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FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

Franklin, the county seat of Simpson County, is located in south-central Kentucky. Franklin is located 44 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; 134 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; and 293 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. The city had an estimated 1998 population of 8,109 persons.

Simpson County is located in the Pennyroyal Region of south-central Kentucky. The county's southern boundary is formed by the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. Simpson County, which has a total land area of 236 square miles, had an estimated 1998 population of 16,401 persons. Simpson County ranks as one of the top counties in the state in production of wheat and barley for grain, and in tobacco.

The Economic Framework – Simpson County firms employed 7,169 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 135 jobs; manufacturing firms in the county reported 3,007 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,734 jobs; 790 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 850 jobs.

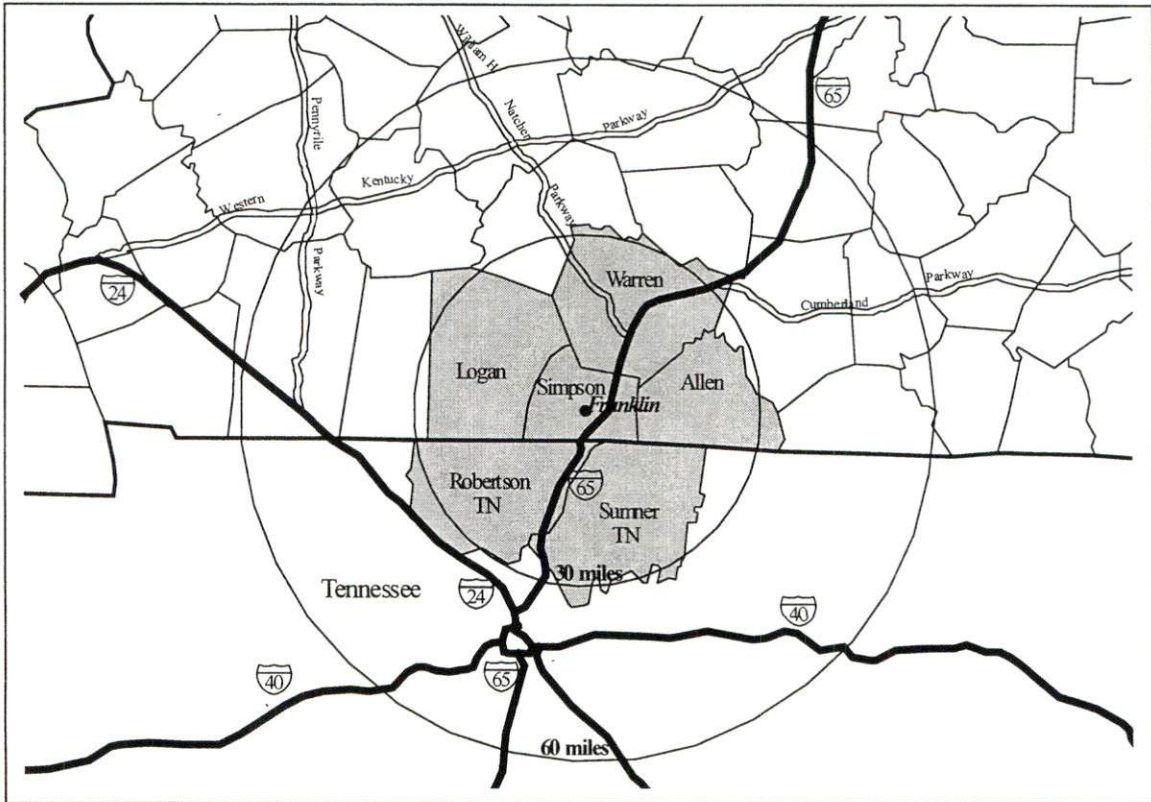
Labor Supply – There is a current estimated labor supply of 49,297 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 through 2003, approximately 22,836 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

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

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

Education – Primary and secondary education is provided to Franklin and Simpson County by the Simpson County School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. One nonpublic schools operate in Simpson County. Ten colleges and universities are located within 52 miles of Franklin. The Bowling Green Technical College and the Kentucky Advanced Technology Center, both located in Bowling Green, offer post-secondary education. The nearest area technology center (ATC) providing secondary education is the Russellville ATC in Russellville.

