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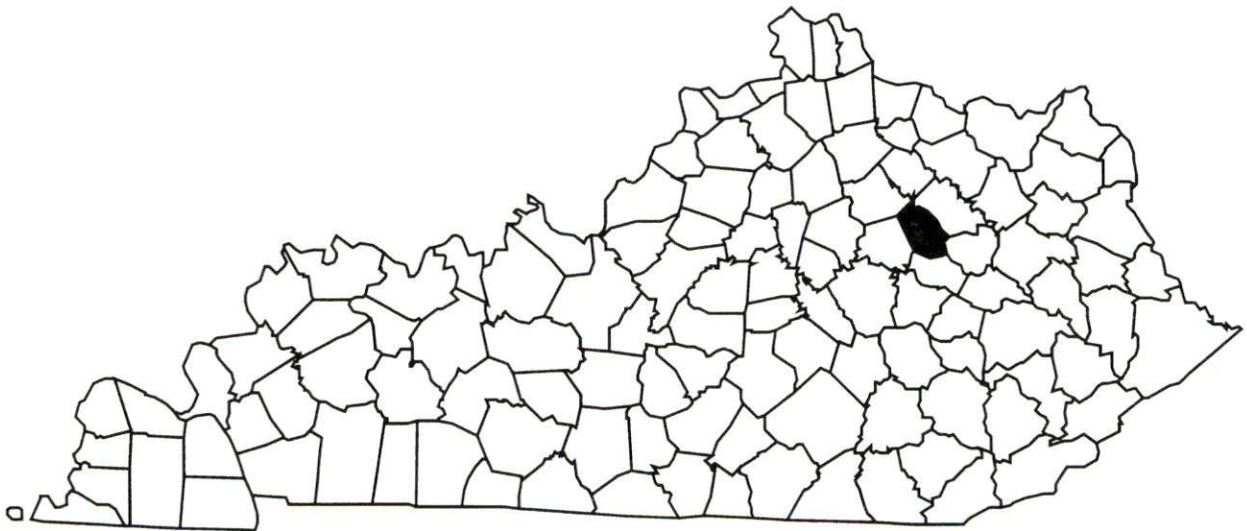
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MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

Mt. Sterling, the county seat of Montgomery County, is located in the Outer Blue Grass Region of central Kentucky. Mt. Sterling lies 35 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky; 107 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky; 112 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 183 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee. Mt. Sterling had an estimated 1998 population of 5,465.

Montgomery County covers a land area of 199 square miles and had an estimated 1998 population of 20,932 persons.

The Economic Framework – Montgomery County firms employed 8,565 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 391 jobs; mining and quarrying firms in the county employed 62; manufacturing firms in the county reported 2,607 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,451 jobs; 1,622 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 941 jobs.

