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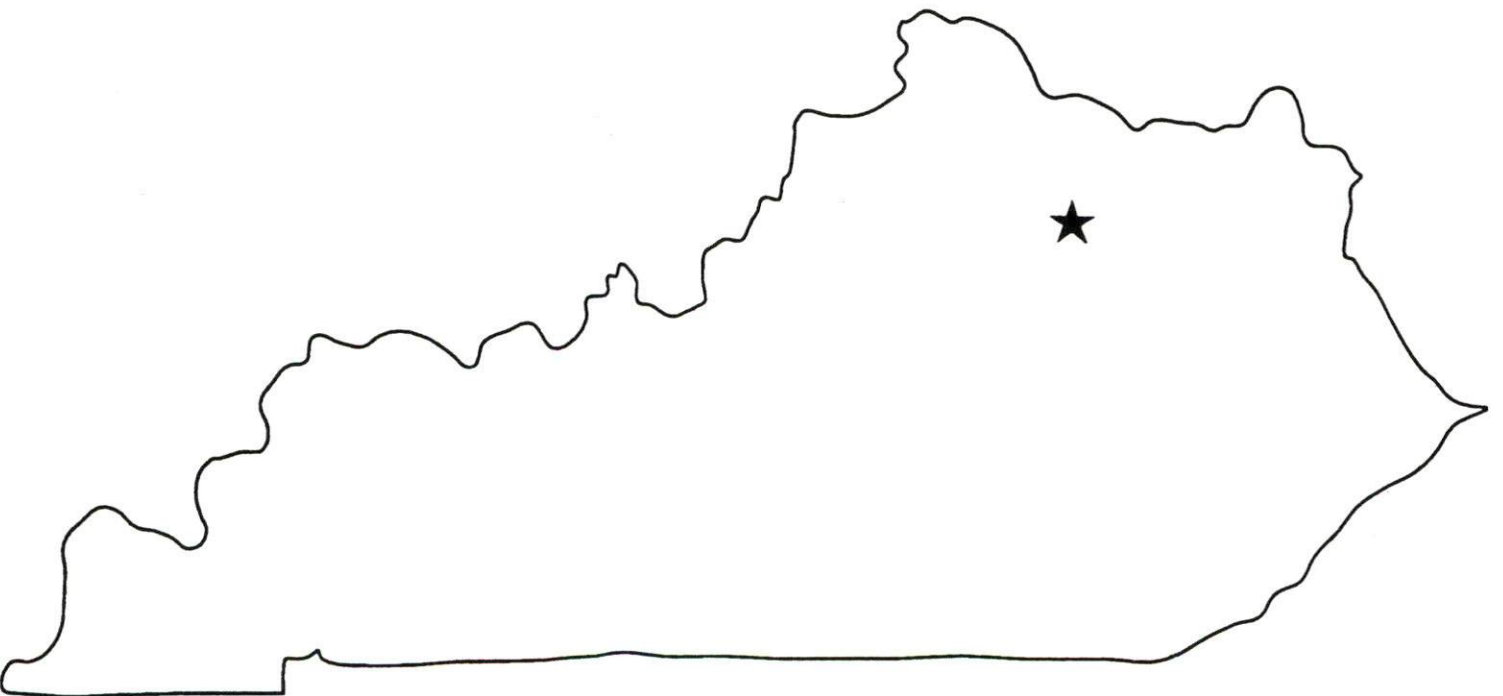
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**Resources For
Economic Development**

