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Economic Development**

**Paducah**



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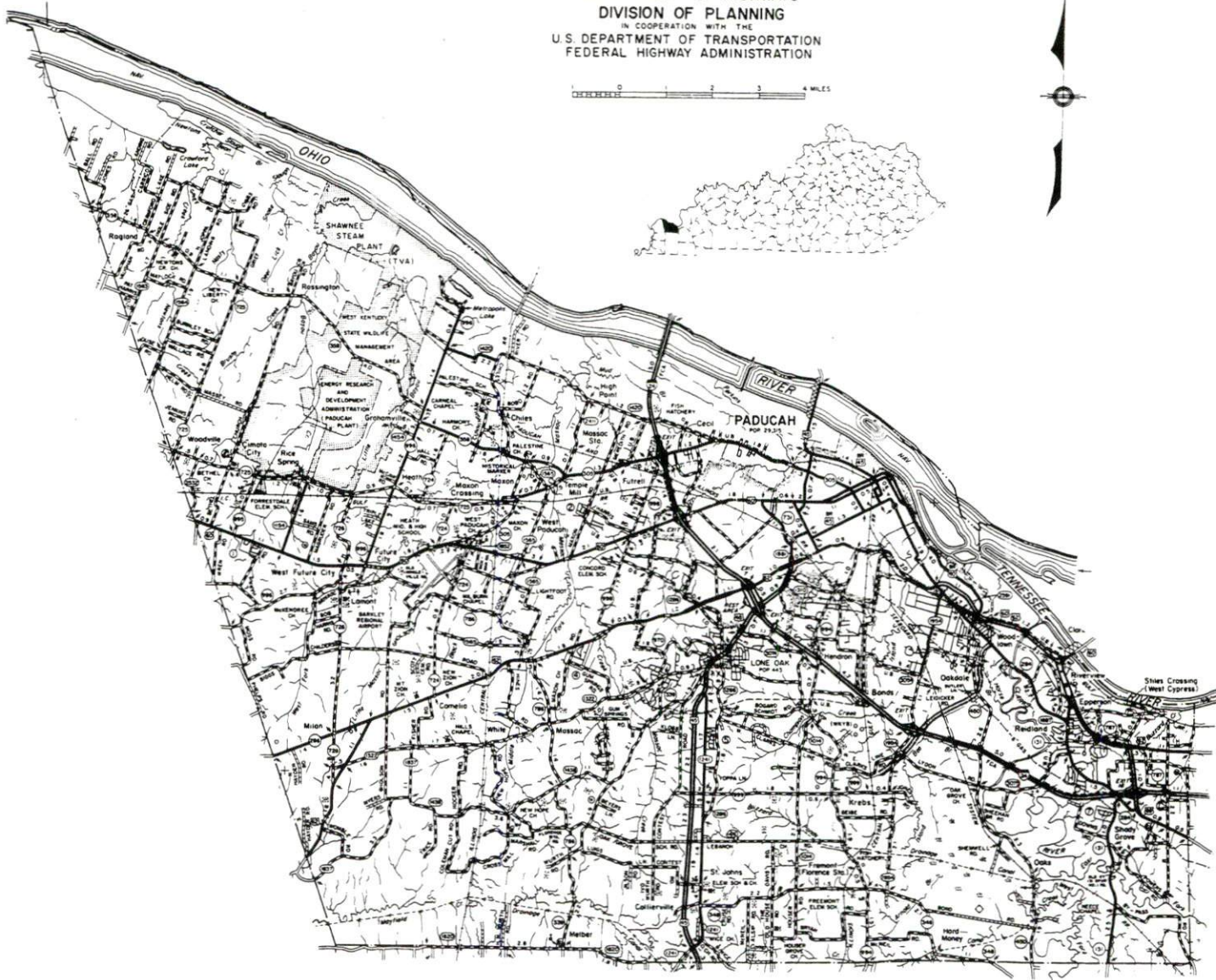
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**MCCRACKEN COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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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1 INCH = 5 MILES



## PADUCAH, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Paducah, the county seat of McCracken County, is the major economic center and the largest urban area in west Kentucky's Jackson Purchase Region. Paducah is located at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers (the head of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway) and approximately 48 river miles east of the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Paducah is located 139 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; 173 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri; and 218 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky. Paducah had an estimated 1994 population of 26,749 and is a "Hall of Fame" Kentucky Certified City.

McCracken County, with a land area of 251 square miles, had an estimated 1994 population of 64,708 persons.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of McCracken County residents employed in 1995 averaged 31,330. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 4,645 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 11,709 jobs; 9,589 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 3,272 employees; and contract construction firms provided 1,754 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 10,140 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1998 through 2002, 10,390 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Major AAA-rated trucking highways serving Paducah include Interstate 24 and U.S. Highways 45, 60, and 62. The Interstate 24 Downtown Loop provides direct access between downtown and Interstate 24. Twenty-four trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Paducah. Three maintain local terminals. The Paducah & Louisville Railway provides main line rail service to the Paducah area. Connections with the Illinois Central Railroad and the Burlington Northern Railroad are located near Paducah. The Barkley Regional Airport, six miles west of Paducah, provides scheduled commuter airline service. The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority operates a public riverport at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers.

