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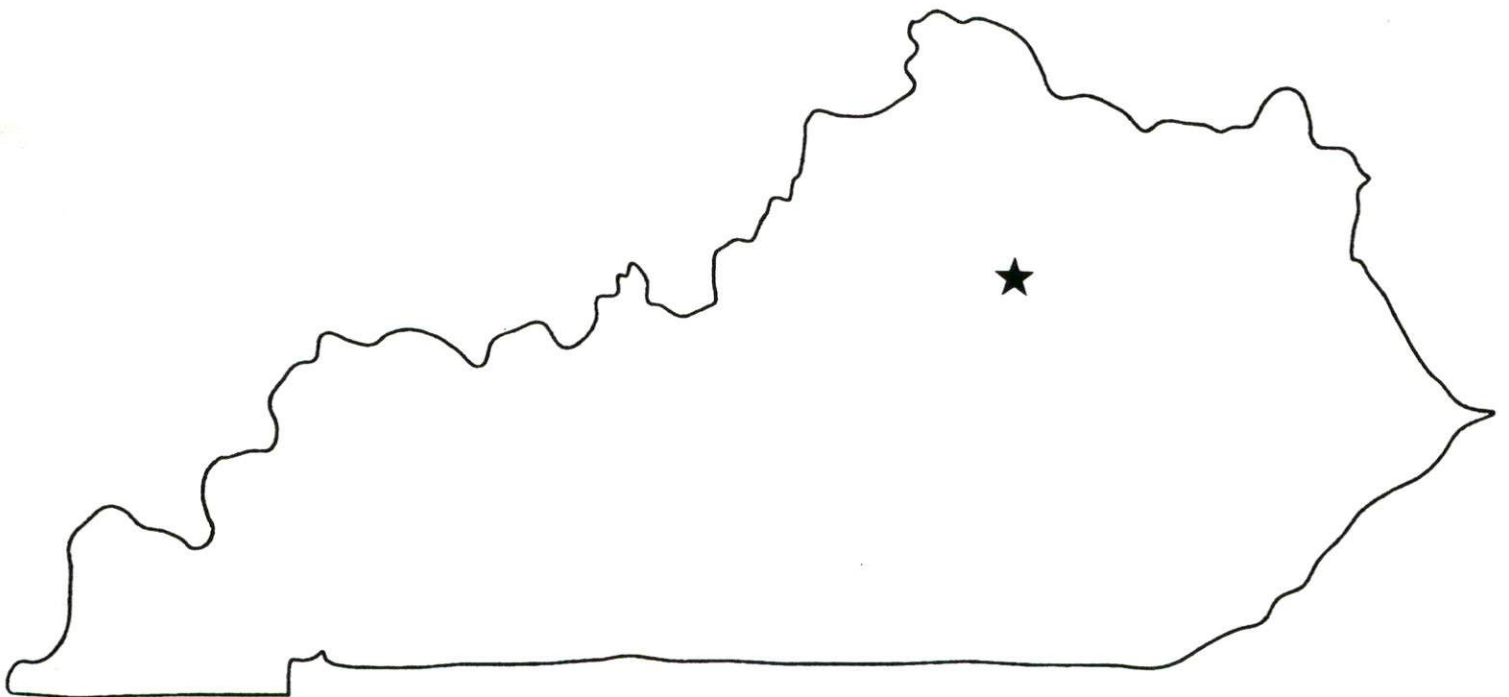
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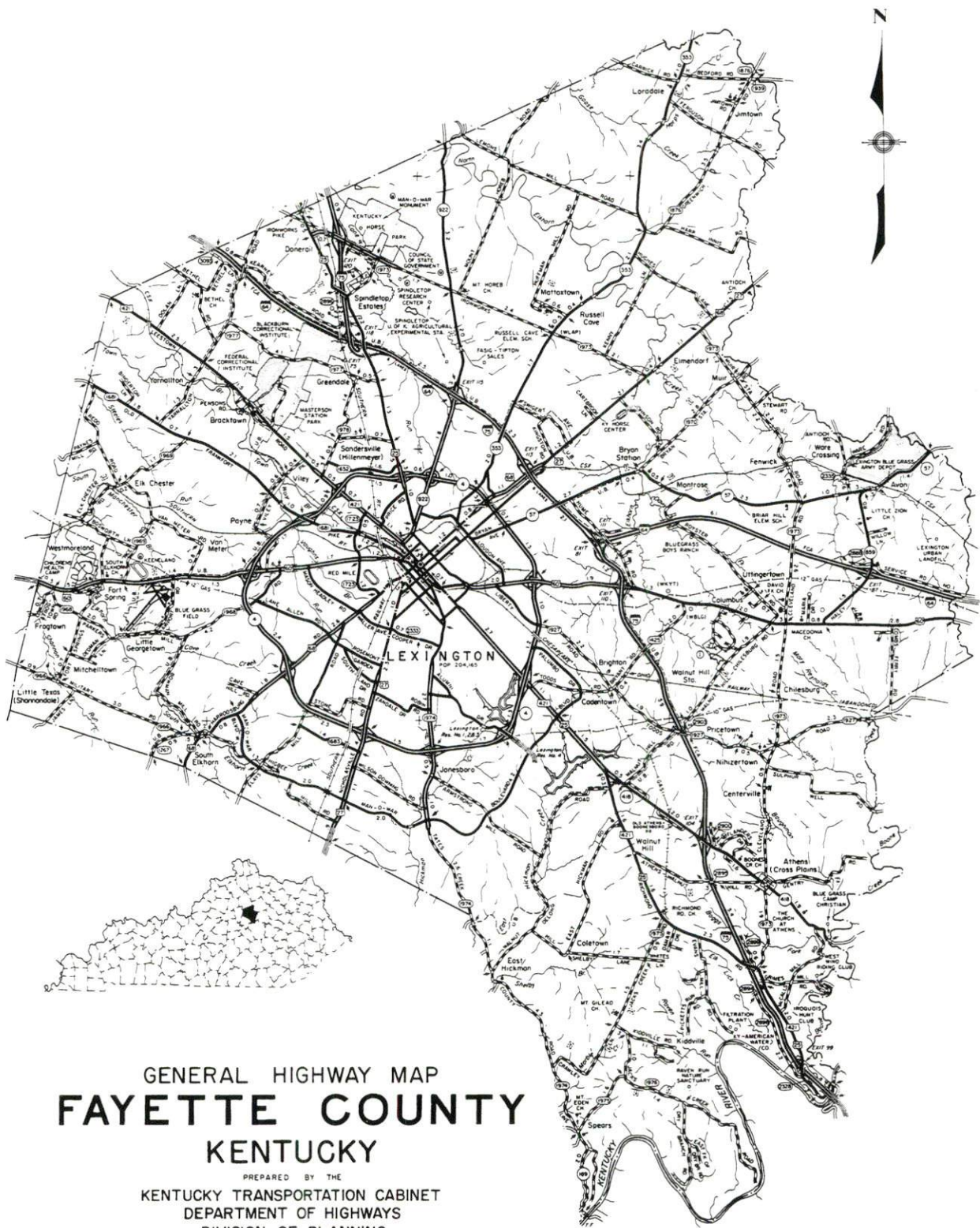
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
FAYETTE COUNTY
 KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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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 an estimated population of 238,885 in 1995.

