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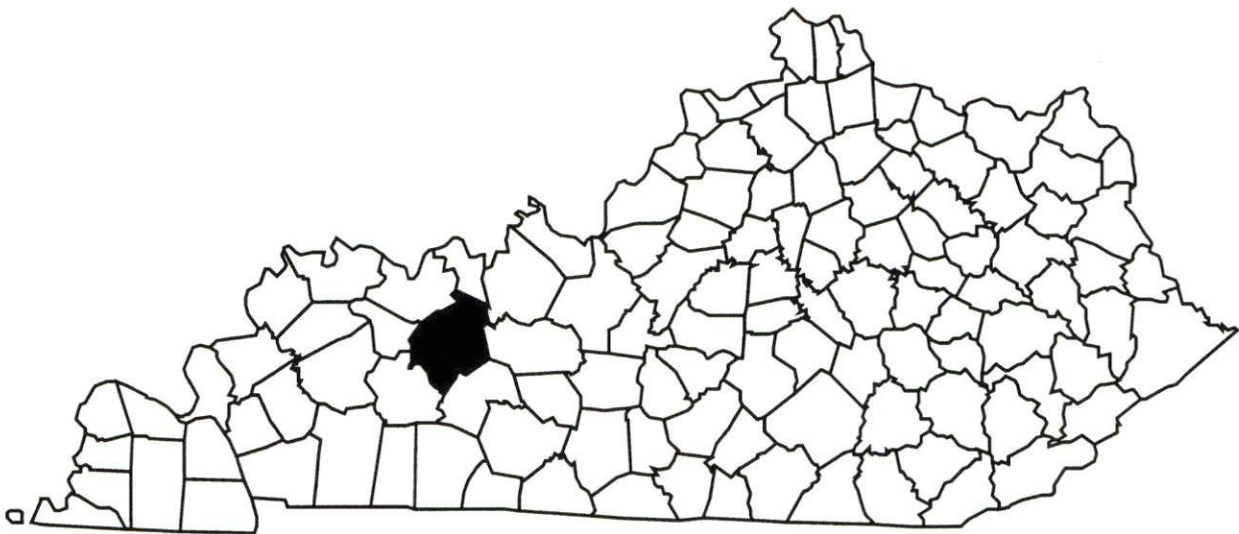
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Ohio County

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OHIO COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Ohio County covers a land area of 594 square miles and had an estimated 1997 population of 21,957 persons. Ohio County, located in Kentucky's Western Coal Field Region, is a major coal-producing area of the state. The county's western boundary is formed by the Green River, one of Kentucky's major transportation waterways.

Two primary cities are located in Ohio County - Beaver Dam and Hartford. Beaver Dam, the county's largest city, had an estimated 1996 population of 2,865 persons, and is located 105 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; 110 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; and 236 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Hartford, four miles north of Beaver Dam had an estimated 1996 population of 2,512 persons.

The Economic Framework - Ohio County firms employed 5,819 persons in 1996. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,774 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,047 jobs; 679 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,320 employees; contract construction firms provided 180 jobs; and 339 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