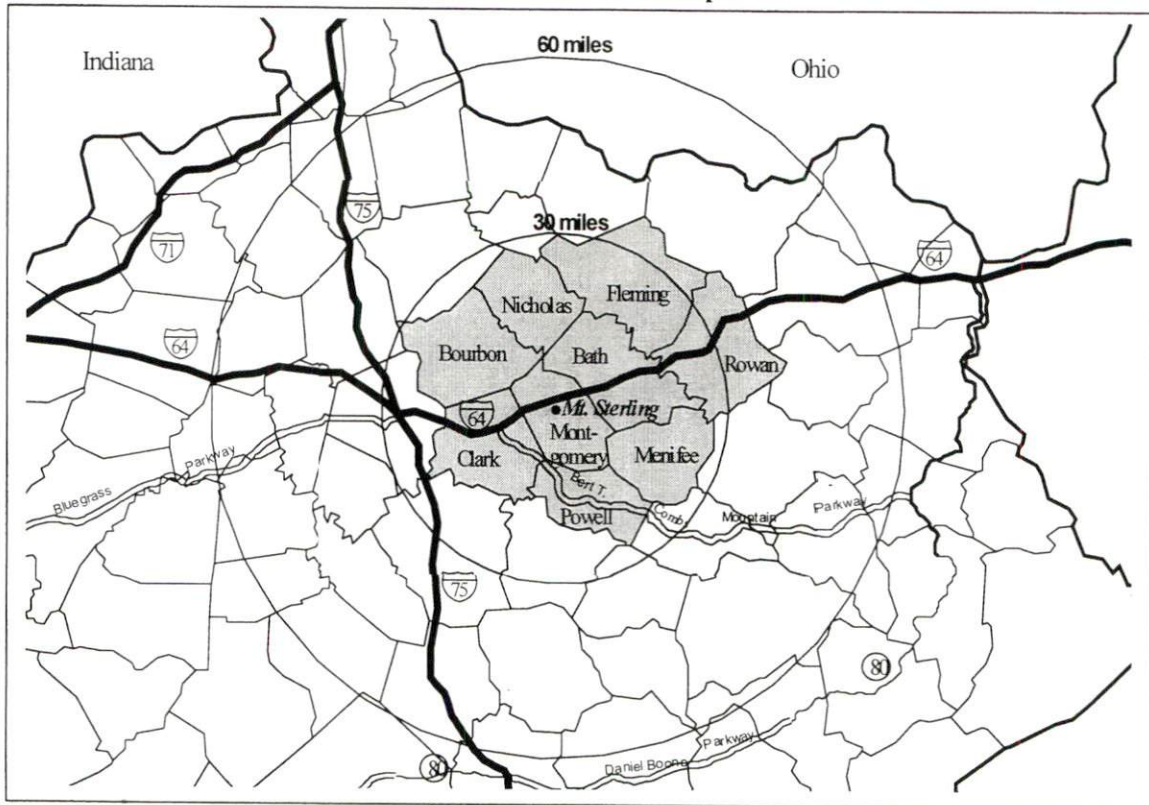
Labor Supply – There is a current estimated labor supply of 19,577 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 through 2003, approximately 10,151 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation – Mt. Sterling is served by the following major highways: Interstate 64, U.S. 60 and 460, and Kentucky 11. Access to the Bert Combs Mountain Parkway is available near Winchester, 14 miles southwest of Mt. Sterling, and Interstate 75 is accessible near Lexington via Interstate 64, 30 miles west of Mt. Sterling. Twenty-six trucking firms provide interstate and/or intrastate trucking service to the Mt. Sterling area. The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Airport has a 5,000-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial air service is available at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport, 40 miles west of Mt. Sterling.

Power and Fuel – Electric power is provided to Mt. Sterling and parts of Montgomery County by the Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Montgomery County is also served by the Clark Energy Cooperative. Natural gas is provided to Mt. Sterling by Columbia Gas of Kentucky. Delta Natural Gas Company provides natural gas to portions of Montgomery County.

Education – The Montgomery County School System provides primary and secondary education to Mt. Sterling. Fourteen institutions of higher learning are located within 60 miles of Mt. Sterling. The nearest state technical colleges providing post-secondary education are the Rowan County Technical College in Morehead and the Central Kentucky Technical College Lexington Campus in Lexington. The Montgomery County ATC (area technology center) in Mt. Sterling provides secondary education.

Labor Market Area Maps



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

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Mt. Sterling labor market area includes Montgomery County and the following additional counties: Bath, Bourbon, Clark, Fleming, Menifee, Nicholas, Powell, and Rowan.

Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1998*</u>
Labor Market Area	132,545	134,133	139,571	144,164
Montgomery County	20,046	19,561	20,553	20,932
Mount Sterling	5,820	5,362	5,374	5,465

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

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

Population Projections

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	146,252	154,111	158,474
Montgomery County	21,425	22,871	23,809

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

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1998</u>			<u>Under- employed</u>	<u>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>		
Labor Market Area	19,577	3,002	2,526	14,049	10,151
Montgomery County	3,979	519	260	3,200	1,590

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

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

Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1998

	<u>Montgomery County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	12,309	72,040
Employed	11,790	69,038
Unemployed	519	3,002
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.2

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

Work Force Commuting Patterns, 1990

Workers commuting into Montgomery County	2,037
Workers commuting out of Montgomery County	2,586
Workers residing and working in Montgomery County	5,716

