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# Kentucky

## Resources For Economic Development

### **Mt. Vernon** (Rockcastle County)

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## **MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE**

Mt. Vernon, the county seat of Rockcastle County, is located in east central Kentucky. Mt. Vernon is 54 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky; 119 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 128 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky.

Rockcastle County covers a land area of 318 square miles and had an estimated 1997 population of 15,744 persons. Mount Vernon had an estimated population of 2,607 in 1996.

**The Economic Framework** - Rockcastle County firms employed 3,381 persons in 1996. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 785 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 657 jobs; 903 were employed in the service industry; state and local government accounted for 685 jobs; and contract construction firms provided 82 jobs.

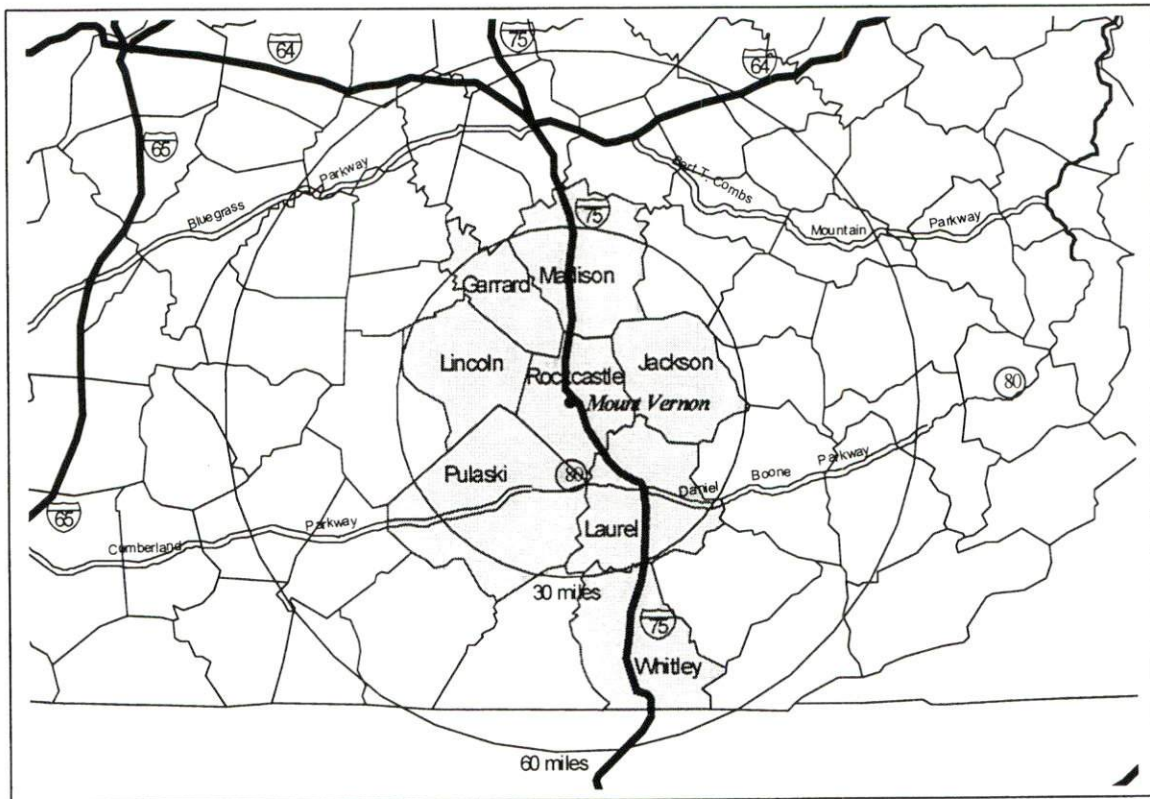
**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 45,666 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 to 2003, approximately 19,467 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Mt. Vernon is served directly by Interstate 75 and U.S. Highways 25 and 150. The Daniel Boone Parkway is accessible 22 miles southeast, while the Cumberland Parkway is accessible 26 miles southwest. Seventeen trucking companies serve Mt. Vernon with interstate and/or intrastate service. Rail service is provided to Mt. Vernon by CSX Transportation. The London-Corbin Airport, 25 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon, maintains a 6,000-foot paved runway. The Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, 58 miles north of Mt. Vernon, provides the nearest scheduled commercial airline service.

**Power and Fuel** - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Mt. Vernon and portions of Rockcastle County. Rockcastle County is also provided electric power by Jackson Energy Cooperative. Portions of Rockcastle County, including industrial sites, are provided limited natural gas from local gas wells.

