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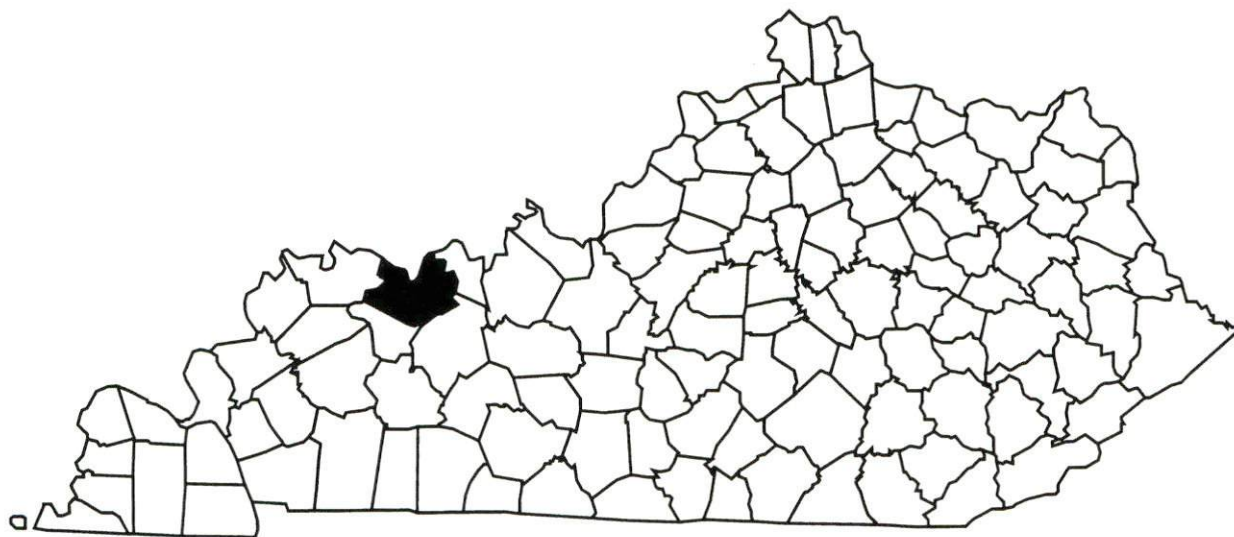
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OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

Owensboro, the county seat of Daviess County, is Kentucky's third largest city with an estimated 1996 population of 54,350. Located on the south bank of the Ohio River in western Kentucky, Owensboro is 40 miles southeast of Evansville, Indiana; 107 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; 133 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; 205 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri; and 205 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Daviess County covers a total land area of 462 square miles in the Western Kentucky Coal Field Region. The Ohio River forms the northern boundary of the county and the Green River flows along part of the western border. Daviess County had an estimated 1997 population of 91,011.

The Economic Framework – Daviess County firms employed 40,326 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 3,008 jobs; mining and quarrying firms in the county employed 317; manufacturing firms in the county reported 7,020 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 10,732 jobs; 8,611 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 6,508 jobs.

Labor Supply – There is a current estimated labor supply of 97,829 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 to 2003, approximately 32,417 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

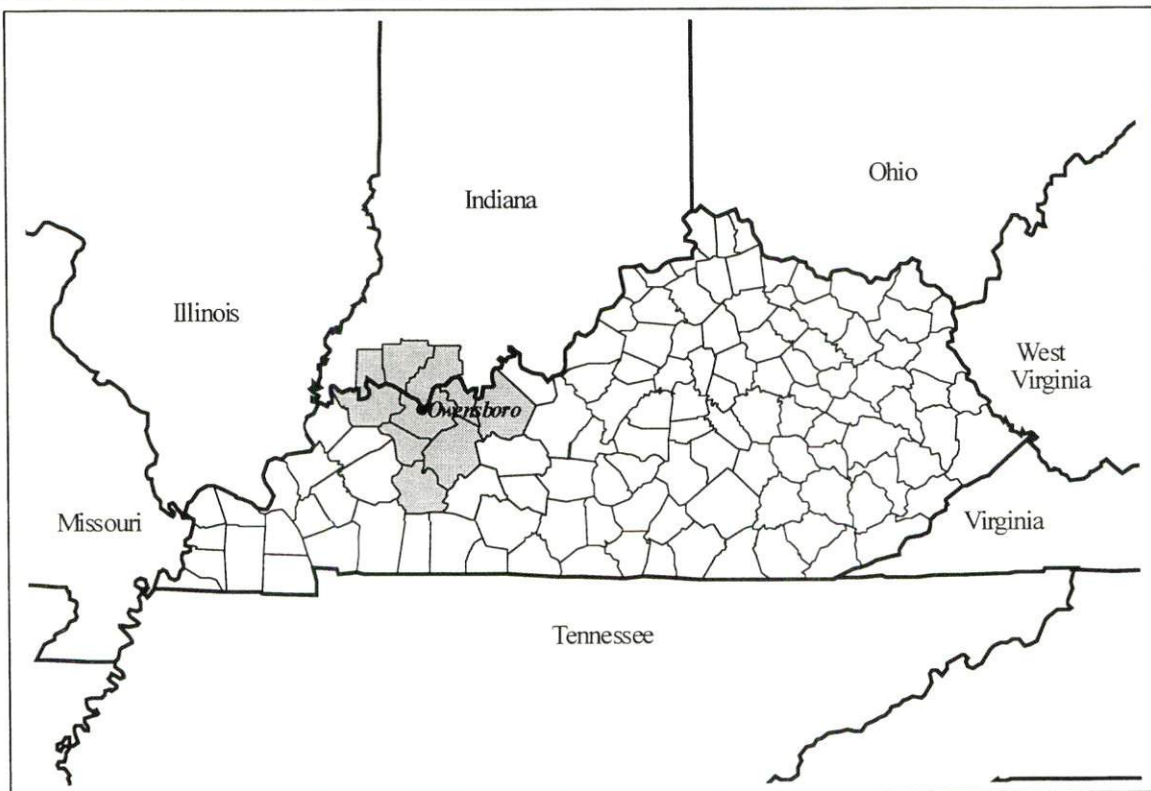
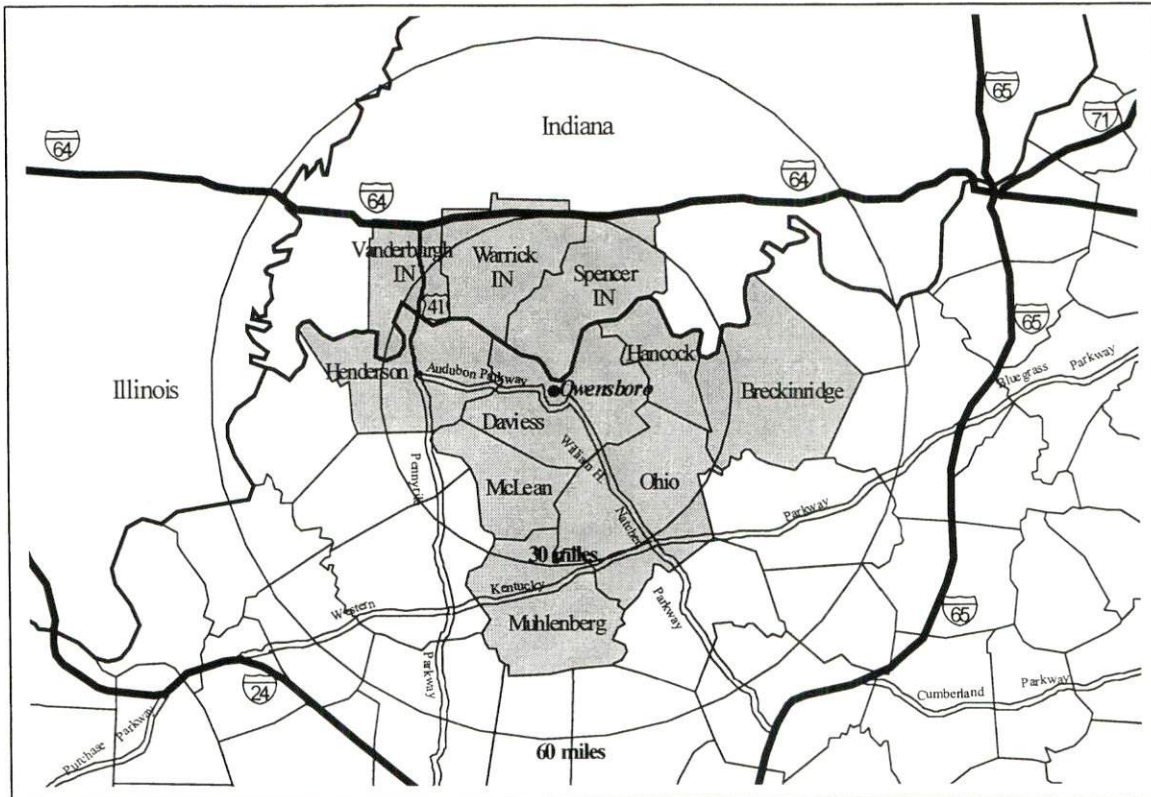
In addition, Owensboro/Daviess County jointly funds Skills, Inc. This organization assesses potential workforce and maintains a database. This database can provide potential job applicants that have voluntarily paid a fee and taken a three-hour test, in order to obtain a job or a better job. The database is also able to provide companies with local labor market information.

