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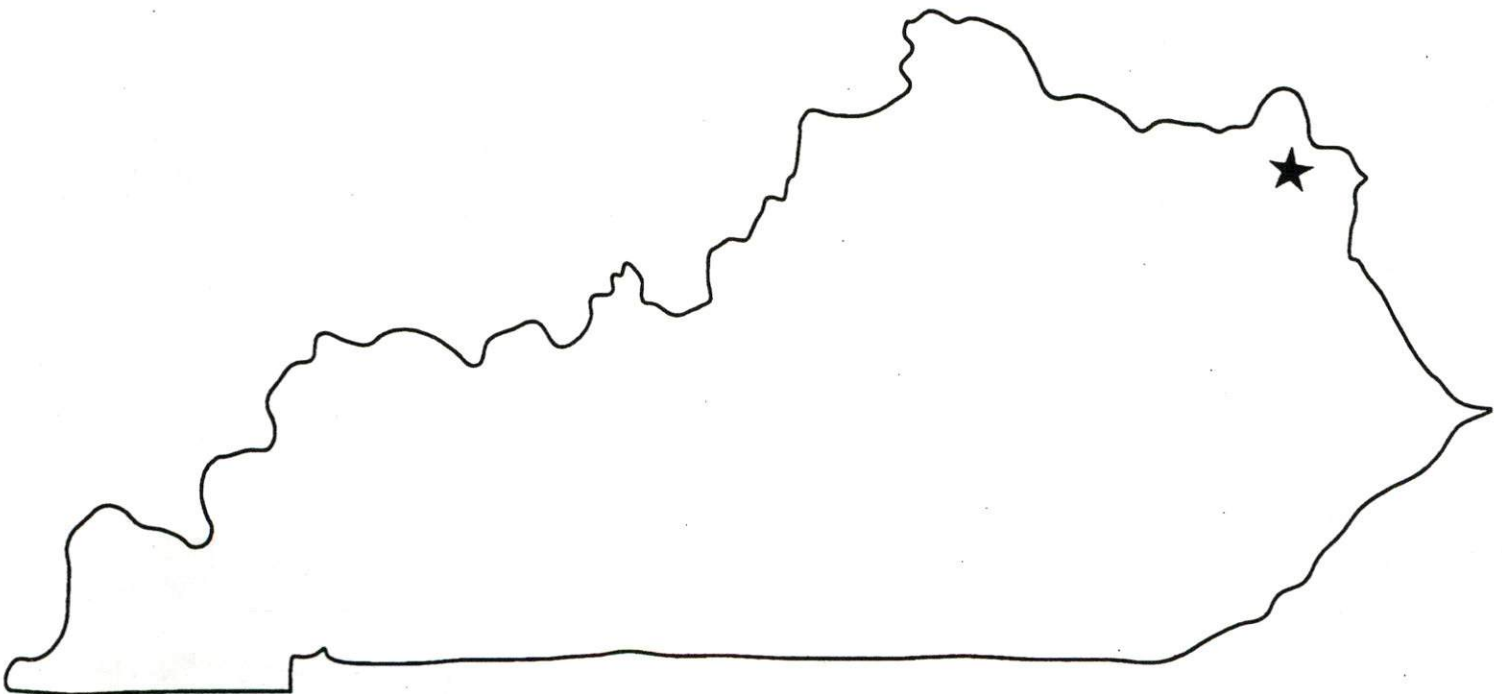
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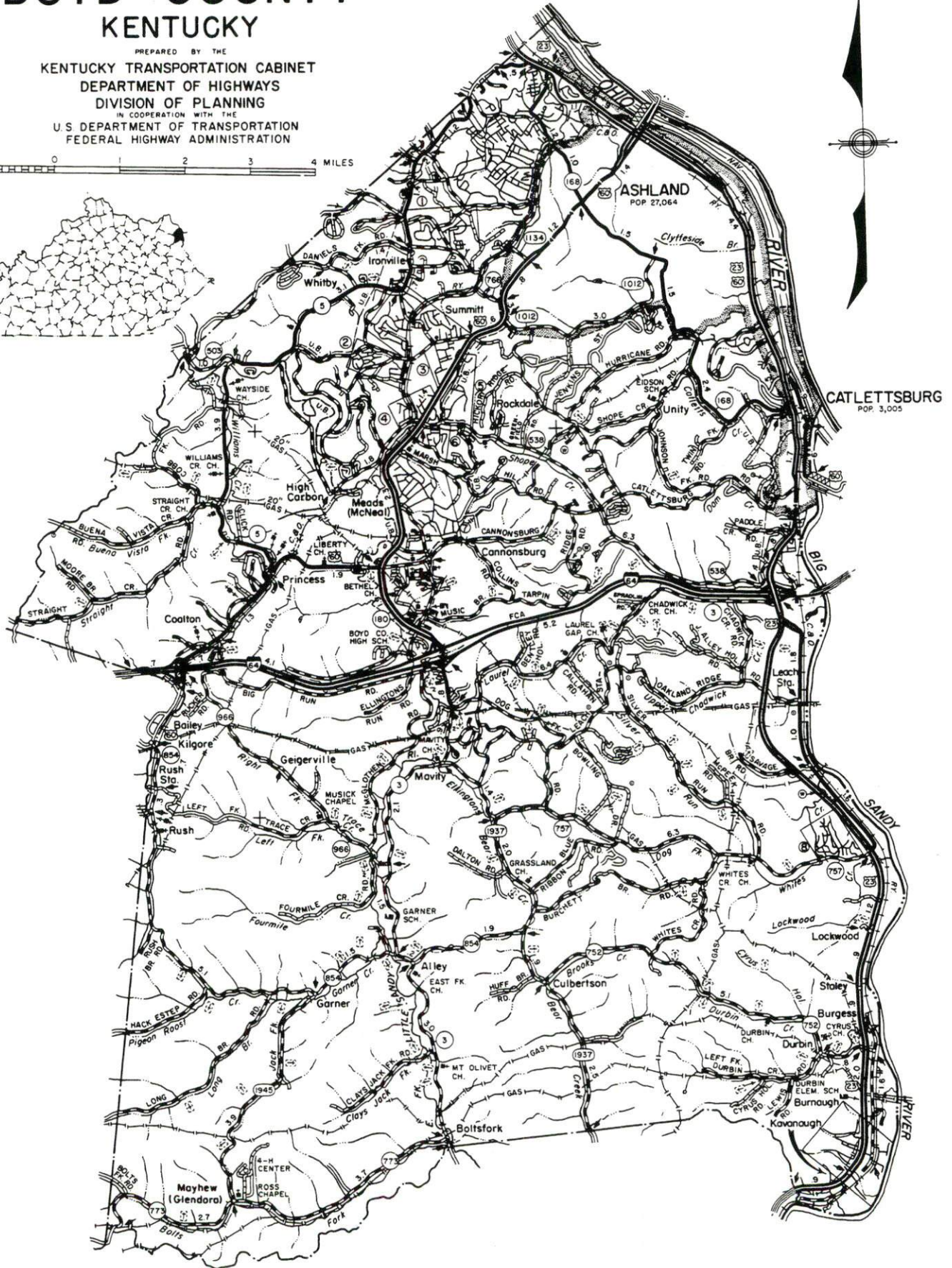