Labor Market Area Maps



Note: To obtain detailed topographical and general highway maps contact Maps and Publications at 502-564-4715, or for industrial site maps contact the Site Evaluation Division at 502-564-7140.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Franklin labor market area includes Simpson County and the following additional counties: Allen; Logan; Warren; Robertson, TN; and Sumner, TN.

Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1998</u>
Labor Market Area	247,578	276,682	312,501	323,557
Simpson County	14,673	15,145	16,109	16,401
Franklin	7,738	7,607	7,240	8,109

Note: * Population estimates. N/A – Data not available.

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

Population Projections

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	327,302	367,000	402,497
Simpson County	16,564	17,418	17,905

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center. Out-of-state counties within the labor market area computed by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1998</u>			<u>Under- employed</u>	<u>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>		
Labor Market Area	49,297	6,450	4,754	38,093	22,836
Simpson County	2,851	259	328	2,265	1,166

Note: Unemployed – people not working but actively seeking work. Potential Labor Supply – represents the number of persons not in the labor force, but would like a job (based on national estimates). Underemployed – people employed in wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services. See Appendix for further explanation.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1999 through 2003.

Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1998

	<u>Simpson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	7,835	174,299
Employed	7,576	167,849
Unemployed	259	6,450
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.7

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Work Force Commuting Patterns, 1990

Workers commuting into Simpson County	2,396
Workers commuting out of Simpson County	1,325
Workers residing and working in Simpson County	5,573

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

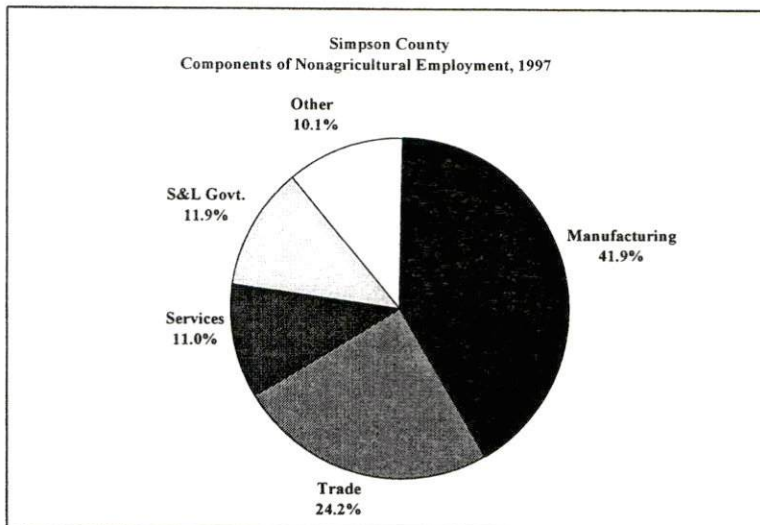
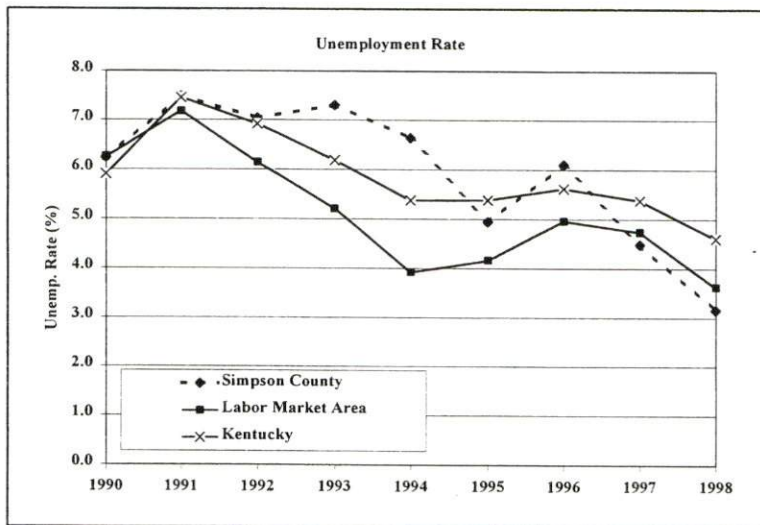
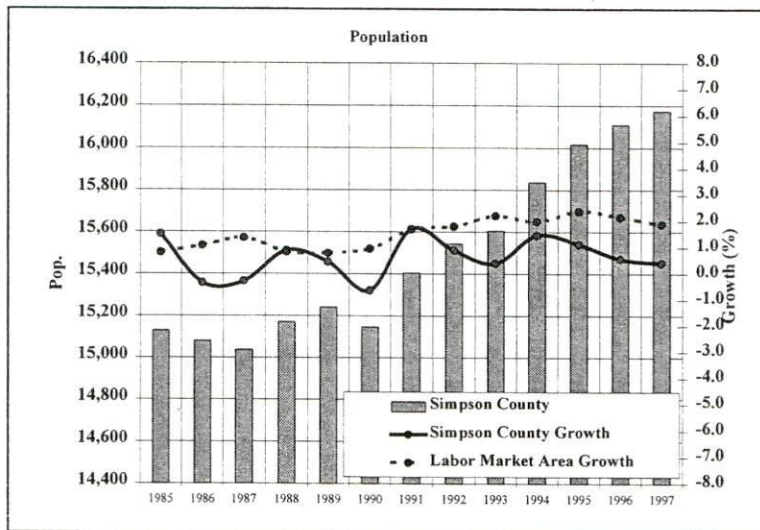
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Simpson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	7,169	113,263
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	132
Contract Construction	135	5,659
Manufacturing	3,007	35,028
Transportation & Public Utilities	150	3,266
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,734	27,566
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	167	3,759
Services	790	20,944
State & Local Government	850	15,633
Other	N/A	456