**Education** - The Rockcastle County School System provides primary and secondary education to Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County. Three universities, five senior colleges, and two community colleges are located within 55 miles of Mt. Vernon. Vocational-technical training is provided by the Rockcastle County Area Technology Center, located in Mt. Vernon, and the Laurel County Technical College, located in London, 22 miles southeast.

## 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 Mt. Vernon labor market area includes Rockcastle County and the following additional counties: Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Lincoln, Madison, Pulaski, and Whitley.

### Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1996*</u>	<u>1997*</u>
Labor Market Area	227,408	242,143	267,232	270,900
Mount Vernon	2,334	2,654	2,607	N/A
Rockcastle County	13,973	14,803	15,611	15,744

**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	281,782	307,235	327,744
Rockcastle County	16,321	17,522	18,480

**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>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>	<u>Under- employed</u>	
Labor Market Area	45,666	6,224	5,651	33,791	19,467
Rockcastle County	1,727	352	439	936	1,163

**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>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	6,061	125,391
Employed	5,709	119,167
Unemployed	352	6,224
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.0

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

### Work Force Commuting Patterns (1990)

Workers commuting out of Rockcastle County	2,350
Workers commuting into Rockcastle County	675
Working and residing in Rockcastle County	2,720

**Source:** University of Louisville, State Data Center.

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

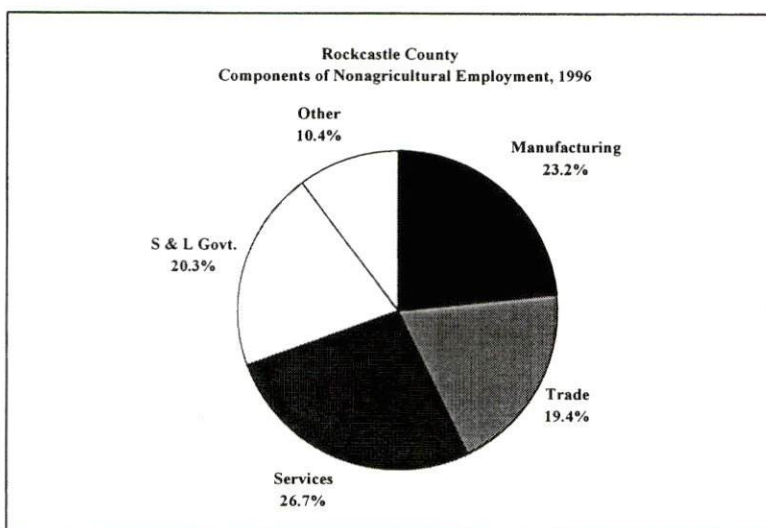
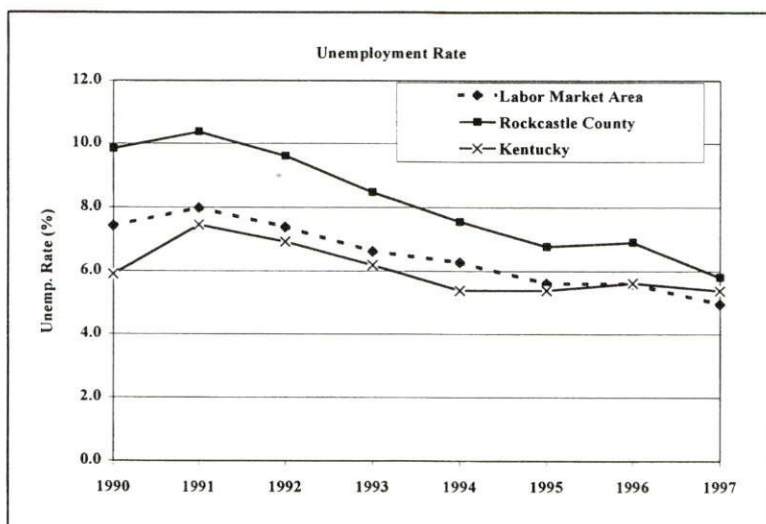
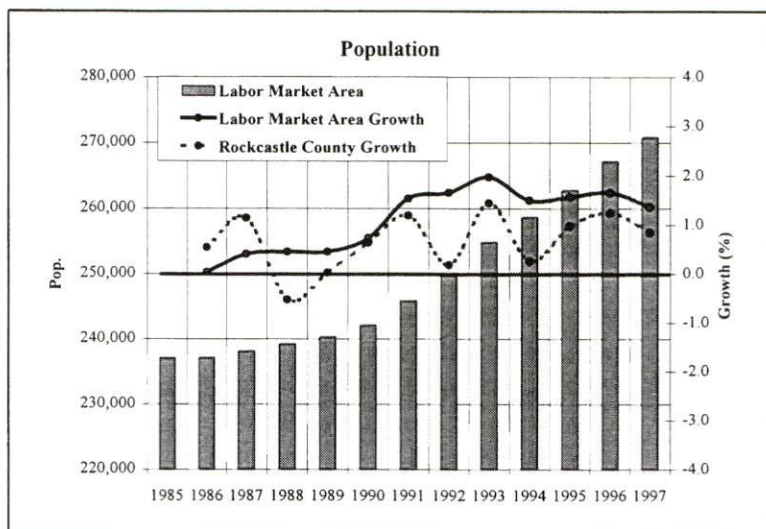
	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	3,381	85,877
Mining & Quarrying	0	616
Contract Construction	82	3,639
Manufacturing	785	18,461
Transportation & Public Utilities	121	3,367
Wholesale & Retail Trade	657	24,070
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	109	2,510
Services	903	17,640
State & Local Government	685	15,114
Other	17	372

