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SPRINGFIELD, KENTUCKY

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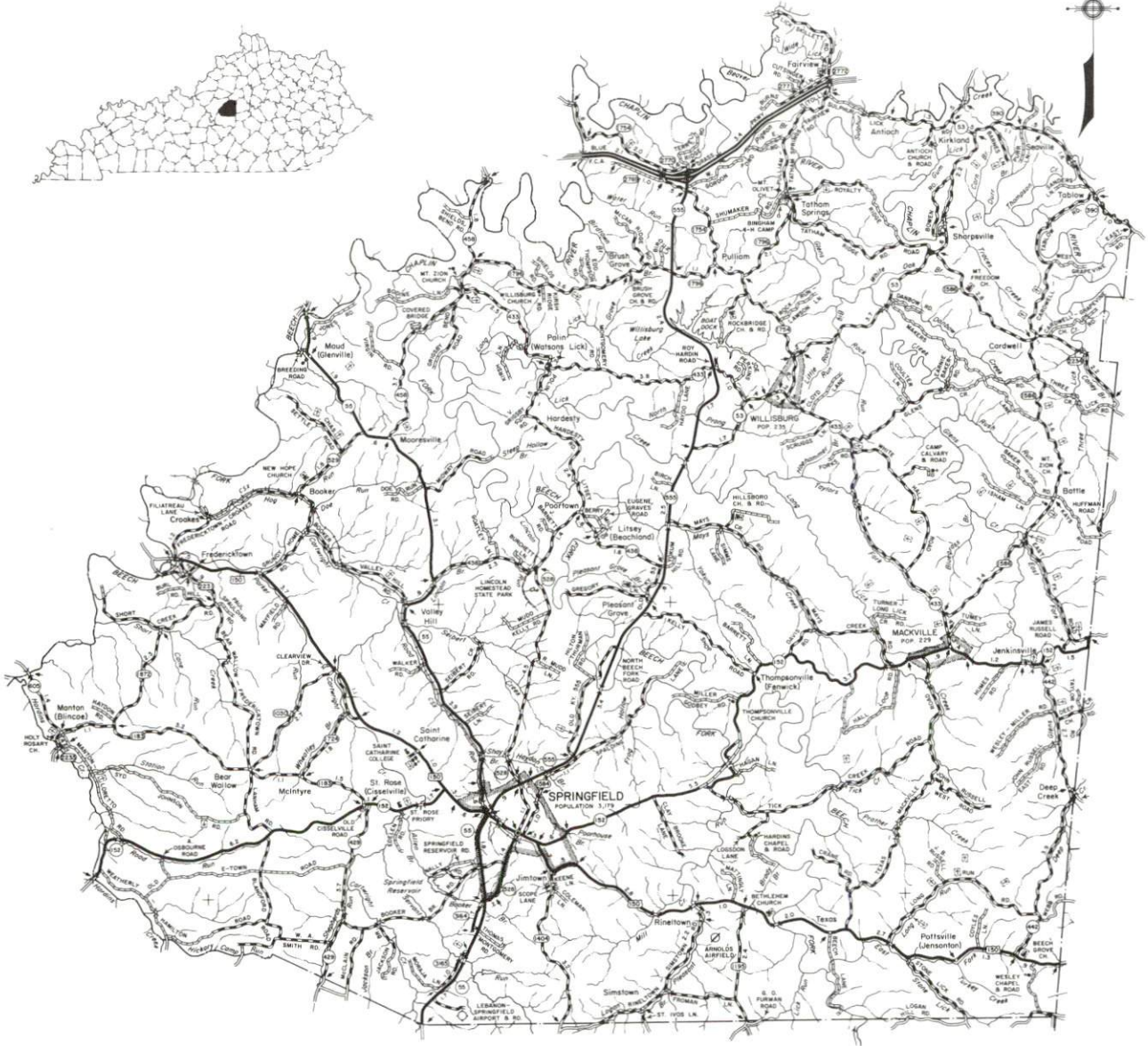
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
WASHINGTON COUNTY
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
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IN COOPERATION WITH THE
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SPRINGFIELD, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Springfield, the county seat of Washington County, is located in central Kentucky's Blue Grass Region, 57 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 54 miles southwest of Lexington, Kentucky; and 183 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee. Springfield had a 1990 population of 2,875 persons.

Washington County, with a land area of 301 square miles, had a 1990 population of 10,441 persons.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Washington County residents employed in 1990 averaged 4,882. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 650 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 400 jobs; 260 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 417 employees; and contract construction firms provided 138 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 11,473 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 8,954 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Springfield include U.S. Highway 150, Kentucky Route 555, and Kentucky Route 55 south of the city. Kentucky Route 55 north of Springfield is a "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. The Blue Grass Parkway, 15 miles north of Springfield via Kentucky 555, is a controlled-access, multi-lane highway connecting Lexington, Interstate 64 and Interstate 75, 54 miles east of Springfield; and with Elizabethtown, Interstate 65, and the Western Kentucky Parkway, 43 miles west of Springfield. Fourteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Springfield. R.J. Corman Railroad provides the nearest rail service at Bardstown, Kentucky, 17 miles northwest. The nearest scheduled commercial airline services are available at Bluegrass Airport, 50 miles northeast of Springfield near Lexington; and at Standiford Field, 57 miles northwest of Springfield near Louisville. A small craft airport is also located near Springfield.

