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MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

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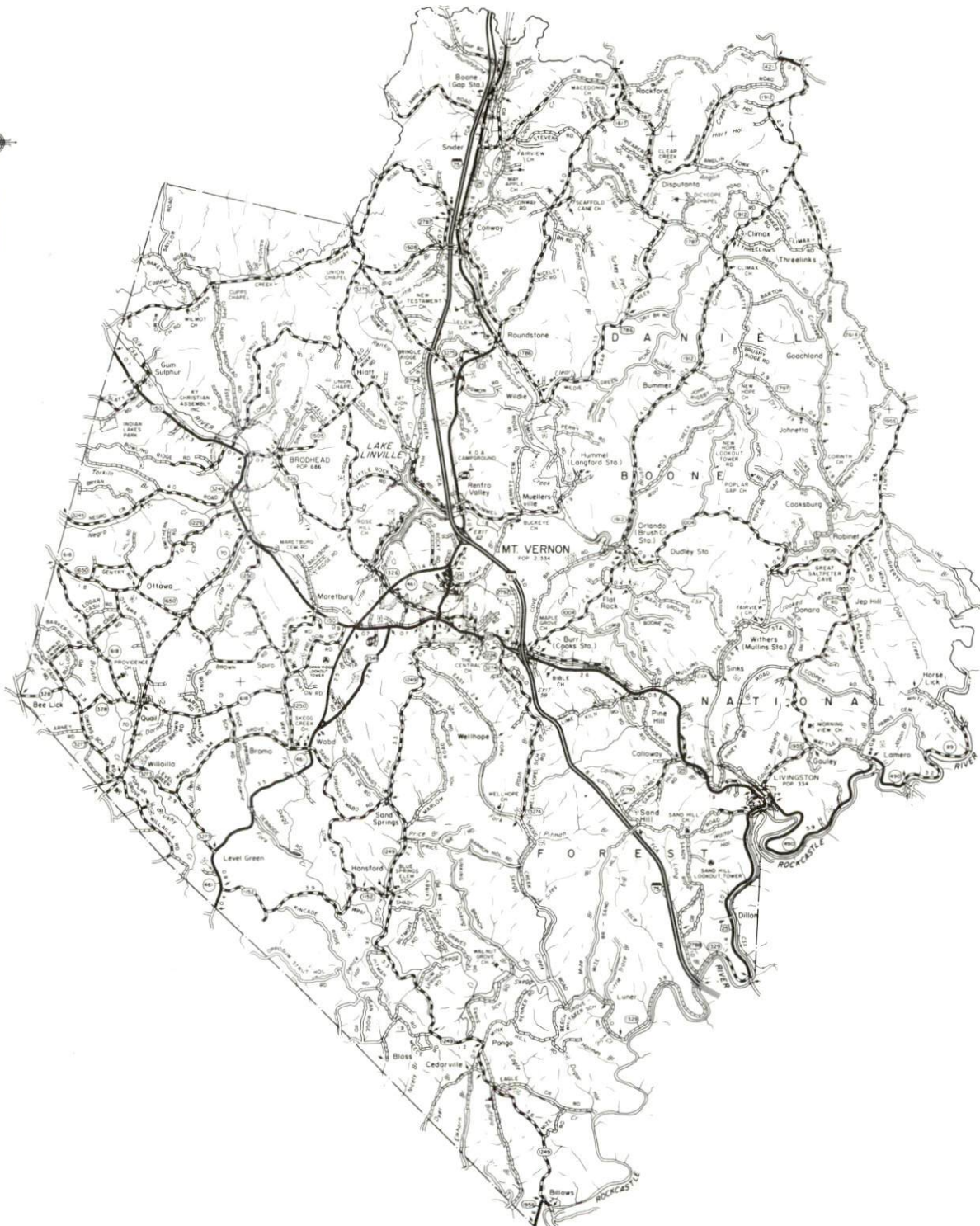
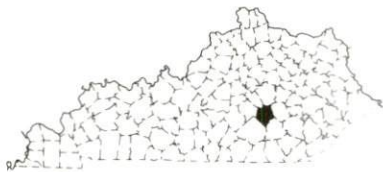
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP ROCKCASTLE COUNTY KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Mt. Vernon, the county seat of Rockcastle County, is located in east central Kentucky. Mt. Vernon is 54 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky; 115 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 122 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky. In 1990, Mt. Vernon had a population of 2,654.

Rockcastle County, with a land area of 317 square miles, has a terrain which is mostly hilly. Rockcastle County had a 1990 population of 14,803.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Rockcastle County residents employed in 1992 averaged 7,203. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 727 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 518 jobs; 714 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 578 employees; and contract construction firms provided 89 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 18,998 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1993 through 1997, 15,558 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Mt. Vernon is served directly by Interstate 75 and U.S. Highways 25 and 150. The Daniel Boone Parkway is accessible 22 miles southeast, while the Cumberland Parkway is 26 miles southwest. Eighteen trucking companies serve Mt. Vernon with interstate and/or intrastate service. Rail service is provided to Mt. Vernon by CSX Transportation. The London-Corbin Airport, 25 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon, maintains a 6,000-foot paved runway. Bluegrass Airport near Lexington, 58 miles north of Mt. Vernon, provides the nearest scheduled commercial airline service.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Mt. Vernon and portions of Rockcastle County. Rockcastle County is also provided electric power by the Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Portions of Rockcastle County are provided limited natural gas from local gas wells.

