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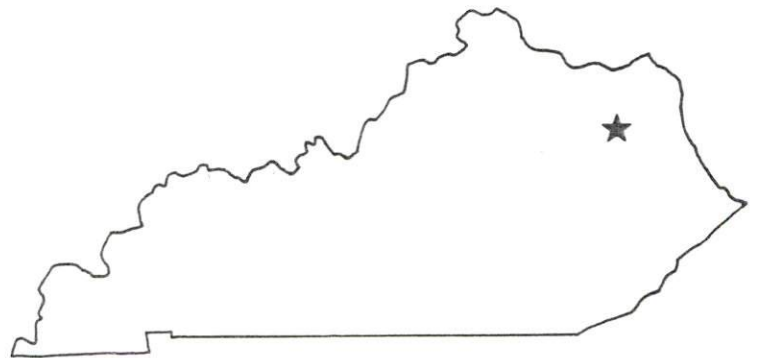
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MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY

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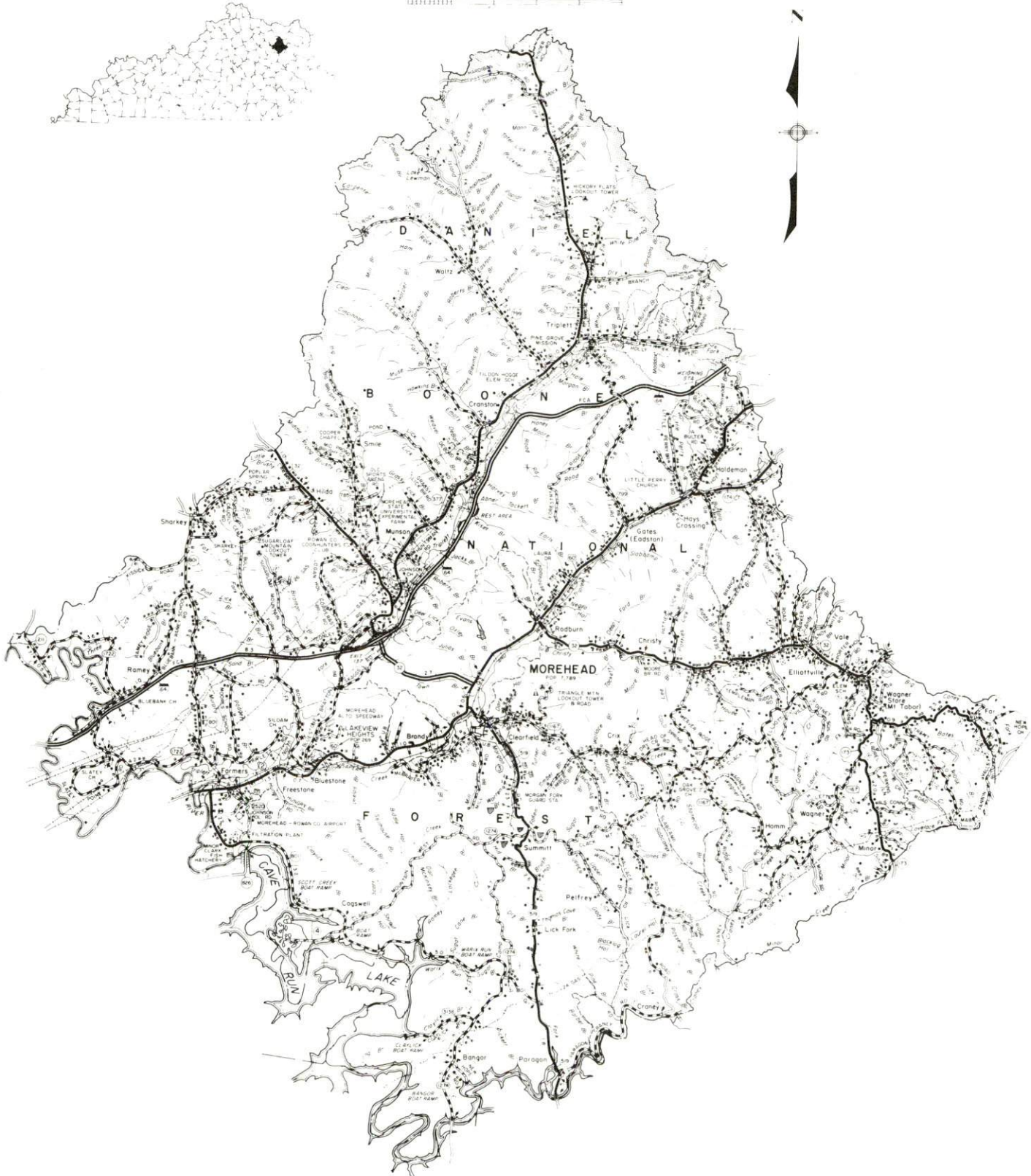
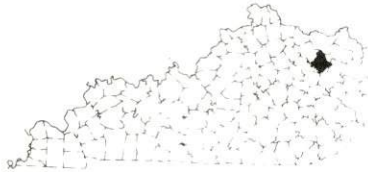
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**ROWAN COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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## MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Morehead is the county seat of Rowan County and the home of Morehead State University. Morehead, with a 1990 population of 8,357, is located 65 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky; 65 miles west of Huntington, West Virginia; 139 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky; and 96 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rowan County covers a land area of 280 square miles and is located along the western edge of the Eastern Coal Field in northeastern Kentucky. In 1990, Rowan County had a population of 20,353.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Rowan County residents employed in 1992 averaged 7,919. In 1991, manufacturing firms in the county reported 820 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,833 jobs; 1,416 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 2,266 employees; and contract construction firms provided 297 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 12,462 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1993 through 1997, 7,883 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Morehead is served by Interstate 64, U.S. 60 and Kentucky 32, which are each "AAA"-rated trucking highways. Fourteen trucking companies serve Morehead with interstate and/or intrastate service. The nearest rail service is provided by the CSX Transportation Company at Winchester, 46 miles southwest. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Bluegrass Airport, five miles west of Lexington, 69 miles west of Morehead; and Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field), three miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia, 60 miles east of Morehead. The Morehead-Rowan County Airport, five and a half miles southwest of Morehead, has a 2,600-foot paved runway.

