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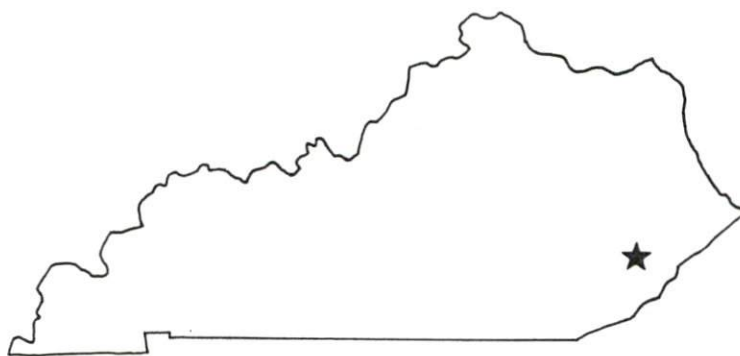
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# *Resources for Economic Development*

## Hazard



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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HAZARD, KENTUCKY

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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**PERRY COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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## HAZARD, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Hazard, the county seat of Perry County, is located in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. Hazard is located 118 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 159 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee; 191 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 196 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1988, Hazard had an estimated population of 5,450.

Perry County, with a land area of 341 square miles, is made up of ridges and valleys occupying about equal portions of the landscape. In 1988, Perry County had an estimated population of 34,000.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Perry County residents employed in 1989 averaged 10,744. In 1988, manufacturing firms in the county reported 308 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,292 jobs; 1,673 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,718 employees; contract construction firms provided 130 jobs; and 2,185 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 50,285 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 16,956 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hazard. Major highways directly serving Hazard are Kentucky Highways 15, 80 and 476, all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Two interchanges of the Daniel Boone Parkway are located within five miles of Hazard. Twelve trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hazard. The East Kentucky Regional Airport, 15 miles north of Hazard, has a paved 3,250-foot runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline services are located at Bluegrass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 122 miles northwest; and at the Tri-State Airport near Huntington, West Virginia, 124 miles northeast of Hazard.

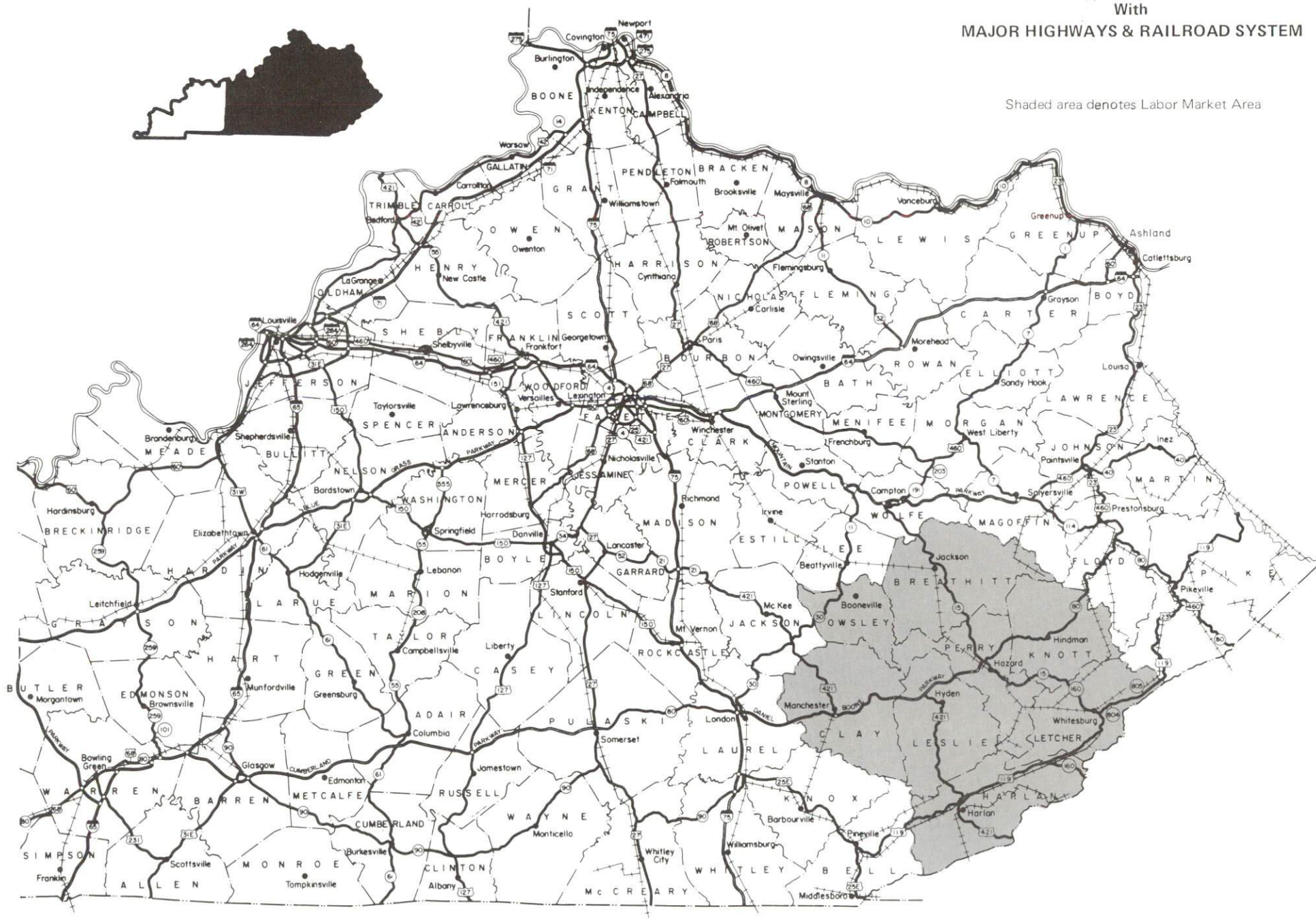
**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Hazard and Perry County by the Kentucky Power Company. Natural gas service is provided to Hazard by the City of Hazard Gas Company.