Carlisle



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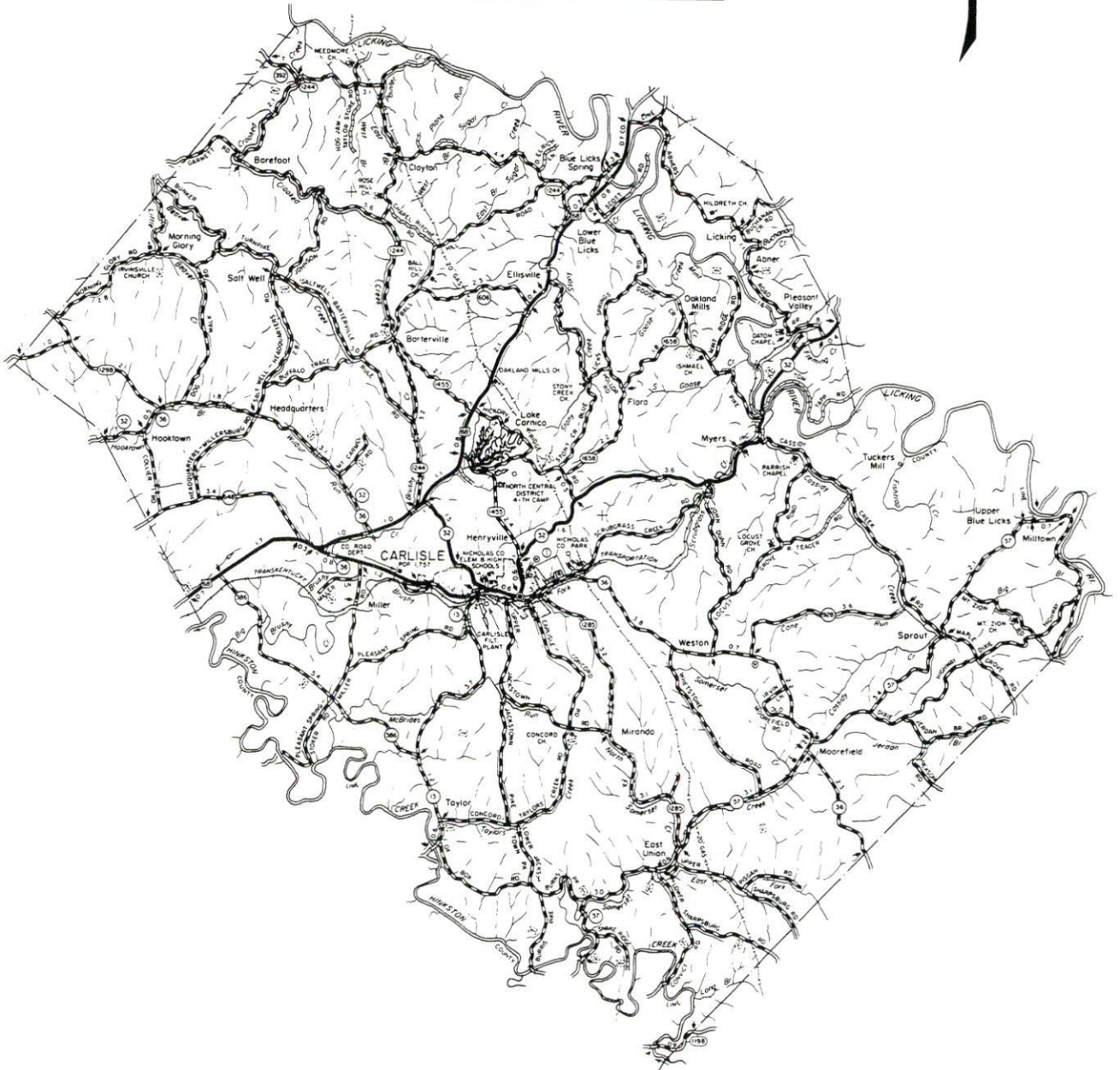
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP NICHOLAS COUNTY KENTUCKY

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



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CARLISLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Carlisle, the county seat of Nicholas County, is located in the Outer Blue Grass Region of central Kentucky. Carlisle is located 36 miles northeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 90 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; 106 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky; and 201 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee. Carlisle had an estimated 1994 population of 1,621.

Nicholas County, with a rolling to hilly terrain, covers a land area of 196 square miles. Nicholas County had an estimated 1994 population of 6,930.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Nicholas County residents employed in 1996 averaged 3,040. In 1995, manufacturing firms in the county reported 722 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 186 jobs; 256 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 289 employees; and contract construction firms provided 26 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 5,281 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1998 through 2002, 6,258 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - U.S. 68, a AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, accessible three miles north of Carlisle, is the principal highway serving Carlisle and Nicholas County. In addition, Carlisle is served directly by Kentucky Highways 13, 32, and 36. Interchanges with Interstate 64 and 75 are located 32 miles southwest of Carlisle. Nineteen common carrier trucking firms provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Carlisle. T.T.I. Systems, Inc. provides main line rail service to Carlisle. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is provided by Blue Grass Airport, four miles west of Lexington, 40 miles southwest of Carlisle. The Cynthiana-Harrison County Airport, two miles south of Cynthiana and 19 miles northwest of Carlisle, maintains a 3,200-foot paved runway designed to accommodate small aircraft.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Carlisle and parts of Nicholas County. The Harrison Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and the Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation also provide electric power to Nicholas County. The City of Carlisle Gas System provides natural gas service to Carlisle.

Education - The Nicholas County School System provides primary and secondary public education to Nicholas County. Ten institutions of higher learning are located within 60 miles of Carlisle. Vocational-technical training is provided by the Central Kentucky Regional Technology Center in Lexington, Kentucky, 36 miles southwest of Carlisle; and by the Harrison County Area Technology Center in Cynthiana, Kentucky, 19 miles northwest of Carlisle.

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LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Carlisle Labor Market Area includes Nicholas County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bath, Bourbon, Fleming, Harrison, Montgomery, and Robertson.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	88,461	85,878	86,392	77,270
Carlisle	1,621	1,639	1,757	1,579
Nicholas County	6,930	6,725	7,157	6,508

*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	93,313	98,862	103,016
Nicholas County	7,220	7,548	7,747

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*	5,281	2,572	2,709	6,258
Nicholas County	464	290	174	501

* 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.