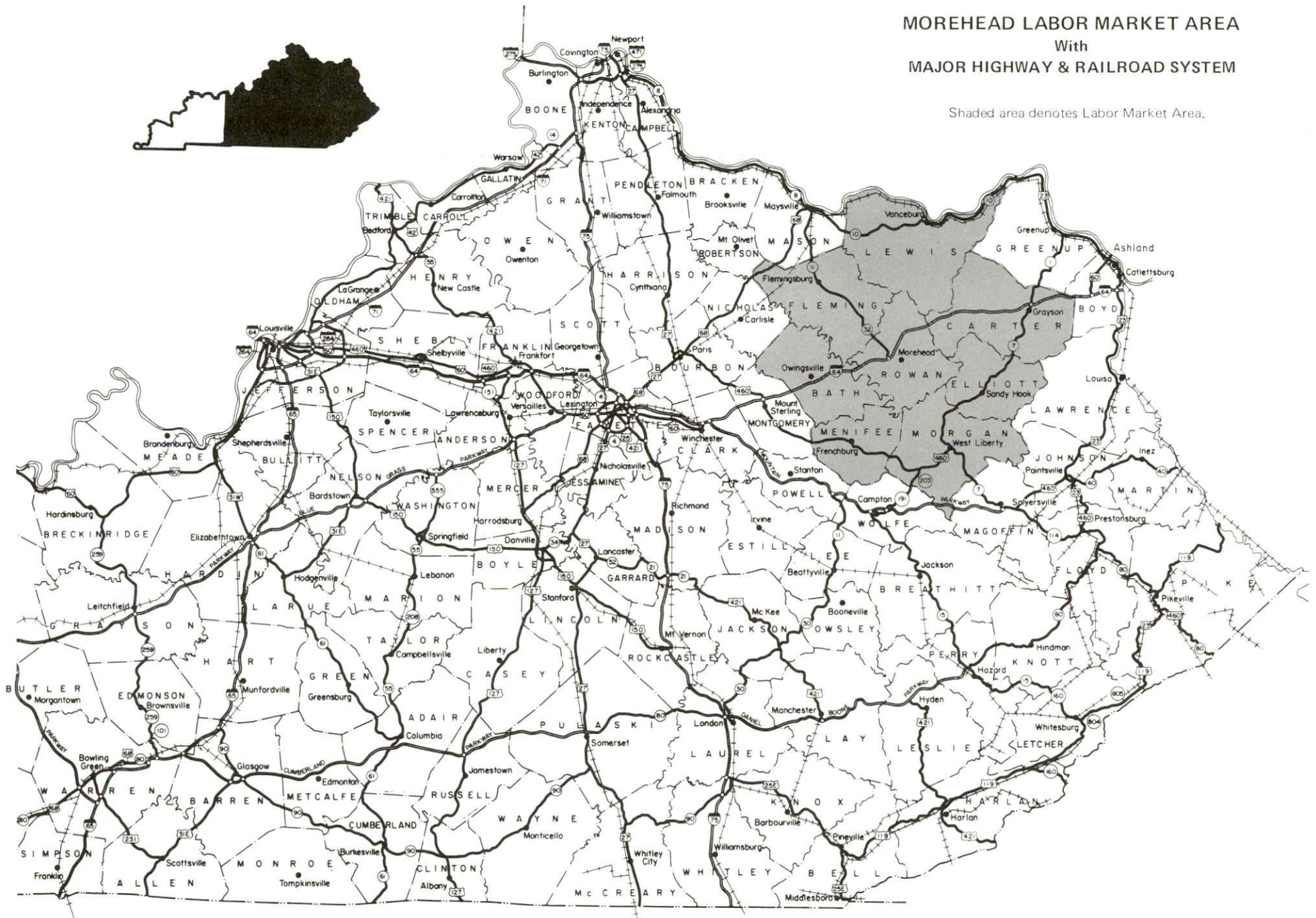
**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Morehead and parts of Rowan County by the Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Rowan County is also served by the Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Clark Rural Electric Cooperative, Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, and the Kentucky Power Company. Natural gas is provided to Morehead by the Morehead Utility Plant Board, which is supplied by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company. Delta Natural Gas Company also provides natural gas to Rowan County.

**Education** - Primary and secondary education is provided to Morehead by the Rowan County School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Higher Education is provided by Morehead State University in Morehead. Vocational training is available at the Rowan State Vocational-Technical School, also located in Morehead.



# MOREHEAD LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAY & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Morehead Labor Market Area includes Rowan County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bath, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Lewis, Menifee, and Morgan.

	POPULATION		
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	102,901	105,130	89,818
Morehead	8,357	7,789	7,191
Rowan County	20,353	19,049	17,010

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, January 1991.

	POPULATION PROJECTIONS			
	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	103,845	104,419	104,659	104,112
Rowan County	20,994	21,542	22,098	22,366

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

	ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY			
	Current		Not in Labor Force	Future
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1993 thru 1997</u>
Labor Market Area*	12,462	5,210	7,252	7,883
Rowan County	975	659	316	1,207

\* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

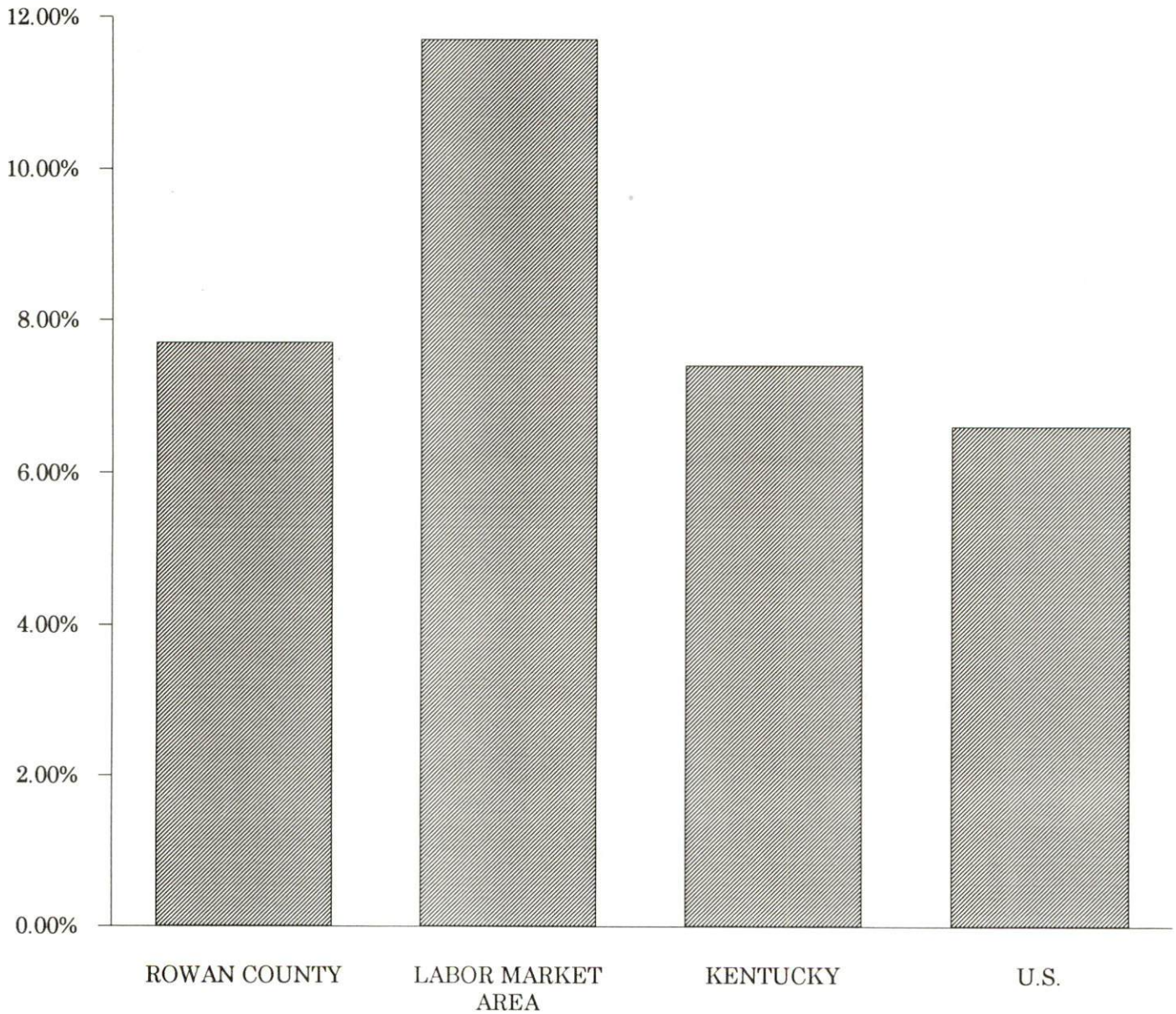
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1993 thru 1997.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1992

	Rowan County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	8,578	44,350
Employment	7,919	39,140
Unemployment	659	5,210
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.7	11.7

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1992.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1992



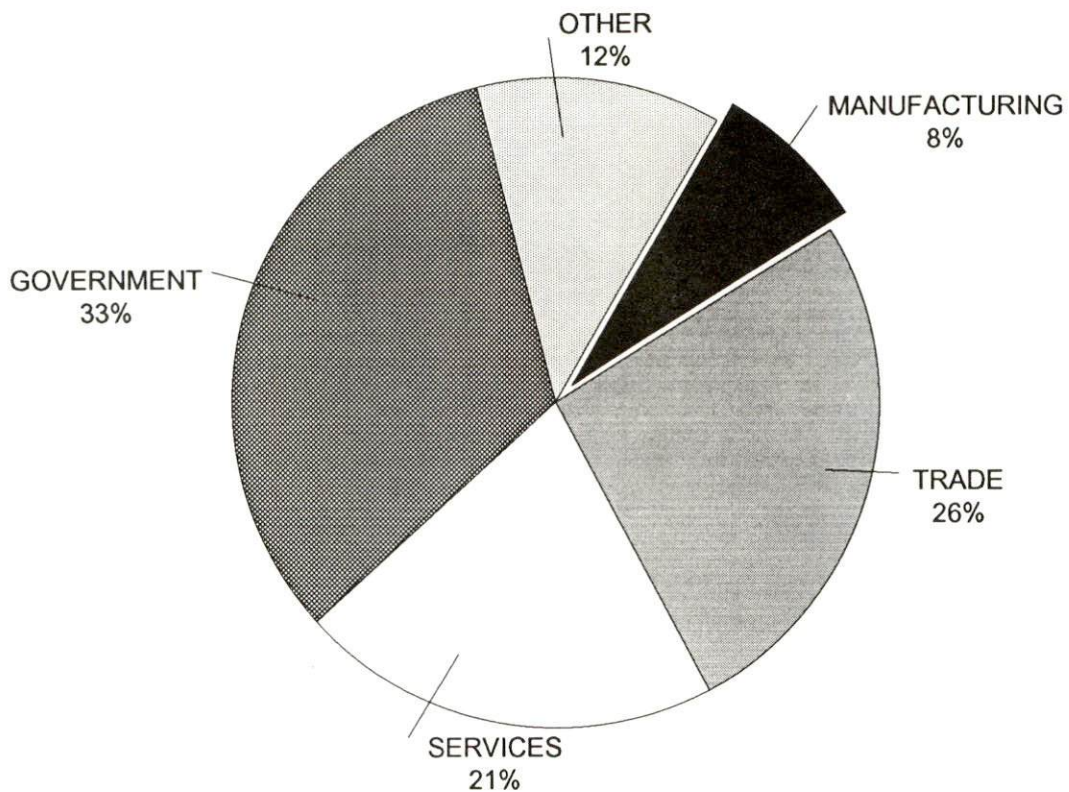


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991

	<u>Rowan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	7,012	21,737
Manufacturing	820	4,621
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,833	4,954
Services	1,416	3,057
State/Local Government	2,266	6,333
Contract Construction	297	915

**Note:** Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.  
**Source:** Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1991.