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers. N/A – Data not available.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997. Out-of-state counties within the labor market area provided by the respective states' departments for employment services.

Selected Charts



Per Capita Personal Income

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Percent Change (1993-1997)</u>
Simpson County	\$15,732	\$17,889	13.7%
Kentucky	\$17,309	\$20,570	18.8%
U.S.	\$21,368	\$25,288	18.3%
Labor Market Area Range	\$13,050 - \$19,299	\$15,469 - \$22,823	-

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1998.

Average Placement Wages

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services local office in Bowling Green serves Simpson County. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Bowling Green local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months ended on June 30, 1998, the local employment office filled Simpson County job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

	<u>Number of Placements</u>	<u>Average Wage (\$)</u>
All Occupations	2,755	7.43
Professional, Technical & Managerial	55	7.63
Clerical	230	7.71
Sales	90	7.82
Domestic	9	10.42
Services (excluding domestic)	429	5.51
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	12	8.09
Processing	32	6.70
Machine Trades	455	8.81
Bench Work	459	6.98
Structural	173	7.82
Motor Freight & Transportation	57	6.84
Packaging & Materials Handling	745	7.78
Other	9	6.01

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Bowling Green local office serves Allen, Butler, Edmonson, Logan, Simpson, and Warre Counties.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services.

Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Simpson County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$495.89	\$488.00	\$521.00	\$555.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	790.00	839.00	772.00
Contract Construction	361.25	516.00	561.00	544.00
Manufacturing	700.91	644.00	621.00	644.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	551.15	648.00	653.00	761.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	280.52	337.00	391.00	392.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	424.81	613.00	696.00	748.00
Services	270.43	440.00	495.00	580.00
State & Local Government	401.63	484.00	494.00	530.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
All Industries	\$530.00	\$553.00	\$634.00	\$578.00
Mining & Quarrying	849.00	773.00	881.00	961.00
Contract Construction	604.00	619.00	765.00	610.00
Manufacturing	732.00	776.00	792.00	737.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	633.00	669.00	764.00	724.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	351.00	384.00	452.00	411.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	624.00	682.00	938.00	863.00
Services	452.00	486.00	575.00	547.00
State & Local Government	510.00	567.00	615.00	576.00

