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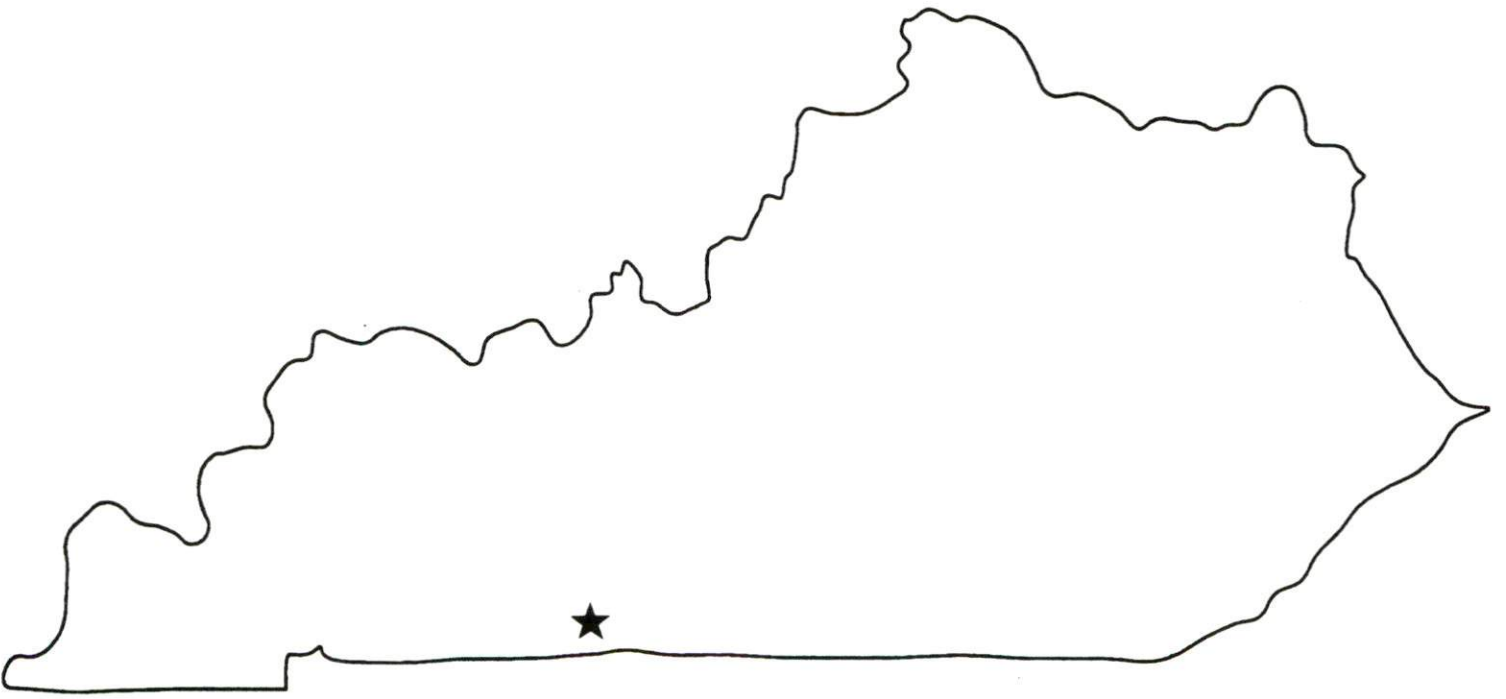
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**Resources For
Economic Development**

Franklin



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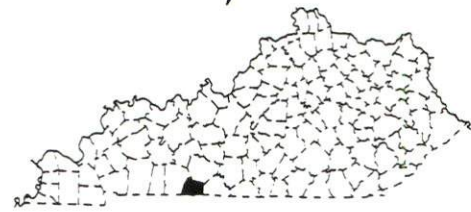
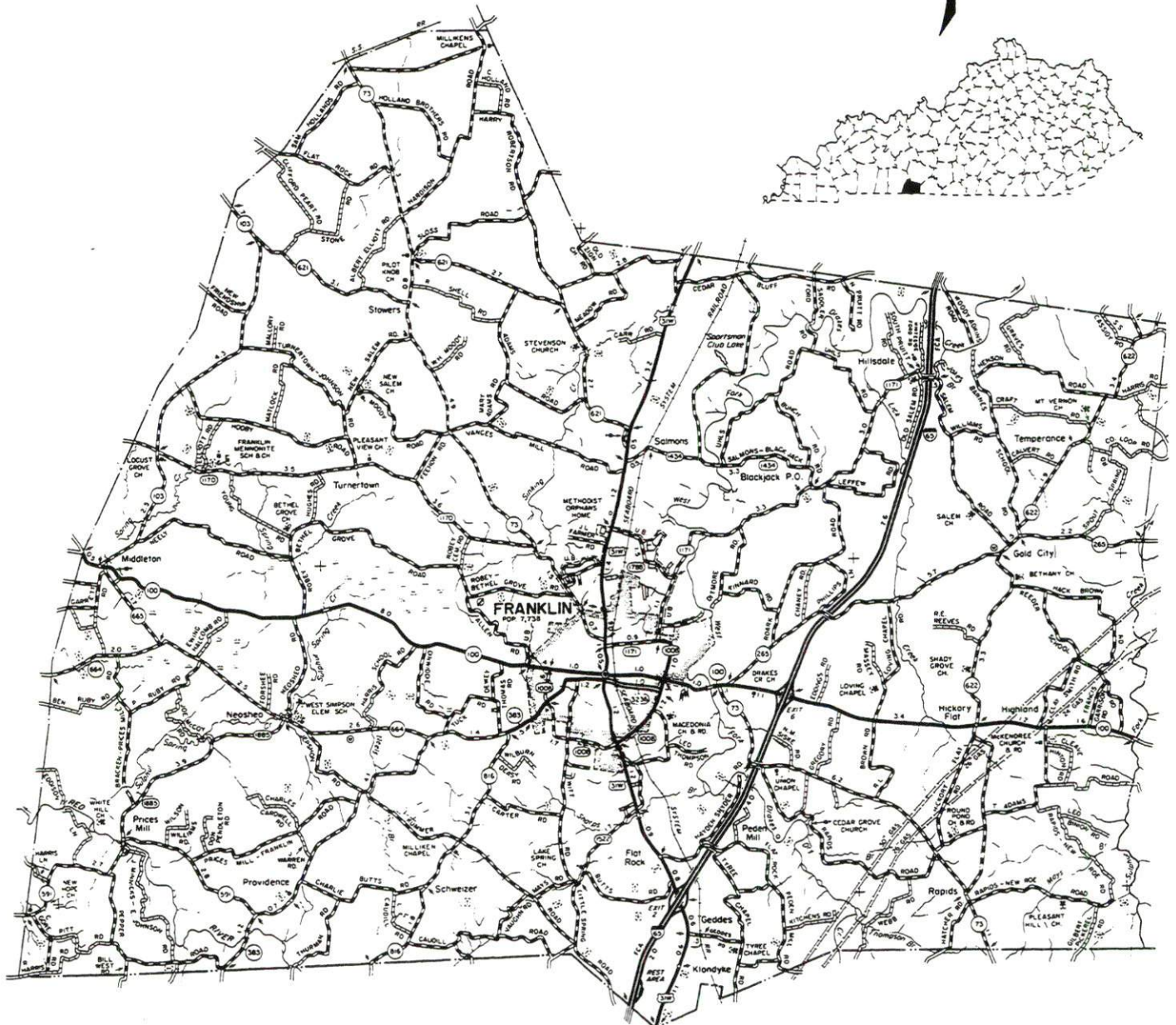
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP SIMPSON COUNTY KENTUCKY