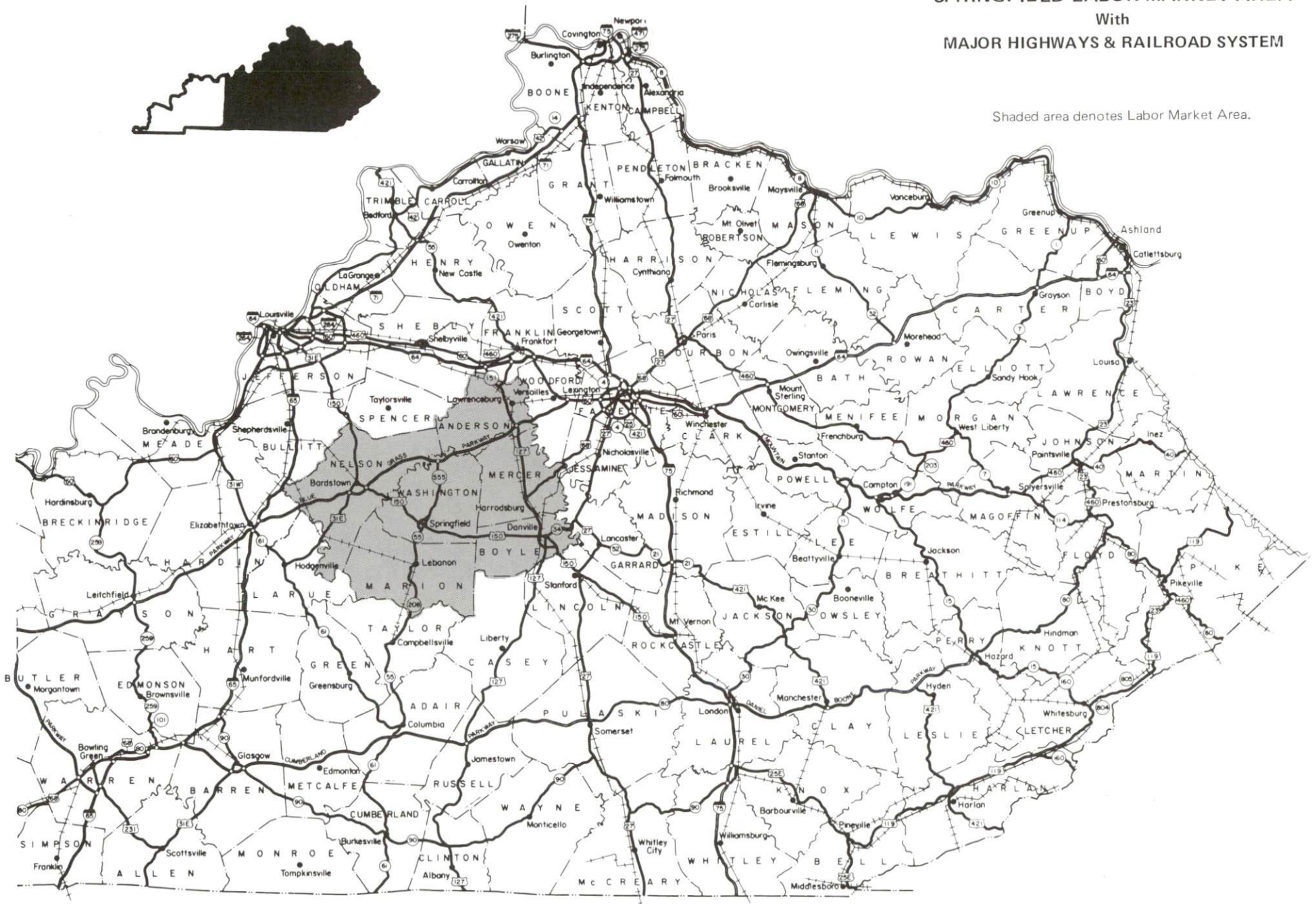
Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Springfield and parts of Washington County. The remainder of Washington County is served by East Kentucky Power Cooperative through various rural electric cooperatives. Western Kentucky Gas Company, whose source of supply is Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, provides Springfield with natural gas service.

Education - The Washington County Public School System provides primary and secondary education to students in Washington County. A parochial elementary school also operates in Springfield. St. Catharine College, an independent two-year co-educational college, is located two miles west of Springfield. In addition, 14 other institutions of higher learning are located within 60 miles of Springfield. The nearest state vocational-technical school is located at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, 43 miles west of Springfield. Vocational education training is also available at the Marion County Area Vocational Education Center at Lebanon, Kentucky, eight miles south of Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET AREA

With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Springfield Labor Market Area includes Washington County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Anderson, Boyle, Marion, Mercer, and Nelson.

POPULATION			
	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	116,010	112,902	98,098
Springfield	2,875	3,179	2,961
Washington County	10,441	10,764	10,728

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, January 1991.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	2000	2010	2020	2030
Labor Market Area	126,790	131,340	133,810	133,600
Washington County	9,900	9,580	9,190	8,660

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current				Future
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1992 thru 1996
Labor Market Area*	11,473	4,006	5,100	2,367	8,954
Washington County	1,189	374	493	322	811

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Employed Part-Time - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally).