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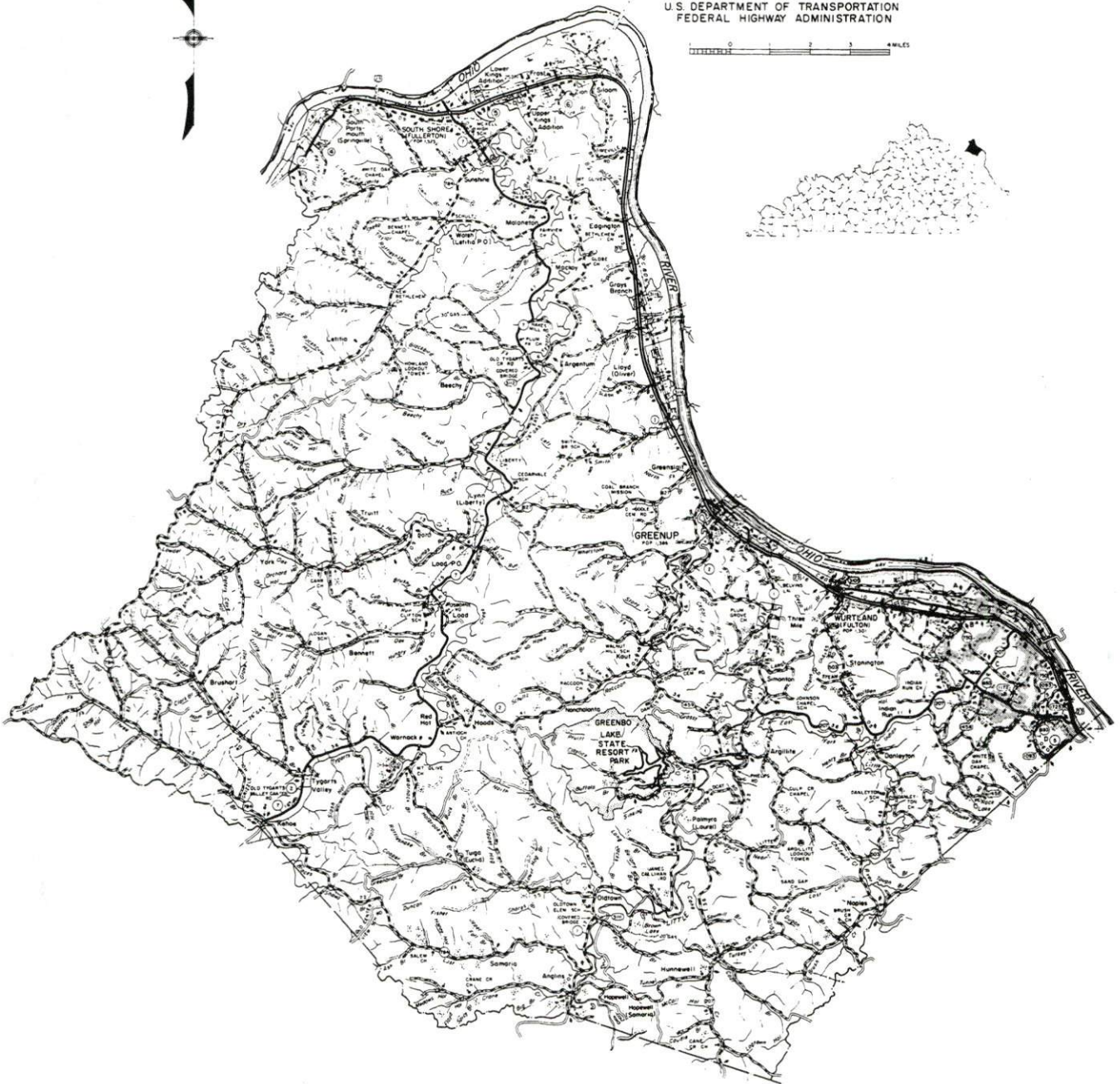
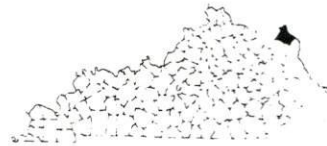
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
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