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FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Franklin, the county seat of Simpson County, is located in south-central Kentucky. Franklin is located 44 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; 135 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; and 291 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. The city had an estimated 1994 population of 8,670 persons.

Simpson County is located in the Pennyroyal Region of south-central Kentucky. The county's southern boundary is formed by the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. Simpson County, which has a total land area of 236 square miles, had an estimated 1994 population of 15,871 persons. Simpson County ranks as one of the top counties in the state in production of wheat and barley for grain, and in tobacco.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Simpson County residents employed in 1995 averaged 8,290. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 3,041 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,590 jobs; 1,661 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 778 employees; and contract construction firms provided 115 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 3,326 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1997 through 2001, 9,623 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

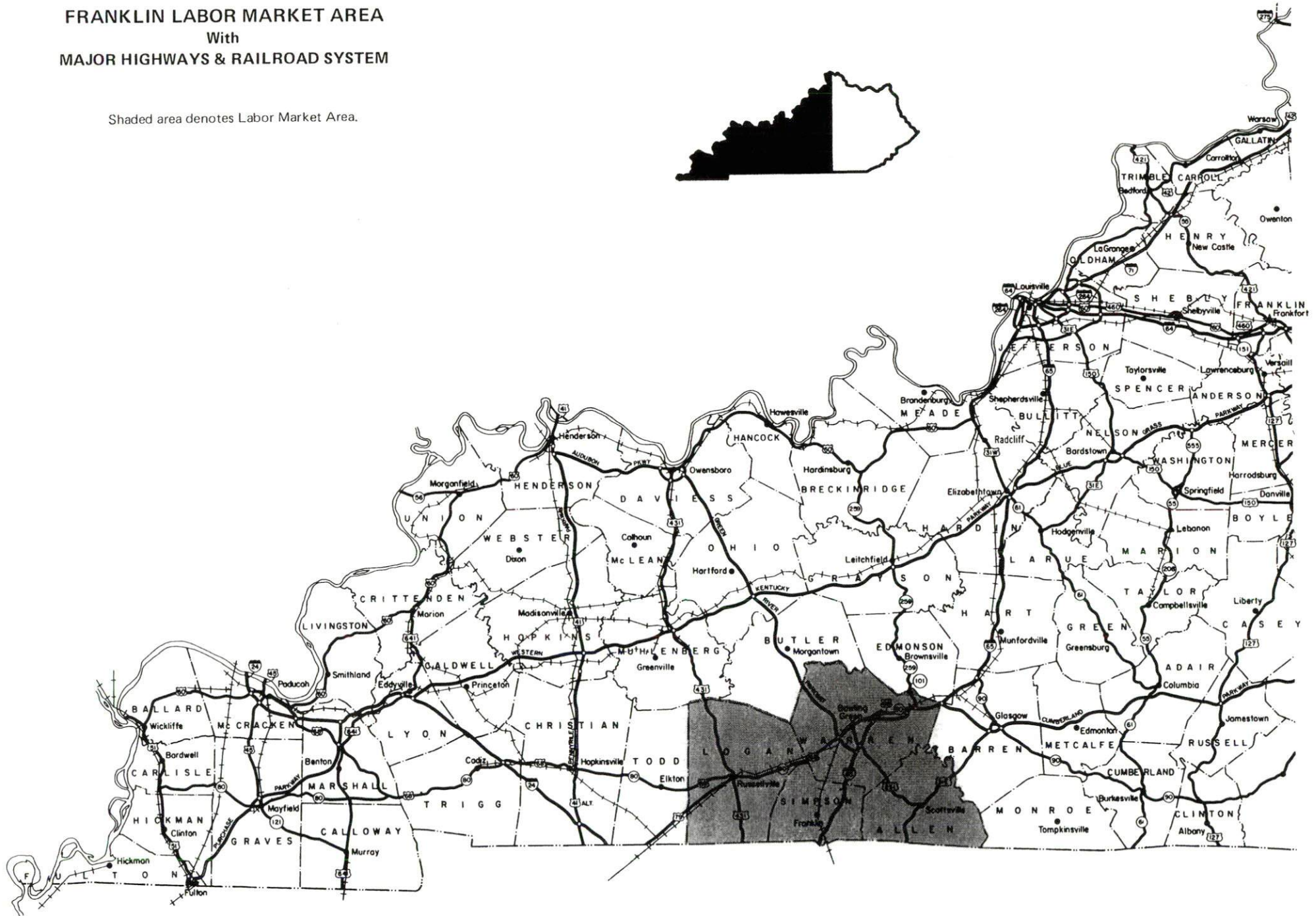
Transportation - Major highways directly serving Franklin include U.S. Highway 31W and Kentucky Route 100, both AAA-rated trucking highways. Two interchanges of Interstate 65 are located within four miles of the city. Twenty-six trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Franklin. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Franklin. The Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, 19 miles north, maintains two paved runways. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Nashville International Airport near Nashville, Tennessee, 50 miles south of Franklin.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Franklin and parts of Simpson County by the Franklin Electric Plant Board. The major portion of Simpson County is served by the Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided by the Western Kentucky Gas Company.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Franklin and Simpson County by the Simpson County School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Two nonpublic schools operate in Simpson County. Nine colleges and universities are located within 45 miles of Franklin. Vocational training is available at the Russellville Area Technology Center at Russellville, 22 miles northwest of Franklin; and the Allen County Area Technology Center, located 24 miles east of Franklin in Scottsville. The Bowling Green Regional Technology Center and the Kentucky Advanced Technology Center in Bowling Green, 21 miles north of Franklin, offer training in numerous courses.