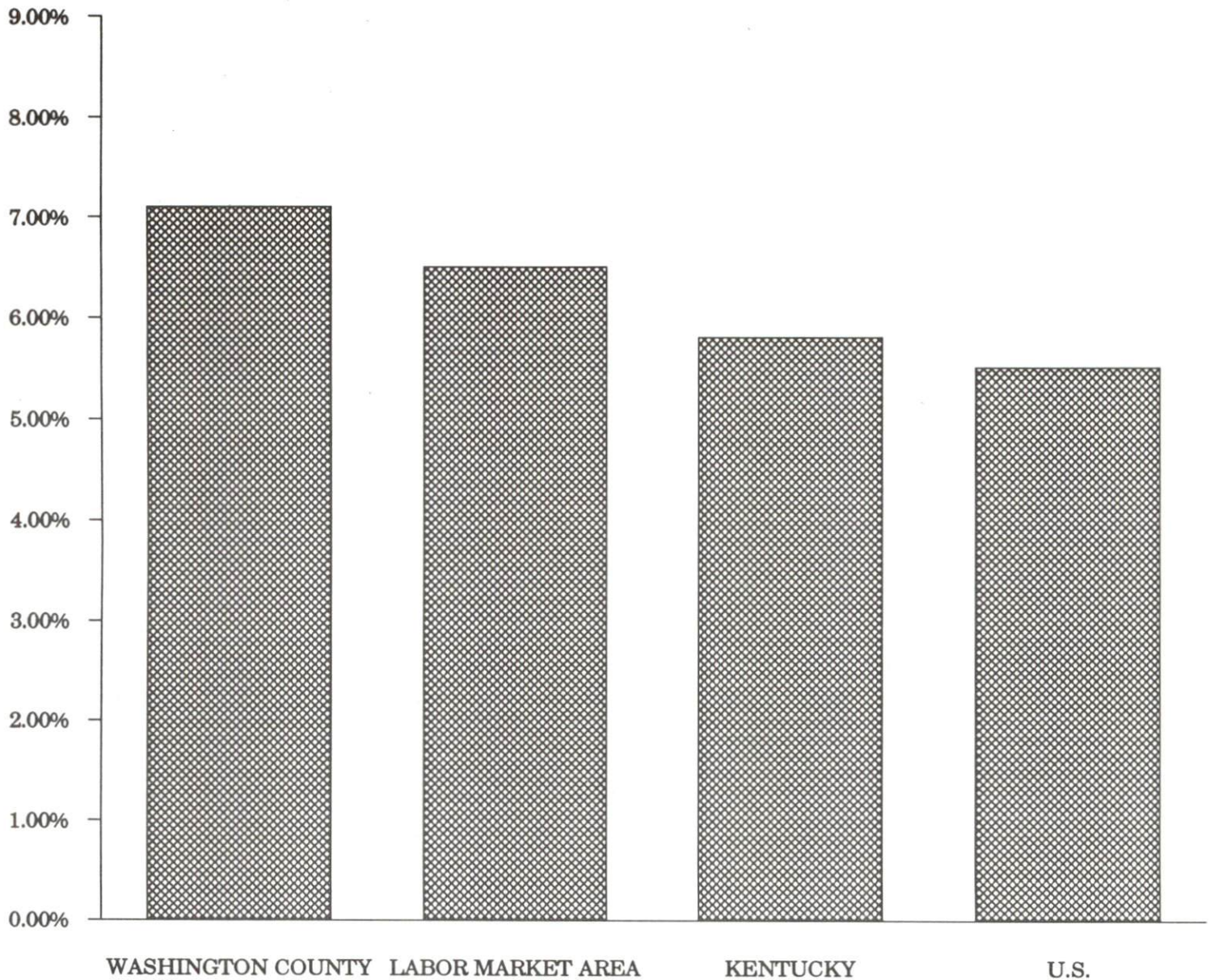
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1990

	Washington County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	5,257	58,755
Employment	4,882	54,919
Unemployment	375	3,836
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.1	6.5

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1990.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1990