Education - Rockcastle County School System provides primary and secondary education to Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County. Three universities, five senior colleges, and two community colleges are located within 55 miles of Mt. Vernon. Vocational training is provided by the Rockcastle County Area Vocational Education Center, located in Mt. Vernon, and the Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School, located in London, 22 miles southeast.

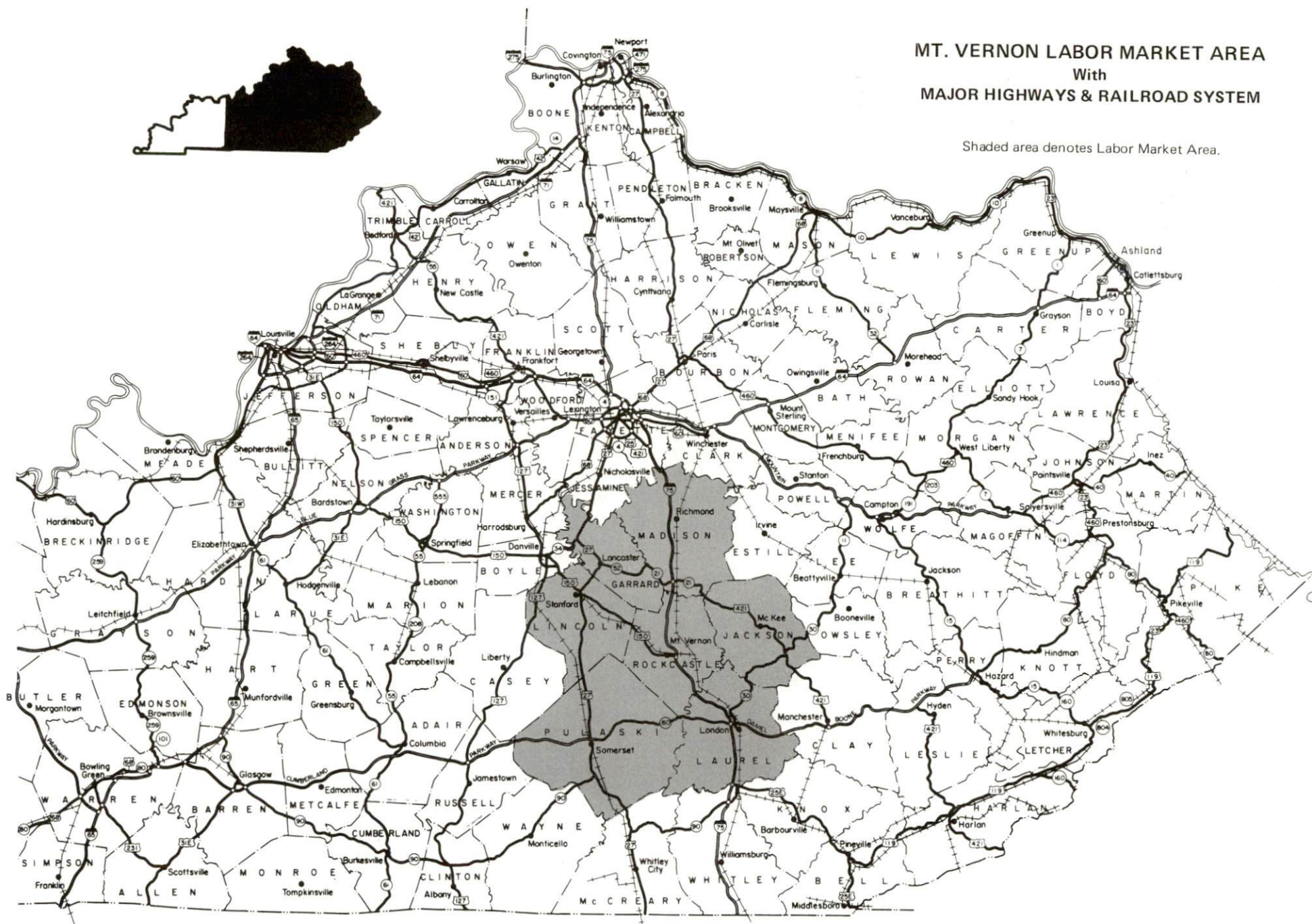
MT. VERNON LABOR MARKET AREA
With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.