FRANKLIN LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Franklin Labor Market Area includes Simpson County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Allen, Logan, and Warren. The southern boundary of Simpson County is formed by the Tennessee state line. The Franklin Labor Market Area is supplemented by the Tennessee counties of Robertson and Sumner.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	139,820	131,909	124,767	105,329
Franklin	8,670	7,607	7,738	6,553
Simpson County (1995 - 16,410)**	15,871	15,145	14,673	13,054

*Population estimates.

**University of Louisville Data Center.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	149,914	162,390	172,033
Simpson County	17,243	18,914	20,287

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>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1997 thru 2001</u>
Labor Market Area*	3,326	3,326	0	9,623
Simpson County	412	412	0	1,138

* 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.

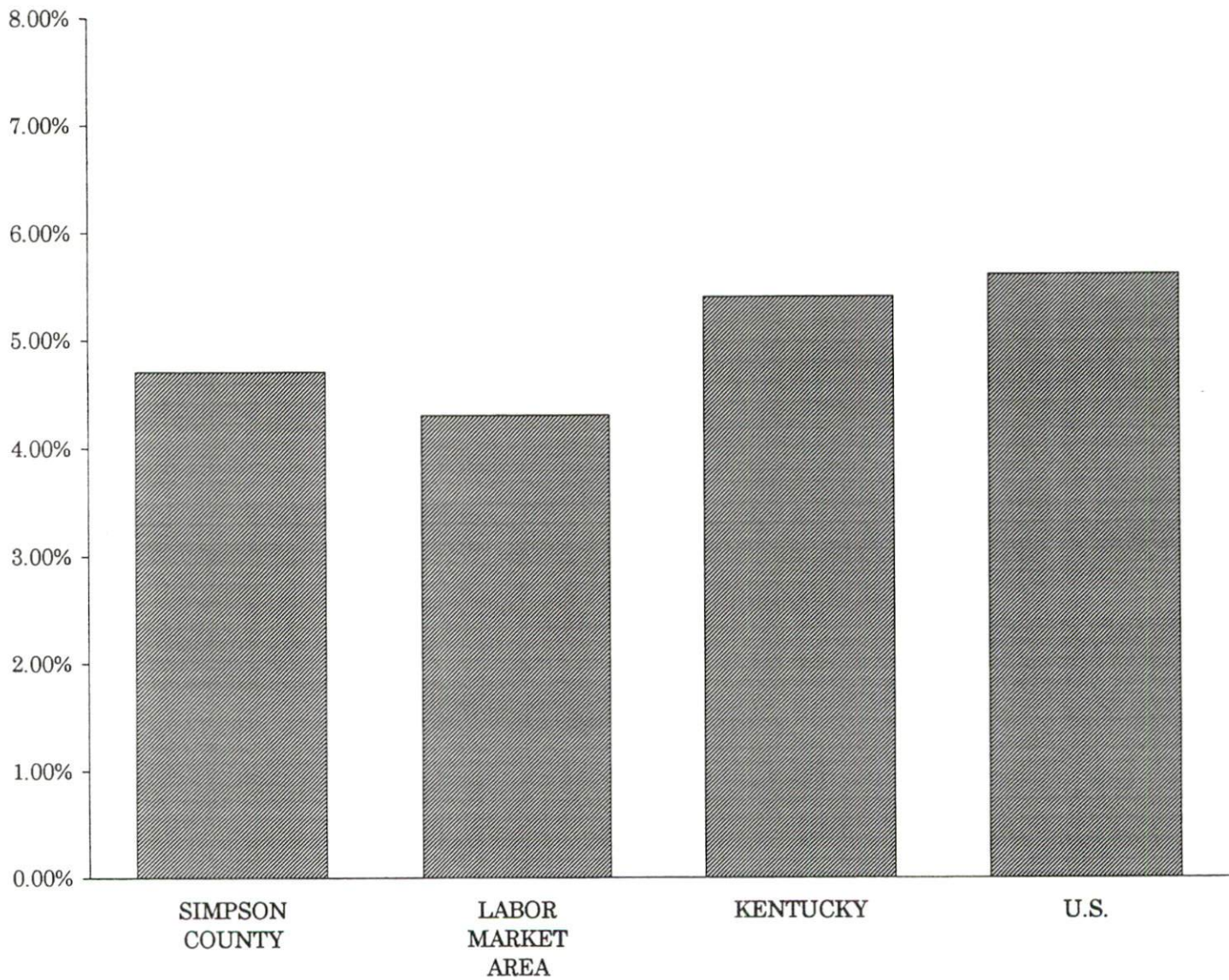
Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1995. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1997 thru 2001.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1995

	<u>Simpson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	8,702	77,383
Employment	8,290	74,057
Unemployment	412	3,326
Rate of Unemployment (%)	4.7	4.3

