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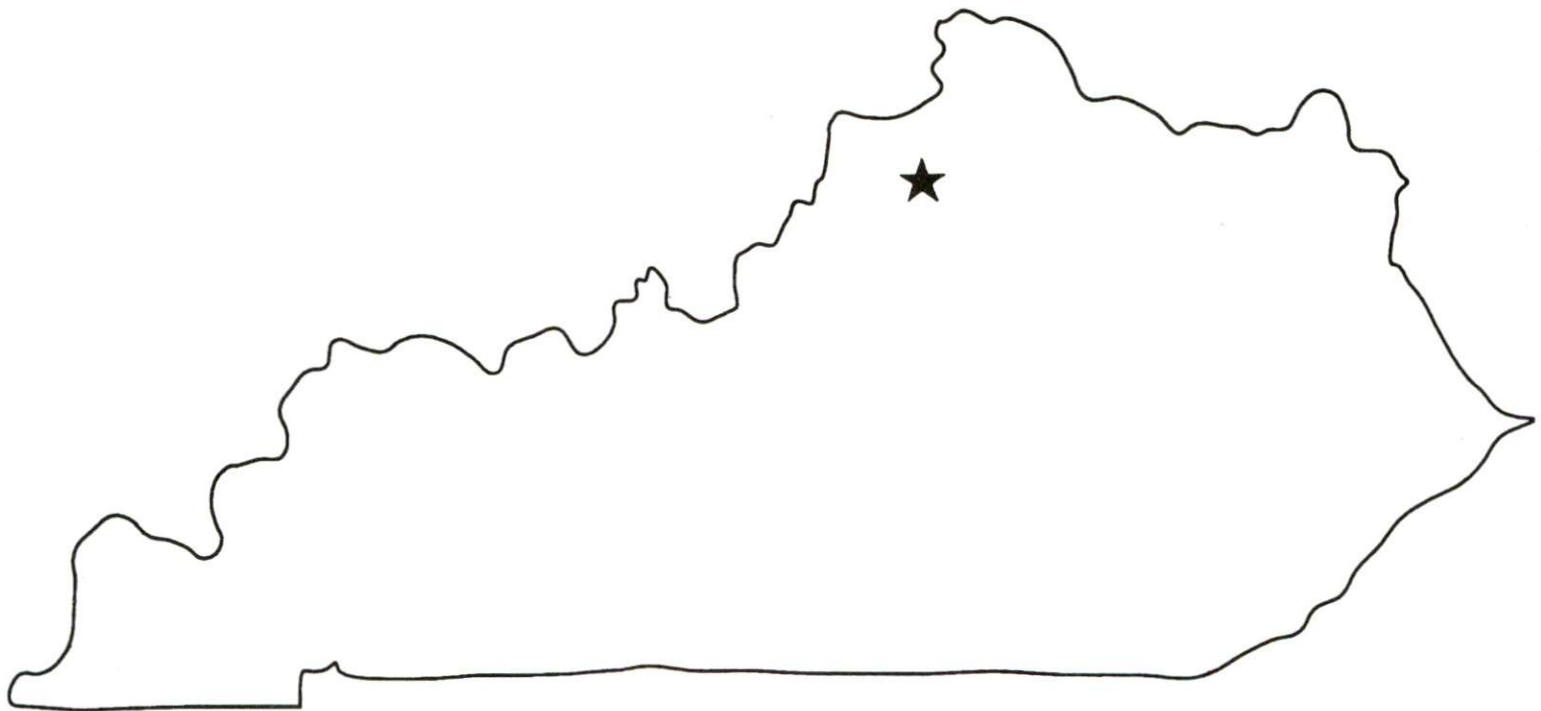
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# Kentucky