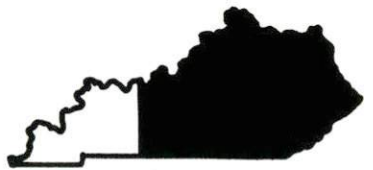
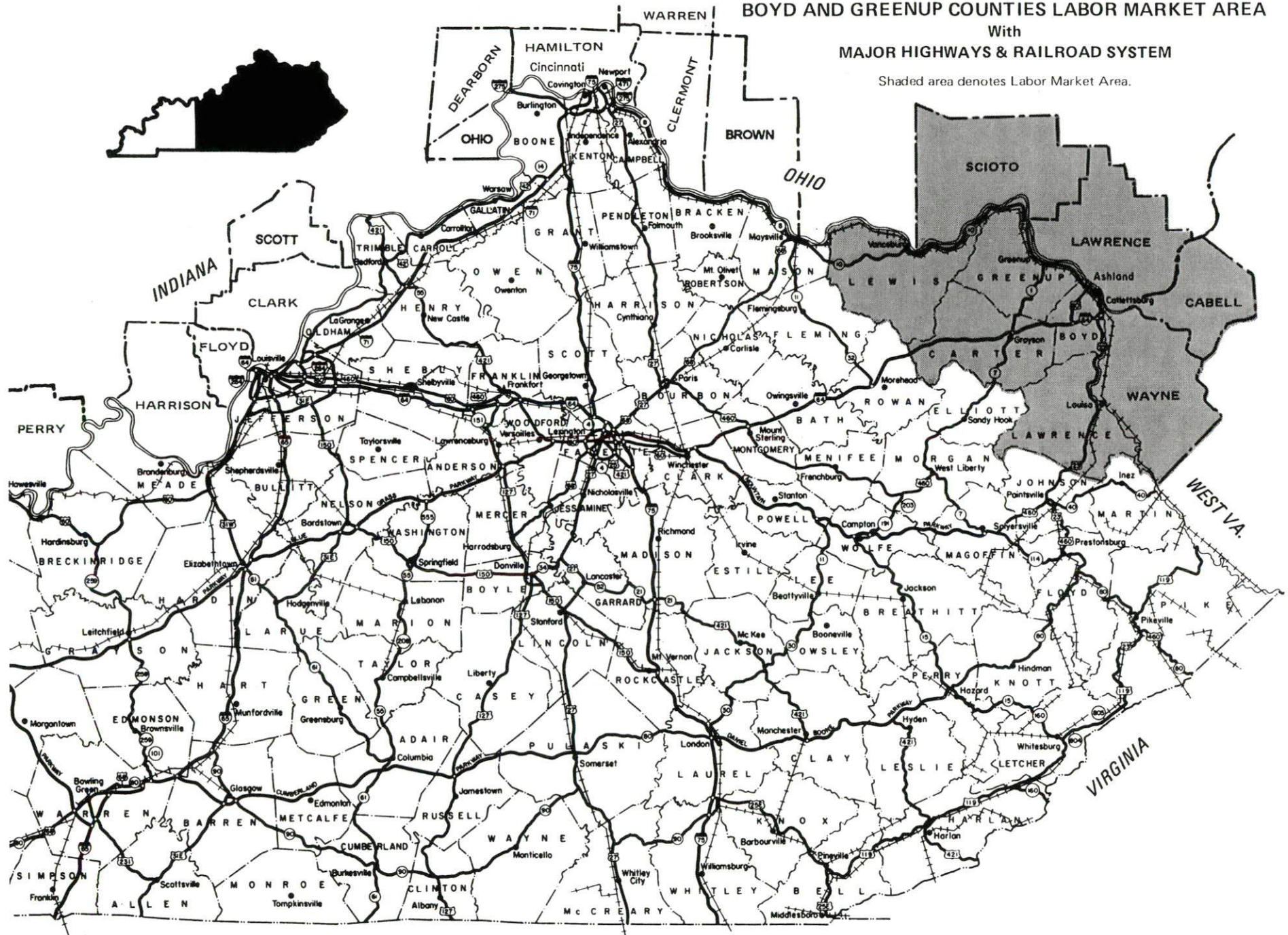
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BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES LABOR MARKET AREA