**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>
Rockcastle County	\$11,185	\$13,309	19.0
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,045 - \$14,674	\$12,609 - \$17,491	-
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

Rockcastle County is served by the Corbin local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin 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 Rockcastle 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	3,243	5.36
Clerical	192	4.84
Sales	40	5.51
Services (excluding domestic)	452	4.47
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	18	5.26
Processing	325	5.46
Machine Trades	31	6.89
Bench Work	1,432	4.59
Structural	212	7.29
Motor Freight/Transportation	62	4.79
Packaging and Materials Handling	402	7.62
Other	17	11.33

**Note:** Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department for Labor. The Corbin local office serves Clay, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Whitley Counties.

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

**Average Weekly Wages by Industry  
by Place of Work, 1996\***

	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$316.28	\$465.37	\$495.00	\$525.00
Mining & Quarrying	0.00	774.09	718.00	763.00
Contract Construction	281.92	489.34	524.00	515.00
Manufacturing	340.92	608.28	592.00	615.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	292.77	620.62	620.00	718.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	192.91	319.59	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	357.24	576.81	653.00	688.00
Services	316.26	420.80	471.00	550.00
State & Local Government	403.49	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

### Rockcastle County Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
<b>Mt. Vernon</b>		
B & F Lumber Company (1993)	Wood pallets	20
B & H Tool Company (1997)	Casts/plates for automotive industry	12
Cummins Lumber (1980)	Wood pallets	12
Dabney Feed & Supply Company (1990)	Feed	10
Ladco Company (1997)	High pressure air devices	10
Mt. Vernon Plastics Corporation (1980)	Plastics packaging, non-pressure plastic closures	360
Rockcastle Manufacturing Company (1979)	Men's uniforms	275
Rockcastle Ready Mix (1989)	Concrete blocks, ready-mixed concrete	3
The Kentucky Stone Company (1936)	Agricultural lime, crushed stone	17
The Mt. Vernon Signal (1887)	Newspaper	6
<b>Brodhead</b>		
Adams Feed and Supply (1959)	Feed	2
Stanford Machine Works (1988)	Tooling and dies, welding	2

**Sources:** Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority.

#### **Major Mt. Vernon Supportive/Service Employers**

Image Entry, Inc., a computer data service company, began operations in 1995 employing 85-90 persons. Renfro Valley, Inc., a tourism and entertainment business employs about 50 persons.

#### **Labor Organizations in Manufacturing Firms**

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	The Kentucky Stone Company

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



### Selected Industrial Services

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Mt. Vernon</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Somerset, Kentucky	26
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	29
Industrial Waste Removal	Berea, Kentucky	16
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Crab Orchard	14
	Berea, Kentucky	16
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	78
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	29
Metal Service Centers	Richmond, Kentucky	29
Millwrights & Riggers	Nicholasville, Kentucky	51
	Lexington, Kentucky	54

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

Mt. Vernon is served by Interstate 75 and U.S. Highways 25 and 150, all AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Also serving Mt. Vernon is Kentucky 461. The Daniel Boone Parkway, a two-lane limited-access toll road, is accessible 22 miles southeast via Interstate 75. The Cumberland Parkway, also a multi-lane toll road, is accessible 26 miles southwest via Kentucky Highways 461 and 80.