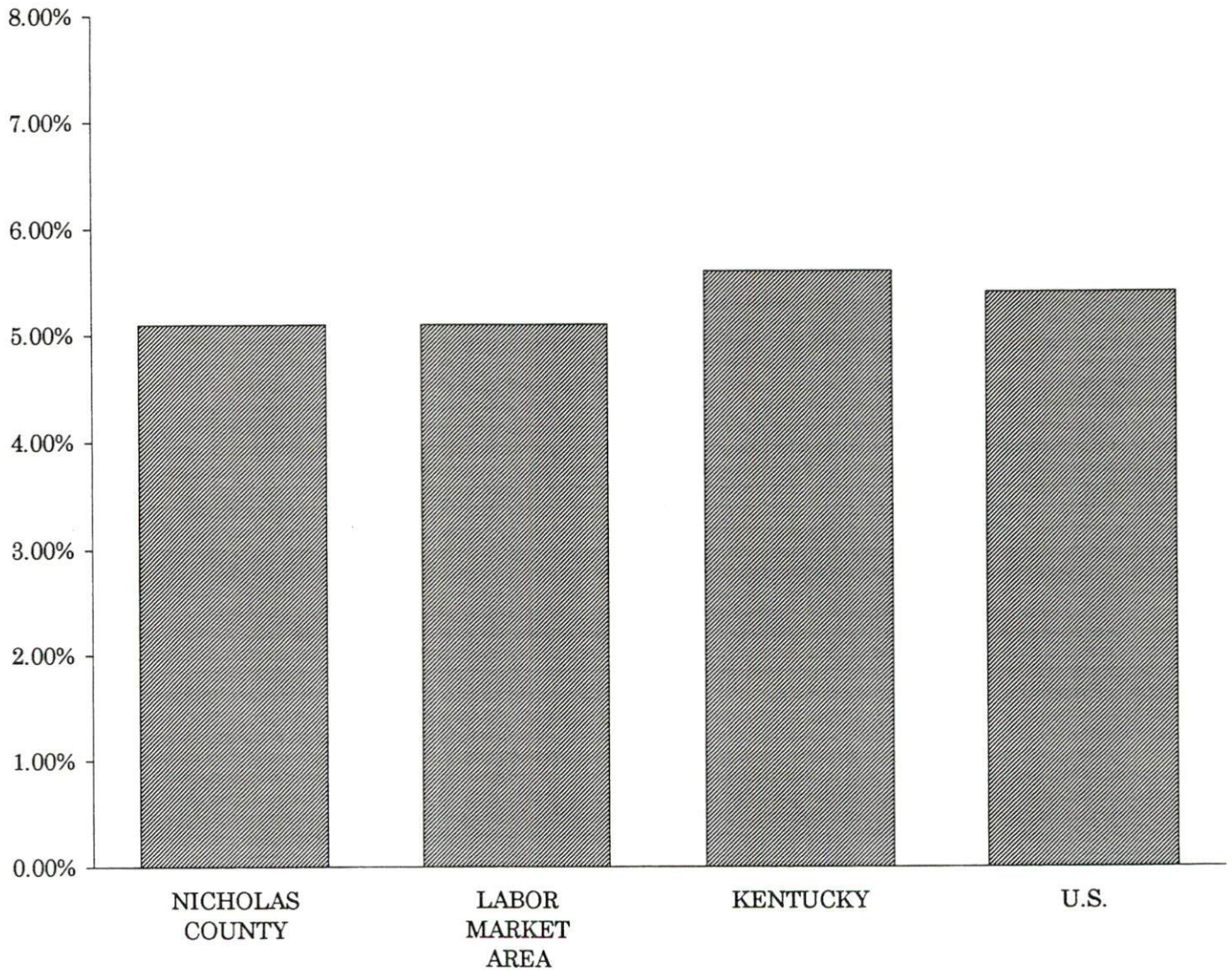
Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1995. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1998 thru 2002.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1996

	<u>Nicholas County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,204	43,530
Employment	3,040	41,313
Unemployment	164	2,217
Rate of Unemployment (%)	5.1	5.1

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1996.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1996



