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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
OWENTON, KENTUCKY

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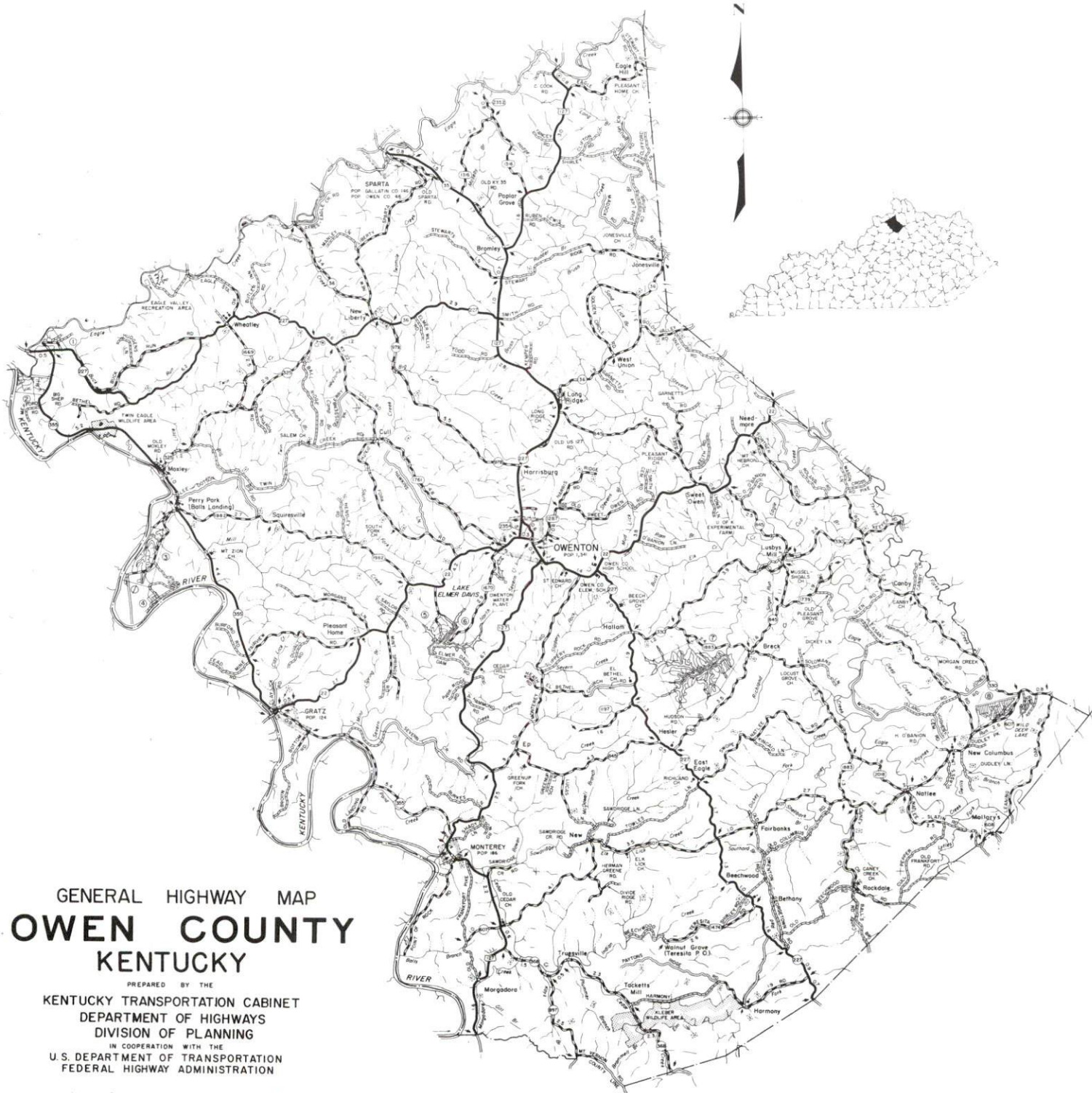
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**OWEN COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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

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## OWENTON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Owenton, the county seat of Owen County, is located in the north central portion of the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky. Owenton is 57 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio; 73 miles northeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 53 miles northwest of Lexington, Kentucky. The city had a 1990 population of 1,306.

Owen County, covering a land area of 354 square miles, had a 1990 population of 9,035.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Owen County residents employed in 1991 averaged 3,844. In 1990, wholesale and retail trade provided 279 jobs; 278 people were employed in service occupations; and state and local government accounted for 394 employees.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 11,046 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1992 through 1996, 8,870 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Highways serving Owenton are U.S. 127 and Kentucky Highway 22, both "AAA"-rated trucking highways. Interstate 71 can be accessed 17 miles north of Owenton. Access to Interstate 75 is available 21 miles northeast of Owenton via Kentucky 22. Eighteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Owenton. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Boone County, Kentucky, 49 miles north of Owenton, and at Bluegrass Airport, 53 miles southeast of Owenton, near Lexington. CSX Transportation provides rail service to Sparta, 14 miles north of Owenton.