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

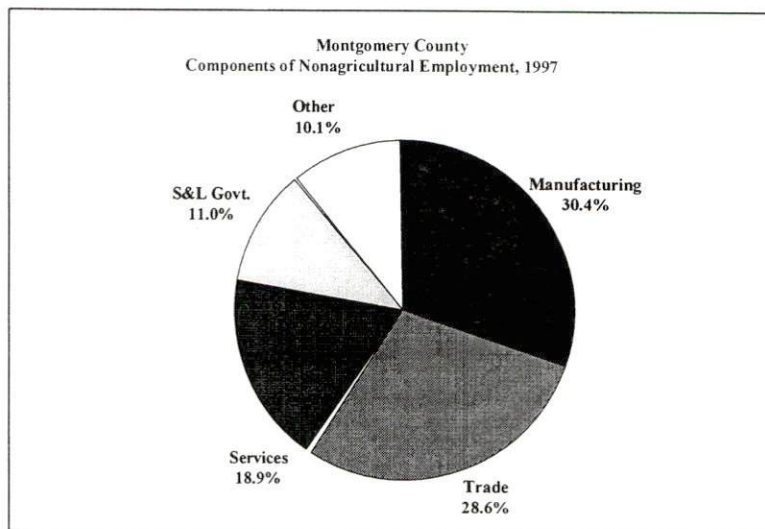
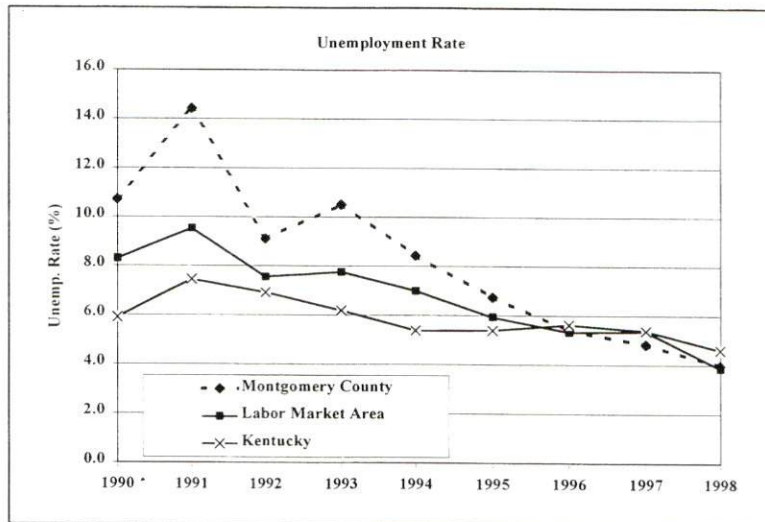
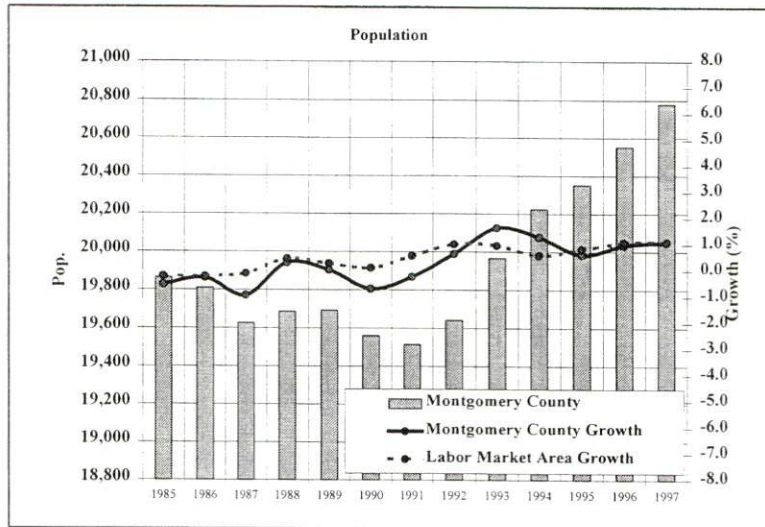
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Montgomery County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	8,565	45,654
Mining & Quarrying	62	62
Contract Construction	391	1,994
Manufacturing	2,607	12,368
Transportation & Public Utilities	236	1,945
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,451	11,166
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	228	1,214
Services	1,622	7,527
State & Local Government	941	8,289
Other	26	917

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

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997.

Selected Charts



Per Capita Personal Income

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Percent Change (1993-1997)</u>
Montgomery County	\$14,516	\$18,992	30.8%
Kentucky	\$17,309	\$20,570	18.8%
U.S.	\$21,368	\$25,288	18.3%
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,219 - \$17,873	\$13,252 - \$22,673	-

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

Average Placement Wages

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

	<u>Number of Placements</u>	<u>Average Wage (\$)</u>
All Occupations	2,067	5.91
Professional, Technical & Managerial	23	6.27
Clerical	154	5.24
Sales	87	4.65
Domestic	8	5.18
Services (excluding domestic)	589	5.16
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	3	5.67
Processing	186	7.06
Machine Trades	57	5.53
Bench Work	806	6.43
Structural	57	6.42
Motor Freight & Transportation	34	6.46
Packaging & Materials Handling	62	5.89
Other	1	6.00

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Morehead local office serves Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties.

