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# Kentucky

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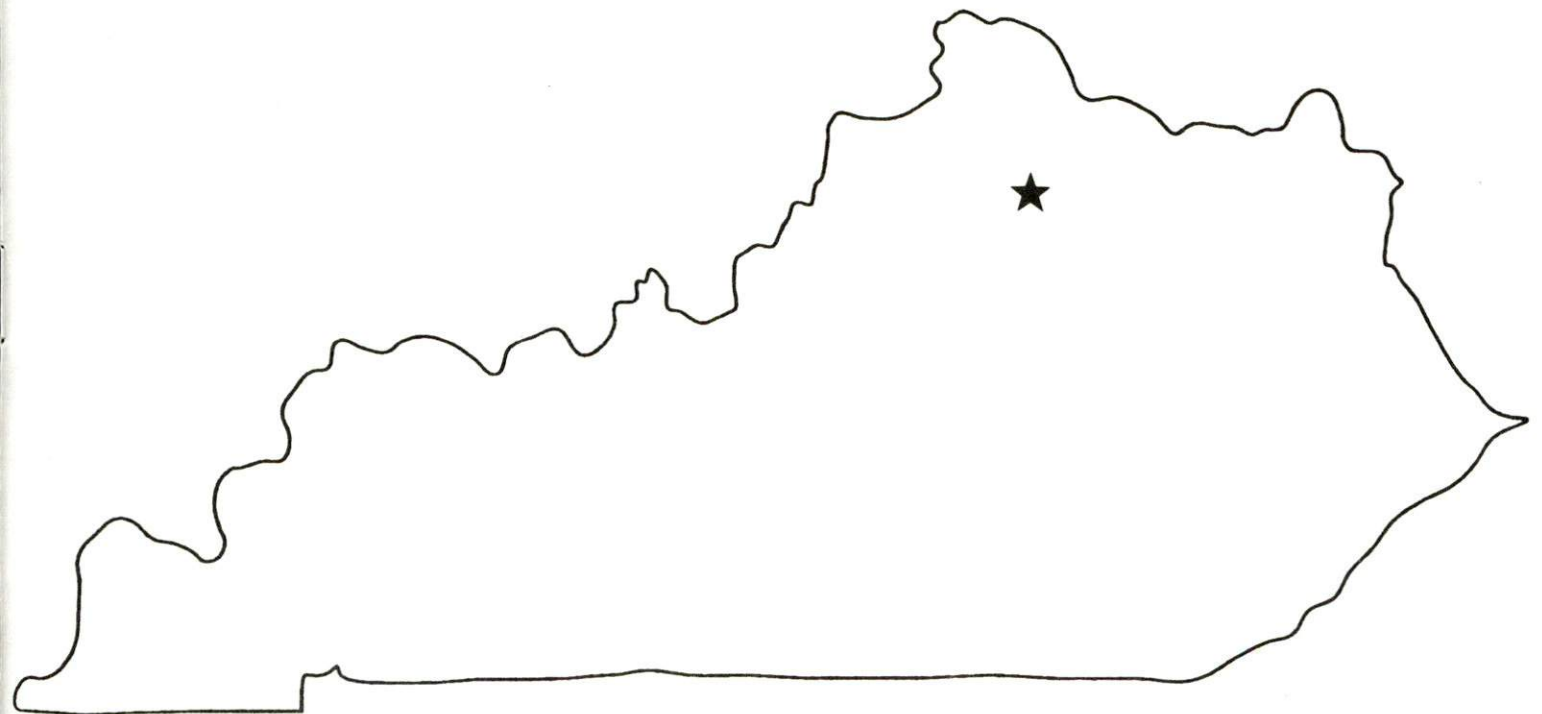
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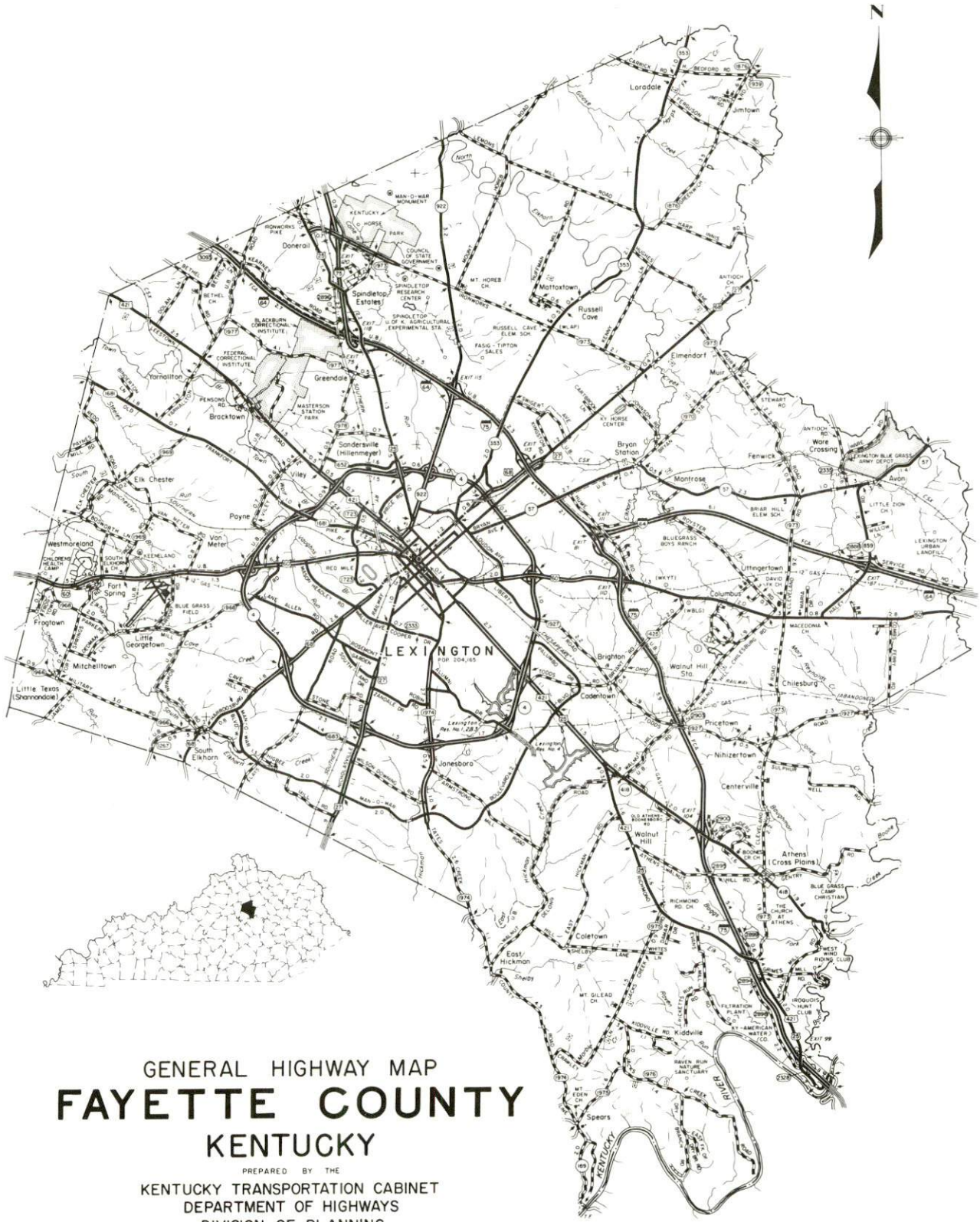
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**FAYETTE COUNTY**  
 KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE  
 KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET  
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## LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Lexington, located in the heart of central Kentucky's Bluegrass Region, is the state's second largest metropolitan area. Fayette County covers a land area of 284 square miles of gently rolling terrain. The urbanized central city is surrounded by a scenic countryside of world famous horse farms. Lexington-Fayette County had a population of 225,366 in 1990.