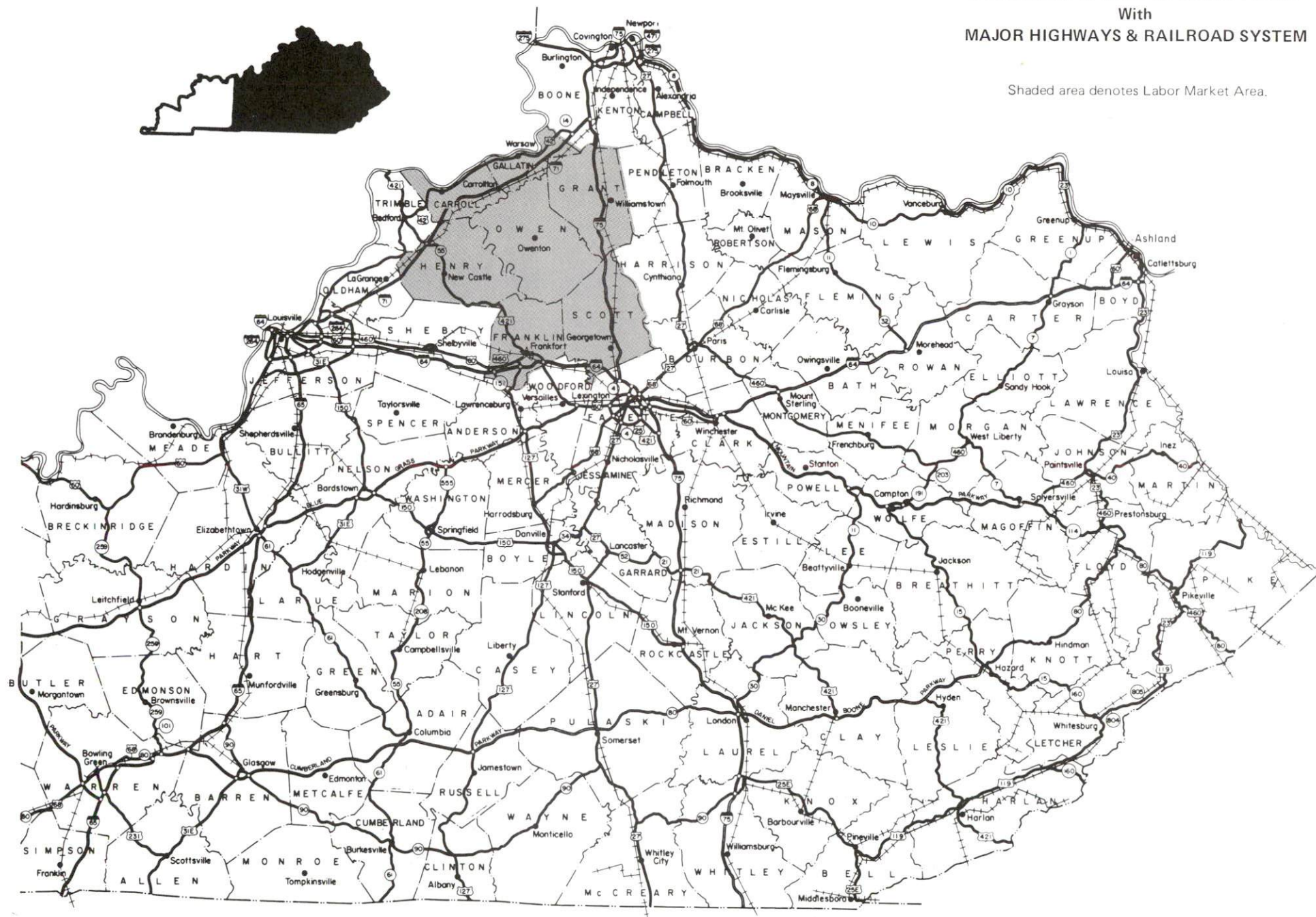
**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Owenton and parts of Owen County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Owen County is also served by the Owen Electric Cooperative. A preliminary study is being done to bring natural gas service to Owen County.

**Education** - The Owen County School System provides primary and secondary education to Owenton and Owen County. The Owen County School System is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Sixteen colleges and universities are located within 60 miles of Owenton. Vocational training is available at the Northern Campbell County Vocational-Technical School in Highland Heights, and Northern Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School at Covington. The nearest area vocational educational centers are located at Frankfort and Carrollton, both 30 miles from Owenton.



# OWENTON LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Owenton Labor Market Area includes Owen County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Carroll, Franklin, Gallatin, Grant, Henry and Scott.

POPULATION			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	119,928	112,727	93,465
Owenton	1,306	1,341	1,280
Owen County	9,035	8,924	7,470

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2030</u>
Labor Market Area	128,220	132,460	134,390	133,800
Owen County	10,440	10,990	11,270	11,300

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current				Future
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed</u> <u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in</u> <u>Labor</u> <u>Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years</u> <u>of age</u> <u>1992 thru 1996</u>
Labor Market Area*	11,046	3,122	5,627	2,297	8,870
Owen County	1,368	199	372	797	739

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

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Employed Part-Time - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year; 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).