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

Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Montgomery County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$376.00	\$488.00	\$521.00	\$555.00
Mining & Quarrying	681.28	790.00	839.00	772.00
Contract Construction	509.39	516.00	561.00	544.00
Manufacturing	422.01	644.00	621.00	644.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	506.98	648.00	653.00	761.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	300.08	337.00	391.00	392.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	413.41	613.00	696.00	748.00
Services	313.69	440.00	495.00	580.00
State & Local Government	438.25	484.00	494.00	530.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
All Industries	\$530.00	\$553.00	\$634.00	\$578.00
Mining & Quarrying	849.00	773.00	881.00	961.00
Contract Construction	604.00	619.00	765.00	610.00
Manufacturing	732.00	776.00	792.00	737.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	633.00	669.00	764.00	724.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	351.00	384.00	452.00	411.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	624.00	682.00	938.00	863.00
Services	452.00	486.00	575.00	547.00
State & Local Government	510.00	567.00	615.00	576.00

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

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

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Mt. Sterling Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Atlas Concrete Products Corp.	Ready-mixed concrete & precast concrete septic tanks	10	1946
Caudill Truss Co.	Wooden roof trusses	13	1988
Central Kentucky Corrugated	Corrugated boxes	30	1995
Chef America East	Specialty microwaveable lunch foods	630	1993
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.	Molded & extruded rubber products, reinforced rubber hoses & automotive parts	434	1996
Custom Machining Inc.	Machine shop: arc, gas, MIG & TIG welding, surface, OD & ID grinding, drilling, boring, cutting, honing, lathe & mill work, general & CNC machining	20	1984
Donnelly Corp.	Automotive windows	140	1905
Eastern Electroplate Inc	Hydraulic cylinder rebuilding & repairing	7	1987
Eldridge's Bar-B-Que	Meat processing & packaging	4	1950
Equine Textiles	Race horse leg care products	21	1984
Excel Laminates Inc.	Automotive seat laminates	70	1994
Fibreform Containers Inc.	Molded pulp packaging materials	15	1996
Gateway Manufacturing Inc.	Contract manufacturing: indoor wooden gates & household dryers	85	1995
Greathouse Packaging/Assembly	Corrugated & plastic packaging components & materials	25	1996
Greif Bros Corp.	Plastic drums	46	1985
Hasco Newspapers Inc.	Newspaper publishing & commercial offset printing	20	1961
Hoffman Enclosures Inc.	Sheet metal & fiberglass electrical & electronic enclosures	289	N/A
Hunt, Ruth Candy Co.	Chocolate, creams & novelties	10	1921
IlSCO Corp.	Aluminum & copper electrical connectors	114	1992
Jockey International Inc.	Men's & women's woven knitted underwear	100	1955
Langley Products LLC	Candles	N/A	N/A
Magnaflex Industries Inc.	Steel stove pipes & flexible cleaning lines	20	1992
Manley's Printing Sales Inc.	Commercial offset printing, computer typesetting, saddle stitch & spiral binding	6	1989
Mid-States Plastics	Custom plastic molding	55	1990
Mount Sterling Industries	Machine shop: special machinery, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures & precision machining	16	1966
Mount Sterling Kitchen Supply	Laminated kitchen counter tops	4	1977
Mountain Town Machining Inc.	Machine shop: general & CNC machining; drilling, boring, cutting & honing; arc & gas welding; surface, ID & cylindrical grinding; lathe & mill work	11	1979
Mt Sterling Woodworking	Custom woodworking & cabinets	4	1991

Mt. Sterling Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment (continued)