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes salaries and wages of all persons working for that type of business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers are excluded. Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar. N/A – Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1997, December 1998.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Franklin Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
A & S Tool & Gage Inc.	Gauges	12	1995
Allen Embroidery Co.	Embroidering service	2	N/A
B & B Screw Machine	Machine products	15	1999
Benchmark Cutting Inc.	Water jet cutting service	2	1997
Bonded Fibers Southeast	Polyester quilting materials	4	N/A
Bowling's Engines	Machine shop: general machining, drilling, boring, engine rebuilding, lathe & mill work	1	1990
Brite Metals Inc.	Zinc, copper, nickel & chrome electroplating	2	1969
C & M Metals Inc.	Sheet metal fabricating, steel building components & housing	18	1983
Dana Corp.- Perfect Circle Sealed Power Division	Stainless steel piston rings	65	1987
Dana Corp.-Perfect Circle Div.	Piston rings	239	1972
Franklin Crop Service	Fertilizer blending	7	1974
Franklin Favorite WFKN Inc.	Commercial offset printing/newspaper publishing	55	1857
Franklin Hardwoods Inc.	Hardwood specialty lumber	12	1991
Franklin Precision Industry	Automotive throttle bodies & charcoal canisters	250	1990
Irving Materials Inc.	Ready-mixed concrete	3	N/A
J D/Novitec Industries Inc.	Machine shop: general, CNC & wire EDM machining; MIG & TIG welding; surface grinding & turning	6	1988
Kentucky Gauges Inc.	Precision gauges	8	1989
LucasVarity Heavy Vehicle	Braking systems for heavy vehicles	45	1996
M & M Manufacturing Inc.	Custom metal, aluminum & stainless steel fabricating for water & sewer industries	5	1988
Majestic Wood LLP	Mulch	15	1999
Main Street Printing Inc.	Offset printing, computer typesetting, side wire & plastic binding service	3	1996
North Main Glass & Mirror Inc.	Cut glass	2	1995
Novatape	Pressure tape	24	1999
Old Kentucky Leathers Inc	Leather dyeing & tanning	13	1971
Outokumpu Copper Franklin Inc.	Welded copper tubes	250	1966
Overton Woodwork Inc.	Wood vents, custom windows, shutters, cupolas & millwork	8	1965
Packaging Unlimited of Southern KY	Corrugated boxes	28	N/A
Paradise Marine Inc.	Rails, floor storage rings, swim platforms & transom trim	20	1981
Quebecor Imaging	Commercial typesetting & color separation	60	1990
Quebecor Printing Co.	Catalog & magazine rotogravure printing; glue, side & saddle stitch binding	550	1979
REM Machine	Machine shop: automotive engine rebuilding	3	N/A
Rohdes Inc.	Commercial offset printing	5	1975

Franklin Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment (continued)

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Siemens Electromechanical	Plastic injection molding, precision metal stampings, fully automated relay & electromechanical assemblies	375	1956
Silgan Plastics Corp.	Plastic bottles	200	1978
Simpson County Wood Products	Wooden pallets	20	1978
Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.	Paper cores & tubes	13	1982
Southern States Cooperative	Agricultural seed processing	9	N/A
Traughber Mechanical Service	Machine shop: custom fabricating; general machining; lathe & mill work; drilling & boring; arc, gas, MIG, TIG, heliarc welding	8	N/A
Tyco Adhesives	Pipeline coatings; industrial, athletic & consumer adhesive tapes & bandages	800	1962
Vital Signs & Graphics	Wooden, painted, plastic, metal, magnetic & vinyl lettered signs	1	N/A
Yokley Machine Co.	Machine shop: industrial & arc welding, general machining, drilling, boring, cutting, honing, lathe & mill work; steel fabricating	3	1938
Zeager Hardwood Co.	Wood safety playground flooring, mulch & chips	4	1984

Note: N/A - Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers published by Harris InfoSource in cooperation with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Franklin-Simpson Industrial Board.

Recent Industrial Developments

There is a new 107-acre industrial site on the north side of Franklin fronting Highway 31-W. Cagle's-Keystone Foods has opened a feed mill and chicken hatchery and will employ approximately 100 persons.