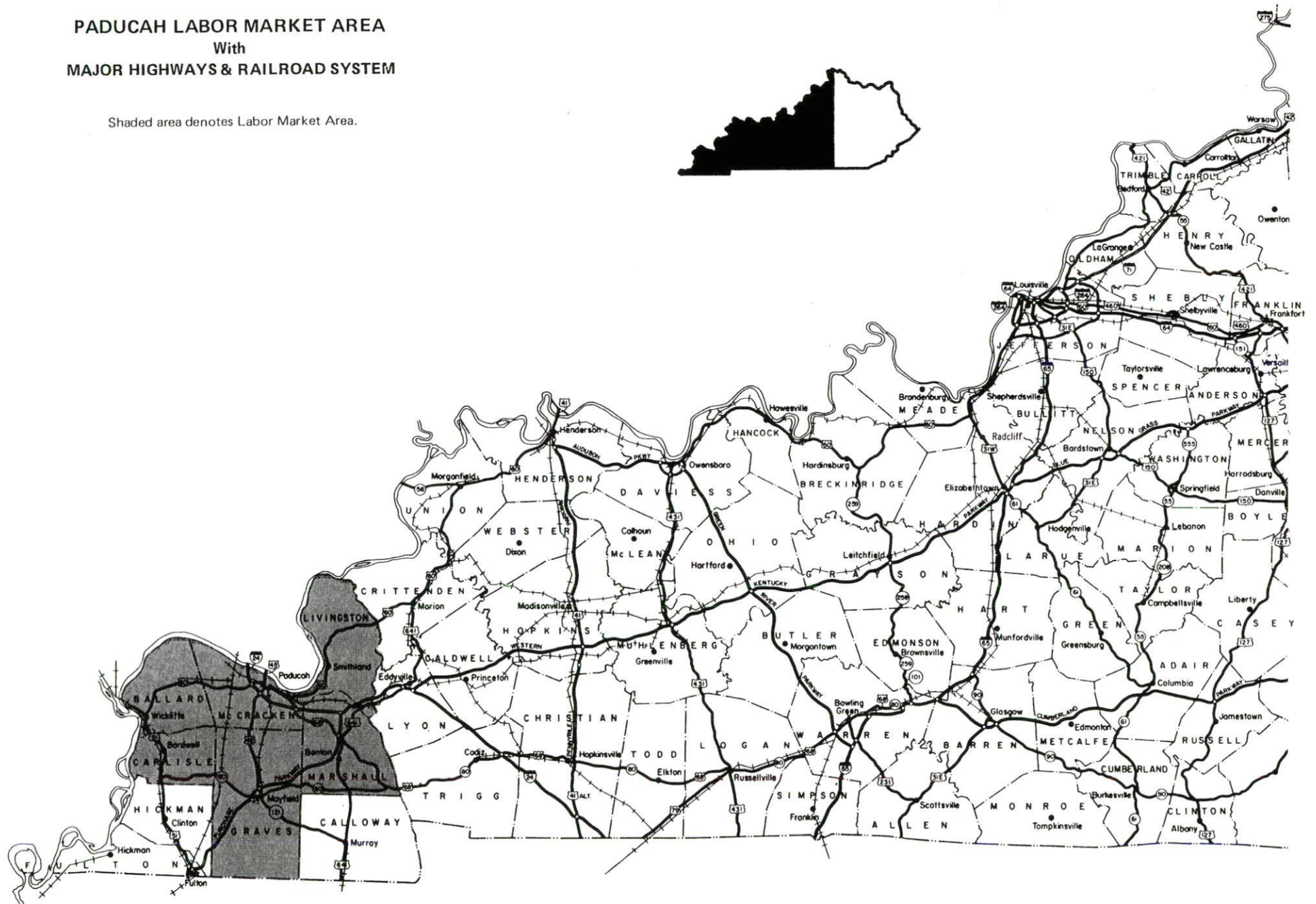
**Power and Fuel** - The Paducah Power System provides electric power to Paducah. The Big Rivers Electric Corporation provides electric power to most of McCracken County through the Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation. Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to a small portion of the county. Western Kentucky Gas Company provides natural gas service to Paducah.

**Education** - The Paducah Independent School System and the McCracken County School System provide primary and secondary public education to McCracken County residents. Both systems are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Paducah Community College, a unit of the University of Kentucky Community College System, confers associate degrees and had a Fall 1995 enrollment of 2,833 students. Five other colleges and universities are located within 75 miles of Paducah. The West Kentucky Regional Technology Center and the Paducah Area Technology Center provide vocational training in Paducah.



# **PADUCAH LABOR MARKET AREA** With **MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM**

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Paducah Labor Market Area includes McCracken County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Ballard, Carlisle, Graves, Livingston, and Marshall.

### POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	150,994	145,836	144,500	130,827
Paducah	26,749	27,256	29,315	31,627
McCracken County	64,708	62,879	61,310	58,281

\*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	157,278	163,285	167,426
McCracken County	67,176	69,578	71,007

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>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1998 thru 2002</u>
Labor Market Area*	10,140	3,925	6,215	10,390
McCracken County	2,669	1,382	1,287	4,574

\* 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.

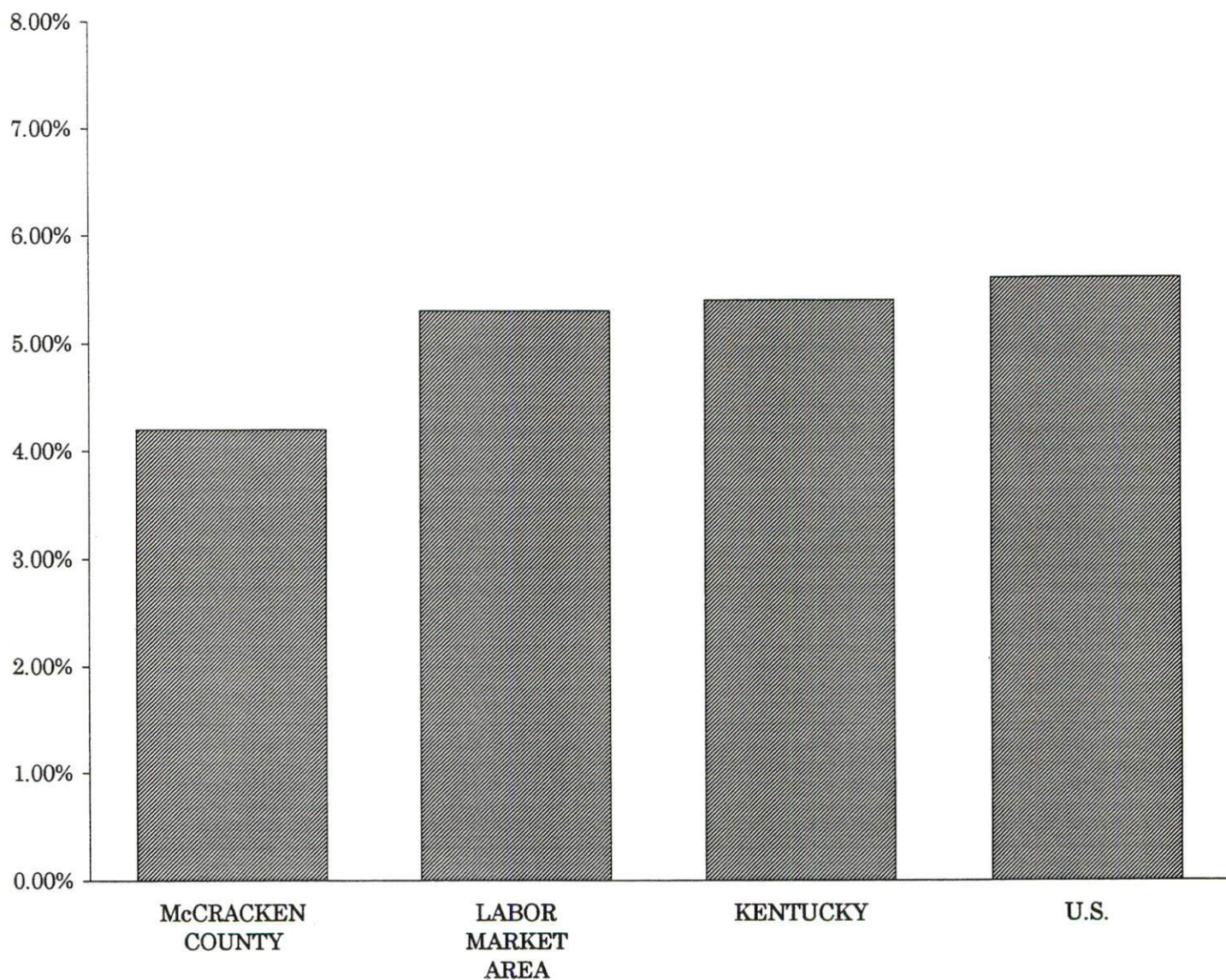
Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1995. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1998 thru 2002.