Transportation – Direct highway access to Owensboro is provided by the Audubon Parkway, the William H. Natcher Parkway (formerly the Green River Parkway), and U.S. Highways 60, 231 and 431, all "AAA"-rated trucking routes. The Western Kentucky Parkway, Pennyriple Parkway, Interstate 65, and Interstate 64 are all located within 70 miles of Owensboro. A new 4-lane bridge is under construction across the Ohio River near Owensboro and will be completed in late 2000. Indiana plans to 4-lane U.S. 231 from the Ohio River to I-64 (22 miles) beginning in 2001. This will provide Owensboro with a major north-south thoroughfare. Thirty common carrier trucking companies serve Owensboro. Two maintain local terminals. CSX Transportation provides main line rail and intermodal service to Owensboro. Commuter air carrier service is available at the Owensboro-Daviess County Airport, which maintains a 6,500-foot and 5,000-foot paved runways. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at three airports located within 131 miles of Owensboro. The Owensboro Riverport, a public river terminal located on the Ohio River, provides excellent water transportation facilities.

Power and Fuel – Owensboro Municipal Utilities provides electric power to Owensboro and parts of Daviess County. Green River Electric Corporation and Kentucky Utilities Company provide electric power to Daviess County. Western Kentucky Gas Company provides natural gas service to Owensboro.

Education – The Owensboro Independent School System and the Daviess County School System provide primary and secondary education to local residents. Fifteen nonpublic schools also provide primary and secondary educational opportunities for approximately 3,250 students. There are two fully accredited, coeducational, higher education facilities located in the city: Brescia University and Kentucky Wesleyan College. Both confer associate and baccalaureate degrees. Brescia also offers a Master of Science degree in management. The nearest area technology centers (ATC) providing secondary technical training are the Ohio County ATC in Hartford and the Henderson County ATC in Henderson. The Owensboro Technical College and the Daviess County Extension both provide postsecondary technical training in Owensboro.

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 Owensboro labor market area includes Daviess County and the following additional counties: Breckinridge; Hancock; Henderson; McLean; Muhlenberg; Ohio; Spencer, IN; Vanderburgh, IN; and Warrick, IN.

Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996*</u>	<u>1997*</u>
Labor Market Area	443,844	445,928	461,653	463,750
Owensboro	54,959	53,577	54,350	N/A
Daviess County	85,949	87,189	90,726	91,011

Notes: * - Population estimates. N/A – 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	470,937	488,184	500,769
Daviess County	93,717	97,889	100,614

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center. Population projections for the out-of-state counties were estimated by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1997</u>			<u>Future Labor</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>	<u>Under-employed</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
Labor Market Area	97,829	12,936	7,827	77,066	32,417
Daviess County	19,360	2,921	1,316	15,123	6,432

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, 1997

	<u>Daviess County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	49,820	244,163
Employed	46,899	231,227
Unemployed	2,921	12,936
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.3

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

Work Force Commuting Patterns (1990)

Workers commuting out of Daviess County	4,946
Workers commuting into Daviess County	4,287
Working and residing in Daviess County	33,706