Major Franklin Supportive/Service Employers

<u>Name of Business/Firm</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Employment</u>
J & F Logistics and Warehousing	Warehousing/distribution	14
PIC (Pig Improvement Company)	Feed and swine research	125

Source: Franklin-Simpson Industrial Board

Labor Organizations in Simpson County

United Auto Workers

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

Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of Franklin

Miles	City	Custom Plastics Producers	Electric Motor Repair	Heat Treating Facilities	Industrial Waste Removal	Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Metal Castings	Metal Finishers	Metal Service Centers	Mill- wrights & Riggers
-	Franklin	X				X				
12	Auburn	X	X							
18	Bowling Green	X				X	X		X	X
19	Russellville				X		X			
21	Scottsville					X				
33	Elkton				X					
41	Glasgow		X		X	X				
47	Greenville					X			X	
48	Horse Cave						X	X		
49	McHenry					X				
49	Tompkinsville					X				

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from city center to city center; not road miles.

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

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

Interstate 65 provides easy access to the Green River Parkway, 17 miles north of Franklin, and to the Cumberland Parkway, 40 miles northeast. Other major interstate highway systems are accessible via Interstate 65 near Louisville, 134 miles north; and near Nashville, Tennessee, 44 miles south of Franklin.

Highway Miles from Franklin, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	290	Indianapolis, IN	247
Baltimore, MD	163	Kansas City, MO	542
Birmingham, AL	236	Knoxville, TN	201
Charleston, WV	346	Lexington, KY	174
Chicago, IL	428	Louisville, KY	134
Cincinnati, OH	231	Minneapolis, MN	839
Cleveland, OH	483	Nashville, TN	44
Columbia, SC	463	New Orleans, LA	576
Columbus, OH	339	New York, NY	870
Dallas, TX	707	Pittsburgh, PA	520
Des Moines, IA	679	Raleigh, NC	561
Detroit, MI	494	Richmond, VA	636
Evansville, IN	127	St. Louis, MO	293
Huntington, WV	297	Tallahassee, FL	561

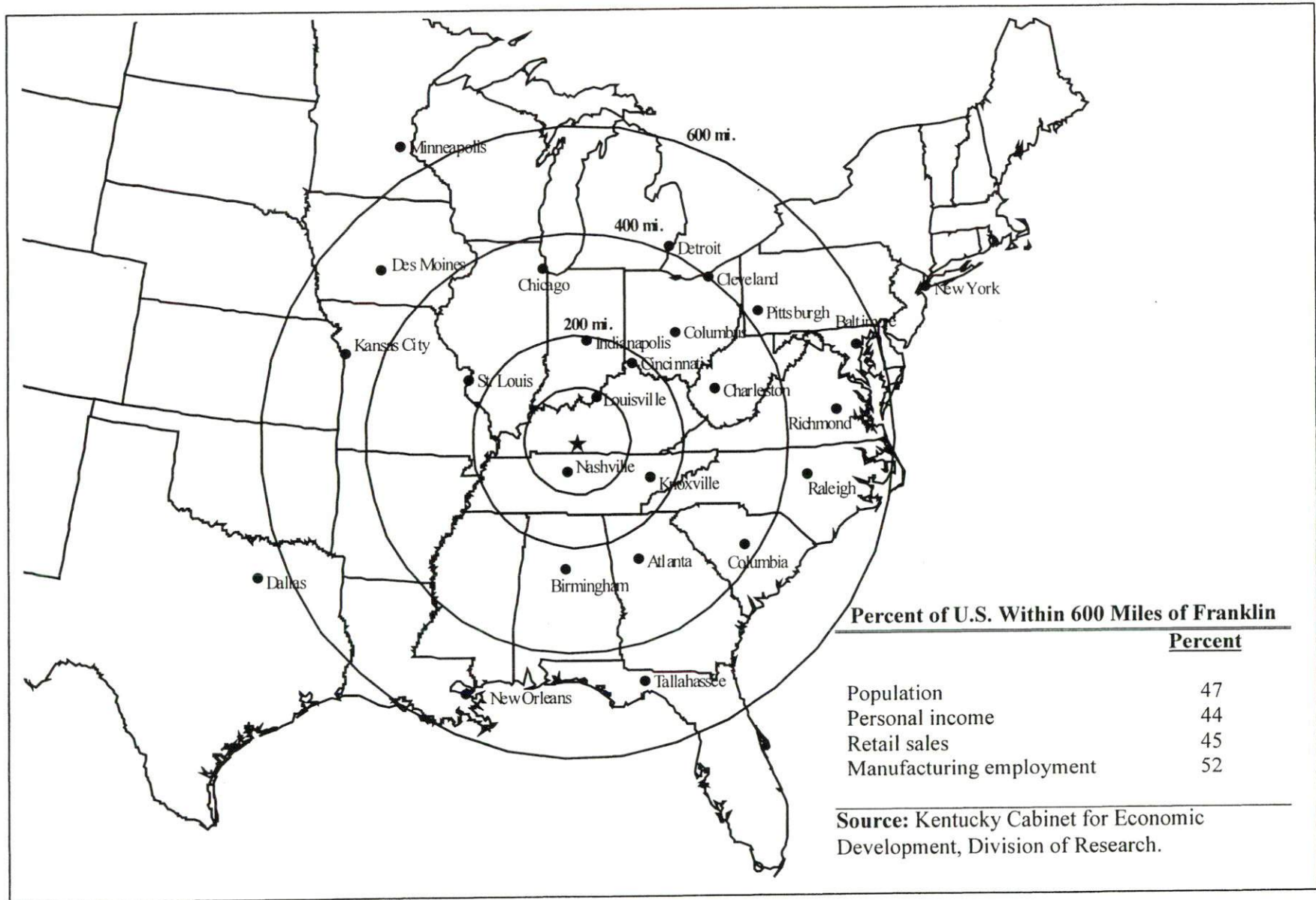
Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