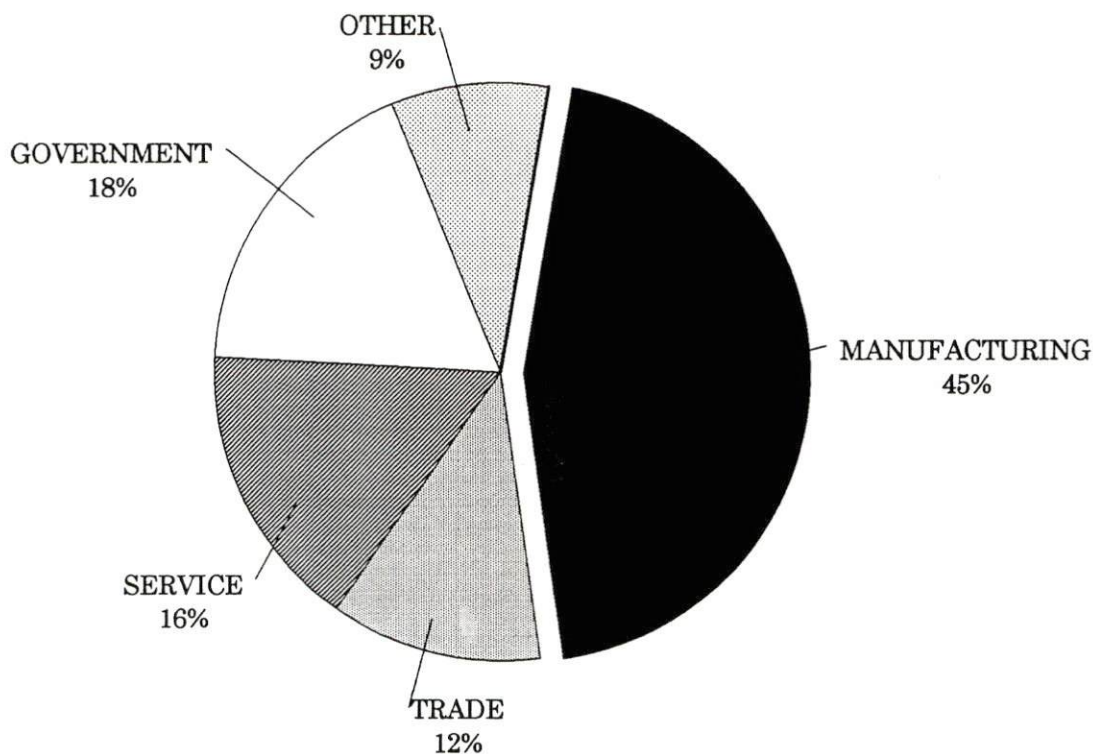
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1995

	<u>Nicholas County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	1,606	24,819
Manufacturing	722	7,225
Wholesale & Retail Trade	186	5,994
Services	256	3,923
State/Local Government	289	4,220
Contract Construction	26	1,085

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.