**Education** - Primary and secondary education is provided by the Hazard Independent School System, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Perry County School System. Vocational training is available locally at the Hazard State Vocational-Technical School. Three area vocational centers are located within 35 miles of Hazard also. The Hazard Community College offers degrees in Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and Associate in Applied Science. In addition, seven other colleges are located near Hazard.



# HAZARD LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Hazard Labor Market Area includes Perry County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Breathitt, Clay, Harlan, Knott, Leslie, Letcher and Owsley.

POPULATION			
	<u>1988*</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	180,100	184,626	150,840
Hazard	5,450	5,371	5,459
Perry County	34,000	33,763	26,259

\* Population estimates.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, August 1989; November 1989.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	202,188	210,030	222,518	230,995
Perry County	38,311	39,977	42,666	44,567

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current			Future	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994</u>
Labor Market Area*	50,285	6,995	6,821	36,469	16,956
Perry County	8,576	1,406	1,247	5,923	3,060

\* 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).

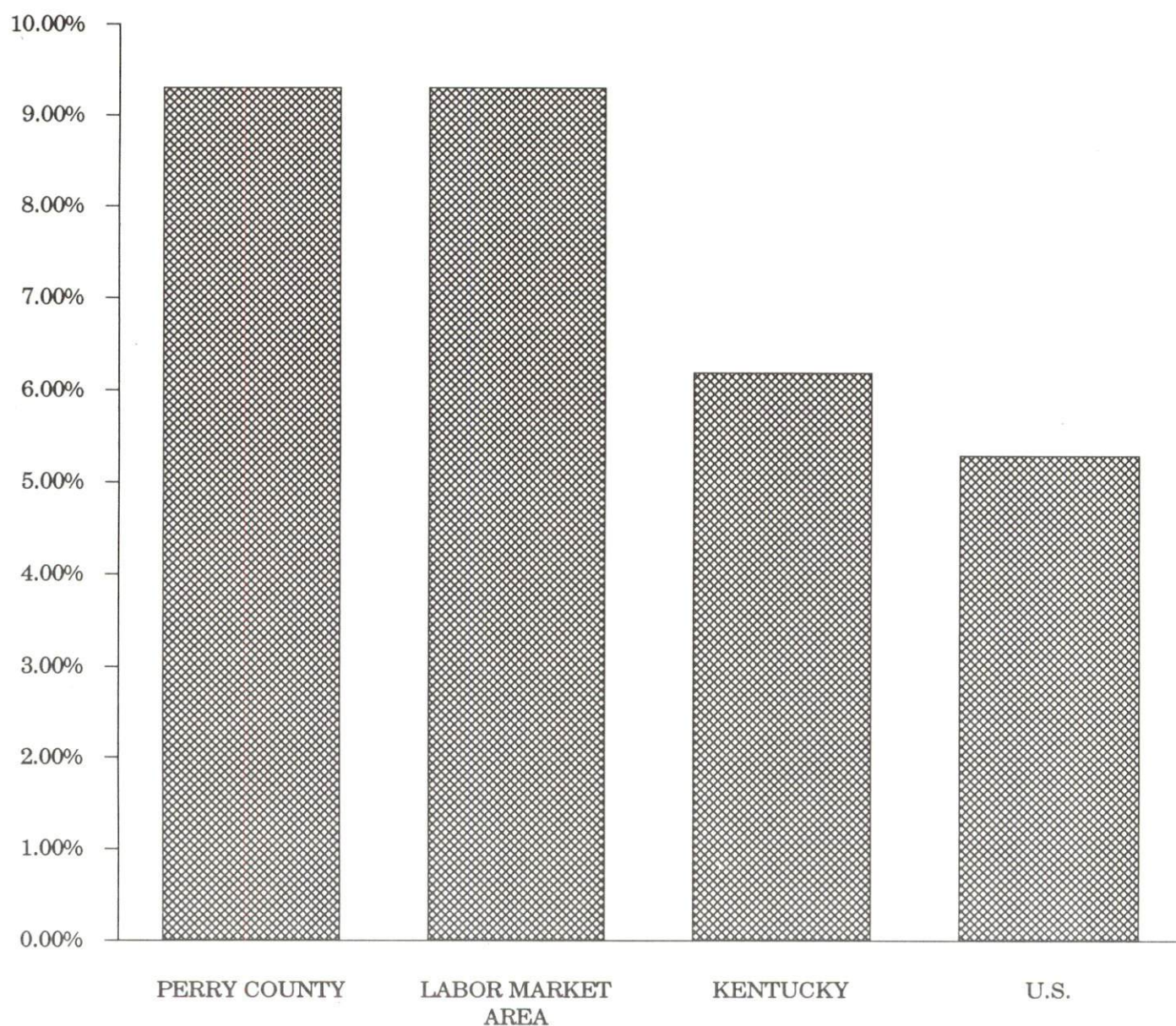
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1988. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1989