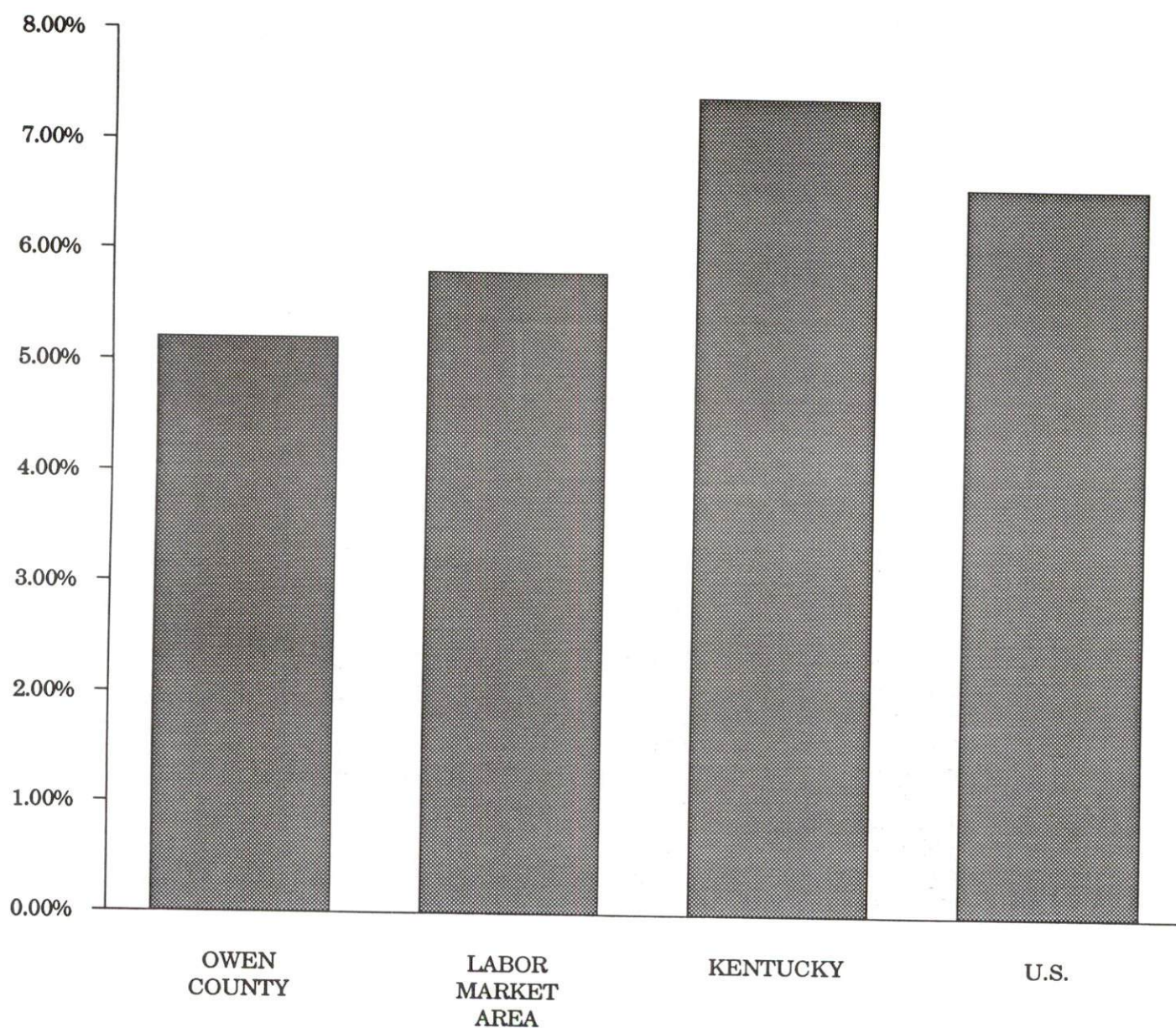
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1992 thru 1996.

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1991

	Owen County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	4,053	62,190
Employment	3,844	58,578
Unemployment	209	3,612
Rate of Unemployment (%)	5.2	5.8

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1991.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1991





SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990

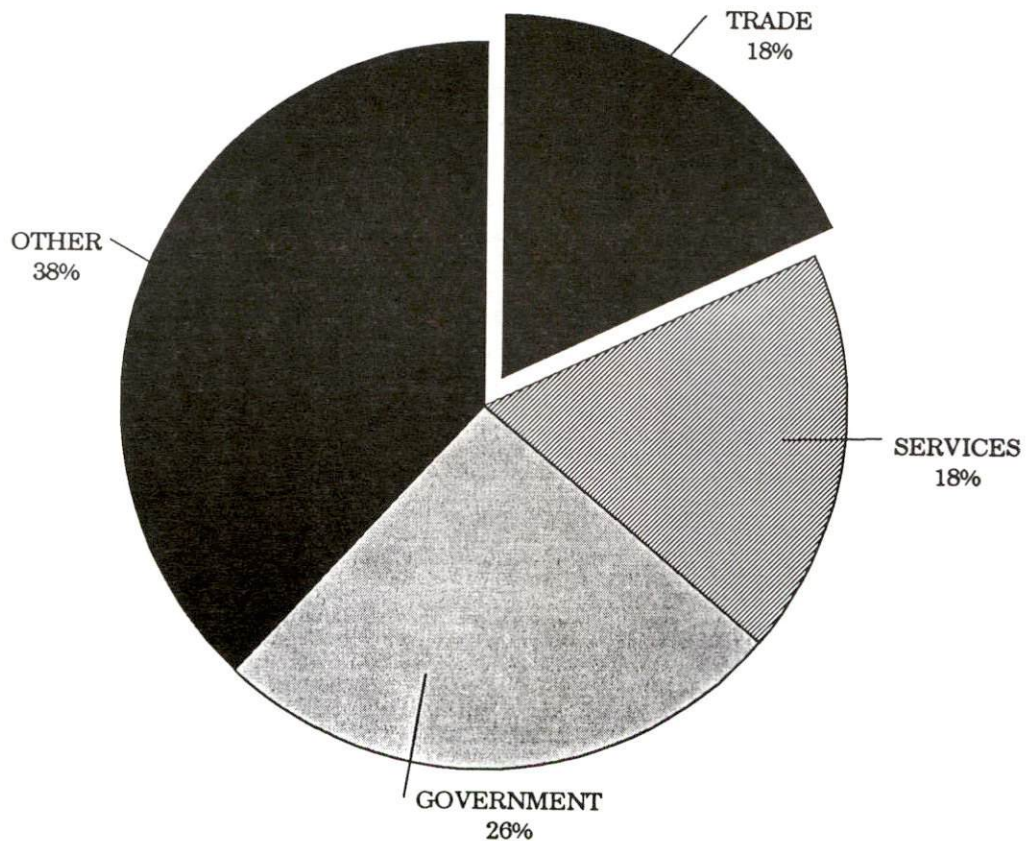
	Owen County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	1,531	51,032
Manufacturing	N/A	11,928
Wholesale & Retail Trade	279	9,220
Services	278	6,303
State/Local Government	394	17,949
Contract Construction	N/A	1,779

N/A Not Available.

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, 1990.