Source: AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

Truck Service

Twenty-six common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Franklin. One terminal operates locally. American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1999.

Selected Market Centers Map



Rail

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

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

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

Air

Local

Location:	Warren County Regional Airport
Distance from Franklin:	Bowling Green, KY
Phone:	24 miles northeast
Number of runways:	(270) 842-1101
Length and type of longest runway:	2
	6,500 feet (asphalt)

Commercial/International

	Nashville International Airport
Location:	Nashville, TN
Distance from Franklin:	50 miles south
Phone:	(615) 275-1600
Air service:	Air Canada, American, American Eagle, Comair, Continental, Corporate Express, Delta, Delta Express, Midway Connection, Northwest, Skyway, Southwest, TWA, United, US Airways, US Airways Express, Trans States
Daily arrivals & departures:	364

UTILITIES

Electricity

Service area:
Company:
Source of power:
For industrial rates contact:

Franklin
Franklin Electric Plant Board
Tennessee Valley Authority

Franklin Electric Plant Board
P.O. Box 349
Franklin, KY 42135
(270) 586-4441

and/or

South Kentucky Industrial Development Association, Inc. (TVA)
Manager of Economic Development
P.O. Box 726
Hopkinsville, KY 42241-0726
(270) 885-5392

Service area:
Company:
Source of power:
For industrial rates contact:

major portion of Simpson County
Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Tennessee Valley Authority

Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
951 Fairview Avenue
P.O. Box 1118
Bowling Green, KY 42102
(270) 842-6541

and/or

South Kentucky Industrial Development Association, Inc. (TVA)
Manager of Economic Development
P.O. Box 726
Hopkinsville, KY 42241-0726
(270) 885-5392

Natural Gas

Service area:
Company:
Source of supply:
For rates and supplies contact:

Franklin
Western Kentucky Gas Company
Texas Gas Transmission Company

Western Kentucky Gas Company
2401 New Hartford Road
P.O. Box 886
Owensboro, KY 42302-0866
(270) 685-8069

Public Water Supply

Service area: **Franklin**
Company: Franklin Water District
1350 Scottsville Road
P.O. Box 2805
Franklin, KY 42134
(270) 586-5431

Treatment facilities information:
Source of raw water: Drakes Creek
Treatment plant capacity: 5,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption: 1,300,000 gallons per day
Peak daily consumption: 1,800,000 gallons per day
Storage capacity: 4,250,000 gallons per day
Water pressure: 30 psi to 140 psi