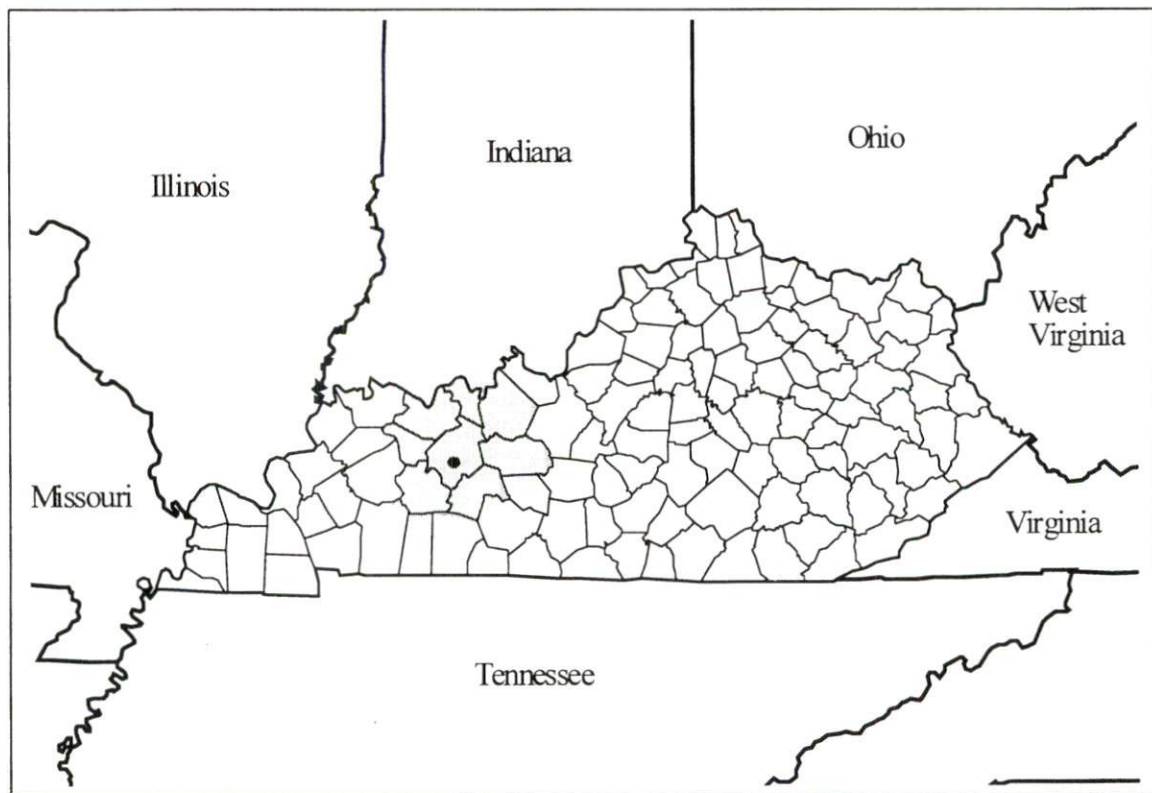
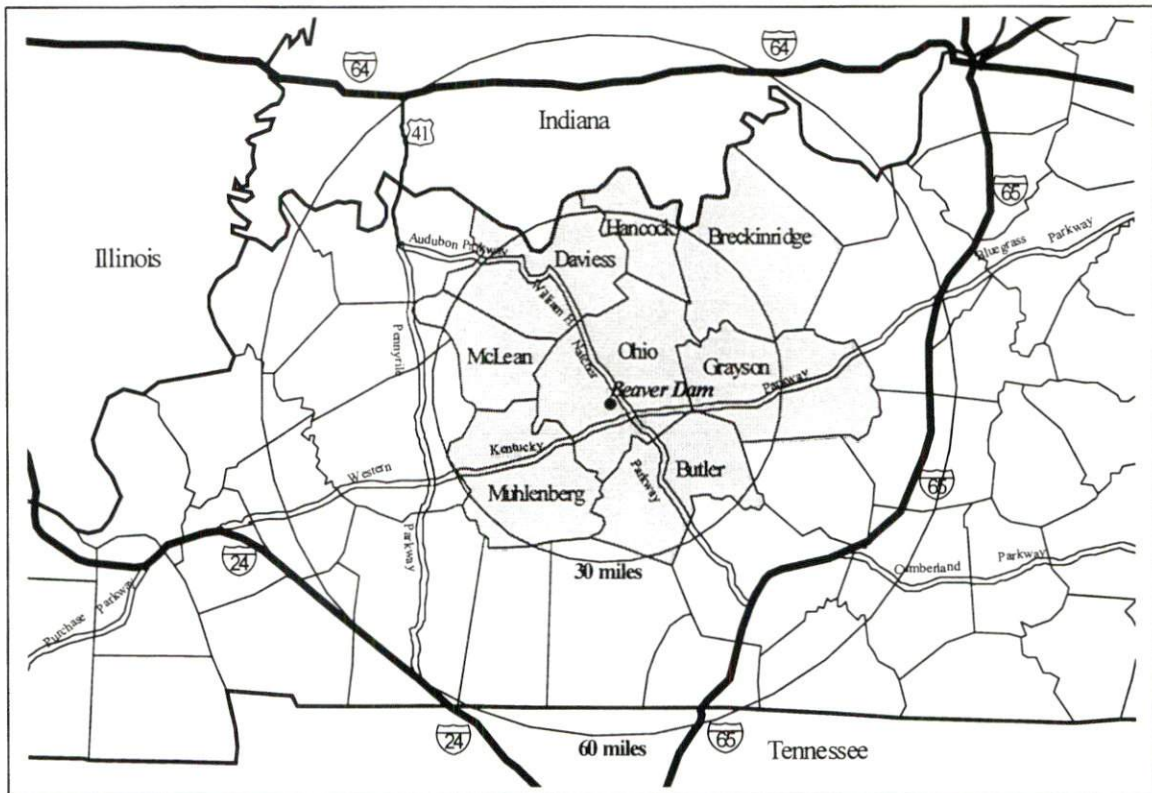
Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 34,972 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 through 2003, approximately 15,854 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - AAA-rated trucking highways serving Hartford and Beaver Dam include the Western Kentucky Parkway, the William H. Natcher Parkway, U.S. Highways 62 and 231, and Kentucky Route 69 north and east of Hartford. Thirteen common carrier trucking companies serve Ohio County. The Paducah and Louisville Railway provides main line rail freight service to Beaver Dam. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Evansville Regional Airport, 66 miles northwest of Hartford near Evansville, Indiana. Commuter air carrier service is available near Owensboro, Kentucky, 29 miles northwest of Hartford. The Ohio County Airport maintains a 4,800-foot paved runway. The nearest navigable waterway is the Green River, 14 miles southwest of Beaver Dam, where a nine-foot navigation channel is maintained. Public riverport facilities also are located near Owensboro.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Hartford, Beaver Dam, and portions of southwestern Ohio County. Green River Electric Corporation, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, and Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation serve the remainder of the county. Western Kentucky Gas Company provides natural gas service to Hartford, Beaver Dam, and Fordsville.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Ohio County School System. Eight institutions of higher learning are located within 70 miles of the area. In addition, state vocational-technical training facilities are available in Owensboro, Kentucky, 31 miles northwest of Beaver Dam, and at the Ohio County Area Technology Center in Hartford.