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**Owenton**



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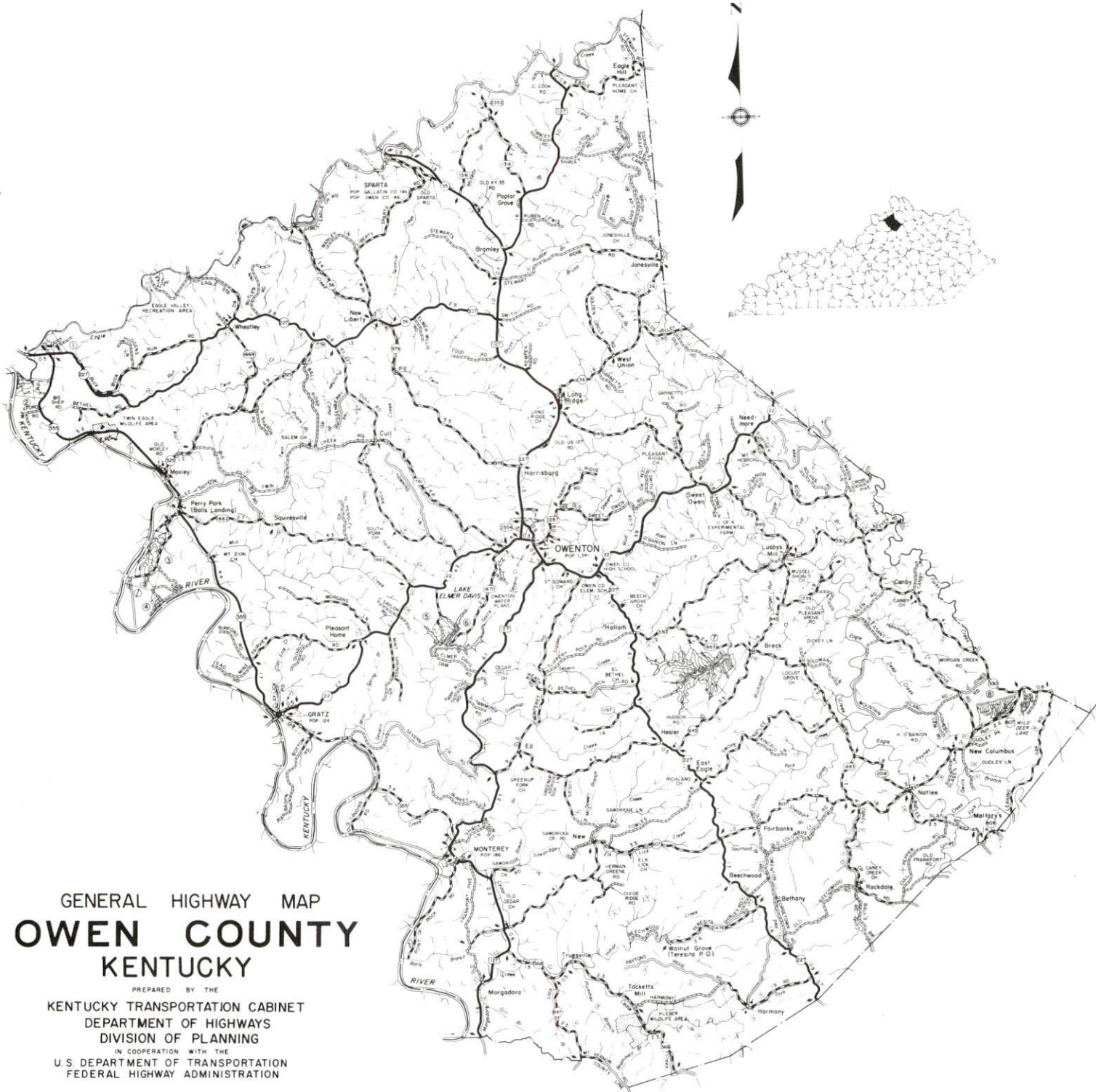
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**OWEN COUNTY**  
 KENTUCKY

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 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



## 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 56 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio; 75 miles northeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 53 miles northwest of Lexington, Kentucky. The city had an estimated 1992 population of 1,475.

Owen County, covering a land area of 352 square miles, had an estimated 1992 population of 9,355.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Owen County residents employed in 1993 averaged 4,438. Wholesale and retail trade provided 310 jobs; 322 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 472 employees; and contract construction firms provided 74 jobs.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 3,855 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 9,085 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, 54 miles north of Owenton, and at Blue Grass Airport, 57 miles southeast of Owenton, near Lexington. CSX Transportation provides rail service to Sparta, 14 miles north of Owenton.

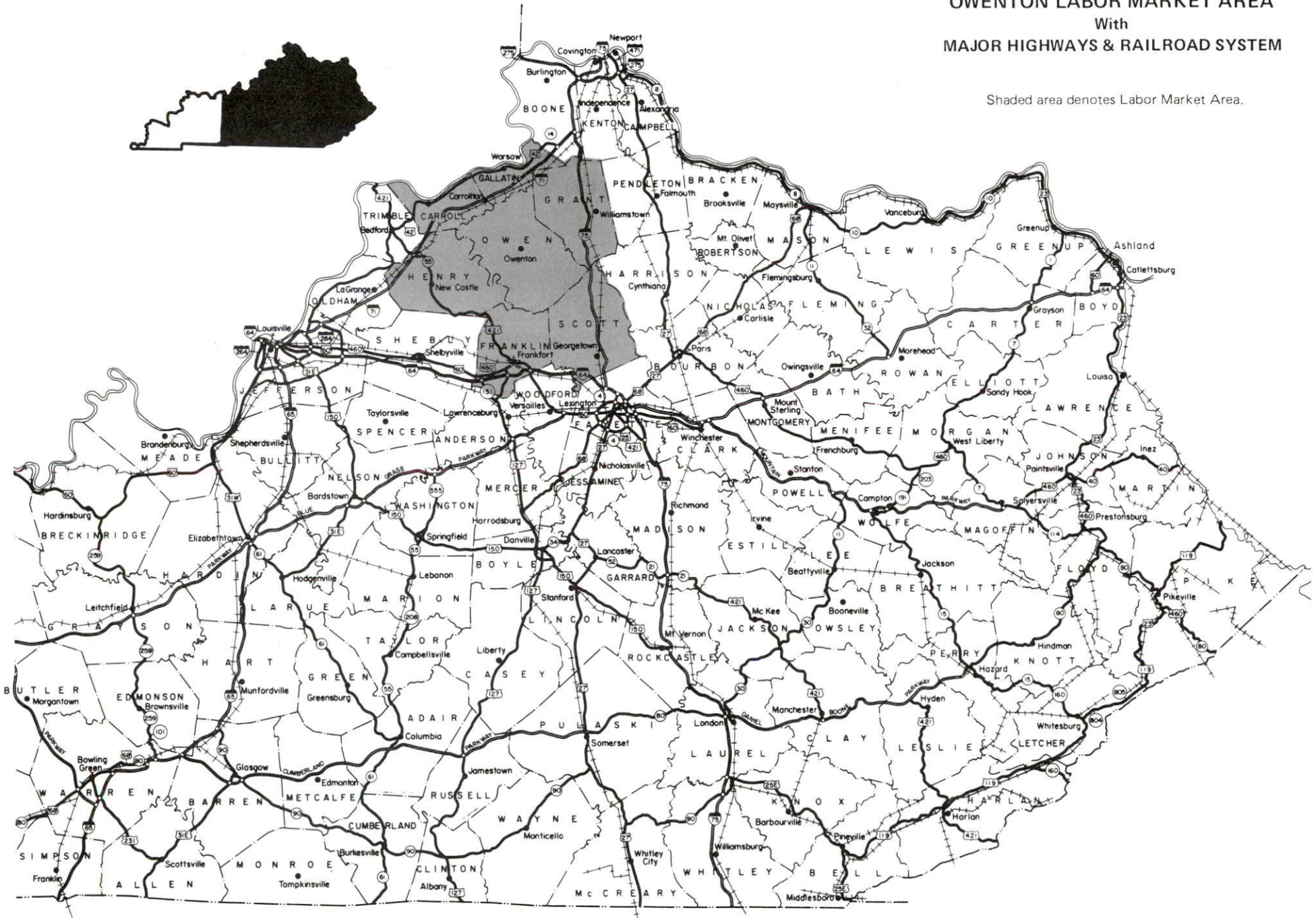
**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Owenton and parts of Owen County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Owen County is also served by the Owen Electric Cooperative. A preliminary study is being done to bring natural gas service to Owen County.