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1995



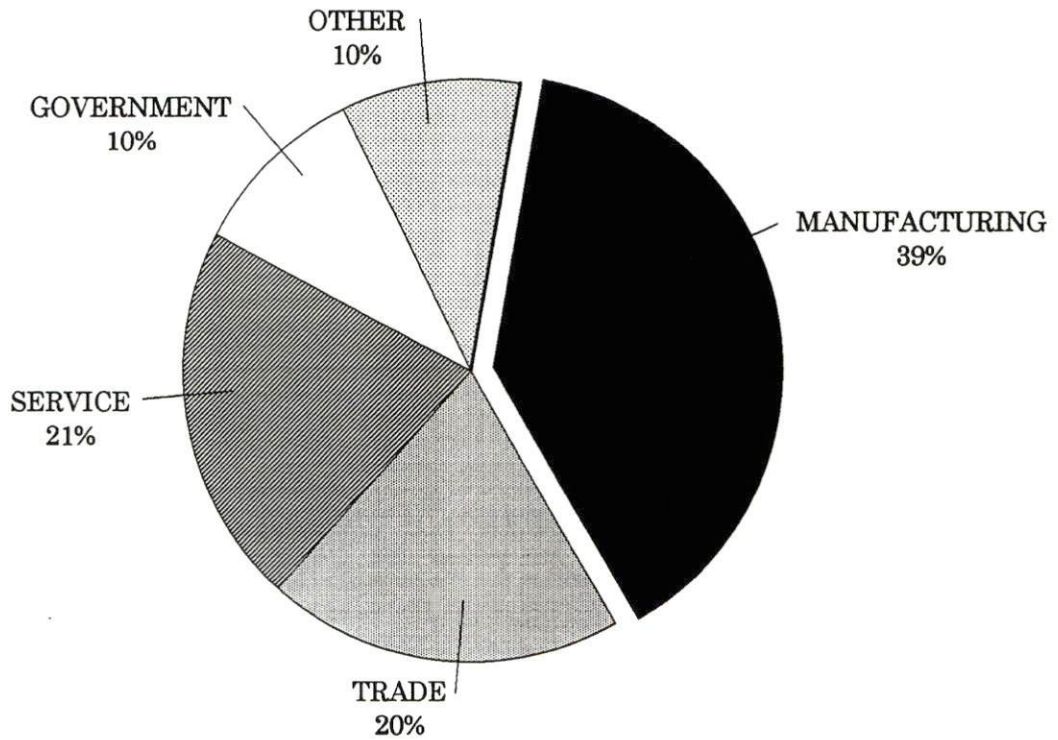
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

	<u>Simpson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	7,803	65,549
Manufacturing	3,041	19,599
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,590	17,328
Services	1,661	12,460
State/Local Government	778	8,242
Contract Construction	115	2,872

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.

SIMPSON COUNTY

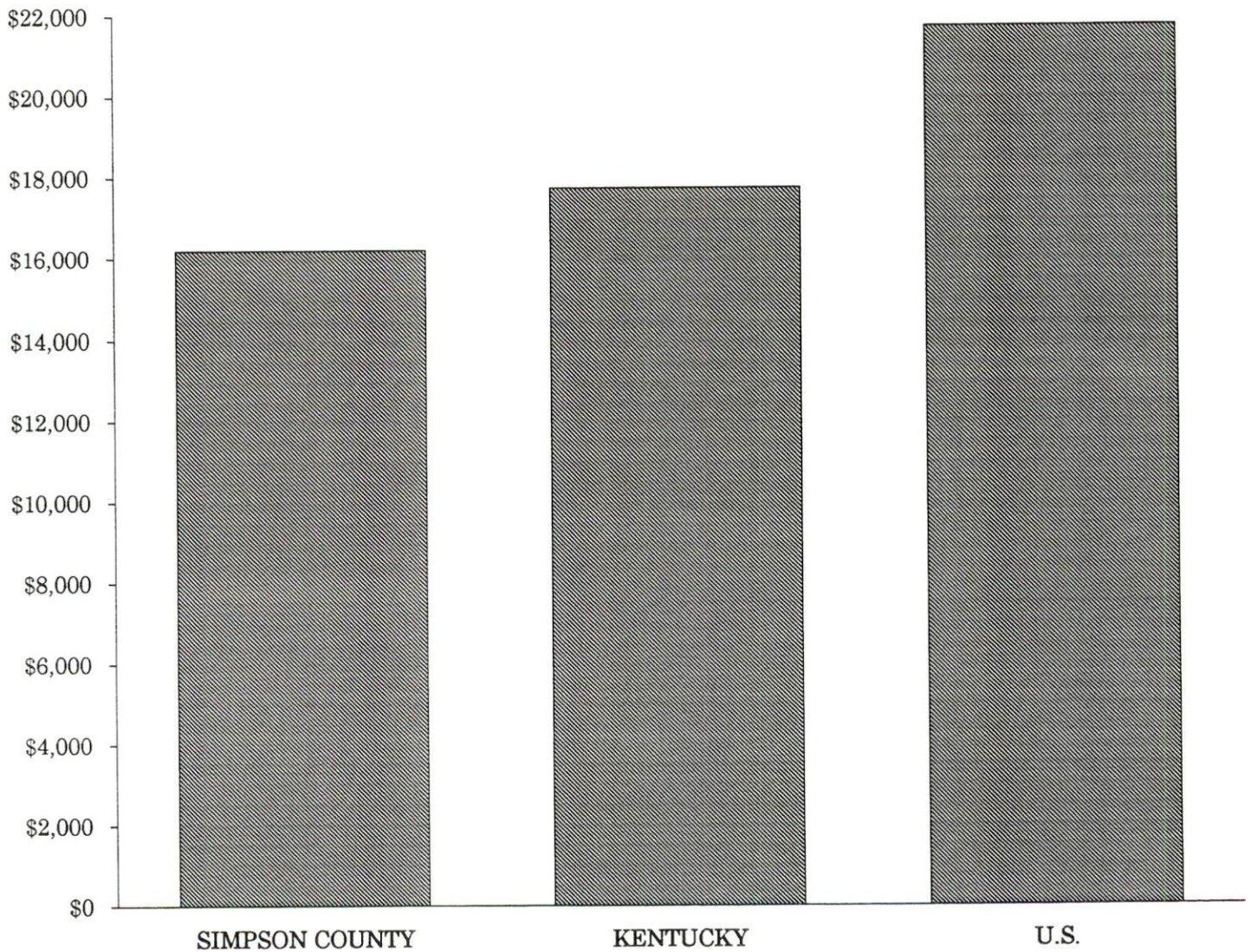


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Simpson County	\$13,218	\$16,180	22.4
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,615 - \$14,959	\$13,363 - \$18,756	-
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