NICHOLAS COUNTY

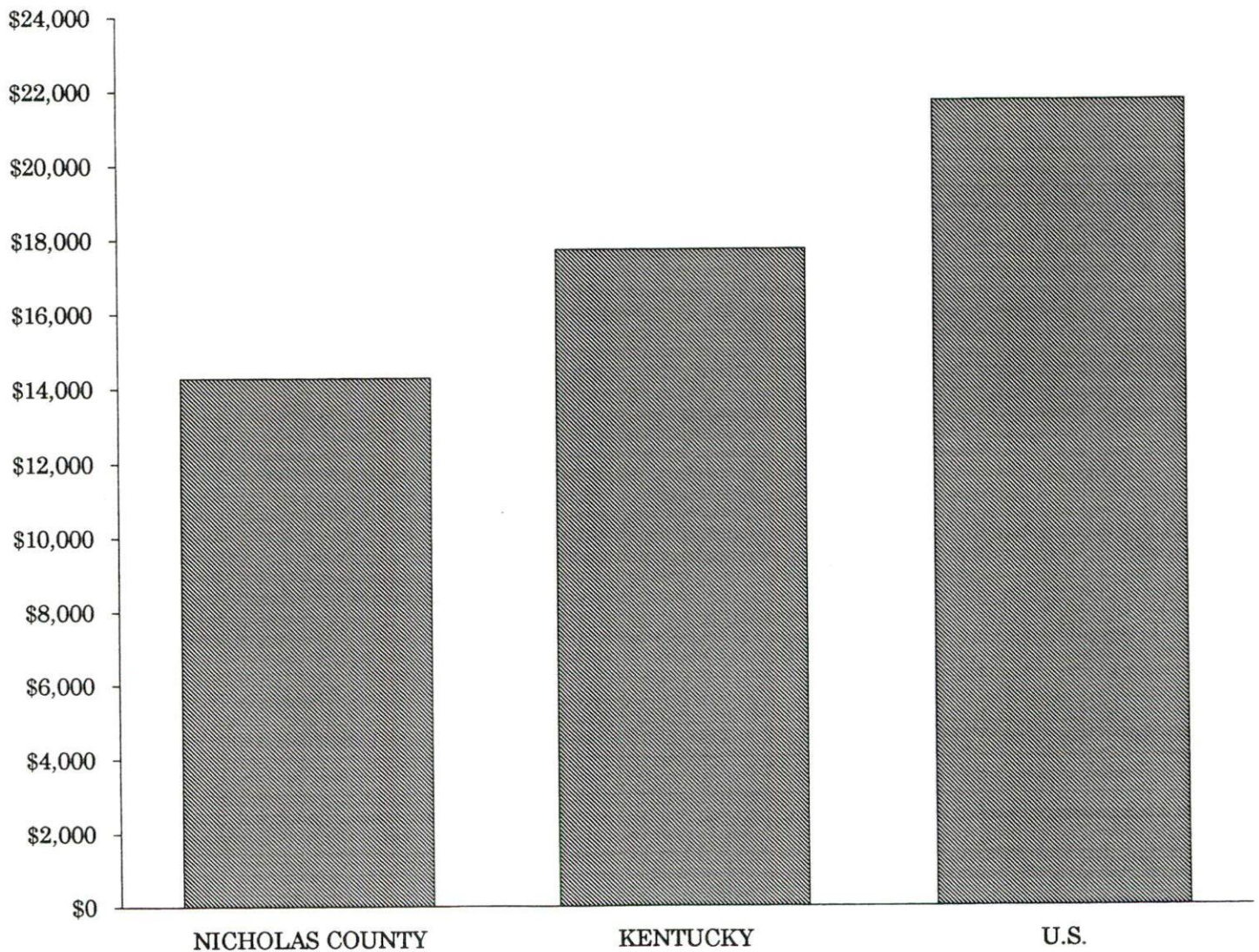


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nicholas County	\$12,366	\$14,279	15.5
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,824 - \$14,675	\$13,225 - \$17,586	-
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

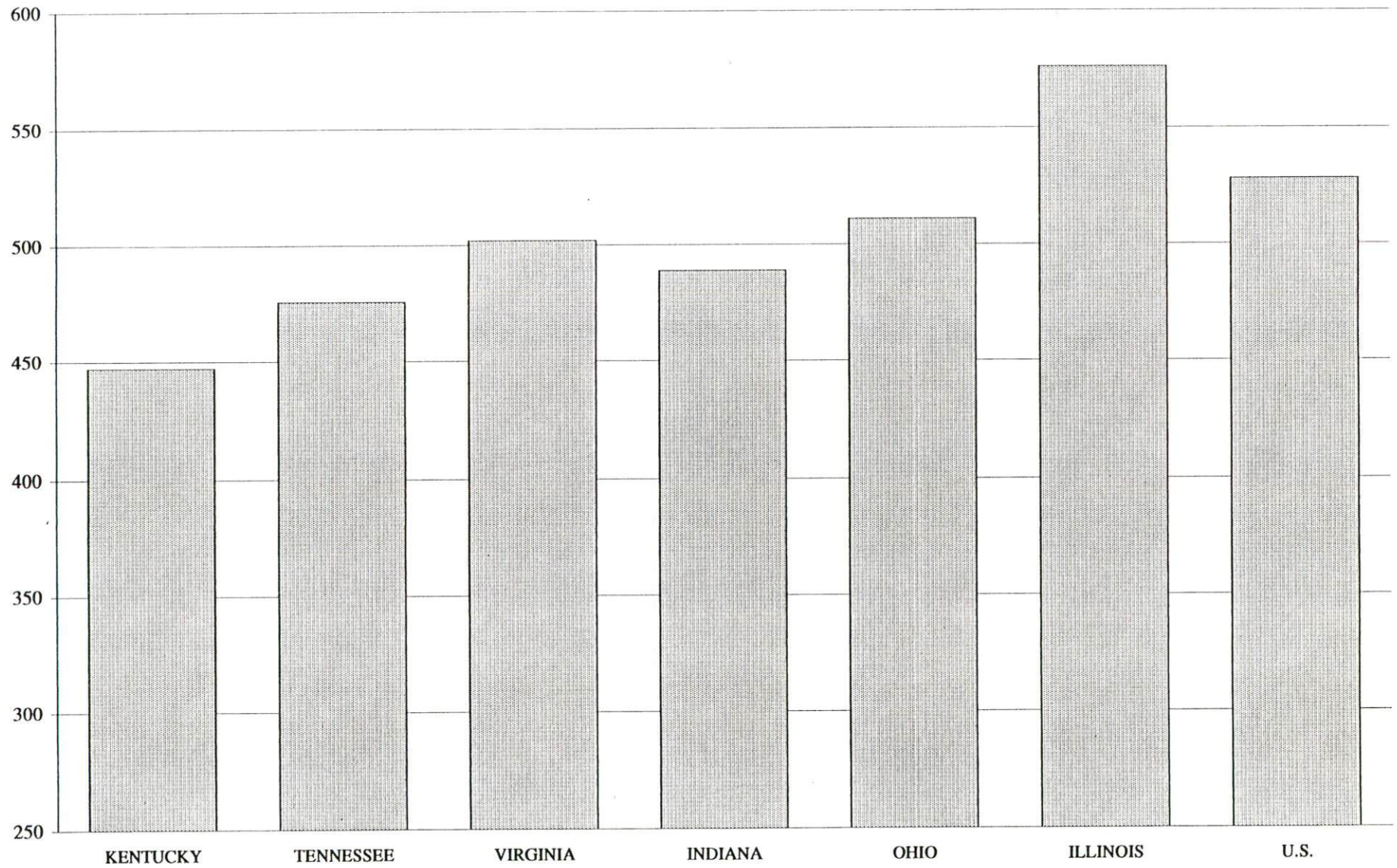
Nicholas County is served by the Georgetown local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Georgetown local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1996, the local employment office filled 3,048 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	3,048	7.41
Clerical	60	6.26
Sales	6	4.54
Services (excluding domestic)	1,359	6.96
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	28	5.85
Processing	46	6.90
Machine Trades	261	7.65
Bench Work	889	6.81
Structural	183	12.25
Motor Freight/ Transportation	108	11.12
Packaging and Materials Handling	91	7.05
Other	1	8.00