Lexington is the principal trade center of central Kentucky as well as an industrial, educational, medical, and cultural center for the entire Bluegrass Region. Its central location and excellent transportation system have been major factors in the city's growth and development. Lexington is located 73 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky; 78 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; 171 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 331 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Fayette County residents employed in 1992 averaged 123,985. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 16,673 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 35,954 jobs; 38,242 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 22,565 employees; and contract construction firms provided 7,336 jobs.

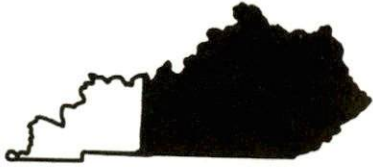
**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 10,424 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1994 through 1998, 26,712 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor, and Interstate 64, a major east-west route, intersect north and east of downtown Lexington. In addition, five U.S. highways serve Lexington and two multi-lane parkways are located within 22 miles of the city. Approximately 49 trucking companies serve Lexington and 12 companies maintain a terminal locally. CSX Transportation and the Norfolk Southern Corporation each provide main line rail service to Lexington. Commercial airline service is available locally at Blue Grass Airport.

**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided by Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Blue Grass Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Clark Rural Electric Cooperative also serve parts of Fayette County. Columbia Gas of Kentucky provides natural gas service to Lexington.

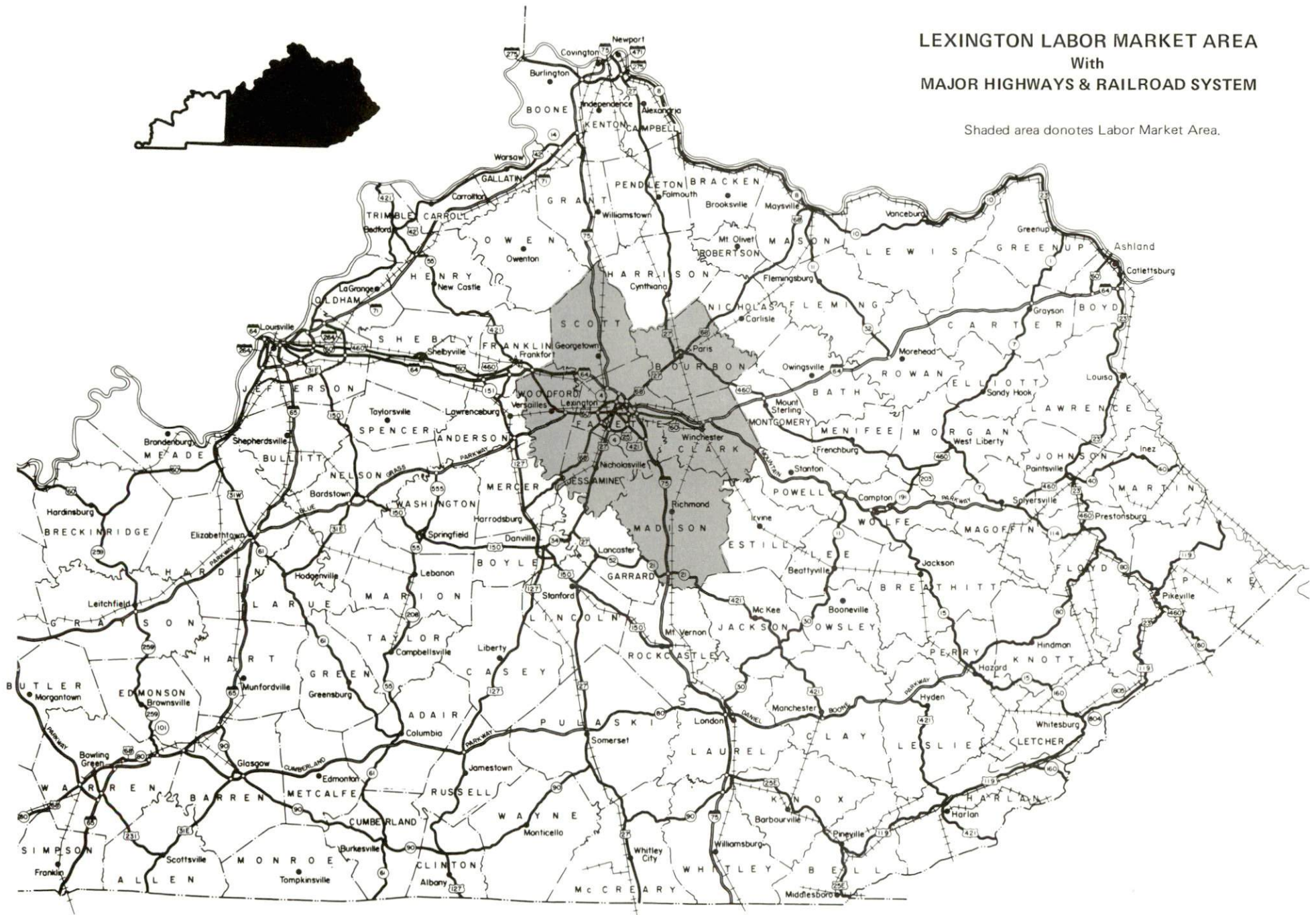
**Education** - The Fayette County Public School System serves over 32,000 students and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Fifteen private schools also operate in Lexington. The University of Kentucky, Lexington Community College, and Transylvania University are located in Lexington. The Central Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School, the Fayette County East Area Vocational Education Center, and the Fayette County South Area Vocational Education Center provide vocational training programs in Lexington.





# LEXINGTON LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area donotes Labor Market Area.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Lexington Labor Market Area includes Fayette County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bourbon, Clark, Jessamine, Madison, Scott, and Woodford.

POPULATION			
	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	405,936	370,900	309,431
Lexington-Fayette County	225,366	204,165	174,323

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	1995	2000	2010	2020
Labor Market Area	426,549	444,837	471,603	484,366
Fayette County	235,701	244,713	257,621	261,936

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.  
 Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center.

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY				
	Current			Future
	Total	Unemployed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1994 thru 1998
Labor Market Area*	10,424	9,831	593	26,712
Fayette County	5,271	5,271	0	13,451

\* 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.