Service area: **Simpson County**
Company: Simpson County Water District
951 Fairview Avenue, Suite B
P.O. Box 10180
Bowling Green, KY 42102-4780
(270) 842-0052

Treatment facilities information:
Source of supply of treated water: White House Utility District
Amount that can be purchased: 3,312,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption: 702,645 gallons
Peak daily consumption: 1,322,500 gallons
Storage capacity: 1,650,000 gallons
Water pressure: 30 psi to 100 psi

Sewerage

Service area: **Franklin**
Company information: Franklin Sewer Department
P.O. Box 2805
Franklin, KY 42135
(270) 586-7944

Design capacity: 3,200,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow: 2,500,000 gallons per day
Type of treatment: Primary
Treated effluent discharged into: West Fork Drakes Creek

CLIMATE

Simpson County

Temperature

Normal (127-year record)	59.4 degrees
Average annual, 1997	58.3 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (58-year record)	107 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (58-year record)	-17 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	3,729
Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)	1,616

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	47.30 inches
Mean annual snowfall 30-year record)	11.0 inches
Total precipitation, 1997	54.95 inches
Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	118.4
Mean number days thunderstorms (57-year record)	52.1

Prevailing Winds (29-year record)

South

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

12 midnight	79 percent
6 a.m.	84 percent
12 noon	84 percent
6 p.m.	84 percent

Notes: Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F. Cooling degree day totals are the sums of positive departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Local Climatological Data, 1997.
Station of record: Nashville, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Franklin-Simpson Joint Planning and Zoning Commission

Participating cities - Franklin

Zoning enforced - All areas

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas

Local codes enforced - Building and housing in all areas

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler

Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Local Fees and Licenses

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

Sales and Use Tax

A state sales and use tax is levied at the rate of 6.0% on the purchase or lease price of taxable goods and on utility services. Local sales taxes are not levied in Kentucky.

State and Local 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 the city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. 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).

State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>State Rate, 1998</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.153	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

Source: Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1998

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
<u>County</u>			
Simpson County	0.2010	0.2350	0.2369
<u>Cities</u>			
Franklin	0.1460	0.1820	0.1871
<u>School Districts</u>			
Simpson County	0.3790	0.3790	0.5460

Source: Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-97

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u>	<u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u>
Simpson County	3,031	5,685	17.6

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-97

<u>County-wide</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>	<u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u>
Total High School Graduates	171	
To College	78	45.6
To Vocational/Technical School	10	5.8
To Workforce	73	42.7
To Work & School	2	1.2
To Military	2	1.2
Other	6	3.5

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Nonpublic Schools, 1997-98

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Franklin Mennonite Elementary	18	1-8

Source: Kentucky Schools Directory 1997-98, Kentucky Department of Education.

Colleges and Technical Schools

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Franklin

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
18	Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	14,543
40	Belmont College	Nashville, TN	2,926
40	David Lipscomb College	Nashville, TN	2,543
40	Fisk University	Nashville, TN	900
40	Meharry Medical College	Nashville, TN	721
40	Tennessee St. University	Nashville, TN	8,643

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Franklin (continued)

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
40	Trevecca Nazarene College	Nashville, TN	1,547
40	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN	10,253
44	Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN	7,556
52	Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville	2,524

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Franklin, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Technical Schools Within 60 Miles of Franklin

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (1997-98)</u>		
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	<u>Total</u>
18	Bowling Green Technical College	Bowling Green	143	877	1,020
18	KY Advanced Technology Center	Bowling Green	0	309	309
19	Russellville ATC	Russellville	543	6	549
21	Allen County Area Vocational Education Center	Scottsville	422	0	422
41	Barren Co. ATC	Glasgow	561	7	568
41	Bowling Green Technical College Glasgow Campus	Glasgow	0	207	207
47	Muhlenberg Co. ATC	Greenville	142	57	199
49	Monroe Co. ATC	Tompkinsville	680	2	682
52	Christian Co. ATC	Hopkinsville	241	28	269
53	Ohio Co. ATC	Hartford	673	23	696
54	Grayson County Area Vocational Education Center	Leitchfield	400	0	400