OWEN COUNTY



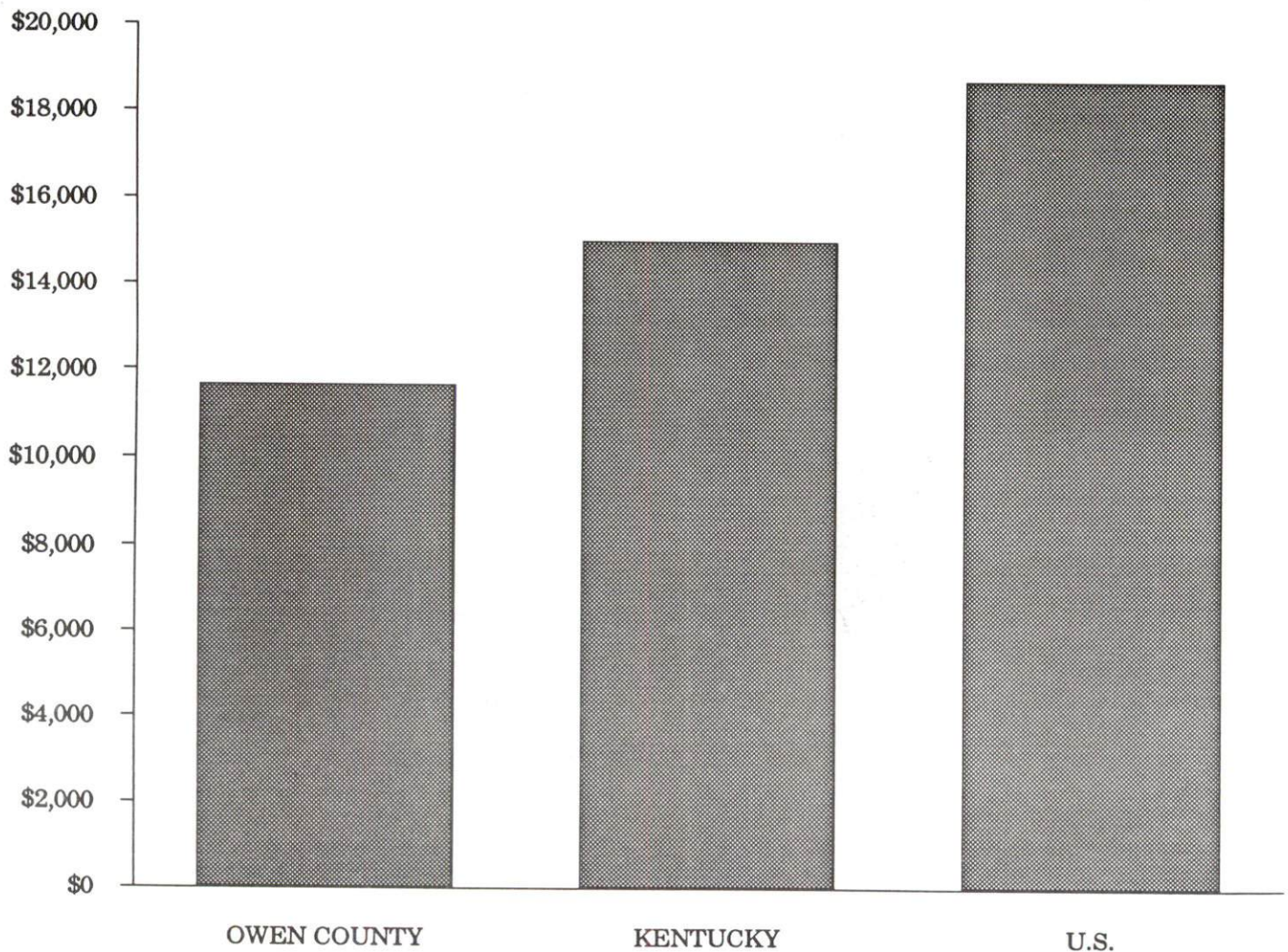


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1986	1990	Percent Change
Owen County	\$8,193	\$11,649	42.2
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,193 - \$12,997	\$11,649 - \$17,997	-
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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Owen County is served by the Covington local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Covington 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, 1990, the local employment office filled 6,640 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	6,640	5.18
Clerical	929	4.73
Sales	228	4.30
Services (excluding domestic)	1,214	4.03
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	66	4.13
Processing	259	7.99
Machine Trades	557	6.85
Bench Work	553	4.94
Structural	456	6.75
Motor Freight/ Transportation	246	5.45
Packaging and Materials Handling	2,037	4.96
Other	12	6.41

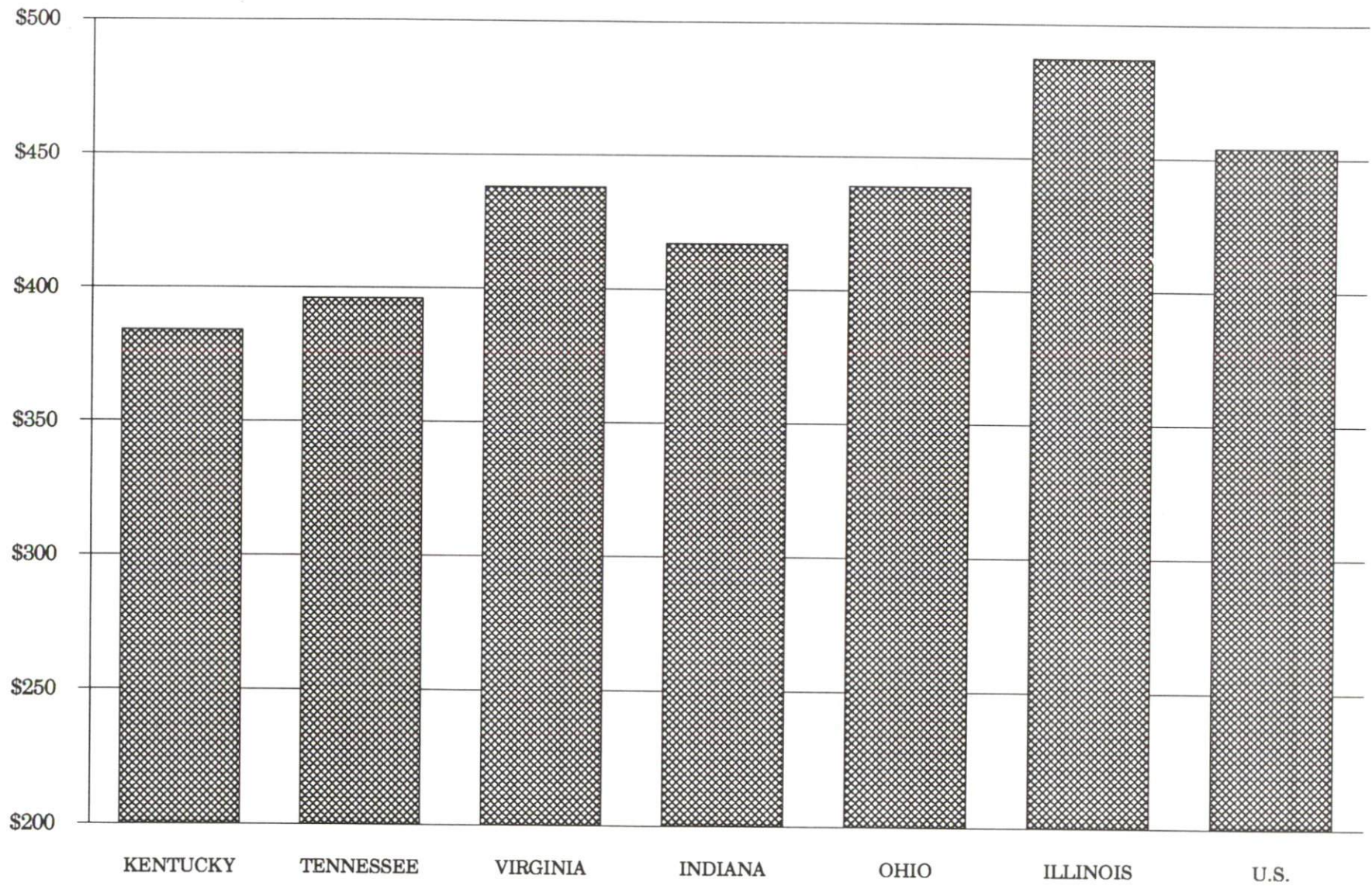
The Covington local office also serves Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, and Pendleton Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1990