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 74 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky; 78 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; 169 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 332 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri.

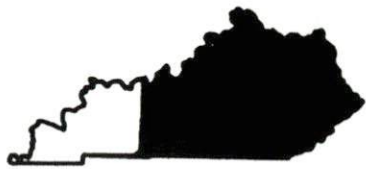
The Economic Framework - The total number of Fayette County residents employed in 1995 averaged 133,329. In 1994, manufacturing firms in the county reported 18,203 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 37,969 jobs; 41,179 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 23,019 employees; and contract construction firms provided 7,121 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 9,047 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1997 through 2001, 26,903 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 43 trucking companies serve Lexington and seven 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.

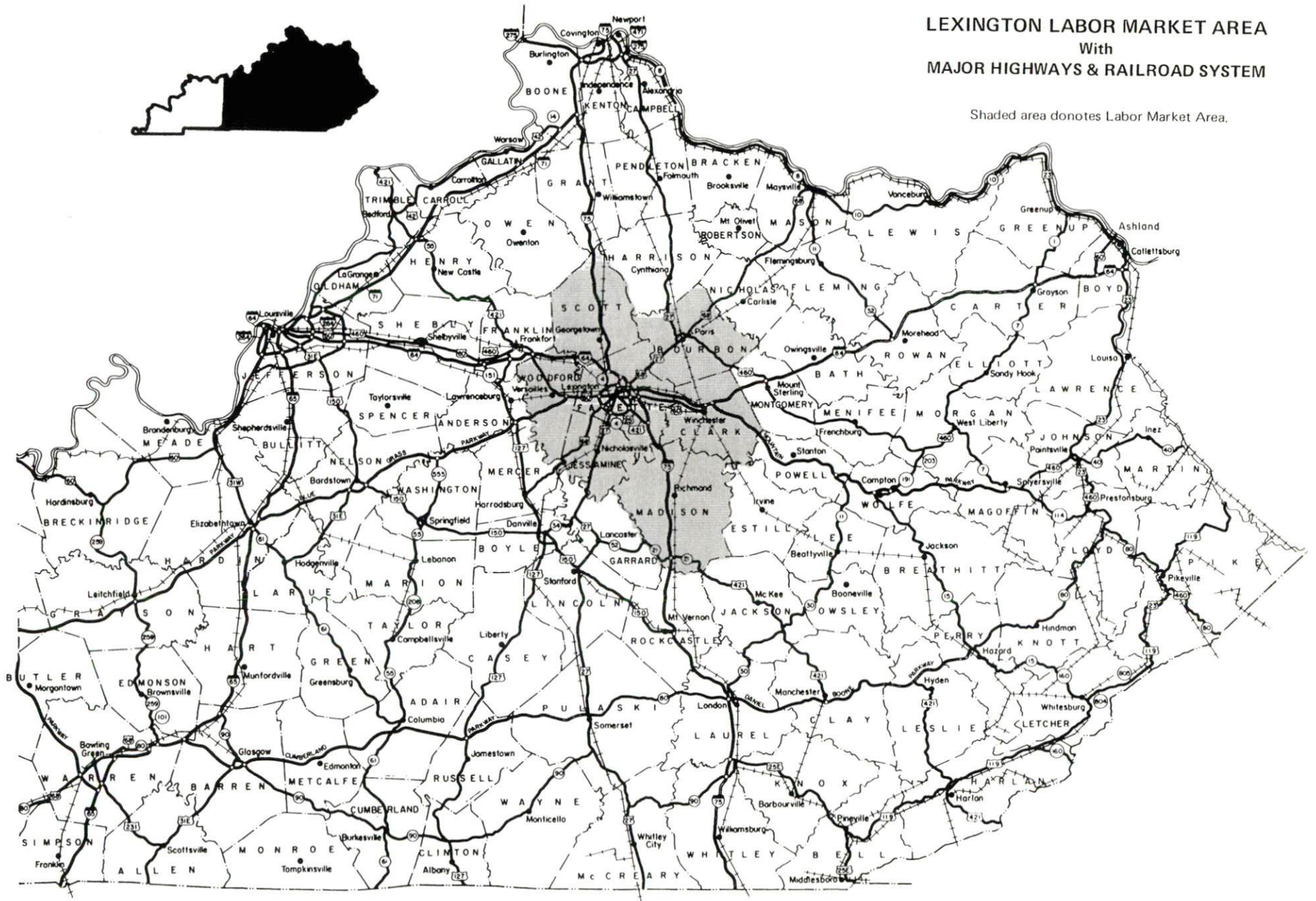
Education - The Fayette County Public School System serves approximately 33,000 students and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Seventeen private schools also operate in Lexington. The University of Kentucky, Lexington Community College, and Transylvania University are located in Lexington. The Kentucky Tech-Central Campus, and the Fayette Area South and East Vocational Education Centers 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

	<u>1995*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	435,736	405,936	370,900	309,431
Lexington-Fayette County	238,885	225,366	204,165	174,323

*Population estimates.

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	471,810	522,135	566,822
Fayette County	260,861	290,000	317,032

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>		<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1997 thru 2001</u>
Labor Market Area*	9,047	8,763	284	26,903
Fayette County	4,553	4,553	0	13,860

* 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.