ROWAN COUNTY



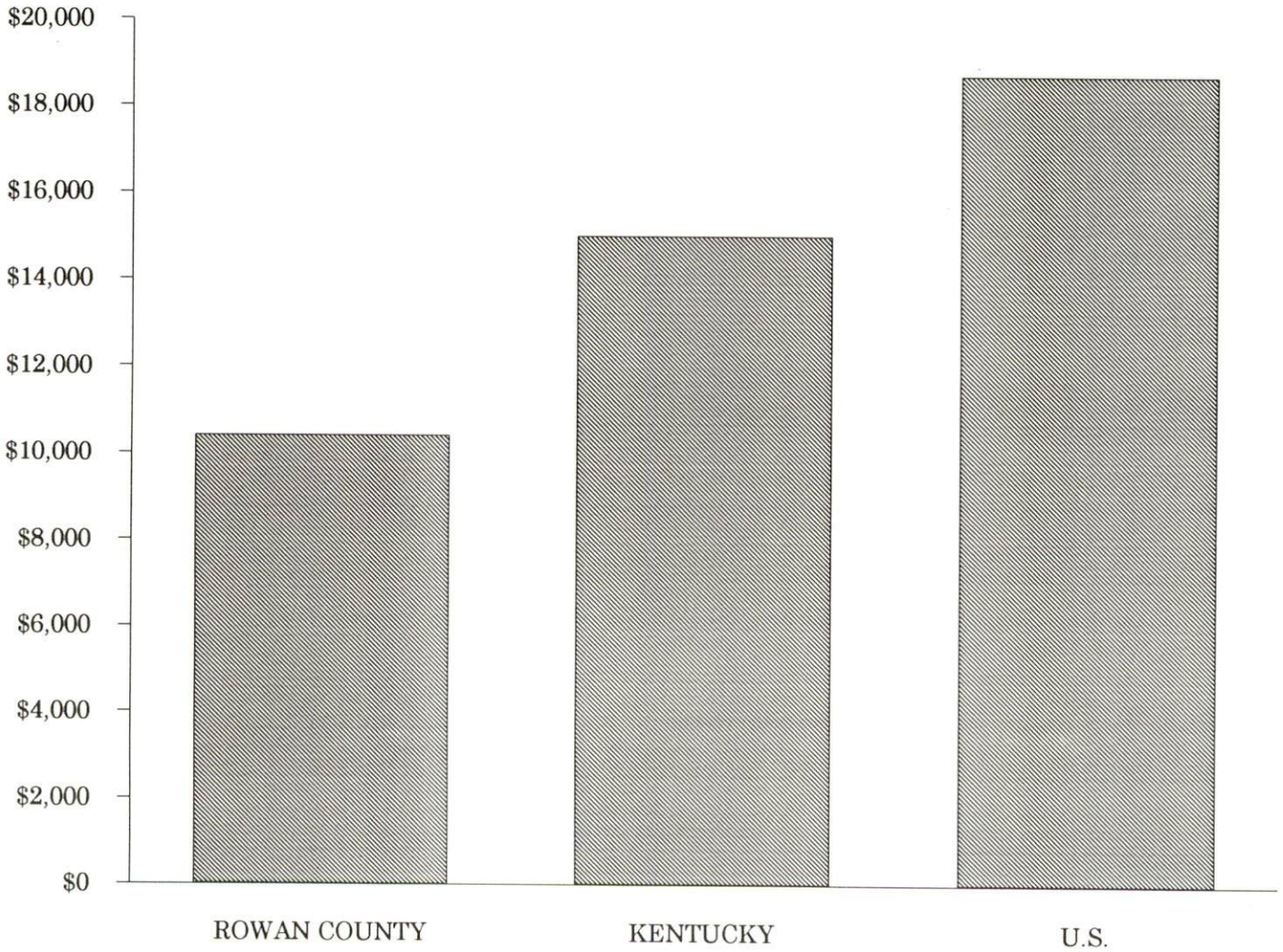


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Rowan County	\$8,080	\$10,397	28.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$6,065 - \$8,487	\$7,880 - \$11,511	-
Kentucky	\$11,273	\$14,992	33.0
U.S.	\$14,654	\$18,696	27.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1992.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1990



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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Rowan County is served by the Morehead local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. 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 which ended on June 30, 1993, the local employment office filled 1,779 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	1,779	4.51
Clerical	448	4.35
Sales	107	4.29
Services (excluding domestic)	320	4.32
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	8	10.69
Processing	1	5.00
Machine Trades	57	4.47
Bench Work	442	4.36
Structural	92	5.85
Motor Freight/ Transportation	37	4.73
Packaging and Materials Handling	226	4.67
Other	5	4.70