The map displays the following counties and cities:

- Counties:** Boone, Grant, Pendleton, Bracken, Mason, Owen, Grant, Harrison, Scott, Nicholas, Fleming, Greenup, Ashland, Boyd, Carter, Lawrence, Morgan, Johnson, Martin, Powell, Wolfe, Magoffin, Estill, Lee, Breathitt, Floyd, Jackson, Owsley, Perry, Knott, Letcher, Leslie, Clay, Knox, Wayne, Russell, Cumberland, Monroe, Allen, Simpson, Butler, Meade, Breckinridge, Hardin, Hart, Edmonson, Warren, Barren, Metcalfe, Russell, Wayne, Clinton, McCreary, Harlan, Bell, and others.
- Cities:** Newport, Covington, Burlington, Independence, Lexington, Campbell, Warsaw, Gallatin, Carroll, Trimble, Bedford, LaGrange, Oldham, Louisville, Jefferson, Shelbyville, Taylorville, Lawrenceburg, Woodford, Lexington, Versailles, Nicholasville, Winchester, Clark, Madison, Garrard, Lincoln, Rockcastle, Jackson, Owensley, Manchester, London, Somerset, Pulaski, Adair, Casey, Marion, Taylor, Green, Munfordville, Greensburg, Glasgow, Edmonson, Warren, Barren, Metcalfe, Russell, Wayne, Clinton, McCreary, Harlan, Bell, and others.

The shaded area represents the Labor Market Area, which includes the central and eastern portions of the region, encompassing counties such as Boone, Grant, Pendleton, Bracken, Mason, Owen, Grant, Harrison, Scott, Nicholas, Fleming, Greenup, Ashland, Boyd, Carter, Lawrence, Morgan, Johnson, Martin, Powell, Wolfe, Magoffin, Estill, Lee, Breathitt, Floyd, Jackson, Owsley, Perry, Knott, Letcher, Leslie, Clay, Knox, Wayne, Russell, Cumberland, Monroe, Allen, Simpson, Butler, Meade, Breckinridge, Hardin, Hart, Edmonson, Warren, Barren, Metcalfe, Russell, Wayne, Clinton, McCreary, Harlan, Bell, and others.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Mt. Vernon Labor Market Area includes Rockcastle County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Lincoln, Madison, and Pulaski.

POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	208,817	194,012	153,780
Mt. Vernon	2,654	2,334	1,639
Rockcastle County	14,803	13,973	12,305

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	219,496	229,122	242,438	249,446
Rockcastle County	15,332	15,790	16,410	16,637

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>		<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1993 thru 1997</u>
Labor Market Area*	18,998	6,835	12,163	15,558
Rockcastle County	704	567	137	1,171

* 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.

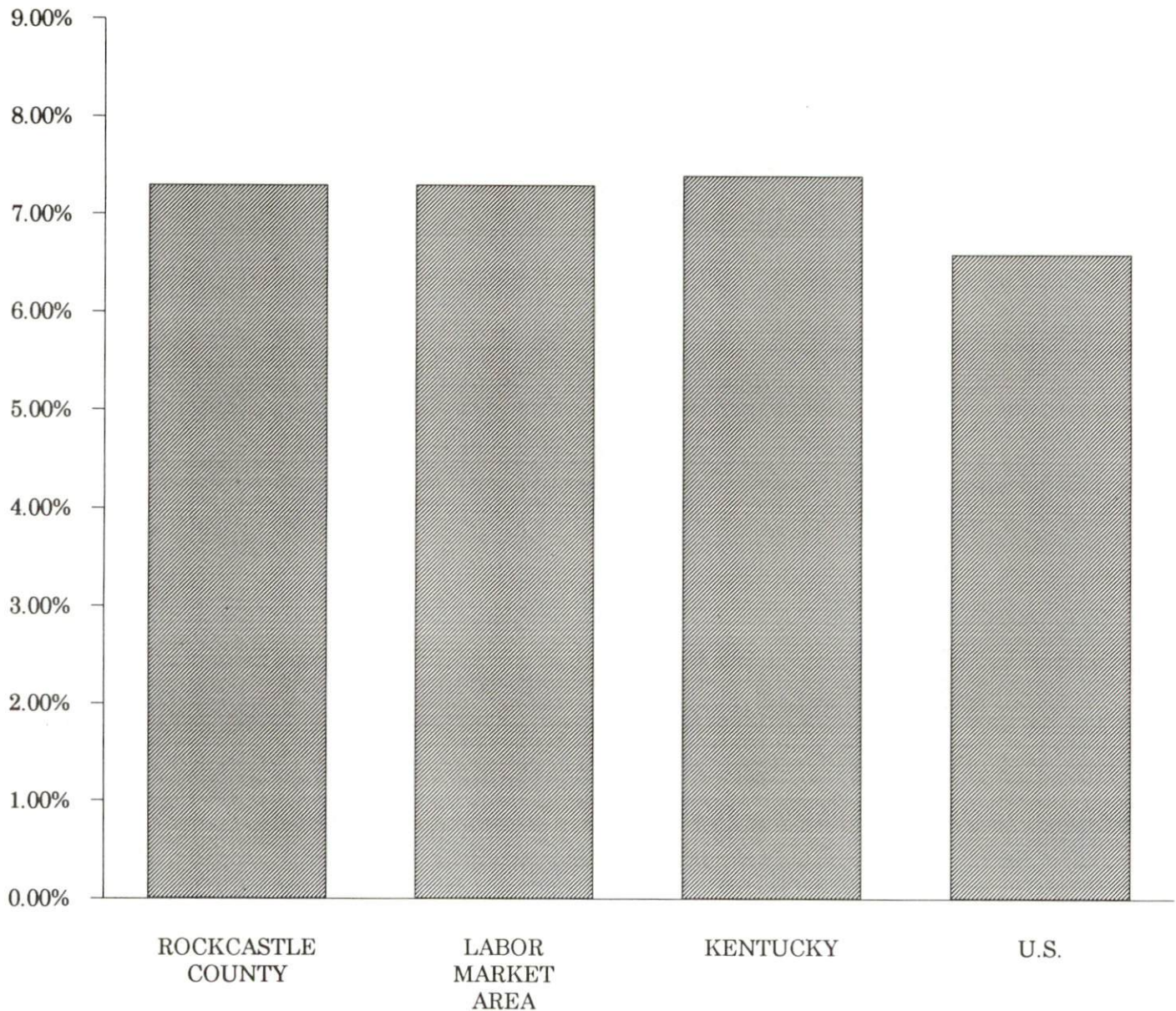
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1993 thru 1997.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1992