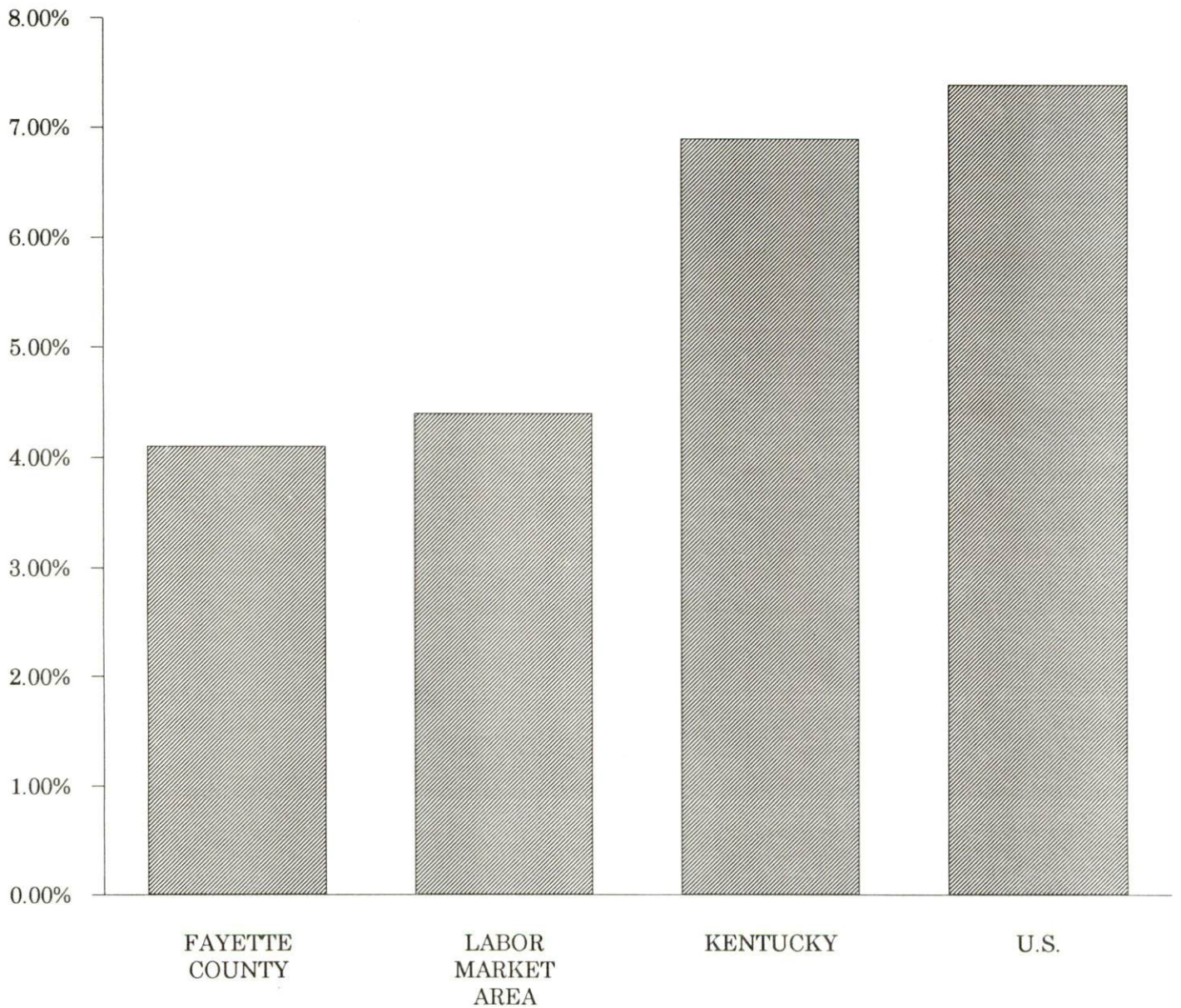
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1994 thru 1998.

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1992**

	<u>Fayette County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	129,256	223,108
Employment	123,985	213,277
Unemployment	5,271	9,831
Rate of Unemployment (%)	4.1	4.4

**Source:** Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1992.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1992**

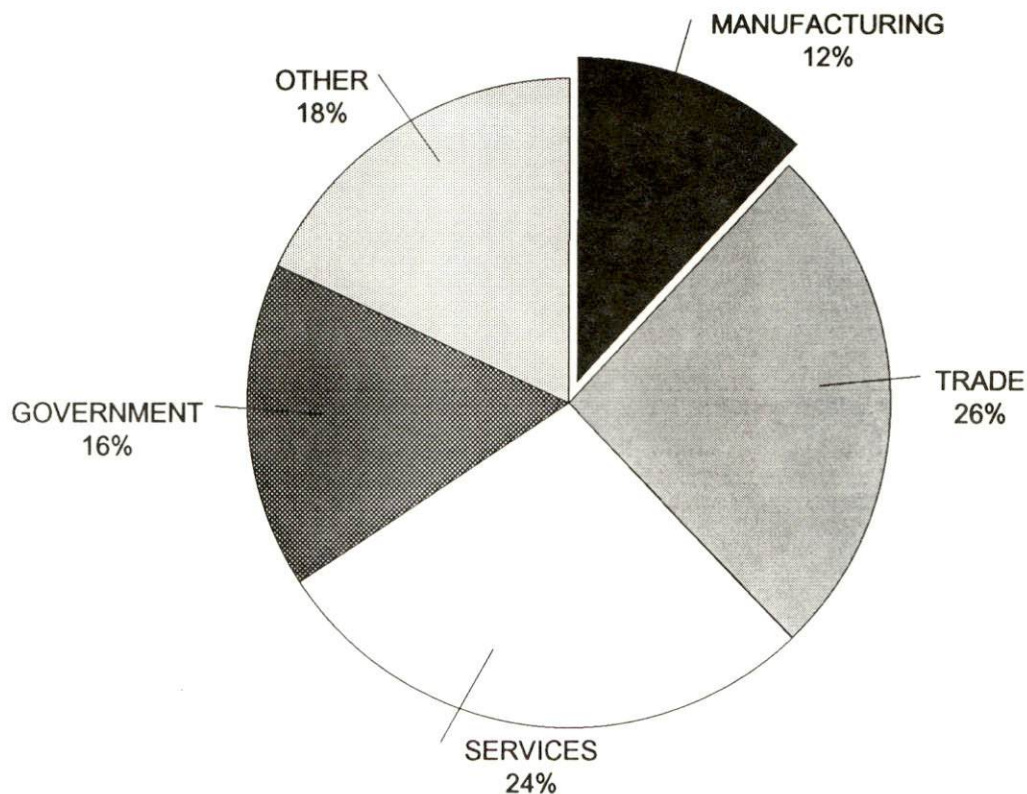


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992

	<u>Fayette County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	137,529	202,056
Manufacturing	16,673	36,882
Wholesale & Retail Trade	35,954	50,774
Services	38,242	48,630
State/Local Government	22,565	32,388
Contract Construction	7,336	10,488

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.