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1995

	<u>McCracken County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	32,712	73,779
Employment	31,330	69,854
Unemployment	1,382	3,925
Rate of Unemployment (%)	4.2	5.3

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

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1995





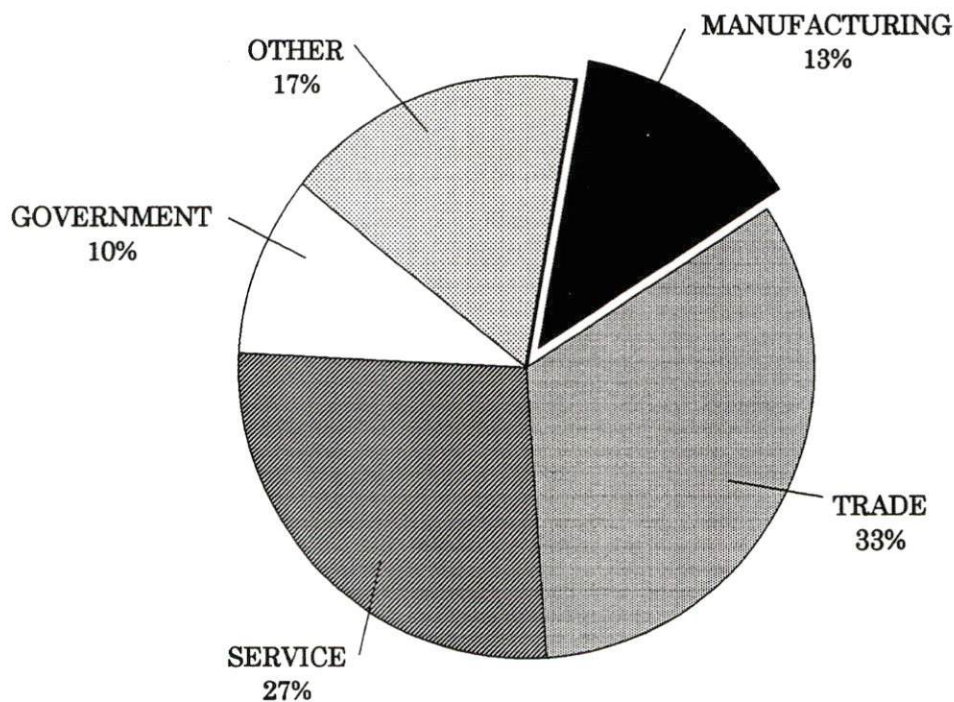
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

	<u>McCracken County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	34,974	62,208
Manufacturing	4,645	13,170
Wholesale & Retail Trade	11,709	17,442
Services	9,589	13,908
State/Local Government	3,272	7,215
Contract Construction	1,754	3,408

**Note:** Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

**Source:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1995.

MCCRACKEN COUNTY

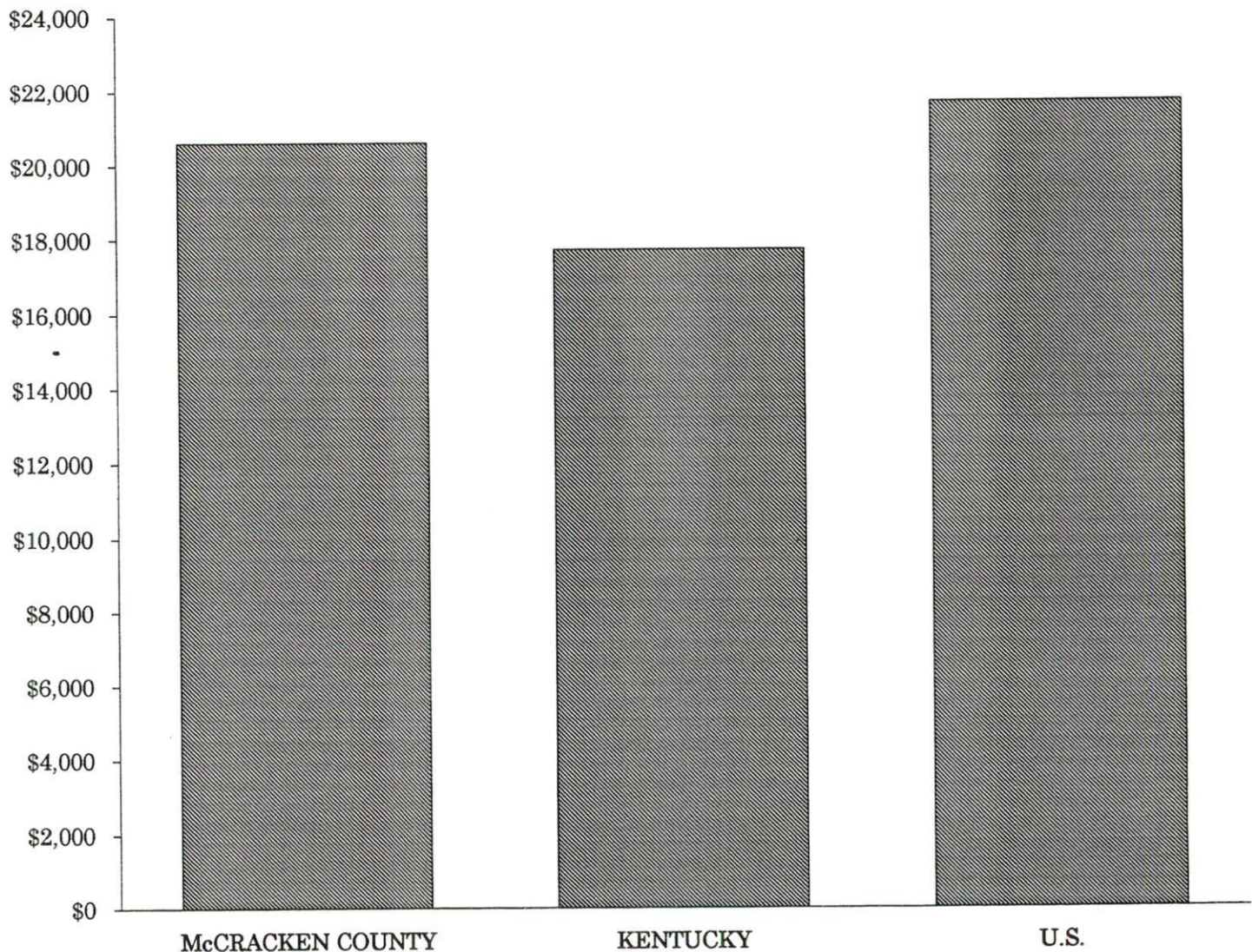


# PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
McCracken County	\$16,980	\$20,614	21.4
Labor Market Area Range	\$13,515 - \$16,980	\$16,690 - \$20,614	-
Kentucky	\$14,747	\$17,721	20.2
U.S.	\$18,666	\$21,696	16.2