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	10,744	52,660
Employment	9,749	47,742
Unemployment	995	4,918
Rate of Unemployment (%)	9.3	9.3

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1989.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1989



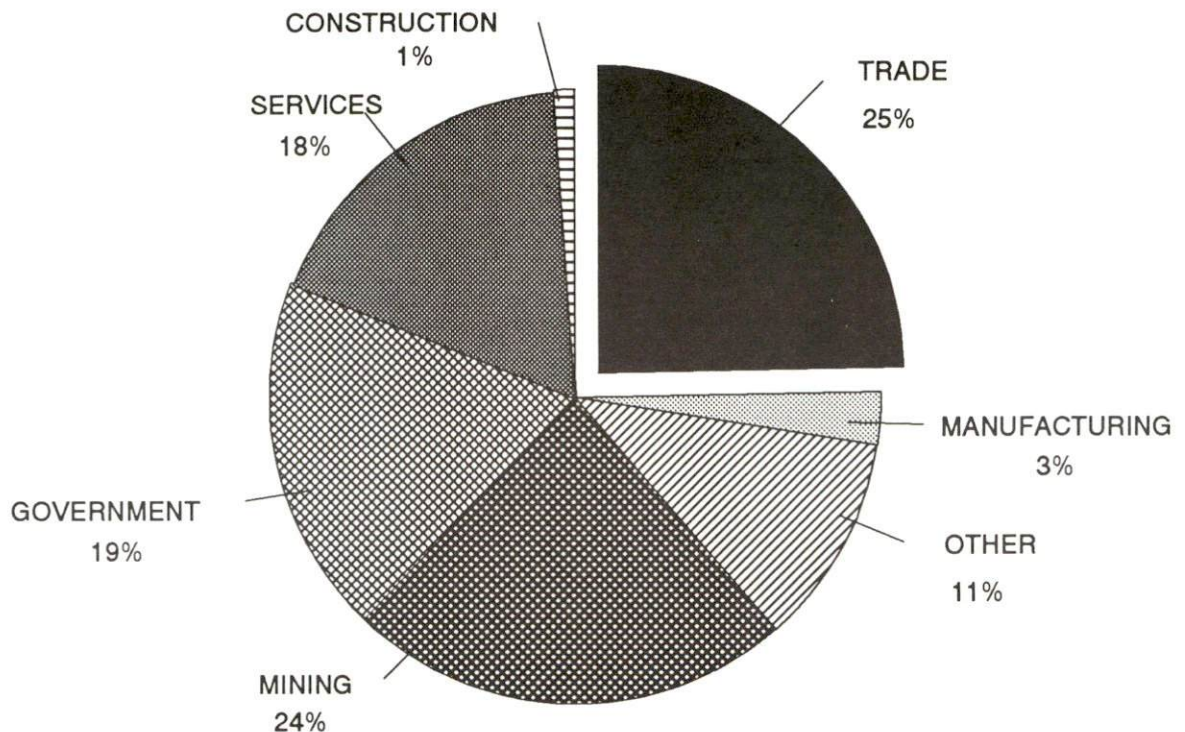


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Perry County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	9,289	37,130
Manufacturing	308	954
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,292	8,210
Services	1,673	5,997
State/Local Government	1,718	7,769
Contract Construction	130	560
Mining & Quarrying	2,185	10,570