The Georgetown local office also serves Bourbon, Harrison, and Scott Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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*

	<u>Nicholas County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$340.02	\$447.03	\$476.00	\$502.00
Mining & Quarrying	0.00	739.22	671.00	736.00
Contract Construction	356.67	466.73	505.00	497.00
Manufacturing	340.30	577.94	559.00	589.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	467.13	586.90	612.00	679.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	215.12	308.87	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	300.76	546.83	614.00	643.00
Services	375.20	404.99	459.00	524.00
State/Local Government	398.83	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

CARLISLE MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1996</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
The Carlisle Mercury, Inc. (1867)	Newspaper, commercial printing	5
Jockey International, Inc. (1948)	Ladies' cotton underwear, men's knit underwear	500
Jockey International, Inc. (1966)	Knitted fabric, underwear	180
Kentucky Textiles, Inc., Magic Image Department (1988)	Screen-printed apparel, embroidery	20
Lee-Lynn Machining, Inc. (1992)	CNC machining, precision parts	8
Nicholas County Concrete (1991)	Ready-mixed concrete	12

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are no labor unions representing workers in Carlisle manufacturing firms at the present time.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Carlisle</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Flemingsburg, Kentucky	21
Electric Motor Repair	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky	24
Heat Treating Facilities	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
	Lexington, Kentucky	36
Industrial Waste Removal	Flemingsburg, Kentucky	21
	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky	24
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Paris, Kentucky	17
	Cynthiana, Kentucky	19
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	19
Metal Finishers	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
	Lexington, Kentucky	36
Metal Service Centers	Lexington, Kentucky	36
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	36

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

U.S. 68, a AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway accessible 3 miles north of Carlisle, is the main thoroughfare in Nicholas County. In addition, Carlisle is served directly by Kentucky Highways 13, 32, and 36. Interchanges with Interstate 64 and Interstate 75 are located 32 miles southwest of Carlisle via U.S. 68.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM CARLISLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	391	Los Angeles, CA	2,197
Baltimore, MD	523	Louisville, KY	106
Birmingham, AL	431	Nashville, TN	244
Chicago, IL	375	New Orleans, LA	766
Cincinnati, OH	90	New York, NY	706
Cleveland, OH	337	Pittsburgh, PA	335
Detroit, MI	350	St. Louis, MO	367
Knoxville, TN	201		