**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 Vocational-Technical School in Highland Heights, and Kentucky Tech-Northern Kentucky 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, Scott.

### POPULATION

	<u>1992*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	124,864	120,290	112,727	93,465
Owenton	1,475	1,306	1,341	1,280
Owen County	9,355	9,035	8,924	7,470

\* Population estimates.

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

### POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	125,412	130,340	137,995	142,692
Owen County	9,361	9,671	10,169	10,490

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

### ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>		<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1996 thru 2000</u>
Labor Market Area*	3,855	2,989	866	9,085
Owen County	378	224	154	720

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

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; 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). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

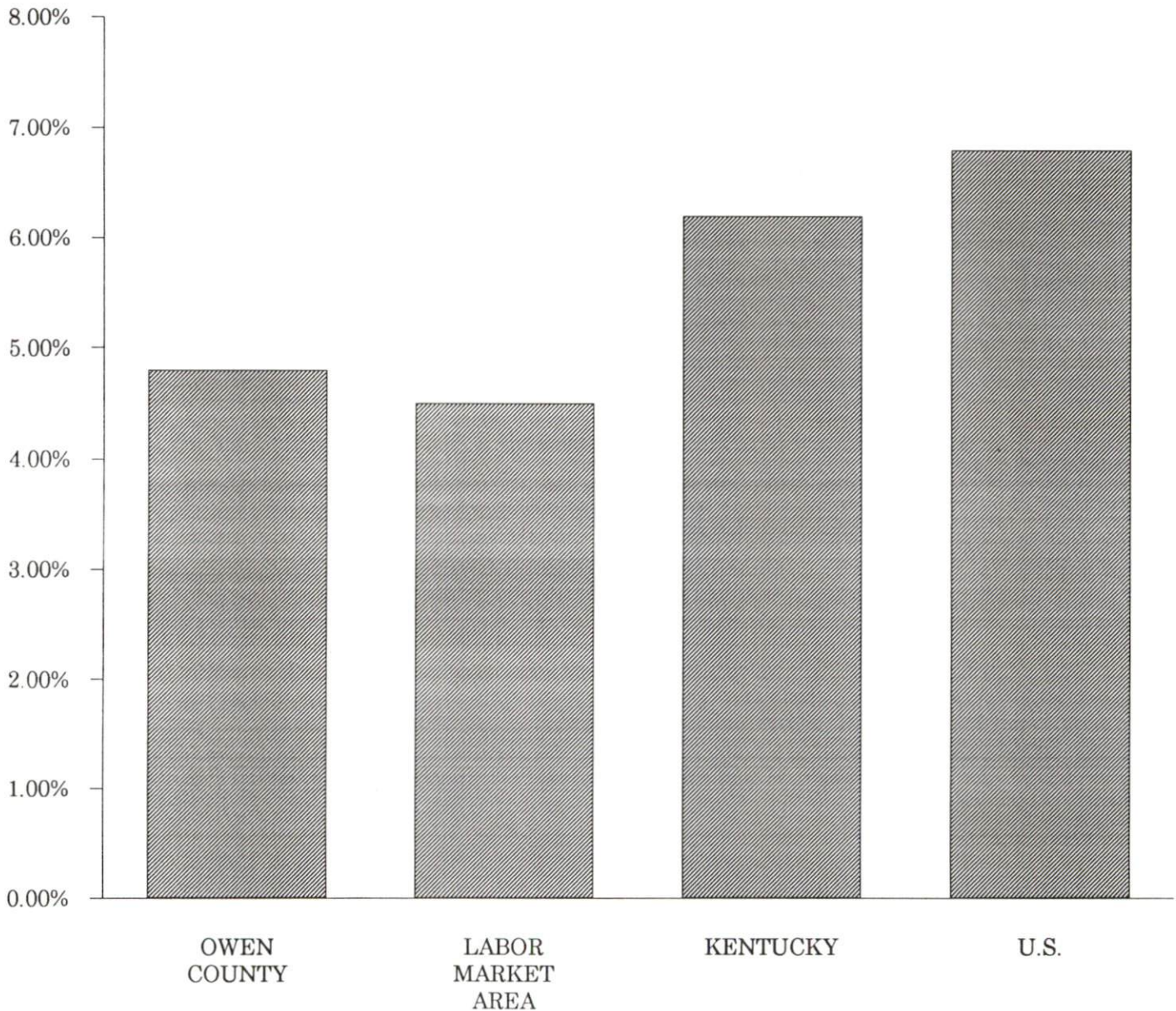
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1993. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1993