**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, 1988*.

PERRY COUNTY

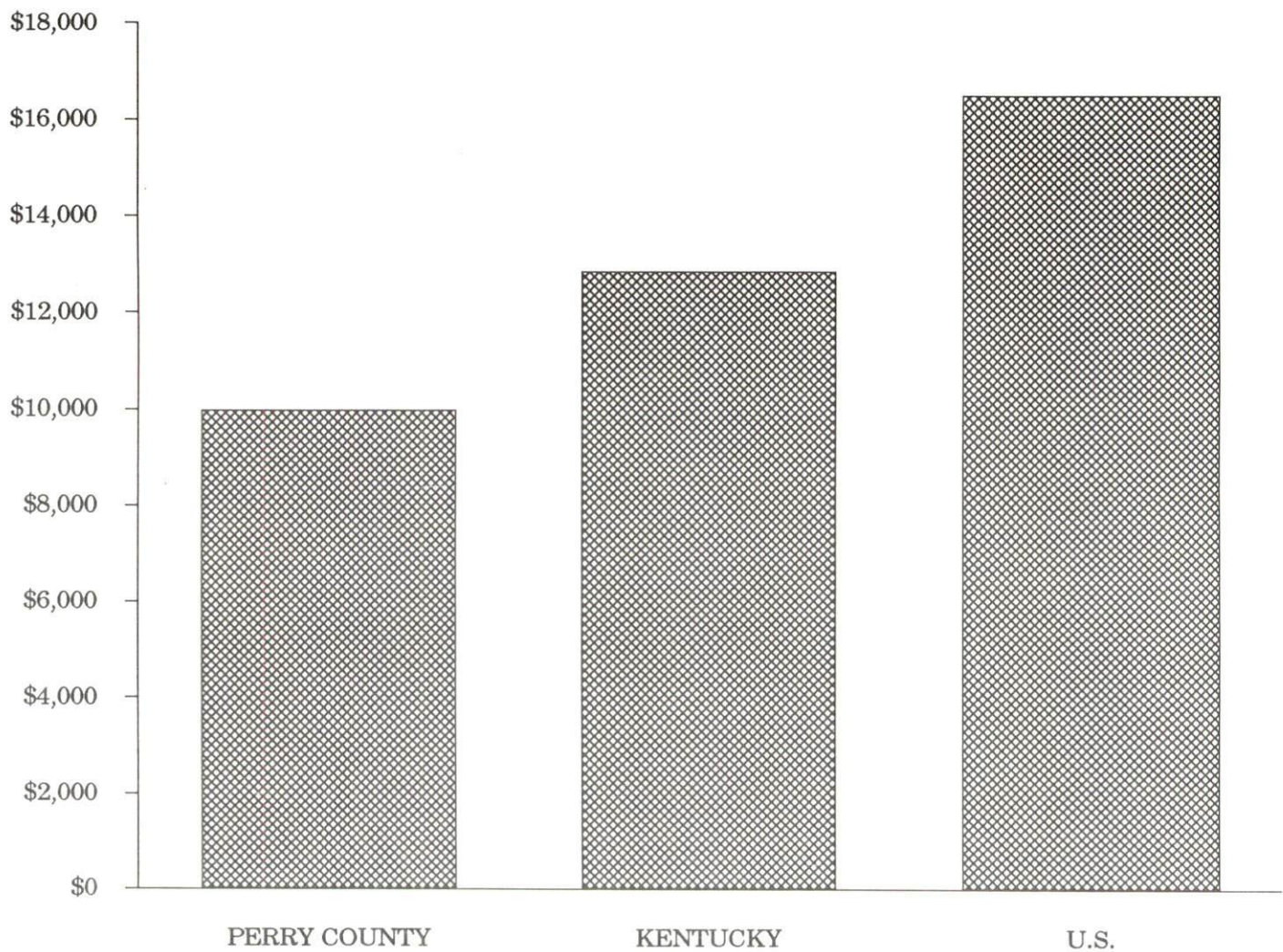


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1984	1988	Percent Change
Perry County	\$9,358	\$9,963	6.5
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,873 - \$9,358	\$6,904 - \$9,963	-
Kentucky	\$10,411	\$12,830	23.2
U.S.	\$13,116	\$16,490	25.7

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, April 1990.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1988





## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

Perry County is served by the Hazard local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Hazard 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, 1989, the local employment office filled 1,261 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