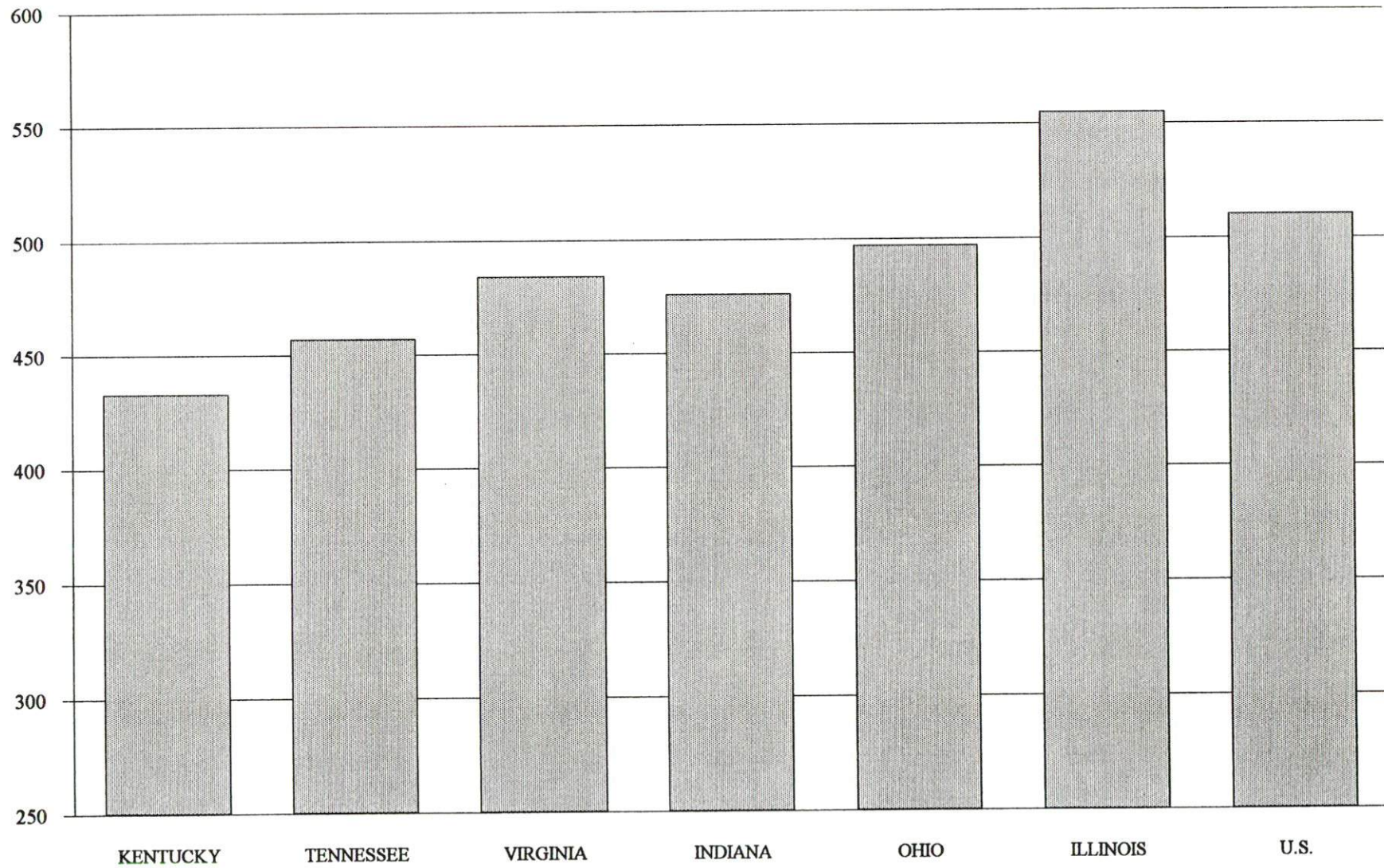
Simpson County is served by the Bowling Green local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Bowling Green local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1996, the local employment office filled 3,097 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	3,097	6.12
Clerical	144	5.57
Sales	56	6.20
Services (excluding domestic)	651	4.78
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	24	5.74
Processing	141	5.29
Machine Trades	655	6.96
Bench Work	460	5.38
Structural	151	7.72
Motor Freight/ Transportation	75	6.38
Packaging and Materials Handling	529	7.06
Other	92	7.82

The Bowling Green local office also serves Allen, Butler, Edmonson, Logan, and Warren 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 - 1994**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994*

	<u>Simpson County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$416.81	\$432.45	\$457.00	\$484.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	724.79	638.00	721.00
Contract Construction	286.10	457.02	485.00	476.00
Manufacturing	601.20	560.04	540.00	565.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	555.69	573.31	588.00	673.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	246.98	297.57	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	393.83	521.15	585.00	609.00
Services	222.86	385.62	434.00	501.00
State/Local Government	374.99	441.53	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$476.00	\$497.00	\$555.00	\$510.00
Mining & Quarrying	771.00	682.00	815.00	839.00
Contract Construction	538.00	549.00	681.00	544.00
Manufacturing	653.00	701.00	692.00	645.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	581.00	619.00	694.00	658.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	557.00	572.00	764.00	693.00
Services	400.00	433.00	501.00	483.00
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, 1994. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1994, November 1995.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

MAJOR FRANKLIN MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT*

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Alliance Rubber Company, Inc. (1958)	Rubberbands	15
Brown Printing Company, Franklin Division (1979)	Catalogs, magazines, and newspaper inserts	550
C & M Metals, Inc. (1984)	Residential framing, steel partitions, and fabricated metal beams	25
The Franklin Favorite WFKN, Inc. (1857)	Commercial printing, newspaper	24
Franklin Hardwoods, Inc. (1991)	Hardwood dimension (oak), hardwood lumber	15
Franklin Precision Industry, Inc. (1989)	Throttle body for automobiles, plastic charcoal canisters	100
Irving Materials, Inc. (1996)	Ready-mixed concrete	30
Jefferson Smurfit Corporation (1982)	Paper cores	15
Kendall Company-Adhesive Plant (1962)	Consumer and hospital adhesive tapes, industrial adhesive tape products	450
Kendall Company-Polyken Plant (1956)	Plastic pipeline coating tape, industrial adhesive tapes	350
National Dust Control Service (1986)	Dust mops, wet mops, entry mats	60
Old Kentucky Leathers (1989)	Textile dyeing	25
Outokumpu Copper (1966)	Welded copper air conditioning tubing	250
Overton Woodwork, Inc. (1960)	Wood windows and louvers, cupolas, dormers, moldings	12
Paradise Marine, Inc. (1981)	Boat ladders and rails	19
Pig Improvement Company (1960)	Feed, breeding stock	517
Siemens Company/Potter & Brumfield, Inc. (1956)	Electric relays and solenoids	400
Prep SAT (1990)	Magazine and catalog production film	85
Printers, Inc. (1979)	Silkscreen and offset printing, commercial printing	23
Pro-Wash (1990)	Stone, bleach, and enzyme washing for jeans	75