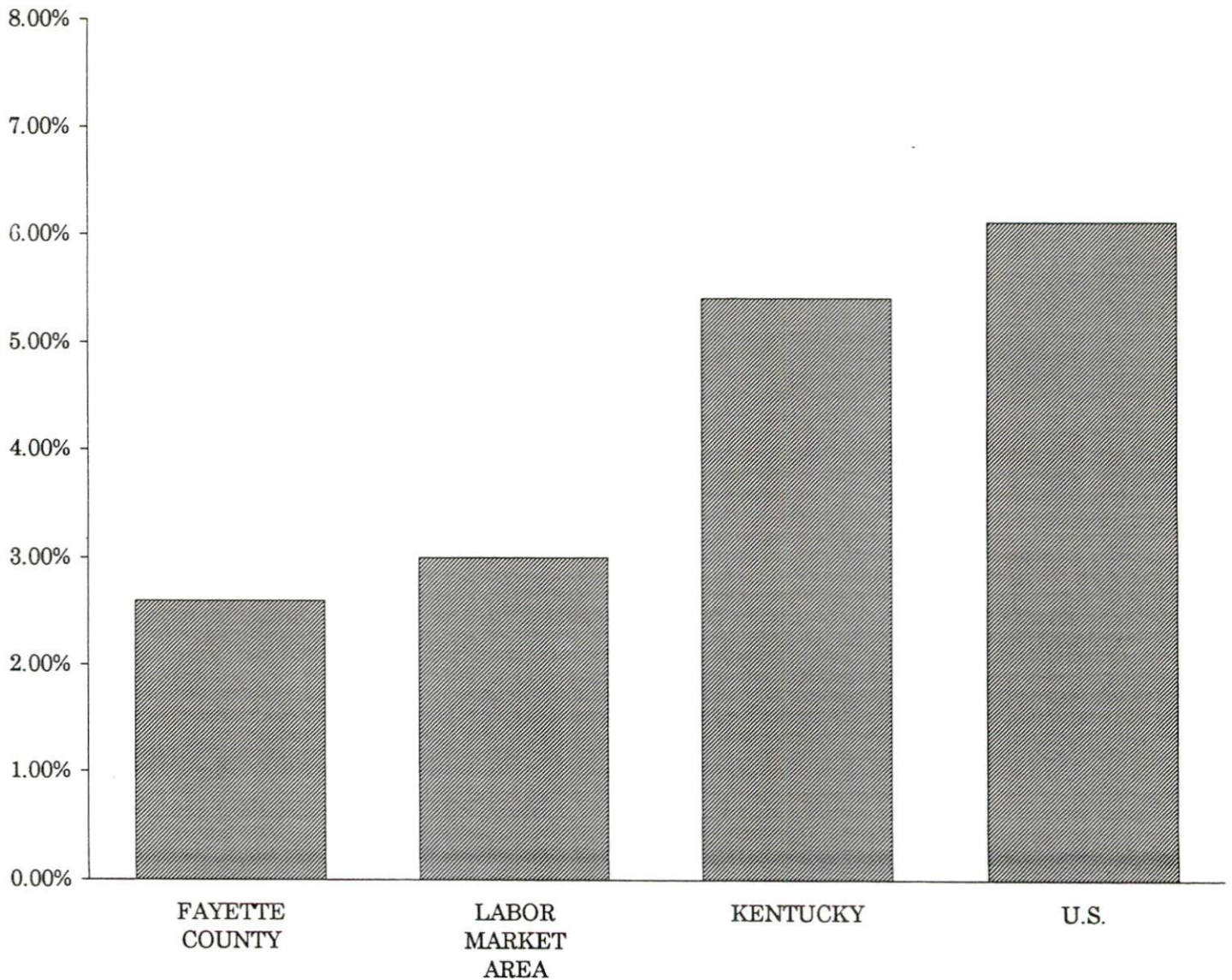
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1997 thru 2001.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1995

	<u>Fayette County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	136,857	240,349
Employment	133,329	233,199
Unemployment	3,528	7,150
Rate of Unemployment (%)	2.6	3.0

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1995



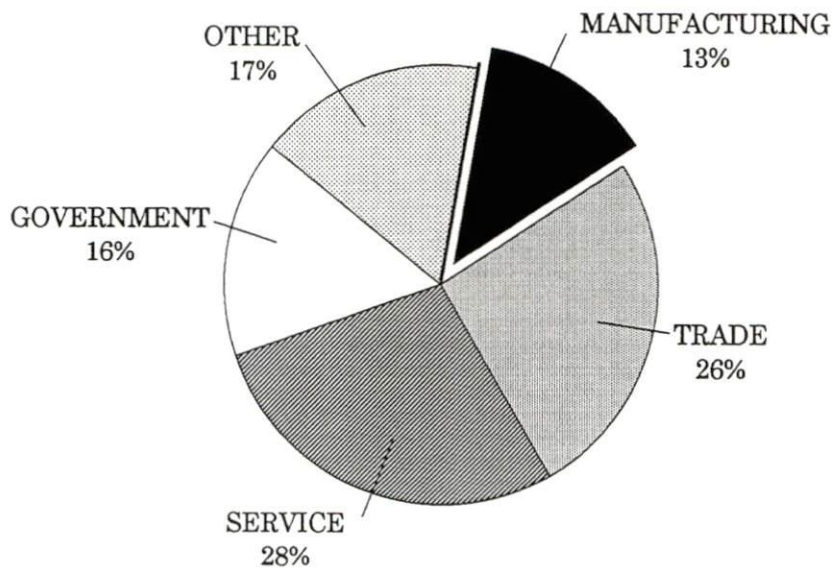
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>Fayette County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	145,025	216,443
Manufacturing	18,203	40,711
Wholesale & Retail Trade	37,969	54,536
Services	41,179	53,096
State/Local Government	23,019	33,716
Contract Construction	7,121	10,568

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, 1994.