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1990\*

	Owen County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$309.09	\$379.97	\$396.00	\$438.00
Mining & Quarrying	.00	654.24	535.00	635.00
Contract Construction	N/A	401.70	421.00	444.00
Manufacturing	N/A	496.95	449.00	487.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	N/A	500.70	523.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	208.49	255.93	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	298.94	434.93	469.00	508.00
Services	200.71	329.76	378.00	430.00
State/Local Government	306.55	392.28	N/A	N/A
	Indiana	Ohio	Illinois	U. S.
All Industries	\$417.00	\$439.00	\$487.00	\$454.00
Mining & Quarrying	746.00	619.00	747.00	714.00
Contract Construction	475.00	504.00	624.00	503.00
Manufacturing	561.00	595.00	590.00	555.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	519.00	553.00	610.00	578.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	442.00	478.00	619.00	571.00
Services	349.00	382.00	444.00	423.00
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, 1990. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1990, November 1991.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### OWENTON MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1991</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Ashcraft Publishing Company (1868)	Newspaper	8
Schlumberger Industries, Gas Division (1978)	Gas meters, clamps, pipeline repair, regulators, gas pressure fittings	300

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

## RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Owen County Industrial Foundation is in the early planning stages to establish a new industrial site located adjacent to U.S. Highway 127.

## LABOR ORGANIZATION IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are currently no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in Owenton.

# SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Owenton</u>
Custom Data Processing	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
Custom Plastics Producers	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
Electric Motor Repair	Lexington, Kentucky	53
	Cincinnati, Ohio	57
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
Heat Treating Facilities	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
Industrial Gases	Lexington, Kentucky	53
	Cincinnati, Ohio	57
Industrial Waste Removal	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	54
Metal Finishers	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
Metal Service Centers	Lexington, Kentucky	53
	Covington, Kentucky	56
	Cincinnati, Ohio	57
Millwrights	Lexington, Kentucky	53
Public Warehouse Facilities	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
	Georgetown, Kentucky	35

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



## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

U.S. Highway 127 and Kentucky Highway 22, both "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways, serve Owenton. Interstate 71 can be accessed 17 miles north of Owenton. Access to Interstate 75 is available 21 miles northeast of Owenton via Kentucky 22.

A \$40 million complete renovation to U.S. Highway 127 from Owen County to Franklin County is under way.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	408	Los Angeles, CA	2,168
Baltimore, MD	585	Louisville, KY	73
Birmingham, AL	418	Nashville, TN	231
Chicago, IL	306	New Orleans, LA	753
Cincinnati, OH	57	New York, NY	729
Cleveland, OH	299	Pittsburgh, PA	331
Detroit, MI	312	St. Louis, MO	341
Knoxville, TN	223		

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

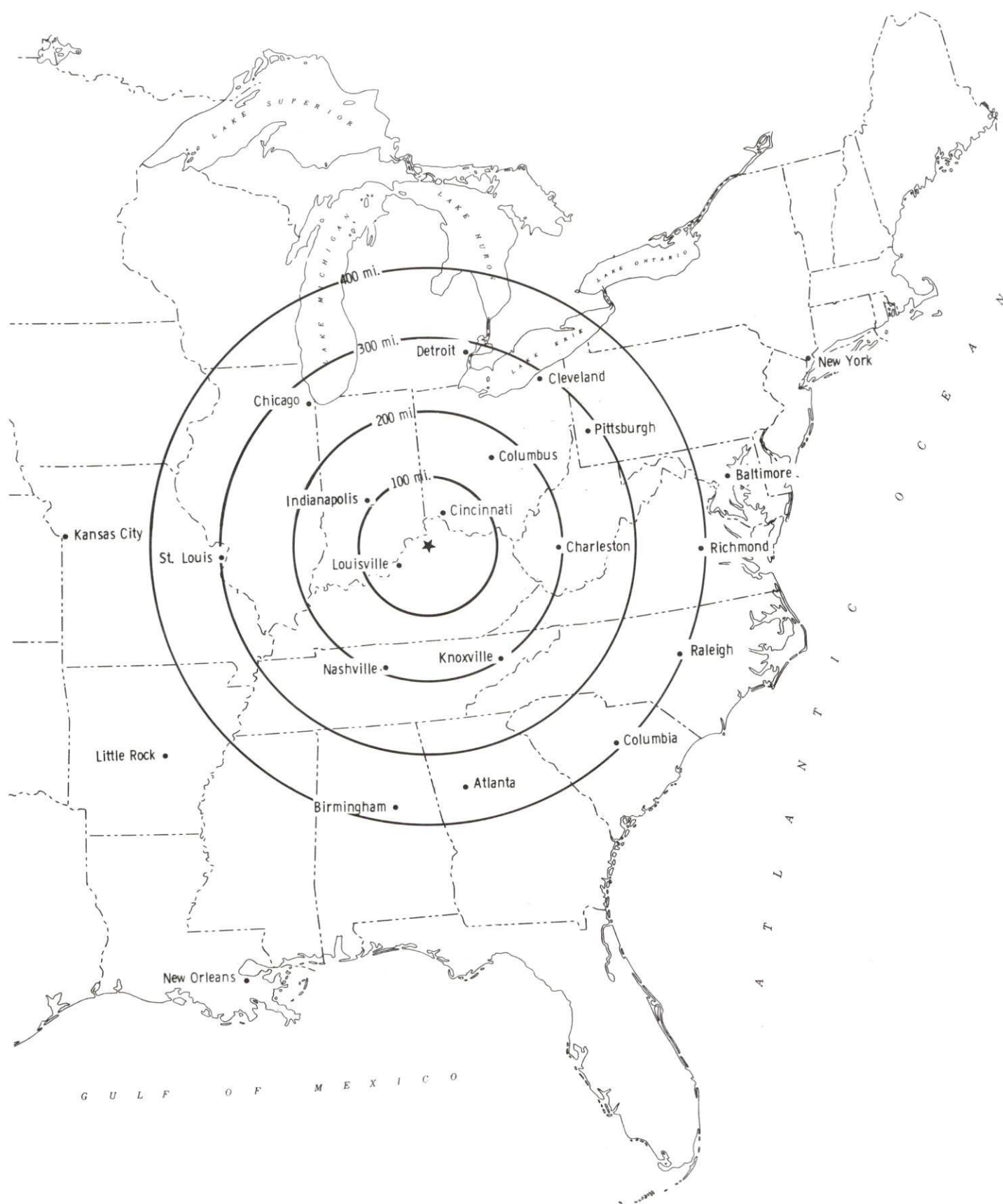
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