(Continued)

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	1996 <u>Average Employment</u>
Sealed Power Corporation, SPX Corporation (1972)	Small engine piston rings, transmissions rings	250
Sealed Power Corporation, Steel Products Plant, SPX Corporation (1987)	Steel oil ring expanders and steel piston rings	65
Silgan Plastics (1978)	Plastic bottles for cosmetics, food and beverage, and personal care	110
Simpson County Wood Products Company, Inc. (1978)	Pallets, skids, dimension lumber	17

* Manufacturing firms with 10 or more employees.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Franklin-Simpson County Chamber of Commerce.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Varity Dayton Walther announced plans in 1996 to establish a \$15 million truck brake components manufacturing firm that will employ 40 to 60 people. Also in 1996, the Kendall Company announced a \$75 million expansion that is expected to increase employment by 170 to 200 jobs.

Franklin Precision completed a 70,000 square-foot expansion in 1996 that added new equipment and new jobs. Silgan Plastics completed a modernization and equipment upgrade in 1996.

Outokumpu Copper will add 28,000 square feet of space to the current facility by January 1997. The \$7 million project will also modernize operations, upgrade equipment, and add 20 new jobs.

In 1995, seven firms located in Franklin announced expansion plans creating an estimated 208 new jobs.

MAJOR NON-MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Franklin-Simpson School District	PK-12 education	430
Keystops, Inc.	Petroleum products/distributor	225
Flying J	Travel plaza	175
Pig Improvement Company	North America headquarters	125*
Franklin-Simpson Memorial Hospital	Health care	85
City of Franklin	Municipal government	66
National Dust Control	Dust control service, supplies, products	65
Simpson County Fiscal Court	County government	60

*In addition to the 517 employees listed under Existing Industry section.

Source: Franklin-Simpson County Chamber of Commerce.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union

United Paperworkers International
Union, AFL-CIO

Representing workers at:

Jefferson Smurfit Corporation

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Franklin</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Franklin, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Franklin, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Nashville, Tennessee	43
Industrial Waste Removal	Scottsville, Kentucky	21
	Russellville, Kentucky	22
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Franklin, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Franklin, Kentucky	-
	Bowling Green, Kentucky	21
Metal Finishers	Franklin, Kentucky	-
Metal Service Centers	Bowling Green, Kentucky	21
Millwrights & Riggers	Franklin, Kentucky	-

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Franklin-Simpson County Chamber of Commerce.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major highways directly serving Franklin include U.S. Highway 31W and Kentucky Route 100, both AAA-rated trucking highways (80,000-pound gross load limit). Interchanges of Interstate 65, a major north-south corridor, are located three miles east of Franklin via Kentucky 100 and four miles south via U.S. 31W. Other highways serving Franklin include Kentucky Routes 383 and 73.

Interstate 65 provides easy access to the Green River Parkway, 17 miles north of Franklin, and to the Cumberland Parkway, 40 miles northeast. Other major interstate highway systems are accessible via Interstate 65 near Louisville, 138 miles north; and near Nashville, Tennessee, 41 miles south of Franklin.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	282	Los Angeles, CA	2,035
Baltimore, MD	702	Louisville, KY	135
Birmingham, AL	231	Nashville, TN	44
Chicago, IL	411	New Orleans, LA	564
Cincinnati, OH	235	New York, NY	885
Cleveland, OH	482	Pittsburgh, PA	513
Detroit, MI	493	St. Louis, MO	291
Knoxville, TN	222		

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

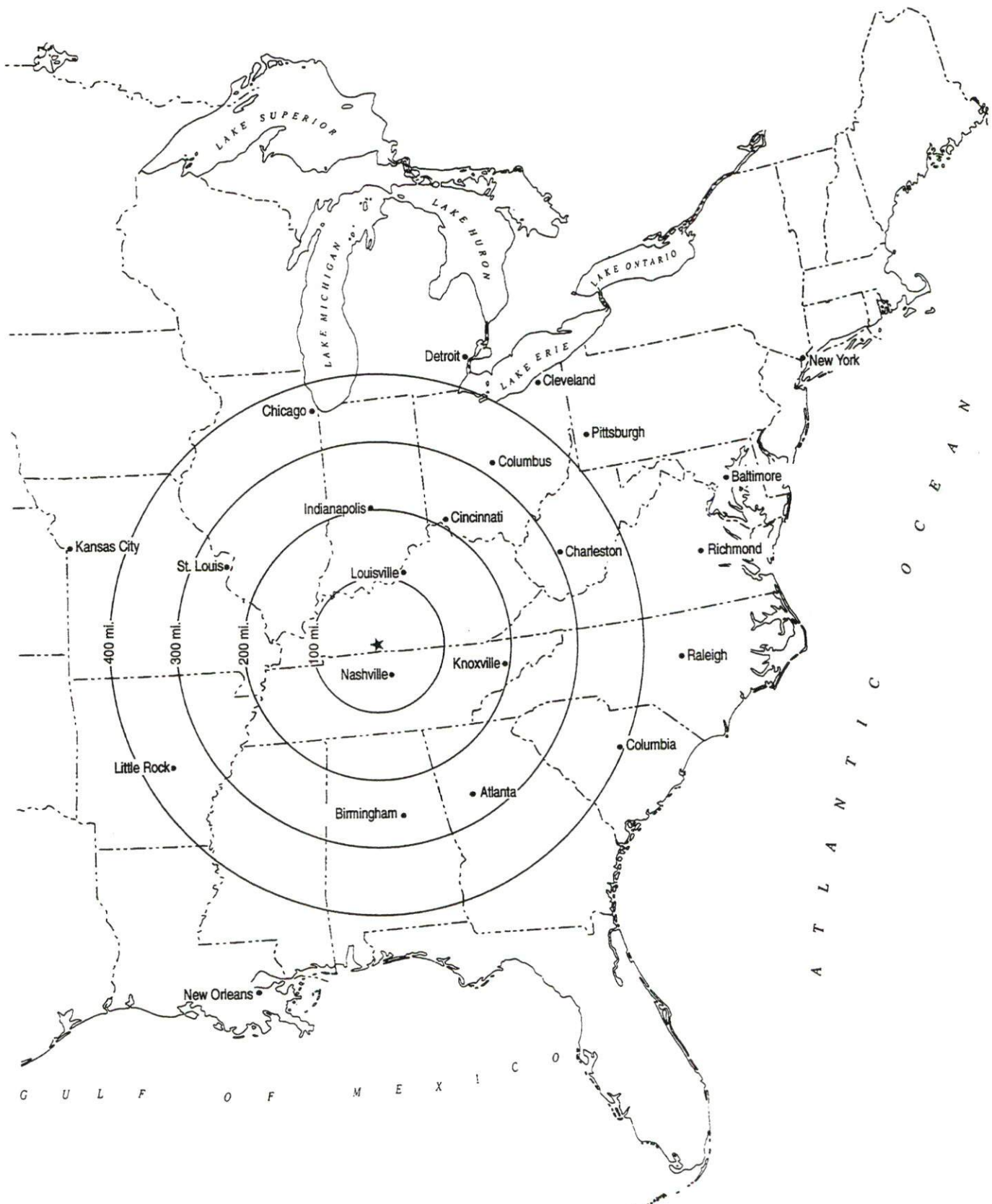
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Twenty-six common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Franklin. One terminal operates locally.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1996.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Franklin and provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Nashville, Tennessee, 44 miles south of Franklin.