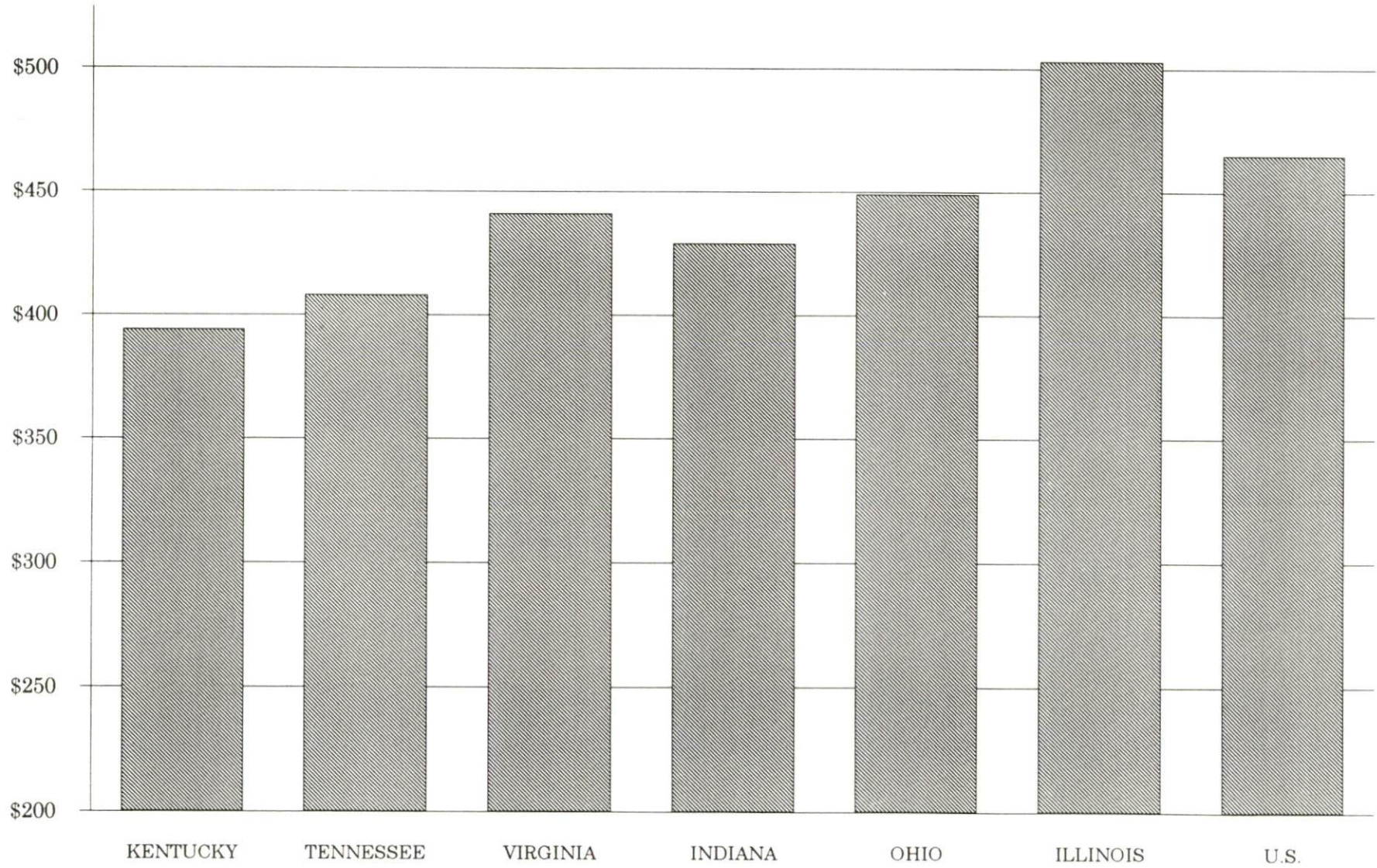
The Morehead local office also serves Bath, Menifee, Montgomery and Morgan Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1991





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1991\*

	Rowan County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$327.62	\$394.46	\$408.00	\$441.00
Mining & Quarrying	N/A	661.68	528.00	655.00
Contract Construction	368.41	410.33	436.00	452.00
Manufacturing	317.59	505.56	477.00	509.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	458.17	528.78	541.00	605.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	182.82	268.42	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	357.99	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	349.76	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	415.52	413.84	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	U. S.
All Industries	\$429.00	\$449.00	\$503.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	708.00	609.00	758.00	747.00
Contract Construction	499.00	510.00	635.00	514.00
Manufacturing	583.00	613.00	609.00	579.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	531.00	567.00	632.00	599.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	458.00	498.00	650.00	596.00
Services	368.00	398.00	462.00	443.00
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.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1991. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1991, January 1993.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### MOREHEAD MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>1992</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Acorn Industries, Diamond Forest Resources, Inc. (1985)	Wooden pallets, hardwood dimension stock	38
Big Yank, Inc. (1953)	Ladies & girls' jeans, men's & boys' jeans	162
Carter Dry Kiln, Inc. (1988)	Kiln dried lumber, white oak, poplar, red oak	12
Cox Monument Company (1974)	Granite cemetery memorials	4
Daniel Boone Lumber Industries, Inc. (1983)	Wood pallets	18
E.K. Concrete Products (1971)	Concrete burial vaults, precast concrete products, concrete septic tanks and manholes	2
Fannin Industries, Inc. (1965)	Kiln dried green lumber pallets, bark, chips, dust	50
Homer Gregory Company, Inc. (1944)	Dimension stock, rough and kiln dried lumber, pallets	49
Ken-Mor Stone Company, Inc. (1964)	Crushed limestone	108
Kentucky Dry Kiln (1990)	Lumber, kiln dried and green	25
Morehead Driveshaft Service, Inc. (1985)	Driveshafts, drive train equipment	2
The Morehead News (1883)	Job printing, newspaper	28
Mor-Steel (1989)	Structural steel	3
Motor Sales & Service, Inc. (1981)	Machine shop	5
Ruth Paving/Big Sandy Ready Mix Company (1974)	Ready-mixed concrete, asphalt sealant	14
Ruth Paving Corporation (1982)	Ready mixed concrete	15
Sealmaster Bearings- Morse Industrial Corporation (1975)	Iron bushings, bearing units	296
J.C. Wells & Sons, Inc. (1953)	Fencing boards, hardwood lumber, pallets	50
Eugene White Lumber, Inc. (1947)	Millwork, lumber	21

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<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1992</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Harold White Lumber, Inc. (1968)	Kiln dried lumber, hardwoods floorings, mouldings	80
Ray L. White & Sons Lumber Company (1952)	Rough lumber, kiln dried and green lumber	25
Richard White Wood Products, Inc. (1976)	Veneer logs, lumber	6

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Morehead-Rowan County Economic Development Council, Inc.

### RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Harold White Lumber, Inc. recently purchased an additional bank resaw machine which improves the yield and grade lumber recovery. Also a 50,000 square-foot facility was constructed that houses the moulding operation which produces hardwood moulding, flooring and trim.