FAYETTE COUNTY

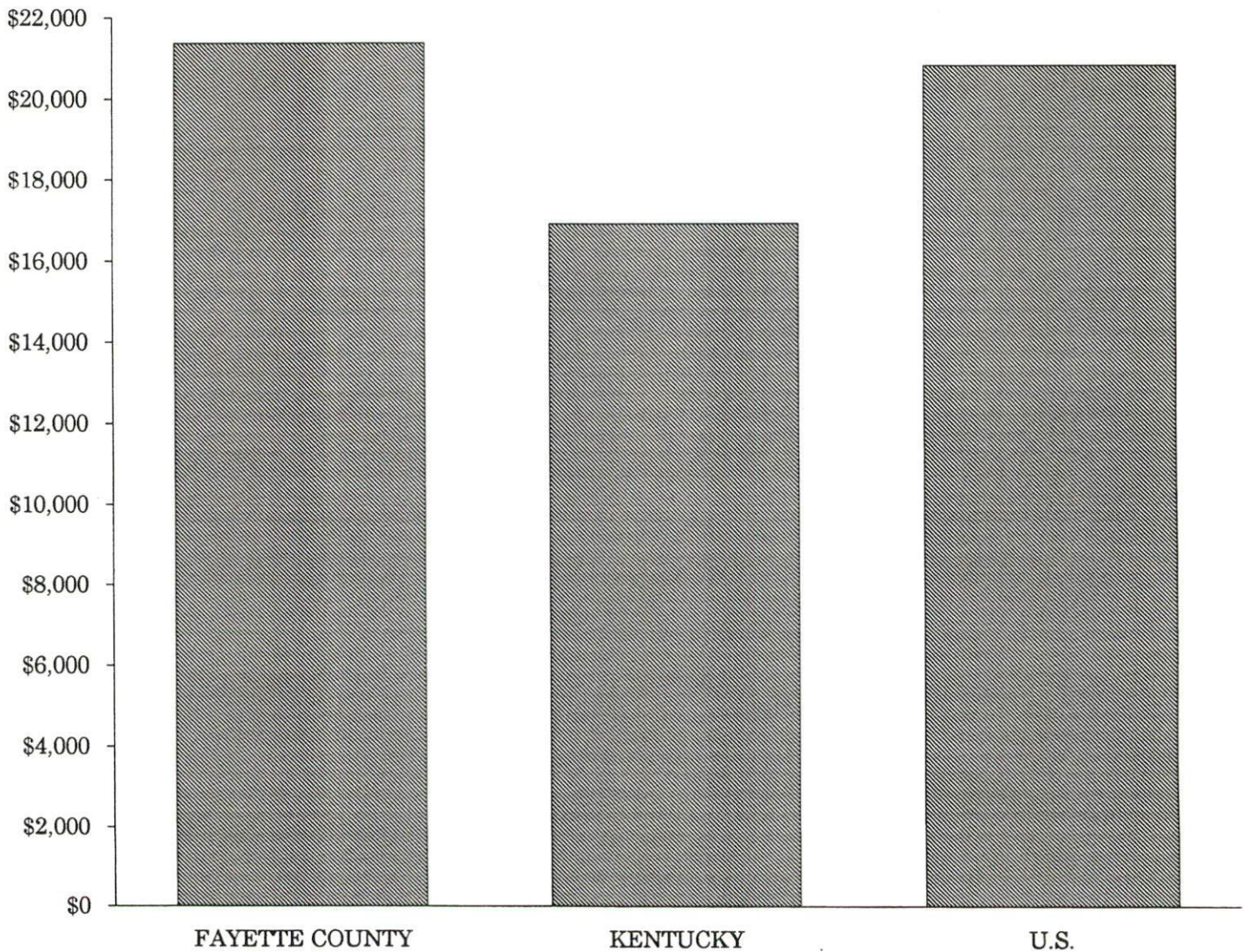


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1989	1993	Percent Change
Fayette County	\$17,847	\$21,372	19.8
Labor Market Area Range	\$11,947 - \$19,594	\$15,019 - \$22,285	-
Kentucky	\$13,756	\$16,889	22.8
U.S.	\$17,690	\$20,800	17.6

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1993



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

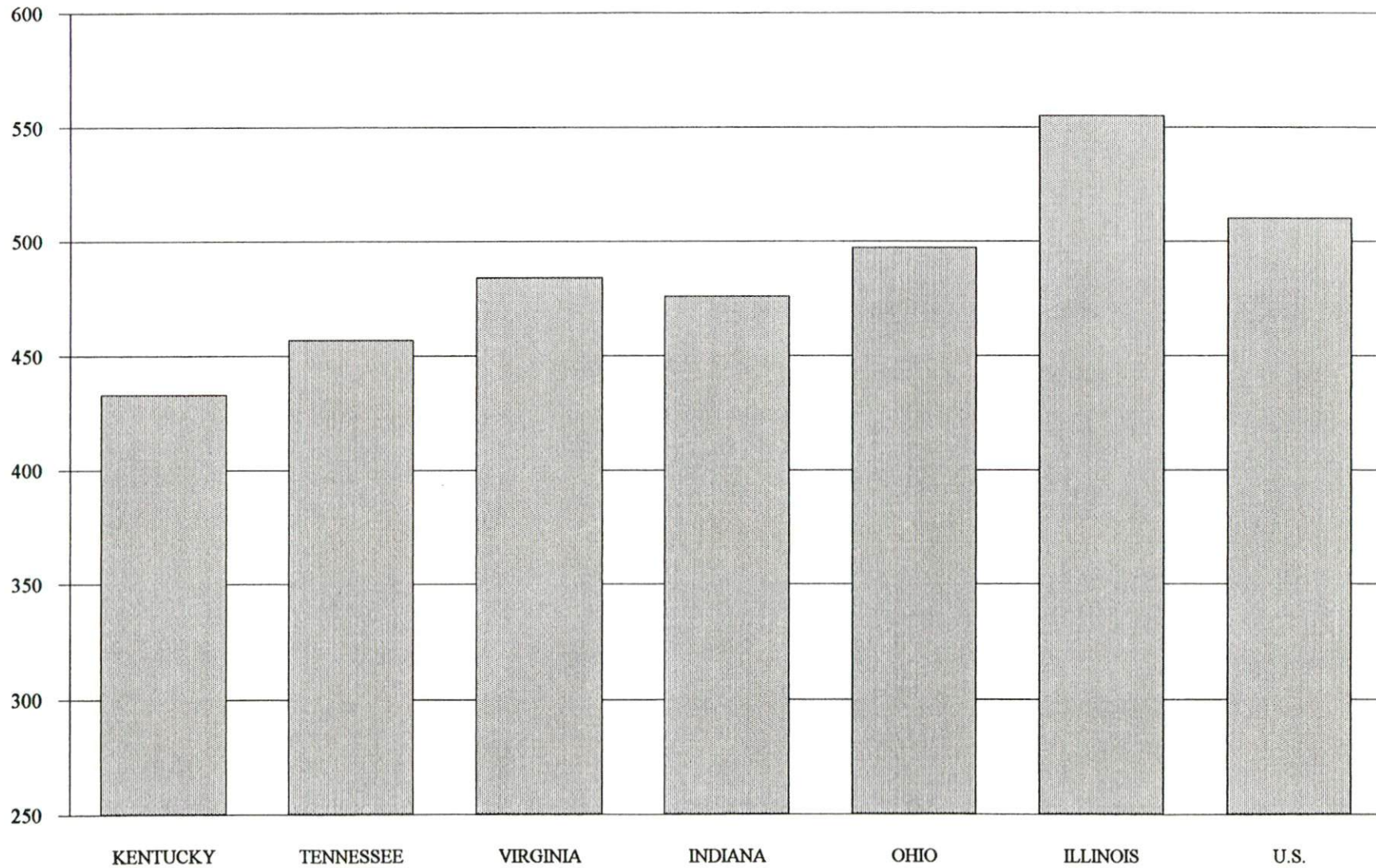
Fayette County is served by the Lexington local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Lexington local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 5,787 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	5,787	6.94
Clerical	674	5.74
Sales	89	6.63
Services (excluding domestic)	2,005	5.02
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	69	5.46
Processing	360	5.44
Machine Trades	178	8.82
Bench Work	426	7.47
Structural	449	9.95
Motor Freight/ Transportation	152	7.93
Packaging and Materials Handling	1,176	7.83
Other	9	6.50