Labor Market Area Maps



Note: For detailed topographical and general highway maps call Maps and Publications at 502-564-4715. For industrial site maps call Site Evaluation at 502-564-7140.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Ohio County labor market area includes Ohio County and the following additional counties: Breckinridge, Butler, Daviess, Grayson, Hancock, McLean, and Muhlenberg.

Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996*</u>	<u>1997*</u>
Labor Market Area	206,563	205,711	214,104	215,807
Ohio County	21,765	21,105	21,737	21,957
Beaver Dam	3,185	2,904	2,865	N/A
Hartford	2,512	2,532	2,516	N/A
Fordsville	582	522	539	N/A
McHenry	582	414	433	N/A

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	220,418	230,299	235,822
Ohio County	22,285	23,228	23,718

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1997</u>			<u>Under- employed</u>	<u>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>		
Labor Market Area	34,972	7,082	4,259	23,631	15,854
Ohio County	2,598	836	504	1,259	1,677

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>Ohio County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	9,763	104,958
Employed	8,927	97,875
Unemployed	836	7,082
Unemployment Rate	8.6	6.7

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

Work Force Commuting Patterns (1990)

Workers commuting out of Ohio County	2,972
Workers commuting into Ohio County	963
Working and residing in Ohio County	4,466

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

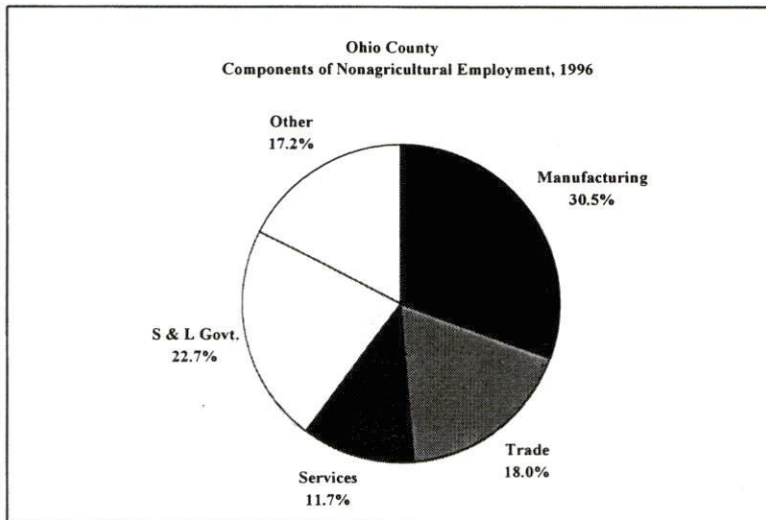
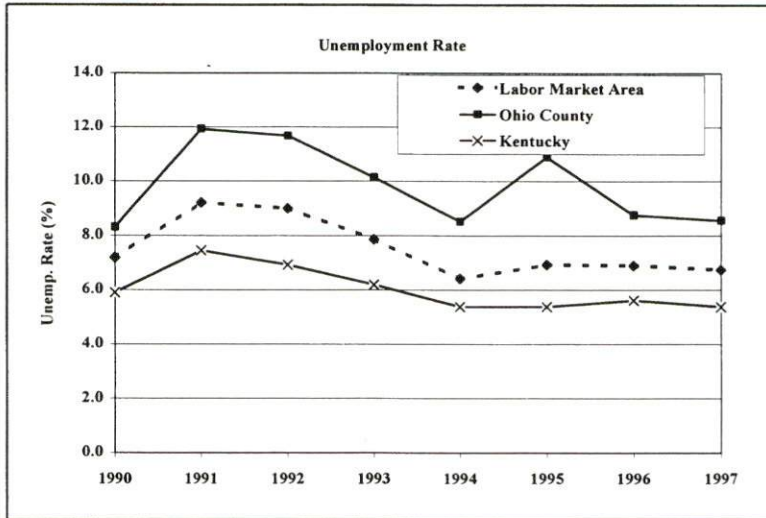
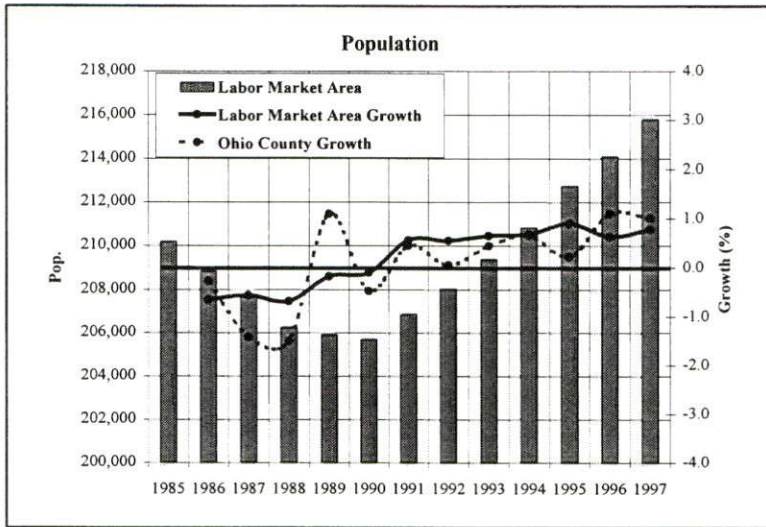
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment, by Place of Work, 1996

	<u>Ohio County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	5,819	73,105
Mining & Quarrying	339	968
Contract Construction	180	4,409
Manufacturing	1,774	17,718
Transportation & Public Utilities	314	3,520
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,047	17,391
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	155	2,756
Services	679	12,835
State & Local Government	1,320	12,814
Other	11	661

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, 1996.

Selected Charts



Per Capita Personal Income

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>Percent Change</u> <u>(1992-1996)</u>
Ohio County	\$12,448	\$14,919	19.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$11,643 - \$17,541	\$14,068 - \$20,104	-
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

Ohio County is served by the Owensboro local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. 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, 1996, the local employment office filled Ohio 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	2,708	6.18
Clerical	438	4.96
Sales	144	4.50
Services (excluding domestic)	179	4.97
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	18	7.35
Processing	929	6.21
Machine Trades	60	12.75
Bench Work	122	6.09
Structural	206	7.68
Motor Freight/Transportation	75	5.58
Packaging and Materials Handling	482	6.65
Other	7	7.12

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department for 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, 1996***