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Nooyen Manufacturing	Galvanized steel pig flooring	6	1997
Parks, Ed Enterprises Inc.	Machine shop: arc & gas welding, honing, drilling, boring, cutting, lathe & mill work, general machining, surface & OD grinding	1	1986
Performance Toner Product Inc.	Remanufactured printer toner cartridges	3	1994
Precision Resource Inc.	Fine blanking stampings	60	N/A
Quality Cabinets Inc.	Wooden & laminated cabinets	380	1970
Rebel Acres Packing Co.	Meat processing & packing	2	1975
Rogers Foam Corp.	Polyurethane & polyethylene foam products	65	1997
Smith, A. O. Electrical Products	Metal laminations for electric motor components; stator cores	125	1964
Smithville Products	Job shop: mechanical assemblies	4	1967
Snap-Lok Inc.	Aluminum wire ties	8	1987
Stone, Lyle Signs Inc.	Painted, electric, neon, metal & plastic signs	3	1955
Summit Polymers Inc.	Injection molded thermoplastic automotive products	300	1993
Transcraft Corp.	Flatbed truck trailers	95	1996
Trojan Manufacturing Co.	Insert & transfer plastic molding; electromechanical subassemblies; coiled wire & coated light bulbs	12	1960
Walker Company of KY Inc.	Ready-mixed concrete, precast concrete septic tanks	12	1946

Note: N/A - Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers published by Harris InfoSource in cooperation with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County Industrial Authority.

Major Mt. Sterling Supportive/Service Employers

<u>Name of Business/Firm</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Mary Chiles Hospital	Hospital	340
Montgomery County Board of Education	Education	559

Source: Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County Industrial Authority.

Labor Organizations in Montgomery County

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO
Teamsters

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

Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of Mt. Sterling

Miles	City	Custom Plastics Producers	Electric Motor Repair	Heat Treating Facilities	Industrial Waste Removal	Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Metal Castings	Metal Finishers	Metal Service Centers	Mill- wrights & Riggers
-	Mount Sterling					X		X		
12	Means					X				
14	Clay City					X				
14	Winchester		X			X			X	
15	Stanton					X				
20	Paris					X				
25	Waco				X					
28	Lexington	X	X		X	X		X		X
29	Cynthiana					X	X			
29	Morehead		X		X	X				
29	Richmond	X		X		X		X		
35	Georgetown	X		X		X				
37	Nicholasville	X			X	X				
38	Berea				X	X				
40	Berry					X				
40	Maysville		X			X				
43	Stamping Ground					X				
43	Versailles					X				

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

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major highways serving Mt. Sterling are Interstate 64, U.S. Highways 60 and 460, and Kentucky Route 11. All are "AAA"-rated trucking highways (80,000-pound gross load limit). Access to Interstate 75 is available 30 miles west of Mt. Sterling via Interstate 64. An interchange of the Bert Combs Mountain Parkway, which provides access to eastern Kentucky, is located 14 miles southwest of the city. Kentucky Route 686, the Mt. Sterling Bypass, encircles the city and provides access to surrounding areas.

Improvements to U.S. 460 have been completed. A 4.5-mile section south of Mt. Sterling through Camargo, has been widened and straightened.

Highway Miles from Mt. Sterling, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	393	Indianapolis, IN	219
Baltimore, MD	504	Kansas City, MO	616
Birmingham, AL	437	Knoxville, TN	183
Charleston, WV	140	Lexington, KY	35
Chicago, IL	401	Louisville, KY	107
Cincinnati, OH	112	Minneapolis, MN	812
Cleveland, OH	315	Nashville, TN	248
Columbia, SC	444	New Orleans, LA	780
Columbus, OH	172	New York, NY	671
Dallas, TX	909	Pittsburgh, PA	367
Des Moines, IA	696	Raleigh, NC	458
Detroit, MI	374	Richmond, VA	458
Evansville, IN	221	St. Louis, MO	367
Huntington, WV	92	Tallahassee, FL	664