	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	7,770	93,794
Employment	7,203	86,959
Unemployment	567	6,835
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.3	7.3

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1992

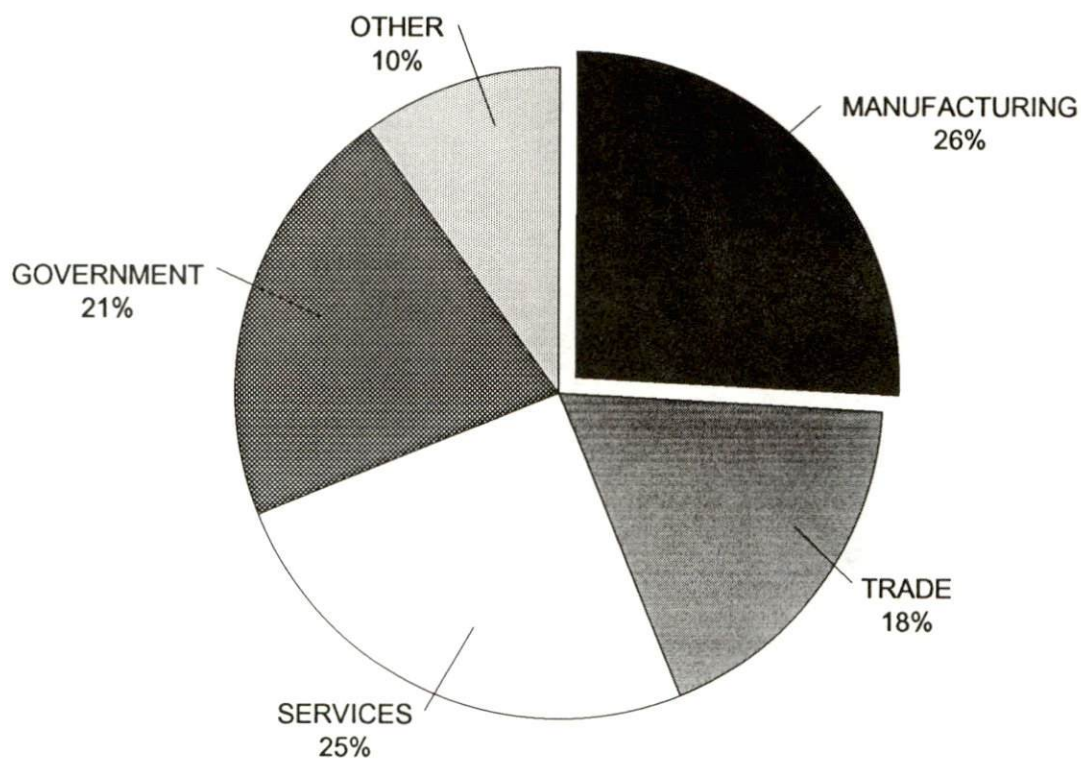


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992

	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,811	63,338
Manufacturing	727	14,074
Wholesale & Retail Trade	518	17,540
Services	714	12,264
State/Local Government	578	11,581
Contract Construction	89	2,942

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.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