	Owen County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	4,662	65,853
Employment	4,438	62,864
Unemployment	224	2,989
Rate of Unemployment (%)	4.8	4.5

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1993.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1993



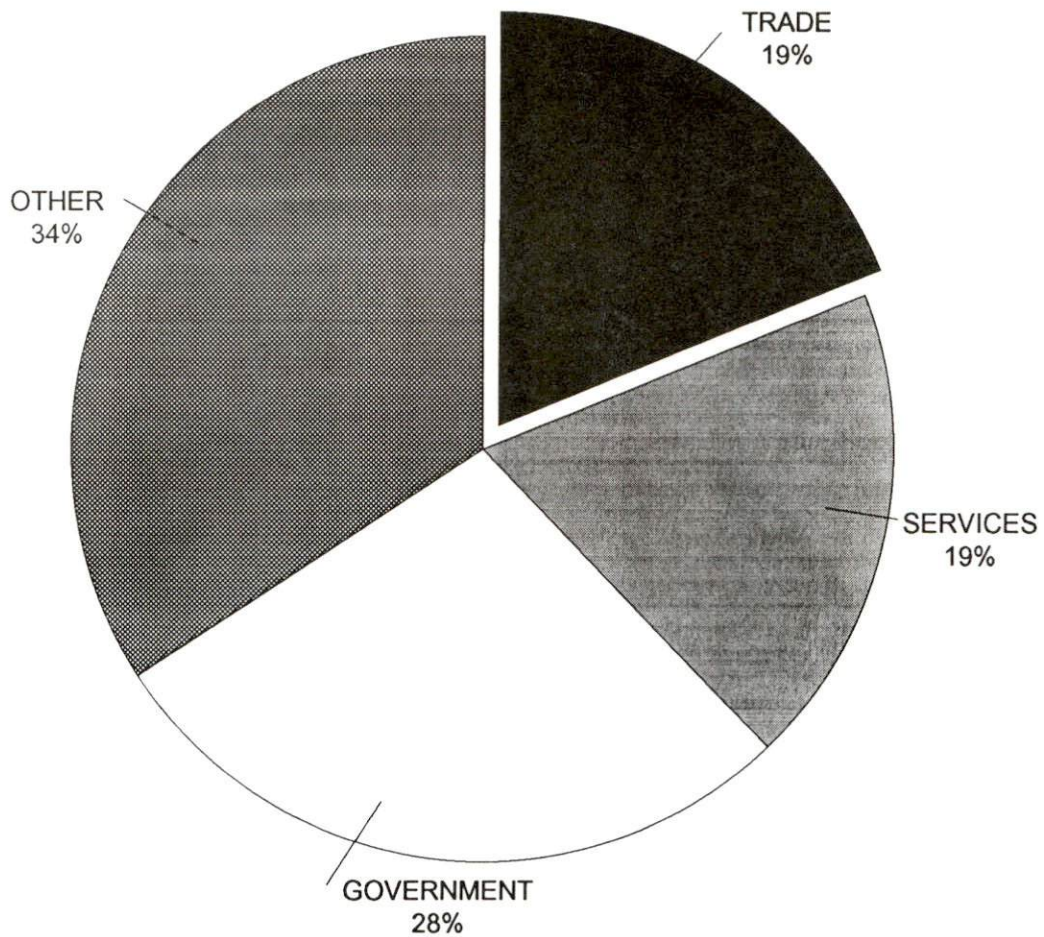


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1993

	<u>Owen County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	1,673	57,356
Manufacturing	N/A	14,410
Wholesale & Retail Trade	310	10,746
Services	322	7,579
State/Local Government	472	18,616
Contract Construction	74	2,261

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, 1993.