Fannin Industries has installed sawdust fired kilns with 100,000 board-feet of capacity and an air drying yard and grading station to compliment an existing sawmill operation.

Richard White Wood Products, Inc. installed a lumber steamer in the summer of 1993 to increase the value of walnut lumber leaving the yard by providing an even color.

Kentucky Lumber & Dry Kiln installed a small sawmill in the spring of 1993 to produce lumber for the existing kiln drying operation.

Acorn Industries, Inc. has expanded facilities to include pallet remanufacturing to utilize old pallets by repairing and using parts to decrease the waste into local landfills.

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	Big Yank, Inc.
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	Ken-Mor Stone Company, Inc.



SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Morehead</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Flemingsburg, Kentucky	27
Electric Motor Repair	Morehead, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	65
Industrial Waste Removal	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky	20
	Flemingsburg, Kentucky	27
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Morehead, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	63
Metal Finishers	Lexington, Kentucky	65
Metal Service Centers	Morehead, Kentucky	-
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	65

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Morehead is served by Interstate 64 and U.S. 60, which are both "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Interstate 64 provides easy access to Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor, 59 miles west. In addition, Kentucky 32, Kentucky 377, Kentucky 519, and Kentucky 801 serve Rowan County.

There are several major highway projects under construction in Rowan County. Phase I of the Morehead bypass project is completed. Phase II will start the summer of 1993, followed by Phase III sometime afterward. The interchange from I-64 and Kentucky Highway 801 now under construction is scheduled for completion the summer of 1993. This interchange will now allow traffic to travel directly from I-64 to Cave Run Lake. There has been an upgrade of Kentucky Highway 801 from I-64 to U.S. 60 for realignment and improvement of roadway.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	406	Los Angeles, CA	2,224
Baltimore, MD	472	Louisville, KY	139
Birmingham, AL	441	Nashville, TN	275
Chicago, IL	381	New Orleans, LA	780
Cincinnati, OH	96	New York, NY	657
Cleveland, OH	286	Pittsburgh, PA	303
Detroit, MI	333	St. Louis, MO	397
Knoxville, TN	212		

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

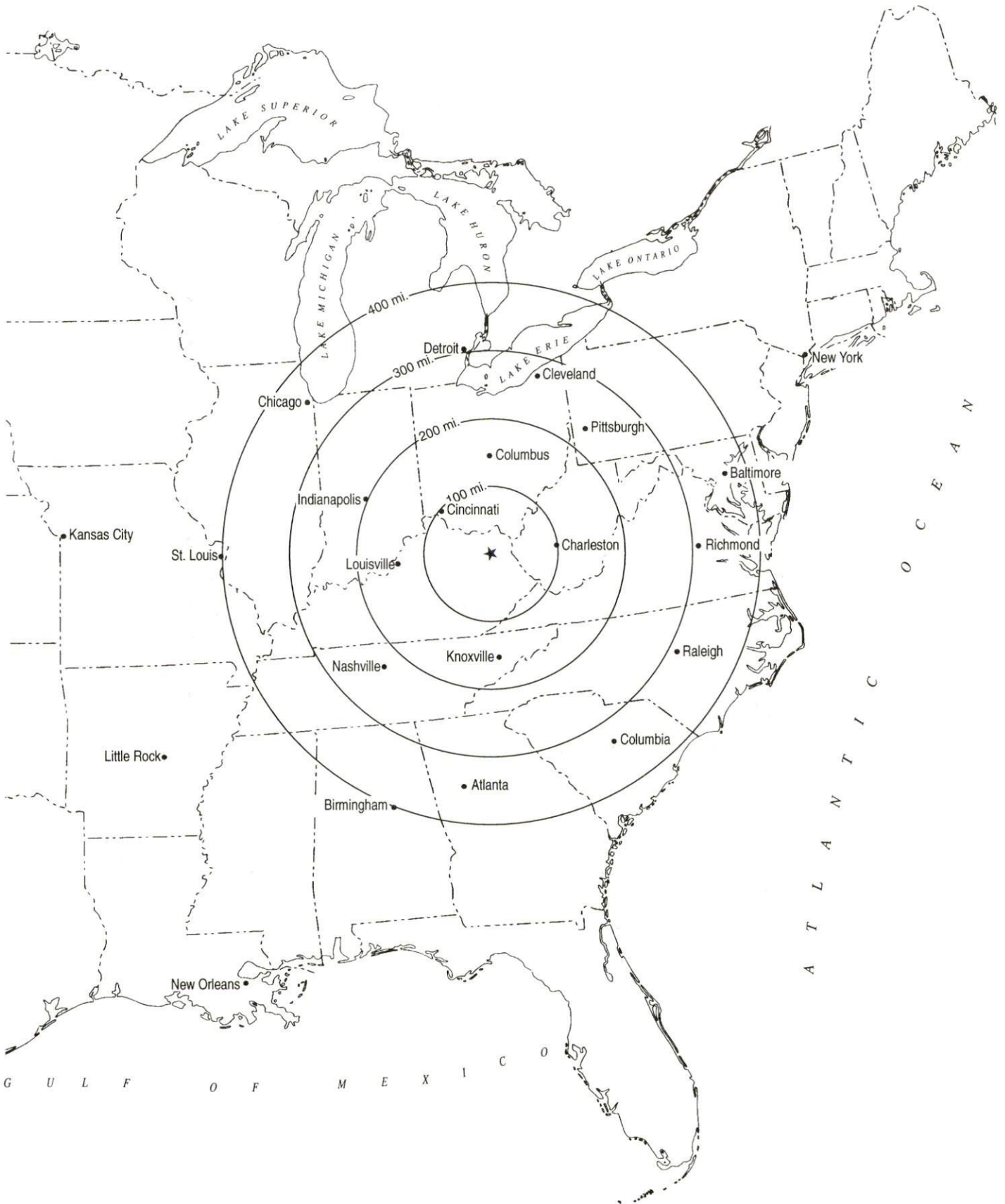
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

### Truck Service

Fourteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Morehead.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1993.