FAYETTE COUNTY

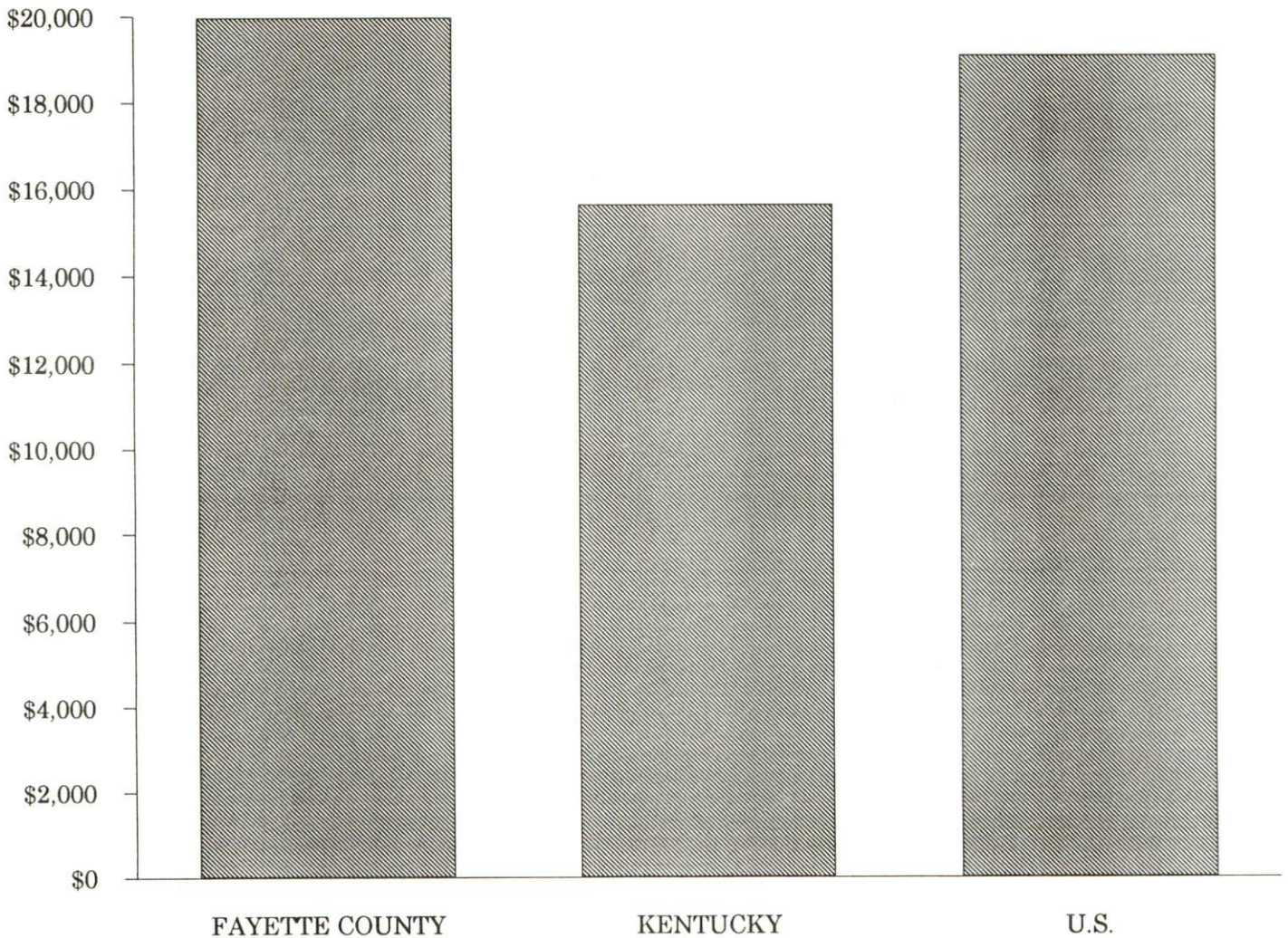


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1987	1991	Percent Change
Fayette County	\$15,868	\$19,964	25.8
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,565 - \$19,420	\$13,432 - \$21,893	-
Kentucky	\$12,216	\$15,626	27.9
U.S.	\$15,638	\$19,091	22.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, April 1993.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1991



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Fayette County is served by the Lexington local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Lexington 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, 1993, the local employment office filled 5,083 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

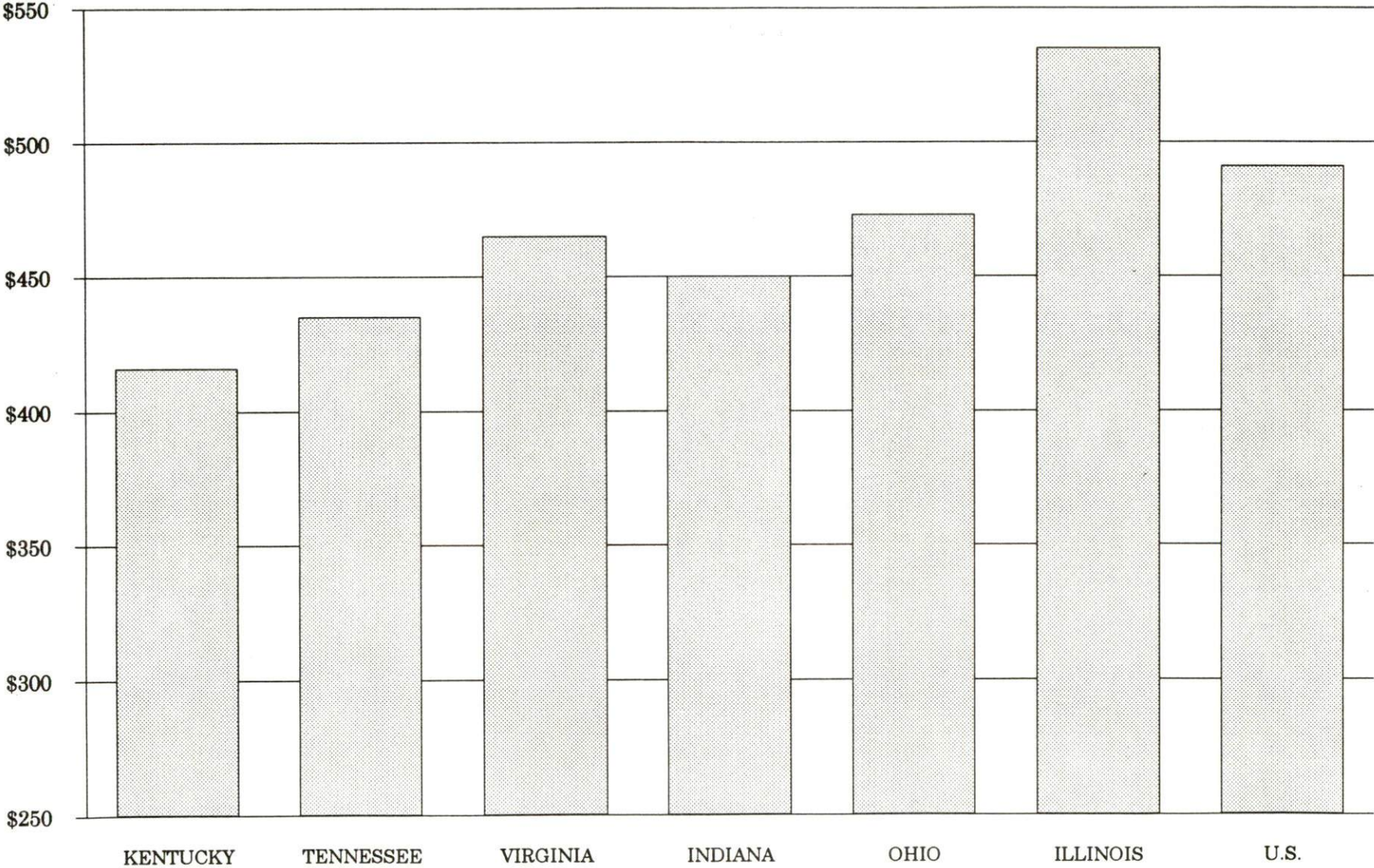
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	5,083	5.90
Clerical	284	5.53
Sales	81	5.62
Services (excluding domestic)	1,313	4.94
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	49	4.83
Processing	923	5.15
Machine Trades	77	7.21
Bench Work	1,147	6.41
Structural	408	7.54
Motor Freight/ Transportation	152	7.40
Packaging and Materials Handling	590	7.18
Other	5	5.27

The Lexington local office also serves Jessamine County. 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\*

	<u>Fayette County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$442.48	\$415.94	\$435.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	734.01	685.48	564.00	690.00
Contract Construction	430.08	431.97	456.00	456.00
Manufacturing	635.76	535.73	510.00	535.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	554.97	560.84	561.00	637.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	306.09	282.29	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	506.02	493.68	548.00	576.00
Services	412.84	371.91	419.00	483.00
State/Local Government	521.88	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, Communications & Public Utilities	548.00	590.00	674.00	632.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & 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