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.

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

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1994**



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

	<u>Fayette County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$449.63	\$432.45	\$457.00	\$484.00
Mining & Quarrying	755.09	724.79	638.00	721.00
Contract Construction	471.07	457.02	485.00	476.00
Manufacturing	603.31	560.04	540.00	565.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	554.94	573.31	588.00	673.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	316.70	297.57	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	537.45	521.15	585.00	609.00
Services	423.54	385.62	434.00	501.00
State/Local Government	528.94	441.53	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$476.00	\$497.00	\$555.00	\$510.00
Mining & Quarrying	771.00	682.00	815.00	839.00
Contract Construction	538.00	549.00	681.00	544.00
Manufacturing	653.00	701.00	692.00	645.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	581.00	619.00	694.00	658.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	557.00	572.00	764.00	693.00
Services	400.00	433.00	501.00	483.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

N/A Not Available.

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

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1994. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1994, November 1995.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

MAJOR LEXINGTON MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT*

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Blue Grass Manufacturing Company of Lexington Inc. (1962)	Welded fabrications, electro-mechanical assemblies, machined components	150
Clark Material Handling Company (1987)	Forklift trucks	500
Crest Products, Inc. (1985)	Metal and automotive stampings, metal fasteners	101
E-systems, Serv-Air, Inc., SOFSA (1985)	Electronic communications systems, avionics equipment, aviation modification kits	970
Fansteel-V.R. Wesson (1958)	Construction tools, carbide cutting tools & accessories, mining tools	125
Foam Design, Inc. (1974)	Foam packing, foam sports equipment	220
Gall's, Inc. (1986)	Radio mounts, industrial safety equipment, safety vests	250
General Electric, Kentucky Glass Plant (1947)	Incandescent glass bulbs	186
General Electric Company, Lexington Lamp Plant (1947)	Sealed beam automotive headlamps and specialty lamps	500
Hudson Valley Tree, Inc. (1962)	Artificial Christmas wreaths and trees	170
Hughes Lexington Inc. (1991)	Cathode ray tubes, projection tubes, direct view storage tubes	150
Hunter Manufacturing Group Inc. (1988)	Decorated ceramics and glassware; garment screen printing	150
James River-Dixie Northern (1958)	Paper and plastic cups	458
Lexington Herald-Leader (1870)	Newspapers	551
Lexmark International, Inc. (1956)	Typewriters, printers, keyboards, information processing supplies	5,000
Link-Belt Construction Equipment Company (1974)	Hydraulic truck & self-propelled cranes, crawler cranes, excavators	750

(Continued)

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Magna Graphic, Inc. (1949)	Pre-press services, color separations	110
Mason & Hanger - Silas Mason Company (1827)	Defense & commercial ammunitions	150
Metro Industries Inc. (1972)	Sheltered workshop: food packaging & processing, corrugated boxes & assemblies	150
Mid State Steel Products Company (1959)	Structural steel fabricating, steel carts, fire proofing material	105
Parker - Hannifin Corporation	Rubber O-rings	150
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company (1941)	Soft drinks	250
Prestess Services of Kentucky, Inc. (1958)	Precast & prestressed concrete products	250
Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing Company, Lexington Food Product Plant (1957)	Peanut butter	187
Qwik Tool and Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1964)	Automotive stampings, automatic screw products, dies, jigs, fixtures	100
The Rexroth Corporation, Pneumatics Division (1964)	Pneumatic valves, pneumatic & hydraulic cylinders, electro- pneumatic control systems	300
SMC Inc. (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	1,200
Wabash Fibre Box Company, Division of the Weston Paper & Manufacturing Company (1977)	Corrugated boxes	140

*Firms with 100 employees or more.

Note: An additional 155 manufacturing firms with less than 100 employees operate in Lexington.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Bluegrass Business Location Center.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Lexmark International announced an \$80 million expansion in 1995 that will bring an estimated 1,000 new jobs to Lexington. The Lexmark inkjet cartridge production facility was the largest manufacturing project in Kentucky in terms of employment.

Twenty-four manufacturing firms announced expansion plans in 1995 creating over 1,200 new jobs and an estimated \$89.5 million investment. Through the first quarter of 1996, ten manufacturing firms announced plans to create over 300 jobs and add an additional \$15 million in capital investment.

