Elkhorn City on the Kentucky-Virginia border, is a unique park sponsored by Kentucky and Virginia which is situated on the rim of the largest river canyon east of the Mississippi. The canyon is a five-mile cut with 1,600-foot palisades on either side. Sometimes called the "Grand Canyon of the South" this park offers 4,600 acres of breathtaking scenery. The "Breaks" is a full-facility resort park with a 36-room lodge, cottages, a restaurant, a swimming pool, camping facilities, fishing, whitewater rafting, and a visitors center.

**Jenny Wiley State Resort Park**, 29 miles northwest of Pikeville near Prestonsburg, takes full advantage of its picturesque highland setting. The 1,700-acre park offers facilities and activities such as a 49-room lodge, a dining room, a gift shop, 17 cottages, a lodge pool, sky lift, recreation rooms, campsites, picnic areas, planned recreation, playground, golf, hiking, horseback riding, miniature golf, shuffleboard, fishing, and fishing boat and pedal boat rentals. Also located at the park is Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre, which features four outdoor productions including Broadway musicals and the "Jenny Wiley Story".