OWEN COUNTY



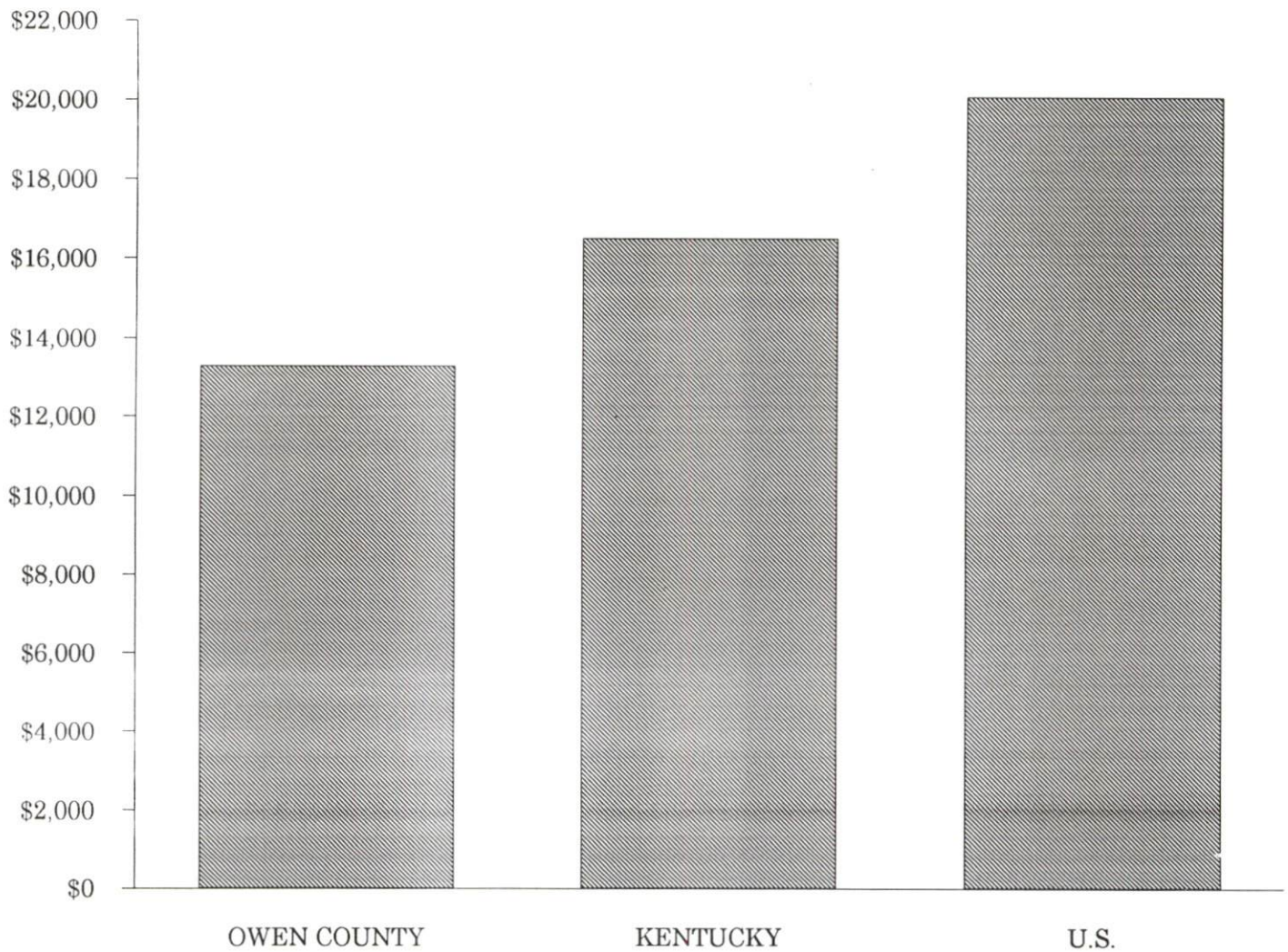


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1988	1992	Percent Change
Owen County	\$9,629	\$13,296	38.1
Labor Market Area Range	\$9,629 - \$14,458	\$13,296 - \$18,539	-
Kentucky	\$12,751	\$16,528	29.6
U.S.	\$16,610	\$20,105	21.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1992



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

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, 1994, the local employment office filled 6,234 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