	<u>Ohio County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$355.08	\$465.37	\$495.00	\$525.00
Mining & Quarrying	774.02	774.09	718.00	763.00
Contract Construction	347.76	489.34	524.00	515.00
Manufacturing	342.05	608.28	592.00	615.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	616.16	620.62	620.00	718.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	221.70	319.59	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	382.54	576.81	653.00	688.00
Services	304.99	420.80	471.00	550.00
State & Local Government	333.23	473.35	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
All Industries	\$507.00	\$528.00	\$599.00	\$550.00
Mining & Quarrying	810.00	732.00	887.00	916.00
Contract Construction	577.00	590.00	731.00	583.00
Manufacturing	699.00	738.00	737.00	697.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	614.00	641.00	725.00	694.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	587.00	638.00	874.00	802.00
Services	434.00	466.00	547.00	523.00
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 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.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1996. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1996. November 1997.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Ohio County Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1998 Employment</u>
Hartford		
Agri-Gro Farm Center, Inc. (1983)	Fertilizer blending	4
Hartford Standard Corporation (1959)	Metal plating, finishing, stampings, and painting	14
Heartwood Industries (1993)	Wood laminating	12
Likens Printing (1974)	Offset printing	6
Medusa Aggregates Company (1951)	Agricultural lime, crushed limestone	19
Montpelier Glove Company, Inc. (1954)	Cloth & leather gloves	89
Smith Brothers Lumber (1976)	Lumber	25
Beaver Dam		
American Nonwovens Corporation, DBA American Fabri-Tec (1981)	Non-woven fabric	100
H.B. Stanley, Inc. (1954)	Ready-mixed concrete	17
Nationwide Lure Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1973)	Fishing lures	4
Neo Industries (1993)	Chrome plating	20
Nestaway Division (1995)	Wire racks	15
Ohio County Messenger (1930)	Newspaper	5
Perdue Farms (1996)	Chicken processing	800
The Tarp Shop (1962)	Tarpaulins	4
Young Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1946)	Furniture dimensions, millwork	146
Young Sawmill, Inc. (1973)	Lumber, ties, chips	32
Fordsville		
A & E Machine Shop, Inc. (1981)	Machine shop	7

<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1998 Employment</u>
Bluegrass Furniture Company, Inc. (1995)	Household furniture, entertainment centers, corner cabinets	5
Dunaway Timber Company, Inc. (1953)	Barrel staves, lumber, wood chips	131
Fordsville Forest Products, Inc. (1976)	Pallets	16
Hy-Price Lumber, Inc. (1973)	Wood chips	1
National Office Furniture Company (1973)	Office furniture	262
McHenry		
McHenry Brass, Inc. (1975)	Machine shop, brass bushings, parts, bronze casting	18
McHenry Cabinet Shop (1978)	Kitchen wood cabinets	4
Dundee		
Country by Liz (1990)	Collector dolls	6
Dame Manufacturing (1989)	Men's, ladies', and boys' jeans	110

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

Labor Organizations in Manufacturing Firms

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO	Young Manufacturing Company, Inc.

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

Solid Waste Facilities

Ohio County Bale Fill in Hartford, Kentucky is a state-of-the art landfill serving the area.

Selected Industrial Services

<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Location</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Morgantown, Kentucky Owensboro, Kentucky
Electric Motor Repair	Owensboro, Kentucky
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville, Indiana
Industrial Landfill	Beaver Dam, Kentucky
Industrial Waste Removal	Utica, Kentucky Central City, Kentucky
Machine Shop, Tool & Die	McHenry, Kentucky
Metal Castings	McHenry, Kentucky
Metal Finishers	Hartford, Kentucky
Metal Service Centers	Owensboro, Kentucky
Millwrights & Riggers	Morgantown, Kentucky Owensboro, Kentucky

Note: Within 60 miles.

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Ohio County is served by an excellent highway system. Two major multi-lane parkways are routed through the county. The east-west Western Kentucky Parkway has two interchanges within ten miles of Hartford and connects with Interstate 24, 83 miles west of Hartford, and with Interstate 65 and the Blue Grass Parkway, 72 miles of Hartford. The Western Kentucky Parkway intersects the William H. Natcher Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, five miles east of Beaver Dam. The north-south William H. Natcher Parkway also has an interchange two miles east of Hartford, and connects Owensboro, Kentucky, and the Audubon Parkway, 26 miles northwest of Hartford, with Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Interstate 65, 49 miles southeast of Hartford.

Other AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Ohio County include U.S. 62 through Beaver Dam, U.S. 231 through Beaver Dam and Hartford, and Kentucky Route 69 north and east of Hartford.

A project to widen U.S. Highway 231 between Hartford and Beaver Dam to five lanes is under way and scheduled for completion by Fall, 1998.