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

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1994





## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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McCracken County is served by the Paducah local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Paducah 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, 1996, the local employment office filled 1,982 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

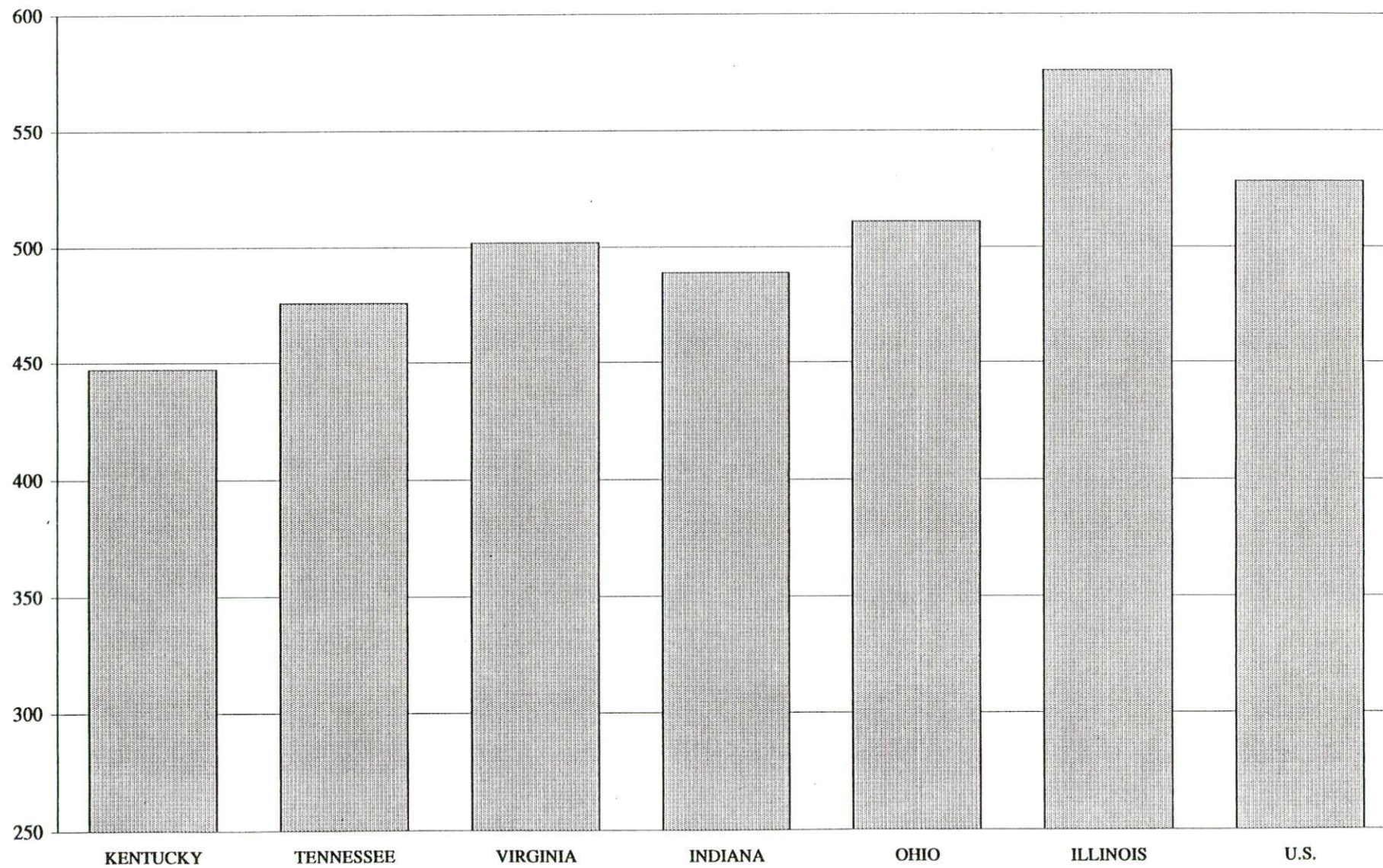
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,982	5.90
Clerical	544	5.08
Sales	246	5.10
Services (excluding domestic)	367	5.02
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	33	5.89
Processing	145	8.81
Machine Trades	25	6.78
Bench Work	101	4.55
Structural	246	8.01
Motor Freight/ Transportation	82	6.96
Packaging and Materials Handling	146	5.79
Other	1	12.96

The Paducah local office also serves Ballard, Carlisle, Livingston, and Marshall Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1995





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995\*

	McCracken County	Kentucky (Statewide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$439.02	\$447.03	\$476.00	\$502.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	739.22	671.00	736.00
Contract Construction	448.46	466.73	505.00	497.00
Manufacturing	636.91	577.94	559.00	589.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	574.20	586.90	612.00	679.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	299.55	308.87	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	529.10	546.83	614.00	643.00
Services	464.79	404.99	459.00	524.00
State/Local Government	441.44	457.63	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$489.00	\$511.00	\$576.00	\$528.00
Mining & Quarrying	770.00	684.00	828.00	871.00
Contract Construction	558.00	569.00	699.00	562.00
Manufacturing	671.00	716.00	715.00	668.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	589.00	623.00	710.00	674.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	552.00	601.00	815.00	742.00
Services	418.00	449.00	526.00	503.00
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, 1995. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1995, December 1996.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

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

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Aluma Kraft Sales and Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1954)	Aluminum canopies, vinyl replacement windows	105
Amtrol, Inc. (1976)	Metal cylinders for compressed gas	84
Blackhawk Bakery (1947)	Bread, rolls, pies, cakes pastries	20
Brown's Plating Service, Inc. (1959)	Plating	20
Cole Lumber Company, Inc. (1946)	Wood roof and floor trusses, wood doors	57
Dippin Dots (1988)	Ice cream, yogurt	40
Federal Materials Company, Inc. (1931)	Ready-mixed concrete	75
H.B. Fuller Company (1987)	Hot melt adhesives	117
Gilliam Candy Company, Inc. (1927)	Candy	60
Guy Gray Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1958)	Washing machine supply & drain fixtures	33
Hawley Products, Inc. (1984)	Loudspeaker components	165
Hultman Signs & Screen Printing (1983)	Screen printing, signs, embroidery	26
Ideal Reel Company, Inc. (1953)	Welding and tie wire, auto electronic primary wire, tie wire reels	24
Image Graphics (1962)	Book and offset periodical printing, commercial color	52
Lockheed Martin Utility Services, Inc. (1952)	U-235 for U.S. Government	1,800
Long Concrete Ind., Inc. Plant #1 (1968)	Precast concrete; concrete block & patio stones	30
Metzger Packing Company, Inc. (1970)	Meat processing, sausage and smoked meat products	56
Paducah Printing Corporation (1907)	Catalog printing, imagesetting, color separations	35