# Selected Market Centers





## Rail

The nearest rail service is provided by the CSX Transportation Company at Winchester, 46 miles southwest.

## Air

### Local

Location:	Morehead-Rowan County Airport
Runways:	5.5 miles southwest of Morehead
Length:	1 paved
Traffic	2,600 feet
Control:	Wind sock, unicom
Lighting:	Runway lights, rotating beacons, VASI, lighted wind sock
Services:	Flight instruction, ground school, aircraft charter, leasing and tie downs
Air Freight Service:	Charter air freight service must be arranged

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Bluegrass Airport
	4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;
	69 miles west of Morehead
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle, ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Northwest AirlinK
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120

Location:	Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field)
	3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia;
	60 miles east of Morehead
Air Service:	ComAir, USAir, C.C. Air, Northwest AirlinK
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	48

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving Morehead and central Rowan County - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving northern Rowan County - Kentucky Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company  
For industrial rates contact:

Marketing and Customer Service  
Department  
Kentucky Power Company  
1701 Central Avenue  
P.O. Box 1428  
Ashland, Kentucky 41101  
(606) 327-1244

Company serving southeastern portion of Rowan County - Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Company serving southwestern portion of Rowan County - Clark Rural Electric Cooperative

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Company serving northwestern portion of Rowan County - Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

For industrial rates contact:

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

### Natural Gas

Company serving Morehead - Morehead Utility Plant Board

Source of supply - Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company

For rates and supplies contact:

Morehead Utility Plant Board  
135 South Wilson Avenue  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351  
(606) 784-5538

Company serving portions of Rowan County - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Source of supply - Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company  
For rates and supplies contact:

VP-Public and Consumer Affairs  
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
3617 Lexington Road  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-6171

### Public Water Supply

Company serving Morehead - Morehead Utility Plant Board  
135 South Wilson Avenue  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351  
(606) 784-5538 Fax #(606) 783-1340

Source - Licking River  
Treatment plant capacity - 5,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 3,100,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 3,400,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 2,820,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 30 psi to 115 psi

Company serving Rowan and Fleming Counties - Rowan Water, Inc.  
110 Hargis Avenue  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351  
(606) 784-9811

Source of supply of treated water - Morehead Utility Plant Board  
Maximum amount that can be purchased - 1,300,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 936,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 1,302,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 950,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 35 psi to 180 psi

### Sewerage

Company serving Morehead - Morehead Utility Plant Board  
135 South Wilson Avenue  
Morehead, Kentucky 40351  
(606) 784-5538 Fax #(606) 783-1340

Design capacity - 2,500,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 1,900,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Licking River

A county-wide Sewer Board has recently been formed. It plans to extend sewerage service to subdivisions in the county currently without service. Construction is scheduled to start the fall of 1993.



## CLIMATE

### Rowan County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1991	57.30 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (47-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (47-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,814

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (47-year record)	15.70 inches
Total precipitation 1991	41.80 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (47-year record)	129.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (47-year record)	44.90

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

#### Relative Humidity (28-year record, except 1 a.m. - 27-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1991. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Morehead is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor serves a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Rowan County is served by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

### Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Morehead-Rowan County-Lakeview Heights Joint Planning Commission

Participating cities - Morehead and Lakeview Heights

Zoning enforced - Within the city limits of Morehead and Lakeview Heights

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within the city limits of Morehead and Lakeview Heights

Local codes enforced - Building within the city of Morehead and Lakeview Heights

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

Morehead levies an occupational license fee of one percent of all salaries, wages, commissions, and other compensation earned within the city, and one percent of the net profits of businesses for activity conducted in the city during the preceding year.

Rowan County levies an occupational license fee of one percent of all salaries, wages, and net profits of businesses earned within the county. This fee does not apply to wages and net profits earned within the Morehead city limits.

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. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

**STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION**

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1992 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.184	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, 1992**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Rowan County	\$0.1330	\$0.1520	\$0.1530
School Districts:			
Rowan County	0.4670	0.4670	0.4900
Cities:			
Morehead	0.1800	0.2200	0.2220



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Rowan County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	3,161
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	16.2-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	59.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,816.92

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### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Morehead)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1992)</u>
Morehead State University	Morehead, Kentucky	9,169
Kentucky Christian College	Grayson, Kentucky (38)	548
Maysville Community College	Maysville, Kentucky (44)	1,325
Ashland Community College	Ashland, Kentucky (59)	3,276
Lexington Community College	Lexington, Kentucky (64)	4,862
Transylvania University	Lexington, Kentucky (64)	974
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky (64)	24,197
Ohio University (Ironton Campus)	Ironton, Ohio (65)	2,358
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia (65)	13,093

## Morehead State University

Morehead State University became a state institution of higher education in 1922 and received University status in 1966. The University offers nearly 120 separate academic programs on the associate, baccalaureate and graduate levels. The University's academic structure consists of four colleges encompassing 21 departments. In addition to its main campus offerings, the University offers classes at regional sites including its three extended campus centers located in West Liberty, Prestonsburg and Ashland. The campus consists of 500 acres within the city limits of Morehead and a 320-acre agricultural complex north of the city. Morehead State University was one of the first colleges in Kentucky to offer courses in robotics engineering technology.

Morehead State University's Continuing Education Office acts as an outreach liaison between the region's community needs, interests and concerns and the University's resources. Cultural preservation, training, and economic and community development issues are addressed by this office.

Economic development services also are provided through the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center, housed within the College of Business, with satellite centers in Morehead, Ashland and Pikeville. These Small Business Development Centers provide training and guidance to small businesses and entrepreneurs in 25 counties.

The Office of Wood Technology, located on the Morehead State University campus, works with expansion and problem solving within the wood industry of eastern Kentucky. Activities are directed at maintaining productivity within the primary wood industry and providing information to encourage additional secondary wood processing. Direct assistance and consultant expertise is available through the program. Assistance is also provided to individuals involved with economic development which have an interest in wood industry development. The program locates technical assistance, resource and marketing information and works with coordination and development of training programs designed to stabilize the productivity and to promote development of additional wood processing within eastern Kentucky.