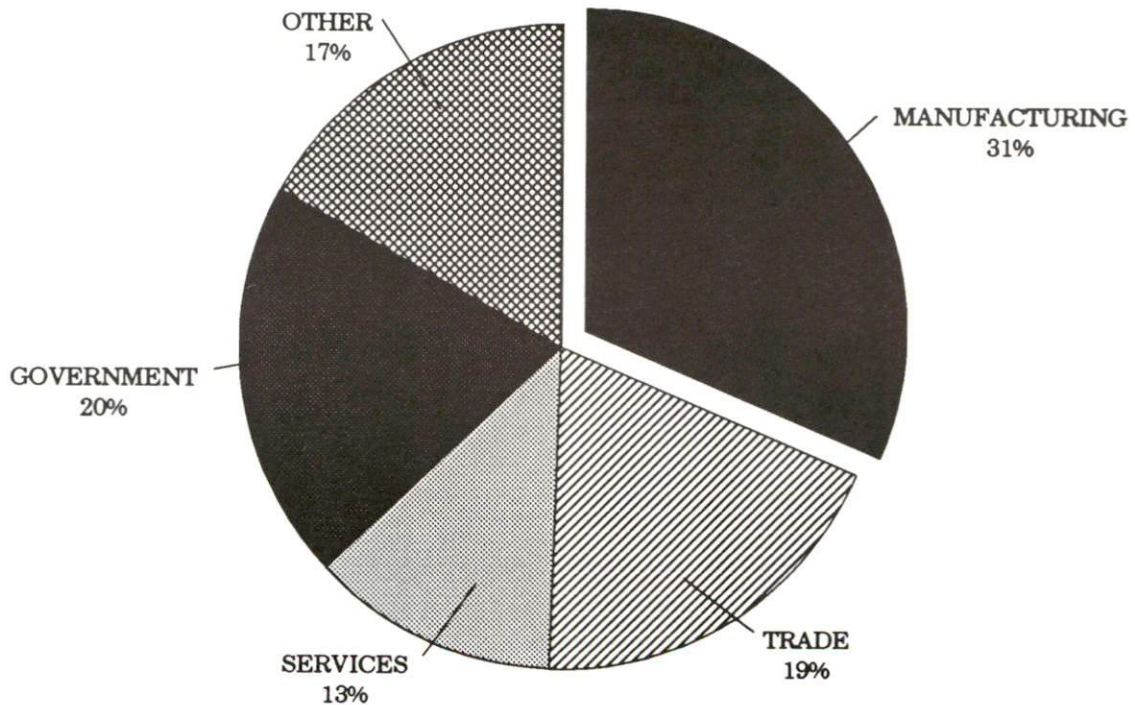


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990

	Washington County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	2,072	35,417
Manufacturing	650	11,589
Wholesale & Retail Trade	400	8,802
Services	260	6,010
State/Local Government	417	4,619
Contract Construction	138	1,642

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.
Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1990.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

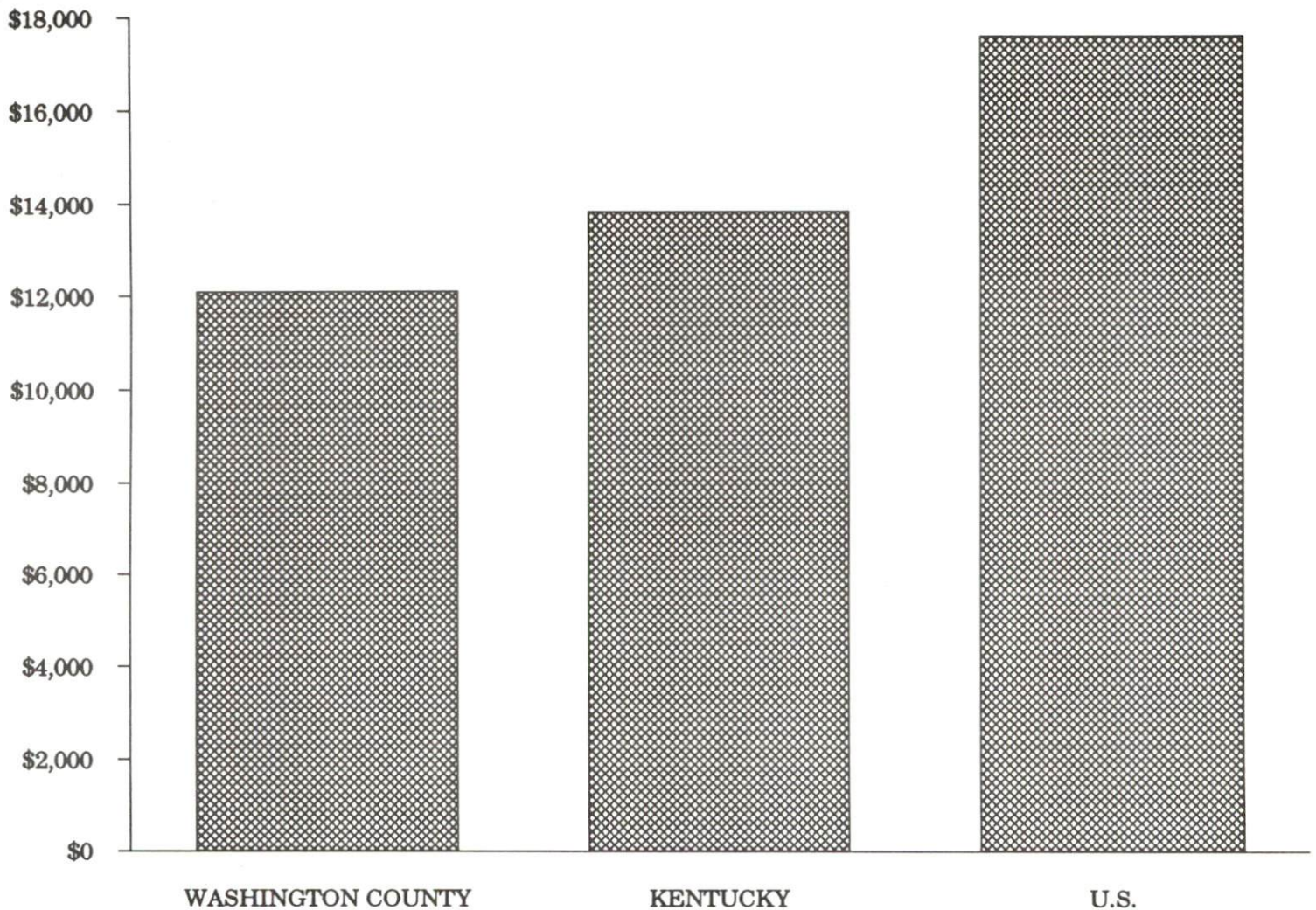


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1985	1989	Percent Change
Washington County	\$9,530	\$12,087	26.8
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,386 - \$11,402	\$11,210 - \$14,029	-
Kentucky	\$10,755	\$13,823	28.5
U.S.	\$13,899	\$17,594	26.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1991.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1989