### MAJOR LEXINGTON MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT\*

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1993</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Clark Material handling Company (1987)	Forklift trucks	290
Fansteel-V.R. Wesson (1958)	Construction tools, carbide cutting tools & accessories, mining tools	110
Foam Design, Inc. (1974)	Noise control, foam packing, foam sports equipment	200
Gall's, Inc. (1986)	Radio mounts, industrial safety equipment, safety vests	220
General Electric Company, Kentucky Glass Plant (1947)	Incandescent lamp glass bulbs, tanks, material handling equipment	165
General Electric Company, Lexington Lamp Plant (1947)	Sealed beam automotive headlamps and specialty lamps	470
Hudson Valley Tree, Inc. (1962)	Artificial Christmas wreaths and trees	170
Hughes Display Products Corporation (1991)	Cathode ray tubes, projection tubes, direct view storage tubes, security systems	150
James River-Dixie Northern (1958)	Paper and plastic cups	440
Lexington Herald-Leader (1870)	Newspapers	551
Lexmark International, Inc. (1956)	Typewriters, printers, keyboards, ribbons, tapes, supplies	4,000
Link-Belt Construction Equipment Company (1974)	Hydraulic truck & self- propelled cranes, excavators	600
Magna Graphic, Inc. (1949)	Pre-press services, color separations	100
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company (1941)	Soft drinks	250
Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing Company, Lexington Food Product Plant (1957)	Peanut butter	180
The Rexroth Corporation, Pneumatics Division (1964)	Pneumatic valves, pneumatic & hydraulic cylinders, electro-pneumatic control systems	290

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<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1993</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Serv-Air, Inc.; Sofsa Building #3 (1985)	Electronic communication systems, avionics equipment, aviation modification kits	765
Southland Manufacturing Company (1975)	Custom electronic controls, electro-mechanical assemblies, printed circuit boards	115
Southwestern Tobacco Company, Inc. (1926)	Tobacco processing	300
Square D Company (1957)	Electrical equipment	1,175
The Standard Products Company (1952)	Rubber automotive weatherstrips	350
The Trane Company (1963)	Air handling equipment, air conditioning equipment, heating equipment	1,060
Wabash Fibre Box Company, Division of the Weston Paper & Manufacturing Company (1977)	Corrugated boxes	118

\*Firms with 100 employees or more.

Note: An additional 164 manufacturing firms with less than 100 employees operate in Lexington.

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

### RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

New investment in Lexington includes MetalForm Industries, a Michigan based company which announced plans to build a 45,000-square-foot facility. MetalForm will manufacture sheet metal stampings plus automated assembly and welding and will employ 25 to 85 workers. Accuromm USA, a Japanese manufacturer of specialty cutting tools for the automotive industry, also recently announced plans to invest \$2 million in its operations. Qwik Tool & Manufacturing Company announced plans to expand its existing operations in Lexington. The Canadian based auto parts manufacturer, a subsidiary of Magna International, plans to construct a 55,000-square-foot building on 12.5 acres of land. It will represent an investment of \$2.5 million as well as the creation of 25 new jobs.

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers' International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC	Rainbo Baking Company

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Union

Graphic Communications  
International Union, AFL-CIO

International Association of  
Machinists and Aerospace  
Workers, AFL-CIO

International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO  
(IBEW)

International Brotherhood of  
Teamsters, Chauffeurs,  
Warehousemen and Helpers  
of America

International-Typographical  
Union, AFL-CIO

International Union of Electronic,  
Electrical, Technical, Salaried,  
Machine, and Furniture Workers,  
AFL-CIO (IUE)

International Union, United  
Automobile, Aerospace and  
Agricultural Implement Workers  
of America

The Newspaper Guild, AFL-CIO

Production Workers Union

Sheet Metal Workers' International  
Association

Unites Association of Journeymen  
and Apprentices of the Plumbing  
and Pipe Fitting Industry of the  
United States and Canada, AFL-CIO

Representing workers at:

Jefferson Smurfit Corporation;  
Print Master, Inc.

Square D Company

General Electric Company,  
Kentucky Glass Plant;  
General Electric Company  
Lexington Lamp Plant;  
Square D Company

James River-Dixie Northern;  
Independent Concrete Pipe  
Company, of Kentucky;  
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company;  
Rainbo Baking Company;  
The Rexroth Corporation,  
Pneumatics Division

The Keystone Printery, Inc.

Hudson Valley Tree, Inc.

The Standard Products Company;  
The Trane Company

Lexington Herald-Leader

Kirk & Blum Company

Johnson Controls, Inc.;  
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INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

A wide variety of services are available to industry in Lexington. These services include: custom plastics producers; electric motor repair; heat treating facilities; industrial waste removal; machine shops, tool and die; metal finishers; metal service centers; millwrights; and public warehouses. Metal castings service is available in Cynthiana, Kentucky, 34 miles northeast of Lexington.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Major highways serving Greater Lexington include two interstate highways, two multi-lane parkways, and five "AAA"-rated U.S. highways.

Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor, serves Lexington with five interchanges north, northeast, east and two southeast of the city. Interstate 64, a major east-west route, serves Lexington with two interchanges north and northeast of the downtown area. The Blue Grass Parkway, a multi-lane highway providing access to western Kentucky, is located ten miles west of Lexington via U.S. 60. The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane highway providing access to southeastern Kentucky, is located 22 miles east of Lexington via Interstate 64. Other "AAA"-rated trucking highways (80,000-pound gross load limit) serving Lexington include U.S. Highways 25, 27, 60, 68, and 421. Primary and secondary highways serving Lexington are linked together by Kentucky Route 4 (New Circle Road), a four-lane beltway encircling the city. Man-O-War Boulevard is a four-lane bypass extending south of the city which connects U.S. Highway 60 on the west side of Lexington to Interstate 75 southeast of the city. Major road improvements under way include the widening of U.S. 25 north of town between Kentucky 4 and Interstate 75/64. The \$6.3 million project will reach completion in 1994.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	364	Los Angeles, CA	2,159
Baltimore, MD	534	Louisville, KY	73
Birmingham, AL	396	Nashville, TN	210
Chicago, IL	343	New Orleans, LA	730
Cincinnati, OH	78	New York, NY	713
Cleveland, OH	318	Pittsburgh, PA	341
Detroit, MI	336	St. Louis, MO	331
Knoxville, TN	171		

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

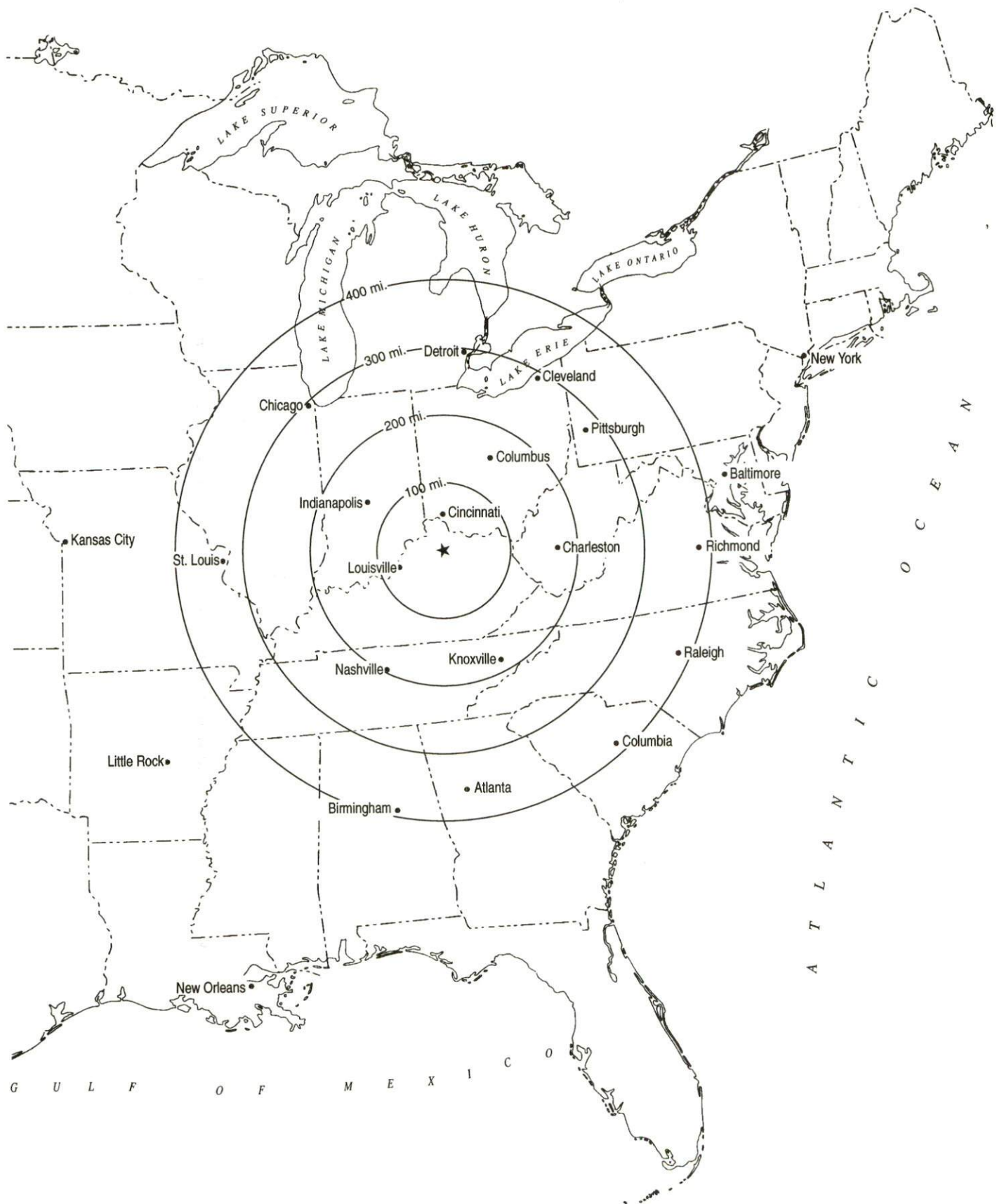
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