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

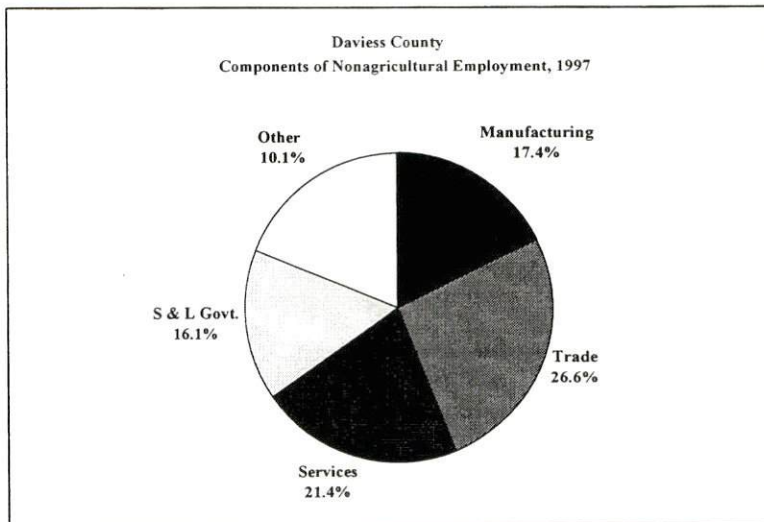
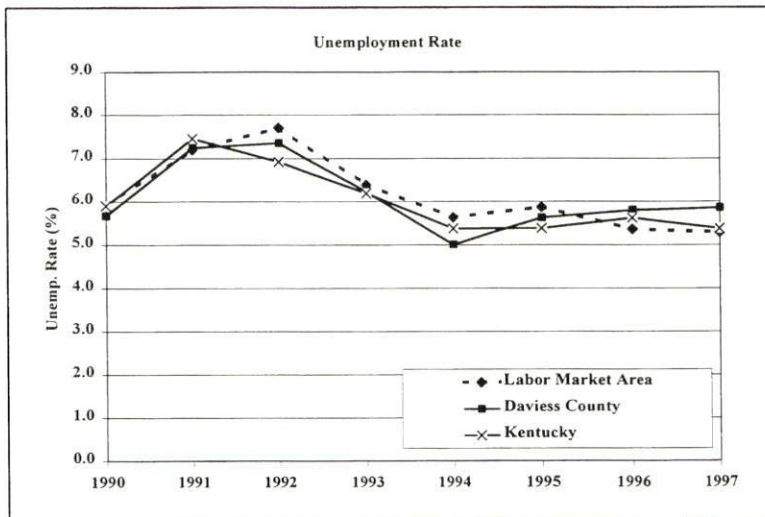
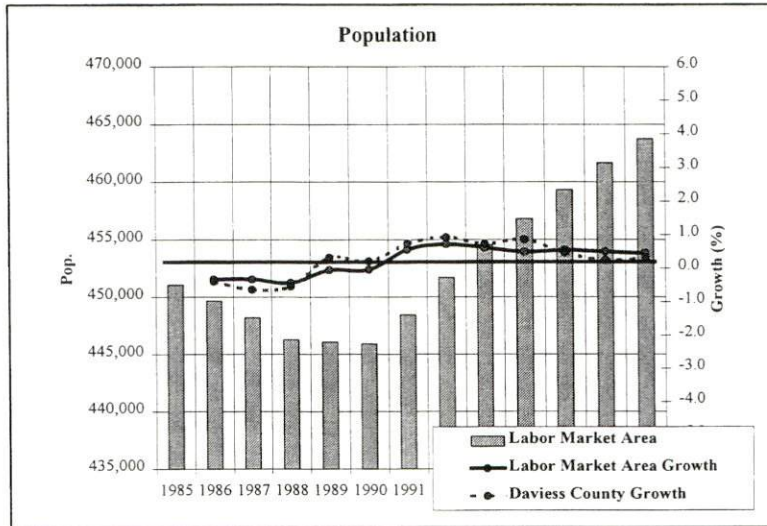
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Daviess County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	40,326	210,051
Mining & Quarrying	317	2,309
Contract Construction	3,008	13,049
Manufacturing	7,020	44,928
Transportation & Public Utilities	2,120	10,633
Wholesale & Retail Trade	10,732	52,607
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,688	9,458
Services	8,611	52,007
State & Local Government	6,508	23,626
Other	323	518

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, 1997.

Selected Charts



Per Capita Personal Income

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Percent Change</u> <u>(1992-1996)</u>
Daviess County	\$17,001	\$20,104	18.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$12,448 - \$20,646	\$14,787 - \$24,105	-
Kentucky	\$16,761	\$19,773	18.0
U. S.	\$20,631	\$24,436	18.4

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

Average Placement Wages

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services local office in Owensboro serves Daviess County. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Owensboro 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, 1998, the local employment office filled Daviess 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	2,878	6.61
Professional, Technical & Managerial	62	7.32
Clerical	524	5.73
Sales	215	5.31
Domestic	6	5.48
Services (excluding domestic)	477	5.44
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	19	5.50
Processing	847	7.14
Machine Trades	48	9.15
Bench Work	59	7.08
Structural	321	8.16
Motor Freight & Transportation	51	6.36
Packaging & Materials Handling	243	7.36
Other	6	8.00

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Owensboro local office serves Daviess, Hancock, McLean, and Ohio Counties.

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

Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Daviess County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$450.14	\$488.00	\$521.00	\$555.00
Mining & Quarrying	847.61	790.00	839.00	772.00
Contract Construction	498.25	516.00	561.00	544.00
Manufacturing	608.41	644.00	621.00	644.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	685.92	648.00	653.00	761.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	302.41	337.00	391.00	392.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	493.92	613.00	696.00	748.00
Services	393.81	440.00	495.00	580.00
State & Local Government	475.35	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

Owensboro Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Agri-Flo of KY, Inc.	Liquid plant food	2	1984
Alford Advertising	Computer typesetting & desktop publishing	3	N/A
Andrias Candies	Fine chocolates, Bourbon candy & confections	3	1959
Apollo Replacement Windows	Wood & vinyl windows	115	1988
Ballard's Cabinet Shop	Custom made cabinets	2	1981
Barton Brands Ltd.	Whiskey, gin, vodka, wines, brandy & cocktails	212	1869
Baskin-Robbins U S A Co.	Ice cream	100	1920
Bielefeld Creative Surfaces	Displays & murals	1	1983
Big River Rubber & Gasket Co.	Industrial rubber products & gaskets	35	1978
Blue, Tom Furniture, Inc.	Wooden chairs, tables, headboards & desks	12	1938
Bright Way Trophy Sales	Engraving services	3	1984
Brite-Way Sign Co., Inc.	Plastic, magnetic, metal, electric, neon & painted signs; metal letters & numbers	8	1976
Bronco Rigging Supply	Rigging supplies	1	1958
Bruce's Tri-State Roofing	Sheet metal fabricating; commercial & residential roofing	48	1964
C M I	Law enforcement breath testing systems	310	1988
Clouse Machine Shop	Machine shop: drilling, boring, cutting, honing, lathe & mill work, general machining; surface, OD & ID grinding; arc & gas welding	1	1983
Columbia Metals Recycling	Nonferrous metal processing & metal recycling	15	1994
Commercial Printing/Graphics	Offset & letterpress printing & color separation	9	1946
Consolidated Mechanical Inc.	Plumbing, process & pipe fabricating	50	1984
Copy Barn, Inc.	Offset printing; desktop publishing; computer typesetting; glue, staple, saddle stitch & spiral plastic binding	1	1994
Cottrell, J S & Co.	Wooden boxes	6	1900
Cox Paper & Printing Co.	Customized printing: bags, business cards/forms	14	1989
Creative Karat, Inc.	Solid gold custom jewelry	4	1981
Crop Production Service, Inc.	Fertilizer blending & mixing	4	1962
Cultured Marble	Sinks, tubs, counter tops & cultured marble prdts	6	1969
D.B.M.	Plastic blow molded & automotive parts	250	1974
D R Signs	Automotive lettering, painted & wooden signs; banners	1	1990
Dahl & Groezinger, Inc.	Scrap iron, ferrous/nonferrous metal processing	15	1885
Dana Corporation	Truck frames	67	1998
Daramic, Inc.	Auto & industrial battery separators	250	1992
Dart Polymers, Inc.	Polystyrene pellets & granular beads	125	1983
De Am-Ron Building Systems, Inc.	Precast concrete building panels	50	1973
Dempsey Ornamental Iron Inc	Ornamental iron fabricating	2	1978
Earthgrains Co.	Breads & rolls	150	1959