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 Airport

Location:	Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport 2 miles southeast of Bowling Green, Kentucky; 19 miles north of Franklin
Runways:	2 paved
Length:	6,500 feet and 4,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind tee, airport advisory service
Lighting:	Runways, obstructions, taxiways, beacon, wind tee, strobes approach to 3 and 21, PAPI
Services:	100 octane and jet-A fuel, (24-hour service), storage, major and minor A & P repairs, charter plane rental, FAA flight service station, taxi and rental car
Air Freight Service:	Chartered air freight service must be arranged.

The FAA recently installed a full ILS (Instrument Landing System) and Fruit of the Loom has constructed a 16,000 square-foot corporate hangar. The airport also received a state grant for taxiway lights. Fuel tanks are to be replaced in the near-future with three new tanks; a 12,000 gallon tank; and two 10,000 gallon tanks.

Nearest International Airport

Location:	Nashville International Airport 6 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee; 50 miles south of Franklin
Air Service:	American, AirTrans, ASA, Continental Connection, Comair, Delta, American Eagle, Northwest, Southwest, TWA, United, USAir, USAir Express, Valujet
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	564

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Franklin** - Franklin Electric Plant Board

Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority

For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial Development
Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 726
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241-0726
(502) 885-5392 Fax (502) 885-9451

and/or

Franklin Electric Plant Board
P.O. Box 349
Franklin, Kentucky 42135
(502) 586-4441

Company serving a **major portion of Simpson County** - Warren Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation

Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority

For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial Development
Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 726
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241-0726
(502) 885-5392 Fax (502) 885-9451

and/or

Warren County Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
951 Fairview Avenue
P.O. Box 1118
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102
(502) 842-6541

Natural Gas

Company serving **Franklin** - Western Kentucky Gas Company

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company
2401 New Hartford Road
P.O. Box 866
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302-0866
(502) 685-8069

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Franklin** - Franklin Water Department
925 South Main Street
P.O. Box 2805
Franklin, Kentucky 42135
(502) 586-4497

Source - West Fork Drakes Creek
Treatment plant capacity- 5,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 1,612,891 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 3,074,700 gallons
Storage capacity - 4,225,000 gallons (includes clearwell)
Water pressure - 35 psi to 100 psi

Name of water district - Simpson County Water District
951 Fairview Avenue
P.O. Box 1118
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102-1118
(502) 842-6541

Area served - Simpson County
Source of supply of treated water - White House Utility District and City of Franklin
Amount that can be purchased - 3,312,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 721,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,322,500 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,650,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 100 psi

Sewerage

Company serving **Franklin** - Franklin Sewer Department
925 South Main Street
P.O. Box 2805
Franklin, Kentucky 42135
(502) 586-4497

Design capacity - 3,200,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 2,414,833 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - West Fork Drakes Creek

The Franklin Sewer Department is presently making \$2.6 million in wastewater system improvements. The project will reach completion by July 1997.

CLIMATE

Simpson County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	59.10 degrees
Average annual 1994	59.90 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (55-year record)	107.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (55-year record)	-17.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	3,729

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	47.30 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	10.10 inches
Total precipitation 1994	59.77 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (53-year record)	118.60
Mean number days thunderstorms (53-year record)	52.60

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (29-year record)

1 a.m.	79 percent
7 a.m.	84 percent
1 p.m.	57 percent
7 p.m.	61 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1994. Station of record: Nashville, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Franklin-Simpson Joint Planning and Zoning Commission

Participating cities - Franklin

Zoning enforced - All areas

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas

Local codes enforced - Building and housing in all areas

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 Franklin levies an occupational license tax of one percent (maximum is F.I.C.A. limit) on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals for activities conducted within the corporate limits. The City of Franklin also levies an annual business license fee for manufacturers. The fee is \$20 per employee annually with a minimum fee of \$100. All other businesses are levied a fee based upon annual gross receipts at a rate of six hundredths of one percent for the first \$1,000,000 and one hundredth of one percent for gross receipts greater than \$1,000,000 and less than \$10,000,000, and five thousandths of one percent for all gross receipts over \$10,000,000. The minimum fee is \$100.