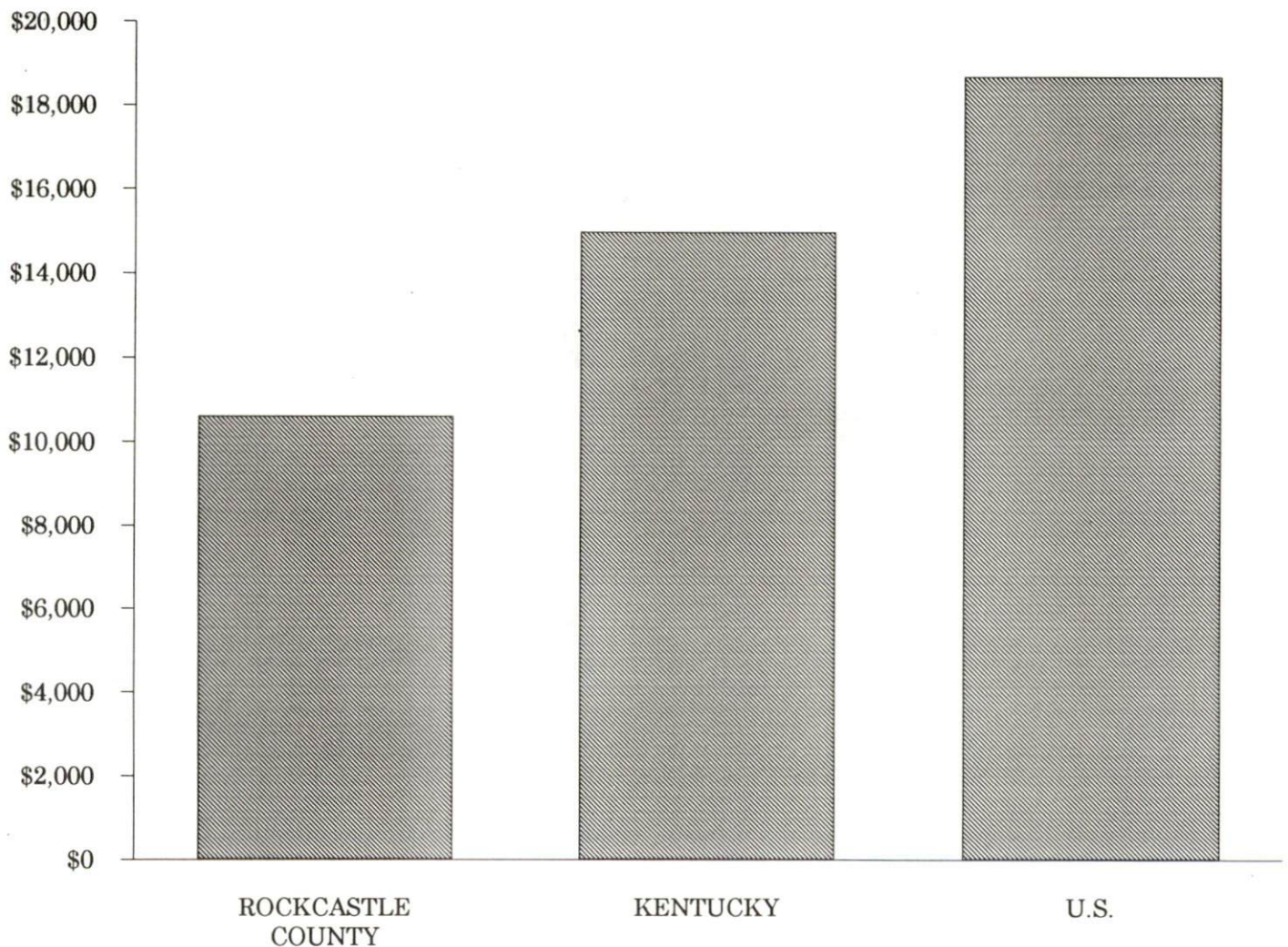


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Rockcastle County	\$7,544	\$10,600	40.5
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,611 - \$9,985	\$8,391 - \$13,328	-
Kentucky	\$11,273	\$14,992	33.0
U.S.	\$14,654	\$18,696	27.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1992.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1990



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

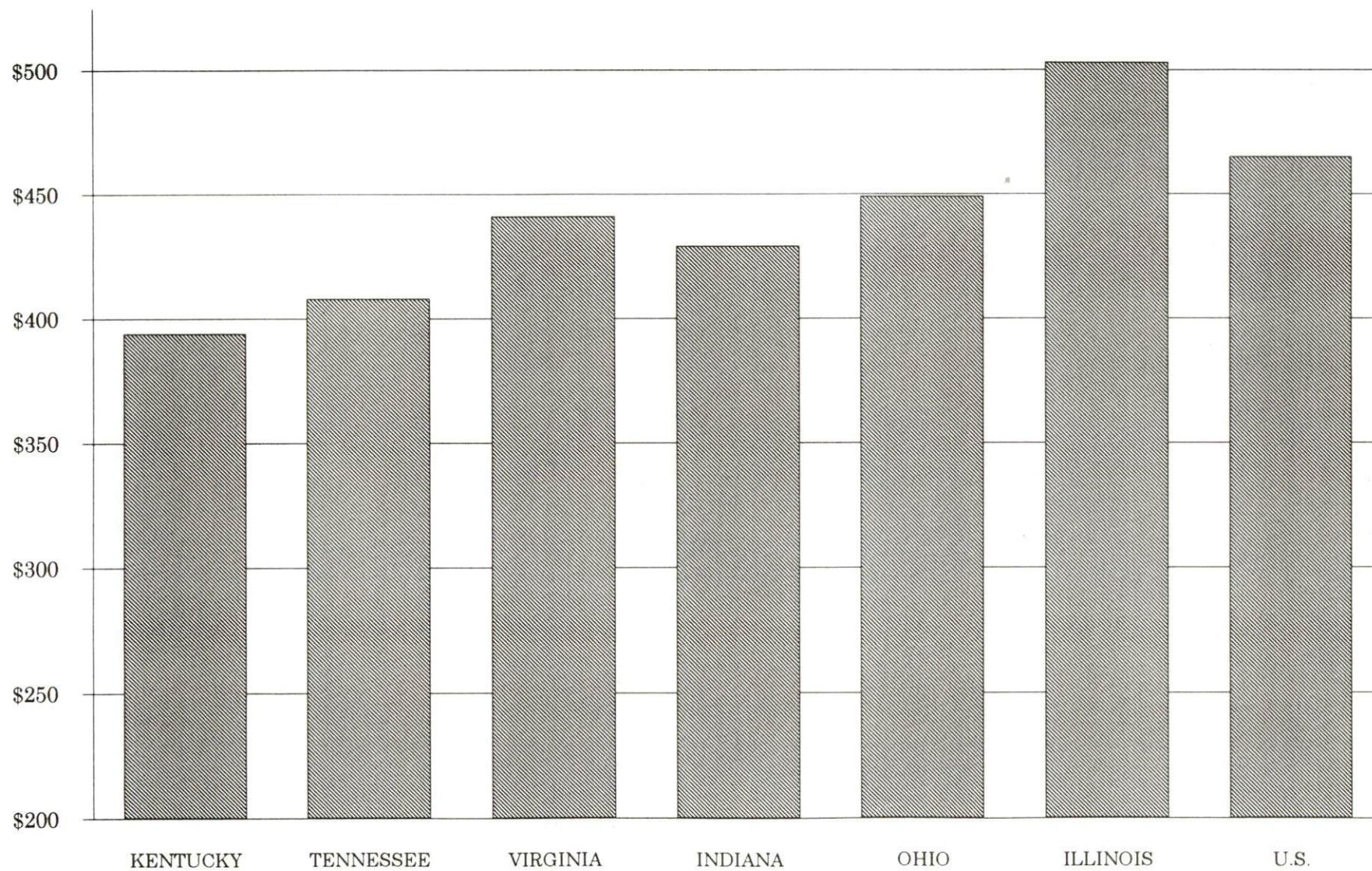
Rockcastle County is served by the Corbin local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1993, the local employment office filled 3,185 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	3,185	4.67
Clerical	848	4.25
Sales	87	4.40
Services (excluding domestic)	717	4.16
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	43	4.62
Processing	98	6.41
Machine Trades	42	5.49
Bench Work	726	4.40
Structural	263	4.67
Motor Freight/ Transportation	62	5.20
Packaging and Materials Handling	250	7.23
Other	4	6.56