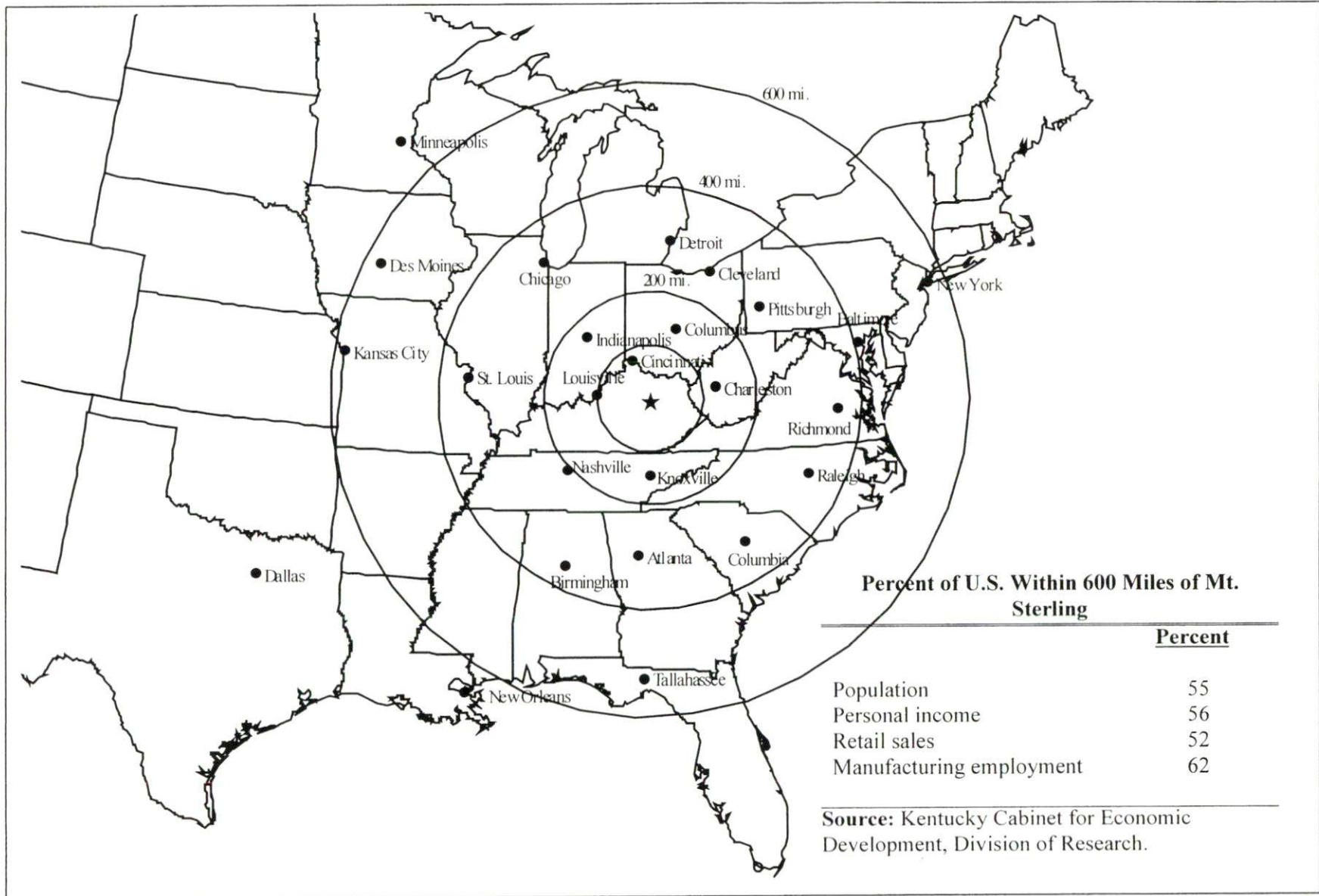
Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

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

Truck Service

Twenty-six trucking firms provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Mt. Sterling. City Cartage Co. maintains its headquarters and a terminal in Mt. Sterling. Gateway Freight Inc. and Thompson Transportation Services Inc. also maintain terminals in Mt. Sterling. American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1999.

Selected Market Centers Map



Rail

Mt. Sterling is not presently served by rail. The nearest rail service is provided by CSX Transportation in Winchester, 16 miles southwest of Mt. Sterling. The nearest intermodal service is provided by the Norfolk Southern Corporation at Georgetown, 46 miles northwest of Mt. Sterling.

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

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

Air

Local

Location:	Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Airport Mt. Sterling, KY
Distance from Mount Sterling:	-
Phone:	(606) 498-1000
Number of runways:	1
Length and type of longest runway:	5,000 feet (asphalt)

Commercial/International

	Blue Grass Airport
Location:	Lexington, KY
Distance from Mount Sterling:	40 miles west
Phone:	(606) 254-9336
Air service:	ASA, Comair, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest AirlinK, TW Express, United Express, US Airways
Daily arrivals & departures:	192

UTILITIES

Electricity

Service area: **Mt. Sterling and parts of Montgomery County**
Company: Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power: Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:

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

Service area: **parts of Montgomery County**
Company: Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc.
Source of power: East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc.
2640 Iron Works Road
P.O. Box 748
Winchester, KY 40392-0748
(606) 744-4251

and/or

East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Industrial Development Department
4775 Lexington Road
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, KY 40391
(606) 744-4812