### Truck Service

Approximately 49 common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Lexington. Twelve common carriers operate a terminal locally.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1994.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Corporation each provide main line rail service to Lexington. Norfolk Southern Corporation provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Georgetown, Kentucky, 16 miles north of Lexington.

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

and/or

Industrial Development Manager  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
Industrial Development Department  
The Tower Suite 2904  
611 Commerce Street  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203  
(615) 254-3398

## Air

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Blue Grass Airport
Air Service:	4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle, ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Northwest AirlinK
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving Lexington and a major portion of Fayette County -  
Kentucky Utilities Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving parts of Fayette County - Blue Grass Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation and Clark Rural Electric Cooperative  
Source of power - East Kentucky Power  
For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Blue Grass Rural Electric Cooperative  
Corporation  
P.O. Box 990  
Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340-0990  
(606) 885-4191

and/or

Clark Rural Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 748  
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0748  
(606) 744-4251 or (800) 992-3269

### Natural Gas

Company serving Lexington - Columbia Gas of Kentucky  
Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation  
For rates and supplies contact:

Economic Development Department  
Columbia Gas of Kentucky  
70 Fountain Place  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601  
(502) 227-4998 Fax (502) 227-7645

## Public Water Supply

Company serving Lexington -	Kentucky-American Water Company 2300 Richmond Road Lexington, Kentucky 40502 (606) 268-6373
Source -	Kentucky River and Jacobson Reservoir
Treatment plant capacity -	Kentucky River Plant: 40,000,000 gallons per day Richmond Road Plant: 25,000,000 gallons per day Total: 65,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	36,350,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	63,910,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	12,840,000 gallons
Water pressure -	30 psi to 120 psi

Kentucky-American Water Company recently expanded its Richmond Road Treatment Plant from 20 million gallons per day to 25 million gallons per day. In addition, the Company plans to construct a 3.0-million gallon storage tank at Clays Mill Road which is scheduled for completion in early 1995.

## Sewerage

Company serving Lexington -	Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Sanitary Sewers 1240 Lisle Road Lexington, Kentucky 40511 (606) 258-3460
Design capacity -	Plant No. 1: 30,000,000 gallons per day Plant No. 2: 22,300,000 gallons per day Total: 52,300,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	Plant No. 1: 21,000,000 gallons Plant No. 2: 16,600,000 gallons Total: 37,600,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Plant No. 1: Advanced Secondary Plant No. 2: Advanced Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Plant No. 1: Town Branch Plant No. 2: West Hickman Creek

The Division of Sanitary Sewers completed in 1992 an expansion of 6.3 million gallons per day in additional capacity for Plant Number Two at a cost of \$20 million.



## CLIMATE

### Fayette County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90	degrees
Average annual 1992	55.10	degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (48-year record)	103.00	degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (48-year record)	-21.00	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.)	4,814	

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68	inches
Mean annual snowfall (48-year record)	15.50	inches
Total precipitation 1992	49.09	inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (48-year record)	129.80	
Mean number days thunderstorms (48-year record)	44.70	

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

#### Relative Humidity (29-year record, except 1 a.m. - 28-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1992. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is the single local government for all of Lexington and Fayette County. The Urban County was formed in 1974 by merger of city and county governments.

The mayor serves as the chief executive and is elected to a four-year term. The legislative body is the 15-member Urban County Council. Three of the council members are elected at-large and the remaining twelve are elected by district.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Lexington-Fayette Urban County Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - All areas

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas

Local codes enforced - Building, Fire and Housing

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

### Taxation

The major sources of tax revenues for the Urban County Government and local schools are property taxes and occupational license taxes.

Local rates for real estate in the Urban County are based upon the levels of local government services provided. Each parcel of land is assigned to one of seven urban service districts with levels of service ranging from general services only to full services (general services, plus refuse collection, street lights, and street cleaning).

All property in Kentucky is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value. State government taxes all taxable property, but state laws limit local government taxation to a few classes of property.

**PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1993**

	<u>State</u>	<u>Urban County</u>	<u>County Schools</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
<u>District/Service Level</u>				
(1) Full urban services	\$0.180	\$0.2965	\$0.504	\$0.9805
(2) General services only	0.180	0.0810	0.504	0.7650
(3) General services plus refuse collection	0.180	0.2560	0.504	0.9400
(4) General services plus street lights	0.180	0.1121	0.504	0.7961
(5) General services plus refuse collection & street lights	0.180	0.2871	0.504	0.9711
(6) General services plus street lights & street cleaning	0.180	0.1215	0.504	0.8055
(7) General services plus refuse collection & street cleaning	0.180	0.2654	0.504	0.9494
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>				
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	None	None	0.150
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	None	None	0.150
Inventories:				
Raw and in process	0.050	None	None	0.050
Finished Goods	0.050	0.081	0.504	0.635
Motor Vehicles	0.450	0.081	0.592	1.123
Other Office Equipment, Fixtures	0.450	0.081	0.504	1.035
Accounts Receivable	0.250	None	None	0.250
Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Projects	0.015	None	None	0.015

An occupational licenses fee of 2.0 percent is assessed on all salaries, wages commissions, and other compensation earned by persons in the Urban County for work or services performed in the Urban County and on the net profits of all businesses, professions, or occupations from activities conducted in the Urban County. The rate increases to 2.5 percent on April 1, 1994.

An occupational license fee of 0.5 percent is levied for the Urban County school system. Wages, salaries, and commissions earned by persons who reside and are employed in the Urban County are subject to this tax. Net profits of businesses, professions, and occupations are also taxed.

## EDUCATION

Lexington's residents enjoy a high quality education environment. The Fayette County Public School System recently was ranked second in the nation amongst combined central city and suburban community schools systems by the September-October edition of Expansion Management. The University of Kentucky recently finished seventh in the nation, amongst public universities, in attracting freshman National Merit Scholar winners to enroll. All of this activity has resulted in Lexington placing sixth in the nation, amongst the top seventy-five cities, in percentage of adults completing 16 or more years of school, according to the 1990 census.