## 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 Morehead)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1991-1992</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	
Rowan State Vocational- Technical School	Morehead	12	130	329	139

### 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 simply contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Rowan State Vocational-Technical School.

### Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, psychomotor skills and academic potential, as well as pre-hire assessment. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Rowan State Vocational-Technical School.

### 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 Rowan County, adult literacy is provided through the Morehead State University/Rowan County Volunteer Literacy Project and adult basic education is provided by Morehead State University and the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation.

### 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 - 42  
Dentists - 11

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
St. Claire Medical Center	Morehead	159

Medical staff - 46 active physicians; 23 associate physicians;  
16 consultant physicians; 9 courtesy physicians; 160 registered  
nurses; and 43 licensed practical nurses

A \$20 million expansion project is currently under way at the St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead. Included in the expansion is a \$15 million addition which will house, among other services, a new emergency room, radiology unit, intensive care unit, and a new pharmacy. Construction of the 92,000 square-foot facility began the fall of 1991 and is expected to be completed by fall 1993. A new central plant to replace existing heating and air conditioning facilities was recently completed as was a 157-space parking lot. New services will include Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and cardiac catheterization. The Medical Center, with an employment of 861, is the second largest employer in Morehead.

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

St. Claire Cancer Center  
Dialysis Service Group of Morehead  
Morehead Clinic  
Pathways, Inc.  
Rowan County District Health Department  
Morehead-Rowan County Ambulance Service  
Morehead-Rowan County Rescue Squad

### Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Citizens Bank  
First Federal Savings & Loan  
Association of Morehead  
Morehead National Bank  
People's First Bank

### Newspapers

The Morehead News (published twice-weekly)

### Telephone Service

GTE South  
Digital Switching, GTED 5 Digital Switch  
and fiber optical

## RECREATION

### Local

Morehead's wide variety of recreational facilities provide year-round activity. Outdoor facilities include three ball fields (lighted), two playgrounds, an olympic-size swimming pool, an outdoor multi-purpose court, two lighted tennis courts, and a sheltered picnic area at the municipal park. The Carl D. Perkins Community Center provides meeting rooms, a kitchen, and an arts and crafts area. Organized activities are sponsored by the Morehead Recreation Department and various civic organizations.

The Morehead-Rowan County Community Park features a baseball field, two softball fields (all lighted), four tennis courts, a multi-purpose field, restroom facilities, three soccer fields and concessions.

Morehead State University provides the community with many recreational facilities and activities. The public is permitted to use such university facilities as the indoor swimming pool, the golf course, and 24 lighted tennis courts. The University also provides an exhibition center on a university owned farm for horse and cattle shows. All Morehead State University athletic events are also open to the public.

A wealth of cultural activities can be found in Morehead. For example, the Morehead-Rowan County Arts Council schedules many cultural programs utilizing Morehead State University facilities for these events.

Rowan County is located within the Daniel Boone National Forest, which covers 640,000 acres of timberland in Eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

**Cave Run Lake**, spanning 8,300 acres, is located 10 miles southwest of Morehead within the Daniel Boone National Forest. The lake, drawing visitors from several states, promotes a large tourism industry. Cave Run, with two large federal campgrounds, offers everything for the camper, the boatsman, the hunter, the fisherman, and "the lover of leisure".

### Area (within 70 miles)

- Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
- Carter Caves State Resort Park
- Grayson Lake State Park
- Fort Boonesborough State Park
- Greenbo Lake State Resort Park
- The Kentucky Horse Park
- Natural Bridge State Resort Park
- Waveland State Historic Site
- White Hall State Historic Site



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Morehead re-certified as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1992, and is distinguished as a gold award winner recognizing six consecutive years of certification. Re-certification is based on achievement in the following areas: existing industry assistance, small business assistance, educational resources, and community development factors of health care, public safety, arts and culture, recreation, governmental awareness and resources. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

### Recent

The Morehead/Rowan County Economic Development Council, Inc. recently purchased a 55.5-acre tract of land one and a half miles from Interstate 64. The industrial site has infrastructure in place. In addition, the council also has 75 acres of land currently under construction on Kentucky Highway 801 near the new interchange of Interstate 64.

The Clack Mountain project involving the realignment of Kentucky Route 519 which connects Morehead and West Liberty is completed.

Harold White Lumber, Inc. recently purchased an additional bank resaw machine which improves the yield and grade lumber recovery. Also a 50,000 square-foot facility was constructed that houses the moulding operation which produces hardwood moulding, flooring and trim.

Fannin Industries has installed sawdust fired kilns with 100,000 board-feet of capacity and an air drying yard and grading station to compliment an existing sawmill operation.

Richard White Wood Products, Inc. installed a lumber steamer in the summer of 1993 to increase the value of walnut lumber leaving the yard by providing an even color.

Kentucky Lumber & Dry Kiln installed a small sawmill in the spring of 1993 to produce lumber for the existing kiln drying operation.

Acorn Industries, Inc. has expanded facilities to include pallet remanufacturing to utilize old pallets by repairing and using parts to decrease the waste into local landfills.

### Under Way

There are several major highway projects under construction in Rowan County. Phase I of the Morehead bypass project is completed. Phase II will start the summer of 1993, followed by Phase III sometime afterward. The interchange from I-64 and Kentucky Highway 801 now under construction is scheduled for completion the summer of 1993. This interchange will now allow traffic to travel directly from I-64 to Cave Run Lake. There has been an upgrade of Kentucky Highway 801 from I-64 to U.S. 60 for realignment and improvement of roadway.



A county-wide Sewer Board has recently been formed. It plans to extend sewerage service to subdivisions in the county currently without service. Construction is scheduled to start the fall of 1993.

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### **Planned**

The City of Morehead plans to construct two new city streets. One street will extend from the City Park to University Boulevard. The other new street will connect Kentucky Highway 32 with St. Claire Medical Center. The city will also widen Second Street from Kentucky Highway 32 to University Boulevard.