Natural Gas

Service area: **Mt. Sterling**
Company: Columbia Gas of Kentucky
Source of supply: Columbia Gas Transmission Company
For rates and supplies contact:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky
Economic Development Department
2001 Mercer Road
P.O. Box 14241
Lexington, KY 40512-4241
(606) 288-0227

Service area: **portions of Montgomery County**
Company: Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Source of supply: Columbia Gas Transmission Company, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, and local production

For rates and supplies contact:
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
VP-Public and Consumer Affairs
3617 Lexington Road
Winchester, KY 40391
(606) 744-6171

Public Water Supply

Service area: **Mt. Sterling**
Company: Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer System
300 East Main Street
P.O. Box 392
Mt. Sterling, KY 40353
(606) 498-0166

Treatment facilities information:
Source of raw water: Slate Creek/Greenbriar Reservoir
Treatment plant capacity: 3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption: 2,600,000 gallons per day
Peak daily consumption: 3,000,000 gallons per day
Storage capacity: 6,300,000 gallons per day
Water pressure: 50 psi to 110 psi

Improvements: Water plant upgrade to 4,500,000 gallons estimated to cost \$3.5 million.

Sewerage

Service area: **Mt. Sterling**
Company information: Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer System
300 East Main Street
P.O. Box 392
Mt. Sterling, KY 40353
(606) 498-0166

Design capacity: 3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow: 1,500,000 gallons per day
Type of treatment: Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into: Hinkston Creek

CLIMATE

Montgomery County

Temperature

Normal (114-year record)	55.1 degrees
Average annual, 1997	53.6 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (53-year record)	103 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (53-year record)	-21 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,783
Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)	1,140

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	44.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall 30-year record)	17.5 inches
Total precipitation, 1997	59.13 inches
Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	129.1
Mean number days thunderstorms (53-year record)	43.9

Prevailing Winds (26-year record) South

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

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

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

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Mt. Sterling is governed by a mayor and eight council members. The mayor serves a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. Montgomery County is served by a county judge/executive and three commissioners. Each official is elected to a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Mt. Sterling Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits and 5 mile radius around city limits

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within the city and five miles beyond corporate limits

Local codes enforced - Building and housing within 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 Mt. Sterling levies a business license fee ranging from \$50 to \$150. The city also levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals employed in the city and on net profits of businesses operating in the city. Montgomery County levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses.

In 1995, city and county governments passed an interlocal agreement enabling county government to collect all occupational license taxes for both the city and county. The collected funds are distributed 60 percent to the county and 40 percent to the city ensuring funding levels for both governments.

Sales and Use Tax

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

State and Local Property Taxes

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside the city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>State Rate, 1998</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.153	Yes
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	No
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	No
Inventories:		
Raw Materials	0.050	No
Goods in Process	0.050	No
Finished Goods	0.050	Yes
Motor Vehicles	0.450	Yes
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.450	Yes
Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand)	0.250	No

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

Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1998

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
<u>County</u>			
Montgomery County	0.1860	0.2003	0.3192
<u>Cities</u>			
Mt. Sterling	0.2340	0.2290	0.2440
<u>School Districts</u>			
Montgomery County	0.3920	0.4130	0.4240

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

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-97

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u>	<u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u>
Montgomery County	3,883	5,952	16.4

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

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

<u>County-wide</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>	<u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u>
Total High School Graduates	254	
To College	130	51.2
To Vocational/Technical School	13	5.1
To Workforce	77	30.3
To Work & School	1	0.4
To Military	13	5.1
Other	20	7.9

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

Nonpublic Schools, 1997-98

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Mt. Sterling Christian	100	K-5

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

Colleges and Technical Schools

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Mount Sterling

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
28	Lexington Community College	Lexington	5,558
28	Transylvania University	Lexington	1,021
28	University of Kentucky	Lexington	24,171
29	Morehead State University	Morehead	8,208
29	Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	15,425
35	Georgetown College	Georgetown	1,626
38	Berea College	Berea	1,464

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Mount Sterling (continued)

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
40	Maysville Community College	Maysville	1,294
41	Midway College	Midway	968
41	Asbury College	Wilmore	1,258
51	Kentucky State University	Frankfort	2,288
54	Centre College	Danville	1,001
58	Kentucky Christian College	Grayson	547
Total Enrollment			64,829

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

Source: Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Kentucky Technical Schools Within 60 Miles of Mount Sterling