### Public Schools

	<b>Fayette County</b>
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	32,749
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	16.4-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	76.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$4,457.36

The Fayette County School System has instituted a program which provides an advanced curriculum for college-bound students. A mathematics, science, and technology center at the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School provides the facilities for teaching these accelerated courses. The center began operations in the 1990-1991 school year with current enrollment at 79 students.

### Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Alpine Village School Elementary	31	PS-4
Blue Grass Baptist School	167	PS-12
Charter Ridge Hospital School	34	K-12
Christ the King Elementary	515	K-8
Clays Mill Road Christian Academy	21	1-12
Community Montessori Elementary	138	K-6
Hallis Elementary	20	PS-K
Lexington Catholic High School	462	9-12
Lexington Christian Academy	438	K-12
Lexington Junior Academy Elementary	25	1-8
The Lexington School	479	K-9
Mary Queen of Holy Rosary	506	K-8
Saints Peter & Paul School	205	K-8
Sayre	409	PS-12
Woodbridge Academy	44	1-12

## Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1993)</u>
University of Kentucky	Lexington	24,288
Lexington Community College	Lexington	5,046
Transylvania University	Lexington	916
Midway College	Midway (14)	396
Georgetown College	Georgetown (16)	1,500
Asbury College	Wilmore (18)	987
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (25)	16,391
Kentucky State University	Frankfort (28)	2,487
Centre College	Danville (35)	951

### University of Kentucky

The University of Kentucky, founded in 1865 under the provisions of the Morrill Land-Grant Act, is the Commonwealth's principal university and research institution.

Located on 673 acres just south of downtown Lexington, it consists of a graduate school, the Chandler Medical Center, and 16 academic colleges on the Lexington Campus. The colleges are: Allied Health Professions, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Agriculture, Business and Economics, Communications and Information Studies, Dentistry, Engineering, Education, Fine Arts, Human Environmental Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Social Work. The University of Kentucky Graduate School offers 95 programs which lead to a master's degree and 58 to a doctorate degree.

Current enrollment on the University's Lexington Campus totals 24,288 and includes students from every Kentucky county, from 49 other states and the District of Columbia, and from around 100 foreign countries. The Lexington Campus full-time faculty totals 1,643.

The University Community College System is made up of two-year colleges located in 14 Kentucky cities. Approximately 48,000 students are enrolled in programs which provide the first two years of a baccalaureate program or an associate technical degree, plus a wide variety of continuing education and community service program.

The University Library maintains more than two million volumes with rapid computer access to all affiliated libraries in the nation. In addition, the University maintains 23 research centers which conduct applied research in areas as diverse as robotics, tobacco and health, aging, cancer, toxicology, biomedical engineering, equine health, mineral production, and public policy. The Kentucky Council on Higher Education recently designated aging and the emerging field of computational sciences as Centers of Excellence.

Through its public service mission, the University provides research findings and technical assistance to the Commonwealth for the well-being of its citizens and the development of its economy. The UK Hospital Aeromedical Service helicopter of the UK Medical Center made more than 1,250 flights to deliver patients to the UK Hospital last year. During the 1992-93 year, UK's faculty attracted about \$98 million in grants, contracts, and gifts -- an increase of approximately 67 percent since fiscal year 1989.

### Lexington Community College

Lexington Community College is part of the University of Kentucky Community College System and operates adjacent to the University campus, sharing many resources for its 5,046 students. In addition to offering the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program, LCC awards the following: Associate of Applied Science degree in Accounting Technology, Architectural Technology, Civil Engineering Technology, Data Processing Technology, Dental Hygiene, Dental Laboratory Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, Management Technology (business and technology options), Mechanical Engineering Technology, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Real Estate, Respiratory Therapy, and Secretarial and Office Administration.

### Transylvania University

Transylvania University, founded in 1780, was the first college west of the Allegheny Mountains. The University takes pride in a distinguished roster of alumni who have helped shape American history, including Jefferson Davis, Cassius M. Clay, two United States vice presidents, 50 United States senators, and 36 governors. In its 214th year, Transylvania is a distinguished liberal arts college enrolling nearly 1,000 students. Transylvania University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Bachelor of Arts degree. Affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since 1865, the University is also a member of the American Council on Education, the Association of American Colleges, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Southern University Conference, and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Transylvania offers 24 majors as well as the option of designing an individual major. Students are expected to gain strong grounding in liberal education throughout all four years.

## 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</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1992-1993</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Central Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School	Lexington	21	<u>P/S</u> 755		240
<u>Other Vocational Schools</u>					
Fayette County South Area Vocational Education Center	Lexington	8	<u>Sec</u> 295	<u>P/S</u> 2	55
Fayette County East Area Vocational Education Center	Lexington	8	<u>Sec</u> 291	<u>P/S</u> 3	69

A five-million dollar expansion was completed at Kentucky Tech-Central in the fall of 1992. The expansion includes a new manufacturing technology building that houses manufacturing related programs such as machine tool technology, computer aided drafting, electronics and industry electrical technology. A computer-integrated work cell laboratory in one room of the building links all the programs, simulating the operation of an actual manufacturing plant. Applied physics, hydraulics and quality control applications are integrated into the curriculum.

Another room in the new building can be used by business and industry for start-up and new production training.

Moving all manufacturing-related training into one building provides space for Kentucky Tech-Central to add health care programs as part of its expansion. These include medical imaging, medical assisting, bio-medical technician and laboratory technician programs.

### 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 Kentucky Tech North Central Region office in Lexington.

### 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 Central SVTS.

### Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. The Fayette County Public School System, in partnership with Kentucky Tech Central and Lexington Community College, is currently in the third year implementation of its tech prep program in Health Services, Home Economics and Business Technology.

### 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 Fayette County, adult education programs are administered through the Fayette County Public Schools and adult literacy is provided by the Operation Read Inc.

### 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.

### Worker Recruitment and Training

The Mayor's Training Center combines local funds with federal monies to provide job training programs for employers in Fayette County. Assistance is provided in testing, employment training, and career guidance and education for any Fayette County residents.



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 1,420  
Dentists - 272

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Central Baptist Hospital	383
Good Samaritan Hospital	336
Humana Hospital Lexington	174
Saint Joseph Hospital	468
University of Kentucky Hospital	461
Veterans Administration Medical Center	994

<u>Special Hospitals</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Cardinal Hill Hospital (rehabilitation)	100
Charter Ridge Hospital (psychiatric)	110
Eastern State Hospital (psychiatric)	323
Shriners Hospital for Cripple Children (pediatric orthopedic)	50

### Other Medical Facilities

A wide variety of health care facilities and organizations maintain operations in Lexington. Services include minor emergency centers, ambulance service, home health agencies, clinics for specific illnesses, and health related counseling.

### Hotels and Motels

Total number - 51  
Total rooms - 6,557

### Shopping Centers and Malls

Total number - 70  
Total stores - Approximately 1,100

### Newspapers

Lexington Herald-Leader (daily)

### Telephone Service

General Telephone of Kentucky

### Financial Institutions

#### Banks

Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Company  
Bank One, Lexington  
Central Bank & Trust Company  
CommerceNational Bank  
Community Bank  
Fifth Third Bank  
PNC Bank  
Vine Street Trust Company

#### Savings and Loan Association

The Cumberland  
First Federal Savings and Loan  
Great Financial Federal  
Lexington Federal Savings Bank  
Republic Savings Bank

## RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Lexington is an outstanding Kentucky center for a multitude of diverse activities.