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
El Dorado Chemical Co.	Ammonium nitrate oxidizer	4	N/A
Emberton Machine & Tool Co.	Blow molds, tool & die, general machining, drilling, cutting, boring, lathe & mill work; surface grinding	5	1975
Evans Machine & Pump Supply	Machine shop: precision machining	1	1996
F D O Technology Ltd	Fiberglass crown molding & custom products	3	1993
Faith Tool & Die Co., Inc.	Gauges, tools, dies, molds & stampings	135	1946
Field Packing Co., Inc.	Pork packing & ham processing	600	1915
Furnace Builders	Industrial furnaces	29	1998
G Systems, Inc.	Glass faced aluminum blinds	7	1991
Gallery Jewelry Designers	Gold, silver & platinum precious decorative jewelry	1	N/A
General Electric Co.	Electric AC motors	400	1945
Golfer's Paradise, Inc.	Custom golf clubs	2	1992
Gospel Press Publishing Co.	Offset printing & typesetting	3	1967
Green River Steel Corp.	Steel bars & billets	250	1953
Greenwell-Chisholm Printing Co.	Business & computer forms; specialty printing	26	1919
Hampshire Chemical Corp.	Specialty chemicals & latex	100	1992
Hard Hat Belt Buckles	Pewter, gold & silver belt buckles	15	1979
Harpe & Sons, Inc.	Mills & sheet metal fabricating	8	1978
Hausner Hard-Chrome of KY, Inc.	Industrial chrome plating svc	75	1985
Hendrick Screen Co.	Profile wire screens	30	1974
Hickory Springs Manufacturing	Foam fabricating	48	1964
Holland Custom Builders Inc.	Custom millwork, wooden cabinets, mantels, bookcases, countertops & woodwork	8	1905
HON Co.	Wooden office chairs	260	1945
Hudson Manufacturing & Machine	Machine shop: gas welding, drilling, boring, cutting, honing, general & CNC machining & drive line repair	8	1946
Hunter Douglas, Inc.	Window coverings	140	1981
Industrial Marking Co., Inc.	Commercial offset & letterpress printing; typesetting; rubber stamps & advertising specialty items	8	1956
Industrial Mold & Machine Co.	Machine shop: general, CNC & electrical discharge machining; injection & blow molds; arc, MIG & TIG welding; mill & lathe work	29	1986
J & L Welding & Machine Shop	Machine shop: arc, gas, MIG & TIG welding, general & CNC machining, lathe & mill work, drilling, boring, cutting, structural metal fabricating	11	1985
Ken-Tron Manufacturing Inc.	Wire drawing & electronic stampings	100	1960
Kentucky Polishing Services	Industrial brass & silver polishing	3	N/A
Kentucky Woodcrafters	Custom wood furniture	2	1973
Kerwick Steel Corp.	Steel forming & cutting	4	1984

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Key Telemetry Products	Industrial gas data equipment: gas meters	4	1971
Kimberly-Clark Corp.	Tissue paper & towels	300	N/A
Kustom Kwik Print, Inc.	Offset printing, computer typesetting, glue & perfect binding	6	1974
Le Ward Printing & Publishing	Offset printing, typesetting & desktop publishing; color separation; laminating svc; perfect, plastic, staple & saddle stitch binding	2	1987
Lee Brick & Block, Inc.	Concrete blocks, septic tanks & troughs	30	1951
Lesure Hut Etc, Inc.	Embroidering svc & textile screen printing	8	1985
Lincoln Products Co.	Extruded plastics	13	1965
Lipton	Spaghetti sauces	600	1974
Lloyd's Mechanical Erection	Steel, aluminum & stainless steel fabricating	50	1964
M & C Heating/Air Conditioning	Sheet metal fabricating: heating & air conditioning ductwork	18	1987
M & M Manufacturing & Outlet	Denim shirts, aprons & apparel	3	1985
M P D, Inc.	Commercial tubes & components, microwave & police radar equipment, breath analyzers, ceramics & ceramic to metal seals	300	1987
M P H Industries	Radar equipment	310	1988
Martin Laboratories	Hand cleaners, lotion soaps & industrial cleaning chemicals	12	1960
Messenger-Inquirer	Newspaper publishing, commercial offset printing & typesetting	200	1929
Miles Custom Woodworking	Custom cabinets & architectural millwork	5	1978
Miles Enterprises	Blended fertilizers	150	1973
Miles Enterprises	Blended fertilizers	35	1995
Modern Welding Co. of Owensboro	Steel storage tanks, pressure vessels & structural steel fabricating; arc & MIG welding	90	1934
Modern Welding Co., Inc.	Above & underground storage tanks, pressure vessels, structural steel & plate fabricating, arc & MIG welding	35	1932
O R C O, Inc.	Machinery parts	5	N/A
Oberst Printing Co.	Commercial letterpress & offset printing; typesetting; side, saddle stitch, spiral & glue binding	6	1934
Omico Plastics, Inc.	Blow molded plastic parts	270	1964
Owensboro Brick & Tile Co.	Clay bricks & paving materials	50	1952
Owensboro Concrete Products	Ready-mixed concrete	19	1963
Owensboro Grain Co.	Soybean crude oil & meal	150	1906
Owensboro Grain Edible Oils	Refined cooking oil	40	1995
Owensboro Planing Mill	Custom & architectural millwork, planing laminating	8	1988
Owensboro Printers	Offset printing, desktop publishing, computerized typesetting, staple & glue binding	2	1995
P I P Printing	Offset printing; computer typesetting; desktop publishing; glue, staple, saddle stitch & spiral plastic binding	2	1979