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

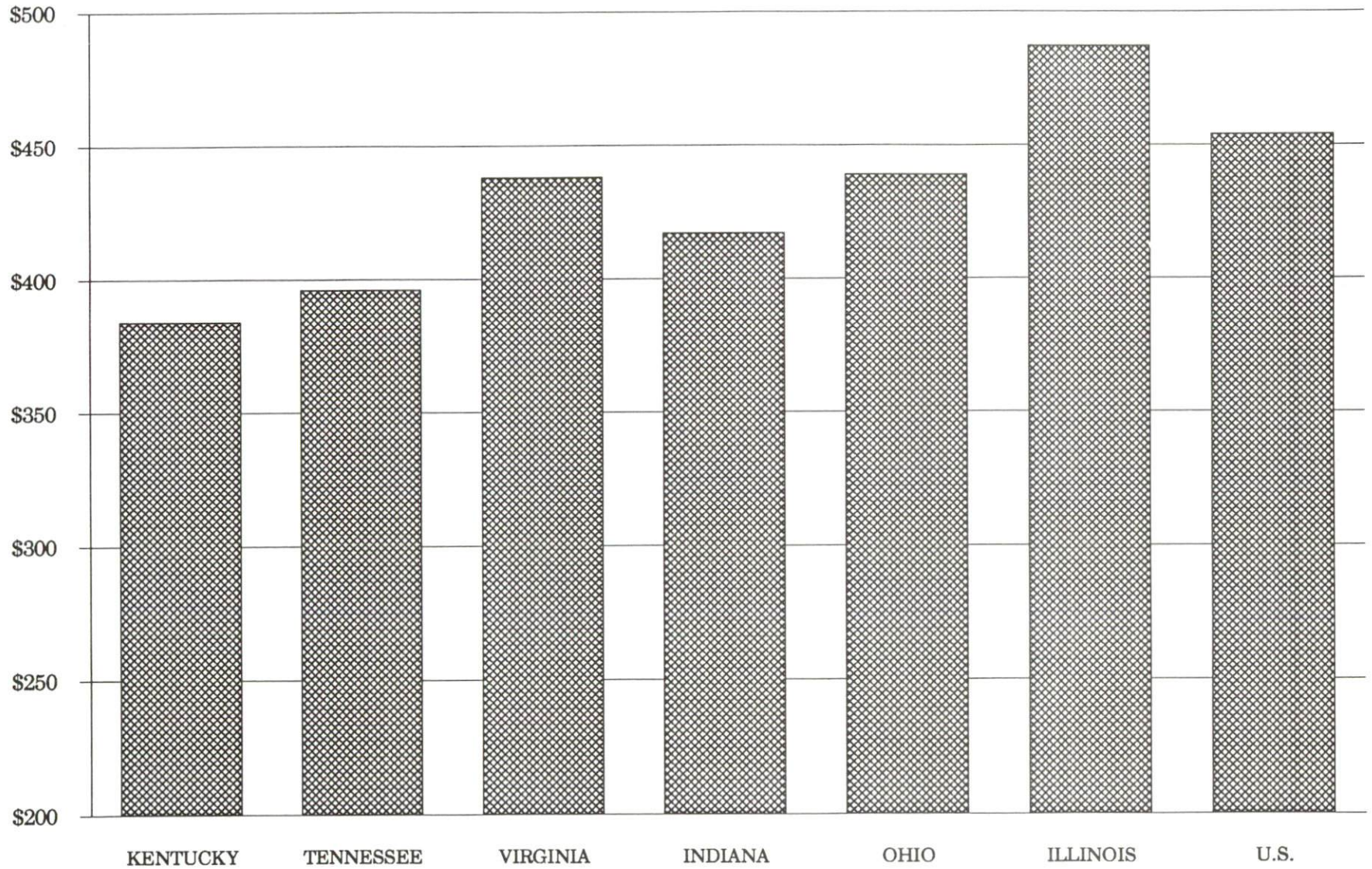
Washington County is served by the Bardstown local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Bardstown local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 1,585 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	1,585	4.81
Clerical	256	3.85
Sales	37	4.67
Services (excluding domestic)	178	3.45
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	93	3.42
Processing	307	5.82
Machine Trades	169	5.73
Bench Work	179	5.14
Structural	98	6.53
Motor Freight/ Transportation	25	4.32
Packaging and Materials Handling	178	4.05
Other	27	5.01

The Bardstown local office also serves Marion, and Nelson Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1990



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

	Washington County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$267.13	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	349.40	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	321.48	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	209.57	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	174.37	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	335.32	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	186.15	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	288.40	392.28	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	U. S.
All Industries	\$417.00	\$439.00	\$487.00	\$454.00
Mining & Quarrying	746.00	619.00	747.00	714.00
Contract Construction	475.00	504.00	624.00	503.00
Manufacturing	561.00	595.00	590.00	555.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	519.00	553.00	610.00	578.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442.00	478.00	619.00	571.00
Services	349.00	382.00	444.00	423.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

N/A Not Available.