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<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	1996 <u>Average Employment</u>
Paducah Sheet Metal, Inc. (1954)	HVAC ductwork and custom fabrication, erection sheet metal products	21
The Paducah Sun (1929)	Newspaper	167
Pebco, Inc. (1977)	Coal loading systems, dustless loading spouts, gate valves	21
Pope Industries, Inc. (1992)	Rubber feedstocks	65
Precision Machine, Inc. (1974)	Metal fabrication, machine shop, diesel engines	42
Reynolds & Doyle, Inc. (1947)	Household and public building cabinets, bank & school fixtures	30
Schroeder Publishing Company, Inc. (1970)	Books & magazine publishing	48
Sisteel Corporation (1955)	Fabricated structural steel, aluminum products, buckets, tanks and ladles	25
South-Side Machine Shop, Inc. (1979)	CNC machining, machine shop, welding	25
Syntechinics, Inc. (1985)	Fiberglass barge covers, railcar covers, track collector pans	100
Tyler Mountain Water Company, Inc. (1996)	Juice flavored drinks	62
VMV Enterprises, Inc. (1986)	Railroad equipment	546
Walker Boat Yard (1946)	Building & repairing barges & boats	125

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\* Firms with 20 or more employees.

**Sources:** Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Greater Paducah Economic Development Council.

### RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Tyler Mountain Water Company, Inc. began operations in Paducah in 1996. The Paducah plant makes ten varieties of Tyler Mountain's Rainbow line of sweetened, fruit-flavored drinks. The company invested \$7 million in the project and will create 100 new jobs at full production.

Dippin Dots announced a \$1.8 million expansion, creating 15 new jobs.

### RECENT SUPPORTIVE/SERVICE FIRM DEVELOPMENTS

Credit Bureau Systems, Inc. announced plans to locate its corporate headquarters in the Information Age Park. The company is investing approximately \$3 million and expects to create 150 new jobs.

Computer Services, Inc. plans to construct a 75,000 square-foot office building near Interstate 24 and U.S. Highway 60 for its corporate headquarters.

## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO	VMV Enterprises, Inc.
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers	Sisteel Corporation
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO	VMV Enterprises, Inc.
Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	Lockheed Martin Utility Services, Inc.
Sheet Metal Workers' International Association	Paducah Sheet Metal, Inc.
United Plant Guard Workers of America International Union	Lockheed Martin Utility Services, Inc.

## SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

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<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Paducah</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Mayfield, Kentucky	27
	Benton, Kentucky	28
Electric Motor Repair	Paducah, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	78
Industrial Waste Removal	Paducah, Kentucky	-
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Paducah, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Elkton, Kentucky	95
Metal Finishers	Madisonville, Kentucky	84
Metal Service Centers	Paducah, Kentucky	-
Millwrights & Riggers	Mayfield, Kentucky	27

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Interstate Highway 24 has five interchanges at Paducah and provides direct access to Interstate 57, 59 miles northwest of Paducah; to the Purchase Parkway, 19 miles southeast of Paducah; and to the Western Kentucky Parkway, 36 miles east of Paducah.

Major AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways directly serving Paducah include U.S. Highways 45, 60, and 62. U.S. 45 connects with the Purchase Parkway, 25 miles south of Paducah. The Interstate 24 Downtown Loop Expressway provides direct access between downtown Paducah and Interstate 24.

Construction of a limited-access highway extending from Interstate 24 east of Paducah to the Downtown Business Loop will complete the entire loop around Paducah for easier access in and out of Paducah. The project is scheduled to be completed in 1998.

U.S. Highway 60 is currently being widened to four lanes extending from Interstate 24 west to the Lockheed Martin Utility Services plant in western McCracken County. The highway project will also improve access to the Barkley Regional Airport.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	376	Los Angeles, CA	1,921
Baltimore, MD	797	Louisville, KY	218
Birmingham, AL	322	Nashville, TN	139
Chicago, IL	373	New Orleans, LA	555
Cincinnati, OH	317	New York, NY	980
Cleveland, OH	564	Pittsburgh, PA	606
Detroit, MI	559	St. Louis, MO	173
Knoxville, TN	314		

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

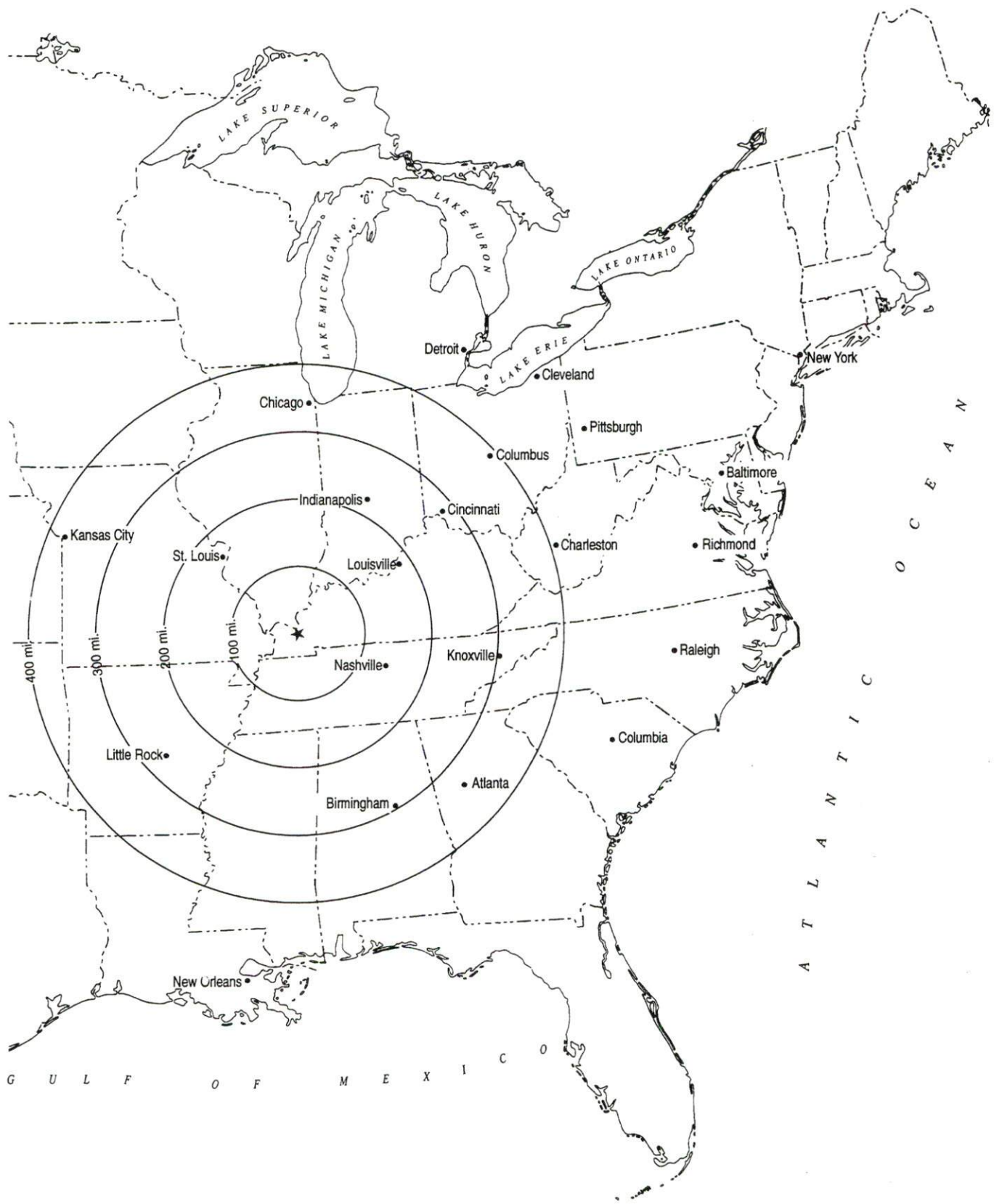
**Sources:** Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1993. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