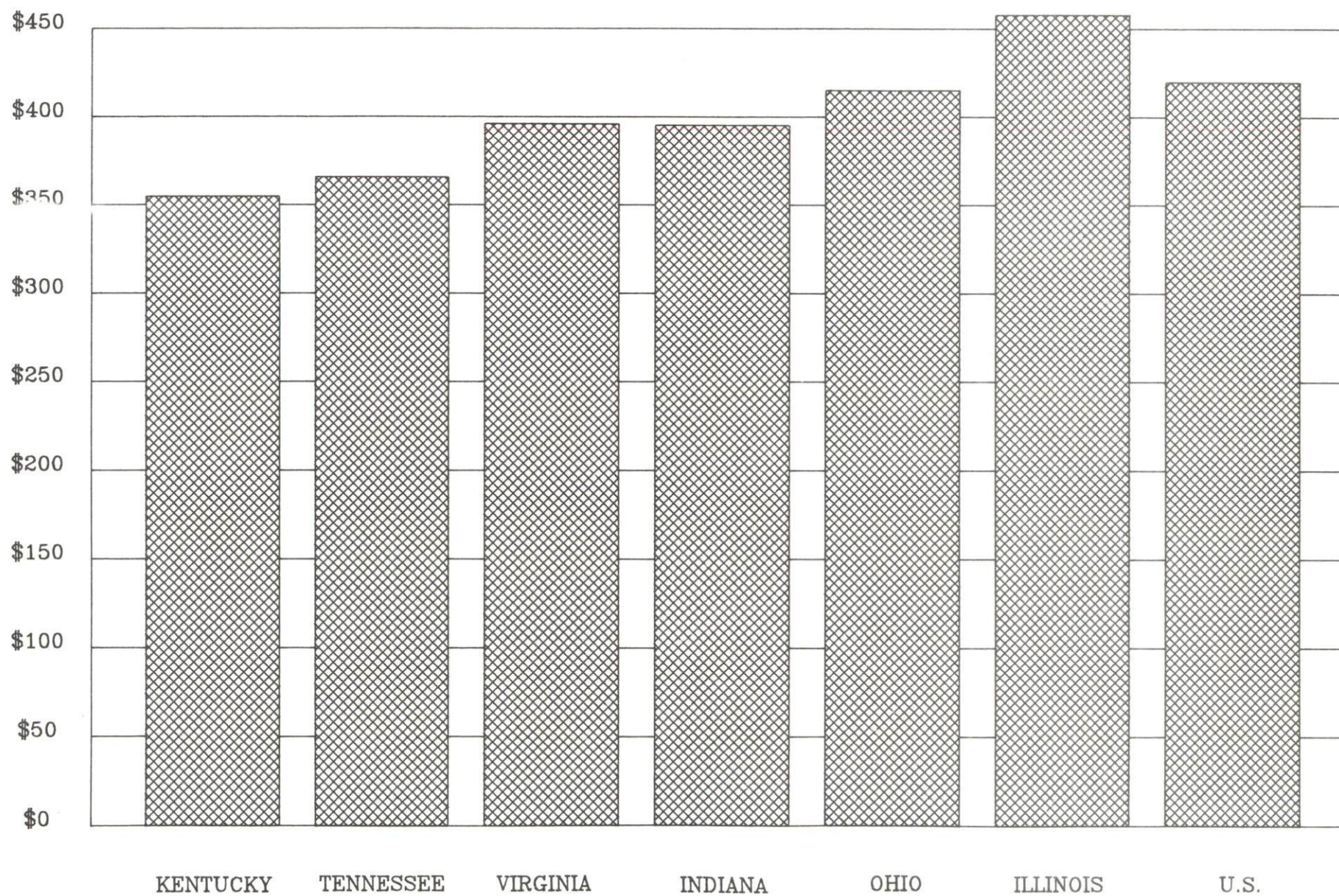
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,261	3.98
Clerical	272	3.65
Sales	116	3.76
Services (excluding domestic)	528	3.32
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	4	4.20
Processing	1	9.00
Machine Trades	24	6.93
Bench Work	11	3.91
Structural	160	4.93
Motor Freight/ Transportation	32	6.16
Packaging and Materials Handling	50	4.10
Other	19	8.63

The Hazard local office also serves Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, and Wolfe Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1988





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Perry County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$385.17	\$352.31	\$363.12	\$392.56
Mining & Quarrying	624.32	603.27	495.85	596.88
Contract Construction	415.61	380.71	394.27	422.27
Manufacturing	424.92	464.92	416.73	452.60
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	428.61	468.17	485.13	554.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238.59	238.88	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	405.52	401.17	269.27	466.23
Services	326.71	298.98	343.48	391.67
State/Local Government	307.56	377.81	403.21	457.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$392.63	\$411.08	\$454.10	\$416.33
Mining & Quarrying	635.77	579.73	674.62	660.40
Contract Construction	449.87	465.46	584.10	469.85
Manufacturing	532.06	569.98	555.83	517.62
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	502.69	519.17	584.83	542.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406.58	444.33	579.88	532.52
Services	317.98	348.48	402.38	384.31
State/Local Government	395.31	428.10	453.12	442.71

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, 1988. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, August 29, 1989.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### PERRY COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1989</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Hazard</b>		
East Kentucky Beverage Company (1942)	Soft drinks	41
Fit Form International, Inc. (1986)	Exercise machines	5
Home Lumber Company (1914)	Millwork, ready mixed concrete, cabinets	30
Kentucky Welding Supply, Inc. (1983)	Equipment assembly welding	7
Mountain Enterprises, Inc. (1984)	Asphalt	5
Mountain Ready Mix, Inc. (1976)	Ready mixed concrete	29
Solid Craft (1989)	Aluminum boats and accessories	4
Winter Hawk Boats, Inc. (1989)	Fiberglass boats, tables	3
<b>Jeff</b>		
A & T Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1972)	Conveyor belt systems, fabricated structural steel, preparation crushing equipment, coal loading	120

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

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
United Steelworkers of America	East Kentucky Beverage Company



# SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Hazard</u>
Custom Data Processing	Prestonsburg, Kentucky	50
Custom Plastics Producers	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky	81
Electric Motor Repair	Hazard, Kentucky	-
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Hazard, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	103
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Hazard, Kentucky	-
Industrial Gases	Hazard, Kentucky	-
Industrial Waste Removal	Corbin, Kentucky	76
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Hazard, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	91
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	103
Metal Service Centers	Pikeville, Kentucky	69
Millwrights	Stanton, Kentucky	74
Public Warehouse Facilities	Danville, Kentucky	117
	Lexington, Kentucky	118

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1987; Division of Research and Planning.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Hazard is served directly by Kentucky Highways 15, 80, and 476, all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Interchanges with the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, are located 4 miles north and 5 miles west of Hazard.

The Mountain Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is located 53 miles north of Hazard via Kentucky 15. Interstate 75, a north-south multi-lane highway, is located 61 miles west of Hazard via the Daniel Boone Parkway.