A new 145-acre industrial park (available by late 1996) is being developed adjacent to the Coldstream Research Park, including a \$7.6 million road construction project that will extend Viley Road through both parks. The road will provide direct access to Interstate 64/75 and also to the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

MAJOR NON-MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS*

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Type of business or service</u>	<u>Employment</u>
University of Kentucky	Education	11,300
Fayette County Public Schools	Education	3,600
Veterans Administration	Health Care	2,000
GTE South	Utility	1,180
IBM/ISSC	Computer Service	1,200
Valvoline (HQ)	Oil	1,000
Kentucky Utilities	Utility	1,000
U.S. Post Office	Government	900
Bank One	Banking	863
Lexington Clinic	Health Care	800

*Firms with 800 or more employees.

Source: Greater Lexington Business Location Prospectus, Bluegrass Business Location Center.

RECENT NON-MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENTS

In addition to Lexmark's manufacturing expansion in 1995, plans have been announced to relocate the corporate headquarters from Greenwich, Connecticut, to Lexington.

Four supportive services announced new businesses or expansion plans in 1995 creating over 300 new jobs. Through the first quarter of 1996, one additional firm announced plans to create approximately 100 jobs at an estimated \$1.67 million investment.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

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

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

The Newspaper Guild, AFL-CIO

Sheet Metal Workers' International
Association

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

James River-Dixie Northern;
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company;
The Rexroth Corporation,
Pneumatics Division

The Standard Products Company;
The Trane Company

Lexington Herald-Leader

Johnson Controls, Inc. ;
Kirk & Blum Company

Kirk & Blum Company

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. A \$6.3 million major road improvement project to widen U.S. 25 north of Lexington between Kentucky 4 and Interstate 64/75 has been completed.

A \$7.6 million road construction project is to be completed by Fall 1998. The road will extend Viley Road through the Coldstream Research Park, connecting Newtown Pike with the Norfolk Southern Railroad, to Georgetown Road, and through the new 145-acre industrial park under development (available by late 1996). The road will provide direct access from Interstate 64/75 to the industrial park in less than 1.5 miles.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	363	Los Angeles, CA	2,159
Baltimore, MD	535	Louisville, KY	74
Birmingham, AL	397	Nashville, TN	210
Chicago, IL	344	New Orleans, LA	732
Cincinnati, OH	78	New York, NY	713
Cleveland, OH	318	Pittsburgh, PA	341
Detroit, MI	338	St. Louis, MO	332
Knoxville, TN	169		

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

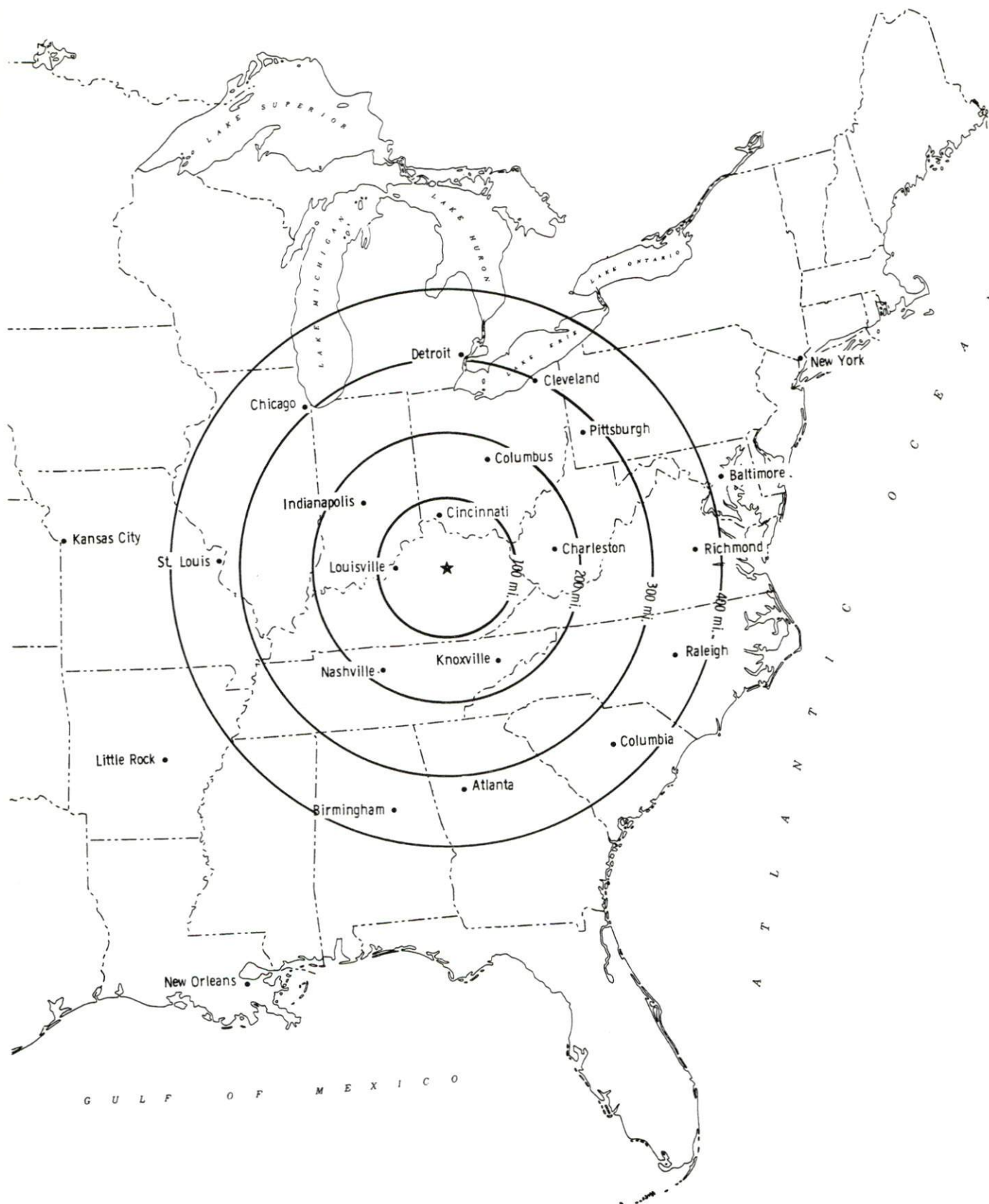
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Approximately 43 common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Lexington. Seven common carriers operate a terminal locally.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1996.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation and the 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
4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky
Air Service: ASA, Comair, Delta, Continental Express,
Northwest Airlinck, TW Express,
United Express, USAir, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 110

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 -	40,000,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	63,900,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	15,840,000 gallons (14,500,000 in Fayette County)
Water pressure -	30 psi to 120 psi

The Kentucky-American Water Company's \$11.14 million capital investment budget for 1995 included one tank design, nine pipeline extension or replacement projects, and \$3.3 million in chemical feed renovations to be completed in 1996.