Highway Miles from Beaver Dam, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	351	Kansas City, MO	486
Baltimore, MD	686	Knoxville, TN	249
Birmingham, AL	297	Los Angeles, CA	2,064
Charleston, WV	322	Louisville, KY	110
Chicago, IL	406	Minneapolis, MN	781
Cincinnati, OH	208	Nashville, TN	105
Cleveland, OH	457	New Orleans, LA	637
Columbia, SC	512	New York, NY	851
Columbus, OH	315	Pittsburgh, PA	501
Dallas, TX	741	Raleigh, NC	609
Des Moines, IA	620	Richmond, VA	641
Detroit, MI	471	St. Louis, MO	237
Indianapolis, IN	224	Tallahassee, FL	598

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

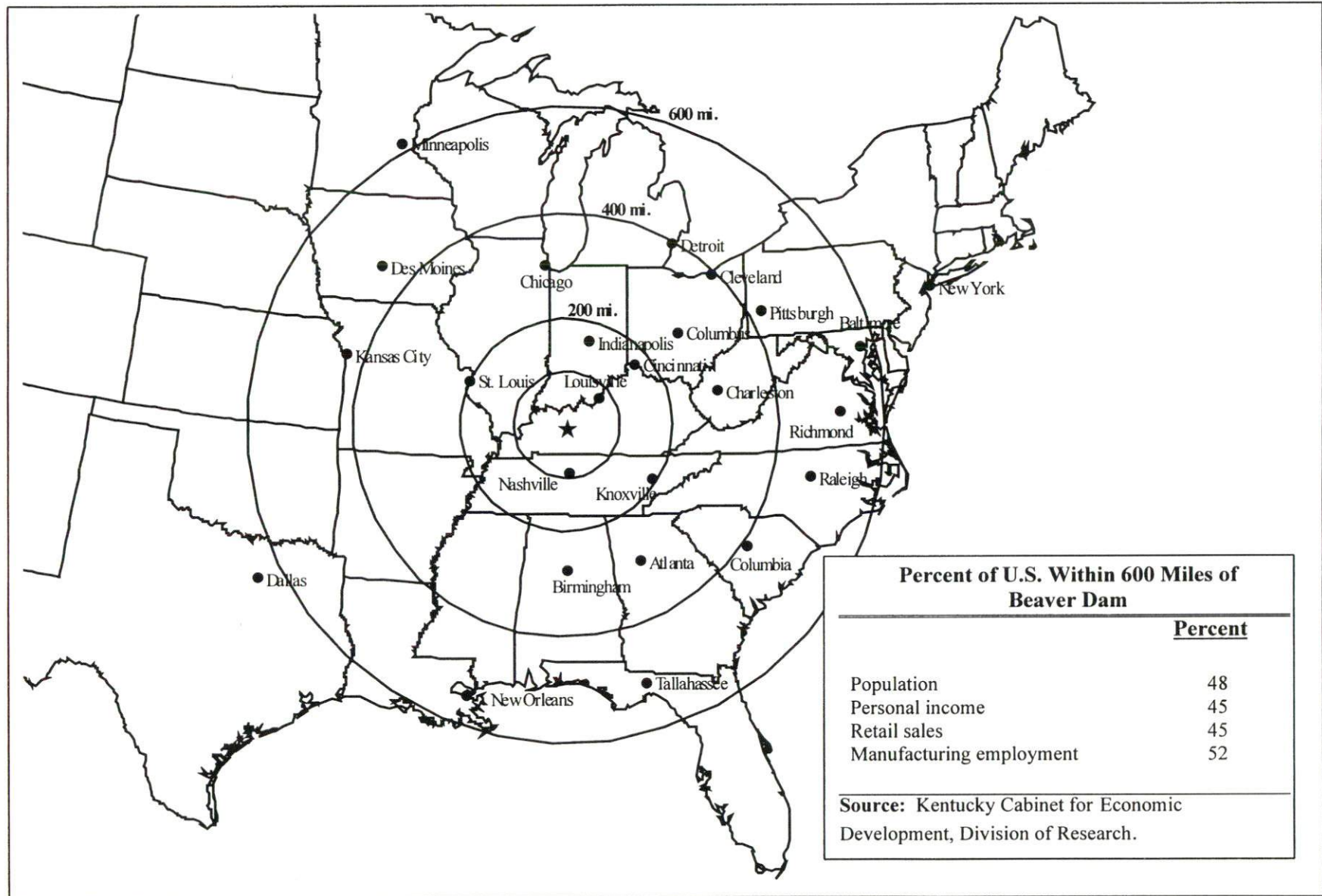
Source: AAA Map 'n' Go 3.0 for Windows, DeLORME, 1997.

Truck Service

There are currently thirteen common carrier trucking companies that provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Ohio County.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1998.

Selected Market Centers Map



Rail

The Paducah and Louisville Railway provides main line rail service to Beaver Dam. CSX Transportation provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Owensboro, 26 miles northwest of Hartford, and also provides a spur to western Ohio County.