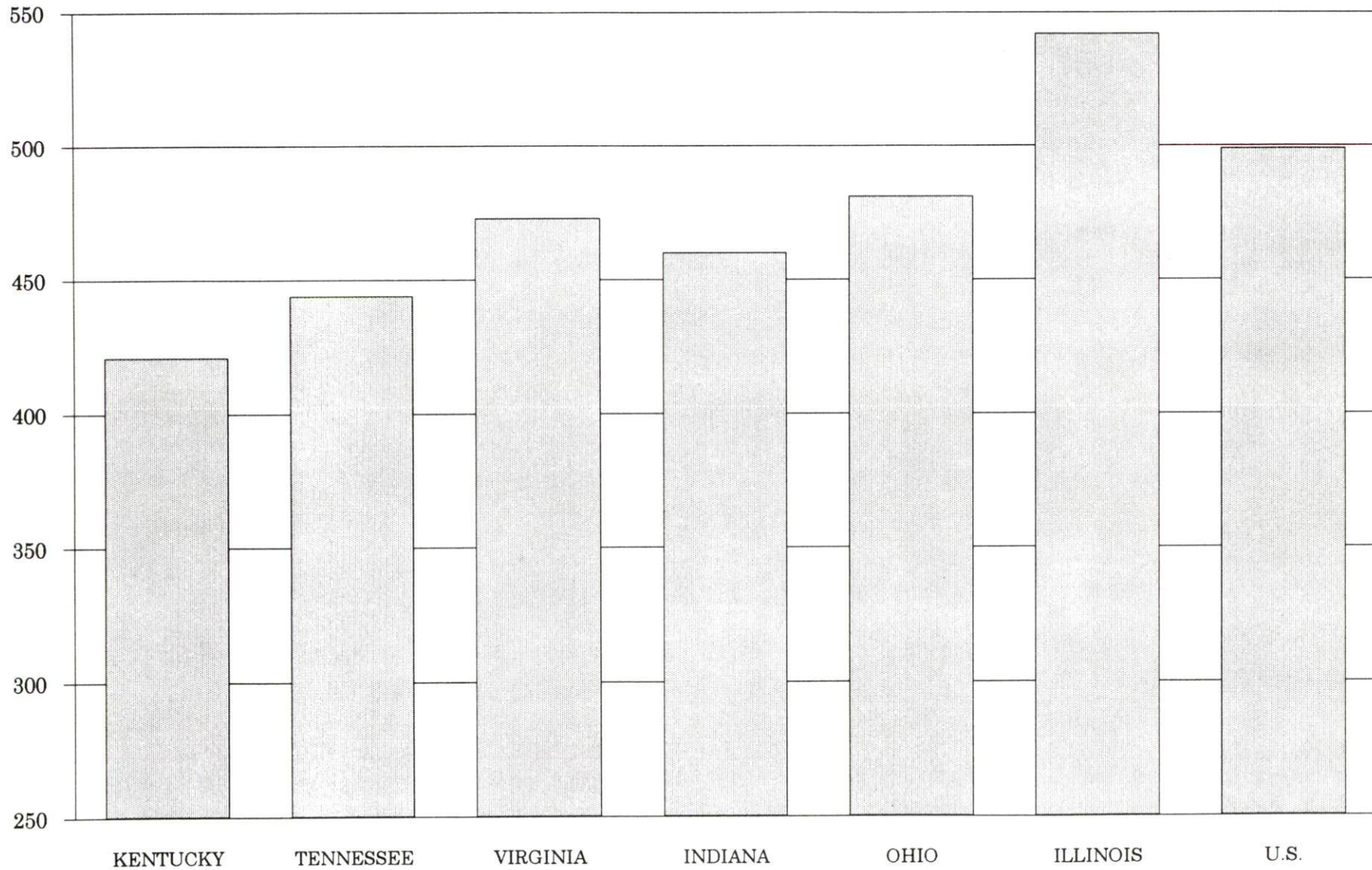
<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	6,234	6.23
Clerical	907	6.02
Sales	103	5.91
Services (excluding domestic)	700	4.97
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	54	5.74
Processing	164	6.83
Machine Trades	323	7.86
Bench Work	406	5.90
Structural	533	7.17
Motor Freight/ Transportation	414	6.08
Packaging and Materials Handling	2,224	5.54
Other	6	4.25

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.

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



**AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1993**





AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1993\*

	Owen County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$347.11	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00
Mining & Quarrying	.00	691.01	605.00	684.00
Contract Construction	375.50	440.47	467.00	464.00
Manufacturing	N/A	541.18	522.00	543.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	N/A	567.94	572.00	648.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	216.37	287.24	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	383.38	529.88	574.00	612.00
Services	261.54	377.50	424.00	492.00
State/Local Government	338.54	431.93	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$460.00	\$481.00	\$542.00	\$499.00
Mining & Quarrying	757.00	645.00	738.00	816.00
Contract Construction	509.00	534.00	658.00	530.00
Manufacturing	629.00	670.00	667.00	623.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	561.00	600.00	682.00	643.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	527.00	568.00	748.00	693.00
Services	391.00	422.00	494.00	475.00
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, 1993. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1993, October 1994.

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### OWENTON MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1994</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	270

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

### RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

An EDA grant in the amount of \$380,000 has been secured for utilities construction at the new industrial park. Completion is scheduled for Spring 1995. The 70-acre tract on Highway 127 North was purchased by the Owen County Industrial Foundation and has been annexed into the city.

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS 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 Plastics Producers	Williamstown, Kentucky	28
	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
Electric Motor Repair	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
Heat Treating Facilities	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
Industrial Gases	Lexington, Kentucky	53
	Cincinnati, Ohio	57
Industrial Waste Removal	Frankfort, Kentucky	30
	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Stamping Ground, Kentucky	27
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	52
Metal Finishers	Georgetown, Kentucky	35
Metal Service Centers	Dry Ridge, Kentucky	22
Millwrights & Riggers	Erlanger, Kentucky	54
	Cincinnati, Ohio	56

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



## 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 22 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. Improvements have been made to Highway 127 North including a new \$1.1 million bridge over Eagle Creek which was completed in Spring 1994.

#### 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	75
Birmingham, AL	418	Nashville, TN	231
Chicago, IL	341	New Orleans, LA	753
Cincinnati, OH	56	New York, NY	715
Cleveland, OH	303	Pittsburgh, PA	343
Detroit, MI	316	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.