#### Highway Miles from Mount Vernon, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	329	Kansas City, MO	637
Baltimore, MD	567	Knoxville, TN	119
Birmingham, AL	373	Los Angeles, CA	2,198
Charleston, WV	203	Louisville, KY	128
Chicago, IL	426	Minneapolis, MN	836
Cincinnati, OH	132	Nashville, TN	196
Cleveland, OH	382	New Orleans, LA	717
Columbia, SC	379	New York, NY	735
Columbus, OH	240	Pittsburgh, PA	426
Dallas, TX	855	Raleigh, NC	477
Des Moines, IA	715	Richmond, VA	522
Detroit, MI	396	St. Louis, MO	389
Indianapolis, IN	244	Tallahassee, FL	598

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

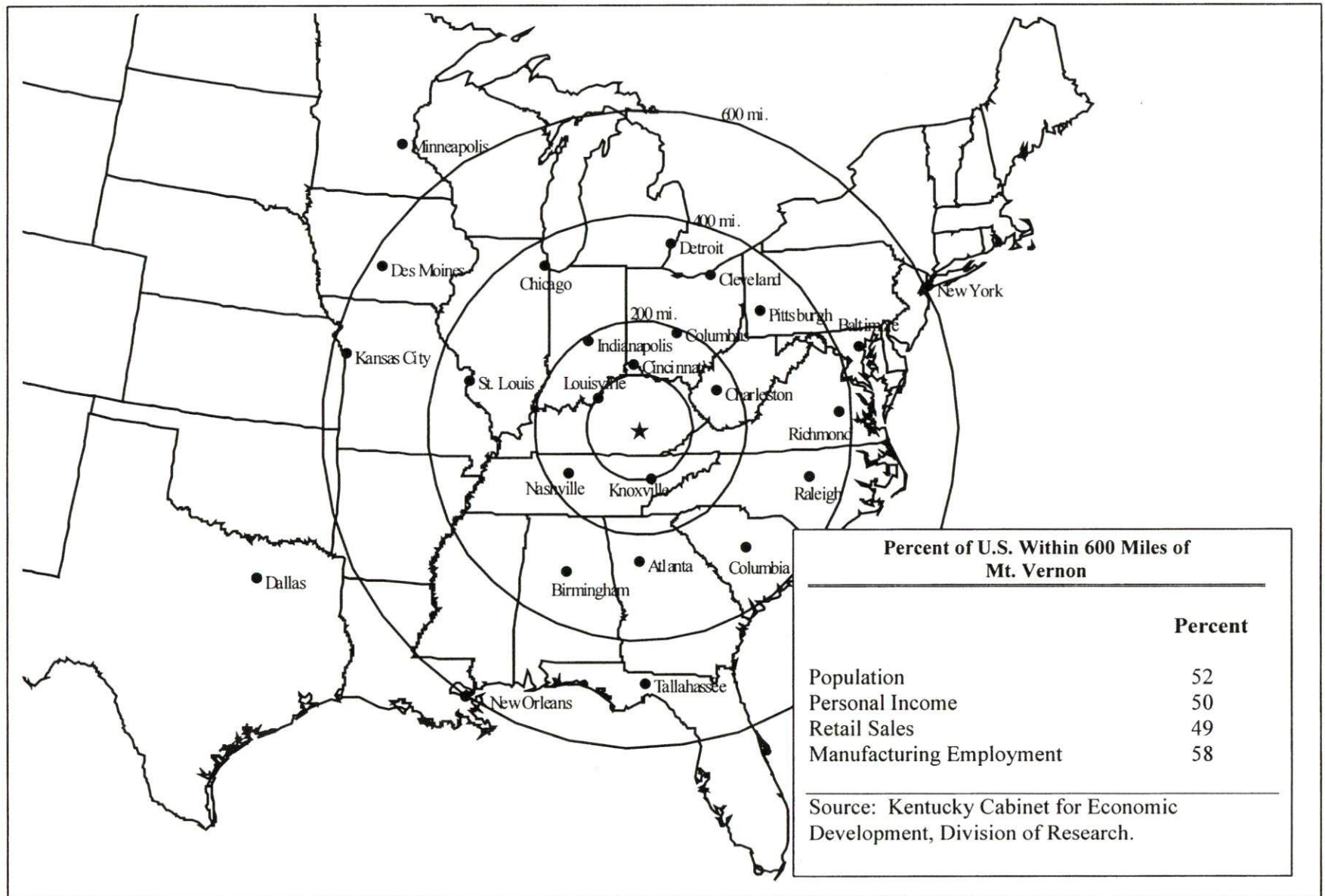
**Source:** AAA Map 'n' Go 3.0 for Windows, DeLORME, 1997.