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Package Ice Co.	Packaged ice	6	N/A
Panel Brick Manufacturing Inc	Clay bricks & panels	10	1955
Perfect Patterns, Inc.	Wood, metal & plastic industrial patterns	12	1998
Phill's Custom Cabinets	Custom kitchen, bath, entertainment & laminated cabinets; vanities; counter tops	12	N/A
Pinkerton Tobacco Co.	Smokeless tobacco products	450	1973
Premium Allied Tool	Precision metal stamping parts	350	1966
Progress Printing Co., Inc.	Offset & letterpress printing: catalogs/color brochures	40	1909
Quality Chemical Co.	Industrial water treatment chemical blending	12	1983
Quality Containment	Steel tank fabricating	30	1988
Quality Graphics & Signs	Custom painted & vinyl lettered signs	1	1994
Quality Printing Co., Inc.	Commercial offset & letterpress printing, computer typesetting, saddle stitch binding & laminating svc	10	1968
Radical Rods & Machine Shop	Machine shop: engine rebuilding	2	N/A
River City Tool & Die	Tool & die	5	N/A
Robert Lee Pallet Co.	Wooden pallets	7	1973
Royal, Jay Plumbing & Septic	Septic tanks	2	1985
Silver Cup Trophies	Trophies, medals & plaques; plastic, metal & silver engraving; golf equipment & access	2	1970
Smith Machine & Supply Co., Inc.	Machine shop: steel fabricating, general machining, welding, drilling, boring, cutting, honing, lathe & mill work	15	1921
Southern Tank & Manufacturing	Machine shop: sheet metal & plate fabricating; storage tanks & heat exchangers	30	1937
Specialty Container, Inc.	Screen printing on plastic containers	16	1987
Sports Warehouse	Metal, plastic & wooden trophies; engraving svc & vinyl lettered signs	18	N/A
Storm's Trophies	Plastic & metal trophies	2	N/A
Sun Windows, Inc.	Aluminum & wooden windows	50	1979
Superior Rope & Slings, Inc.	Wire rope & nylon slings	6	1975
Titan Fabricators, Inc.	Steel fabricated tanks	110	1985
Tomco Concrete Products, Inc.	Precast concrete septic tanks, parking stops, air conditioning pads, picnic tables & stepping stones; ready-mixed concrete	4	1975
Toolco, Inc.	Tools, dies, jigs, fixtures & industrial molds	20	1980
Transit-Mix Concrete Co.	Ready-mixed & precast concrete cattle troughs, water barriers & air conditioner pads	13	1938
Tri-State Welding	Structural steel fabricating; machinery repairing; arc, gas, MIG, TIG & heliarc welding	15	1978
Trophy House, Inc.	Trophies/plaques/signs/advertising specialties	7	1962
Trunnell's Scrap Metal	Scrap iron processing & recycling	12	1985
Wahl Signs Co.	Wooden, painted & metal signs; truck lettering	1	N/A
Whitehall Furniture, Inc.	Wooden office chairs	150	1968
Willamette Industries, Inc.	Paper converting	49	1986
Wittcraft Custom Screen Print	Textile & screen printing; screened signs	2	1985

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
Yager Materials, Inc.	Ready-mixed concrete, crushed limestone, sand	70	1917

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; and Industry, Inc.

Land Available

The 430-acre MidAmerica Airpark located next to the Owensboro-Daviess County Airport officially opened in 1995. Since that time, five major industries have located in the park and over 300 acres remain. Complete infrastructure is in place in a majority of the park. In 1998, the County of Daviess, the City of Owensboro and the Owensboro-Daviess County Industrial Foundation purchased 145 acres of land on the eastern edge of Owensboro that is served the Mainline CSX Railroad. There is also 50 acres of land available at the Owensboro Riverport Authority.

Recent Industrial Developments

<u>Company</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Dana Corporation	200
UniFirst Corporation	350
West Irving Die Casting	100

Source: Industry, Inc.

Major Owensboro Supportive/Service Employers

<u>Company</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Owensboro Mercy Health System	2,000
Daviess Co. Public School System	1,350
Owensboro Public School System	786

Source: Industry, Inc.

Labor Organizations in Daviess County

Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union, ALF-CIO, CLC (Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers)
 Distillery, Wine & Allied Workers' Union
 International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental, Reinforcing Iron Workers, AFL-CIO (Iron Workers)
 International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers (Boilermakers)
 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO (Electrical Workers, IBEW)
 International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Teamsters)
 Graphic Communications International Union, AFL-CIO
 United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO (Carpenters)
 United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC (Food & Commercial Workers)
 United Paperworkers International Union, AFL-CIO (Paperworkers)
 United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC (Steelworkers)

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

Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of Owensboro

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
	Owensboro	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
15	Livermore					X				
22	Hawesville							X		
23	Hartford							X		
26	McHenry					X				
29	Henderson	X				X	X			
33	Corydon	X								
34	Greenville					X			X	
34	Madisonville				X	X		X		
38	Dixon	X								
44	Providence					X				
48	Dawson Springs	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 providing direct access to Owensboro include the Audubon and the William H. Natcher Parkways, and U.S. Highways 60, 231, and 431. Kentucky Highways 81 and 54 also provide access to Owensboro. With the exception of Kentucky Highway 54, all are "AAA"-rated trucking routes (80,000-pound gross load limit).

The Audubon Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, extends 23 miles west of Owensboro and connects with the Pennyryle Parkway. The William H. Natcher Parkway (formerly the Green River Parkway), also a multi-lane toll road, extends south from Owensboro. An interchange with the Western Kentucky Parkway is located 30 miles away, and then connects with Interstate 65 in Bowling Green, 70 miles from Owensboro.

Owensboro is encircled by the Wendell H. Ford Expressway, a multi-lane, controlled-access bypass. An interchange with Interstate 64, providing direct access to Louisville and St. Louis, is located 39 miles north of Owensboro via U.S. Highway 231.

Construction of a new bridge over the Ohio River from eastern Daviess County to U.S. 231 in southern Indiana is under construction. The project includes construction of an access road and is scheduled for completion in late 2000. The new route will provide a direct link to I-64.

Highway Miles from Owensboro, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	379	Kansas City, MO	455
Baltimore, MD	714	Knoxville, TN	290
Birmingham, AL	325	Los Angeles, CA	2,033
Charleston, WV	350	Louisville, KY	107
Chicago, IL	370	Minneapolis, MN	750
Cincinnati, OH	205	Nashville, TN	133
Cleveland, OH	457	New Orleans, LA	665
Columbia, SC	553	New York, NY	844
Columbus, OH	313	Pittsburgh, PA	494
Dallas, TX	759	Raleigh, NC	653
Des Moines, IA	591	Richmond, VA	668
Detroit, MI	468	St. Louis, MO	205
Indianapolis, IN	214	Tallahassee, FL	650