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

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	354	Los Angeles, CA	2,277
Baltimore, MD	537	Louisville, KY	191
Birmingham, AL	409	Nashville, TN	263
Chicago, IL	461	New Orleans, LA	749
Cincinnati, OH	196	New York, NY	726
Cleveland, OH	391	Pittsburgh, PA	366
Detroit, MI	444	St. Louis, MO	449
Knoxville, TN	159		

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

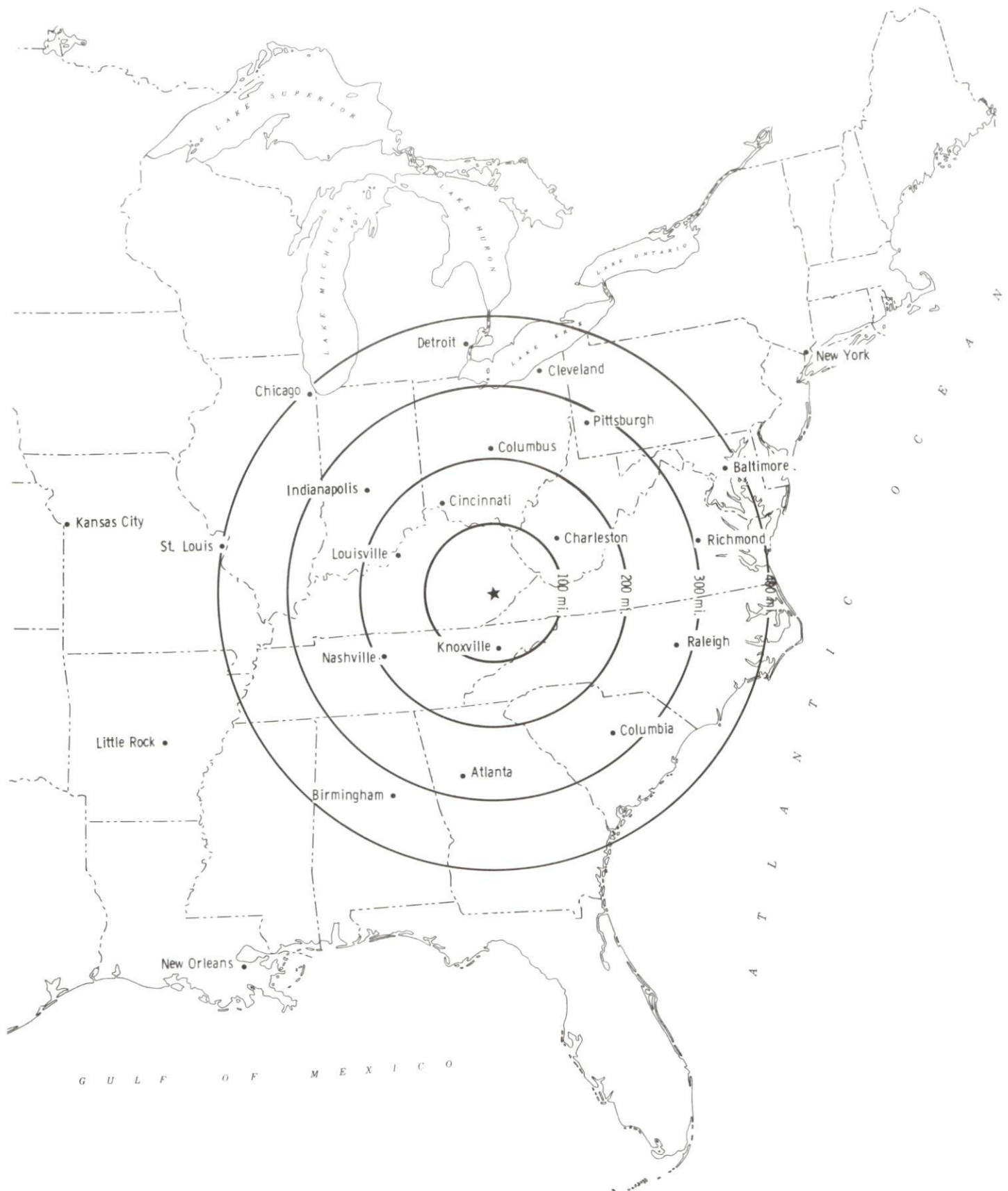
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

### Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1990.

## Selected Market Centers



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Hazard. They also provide the nearest piggyback facilities in Kingsport, Tennessee, 117 miles southeast of Hazard.

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

### Local

Location:	East Kentucky Regional Airport*
Runways:	15 miles north of Hazard
Length:	1 paved
Traffic	3,250 feet
Control:	Wind sock, unicom 122.7, VOR-DME
Lighting:	Runway lights, rotating beacon
Services:	100LL, jet-A fuel, courtesy car, tie-downs

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Services

Location:	Bluegrass Airport
	4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;
	122 miles northwest of Hazard
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, TWA, United Express, JetStream, Air Kentucky, American Eagle, ComAir
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	116

and

Location:	Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field)
	3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia;
	124 miles northeast of Hazard
Air Service:	ComAir, USAir, C.C. Air
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	34

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\*The East Kentucky Regional Airport is planning to construct a 6,000-foot runway, a maintenance hangar, a fixed-base operator building, and install an ILS landing system. Construction of these facilities is expected to cost \$2,500,000 and is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1990.



## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving Hazard and Perry County - Kentucky Power Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company  
For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company  
1701 Central Avenue  
P. O. Box 1428  
Ashland, Kentucky 41101  
(606) 327-1111

### Natural Gas

Company serving Hazard - City of Hazard Gas Company  
Source of supply - Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company, city-owned wells  
For rates and supplies contact:

City of Hazard Gas Company  
P.O. Box 420  
Hazard, Kentucky 41701  
(606) 436-3171

### Public Water Supply

Company serving Hazard - City of Hazard, Water Division  
P.O. Box 420  
Hazard, Kentucky 41701  
(606) 436-3171

Source - North Fork of Kentucky River  
Treatment plant capacity - 4,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 2,200,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 2,300,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 6,750,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 80 psi to 120 psi

A \$2,000,000 water project, including 28 miles of new lines and a 1,000,000-gallon storage tank, was completed in April, 1990. The Hazard Water Department has planned a \$1,750,000 project to expand the treatment facility and lay 15 miles of new water lines.

## Sewerage

Company serving Hazard - City of Hazard, Sewer Department  
P.O. Box 420  
Hazard, Kentucky 41701  
(606) 436-3171

Design capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 1,100,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Primary, secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of Kentucky River

A project to install a trickling filter media and new pumps was completed in the summer of 1989 at a cost of \$150,000.

The Hazard Sewer Department currently has two projects planned. One project includes installing a sludge dewatering treatment in the summer of 1990, costing \$50,000. The other project is expected to cost \$125,000 and will include the following: a building for the sludge dewatering; new distributor arm; a new pump; pit and piping for the trickling filter media; filter recirculation; chlorine contact chamber; reserve clarifier chain; a dump truck; and a new mixer for the digester.

## CLIMATE

### Perry County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.90 degrees
Average annual 1988	55.10 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (43-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (43 year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,356
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.24 inches
Mean annual snowfall (51-year record)	16.40 inches
Total precipitation 1988	30.68 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (43-year record)	132.80
Mean number days thunderstorms (45-year record)	43.10

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

#### Relative Humidity (27-year record)

1 a.m.	80 percent
7 a.m.	85 percent
1 p.m.	57 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1988. Station of record: Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The city of Hazard is served by a mayor, four council members, and a city manager. Perry County is served by a county judge/executive and three magistrates.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Hazard Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Yes

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits of Hazard

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

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 Hazard levies an occupational license fee of \$50 plus 1% of net profits on businesses within the city and 1% of gross wages of individuals employed within the city.



## State and Local Property Taxes

All property in Kentucky, except items exempted by the state constitution, is taxed by the state. Property which also may be taxed by local jurisdictions includes land and buildings, finished goods inventories, automobiles, trucks, office furniture and office equipment. Local taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky include counties, cities, and school districts.

All property in Kentucky is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

### COMBINED STATE AND LOCAL RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1989

	City of Hazard, Hazard Independent School District	City of Hazard, Perry County School District	Unincorporated Perry County
Land and Buildings	\$1.1640	\$1.0180	\$0.6630
Manufacturing			
Machinery	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
Pollution Control			
Equipment	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
Inventories			
Raw Materials	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Goods in Process	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Finished Goods	1.0061	0.8601	0.5051
Automobiles & Trucks	1.4841	1.2811	0.9261
Other Tangible			
Personal Property	1.4551	1.3091	0.9541
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150

\* Accounts receivable are taxed at 85 percent of face value, for an effective rate of \$0.2125 per \$100 valuation.

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Hazard Independent	Perry County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1989)	1,265	5,775
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	-
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1988-89)	18.2-1	19.8-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1988-89)	82.8	39.8
Expenditures Per Pupil (1988-89)	\$2,292.07	\$2,201.82

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1989)</u>
Hazard Community College	Hazard	1,213
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes (31)	534
Lees College	Jackson (32)	363
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg (50)	2,224
Southeast Community College	Cumberland (55)	1,703
Sue Bennett College	London (56)	544
Union College	Barbourville (64)	1,047
Pikeville College	Pikeville (69)	926

### Hazard Community College

The Hazard Community College is one of fourteen community colleges in the University of Kentucky Community College System. Hazard Community College offers the first two years of most four-year degree programs offered by the University of Kentucky or other four-year colleges and universities. Degrees offered by the Hazard Community College include the Associate in Arts, the Associate in Science, and the Associate in Applied Science. Courses leading to bachelors and masters degrees are periodically offered by the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and Union College.

Hazard Community College recently formed the Business and Industry Technical Assistance Center. The formation of this center, to assist area business and industry in the education process, is an example of the college's commitment to the economic development of the region.