The Corbin local office also serves Clay, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, and Whitley 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 - 1991



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991*

	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$260.69	\$394.46	\$408.00	\$441.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	661.68	528.00	655.00
Contract Construction	249.29	410.33	436.00	452.00
Manufacturing	257.21	505.56	477.00	509.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	255.49	528.78	541.00	605.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	175.89	268.42	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	321.57	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	243.15	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	355.17	413.84	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$429.00	\$449.00	\$503.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	708.00	609.00	758.00	747.00
Contract Construction	499.00	510.00	635.00	514.00
Manufacturing	583.00	613.00	609.00	579.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	531.00	567.00	632.00	599.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	458.00	498.00	650.00	596.00
Services	368.00	398.00	462.00	443.00
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, 1991. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1991, January 1993.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1992</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Mt. Vernon		
The Kentucky Stone Company (1936)	Agricultural lime, crushed stone	17
Long-Airdox Company (1982)	Belt conveyor systems, steel fabrication, equipment for coal industry	55
Mt. Vernon Plastics Corporation (1980)	Plastic bowls, caps, containers	380
The Mt. Vernon Signal (1887)	Newspaper	6
Rockcastle Manufacturing Company (1979)	Men's uniforms	185
Rockcastle Ready Mix (1989)	Concrete blocks, ready-mixed concrete	3
Stewart Fertilizer Service, Inc. (1962)	Fertilizer	8
Brodhead		
Adams Feed and Supply (1959)	Feed	5
Stanford Machine Works (1988)	Tooling and dies, welding	2

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

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Rockcastle Manufacturing Company is in the process of expanding its operations. The \$1.4 million project will create 70 new jobs.

A second industrial site is currently under development in Mt. Vernon and should be available by Fall 1993. The site will have access to utilities.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union

United Steelworkers of America,
AFL-CIO-CLC

Representing workers at:

The Kentucky Stone Company

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Mt. Vernon</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Mt. Vernon	-
Electric Motor Repair	Somerset	26
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond	30
Industrial Waste Removal	Berea	17
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Berea	17
Metal Castings	Middlesboro	80
Metal Finishers	Richmond	30
Metal Service Centers	Richmond	30
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington	54

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Mt. Vernon is served by Interstate 75 and U.S. Highways 25 and 150, all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Also serving Mt. Vernon is Kentucky 461, a "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. The Daniel Boone Parkway, a two-lane limited-access toll road, is accessible 22 miles southeast via Interstate 75. The Cumberland Parkway, also a multi-lane toll road, is located 26 miles southwest via Kentucky Highways 461 and 80.