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

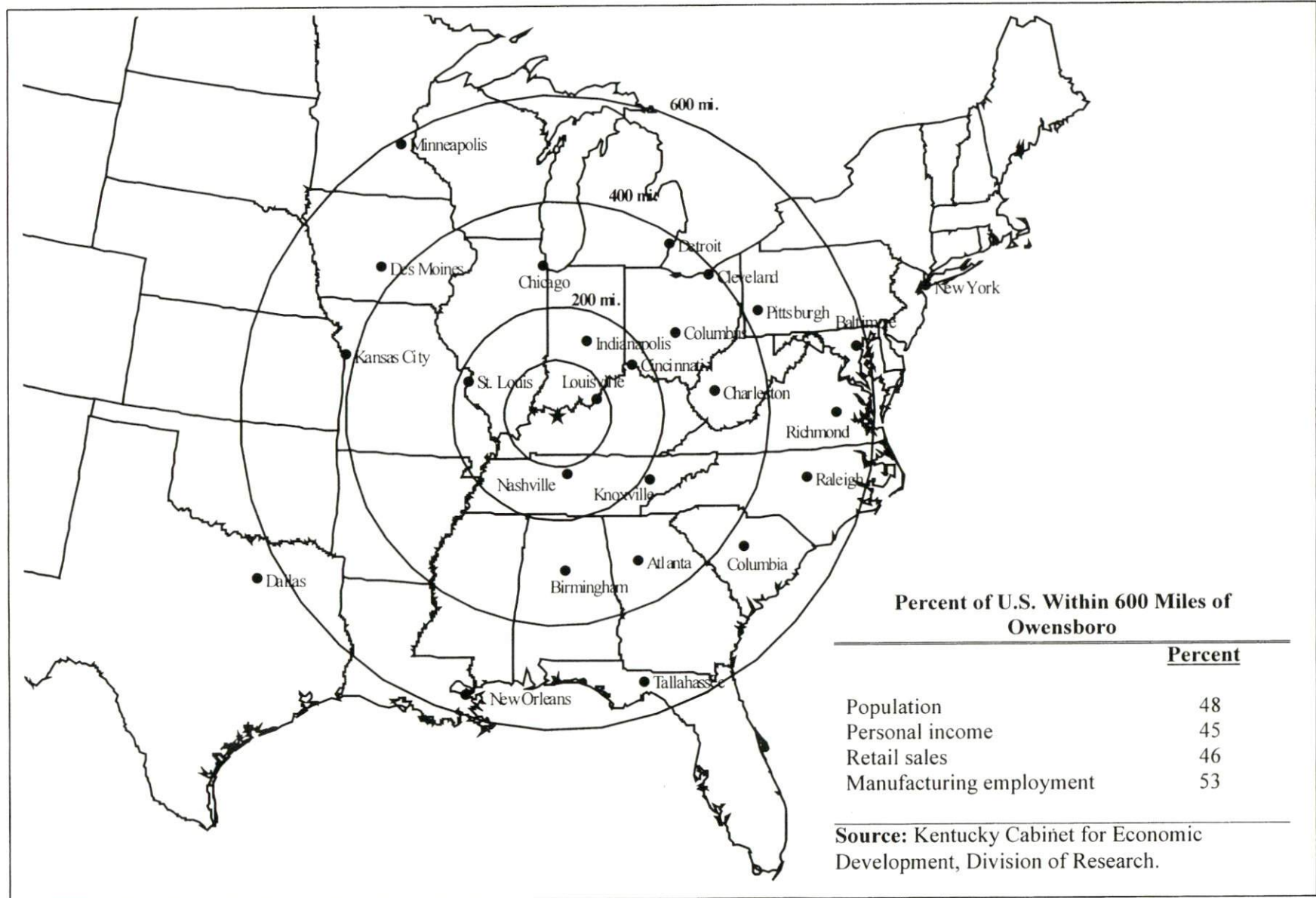
Source: AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

Truck Service

Thirty common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Owensboro. Two terminals are maintained locally.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1999.

Selected Market Centers Map



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Owensboro. Siding space, team track space, switching services, and intermodal facilities are available locally.

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

Manager of Industrial Development
CSX Transportation
9420 Bunsen Parkway
Suite 112
Louisville, KY 40220
(502) 495-0145

Air

Local

Location:	Owensboro-Daviess County Airport
Runway length:	Owensboro, KY 5,000 feet, 6,500 feet (concrete)
Phone:	(502) 685-4179

Commercial/International

Location:	Louisville International Airport Louisville, Kentucky 108 miles northeast of Owensboro
Air service:	American, ASA, Comair, Continental, Continental Express, Delta, Delta Express, Northwest, Northwest Airlink, Skyway, Southwest, TWA, United, United Express, US Airways, Valujet
Daily arrivals & departures:	172

Location:	Evansville Regional Airport Evansville, Indiana 43 miles northwest of Owensboro
Air service:	ASA, Comair, American Eagle, Northwest, Airlink, TWA Express, US Airways Express
Daily arrivals & departures:	98

Location:	Nashville International Airport Nashville, Tennessee 131 miles south of Owensboro
Air service:	Air Canada, American, American Eagle, Comair, Continental, Corporate Express, Delta, Delta Express, Midway Connection, Northwest, Skyway, Southwest, TWA, United, US Airways, US Airways Express, Trans States
Daily arrivals & departures:	364

Water

Located on the Ohio River, a major water transportation corridor on the United States Inland Waterways System, Owensboro is an excellent location for riverport commerce and water-based industrial development. Navigation on the Ohio River is continually being improved by the construction of new and larger locks and dams under the supervision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This continuing modernization effort has already made great strides in promoting more efficient and cost effective freight transportation for the Ohio River Basin and its neighboring states.

The Owensboro Riverport Authority was established in 1967 by the City of Owensboro for the purpose of developing riverport facilities and developing land to attract river-oriented industries. The Authority officially opened a \$5.6 million public river terminal in June 1976. This facility, located on a 50-acre site at Ohio River mile point 759, has over 160,000 square feet of general commodity warehousing, 15,000 square yards of paved outside storage capacity, 48,000 square yards of compacted rock outside storage capacity, domed bulk storage of 14,200 tons, 15,000-bushel-per-hour grain loading facilities and storage capacity of handling 90,000 bushels of grain, two 110-ton capacity cranes with one located on a spud barge, and a full array of loaders, forklifts, and specialty equipment. The facility has eight mooring dolphins and tug/fleeting service is available 24 hours a day. The riverport is located on a main line of the CSX rail system and is served by a new state access road to the parkway and interstate systems. The riverport is a true example of a multi-modal facility. A 404-acre fully developed industrial park, which includes gas service, is located adjacent to the riverport facility. Approximately 75 acres are presently available for industrial use. The Owensboro Riverport Authority is designated as a U.S. Customs port of entry.

A coal handling facility located on riverport property provides storage capacity of 50,000 tons of coal with expansion available to 500,000 tons. The rail unloading rate is currently 4,500 tons per hour and the terminal is capable of loading barges at a rate of 3,600 tons per hour.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Service area:	Owensboro and parts of Daviess County
Company:	Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Source of power:	Owensboro Municipal Utilities
For industrial rates contact:	
	General Manager Owensboro Municipal Utilities P.O. Box 806 Owensboro, KY 42302 (502) 926-3200
Service area:	small portion of northeastern Daviess County
Company:	Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power:	Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:	
	Economic Development Department Kentucky Utilities Company One Quality Street Lexington, KY 40507 (606) 255-2100
Service area:	major portion of Daviess County
Company:	Green River Electric Corporation
Source of power:	Big Rivers Electric Corporation
For industrial rates contact:	
	Manager of Economic Development Big Rivers Electric Corporation 201 Third Street P.O. Box 24 Henderson, KY 42420 (502) 827-2561
	and/or
	Green River Electric Corporation 3111 Fairview Drive P.O. Box 1389 Owensboro, KY 42302 (502) 926-4141

Natural Gas

Service area:	Owensboro
Company:	Western Kentucky Gas Company
Source of supply:	Texas Gas Transmission Company
For rates and supplies contact:	
	Western Kentucky Gas Company 2401 New Hartford Road

P.O. Box 886
Owensboro, KY 42302-8069
(502) 685-8069

Public Water Supply

Service Area:

Company:

Owensboro

Owensboro Municipal Utilities
2070 Tamarack Road
P.O. Box 806
Owensboro, KY 42302
(502) 926-3200

Treatment facilities information:

Source of raw water:

Total pumping capacity:

Treatment plant capacity:

Average daily consumption:

Peak daily consumption:

Storage capacity:

Water pressure:

Improvements:

Wells

15,500 gallons per minute (wells)

30,000,000 gallons per day

14,000,000 gallons

18,500,000 gallons

14,000,000 gallons

48 psi to 70 psi

A well is planned to be completed in 1999 at a cost of \$75,000. Main extension is also planned for 1999 at a cost of \$100,000.