## 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 (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1988-1989</u>
Hazard State Vocational-Technical School	Hazard	783
Breathitt County Area Vocational Education Center	Jackson (32)	224
Knott County Area Vocational Education Center	Hindman (22)	261
Leslie County Area Vocational Education Center	Hyden (24)	395



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 43

Dentists - 11

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
ARH Regional Medical Center	Hazard	208

Medical Staff - 38 physicians, 87 registered nurses, 82 licensed practical nurses

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

After Hours Treatment Center  
Hazard-Perry County Community Hospice  
Kentucky River Community Care, Inc.  
Kentucky River District Health Department  
Perry County Health Department  
Vicco Treatment Center  
Perry County Ambulance Authority

### Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Citizens Bank and Trust  
First Federal Savings and Loan Association  
Peoples Bank and Trust Company

### Newspapers

The Hazard Times (weekly)  
The Hearld Voice (weekly)  
Perry County News (weekly)

### Telephone Service

General Telephone Company

## RECREATION

### Local

Hazard offers a variety of public recreation facilities which include three city parks with a basketball court, seven tennis courts, an amphitheatre, a picnic shelter, two playgrounds, a 9-hole golf course, two volleyball courts, and a horseshoe court.

Public recreation in Perry County includes a swimming pool and two tennis courts.

A private country club in Perry County has a 9-hole golf course and a swimming pool.

The Black Gold Festival, held the third weekend in September, is dedicated to the coal industry, one of Kentucky's major resources. Events held during the festival include a tobacco spitting contest; canoe and raft race; car raffle; 10,000 meter marathon; powder shoot; style show parade; coal truck competition; square dancing; window decorating contest; horseshoe contest; continuous country, rock, and gospel music; old-fashioned dressup day; and the Miss Black Gold Festival Pageant.

The Hazard Community College provides many entertainment opportunities which include the Community Concert Series, Civic Chorus, Civic Theater, and the Summer Playhouse.

The Hazard Pavillion has been constructed in Hazard. The complex contains an olympic-size swimming pool, indoor track, basketball/volleyball courts, two tennis courts, racquetball courts, aerobics room, locker rooms, and kitchen. The \$700,000 facility was completed in the fall of 1988.

### Area (Within 65 miles)

Carr Fork Lake  
The Daniel Boone National Forest  
Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park  
Jenny Wiley State Resort Park  
Kingdom Come State Park  
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park  
Natural Bridge State Resort Park

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent

Hazard re-certified as a Kentucky Certified City in 1989, and is distinguished as a gold award winner recognizing seven consecutive years of certification. Re-certification is based on achievement in the following categories: existing industry assistance, small business assistance, educational resources, and community development factors of health care, public safety, arts and culture, recreation, governmental awareness and resources. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Hazard Community College recently completed a \$2,900,000 project by constructing a 26,000 square foot addition to its facilities. This addition houses a new library, technical classrooms, and office space.

A new \$2.5 million regional post office has been constructed in Hazard. This new postal facility was in operation in the winter of 1988.

The Perry County School System has recently expanded at several schools throughout the county. Included in these additions are five multi-purpose rooms, a gymnasium, seven classrooms, and industrial arts facilities. Combined cost of these additions is approximately \$7,000,000. Construction of a new central office and bus garage was completed in April, 1990.

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The Hazard School System recently completed \$200,000 of renovations to the gymnasium and classrooms.

A Main Street Renovation took place from 1988 to 1990. The \$15,000,000 renovations included upgrading store fronts and interiors, sidewalk replacement, and planting new trees.

The Hazard Water Department completed a \$2,000,000 project, including 28 miles of new lines and a 1,000,000-gallon storage tank, in April, 1990. The Sewer Department installed a trickling filter media and new pumps in the summer of 1989 at a cost of \$150,000.

The Perry County Park opened in the spring of 1989, costing \$500,000. The park features a swimming pool, horse riding track, tennis and basketball courts, a senior citizens section, picnic shelters, lighting, rest rooms, and four baseball fields, which will host the 1990 Kentucky State Little League Tournament.



## Under Way

The Black Gold Mall is being constructed in the Jack Lot Hollow area of Hazard. This \$35 million mall will contain 226,000 square feet of retail space for three anchor stores and a number of specialty shops. This facility is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1990.

The East Kentucky Regional Airport is planning to construct a 6,000-foot runway, a maintenance hangar, a fixed-base operator building, and install an ILS landing system. Construction of these facilities is expected to cost \$2,500,000 and is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1990.

## Planned

The Hazard Water Department has planned a \$1,750,000 project to expand the treatment plant facility and lay 15 miles of new lines. The Hazard Sewer Department currently has two projects planned. One project involves installing a sludge dewatering treatment in the summer of 1990, costing \$50,000. The other project is expected to cost \$125,000 and will include the following: a building for the sludge dewatering; new distributor arm; a new pump; pit and piping for the trickling filter media; filter recirculation; a chlorine contact chamber; reserve clarifier chain; a dump truck; and a new mixer for the digester.

An access bridge from the new Hazard Bypass to the center of town has been proposed and is expected to cost \$12,000,000.

The Perry County School System is planning to build a 1,500 student senior high school facility that will include fifty classrooms, an auditorium, library, chemistry and physics lab, and a gymnasium.