### Truck Service

Twenty-four common carrier trucking companies provide intrastate and/or interstate service to Paducah. Three terminals operate locally.

**Source:** American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1997.

# Selected Market Centers





## Rail

Paducah and Louisville Railway, Inc.; Illinois Central Railroad; and Burlington Northern Railroad each provide main line rail service to Paducah. Paducah & Louisville Railroad provides intermodal facilities locally.

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

Vice President - Marketing and Sales  
Paducah and Louisville Railway  
1500 Kentucky Avenue  
Paducah, Kentucky 42001  
(502) 444-4341

and/or

Industrial Development Department  
Illinois Central Railroad  
233 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
(312) 819-7477

and/or

Burlington Northern Railroad  
Continental Plaza  
777 Main Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102  
(817) 878-2000

## Air

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service (Commuter)

Location:	Barkley Regional Airport
Runways:	6 miles west of Paducah, Kentucky;
Length:	2 paved
Traffic	6,500 feet; 4,000 feet
Control:	Control tower, ILS, VOR, GPS, and NDB approaches
Lighting:	HIRL, MIRL, MITL, Rotating Beacon
Services:	Transworld Express, Northwest Airlink; 100LL and jet-A fuel; storage; charter; flight instruction; hangar; tie-downs; major and minor A & P repairs; National Weather Service; Avionics; car rental; taxi; limousine; and restaurant

Air Freight  
Service:

Air carriers accept freight on space available basis

The Barkley Regional Airport recently completed construction of a full parallel taxiway for Runway 14-32, significantly improving ground movements by aircraft. Additionally, an 18,000 square-foot storage hangar has been placed into service.

Plans for the airport in 1997 include preparation of a master plan/environmental update, additional general aviation ramp space, a 12,000 square-foot storage and maintenance hangar, improvements in the airport's emergency communications system, and renovation of the airfield lighting systems.

Scheduled commercial airline service is also available at Evansville Regional Airport near Evansville, Indiana, 119 miles northeast of Paducah; and the Nashville International Airport near Nashville, Tennessee, 145 miles southeast of Paducah.

## **Water**

The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority operates an ice-free inland waterways port located at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers, 48 river miles east of where the Ohio River flows into the Mississippi River, and at the head of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

Port facilities include a general cargo area consisting of mooring cells, with a six-barge working capacity and a 20-ton tower crane. The grain handling facility transfers up to 500 tons per hour from trucking or rail to barge. A 125-ton stationary crane is available for bulk handling. The general cargo facility has 72,000 square feet of warehouse storage and 25,000 square feet of outside paved storage. A bulk oil terminal is also located at the port. Switching and fleet services are available 24 hours daily. Products transferred through the riverport include coal, fertilizer, corn, wheat, dry bulk, sand, and palletized materials.

Rail service is provided by the Illinois Central Railroad and the Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. Loading docks are available to provide direct access from warehouse to rail.

Approximately 45 acres of industrial property are available for development. The riverport-industrial park complex is approximately six miles from I-24, and served by the I-24 Downtown Loop Expressway.

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

Paducah-McCracken County Riverport  
Authority  
P.O. Box 2302  
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-2302  
(502) 442-9326

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Paducah** - Paducah Power System

Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority

For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial Development  
Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 726  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241-0726  
(502) 885-5392

and/or

Paducah Power System  
P.O. Box 180  
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-0180  
(502) 442-2711

Company serving **a major portion of McCracken County** - Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation

For industrial rates contact:

Manager of Economic Development  
Big Rivers Electric Corporation  
P.O. Box 24  
Henderson, Kentucky 42420  
(502) 827-2561

and/or

Jackson Purchase Electric Cooperative Corporation  
P.O. Box 3188  
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-3188  
(502) 442-7321 or (800) 633-4044

Company serving **a portion of western McCracken 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

## Natural Gas

Company serving **Paducah** - Western Kentucky Gas Company  
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation  
For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company  
P.O. Box 866  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302-0866  
(502) 685-8069

## Public Water Supply

Company serving **Paducah** - Paducah Water Works  
401 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 2377  
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-2377  
(502) 422-2746

Source -	Tennessee and Ohio Rivers
Treatment plant capacity -	12,000,000 gallons per day*
Average daily consumption -	6,281,205 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	10,460,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	10,575,000 gallons
Water pressure -	40 psi to 100 psi

Paducah Water Works has completed numerous extensions and improvements to the water system over the past two years at an investment of over \$1.5 million. Planned extensions and improvements for 1997-98 amount to an estimated cost of \$412,000.

\*The treatment plant has capability for expansion up to 24,000,000 gallons per day.

Name of water district - Reidland Water-Sewer District  
5514 Reidland Road  
Paducah, Kentucky 42003  
(502) 898-2443

Area served -	Part of eastern McCracken County and parts of western Marshall County
Source of raw water -	Wells; total pumping capacity - 1,850 gallons per minute
Capacity of treatment plant -	3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	850,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,500,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,000,000 gallons
Water pressure -	50 psi to 65 psi

Reidland Water-Sewer District plans to construct a 12" distribution main with completion scheduled for October, 1997.



Name of water district - West McCracken County Water District  
8020 Ogden Landing Road  
West Paducah, Kentucky 42086  
(502) 442-3337

Area served - Western portion of McCracken County  
Source of supply of treated water - Paducah Water Works  
Amount that can be purchased - No set limit  
Average daily consumption - 310,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 450,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 250,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 50 psi to 100 psi

West McCracken County Water District plans to construct an additional 500,000 gallon storage tank.