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

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1990. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1990, November 1991.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

SPRINGFIELD MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
All Weather Insulation Company, Inc. (1977)	Metal building, fiberglass, and cellulose insulation	18
Armour Food Company (1928)	Dried milk products, cheese, butter	135
Austin Apparel-Springfield, Inc. (1992)	Jeans, casual slacks	70
Barber Cabinet Company, Inc. (1948)	Kitchen cabinets, vanities	44
Boone Sheet Metal (1992)	Sheet metal fabrication	17
Deaton Plastics (1989)	Plastic bottles, blow molded containers	9
H & W Industries, Inc. (1968)	Construction and industrial plastic pipe	128
Montgomery Feed & Farm Service (1918)	Feed	4
Nally & Gibson Quarries, Inc. (1970)	Crushed limestone, ready-mixed concrete	14
Royal Dublin Golf Company (1990)	Light weight golf bags	46
Springfield Products, Inc. (1991)	Automotive armrest	65
Springfield Redrying Corporation (1961)	Tobacco processing	215
The Springfield Sun (1916)	Job printing, newspaper	10
Wheaton Plastic Company (1977)	Blow molded containers, molded auto parts	151

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; Springfield Industrial Development Authority.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers of America	Armour Food Company
International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Technical, Salaried, and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO	H & W Industries, Inc.
United Paperworkers International Union, AFL-CIO	Wheaton Plastic Company

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Springfield</u>
Custom Data Processing	Danville	27
Custom Plastics Producers	Springfield	-
Electric Motor Repair	Lebanon	8
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Clermont	33
Heat Treating Facilities	Frankfort	51
Hydroseeding Mulch	Springfield	-
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Springfield	-
Industrial Gases	Campbellsville	28
Industrial Waste Removal	Elizabethtown	43
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Springfield	-
Metal Castings	Louisville	57
Metal Finishers	Elizabethtown	43
Metal Service Centers	Lexington Louisville	54 57
Millwrights	Nicholasville Lexington	50 54
Public Warehouse Facilities	Danville	27

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; Springfield Industrial Development Authority.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

U.S. Highway 150 and Kentucky Routes 55 and 555 converge at Springfield. U.S. 150 is rated as a "AAA" (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, as well as Kentucky 555, which also serves as a bypass around the city.

Kentucky Route 55 at Springfield is rated "AAA" from its intersection with Bypass 555 south to Lebanon, a distance of nine miles. Kentucky 55 north of Springfield and Kentucky 152 west of Springfield are rated "AA" (62,000-pound gross load limit).

The Blue Grass Parkway, located 15 miles north of Springfield via Kentucky 555, traverses central Kentucky and provides access to the interstate highway system at Lexington, 54 miles east of Springfield, and at Elizabethtown, 43 miles west of Springfield.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM SPRINGFIELD, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	360	Los Angeles, CA	2,131
Baltimore, MD	587	Louisville, KY	57
Birmingham, AL	356	Nashville, TN	167
Chicago, IL	343	New Orleans, LA	681
Cincinnati, OH	129	New York, NY	765
Cleveland, OH	371	Pittsburgh, PA	395
Detroit, MI	387	St. Louis, MO	315
Knoxville, TN	183		

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

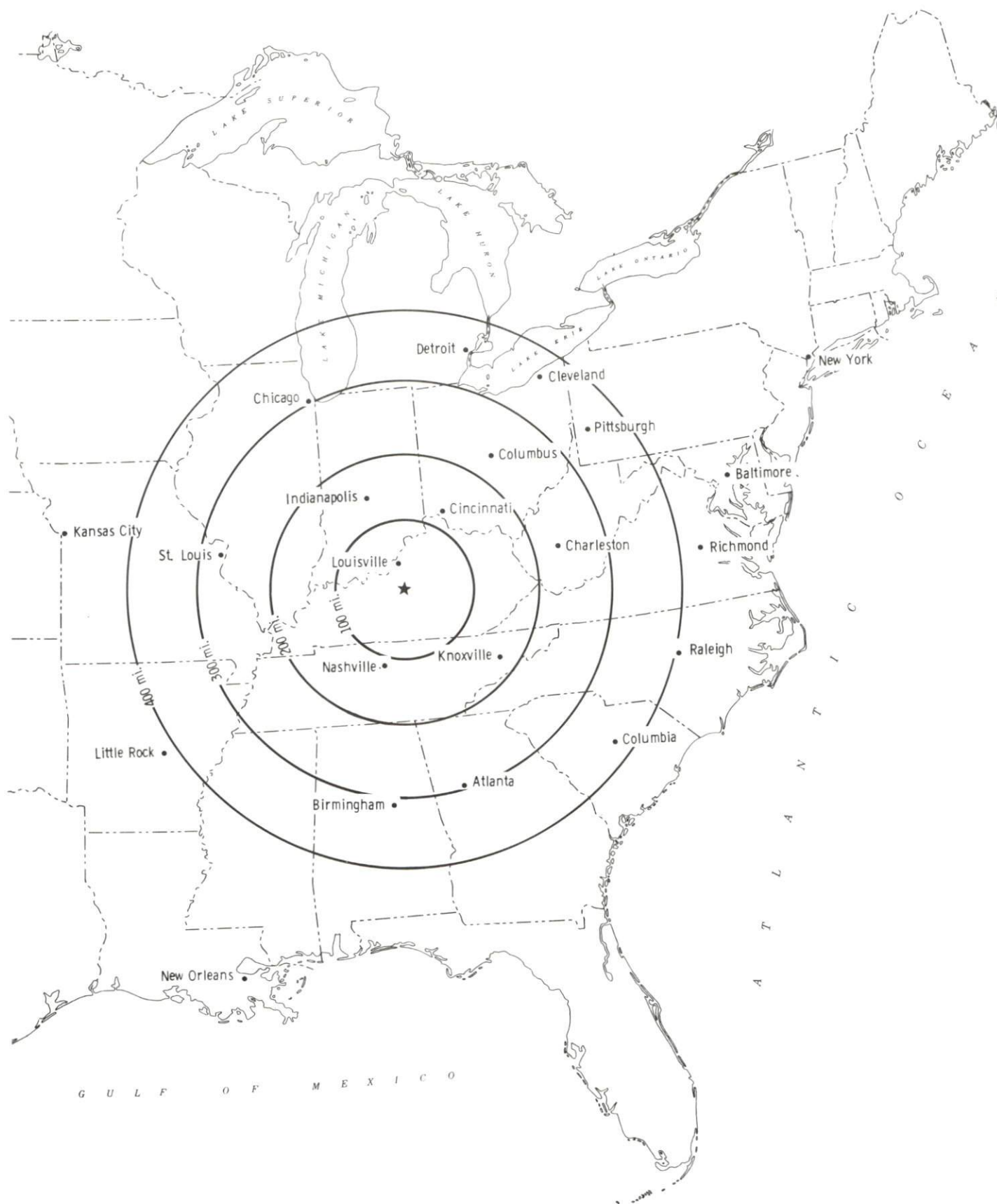
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1992.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