### Truck Service

There are currently eighteen common carrier trucking companies that provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Owenton.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1992.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

Owenton is not served directly by rail transportation, however, CSX Transportation offers rail service at Sparta, 14 miles north of Owenton.

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

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

## Air

### Nearest Small Craft Airport

Location:	Capital City Airport
Runways:	Frankfort, 30 miles south of Owenton
Length:	One paved
Traffic	5,000 feet
Control:	Lighted wind sock
Lighting:	Beacon, runway lights sundown to sunrise, REILS and VASI
Services:	100 octane, jet fuel; minor A & P repairs; hangar; storage; taxi

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

	Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport
Location:	8 miles southwest of Covington, Kentucky; 49 miles north of Owenton
Air Service:	American, Delta, Mesaba, ComAir, TWA, American Eagle, United, USAir, Northwest Air Link, USAir Express, Continental, Northwest, United Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	774

	Bluegrass Airport
Location:	4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 53 miles southeast of Owenton
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, United Express, American Eagle, ComAir, TW Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Northwest Airlinck, Henson Airlines
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	120



## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving Owenton and parts of Owen 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 parts of Owen County - Owen Electric Cooperative

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

and/or

Owen Electric Cooperative  
510 South Main Street  
Owenton, Kentucky 40359  
(502) 484-3471 Fax (502) 484-2661

### Natural Gas

A preliminary study is being done to bring natural gas service to Owen County.

### Public Water Supply

Company serving Owenton -	Owenton Water Works 102 North Main Street Owenton, Kentucky 40359 (502) 484-2330
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Source -	Savarn Creek
Treatment plant capacity -	725,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	550,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	600,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	600,000 gallons
Water pressure -	40 psi to 60 psi

Owenton Water Works plans to construct a new one million-gallon per day water treatment plant. Completion is scheduled for December 1993.

Company serving Owen County - Tri-Village Water District  
3700 Highway 127 North  
Owenton, Kentucky 40359-9309  
(502) 484-5774

Source of supply of treated water - Owenton Water Works  
Average daily consumption - 185,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 280,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 283,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 20 psi to 150 psi

Contingent upon funding, the Tri-Village Water District plans to construct a 100,000-gallon water tower.

#### Sewerage

Company serving Owenton - Owenton Sewage System  
P.O. Box 486  
Owenton, Kentucky 40359  
(502) 484-3138

Design capacity - 339,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 216,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Stevens Creek

## CLIMATE

### Owen County

#### Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1990	57.10 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (46-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (46-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record)	4,814
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.90 inches
Total precipitation 1990	53.16 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (46-year record)	129.50
Mean number days thunderstorms (46-year record)	45.10

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

#### Relative Humidity (27-year record, except 1 a.m. - 26-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	81 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1990. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The city of Owenton is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. Owen County is served by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. The county judge/executive and the magistrates are elected to four-year terms.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Owenton Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city limits

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only

Local codes enforced - Building

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 Owenton levies a business license fee ranging from \$20 to \$500 annually for businesses located within the city limits of Owenton. Owen County levies a tax on insurance policies based on seven and one half percent of the premium.

## 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>1991 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.187	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, 1991

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Owen County	\$0.2836	\$0.2696	\$0.2280
School Districts:			
Owen County	0.5830	0.5830	0.4320
Cities:			
Owenton	N/A	N/A	0.2819

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Owen County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1991)	1,865
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1990-91)	17.9-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1990-91)	34.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1990-91)	\$2,932.10

The Owen County School System has completed construction of a new primary school, "K-2". Total cost of the project was \$2.7 million.