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

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

and/or

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

Air

Ohio County
Phone: 502-298-3500
Runway Length: 4,818 feet

Regional

Owensboro-Daviess County Airport
Location: 3 miles southwest of Owensboro city limits;
29 miles northwest of Hartford
Runways: 2 paved
Length: 6,500 feet; 3,700 feet
Traffic
Control: Control tower, ground control, ILS
Lighting: Beacon, runway, windsock, obstruction, and
taxi lights
Services: 100LL, Jet-A fuel; storage; hangar tie-downs;
major A & P repairs; general flying service,
taxi, rental cars; direct line to motel;
Avionics; and terminal snack bar
Air Service: Northwest Airlink
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 10

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Evansville Regional Airport
3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana;
66 miles northwest of Hartford

Air Service: ASA, Comair, American Eagle, Northwest
Airlink, TWA Express, USAirways Express

Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 98

Water

The Green River is located 14 miles southwest of Hartford, and forms the southwestern border of Ohio County. A nine-foot navigation channel is maintained on the Green River from Rochester, near the southern tip of the county, northwest to its confluence with the Ohio River. Several coal-loading docks are located on the Ohio County side of the Green River.

Public riverport facilities are located near Owensboro, 26 miles northwest of Hartford. The riverport offers open and covered storage, liquid storage, coal processing and loading, and two 110-ton cranes for transfer of commodities. Owensboro is designated as a Port of Entry and offers U.S. Customs service on a daily basis.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Beaver Dam, Hartford, and portions of southwestern Ohio County -**

Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

For industrial rates contact:

Economic Development Department
Kentucky Utilities Company
One Quality Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-2100 Fax (606) 367-5839
Web site: www.kuenergy.com

Company serving **portions of northern and western Ohio County -** Green River Electric

Corporation and Meade County Rural Electric

Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation

For industrial rates contact:

Green River Electric Corporation
3111 Fairview Drive
P.O. Box 1389
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302
(502) 926-4141 Fax (502) 685-2279

and/or

Meade County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
Junction of Highway 1051 and Highway 79
P.O. Box 489
Brandenburg, Kentucky 40108
(502) 422-2162 Fax (502) 422-4705

Company serving **portions of southern and eastern Ohio County -** Warren Rural Electric

Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority

For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial Development
Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 726
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241-0726
(502) 885-5392 Fax (502) 885-9451

and/or

Warren Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
951 Fairview Avenue
P.O. Box 1118
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102
(502) 842-6541

Natural Gas

Company serving **Beaver Dam, Hartford, and Fordsville** - Western Kentucky Gas Company
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company
2401 New Hartford Road
P.O. Box 866
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302-0866
(502) 685-8069

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Hartford** - Hartford Municipal Water System
116 East Washington Street
Hartford, Kentucky 42347
(502) 298-3101 Fax (502) 298-3220

Source - Rough River
Treatment plant capacity- 1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 344,400 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 384,400 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,200,000 gallons
Water pressure - 40 psi to 80 psi

Company serving **Beaver Dam** - Beaver Dam Water Works
309 West 2nd Street
Beaver Dam, Kentucky 42320
(502) 274-7106 Fax (502) 274-5640

Source - Ohio County Water District
Maximum amount available - 1,000,000 gallons per day
Source of raw water - Wells
Total pumping capacity of wells - 75 gallons per minute
Treatment plant capacity - 110,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 350,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 600,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 250,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 85 psi

Company serving **Ohio County** - Ohio County Water District
130 Washington Street
Hartford, Kentucky 42347
(502) 298-7704 Fax (502) 298-9890

Source - Green River
Treatment plant capacity- 2,080,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 1,300,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,600,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 2,000,000 gallons
Water pressure - 20 psi to 160 psi

The water district plans to extend service to new areas over the next two years at a cost of approximately \$10 million.

Sewerage

Company serving **Hartford** - Hartford Municipal Wastewater
Treatment Plant
102 Main Street
Hartford, Kentucky 42347
(502) 298-3101 Fax (502) 298-3220

Design capacity - 180,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - At capacity
Type of treatment - Primary
Treated effluent discharged into - Rough River

Company serving **Beaver Dam** - Beaver Dam Wastewater System
309 West 2nd Street
P.O. Box 408
Beaver Dam, Kentucky 42320
(502) 274-7106 Fax (502) 274-5640

Design capacity - 711,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 630,000 gallons per day
Type of treatment - Tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - Tributary of Tree Lick Fork