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

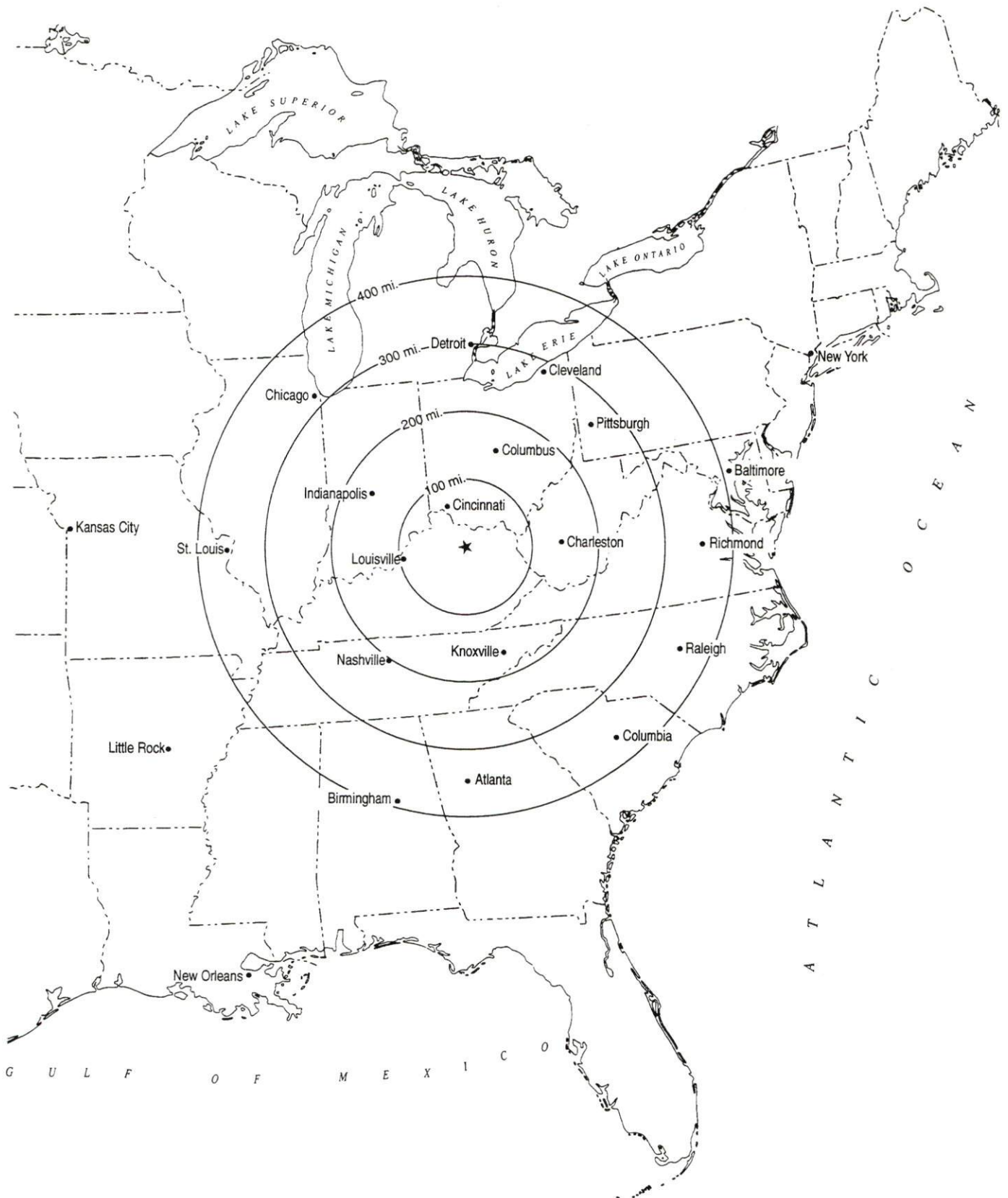
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1993. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Nineteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Carlisle.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1997.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

T.T.I. Systems, Inc. provides main line rail service to Carlisle. Norfolk Southern Corporation provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Georgetown, Kentucky, 35 miles southwest of Carlisle.

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

President
T.T.I. Systems, Inc.
105 Winchester Street
Paris, Kentucky 40631
(606) 987-1589

Air

Nearest Small Craft Airport

Location:	Cynthiana-Harrison County Airport 2 miles south of Cynthiana 19 miles northwest of Carlisle
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	3,200 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock and lighted wind tee
Lighting:	Runway lights-sundown to sunrise, VASI, REIL, RTGBCN
Services:	80 and 100LL fuel; major A & P repairs; hangar, tie-down; taxi; A and I service

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Blue Grass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 40 miles southwest of Carlisle
Air Service:	ASA, Comair, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest Airlink, TWA Express, United Express, US Airways
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	192

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Carlisle, and the central and southeastern portions of Nicholas 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 **the northeastern portion of Nicholas County - Fleming-Mason Rural**

Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Fleming-Mason Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
Elizaville Road
P.O. Drawer 328
Flemingsburg, Kentucky 41041
(606) 845-2661 Fax (606) 845-1008

Company serving **the northwestern and southern portions of Nicholas County - Harrison Rural**

Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Harrison Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
Oddville Avenue
P.O. Box 130
Cynthiana, Kentucky 41031
(606) 234-3131 or (800) 842-7481

Natural Gas

Company serving **Carlisle** - City of Carlisle Gas System
Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Company
For rates and supplies contact:

City of Carlisle Gas System
107 East Chestnut Street
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311
(606) 289-3700

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Carlisle** - City of Carlisle
107 East Chestnut Street
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311
(606) 289-3715 Fax (606) 289-7704

Source - Licking River and two reservoir lakes
Treatment plant capacity - 1,300,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 733,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,014,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 958,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 85 psi

The City of Carlisle has invested approximately \$922,000 in improvements and expansions to the water system over the past two years. Construction of a 500,000 gallon water storage tank is underway. Completion is expected by July, 1997 at a cost of \$510,000.

Sewerage

Company serving **Carlisle** - City of Carlisle
107 East Chestnut Street
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311
(606) 289-3713

Design capacity - 350,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 190,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Brushy Fork Creek

The City of Carlisle has completed a \$1.1 million upgrade of the sewer plant. Rehabilitation of the sewerage system is underway. Completion is scheduled for 1998 at a cost of \$17,519.