Service Area:

Company:

Daviess County

Southeast Daviess County Water District
3400 Bittel Road
Owensboro, KY 42301
(502) 685-5594

Source of supply of treated water:

Treatment facilities information:

Average daily consumption:

Peak daily consumption:

Storage capacity:

Water pressure:

Improvements:

Owensboro Municipal Utilities

1,550,000 gallons

2,200,000 gallons

1,770,000 gallons

35 psi to 95 psi

Reid Road pump station is under construction with a completion date in mid-1999 at a cost of \$287,000.

Service Area:

Company:

Daviess County

West Daviess County Water District
3400 Bittel Road
Owensboro, KY 42301
(502) 685-5594

Source of supply of treated water:

Treatment facilities information:

Average daily consumption:

Peak daily consumption:

Storage capacity:

Water pressure:

Owensboro Municipal Utilities

1,040,000 gallons

1,900,000 gallons

1,160,000 gallons

35 psi to 110 psi

Service Area: **Daviess County**
 Company: East Daviess County Water Association
 9210 Highway 144
 Philpot, KY 42366
 (502) 281-5187

Source of supply of treated water: Owensboro Municipal Utilities

Treatment facilities information:

Average daily consumption: 790,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption: 1,234,000 gallons

Storage capacity: 1,450,000 gallons

Water pressure: 30 psi to 165 psi

Improvements: An expansion is underway in the Cabot area of southeastern Hancock County and Highway 1700 area in northern Ohio County with a completion date of early 1999 and a cost of \$493,750.00.

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Ohio River, Green River, and Panther Creek

Average discharge - Ohio River at Cannelton Dam, Kentucky - 128,500 cfs (19 years, USGS);

Green River at Lock 2, at Calhoun, Kentucky - 12,150 cfs (1970-1994, unadjusted, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along the Ohio River; 5 to 50 gpm in southwestern tip of county; 5 gpm or less over remainder of county

Sewerage

Service Area: **Owensboro**

Company: Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA)
 1722 Pleasant Valley Road
 Owensboro, KY 42303
 (502) 687-8440

Design capacity: 12,000,000 gallons per day (RWRA West)
 6,800,000 gallons per day (RWRA East)

Average daily flow: 10,000,000 gallons per day (RWRA West)
 3,500,000 gallons per day (RWRA East)

Type of treatment: Secondary

Treated effluent discharged into: Ohio River

Improvements: The Regional Water Resource Agency is scheduled to begin a \$32 million capital improvement program beginning in 1999. Projects include complete renovation and upgrade of the West Wastewater Treatment Plant, incorporating the addition of 3 MGD of additional capacity; renovation and upgrade of two major downtown Owensboro Pump Stations; renovation and extension of sewer service on Highway U.S. 60 West along Persimmon Ditch Basin; and regional development projects to extend sewer service along Highway U.S. 60 East and the Yellow Creek Basin. The U.S. 60 East extension will provide service to the new Industrial Park located south of U.S. 60 East. The Yellow Creek improvements will add an additional 1,000 plus customers to the RWRA service area.

CLIMATE

Daviess County

Temperature

Normal (101-year record)	56.60 degrees
Average annual, 1997	54.30 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (57-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, February 1951 (57-year record)	-23.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,708
Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)	1,376

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	43.14 inches
Mean annual snowfall 30-year record)	15.50 inches
Total precipitation, 1997	47.58 inches
Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	114.90
Mean number days thunderstorms (57-year record)	44.90

Prevailing Winds (29-year record)

South

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

12 midnight	79 percent
6 a.m.	82 percent
12 noon	59 percent
6 p.m.	62 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: Evansville, Indiana.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Owensboro is governed by a mayor, four commissioners, and a full-time city manager. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the commissioners each serve two-year terms. Daviess County is governed by a county judge/executive and three commissioners. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

- Joint agency - Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (including Daviess County)
- Participating cities - Owensboro, Whitesville
- Zoning enforced - Within corporate limits of Owensboro
- Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas
- Local codes enforced - Building and Housing - All areas
- 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 Owensboro levies a 1.33 percent occupational license fee on all gross wages, salaries, commissions, and other compensation earned in the city. The 1.33 percent tax is also levied on net profits on sales of all businesses, professions or occupations for activities conducted inside the city limits.

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>
Daviess County	0.2045	0.2470	0.2440
<u>Cities</u>			
Owensboro	0.2535	0.2726	0.3030
<u>School Districts</u>			
Owensboro Independent School District	0.6580	0.6580	0.6410
Daviess County School District	0.4730	0.4800	0.4800

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

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-1997

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u>	<u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u>
Daviess County	10,341	\$5,703	17.8 to 1
Owensboro Independent	4,590	\$6,836	15.4 to 1

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

Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-1997

<u>County-wide</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>	<u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u>
Total High School Graduates	847	100.0
To College	437	51.6
To Vocational/Technical School	50	5.9
To Workforce	233	27.5
To Work & School	74	8.7
To Military	19	2.2
Other	34	4.0

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

Nonpublic Schools

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Faith Temple Christian School	6	2-12
Good Shepherd Christian School	140	PS-12
Owensboro Christian Academy Elementary	20	PS-6
Owensboro Christian Academy High School	20	7-12
Owensboro Diocese - Daviess Co. only (1 high school)	665	9-12
Owensboro Diocese - Daviess Co. only (1 middle school)	1,338	7-8
Owensboro Diocese - Daviess Co. only (5 primary)	1,269	PS-6

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

Colleges and Technical Schools

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Owensboro

	<u>Location</u> <u>(Miles from Owensboro)</u>	<u>Enrollment</u> <u>(Fall 1997)</u>
Brescia University (Private)	Owensboro	711
Kentucky Wesleyan College (Private)	Owensboro	774
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro	2,300
Henderson Community College	Henderson (29)	1,075
University of Evansville	Evansville, IN (32)	3,130
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, IN (32)	8,300
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville (34)	2,412
Oakland City University (Private)	Oakland City, IN (37)	1,159
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville (59)	2,524
Lindsey Wilson College (Private)	Columbia (19)	1,425
Campbellsville College (Private)	Campbellsville (25)	1,583
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown (46)	3,595
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville, TN (49)	8,173
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green (52)	14,543
Somerset Community College	Somerset (59)	2,558

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

Source: Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Technical Schools

	<u>Location</u> <u>(Mileage from Owensboro)</u>	<u>Enrollment (1997-1998)</u>		
		<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	<u>Total</u>
Owensboro Technical College	Owensboro	109	365	474
Owensboro Technical College Daviess County Extension	Owensboro	225	150	375
Ohio County ATC	Hartford (23)	673	23	696
Henderson County ATC	Henderson (29)	701	2	703
Madisonville Technical College	Madisonville (34)	74	128	202
Madisonville Technical College Madisonville Health Extension	Madisonville (34)	0	372	372
Muhlenberg County ATC	Greenville (34)	142	57	199
West Kentucky Technical College	Madisonville (34)	21	1,113	1,134
Webster County ATC	Dixon (38)	409	1	410
Meade County ATC	Brandenburg (57)	337	2	339
Russellville ATC	Russellville (57)	543	6	549
Christian County ATC	Hopkinsville (59)	241	28	269

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.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

Skills, Inc.