With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



BOYD AND GREENUP COUNTIES, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Boyd and Greenup Counties, situated on the Ohio River in the Appalachian foothills of the tri-state area of Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, cover 506 square miles. Although part of the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region, the topography is less rugged than that of other Coal Field counties. Centrally located in the eastern U.S., Kentucky is within 600 miles of 68% of the U.S. population and personal income, and 73% of all U.S. manufacturing production.

Boyd County, with two incorporated cities-Ashland and Catlettsburg, had an estimated 1994 population of 50,563. Ashland (1994 estimated population of 23,962) is the largest city in the two counties and is located 67 miles west of Charleston, West Virginia; 195 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky; 134 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 264 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee. The Ashland-Huntington metro area was rated by American Demographics magazine as Kentucky's fastest growing retail market.

Greenup County had an estimated 1994 population of 37,110. The county has eight incorporated cities: Bellefonte, Flatwoods, Greenup, Raceland, Russell, South Shore, Worthington, and Wurtland.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Boyd and Greenup Counties residents employed in 1994 averaged 35,982. Manufacturing firms in the Counties reported 7,037 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 9,036 jobs; 7,826 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 3,813 employees; and contract construction firms provided 2,938 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 18,543 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 10,729 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Commercial surface traffic routes which serve 32 interstate trucking lines are accessed from Interstate 64 which crosses through Boyd County. A major east-west route, Interstate 64 provides access to I-75, I-65, I-71, I-77 and I-79. Other available highways are U.S. 23 and 60 and Kentucky Routes 7, 8 and 180. Rail service is available through CSX Transportation and Amtrack. The Ohio River has numerous private terminal facilities in both counties. Commercial air service is available through the Tri-State Airport, 14 miles southeast of Ashland. The Ashland Regional Airport in Greenup County maintains a 5,600-foot paved runway for general aviation and corporate transports.