CLIMATE

Ohio County

Temperature

Average (30-year record)	55.96 degrees
Average annual 1996	54.20 degrees
Record highest, July 1954 (56-year record)	105.00 degrees
Record lowest, February 1951 (56-year record)	-23.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (heating degree day totals are the sum of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,708

Precipitation

Normal total (30-year record)	43.14 inches
Normal annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.50 inches
Total precipitation 1996	64.03 inches
Normal number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	114.90
Mean number days thunderstorms (56-year record)	44.90

Prevailing Winds (28-year record) South

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

6 a.m.	79 percent
12 noon	82 percent
6 p.m.	59 percent
12 midnight	62 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Climatological Data, 1996.
Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The city of Hartford is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. The city of Beaver Dam is served by a mayor, elected to a four-year term, and four commissioners, each serving two-year terms. Ohio County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each official is elected to a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency -Hartford/Beaver Dam Planning & Zoning Commission
Participating cities - Hartford and Beaver Dam
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within corporate limits of Hartford and Beaver Dam
Local codes enforced - None
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 Hartford levies a business license fee ranging from \$30 to \$500 annually. Unloading licenses are \$30 to \$75 per year in Hartford. Annual business licenses in the city of Beaver Dam range from \$20 to \$75.

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

Property Taxes

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

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

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

State and Local Property Taxes

State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1997 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.157	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: Kentucky Property Tax Rates 1997, Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1997

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Ohio County	\$0.1661	\$0.1710	\$0.1580
School Districts:			
Ohio County	0.4020	0.4020	0.5180
Cities:			
Beaver Dam	0.2420	0.3110	0.2410
Hartford	0.2730	0.4850	0.2280

Source: Kentucky Property Tax Rates 1997, Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Ohio County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1997)	4,009
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1997-98)	23.0:1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1997-98)	51.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1997-98)	\$4,426.45

The Wayland Alexander Elementary School was completed in January, 1998 at a cost of \$6.2 million.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>(Location from Beaver Dam)</u>	<u>Enrollment (1996-1997)</u>
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (31)	753
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (31)	713
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (31)	2,314
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (43)	14,613
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky (49)	2,578
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (66)	1,123
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (77)	3,291 (Fall, 95)
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (77)	7,666 (Fall 95)

Vocational-Technical Training

Kentucky Tech secondary (Sec) schools, called area technology centers, are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the postsecondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Beaver Dam)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Enrollment 1996-97</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	
Ohio County Area Technology Center	Hartford (4)	7	474	18	20
Owensboro Technical College	Owensboro (31)	10	105	394	43
Daviess Extension	Owensboro (31)	9	175	212	35

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its training and development coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a training and development coordinator located at the Owensboro Technical College.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Owensboro Technical College.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalence diploma. In Ohio County, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Ohio County Board of Education, Hartford.

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 credits to existing businesses for skills upgrade training.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 12
Dentists - 8
Optometrists - 2
Chiropractors - 3

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Ohio County Hospital	Hartford	68

The Ohio County Hospital is expanding its present emergency room to 6,200 square feet and adding a cardiac rehabilitation facility. The \$1.5 million expansion is scheduled for completion by Fall, 1998.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Green River District Health Department - Ohio County Health Center
Beaver Dam Nursing Manor
Medco Center of Fordsville
Professional Care Home
Ohio County Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc.
Rivervalley Behavioral Health

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Bank of Ohio County
Beaver Dam Deposit Bank, Inc.
Citizens Bank
Commonwealth Community Bank
Peoples First of Ohio County

Newspapers

Ohio County Times-News (weekly)
Ohio County Messenger (weekly)

Telephone Service

BellSouth
911 Emergency Service

RECREATION

Local

Points of interest in Ohio County include **Bill Monroe's Birthplace** in Rosine, the **Fordsville Depot Museum**, and the **Ohio County Complex** in Hartford.

The **Ohio County Park** in Hartford is a 340-acre recreational complex. The park offers year-round camping, as well as boating, fishing, nature trails, playground, and numerous recreational activities. **Washburn Lake** is a 26-acre lake available for fishing. Outdoor recreation is also offered at the **L.B. Davison Public Wildlife Area**.

A number of special events and festivals are held in the county annually. A variety of supervised recreational programs are also offered.

Area (Within 70 miles)

Rough River Dam State Resort Park
Ben Hawes State Park
Lake Malone State Park
James Audubon State Park
Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park
Jefferson Davis Monument State Historic Site
Mammoth Cave National Park
Nolin River Lake

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>		1,576	100.0

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.