The Owen County School System is planning a \$2.7 million complete renovation to the high school and upgrading of the elementary school.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Owenton)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1991)</u>
Kentucky State University	Frankfort, Kentucky (30)	2,534
Georgetown College	Georgetown, Kentucky (35)	1,547
Midway College	Midway, Kentucky (43)	722
Hanover College	Hanover, Indiana (48)	1,069
Lexington Community College	Lexington, Kentucky (53)	4,985
Transylvania University	Lexington, Kentucky (53)	1,038
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky (53)	24,132
Thomas More College	Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky (54)	1,297
Athenaeum of Ohio	Cincinnati, Ohio (57)	272
Cincinnati Bible Seminary	Cincinnati, Ohio (57)	897
College of Mt. St. Joseph	Cincinnati, Ohio (57)	2,563
Hebrew Union College	Cincinnati, Ohio (57)	116
Southern Ohio College	Cincinnati, Ohio (57)	513
University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio (57)	36,944
Xavier University	Cincinnati, Ohio (57)	6,383
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights, Kentucky (60)	11,540



## Vocational Training

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

### 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 the primary 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.

<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Owenton)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1990-1991</u>
Northern Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School	Covington (56)	861
Northern Campbell County Vocational-Technical School	Highland Heights (60)	251
Northern Kentucky Health Occupations Center	Edgewood (52)	197
Franklin County Area Vocational Education Center	Frankfort (30)	215
Carroll County Area Vocational Education Center	Carrollton (30)	416

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3

Dentists - 4

### Hospital

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Owen County Memorial Hospital	Owenton	50
Medical staff - 2 physicians, 6 registered nurses, 6 licensed practical nurses		

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Three Rivers Health Department and  
Home Health Agency  
Owen County Ambulance Service  
Owen County Life Squad  
Owen County Health Center

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

First Farmers Bank and Trust Company  
Peoples Bank and Trust Company

### Newspapers

The News-Herald (weekly)

### Telephone Service

South Central Bell

## RECREATION

### Local

Owenton provides little league programs in basketball, football, and baseball. The school's playgrounds, football fields, gymnasiums, and baseball diamonds are available for use. The Owen County Fairgrounds and a county park are located on a 41-acre site just north of Owenton. Facilities include grandstands, two tennis courts, a lighted softball field and baseball diamond, new little league facilities, a new basketball and volleyball court, and a new walking trail and horseshoe area.

Several recreational areas are located in the county. **Eagle Creek Recreation Area** is located at the confluence of Eagle Creek and the Kentucky River, 20 miles northeast of Owenton. Eagle Creek offers fishing, boating, camping, and swimming.

**Elmer Davis Lake**, 2 miles south of Owenton, is a 140-acre public lake, which offers excellent bass fishing.

**Elk Lake Shores**, 6 miles from Owenton, is a private resort which offers fishing, boating and swimming on a 207-acre lake.

**Hideaway Hills**, located on Elmer Davis Lake, is a private resort which offers fishing, swimming, and tennis.

**Glenwood Hall Resort & Country Club "Perry Park"**, 11 miles west of Owenton, is a private resort with a marina, a restaurant and yacht club, an airstrip, stables tennis courts, camping area, two pools, an 18-hole golf course, proshop, and several other recreational facilities.

**Fairway Golf Course**, 12 miles northwest of Owenton, offers an 18-hole golf course, cottages, and fishing.

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### Area (Within 60 miles)

General Butler State Resort Park  
The Lake Jericho Recreation Area  
Big Bone Lick State Park  
Kincaid Lake State Park  
The Kentucky Horse Park  
The Kentucky River  
Turfway Park Race Track  
Kentucky's State Capital (Frankfort)  
Two Major metropolitan Area:  
Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio  
Lexington Kentucky



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent

Owenton has made several improvements to the downtown area. These improvements include replacement of sidewalks, planting of trees, and the installation of additional street lights.

The Owen County School System has completed construction of a new primary school, "K-2". Total cost of the project was \$2.7 million.

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Owenton has made several improvements to the county park. These improvements include new little league facilities, a new basketball and volleyball court, a new walking trail and horseshoe area, and the tennis courts have been refurbished.

### Under Way

A \$40 million complete renovation to U.S. Highway 127 from Owen County to Franklin County is under way.

A preliminary study is being done to bring natural gas service to Owen County.

### Planned

The Owen County Industrial Foundation is in the early planning stages to establish a new industrial site located adjacent to U.S. Highway 127.

A feasibility study is being done in Owen County on construction of a 250-acre lake near Eagle Creek. The lake will serve as an additional source of raw water and will also be used for recreational purposes.

Construction of a new \$1.1 million bridge over Eagle Creek is being planned.

Owenton Water Works plans to construct a new one million-gallon per day water treatment plant. Completion is scheduled for December 1993.

Contingent upon funding, the Tri-Village Water District plans to construct a 100,000-gallon water tower.

Development of the enhanced version of the "911" emergency communication system is being planned in Owen County.

The Owen County School System is planning a \$2.7 million complete renovation to the high school and upgrading of the elementary school.