### Truck Service

Seventeen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Mt. Vernon.

**Source:** American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1998.

# Selected Market Centers Map



## Rail

CSX Transportation provides branch line rail service to Mt. Vernon, which connects with CSX main line rail service, seven miles east of Mt. Vernon. Norfolk Southern Railway provides the nearest intermodal facilities in Georgetown, Kentucky, 67 miles north of Mt. Vernon.

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: London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field)  
3 miles south of London, Kentucky;  
25 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon

Runways: 1 paved

Length: 6,000 feet

Traffic Control: Wind sock and FSS advisory service

Lighting: Beacon, runway and obstruction lights, REIL, VASI

Services: Fuel (100 octane and jet-A); minor A & P repairs;  
tie-downs; aircraft rental, weather data, flight training,  
charter and ambulance service, taxi, car rentals

Location: Somerset-Pulaski County Airport  
2 miles south of downtown Somerset;  
28 miles southwest of Mt. Vernon

Runways: 1 paved

Length: 5,000 feet

Traffic Control: Wind sock and intercom; AWOS3

Lighting: Beacon, runway lights dusk to dawn, VASI and  
REILS

Services: Fuel-100LL, Jet-A fuel; major A & P repairs;  
tie downs, hangars; flight control;  
PanAm Weatheration

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Blue Grass Airport  
4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;  
58 miles north of Mt. Vernon

Air Service: ASA, Comair, Continental Express,  
Delta, Northwest Airlink, TW  
Express, United Express, US Airways

Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 192



## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving **Mt. Vernon and parts of Rockcastle County** -Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities

For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving **a major portion of Rockcastle County** -Jackson Energy Cooperative

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Jackson Energy Cooperative  
U.S. Highway 421 South  
P.O. Box 307  
McKee, Kentucky 40447  
(606) 287-7161

### Natural Gas

Portions of Rockcastle County, including industrial sites, are provided limited natural gas by private companies from local gas wells.

### Public Water Supply

Company serving **Mt. Vernon** - Mt. Vernon Water Works  
P.O. Box 1465  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456  
(606) 256-3437  
Fax (606) 256-3441

Source of raw water -	Lake Linville
Treatment plant capacity-	1,728,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	1,170,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,440,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,500,000 gallons
Water pressure -	35 psi to 220 psi

## Sewerage

Company serving **Mt. Vernon** - Mt. Vernon Sewer Works  
P.O. Box 1465  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456  
(606) 256-3440  
Fax (606) 256-3443

Design capacity - 372,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 245,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Town Branch

The City of Mt. Vernon plans to expand the treatment capacity of both the water and sewer treatment plants at an estimated cost of \$6.7 million.

## CLIMATE

### Rockcastle County

#### Temperature

Average (49-year record)	56.30 degrees
Average annual 1996	54.70 degrees
Record highest, August 1988 (16-year record)	101.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1994 (16-year record)	-18.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,393
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal total (30-year record)	49.67 inches
Normal annual snowfall (30-year record)	20.70 inches
Total precipitation 1996	58.80 inches
Normal number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	140.90
Mean number days thunderstorms (17-year record)	52.40

<u>Prevailing Winds</u> (16-year record)	South
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#### Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 a.m.	73 percent
7 a.m.	79 percent
1 p.m.	58 percent
7 p.m.	62 percent

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**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Climatological Data, 1996.  
Station of record: Jackson, Kentucky.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Structure**

The City of Mt. Vernon is governed 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. Rockcastle County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official is elected to a four-year term.

### **Planning and Zoning**

There are no planning and zoning commissions in Rockcastle County at the present time.

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 Mt. Vernon levies an annual business license fee that ranges from \$15 to \$150, depending on the type of business.