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: 19,400,000 gallons Plant No. 2: 18,700,000 gallons Total: 28,100,000 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 is currently under taking a 201 facilities study to determine needed facility upgrade and expansions.

CLIMATE

Fayette County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1994	55.40 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (50-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (50-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.)	4,783

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	44.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.90 inches
Total precipitation 1994	45.70 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (50-year record)	129.70
Mean number days thunderstorms (50-year record)	44.40

Prevailing Winds (through 1963) South

Relative Humidity (31-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent * (30-year record)
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, 1994. 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 and is the only city/county government to merge in Kentucky.

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.

A new \$40 million Justice Center will be completed by 1998 and a history museum will be housed in the old courthouse building.

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)

Enterprise Zone

Within the Enterprise Zone businesses are exempt from Kentucky's six percent sales tax on materials purchased to build or remodel any structure and for any equipment purchased for firms in the zone. Motor vehicles are exempt from state usage tax. Money made from the sale of qualified property is exempt from state income tax. In addition, interest on loans to businesses, or on mortgages on qualified property, is exempt from state taxes. Zone businesses may carry forward a net operating loss for state tax for the 20 year life of the zone. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County government offers additional incentives as well, including public improvements, small business loans, job training, and employment programs. To qualify for these benefits a firm must be located within the Enterprise Zone and 50 percent of the firm's employees must perform substantially all of their services in the zone. A new business to the zone must employ at least 25 percent of its employees from the "targeted workforce." Lexington's Enterprise Zone includes over 6,000 acres and 38,000 citizens covering Lexington's downtown and much of Lexington's northwestern industrial areas.

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 service (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, 1995

	<u>State</u>	<u>Urban County</u>	<u>County Schools</u>	<u>Total</u>
REAL ESTATE				
<u>District/Service Level</u>				
(1) Full urban services	\$0.167	\$0.2965	\$0.527	\$0.9905
(2) General services only	0.167	0.0810	0.527	0.7750
(3) General services plus refuse collection	0.167	0.2560	0.527	0.9500
(4) General services plus street lights	0.167	0.1121	0.527	0.8061
(5) General services plus refuse collection & street lights	0.167	0.2871	0.527	0.9811
(6) General services plus street lights & street cleaning	0.167	0.1215	0.527	0.8155
(7) General services plus refuse collection & street cleaning	0.167	0.2654	0.527	0.9594
PERSONAL PROPERTY				
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	0.527	0.658
Motor Vehicles	0.450	0.081	0.592	1.123
Other Office Equipment, Fixtures	0.450	0.081	0.527	1.058
Accounts Receivable	0.250	None	None	0.250
Leaseholds in Industrial				
Revenue Bond				
Financed Projects	0.015	None	None	0.015

An occupational license tax of 2.25 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.

An occupational license tax of 0.5 percent is levied for the Fayette 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 was recently ranked second in the nation among combined central city and suburban community schools systems by Expansion Management magazine. The University of Kentucky recently finished seventh in the nation, among public universities, in attracting freshman National Merit Scholar winners to enroll. All this activity has resulted in Lexington placing sixth in the nation, among the top 75 cities, in percentage of adults completing 16 or more years of school, according to the 1990 census. In 1996, Money magazine recognized the school system as one of the "100 Top School Districts" in the nation.

Public Schools

	Fayette County
Total Enrollment (Spring, 1996)	32,874
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	15.8-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	70.8
Expenditures Per Pupil (1994-95)	\$4,777.92

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.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Alpine Village School Elementary	31	PS-4
Assembly Christian School	177	K-12
Blue Grass Baptist School	235	PS-12
Charter Ridge Hospital School	34	K-12
Christ the King Elementary	529	K-8
Community Montessori	185	PS-6
Hallis Elementary	20	PS-K
Lexington Catholic High School	623	9-12
Lexington Christian Academy	1,200	K-12
Lexington Junior Academy Elementary	25	K-9
The Lexington School	507	PS-9
Mary Queen of Holy Rosary	514	K-8
Providence Montessori	214	PS-6
Saints Peter & Paul School	275	K-8
Sayre School	510	PS-12
Trinity Christian Academy	126	PS-8
Woodbridge Academy	32	1-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky	24,378
Lexington Community College	Lexington, Kentucky	5,228
Transylvania University	Lexington, Kentucky	923
Midway College	Midway, Kentucky (14)	926
Georgetown College	Georgetown, Kentucky (16)	1,461
Ashbury College	Wilmore, Kentucky (18)	1,206
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (25)	15,727
Kentucky State University	Frankfort, Kentucky (28)	2,579
Centre College	Danville, Kentucky (35)	967

University of Kentucky

The University of Kentucky, founded in 1865 as a land-grant institution, and the present name dates to 1916.

The campus in Lexington has 673 acres and is located just south of downtown. It consists of a graduate school, the University hospital, and 16 colleges. 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 science, law, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and social work. The graduate school offers 97 master's degree programs and 60 doctoral programs.

Enrollment on the campus in Lexington is more than 24,000 and includes students from every Kentucky county, every state, and more than 100 foreign countries. Full-time faculty numbers more than 1,700. Approximately 98 percent of the full-time faculty hold the highest possible degrees in their field. UK's faculty and staff attract more than \$100 million in grants, gifts and contracts; and the University has been designated a Research University of the First Class by the Carnegie Foundation -- one of just 59 public universities in the country.

The University attracts excellent students. The number of National Merit Scholars entering UK consistently ranks among the top 10 public universities in the country. The average ACT score for first-year students is four points above the national average.