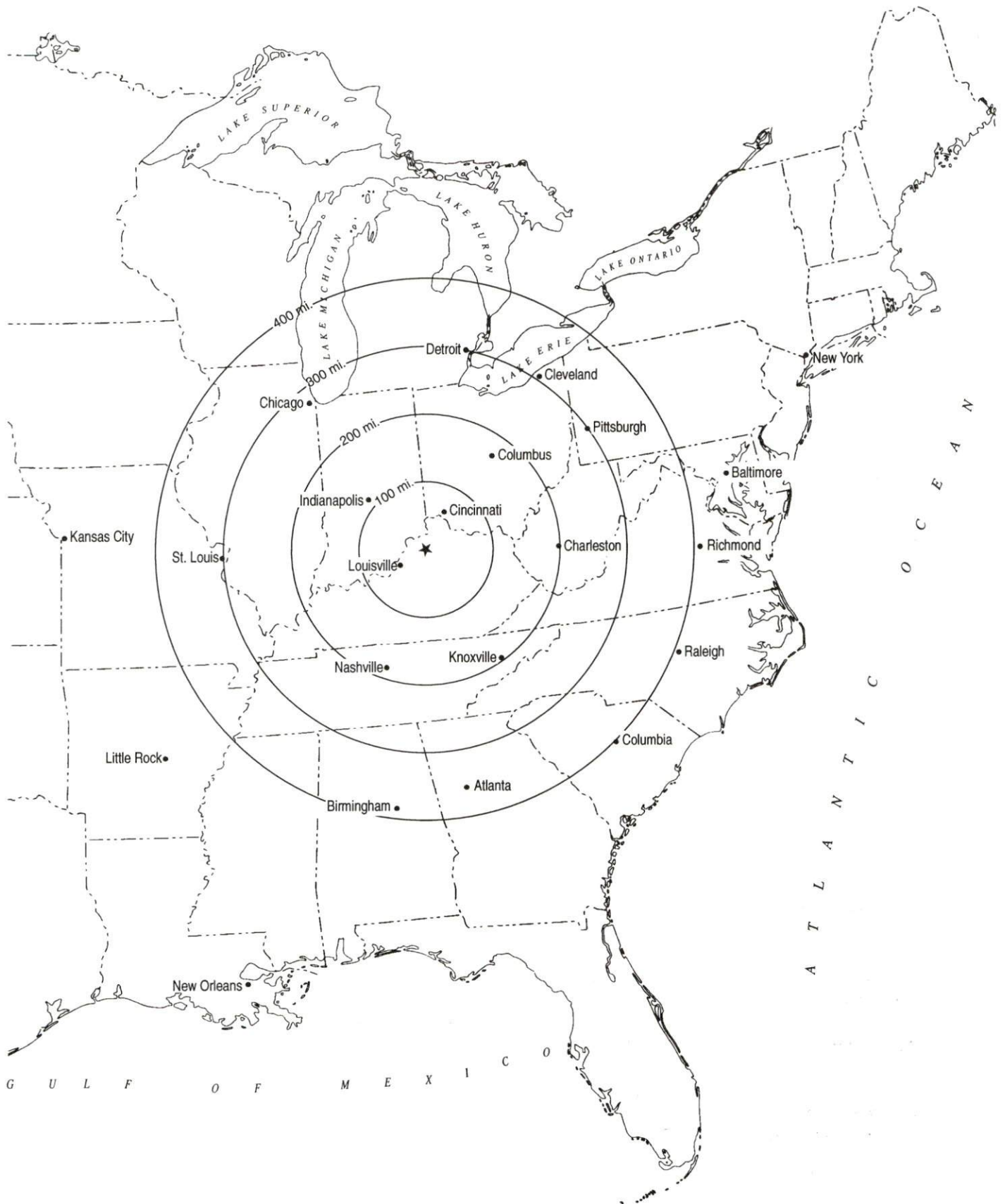
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

### 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 1995.

# 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. Norfolk Southern provides the nearest intermodal facilities of Georgetown, Kentucky, 35 miles southeast 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

Capital City Airport  
Frankfort, 30 miles south of Owenton  
Location: One paved  
Runways: 5,000 feet  
Length: Traffic  
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; car rental

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky  
International Airport  
Location: 8 miles southwest of Covington, Kentucky;  
54 miles north of Owenton  
Air Service: American, American Eagle, ComAir, Continental,  
Continental Express, Delta, Northwest,  
Northwest Airlink, TWA, United, United  
Express, USAir, USAir Express  
Daily Arrivals  
& Departures: 846

Blue Grass Airport  
Location: 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;  
57 miles southeast of Owenton  
Air Service: American Eagle, Atlantic Southeast, ComAir,  
Delta, Northwest Airlink, TW Express,  
United Express, USAir  
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:

Economic 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

For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Owen Electric Cooperative  
510 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 400  
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  
P.O. Box 280  
Owenton, Kentucky 40359  
(502) 484-2330

Source -	Savern Creek
Treatment plant capacity -	750,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	500,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	750,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	600,000 gallons
Water pressure -	45 psi to 55 psi

Owenton Water Works is currently constructing a new one million gallon per day water treatment plant with an estimated cost of \$2.3 million and completion scheduled for mid-1995.