Notes: Kentucky Tech secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers (ATC), are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post-secondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Adult courses may be offered at some secondary technical schools. Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Franklin, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

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 at the Bowling Green Technical College.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training

programs within the organization. The Career Connections Assessment Center serving the Franklin area is located at the Bowling Green Technical College.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In the Franklin area, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Simpson County Board of Education and Simpson County Literacy Council.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) was established in 1984 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent, de jure corporation to stimulate economic development through customized business and industry specific skills training programs. The BSSC works with business and industry and Kentucky's educational institutions to establish programs of skills training. The BSSC is attached to the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes, in recognition of the relationship between economic development and skills training efforts.

The BSSC is comprised of two economic development tools, matching grants and the newly authorized Skills Training Investment Credit Act. The BSSC grant program is available to new, expanding and existing business and industry. Eligible training activities include pre-employment skills training and assessment; entry level, skills upgrade and occupational upgrade training; train-the-trainer travel; and capacity-building. The Skills Training Investment Credit Act provides tax credits to existing businesses for skills upgrade training.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

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

Hospitals

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

Medical staff : 9 active physicians; 13 registered nurses; 7 licensed practical nurses

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

Other Medical Facilities and Services

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

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Franklin Bank & Trust Company
First American National Bank
South Central Bank
TransFinancial Bank
United Planters Bank

Newspapers

The Franklin Favorite (weekly)

Telephone Service

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

RECREATION

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

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

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

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

Located just south of Franklin, in southern Simpson County, is Kentucky Downs, the only steeplechase track in the state.

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

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

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

Area (Within 65 miles)

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

APPENDIX A - DEFINITIONS

Geographic definition of the labor market area

A county's labor market area is defined as the base county, adjacent counties, and any other major commuting counties. Adjacency is used to define the labor market area primarily because of the small size of Kentucky's counties. The major commuting counties are defined from the point of view of the base county. Major commuting counties are those counties that comprise 90% of the base county's total commuters. The source of the commuting patterns is the 1990 journey-to-work data available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Example – Logan County

To determine the labor market area for Logan County the following steps are taken. First, the counties with workers commuting into Logan county are listed in ascending order (see the table below). The cumulative percent is calculated. Next, all counties that comprise up to 90% of the commuters are included in the labor market area (actually the cut-off will be the county that breaks the 90% threshold – Montgomery County, TN at 92.6% in this case). Although Robertson is not a major commuter county, it is included since it is adjacent. The Logan County labor market is then comprised of the seven bold-faced counties in the table below.

Labor Market Area – Logan County (Example Only)				
Adjacent to Logan	Commuter County	Commuters into Logan	Percent of Total Commuters	Cumulative Percent
Y	Todd	385	24.4%	24.4%
Y	Warren	377	23.9	48.4
Y	Muhlenberg	365	23.2	71.5
Y	Simpson	162	10.3	81.8
Y	Butler	116	7.4	89.1
	Montgomery, TN	55	3.5	92.6
	Christian	36	2.3	94.9
	Sumner, TN	35	2.2	97.1
Y	Robertson, TN	25	1.6	98.7
	Davidson, TN	20	1.3	100.0
	<i>Total Commuters into Logan County</i>	1,576	100.0	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Economic Information System, CD-ROM. August 1997.

Potential Labor Supply

The potential labor supply is an estimate of those persons not classified as in the labor force (not employed and not unemployed), but who want a job. The assumption is that people not in the labor force at the local level would like a job at the same rate as the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics provides national, yearly estimates of the percent of the people not in the labor force who want a job. This percent is applied to the county-level number of people not in the labor force.

Underemployed

Wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services have historically paid low wages. The assumption is that workers in these industries would take higher paying jobs if they were available. Non-professional services excludes Miscellaneous Repair Services (SIC 7600), Health Services (SIC 8000), Legal Services (SIC 8100), and Engineering and Management Services (SIC 8700).

Total Available Labor

Total available labor is the sum of the number of unemployed, potential labor supply, and underemployed. Please note that the number of unemployed is the only generally accepted measure of labor availability. The other concepts are weaker measures and should be used with caution.