### **Raw Water**

Surface water sources - Ohio and Tennessee Rivers, Massac Creek  
Average discharge - Ohio River at Metropolis, Illinois - 274,800 cfs  
(68 years, USGS), unadjusted); Massac Creek near Paducah - 17.4 cfs  
(24 years, USGS)  
Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm throughout McCracken County

### **Sewerage**

Company serving **Paducah** - Paducah Wastewater/Stormwater Utility Department  
300 South fifth Street  
P.O. Box 2267  
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-2267  
(502) 444-8655

Design capacity - 9,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 6,000,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

Company serving **portions of eastern McCracken County** -

Reidland Water-Sewer District  
5514 Reidland Road  
Paducah, Kentucky 42003  
(502) 898-2443

Design capacity - 300,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - At capacity  
Type of treatment - Tertiary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Garrison Creek

The Reidland Water-Sewer District plans to construct a new sewage treatment plant, increasing its capacity to 1,000,000 gallons per day. Completion is scheduled for July, 1998 at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million.

Company serving portions of eastern McCracken County -

Woodlawn, Oakdale and Husbands Road  
Sanitation District #4  
P.O. Box 3225  
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-3225  
(502) 443-3682

Design capacity -	910,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	702,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary (two-stage lagoon)
Treated effluent discharged into -	Tennessee River

In 1996, the Woodlawn, Oakdale, and Husbands Road Sanitation District constructed a pump station and line extension to serve the Husbands Road and Interstate 24 area at a cost of \$243,000.

## CLIMATE

### McCracken County

#### Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	57.20 degrees
Average annual 1995	57.80 degrees
Record highest, August 1988 (12-year record)	104.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (12-year record)	-15.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record)	4,279
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	49.31 inches
Mean annual snowfall (11-year record)	10.50 inches
Total precipitation 1995	38.63 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(12-year record)	109.30
Mean number days thunderstorms (12-year record)	59.40

#### Prevailing winds

N/A

#### Relative Humidity (11-year record)

12 a.m.	82 percent
6 a.m.	86 percent
12 p.m.	58 percent
6 p.m.	64 percent

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1995. Station of record: Paducah, Kentucky.



## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Structure**

The City of Paducah is governed by a mayor, four commission members, and a full-time city manager. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the commission members each serve two-year terms. McCracken County is governed by a county judge/executive and three commissioners. Each county official is elected to a four-year term.

### **Planning and Zoning**

City agency - Paducah Planning and Zoning Commission  
Zoning enforced - Within city limits of Paducah  
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits of Paducah  
Local codes enforced - Building and housing codes, within city limits of Paducah  
Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National  
Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky  
Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

County agency - McCracken County Planning Commission  
Zoning enforced - None  
Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas of McCracken County except  
within Paducah city limits  
Local codes enforced - Building codes, in all areas of McCracken County  
except within Paducah city limits  
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 Paducah levies a one and one-half percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of persons employed within the city. Business license fees within the city vary according to the type of business. The business license fee for manufacturers ranges from \$75 to \$600 and is based on the number of employees.

McCracken County levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The tax is credited toward the city tax for employees within the city of Paducah.

## **Enterprise Zone**

The Paducah Enterprise Zone encompasses approximately one-third of the city. Both state and local governments have created special incentives to encourage new and expanding business activity. The Zone was established by the Kentucky Enterprise Zone Authority in 1986 and will operate through the year 2006.

Any new or existing business willing to make a capital investment and/or create additional job opportunities within the Zone may qualify for benefits.

For further information contact:

Enterprise Zone Administrator  
Department of Community Planning &  
Development  
P.O. Box 2267  
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-2267  
(502) 444-8690

## **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>	1996 <u>State Rate</u>	Local Taxation <u>Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.163	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, 1996**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
McCracken County	\$0.1740	\$0.1931	\$0.1989
School Districts:			
Paducah Independent	0.5940	0.6040	0.5660
McCracken County	0.3720	0.3720	0.5290
Cities:			
Paducah	0.4020	0.4740	0.4740



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Paducah Independent	McCracken County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1996)	3,312	6,847
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1996-97)	16.1-1	16.78-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1995-96)	68.5	63.0
Expenditures Per Pupil (1995-96)	\$4,879.68	\$3,595.00

### Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Community Christian Academy	160	K-8
St. John Elementary	100	PS-6
St. Mary Elementary School	385	K-5
St. Mary Middle School	175	6-8
St. Mary High School	215	9-12

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Paducah)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1995)</u>
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky	2,833
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (49)	8,166
University of Tennessee, at Martin	Martin, Tennessee (60)	5,812
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Carbondale, Illinois (70)	22,418
Bethel College	McKenzie, Tennessee (73)	549
Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, Missouri (73)	8,112

## **Paducah Community College**

Paducah Community College, one of 14 institutions in the University of Kentucky Community College System, offers courses leading to associate in applied science, and associate in arts and science degrees. In the fall of 1997, the University of Kentucky will begin offering four-year engineering degrees on the Paducah campus. Local residents and companies donated the money and materials for a new 53,000 square-foot science and engineering building to house the program. The private contributions provided more than \$9 million for the project. A UK masters degree in Engineering is also offered.

The business and industry arm of PCC, the Purchase Center for Community Partnerships, designs and brokers worldwide training for local companies.

## **Murray State University**

Murray State University is a publicly supported university located in the Jackson Purchase lakes area of western Kentucky. Students may select studies within six academic colleges and numerous programs which have been consistently recognized for their quality by almost 70 years of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In addition to a wide range of traditional education programs and facilities, Murray State serves the west Kentucky region by way of the Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville, Wickliffe Mounds Research Center in Wickliffe, Savage Cave in Logan County (the first archaeological site in Kentucky), and the National Scouting Museum of the Boy Scouts of America (located on campus). Murray State offers extended education in Paducah, Madisonville, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, and Fort Campbell.

Beginning in the fall of 1996, all students at Murray State are assigned to one of eight residential colleges, a system patterned after the traditions of Oxford and Cambridge. Combining students with various academic interests and demographic backgrounds, residential colleges offer an opportunity to develop friendships and establish a personal college experience.

Murray State is well known for its "Racer" trademark, winning Ohio Valley Conference championships in men's basketball, football, and rifle. The university also has a nationally recognized rodeo program.

Among Murray State's most notable achievements are:

- Best Buy University - U.S. News & World Report
- Top Tier of Southern Universities and Colleges - U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges
- Very Competitive University - Barron's Profiles of American Colleges
- Safest College Community in Kentucky (among 11 safest in nation) - Crime at College

## 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 Paducah)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1995-1996</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
West Kentucky Regional Technology Center	Paducah	28	<u>Sec</u> 10	<u>P/S</u> 941	250
Purchase Training Center	Mayfield (31)	4	*	*	*

\*Enrollment and completion figures included in West Kentucky RTC totals.