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (1997-98)</u>		
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Montgomery County ATC	Mt. Sterling	692	0	692
14	Clark County ATC	Winchester	207	2	209
28	Central KY Technical College Lexington Campus	Lexington	0	1,154	1,154
28	Eastside Center for Applied Technology	Lexington	345	0	345
28	Southside Center for Applied Technology	Lexington	261	0	261
29	Harrison County ATC	Cynthiana	720	5	725
29	Rowan County Technical College	Morehead	99	417	516
29	Madison County ATC	Richmond	799	0	799
36	Lee County ATC	Beattyville	429	21	450
38	Morgan County ATC	West Liberty	221	0	221
40	Mason County ATC	Maysville	185	33	218
45	Carter County Vocational School	Olive Hill	170	0	170
46	Breathitt County ATC	Jackson	376	19	395
46	Garrard County ATC	Lancaster	199	0	199
50	Foster Mead Vocational Education Center	Vanceburg	215	0	215
51	Franklin County Area Vocational Education Center	Frankfort	178	0	178
52	Central KY Technical College Anderson Campus	Lawrenceburg	0	115	115
53	Harrodsburg ATC	Harrodsburg	383	4	387
53	Rockcastle County ATC	Mount Vernon	367	73	440
54	Central KY Technical College Danville Campus	Danville	107	125	232
Total Enrollment			5,953	1,968	7,921

Notes: Kentucky Tech secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers (ATC), are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post-secondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed

by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Adult courses may be offered at some secondary technical schools. Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Mount Sterling, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its training and development coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator at the Rowan County Technical College (606) 783-1538.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. The Career Connections Assessment Center serving the Mt. Sterling area is located at the Rowan County Technical College (606) 783-1538.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Montgomery County, adult basic education is provided by the Montgomery County Adult Learning Center.

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 Montgomery County Area Technology Center offers tech prep programs in the areas of business technology and health services.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

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

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

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 24

Dentists - 14

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Mary Chiles Hospital	Mt. Sterling	103

Medical staff : 26 active physicians; 14 courtesy physicians; 75 registered nurses; 36 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Cave Run Clinic
Montgomery County Health Center
Mt. Sterling Clinic
Mt. Sterling Medical Center
Pathways, Inc.

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Commonwealth Bank FSB
The Exchange Bank of Kentucky
Montgomery & Traders Bank & Trust Company
Mt. Sterling National Bank

Newspapers

Mt. Sterling Advocate (weekly)

Telephone Service

BellSouth
County-wide enhanced 911 emergency dispatch system

RECREATION

Mt. Sterling offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all ages. The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Recreation, Tourism, and Convention Commission maintains facilities in the four local parks. The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Pool and Park contains two junior Olympic-size swimming pools, bathhouse facilities, four lighted tennis courts, an outdoor basketball court, a tot lot with a variety of playground equipment, and a picnic area with a covered shelter. The park has two Little League baseball diamonds, an all-purpose building, and a picnic area. Supervised programs are offered year-round in activities such as softball, baseball, swimming, tennis, Little League football, soccer, and adult basketball and volleyball.

The Montgomery County Board of Education maintains a variety of recreational facilities at the local schools which can be used for a number of supervised programs. The facilities include five gymnasiums, two football fields, three soccer fields, two Little League baseball diamonds, five tennis courts, three playgrounds and an outdoor basketball court.

Construction of Phase I of a new 68-acre community park was recently completed. The development includes a baseball complex, soccer fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, playground areas, picnic shelters, and a walking trail. Future plans are to construct racquetball courts, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, an amphitheater, and a community center.

Private recreational facilities include a country club with a swimming pool and a nine-hole golf course; a 6-screen movie theatre; a drive-in movie theatre; bowling alley; Sid Calk Lake, Inc., a private recreational and real estate development; the McKee Boy Scout Reservation; and Greenbrier Lake, a fishing lake.

October Court Day is an annual event which attracts thousands of people to Mt. Sterling. With the old time trading and selling of items including guns, knives, crafts, and antiques, this event marks the opening of the fall term of court. Court Day is held on the third Monday in October, however, the festivities begin the Saturday before.

Area (Within 40 miles)

Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
Cave Run Lake
Daniel Boone National Forest
Fort Boonesborough State Park
Kentucky Horse Park
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
White Hall Historic Site

APPENDIX A - DEFINITIONS

Geographic definition of the labor market area

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

Example – Logan County

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

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

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

Potential Labor Supply

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

Underemployed

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

Total Available Labor

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