U.S. Highway 150 will be reconstructed and widened throughout Rockcastle County.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	309	Los Angeles, CA	2,188
Baltimore, MD	583	Louisville, KY	122
Birmingham, AL	347	Nashville, TN	191
Chicago, IL	392	New Orleans, LA	686
Cincinnati, OH	132	New York, NY	761
Cleveland, OH	365	Pittsburgh, PA	389
Detroit, MI	392	St. Louis, MO	380
Knoxville, TN	115		

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

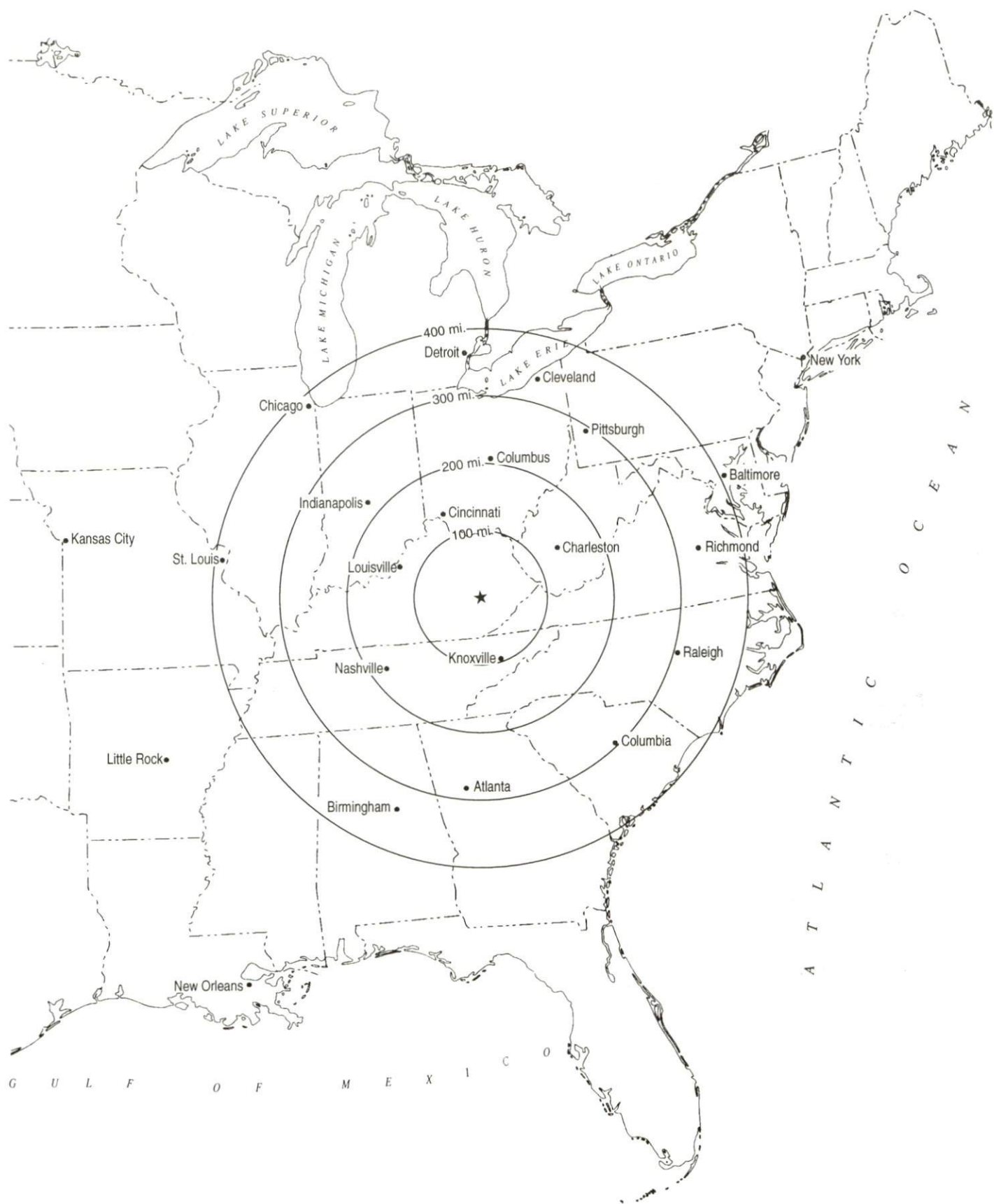
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

Eighteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Mt. Vernon.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1993.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides branch line rail to Mt. Vernon, which connects with CSX main line rail service, seven miles east of Mt. Vernon. Southern Railway System provides the nearest intermodal facilities in Georgetown, Kentucky, 67 miles north of Mt. Vernon.

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

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

Air

Local

Location:	London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field) 3 miles south-southeast of London, Kentucky 25 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	6,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock and FSS advisory service
Lighting:	Beacon, runway and obstruction lights, REIL, VASI
Services:	Fuel-100 octane and jet-A; major and minor A & P repairs; tie-downs; aircraft rental, weather data, flight training, charter and ambulance service, taxi, car rentals

Air Freight Service:

Air carriers accept air freight on a space available basis

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Bluegrass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 58 miles north of Mt. Vernon
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle, ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Northwest Airlink
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Mt. Vernon and parts of Rockcastle 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 a major portion of Rockcastle County - Jackson County

Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

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

Jackson County Rural Electric

Cooperative Corporation

U.S. Highway 421 South

P.O. Box 307

McKee, Kentucky 40447

(606) 287-7161

Natural Gas

Portions of Rockcastle County are provided limited natural gas by private companies from local gas wells.