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>	1995 <u>State Rate</u>	Local Taxation <u>Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.167	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, 1995

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Simpson County	\$0.2030	\$0.2389	\$0.2369
School Districts:			
Simpson County	0.3790	0.3790	0.5460
Cities:			
Franklin	0.1510	0.1650	0.1871

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Simpson County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1995)	2,947
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	15.8-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	48.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,918.26

The Simpson County School System is proud to offer students enhanced learning and programs such as those provided through the federal Americorps grant. In the third year of the \$1.0 million grant, Simpson Elementary is enhancing reading achievement levels of primary school students. Through the Title II program, twenty-three teachers have received ACES, AIMS, and FOSS training in research based science instruction to use in the classroom. The Title IV program provides for peer-mediation in three schools for student conflict resolution for enhanced student management. Through Title VI programs, Lincoln Elementary has adopted the Computer Curriculum Corporation research based software program that covers all content areas (math, science, reading, etc.). Title I funding has provided in-class inclusion and the Title I, II, and IV programs have received outstanding ratings with the Kentucky Department of Education for effective student instruction.

Franklin Elementary uses the Writing to Reading computer program for K-1 students. Lincoln Elementary is considered a state-of-the-art facility for its computer wiring and labs. Franklin-Simpson Middle School has a Josten's computer learning lab. Franklin-Simpson High School offers a KTLN (Kentucky Technical Learning Network) lab that produces videos for the school district and community, and is developing cooperative working relationships with area TV stations as part of the "school-to-work" program.

Students' A.C.T. scores are consistently higher than the state and national averages. Four schools have strong competitive academic teams and compete successfully at area and state levels; and the school system offers a competitive athletic program.

The D.A.R.E. program is offered in grades 4, 6, and 8; and the school system uses the "Here's Looking at 2000 Drug Prevention Program."

Construction of the school systems' new office space is being done entirely by the vocational school students under the direction of one of their teachers who is serving as the contractor. Construction is expected to be completed in 1997.

The school system was one of the first of only six schools in the state to go to the "alternative" school year calendar.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Faith Baptist Academy	42	P-12
Elementary & High Schools		
Franklin Mennonite Elementary	32	1-8

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (21)	14,721
Belmont College	Nashville, Tennessee (44)	3,009
David Lipscomb College	Nashville, Tennessee (44)	2,545
Fisk University	Nashville, Tennessee (44)	879
Free Will Baptist Bible College	Nashville, Tennessee (44)	346
Meharry Medical College	Nashville, Tennessee (44)	721
Trevecca Nazarene College	Nashville, Tennessee (44)	1,537
Tennessee State University	Nashville, Tennessee (44)	8,464
Vanderbilt University	Nashville, Tennessee (44)	10,074

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 Franklin)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1995-1996</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Bowling Green Regional Technology Center	Bowling Green (21)	20	<u>Sec</u> 199	<u>P/S</u> 498	300
Kentucky Advanced Technology Center	Bowling Green (21)	6	<u>Sec</u> 0	<u>P/S</u> 278	50
Russellville Area Technology Center	Russellville (22)	8	<u>Sec</u> 300	<u>P/S</u> 2	195
<u>Other Vocational Schools</u>					
Allen County Area Technology Center	Scottsville (24)	6	<u>Sec</u> 680	<u>P/S</u> 0	35

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 Bowling Green 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 on the campus of the Bowling Green 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 Franklin, adult basic education and adult literacy programs are administered through the Simpson County Board of Education and Simpson County Literacy Council.

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 - 9
Dentist - 11
Chiropractors - 3
Nurse Practitioner - 1
Optometrists - 3

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Franklin-Simpson Memorial Hospital	Franklin	50

Medical staff - Nine active physicians, thirteen registered nurses, seven licensed practical nurses

The hospital provides a full-service, 24-hour emergency room. A recent renovation project includes new ICU-CCU areas, and expanded and remodeled surgery unit and emergency room services. A full-time surgeon is also now on staff. In addition, the hospital offers a lighted heliport which provides air access to hospitals in Nashville, Tennessee, within 30 minutes.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Barren River Comprehensive Care Center	Franklin Personal Care Home
Simpson County Health Department	Lewis Memorial Home
Franklin-Simpson Ambulance Service	Lifeline Home Health Care
Olsten-Kimberly Quality Care	Simpson County Home Health Care
Family Care Home Health Agency	Return to Work of Franklin
Medco Center	

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Franklin Bank & Trust Company
Simpson County Bank
First American National Bank
TransFinancial Bank

Newspapers

The Franklin Favorite (weekly)

Telephone Service

BellSouth

Simpson County has implemented the enhanced "911" emergency dispatch communications system.

RECREATION

Local

Franklin and Simpson County provide an array of excellent recreational facilities the entire family can enjoy.

Franklin offers a well-maintained city park with a community building. Featuring a fully-equipped kitchen and a recreation area, the building is available for civic meetings and family gatherings. Two mini-parks and four well-equipped playgrounds afford children from the area excellent facilities. In addition, a swimming pool, eight tennis courts, four baseball diamonds, a football field, and a golf driving range at the city park are all available.

Private recreational facilities include the Franklin Country Club with an 18-hole golf course, a swimming pool, and four tennis courts. A public 18-hole golf course with a driving range is also available, as well as a drive-in movie theater.

The Franklin-Simpson Arts Council produces a series of plays, art shows, and concerts throughout the year. Performances are held at the Goodnight Auditorium, an 800-seat civic center. The Gallery on the Square displays the works of fine artists and craftsmen from the south central Kentucky area. Art classes are offered and area school art is displayed annually. Each year, the Gallery sponsors "Sidewalk Chalk Drawings" competitions in downtown Franklin.

Located just south of Franklin, in southern Simpson County, is Dueling Grounds Race Course, the only steeplechase track in the state. Plans are under way to reopen the facility.

Annual events in Franklin include Jim Bowie Days in April; the Franklin-Simpson County Fair in July; the Southern Kentucky Antique Car Show and Crafts Fair in August; and the Garden Spot Trot (a five-mile run), sponsored by the Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce, also held in August.

Simpson County offers a multitude of quality antique shops and malls, all within a six-mile radius.

Simpson County is fast becoming a place where more and more retirees are choosing as the ideal site to locate, due to the mild winters, excellent local services, and the cost of living.

Area (Within 65 miles)

Barren River Lake State Resort Park
General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant and Museum
Jefferson Davis Monument State Historic Site
Lake Malone State Park
Mammoth Cave National Park
Nolin River Lake
Old Mulkey Meeting House State Historic Site
Shakertown at South Union
Nashville, Tennessee (numerous entertainment and cultural attractions)