CLIMATE

Nicholas County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1995	54.90 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (51-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (51-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record)	4,783
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	44.55 inches
Mean annual snowfall (50-year record)	15.80 inches
Total precipitation 1995	50.08 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (51-year record)	129.60
Mean number days thunderstorms (51-year record)	44.40

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (31-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent (31-year record)
7 a.m.	82 percent (32-year record)
1 p.m.	60 percent (32-year record)
7 p.m.	64 percent (32-year record)

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Carlisle is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Nicholas County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Carlisle Independent Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within the city limits and three miles beyond corporate 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 Carlisle levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of persons employed within the city and on the net profits of businesses. A 5.0 percent insurance premium tax is also levied.

Nicholas County levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on the net profits of businesses within the county.

PROPERTY TAXES

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

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

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

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1996 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation 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 & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Nicholas County	\$0.3019	\$0.3561	\$0.3477
School District:			
Nicholas County	0.3750	0.3750	0.5550
City:			
Carlisle	0.1950	0.1950	0.1700

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Nicholas County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1996)	1,231
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	16.5-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	40.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,634.13

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Carlisle)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1996)</u>
Georgetown College	Georgetown, Kentucky (35)	1,514
Lexington Community College	Lexington, Kentucky (36)	5,500
Transylvania University	Lexington, Kentucky (36)	979
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky (36)	24,061
Maysville Community College	Maysville, Kentucky (36)	1,372
Midway College	Midway, Kentucky (44)	1,021
Morehead State University	Morehead, Kentucky (44)	8,354
Kentucky State University	Frankfort, Kentucky (53)	2,356
Asbury College	Wilmore, Kentucky (54)	1,131
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (57)	15,161

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 Carlisle)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1995-1996</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Central Kentucky Regional Technology Center	Lexington (36)	26	<u>Sec</u> 0	<u>P/S</u> 909	350
Harrison County Area Technology Center	Cynthiana (19)	8	567	7	100

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 located at the Central Kentucky Regional Technology Center.

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 at the Central Kentucky Regional Technology Center.

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 equivalence diploma. In Carlisle, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Nicholas County Board of Education.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC), 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. Programs range from entry level for new workers to advanced training for experienced employees.

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

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5
Dentists - 3

Hospital

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Nicholas County Hospital	Carlisle	18

Medical staff - 5 active physicians, 17 consulting physicians, 12 licensed practical nurses, 15 registered nurses

The Nicholas County Hospital and Johnson Mathers Nursing Home plan the addition of 55 long-term beds by May, 1998. Adult day care services will be offered by July, 1997.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Johnson Mathers Nursing Home (a 64-bed facility)
Nicholas County Ambulance Service
Nicholas County Comprehensive Care Center
Nicholas County Health Department
Nicholas County Home Health Services
University of Kentucky Medical Center (helicopter ambulance service)
WEDCO, Inc.

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Deposit Bank
First National Bank

Newspapers

Carlisle Mercury (weekly)
Nicholas Countian (weekly)

Telephone Service

BellSouth
"911" emergency communication system

RECREATION

Local

Recreational facilities in Carlisle include three parks. The East End Recreational Park includes a ball field, a tennis court, two basketball courts, a playground, and a horse show ring. The Community Action Park offers a playground, a picnic area, and a shelter house. The West End Recreational Park includes a horse show ring, truck and tractor pulling track, two ball fields, playground equipment, a clubhouse, and a picnic area.

Lake Carnico, which includes a 150-acre lake, a nine-hole golf course, a camping area, boat docks, park and boating and fishing facilities, is located three miles north of Carlisle.

Special events in Carlisle include the annual Blackberry Festival, Carlisle Court Day, Lions Club Horse Show, the Central Kentucky Fox Hunt, Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce Annual Truck and Tractor Pull, and the Lyons Club Christmas Parade.

Nicholas County features several points of historical interest. Among these are Boones Cabin, a restored log cabin which was Daniel Boone's last Kentucky home; Forest Retreat, home of Thomas Metcalfe, Kentucky's 10th governor; and the Old Louisville and Nashville Railroad Depot Museum. A 1700's era jail on Main Street in Carlisle has been restored and is open to the public.

Clay Farm Wildlife Management Area provides many recreational opportunities to Nicholas County. The 4,900-acre nature area offers primitive camping, a fishing lake, a boat ramp at the Licking River, and horseback riding. The Central Kentucky Fox Hunt organization often holds fox hunts at the wildlife area.

Blue Licks Battlefield State Park is located near Mt. Olivet, Kentucky, 13 miles northeast of Carlisle. The 100-acre park is on the site of the last Revolutionary War battle in Kentucky. A museum features Indian and pioneer artifacts, an audiovisual program, and prehistoric bones from animals trapped at Blue Licks. Facilities include two cottages, 51 campsites, a gift shop, picnic shelters and grills, miniature golf, a snack bar, an Olympic-size swimming pool, and a multi-purpose center. Fishing is available at the Licking River, which runs through the park.

Area (Within 60 miles)

Daniel Boone National Forest
Fort Boonesborough State Park
Keeneland Race Course
Kentucky Horse Park
Kincaid Lake State Park
Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Waveland State Historic Site
White Hall State Historic Site