Paducah Area Technology Center	Paducah	10	<u>Sec</u> 362	<u>P/S</u> 23	100
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### 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 needing customized training programs should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the campus of the West Kentucky Regional Technology Center.

### Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills, and academic potential. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of the West Kentucky Regional Technology Center.

### 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 Paducah, adult basic education is provided by the Paducah Independent Schools and adult literacy services are provided through the Paducah Interfaith Ministry, Inc.

### Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

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

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



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 187  
Dentists - 51

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Lourdes Hospital	Paducah	389
Western Baptist Hospital	Paducah	373

Lourdes Hospital

Medical staff - 203 physicians, 243 registered nurses, and 107 licensed practical nurses

Western Baptist Hospital

Medical staff - 185 physicians, 276 registered nurses, and 127 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Charter Hospital - Alcohol/drug and psychiatric treatment  
Easter Seals Center - Services, diagnoses, and treatment  
for the handicapped  
Mercy Regional EMS, Inc. (ambulance service)  
Paducah Medical Arts  
Pavillion - Outpatient diagnostic and ambulatory  
surgical center  
Purchase District Health Department, McCracken County  
Health Center  
St. Nicholas Free Clinic - Medical care for the uninsured

### Newspapers

The Paducah Sun (daily)  
The West Kentucky News (weekly)  
The Extra (weekly television guide)

### Telephone Service

BellSouth  
Contel Cellular  
United State Cellular

### Hotels and Motels

Total number - 28  
Total rooms - 2,194

## RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

### Local

The Paducah Parks and Leisure Services Department provides a supervised public recreational program tailored for everyone from tots to senior citizens. Among the most popular programs offered are soccer and T-ball. A summer day camp is maintained for boys and girls (also available for exceptional children). Instruction in swimming, exercise, tennis, golf, baton, acrobatics, aerobics, tap, ballet, pottery, ceramics, and square dancing is offered. Public recreational facilities include 15 parks, 13 playgrounds, three swimming pools, 20 tennis courts, eight baseball diamonds, 12 soccer fields, four racquetball courts, two football fields, four softball fields and one combination softball/baseball field.

Bob Noble Park, Paducah's largest park, offers a relaxing atmosphere amidst a lake, picnic areas, a pool, tennis courts, a model airplane field, five baseball diamonds, and the hand-carved Wacinton Indian statue. The City of Paducah plans a complete redevelopment of Noble Park at an estimated cost of \$20 million over the next five to ten years.

Private recreational facilities in Paducah include the Brooks Stadium baseball complex, three country clubs, four golf courses, five swimming pools, twelve movie theatres, fifteen tennis courts, two bowling centers, and a skating rink. A go-cart track, a motorcycle track and horseback riding stables are also available.

Other attractions include the Barkley Monument, the Alben Barkley Museum, the Market House Museum, the graves of Irvin S. Cobb and Alben Barkley, the Civic Plaza, the Red Line Tour of the city and river area, the Whitehaven Mansion, Schultz Riverfront Park, and the Museum of the American Quilter's Society. The 30,000 square-foot complex houses three galleries, studio classrooms, a conference and reference room and gift shop.

A wide range of annual events are held in Paducah. The week-long Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, held during the latter half of April each year, features art shows, tours of the lighted Dogwood Trail, concerts and theatrical productions. The American Quilters Society holds its National Quilt Show each spring in the Julian Carroll Convention Center. The ten-day Paducah Summer Festival is another annual event featuring musical shows, sky diving, balloon racing, boating, sidewalk sales, road races, contests, arts and crafts, and a variety of other entertainment scheduled at the end of July. Old Market Days, held one weekend each October, offers booths and stalls set up to display and sell a variety of goods and foodstuffs, as well as arts and crafts demonstrations and concerts. Other annual events include the Lion's Club Regional Easter Seal Telethon, The West Kentucky Fair, the Irvin Cobb Golf Tournament, and The Antique Gas and Steam Engine Show, and two annual arts and crafts shows.

Cultural offerings include lectures, the Yeiser Art Center, the Market House Theatre, the Community Concert Series, the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, the Paducah Community College Focus Performing Arts Series, and the Paducah Film Society.

Players Bluegrass Downs features thoroughbred horse racing. The parimutuel track features an enclosed clubhouse, dining room, lounge, and concession areas.



## Area (Within 55 miles)

**Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park**, located 21 miles east of Paducah near Gilbertsville, is one of the largest and most popular vacation resorts in Kentucky. A modern lodge with 72 rooms, 67 cottages, and a 221-site campground make up the accommodations. The park includes a 4,000-foot lighted airstrip. Facilities also include a dining room overlooking Kentucky Lake, a coffee shop, a snack bar, two gift shops, a meeting room, an activities center, and a recreation room. Recreational activities to choose from include boating and fishing at the largest docking facility in the Kentucky parks system, golf at the 18-hole Village Green Course, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, swimming at the lodge pool or at the sand beach, and tennis.

**The Land Between the Lakes**, located on a 170,000-acre wooded peninsula, is an outdoor recreational and conservational education center. The Golden Pond Visitors Center offers a multimedia theatre/planetarium and observatory. Camping, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, a buffalo herd on a 250-acre range, an Environmental Education Center and an educational farm are among the attractions. Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley are among the top fishing and water sports recreation areas in the southeastern United States. The Land Between the Lakes area is 35 miles southeast of Paducah.

**Columbus-Battlefield State Park** at Columbus, Kentucky is located 41 miles southwest of Paducah. Attractions at the 156-acre park include a 38-site campground, a gift shop, an historical hiking trail, miniature golf, a picnic area, and a playground. A visit to the museum at the park, which is housed in a building that served as a Civil War infirmary, offers a display of Civil War relics and early Indian artifacts and an audiovisual slide program on the Battle of Belmont.

Charm and serenity exemplify **Kenlake State Resort Park**, which is located on the 160,000-acre Kentucky Lake, 50 miles southeast of Paducah. The park offers hotel and cottage accommodations and camping sites. Other facilities include a nine-hole golf course, pool and lake swimming, horseback riding, hiking trails, fishing, boating, picnicking, planned recreation, and one of the finest tennis complexes in the area.

**Lake Barkley State Resort Park**, 53 miles southeast of Paducah near Cadiz, is located on an embayment of the 57,920-acre Lake Barkley. The magnificent lodge includes 130 rooms, five suites, 13 cottages, a dining room, a coffee shop, a gift shop, two meeting rooms, and a recreation room. An activities center with a capacity of 1,000, a complete fitness center, and a 80-site campground are located near the lodge. A lodge pool, a beach and a bathhouse, an 18-hole golf course, a pro shop, tennis courts, a riding stable, a trapshooting range, a basketball court, hiking trails, playgrounds, a picnic area round out the recreational facilities. The marina near the lodge has everything for the "boat lover": covered and open slips, a launching ramp, and rentals for fishing boats, skiing boats, and pleasure ride pontoons. An airport is available as well.