R.J. Corman Railroad Corporation, a branch line railroad, provides the nearest rail service to Springfield at Bardstown, Kentucky, 17 miles northwest. Southern Railway System provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Louisville, Kentucky, 57 miles northwest of Springfield.

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

Vice President-Operations
R.J. Corman Railroad Corporation
P.O. Box 279
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004
(502) 348-7444

Air

Local

Location:	Lebanon-Springfield Airport
Runways:	4 miles south of Springfield
Length:	1 paved
Traffic	4,000 feet
Control:	Wind sock, unicom, instrument approach
Lighting:	VOR-DME instrument landing
Services:	80 and 100 octane fuel; major and minor A&P repairs; hangars and tie-downs; flight instruction; plane rental; courtesy car

The Lebanon-Springfield Airport is in the process of extending the runway from 4,000 to 5,000 feet, increasing the taxiway area, adding three new T-hangars, and installing a non-directional beacon. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.7 million.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Bluegrass Airport
	4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;
	50 miles northeast of Springfield
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle, ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Northwest AirlinK, Henson Airlines
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120

Location:	Standiford Field
	4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, Kentucky; 57 miles northwest of Springfield
Air Service:	Air Toronto, Delta, Northwest, American, Continental, TWA, United, USAir, ComAir, Midway,
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	172

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Springfield and portions of Washington County -
Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
Kentucky Utilities Company
One Quality Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-2100

Company serving a major portion of Washington County - Salt River Rural
Electric Cooperative Corporation

Company serving northeastern Border of Washington County - Fox Creek
Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Company serving southeastern border of Washington County - Inter-County
Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power for the three companies - East Kentucky Power
Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power Cooperative
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

Natural Gas

Company serving Springfield - Western Kentucky Gas Company
Source of supply - Tennessee Gas Transmission Company
For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company
P.O. Box 866
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302
(502) 685-8067

Public Water Supply

Company serving Springfield - Springfield Water Works
P.O. Box 307
Springfield, Kentucky 40069
(606) 336-5454

Source -	Reservoir
Treatment plant capacity -	1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	500,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	750,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	650,000 gallons
Water pressure -	75 psi to 100 psi

The Springfield Water Works is in the process of expanding its existing water treatment facility from one million gallons per day to two million gallons per day. Construction of a 200,000-gallon elevated water storage tank and 20 additional miles of water main are also under way. The \$2 million project is scheduled for completion by February 1993.

Sewerage

Company serving Springfield - Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 307
Springfield, Kentucky 40069
(606) 336-5457

Design capacity -	464,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	400,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Road Run Creek

CLIMATE

Washington County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1990	57.10 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (46-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (46-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.)	4,814

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.90 inches
Total precipitation 1990	53.16 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (46-year record)	129.50
Mean number days thunderstorms (46-year record)	45.10

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (27-year record, except 1 a.m. - 26-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	81 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Springfield 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. Washington County is governed by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Springfield Independent Planning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within city limits only
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within Springfield and one mile beyond corporate limits
Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Washington County Fiscal Court recently adopted county-wide zoning and is in the process of writing ordinances and implementing the new program.

Local Fees and Licenses

The City of Springfield levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The City of Springfield also levies a \$25 business regulatory license fee. An insurance premium tax is levied based on six percent of the premium in the city, four percent in the county making the total ten percent for policies within the city limits of Springfield. Washington County also levies a business license fee, ranging from \$25 to \$150, based on the number of employees.