Power and Fuel - American Electric Power and Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation provide electrical power to Boyd and Greenup Counties. Natural gas service is supplied by Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

Tax Incentives - The Ashland Enterprise Zone offers tax incentives and regulatory relief to qualifying businesses which locate or expand activities within the zone's boundaries.

Education - Six public and two private school systems serve the area. Higher education is available through the University of Kentucky's Ashland Community College and the Morehead State University-Ashland Center, both of which offer associate and baccalaureate degrees in addition to continuing education programs and a variety of community-oriented services. Vocational training for major skill areas is available through the Ashland Regional Technology Center, plus three area technology centers, all located in Boyd and Greenup Counties.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Boyd & Greenup Counties Labor Market Area includes Boyd & Greenup Counties and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Carter, Lawrence, and Lewis. Although not included in every statistical category below, the Labor Market Area is supplemented by the nearby Ohio Counties of Lawrence and Scioto and the West Virginia Counties of Cabell and Wayne.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area**	426,598	419,883	449,576	406,817
Boyd & Greenup Counties	87,673	87,892	94,645	85,568

*Population estimates.

**Includes populations of Lawrence and Scioto Counties, Ohio and Cabell and Wayne Counties, West Virginia.

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	142,891	148,457	153,964	155,228
Boyd & Greenup Counties	88,231	90,611	92,224	91,206

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1996 thru 2000</u>
Labor Market Area*	18,543	5,149	13,394	10,729
Boyd & Greenup Counties	9,040	2,605	6,435	6,520

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia.

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.

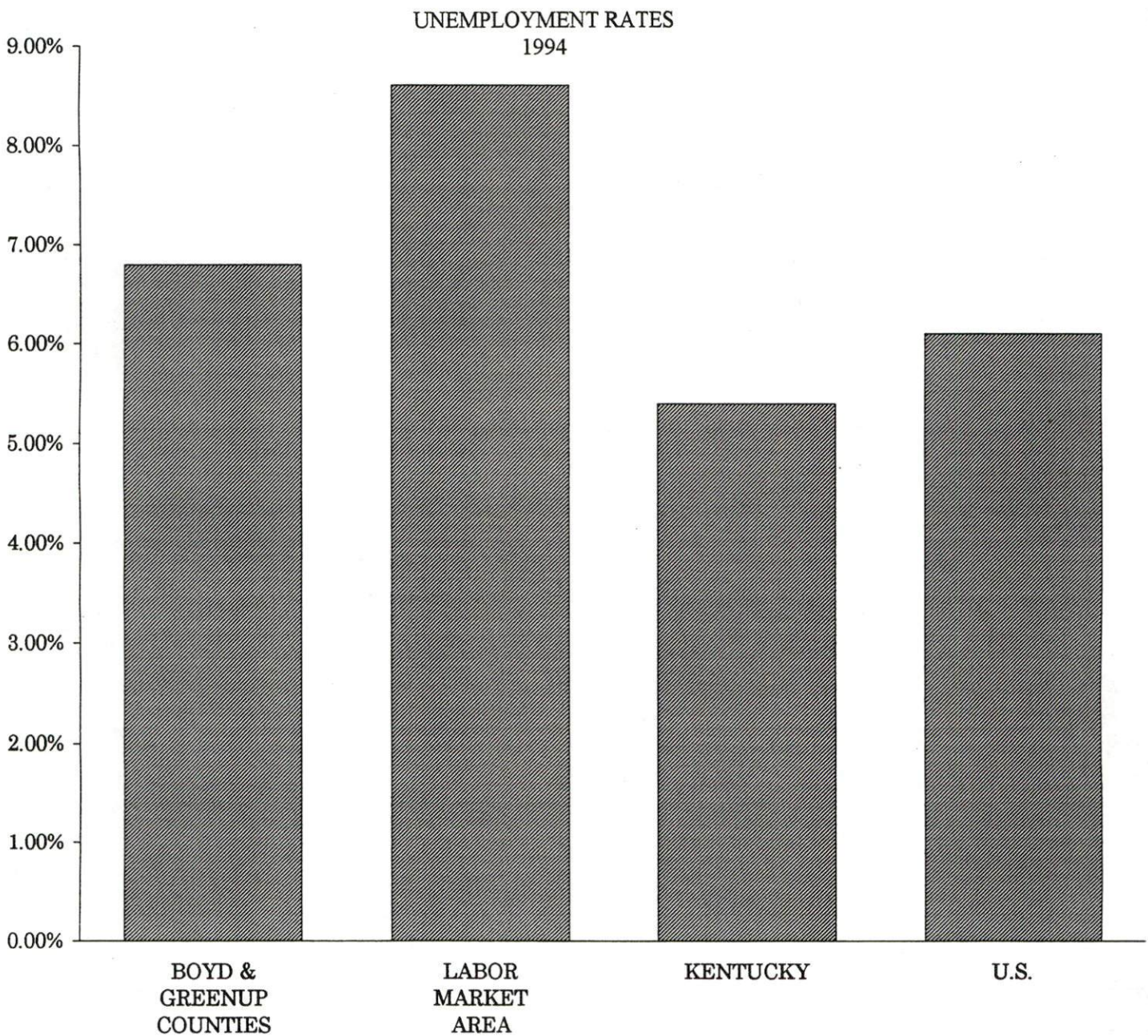
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Boyd & Greenup Counties</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	38,587	59,632
Employment	35,982	54,483
Unemployment	2,605	5,149
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.8	8.6