### **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:** Property Tax Rates 1997, Kentucky 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 &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Rockcastle County	\$0.1592	\$0.1592	\$0.1560
Mt. Vernon	0.1670	0.1670	0.1650
School Districts:			
Rockcastle	0.4440	0.4510	0.4440

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

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

#### Rockcastle County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1997)	2,852
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1996-97)	15.4:1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1996-97)	53.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1996-97)	\$5,029.00

The school system completed a four-classroom addition at Mt. Vernon Elementary School.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1996)</u>
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (16)	1,515
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (22)	404
Somerset Community College	Somerset, Kentucky (26)	2,555
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (29)	15,161
Centre College	Danville, Kentucky (36)	965
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (49)	1,614
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (49)	982
Lexington Community College	Lexington, Kentucky (54)	5,500
Transylvania University	Lexington, Kentucky (54)	976
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky (54)	24,061

## **Vocational-Technical Training**

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

<b><u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Location (Mileage from Mt. Vernon)</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Program Offerings</u></b>	<b><u>Enrollment 1996-1997</u></b>		<b><u>Approximate No. Completing Programs Annually</u></b>
Rockcastle County Area Technology Center	Mt. Vernon	6	<u>Sec</u> 230	<u>P/S</u> 47	85
Laurel County Technical College	London (22)	14	<u>Sec</u> 182	<u>P/S</u> 300	96

### **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 Laurel County Technical College in London.

### **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 Laurel County Technical College in London.

### **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 Rockcastle County, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administrated through the Christian Appalachian Project in Mt. Vernon.

### **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 - 8

Dentists - 3

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Rockcastle Hospital Respiratory Care Center, Inc.	Mt. Vernon	86

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Appalachian Medical Supply

Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center

Home Health Services

Rockcastle County Health Center, Cumberland Valley District

Rockcastle Ambulance Service

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

The Bank of Mt. Vernon

Citizens Bank

### Newspapers

Mt. Vernon Signal (weekly)

### Telephone Service

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## RECREATION

### Local

Mt. Vernon offers supervised recreational programs during the summer months. Volleyball, horseshoe pitching, softball and basketball leagues are coordinated by the playground directors. Facilities available to the public include playgrounds, picnic areas, a tennis court, baseball diamonds, a football field, basketball courts and softball fields.

**Lake Linville Park**, located in Mt. Vernon, offers a playground, tennis courts, softball and baseball fields, camping, fishing, and picnicking facilities.

**The Rapids Country Club** features a swimming pool, a nine-hole golf course, and tennis courts.

**The Renfro Valley Barn Dance**, two miles from Mt. Vernon, offers two separate show barns with two separate shows at each barn every Saturday night. The Sunday Morning Gathering, a world-famous country music show and broadcast, has been a continuous series since 1939. A museum and crafts village are also featured here.

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

### Area (Within 60 miles)

Big South Fork National River and Recreational Area  
Constitution Square State Historic Site  
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park  
Fort Boonesborough State Park  
General Burnside State Park  
Herrington Lake  
Isaac Shelby Cemetery State Historic Site  
Lake Cumberland State Resort Park  
Laurel River Lake  
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park  
Old Fort Harrod State Park  
Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site  
Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill  
White Hall State Historic Site  
William Whitley House State Historic Site  
Wood Creek 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**

<b><u>Adjacent to Logan</u></b>	<b><u>Commuter County</u></b>	<b><u>Commuters into Logan</u></b>	<b><u>Percent of Total Commuters</u></b>	<b><u>Cumulative Percent</u></b>
Y	<b>Todd</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>24.4%</b>
Y	<b>Warren</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>48.4</b>
Y	<b>Muhlenberg</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>71.5</b>
Y	<b>Simpson</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>81.8</b>
Y	<b>Butler</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>89.1</b>
	<b>Montgomery, TN</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>92.6</b>
	Christian	36	2.3	94.9
	Sumner, TN	35	2.2	97.1
Y	<b>Robertson, TN</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>98.7</b>
	Davidson, TN	20	1.3	100.0
	<i>Total Commuters into Logan County</i>	<i>1,576</i>	<i>100.0</i>	

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Economic Information System, CD-ROM. August 1997.

**Potential Labor Supply**

The potential labor supply is an estimate of those persons not classified as in the labor force (not employed and not unemployed), but who want a job. The assumption is that people not in the labor force at the local level would like a job at the same rate as the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics provides national, yearly estimates of the percent of the people not in the labor force who want a job. This percent is applied to the county-level number of people not in the labor force.

**Underemployed**

Wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services have historically paid low wages. The assumption is that workers in these industries would take higher paying jobs if they were available. Non-professional services excludes Miscellaneous Repair Services (SIC 7600), Health Services (SIC 8000), Legal Services (SIC 8100), and Engineering and Management Services (SIC 8700).

**Total Available Labor**

Total available labor is the sum of the number of unemployed, potential labor supply, and underemployed. Please note that the number of unemployed is the only generally accepted measure of labor availability. The other concepts are weaker measures and should be used with caution.