Skills, Inc. is a joint economic development venture funded by the City of Owensboro and the Daviess County Fiscal Court. The agency was launched in July 1990 to provide area citizens a "one-stop shop" and businesses can access information and assistance about employment and training opportunities. Skills, Inc. currently assists over 400 area businesses and industries with their pre-screening and hiring needs. In addition, Skills, Inc. is able to provide area businesses and industry prospects with valuable labor market information.

Customized Training

Kentucky Tech and the Owensboro Community College, through its training and development coordinators, will provide technical assistance. Western Kentucky University, Brescia University and Kentucky Wesleyan College are also available to provide assistance in workforce development. The Career Center, an umbrella organization working with all training providers in our region, can help identify, develop and schedule low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact the Career Center (502) 926-4610.

Assessment Services

Skills, Inc. provides the pre-screening assessments for the business and industry in the Owensboro region. This organization offers businesses testing packages for evaluating potential job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within a company. The Skills, Inc. Assessment Center is located in the Career Center, 121 East 2nd Street, Suite 2, Owensboro (502) 685-4428.

Adult Education Services

Longfellow Education center offers an array of adult education and training services for interested adults. Programming includes basic academic assessment and study programs, one-on-one tutoring, small group studies, computer-aided studies, specialized workshops and seminars, reading and video-library, career assessment, career exploration, career planning, employability skills training, life skills, counseling, pre-SAGE (Skills, Inc. test) information and workshops, study strategies, and SAGE preparation/interpretation.

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 - 176

Dentists - 55

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Owensboro-Mercy Health System	Owensboro	485
- Parrish Avenue Campus		
- Ford Avenue Campus		
- Health Park		

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Arrow Non-Emergency Ambulance Services

Emergi-Center

Ford Outpatient Center

Green River Comprehensive Care Center

Green River District Health Agency

Hospice

ODC Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc.

Owensboro Ambulatory Surgical Facility

Valley Institute of Psychiatry

Wendell Foster Center (cerebral palsy treatment center)

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

BankOne	National City Bank
Beaver Dam Deposit Bank	Owensboro National Bank
Fifth Third Bank	Republic Bank & Trust Company
Firststar Bank	South Central Bank of Daviess County

Newspapers

Messenger-Inquirer (daily)

Telephone Service

BellSouth

Daviess County has implemented the "911" emergency dispatch communications system.

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 15

Total rooms - 1,550

RECREATION

Owensboro offers excellent public recreation facilities which are sponsored and maintained by the Owensboro Parks and Recreation Department. Public recreation facilities include 24 parks, 14 playgrounds, three swimming pools, a nine-hole golf course, 32 tennis courts, 16 softball and baseball diamonds, eight basketball courts, and a nine-field soccer complex. Owensboro's Sportscenter features an air-conditioned, 5,000-seat auditorium and an enclosed ice arena. The Sportscenter is the home court of the nationally renowned Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers, winners of the NCAA Division II championship seven times since 1966.

The Daviess County Parks and Recreation Department offers two parks. Panther Creek Park has fenced walking trails to explore 30 acres of wooded wetlands and also has shelters, volleyball courts, a softball complex, and a playground. Yellow Creek Park has over 110 acres of ball fields, playgrounds, shelters, a tennis court, and much more. A nature trail runs through the park and a forest tower offers spectacular viewing.

Private recreation facilities in Owensboro include three country clubs with golf courses, six swimming pools, twelve indoor movie theatres, three bowling facilities, a Family-Y, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a roller skating rink, and four health clubs. Golfland Speedway offers a driving range, go-carts, batting cages, and more.

Owensboro hosts 15 festivals and events annually including the Summer Fest, the Apple Fest, the Sport Truck Nationals, and many others. The International Barbecue Festival is a popular annual event held in Owensboro, which features cooking competition, cooking exhibitions, mime and puppet shows, square dancing, clogging exhibition, fiddling, battle of the bands, a petting zoo, and a number of other festivities.

RiverPark Center, in downtown Owensboro, offers a 1,500-seat auditorium, a 300-seat studio/auditorium, and houses the International Bluegrass Music Association's Hall of Fame and Museum. Owensboro is well-known for Bluegrass music. Owensboro is also home of the International Bluegrass Music Association.

The Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, the Owensboro Youth Orchestra, the Owensboro Little Theatre, the Theatre Workshop, the Owensboro Concert Association, the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, the Owensboro Museum of Science and History, and the Owensboro Dance Theatre provide a wide variety of cultural events and attractions. Kentucky Wesleyan College, Brescia University, and Owensboro Community College also offer a variety of cultural events.

Other interesting attractions in the Owensboro area include the world's largest sassafras tree; tours of strip mining areas and coal mines; and tours of Barton Brands distillery and the Pinkerton Tobacco Company.

Owensboro boasts many antique shops including the Owensboro Antique Mall with over 75 dealer booths and Peachtree Galleries with over 6,000 square feet of the area's finest antiques and collectibles.

Two recreation areas in the Owensboro vicinity include Windy Hollow Campground and Recreation Area and Diamond Lake Recreation Area. These areas offer facilities for camping, swimming, fishing, boating, and hiking.

Ben Hawes State Park, eight miles west of Owensboro, is a 300-acre park which is open year-round. It features a playground, a softball field, tennis courts, hiking trails, a picnic area and shelters, 18-hole and nine-hole golf courses, pro shop, driving range, and archery range.

Area (Within 55 miles)

John James Audubon State Park
James C. Ellis Park and Thoroughbred Race Track
Holiday World (amusement park)
Lake Malone State Park
Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial
Rough River Dam State Resort Park

APPENDIX - 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 Example – Logan County

<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

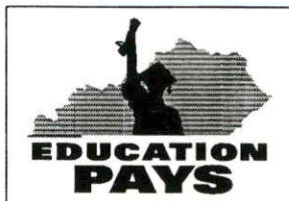
The potential labor supply is an estimate of those persons not classified as in the labor force (not employed and not unemployed), but who want a job. The assumption is that people not in the labor force at the local level would like a job at the same rate as the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor, 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.



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