The University of Kentucky Community College System is made up of 14 colleges throughout Kentucky. Enrollment numbers over 43,000. The colleges offer associate degrees in technical subjects, two-year programs toward a bachelor's degree, and a wide variety of continuing education, community service, and business liaison programs. UK now educates 38 percent of all students going to private and public colleges in Kentucky.

The number of UK alumni is more than 145,000. Private support from alumni and friends of the University exceeds \$30 million annually.

The University of Kentucky Library maintains more than 2.5 million volumes, the 51st largest collection in the country. Work is under way on a new \$58 million library that will serve the entire state thanks to the wonders of computers and other technology. The six-floor facility will encompass more than 350,000 square feet and have seating for 4,000 people.

In addition, UK maintains 23 research centers which conduct applied research in areas as diverse as tobacco and health, aging, cancer, toxicology, equine health, mineral production, manufacturing systems, and public policy. Several excel in the services offered to the public. The Gluck Equine Research Center is recognized as one of only two of its kind in the world, offering continuing research into diseases of the horse.

The Center for Manufacturing Systems has assisted more than 500 small and mid-size industrial firms in Kentucky. The CMS was established to advance manufacturing research and development, to provide technology transfer, and to support manufacturing education.

The UK College of Medicine is ranked third in the country in the quality of primary care training. The UK Hospital is ranked among the top 100 U.S. hospitals in the country by HCIA Inc. and Mercer Management Consultants and the only Kentucky hospital making the list. The UK College of Pharmacy consistently is ranked third in the country by U.S. News and World Report and is one of very few pharmacy schools in the country with the capability of developing a drug "from bench to bedside" due to its drug product evaluation unit.

The University is in the process of developing the Coldstream Research Campus, a 750-acre complex designed to attract high-tech companies design ties to the University. Negotiations are under way to execute leases with developers to construct several new commercial facilities on the research campus.

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 5,228 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 216th 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. The University was named top regional liberal arts college in the south for 1994 by U.S. News and World Report and has been in the top five since 1988.

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 1994-1995</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Kentucky Tech Central Campus	Lexington	21	<u>P/S</u> 1,099		249
<u>Other Vocational Schools</u>					
Fayette County South Area Vocational Education Center	Lexington	8	<u>Sec</u> 236	<u>P/S</u> 2	44
Fayette County East Area Vocational Education Center	Lexington	8	<u>Sec</u> 318	<u>P/S</u> 3	99

A five-million dollar expansion was completed at Kentucky Tech-Central in the fall of 1992. The expansion included 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.

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 should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Kentucky Tech-Central Campus in Lexington (606) 255-8501.

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 Kentucky Tech-Central Campus in Lexington (606) 255-8501.

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, offers tech prep programs 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, Kentucky Tech-Central Campus, the Lexington Public Library, and the Adult Learning Center. Adult literacy is provided by Operation Read Inc.

Worker Recruitment and Training

The Mayor's Training Center in Lexington, offers employee recruitment, testing, and training tailored to meet the needs of business and industry for potential and current employees, as well as funding to support these projects, instructors, and classroom locations.

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 - 1,535
Dentists - 278

Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Central Baptist Hospital	364
Good Samaritan Hospital	320
Humana Hospital Lexington	174
Saint Joseph Hospital	468
University of Kentucky Hospital	464
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)	400
Shriners Hospital for Crippled 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 - 50
Total rooms - 6,445

Newspapers

Lexington Herald-Leader (daily)

Telephone Service

General Telephone of Kentucky

Financial Institutions

Banks

Sakura Bank
Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Company
Bank One, Lexington
Central Bank & Trust Company
National City Bank
Pikeville National
Fifth Third Bank
PNC Bank
Vine Street Trust Company
Whitaker Bank
First Southern National Bank

Savings and Loan Associations

First Federal Savings and Loan
Great Financial Federal
Republic Bank and Trust

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 Civic Center. Rupp Arena is the home court of six-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 Civic Center which is located in the heart of the downtown area. A \$7.25 million expansion of 40,000 square feet of additional exhibit hall space at the convention center was completed in 1995.

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 basketball team.

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 for youth and adults are provided in athletics, equestrian programs, nature programs, youth and adult education programs, day camps, senior citizens' programs, recreational programs for special needs, and many special events. Some of the special events include: Lunch with the Arts, Big Band and Jazz Series, Summer Sunday Sessions, Woodland Arts Fair, Ballet Under the Stars, Woodland Jubilee Festival, Dirt Bowl, 50's Night, Beach Party, Friday Night Flicks, and much, much more. 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 has a nature center and hiking trails that provide access to the streams, meadows, and woodlands that characterize the area.

Activities provided through the Urban County Government Parks and Recreation program include the July 4th Celebration, Senior Games, Roots and Heritage Festival, Bluegrass State Games, Senior Golf Classic, Bank One Classic, Kentucky Christmas Chorus, 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.

Just off Old Frankfort Pike near the heart of downtown Lexington, a new nature park, McConnell Springs, boasts historical, environmental, recreational, and educational treasures nestled within its 20 acres. It is a rare combination of urban woodlands and fields surrounding sinking and reappearing springs that create a wetland nourishing a variety of plant and animal life.

Horse Attractions

Activities relating to the horse abound in Lexington, many of which take place at the Kentucky Horse Park, one of the finest equine facilities in the world. The Horse Park is located on over 1,000 acres of bluegrass countryside. Features include: 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, a restaurant, a picnic area, and 260 camping sites. The resort campground provides a relaxing place to enjoy swimming, tennis, volleyball, and other sports. The park hosts national and international events such as horseshows, the High Hope Steeplechase, Egyptian Event, Rolex Three-Day Event, the Annual U.S. Polo Association Tournament, Sunday polo matches, and much more.

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.

Many 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. Areas of public interest with exhibits include: 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. 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 of 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 on the campus of Transylvania University.

Plans are underway to develop a \$7.75 million downtown Cultural Arts District. Projects will include funding for the University of Kentucky basketball museum, a \$4.0 million theater plus renovation of two historical theaters, additional funding for the Lexington Children's Theater, and \$1.0 million for a new history museum to be located in the old county courthouse building once the new \$47 million Justice Center is built.

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