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1991 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.187	YES
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	NO
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	NO
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.050	NO
Goods in Process	0.050	NO
Finished Goods	0.050	YES
Motor Vehicles	0.450	YES
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.450	YES
Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand)	0.250	NO

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1991

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Washington County	\$0.1661	\$0.1735	\$0.1715
School Districts:			
Washington County	0.3410	0.3410	0.5500
Cities:			
Springfield	0.1480	0.1480	0.1480

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Washington County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1991)	1,783
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	17.7-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	54.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$3,250.68

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
St. Dominic	225	1-8

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1991)</u>
St. Catharine College	Springfield	313
Centre College	Danville (27)	880
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville (28)	1,010
Asbury College	Wilmore (42)	1,081
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown (43)	3,988
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia (47)	1,507
Kentucky State University	Frankfort (51)	2,534
Lexington Community College	Lexington (54)	4,985
Transylvania University	Lexington (54)	1,038
University of Kentucky	Lexington (54)	24,132
Bellarmino College	Louisville (57)	3,569
Jefferson Community College	Louisville (57)	10,969
Spalding University	Louisville (57)	1,117
University of Louisville	Louisville (57)	23,575
Midway College	Midway (58)	722

St. Catharine College

St. Catharine College, located two miles west of Springfield on U.S. Highway 150, is an independent, two-year, co-educational college founded in 1931 by the Dominican Sisters of Kentucky. St. Catharine is committed to providing a solid liberal arts education in a religious context and emphasizes the spiritual, ethical, intellectual, and social development of each student. The College's low student-faculty ratio allows students a maximum of individual attention both inside and outside the classroom.

St. Catharine College offers accredited programs in 30 areas of study, including agriculture, horticulture, and the liberal arts, and confers the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and Associate in Applied Science degrees, and a one-year certificate program in office occupations.

Many events and cultural activities are open to the community, including concerts, art exhibits and fairs, sporting events such as basketball games, guest speaker appearances, the annual Peace with Justice Week programs, Homecoming celebrations, convocations, various professional seminars, and continuing education classes.

Vocational Training

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

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

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

<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1990-1991</u>
Elizabethtown State Vocational- Technical School	Elizabethtown (43)	626
Marion County Area Vocational Education Center	Lebanon (8)	239

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 4
Dentists - 5
Orthodontists - 1
Optometrists - 2

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Spring View Hospital	Lebanon (8 miles south of Springfield)	78

Medical staff - 15 active staff physicians, 34 courtesy physicians, 39 registered nurses, and 23 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Washington County Health Department
Washington County Ambulance Service
Springfield-Washington County Search Rescue Squad

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

First & People's Bank
Great Financial Federal
Springfield State Bank

Newspapers

The Springfield Sun (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell

RECREATION

Local

A wide range of public recreational facilities and events are available at Springfield. The city maintains two excellent parks - Idle Hour Park and Springfield Swimming Pool Park. Idle Hour Park features four tennis courts; two baseball diamonds; a softball diamond; basketball, volleyball, croquet, and shuffleboard courts; horseshoe pits; a tot lot; a walking-jogging trail; and a picnic area with three shelters and a concession stand. Features at Springfield Swimming Pool Park include the community pool, basketball courts, a playground, and a picnic area. Three additional tennis courts are located on the grounds of the Washington County schools. Complete summer youth programs are also available in Springfield.

The Washington County Sorghum Festival is Springfield's largest recreational event. Held annually on the first weekend of October, the festival honors Washington County's sorghum and tobacco producers and offers a variety of activities for the entire family. The festival includes a hot air balloon race, contests, entertainment, booths, arts and crafts, a parade, an antique car show, and the preparation and serving of a ten-foot pizza and a ten-foot biscuit with sorghum and butter.

Many events at St. Catharine College are open to the public. These include concerts, art exhibits, annual performances by the Actors Theatre of Louisville, various professional seminars, and the annual Hofstetter Peace with Justice Lecture.

Lincoln Homestead State Park, five miles north of Springfield, is a 153-acre park on land settled by Abraham Lincoln's family. The actual building in which Nancy Hanks, mother of President Lincoln, lived during her courtship with Thomas Lincoln is preserved here as well as a replica of the 1782 cabin where Thomas Lincoln lived as a boy. Development of a campground is under way. The park also has a museum, a gift shop, a picnic area, a fishing lake, and an 18-hole championship golf course including a proshop.

Willisburg Lake, an attractive fishing and boating lake of about 160 acres, is located ten miles north of Springfield on Kentucky Route 555. Facilities for boat rentals and trailer camping are available.

Area (Within 45 miles)

Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site
My Old Kentucky Home State Park
Constitution Square State Historic Site
Old Fort Harrod State Park
Green River Lake State Park
Bernheim Forest Arboretum and Nature Center
Isaac Shelby State Historic Site
Pleasant Hill (Shakertown)
Taylorsville State Park
Herrington Lake
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Springfield re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1991, and is distinguished as a silver award winner recognizing four consecutive years of certification. Re-certification is based on achievement in the following areas: existing industry assistance, small business assistance, educational resources, and community development factors of health care, public safety, arts and culture, recreation, governmental awareness and resources. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Boone Sheet Metal recently initiated operations in Springfield. The sheet metal fabrication shop employs 17 persons.

Implementation of the "911" emergency communications system was recently completed in Washington County.

The Springfield Water Works is in the process of expanding its existing water treatment facility from one million gallons per day to two million gallons per day. Construction of a 200,000-gallon elevated water storage tank and 20 additional miles of water main are also under way. The \$2 million project is scheduled for completion by February 1993.

The Lebanon-Springfield Airport is in the process of extending the runway from 4,000 to 5,000 feet, increasing the taxiway area, adding three new T-hangars, and installing a non-directional beacon. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.7 million.

Washington County Fiscal Court recently adopted county-wide zoning and is in the process of writing ordinances and implementing the new program.

A land and water conservation grant will provide funding for a project to plant several new trees at the Idle Hour Park. In addition, a landscaping project is also planned at the park.