Public Water Supply

Company serving Mt. Vernon -	Mt. Vernon Water Works P.O. Box 1465 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 (606) 256-3437
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Source of raw water -	Lake Linville
Treatment plant capacity -	2,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	1,200,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,260,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,700,000 gallons
Water pressure -	20 psi to 255 psi

Sewerage

Company serving Mt. Vernon -	Mt. Vernon Sewer Works P.O. Box 1465 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 (606) 256-3437
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Design capacity -	372,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	200,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Town Branch

CLIMATE

Rockcastle County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1991	57.30 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (47-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (47-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,814
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (47-year record)	15.70 inches
Total precipitation 1991	41.80 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (47-year record)	129.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (47-year record)	44.90

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (28-year record, except 1 a.m. - 27-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, 1991. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Mt. Vernon 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. Rockcastle County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official is elected to a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

There are no planning and zoning commissions in Rockcastle County at the present time.

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 Mt. Vernon levies an annual business license fee that varies from \$15 to \$150, depending on the type of business.

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

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

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1992 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.184	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, 1992

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Rockcastle County	\$0.163	\$0.154	\$0.156
School Districts:			
Rockcastle County	0.460	0.460	0.460
Cities:			
Mt. Vernon	0.158	0.158	0.165

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Rockcastle County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	2,896
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	17.1-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	49.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,663.20

A new Rockcastle County High School is presently under construction in Mt. Vernon. The \$10.5 million project is scheduled for completion in August 1994. Simultaneously, the middle school will move into the existing high school.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1992)</u>
Berea College	Berea (17)	1,579
Sue Bennett College	London (22)	455
Somerset Community College	Somerset (26)	2,485
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (30)	16,866
Centre College	Danville (36)	906
Cumberland College	Williamsburg (49)	1,498
Union College	Barbourville (49)	995
Lexington Community College	Lexington (54)	4,862
Transylvania University	Lexington (54)	974
University of Kentucky	Lexington (54)	24,197

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 Mt. Vernon)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1991-1992</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Rockcastle County Area Vocational Education Center	Mt. Vernon	7	<u>Sec</u> 227 <u>P/S</u> 55	95
Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School	London (22)	14	<u>Sec</u> 159 <u>P/S</u> 260	116

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its Training and Development Coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should simply contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, psychomotor skills and academic potential as well as pre-hire assessment. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School.

Adult Basic Education

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Mt. Vernon, adult literacy is provided by the Rockcastle County Literacy Council and adult basic education services are provided through the Family Life School.

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 - 8
Dentists - 2

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Rockcastle Hospital Respiratory Care Center, Inc.	Mt. Vernon	86

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Other Medical Facilities and Services

Appalachian Medical Supply
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center
Home Health Services
Rockcastle County Health Center, Cumberland Valley District
Rockcastle Ambulance Service

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

The Bank of Mt. Vernon
Citizens Bank

Newspapers

Mt. Vernon Signal (weekly)

Telephone Service

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RECREATION

Local

Mt. Vernon offers supervised recreational programs during the summer months. Volleyball, horseshoe pitching, softball and basketball leagues are coordinated by the playground directors. Facilities available to the public include playgrounds, picnic areas, a tennis court, baseball diamonds, a football field, basketball courts and softball fields.

Lake Linville Park located in Mt. Vernon, offers a playground, tennis courts, softball and baseball fields, camping, fishing, and picnicking facilities.

Cedar Rapids Country Club features a swimming pool, a nine-hole golf course, and tennis courts.

The Renfro Valley Barn Dance, two miles from Mt. Vernon, offers two separate show barns with two separate shows at each barn every Saturday night. The Sunday Morning Gatherin, a world-famous country music show and broadcast, has been a continuous series since 1939. A museum and crafts village are also featured here.

The Daniel Boone National Forest, which lies within Rockcastle County, covers 640,000 acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

Area (Within 60 miles)

Big South Fork National River and
Recreational Area
Constitution Square State Historic Site
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
Fort Boonesborough State Park
General Burnside State Park
Herrington Lake
Isaac Shelby Cemetery State Historic Site
Lake Cumberland State Resort Park
Laurel River Lake
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park
Old Fort Harrod State Park
Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site
Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill
White Hall State Historic Site
William Whitley House State
Historic Site
Wood Creek Lake

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

Rockcastle Hospital, Inc. recently completed a 28-bed addition for ventilation dependent patients.

A 100-unit motel was recently constructed in Mt. Vernon.

The Rockcastle County Tourism Commission was recently established in the county.

Construction of a new courthouse judicial complex for the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court was recently completed in Mt. Vernon.

Mt. Village Apartment Complex, a 24-unit facility, recently opened in Mt. Vernon.

Three new major fast food chain restaurants opened in Mt. Vernon.

Under Way

Rockcastle Manufacturing Company is in the process of expanding its operations. The \$1.4 million project will create 70 new jobs.

A second industrial site is currently under development in Mt. Vernon and should be available by Fall 1993. The site will have access to utilities.

A new Rockcastle County High School is presently under construction in Mt. Vernon. The \$10.5 million project is scheduled for completion in August 1994. Simultaneously, the middle school will move into the existing high school.

A new soccer field is under development in Brodhead.

Planned

A project to provide water service to rural areas in Rockcastle County is planned for the future. Upon completion, 1,800 new customers will be served.

U.S. Highway 150 will be reconstructed and widened throughout Rockcastle County.