### Recreation

Sports and entertainment events are available at the 23,000-seat Rupp Arena in the Lexington Center. Rupp Arena is the home court of five-time NCAA basketball champions, the University of Kentucky Wildcats. It is one of the largest arenas of its kind in the country. A convention center, hotel, shopping mall, and numerous restaurants round out the facilities at the Lexington Center which is located in the heart of the downtown area.

The University of Kentucky's athletic program provides sporting events year-round. U.K.'s 56,000-seat Commonwealth Stadium is the scene of exciting football games. Memorial Coliseum is homecourt for the U.K. Lady Cats.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Division of Parks and Recreation provides a variety of leisure services. The Urban County Government maintains 95 parks, 13 swimming pools, four golf courses, 87 tennis courts (34 lighted), and 75 ball fields. Services are provided in athletics, equestrian programs, nature programs, adult education programs, day camps, senior citizens' programs, recreational programs for special populations, and special events. Cultural arts programs include: Lunch with the Arts, Big Band and Jazz Series, Summer Sunday Sessions, Woodland Art Fair, Shakespeare Festival, Ballet Under the Stars, and Woodland Jubilee Festival. Each of these programs is free and open to all ages.

The Division of Parks and Recreation operates a nature sanctuary, Raven Run, located approximately six miles from Richmond Road in Lexington. This 374-acre tract is staffed with a naturalist who plans exciting and interesting programs such as wildflower walks, nature walks, insect walks, and constellation walks. The sanctuary also maintains a nature center and has a seven-mile network of hiking trails that provide access to the streams, meadows, and woodlands that characterize the area. These programs are free and available to all ages.

Yearly activities include the July 4th Celebration, Senior Games, May Arts and Heritage Festival, Shakespeare in the Park, Roots and Heritage Festival, Bluegrass State Games, Treat on the Town, Senior Golf Classic, Kentucky Christmas Chorus, Dirt Bowl, Memorial Day Weekend Three on Three Basketball tournament and Museum-Go-Round, and many other city-wide events.

Other facilities for recreation include golf courses, racquetball and tennis clubs, health spas, horseback riding stables, bowling facilities, indoor and drive-in movie theatres, shopping malls, and special shopping areas. Lexington operates six private country clubs, and offers numerous public service organizations and special interest clubs.

## Horse Attractions

Activities relating to the horse abound in Lexington, many of which take place at the Kentucky Horse Park. The Horse Park is located on over 1,000 acres of bluegrass countryside. Features include: 35-40 different horse breeds, the International Museum of the Horse, American Saddle Horse Museum, Polo Museum and Hall of Fame, the movie presentation "Thou Shalt Fly Without Wings", horse drawn tours, Parade of Breeds Demonstration, farrier and harness makers shops, horseback riding, pony rides, restaurant, picnic area, and camping. Special events such as horseshows, the High Hope Steeplechase, Egyptian Event, Three Day Event, the Annual U.S. Polo Association Tournament, and Sunday polo matches provide unique entertainment for visitors and residents.

Some of the finest thoroughbred and harness racing in the world is available at Keeneland Race Course and the Red Mile Harness Track. Both tracks hold spring and fall meets. A library which focuses on the horse industry is located at Keeneland. The Red Mile is also the site of the Lexington Junior League Horse Show, the nation's largest outdoor saddlehorse event, each July.

Several of Lexington's world-famous horse farms are open to the public. Private tour companies offer an inside view of the thoroughbred, standardbred, and saddlehorse industry. At the Kentucky Horse Center, a training facility for thoroughbreds, morning workouts can be seen at the covered track.

## Culture

Cultural activities are numerous, with the Lexington Arts and Cultural Council serving as the umbrella organization for 49 arts, civic, and educational groups. ArtsPlace, the Lexington Opera House and the University of Kentucky's Singletary Center for the Arts serve as the major performance facilities for such groups as: Actors' Guild of Lexington, Lexington Ballet, Lexington Children's Theatre, Lexington Musical Theatre, Lexington Philharmonic, Lexington Singers, Central Kentucky Youth Orchestras and Syncopated, Inc. The Lexington Opera House offers the Broadway Live Series in the fall, while the Singletary Center for the Arts presents a full schedule of performing artists series and lectures. ArtsPlace hosts theatre, dance and music performances featuring local performers throughout the year.

A variety of museums, galleries, and libraries are open to the public in Lexington. ArtsPlace Gallery features juried exhibits of local artists year-round. The Headley-Whitney Museum, featuring the only contemporary collection of jeweled bibelots open to the public in this country; the University of Kentucky's Museum of Anthropology, and Art Museum; Transylvania University's Morlan Gallery and Museum of Rare Scientific Equipment; and the Lexington Art League gallery, all have exhibits of public interest. Lexington's Children's Museum, located on Second Street, provides an educational yet entertaining experience for children of all ages. The Lexington Public Library maintains four branches in addition to the main downtown location.

Historic homes and buildings are another aspect to Lexington's diverse offerings. The Mary Todd Lincoln House is the girlhood home of Abraham Lincoln's wife; the Hunt Morgan House, located in historic Gratz Park, was built by Kentucky's first millionaire; Ashland was the beloved estate of the great statesman Henry Clay; and Waveland State Historic Site presents a museum of Kentucky life in the 19th century. Each of these homes are open for visitation. Lexington's oldest building, Patterson Cabin, is located at Transylvania University.

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Lexington re-certified as a Kentucky Certified City in 1993, and is distinguished as a "Hall of Fame Community" and a gold award winner with nine 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.

### Commercial and Industrial Development

In March, 1991, IBM completed the sale of its Lexington facility, which produces typewriters, printers and related products, to Clayton & Dubilier, a New York investment firm. The new company Lexmark International, employs approximately 4,000 and is Lexington's largest private employer. IBM has part ownership in Lexmark, and is the new company's largest customer. IBM also retains approximately 1,000 employees in its marketing service and product development operations in Lexington. Hughes Display Products, which constructed a 130,000-square-foot plant at the University of Kentucky's Coldstream Research Campus, became operational in June, 1991, and employs about 150 workers in the production of various cathode-ray tubes.

New investment in Lexington includes MetalForm Industries, a Michigan based company which announced plans to build a 45,000-square-foot facility. MetalForm will manufacture sheet metal stampings plus automated assembly and welding and will employ 25 to 85 workers. Accuromm USA, a Japanese manufacturer of specialty cutting tools for the automotive industry, also recently announced plans to invest \$2 million in its operations. Qwik Tool & Manufacturing Company announced plans to expand its existing operations in Lexington. The Canadian based auto parts manufacturer, a subsidiary of Magna International, plans to construct a 55,000-square-foot building on 12.5 acres of land. It will represent an investment of \$2.5 million as well as the creation of 25 new jobs.

In late 1992, GTE South announced plans to consolidate its nine-state operator services operations in Lexington. The decision to move 700 jobs and route 160 million calls per year to the Bluegrass was based on the local availability of high-tech digital switching equipment, 183 miles of installed fiber-optic cable and the high quality work force.

### Utilities

Kentucky-American Water Company recently expanded its Richmond Road Treatment Plant from 20 million gallons per day to 25 million gallons per day. In addition, the Company plans to construct a 3.0-million gallon storage tank at Clays Mill Road which is scheduled for completion in early 1995.

The Division of Sanitary Sewer completed in 1992 an expansion of 6.3 million gallons per day, in additional capacity for Plant Number Two at a cost of \$20 million.

## Education

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## Community Development

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government recently completed renovation of the historic property containing the 1,100-seat Kentucky Theatre and 300-seat State Theatre. The facility is available for both public and private gatherings.

The Lexington Trade Center project is a \$10 million+ project consisting of an expansion of 30,000 square feet of additional exhibit hall space at the Lexington Convention Center which will reach completion in April 1994.

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