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

Source of supply of treated water - Owenton Water Works  
Maximum amount available - 500,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 240,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 310,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 460,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 32 psi to 100 psi

Tri-Village Water District recently completed renovation of a 177,000 gallon water tower. Plans are under way for the Helser Monterey Project, a new distribution system project which will include a 150,000 gallon and a 50,000 gallon water storage tank and approximately 25 miles of water lines. Estimated cost is \$1,366,000 and completion is scheduled for Fall 1995. Also, a proposed 100,000 gallon water storage tank and 25 miles of water lines extending from Highway 127 to Highway 330 and Highway 607 has been submitted to FHA for approval. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,515,000.

### Sewerage

Company serving Owenton - Owenton Sewage System  
102 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 280  
Owenton, Kentucky 40359  
(502) 484-3138

Design capacity - 1,200,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 200,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Secondary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Stevens Creek

A new sewage treatment plant was completed in 1993 which greatly increased the design capacity. Plans are currently under way to replace some existing lines at a cost of \$500,000.

## CLIMATE

### Owen County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1993	55.00 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (49-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (49-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,814

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (49-year record)	15.70 inches
Total precipitation 1993	45.58 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (49-year record)	130.00
Mean number days thunderstorms (49-year record)	44.60

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

#### Relative Humidity (30-year record, except 1 a.m. - 29-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1993. 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. A one percent occupational license tax is levied on all wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals employed within the city and on net profits of businesses within the city. 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. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value.

**STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION**

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1994 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.172	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, 1994**

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Owen County	\$0.2548	\$0.2767	\$0.2660
School Districts:			
Owen County	0.5260	0.5840	0.5600
Cities:			
Owenton	0.2850	0.3548	0.2820

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Owen County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	1,859
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	19-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	51
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,777.40

The Owen County School System is planning a \$2.7 million complete renovation of the high school and upgrading of the elementary school. Also, plans are under way to annex the county schools into the city, which would extend from the city limits up to and including school property.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Owenton)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1993)</u>
Kentucky State University	Frankfort, Kentucky (30)	2,487
Georgetown College	Georgetown, Kentucky (35)	1,383
Midway College	Midway, Kentucky (43)	932
Hanover College	Hanover, Indiana (48)	1,044
Lexington Community College	Lexington, Kentucky (53)	5,046
Transylvania University	Lexington, Kentucky (53)	917
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky (53)	24,288
Thomas More College	Crestview Hills, Kentucky (54)	1,258
Athenaeum of Ohio	Cincinnati, Ohio (56)	236
Cincinnati Bible Seminary	Cincinnati, Ohio (56)	938
College of Mt. St. Joseph	Cincinnati, Ohio (56)	2,594
Hebrew Union College	Cincinnati, Ohio (56)	129
Southern Ohio College	Cincinnati, Ohio (56)	356
University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio (56)	28,301
Xavier University	Cincinnati, Ohio (56)	6,279
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights, Kentucky (60)	12,024



## VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

Kentucky Tech schools are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and provide secondary (Sec) and postsecondary (P/S) vocational-technical training.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Owenton)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1993-1994</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-term Programs Annually</u>
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	
Kentucky Tech - Northern Kentucky	Covington (55)	13	32	5,510	56
Northern Campbell Vocational- Technical School	Highland Heights (60)	5	29	130	30
Northern Kentucky Health Occupations Center	Edgewood (52)	4	N/A	345	99
Franklin County Area Vocational Education Center	Frankfort (30)	5	25	N/A	25
Carroll County Area Vocational Education Center	Carrollton (30)	6	318	81	62
Campbell County Area Vocational Education Center	Alexandria (55)	7	205	134	N/A

### 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 needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Northern Kentucky State Vocational School.

### Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills and academic potential. A Career Connections assessment center is located at the Northern Kentucky State Vocational Technical School.

### Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a technical field. Carroll County Area Vocational Education Center is currently implementing tech prep programs in the area of auto technology, business education, carpentry, electrical technology, health services and welding.

### Adult Education Services

Adult education is available to adults who want to develop new skills, or earn a high school equivalency degree. In Owen County, adult literacy and adult basic education are provided by the Owen County Learning Center, 4190 Highway 127 South, Owenton, Kentucky 40359.

### 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 a major 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.

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3  
Dentists - 3

### Hospital

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Owen County Memorial Hospital	Owenton	50

Medical staff - 3 physicians, 10 registered nurses, 11 licensed practical nurses, 25 assistants

A community development block grant in the amount of \$322,000 and other private funds will be used to build a new \$1.5 million clinic adjacent to the Owen County Memorial Hospital. The addition will add six new physicians and 51 additional employees.

### 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

Citizens Bank of New Liberty  
First Farmers Bank and Trust Company  
Peoples Bank and Trust Company

### Newspapers

The News-Herald (weekly)

### Telephone Service

South Central Bell

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



## 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, little league facilities, basketball and volleyball courts, a soccer field, and a 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.

The Owen County Arts Council was formed in 1992 and has helped fund the Owen County Community Theatre.

### 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 Areas:  
Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio  
Lexington Kentucky