Note: Unemployment rates are available on a monthly basis. The above is an annual average.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1994.



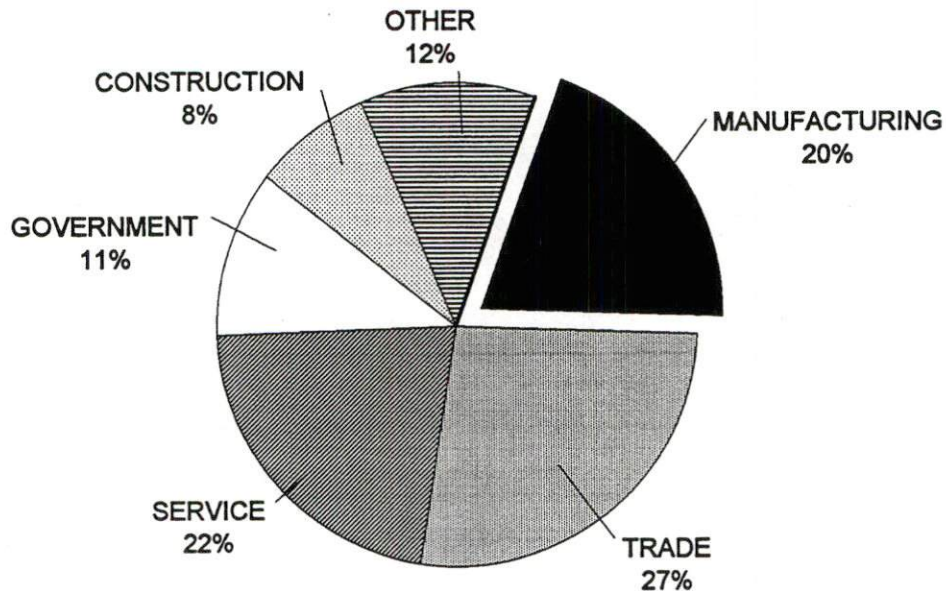
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>Boyd & Greenup Counties</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	35,044	44,704
Manufacturing	7,037	9,299
Wholesale & Retail Trade	9,306	11,340
Services	7,826	9,320
State/Local Government	3,813	5,970
Contract Construction	2,938	3,285
Mining & Quarrying	927	1,134

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, 1994.

BOYD & GREENUP COUNTIES

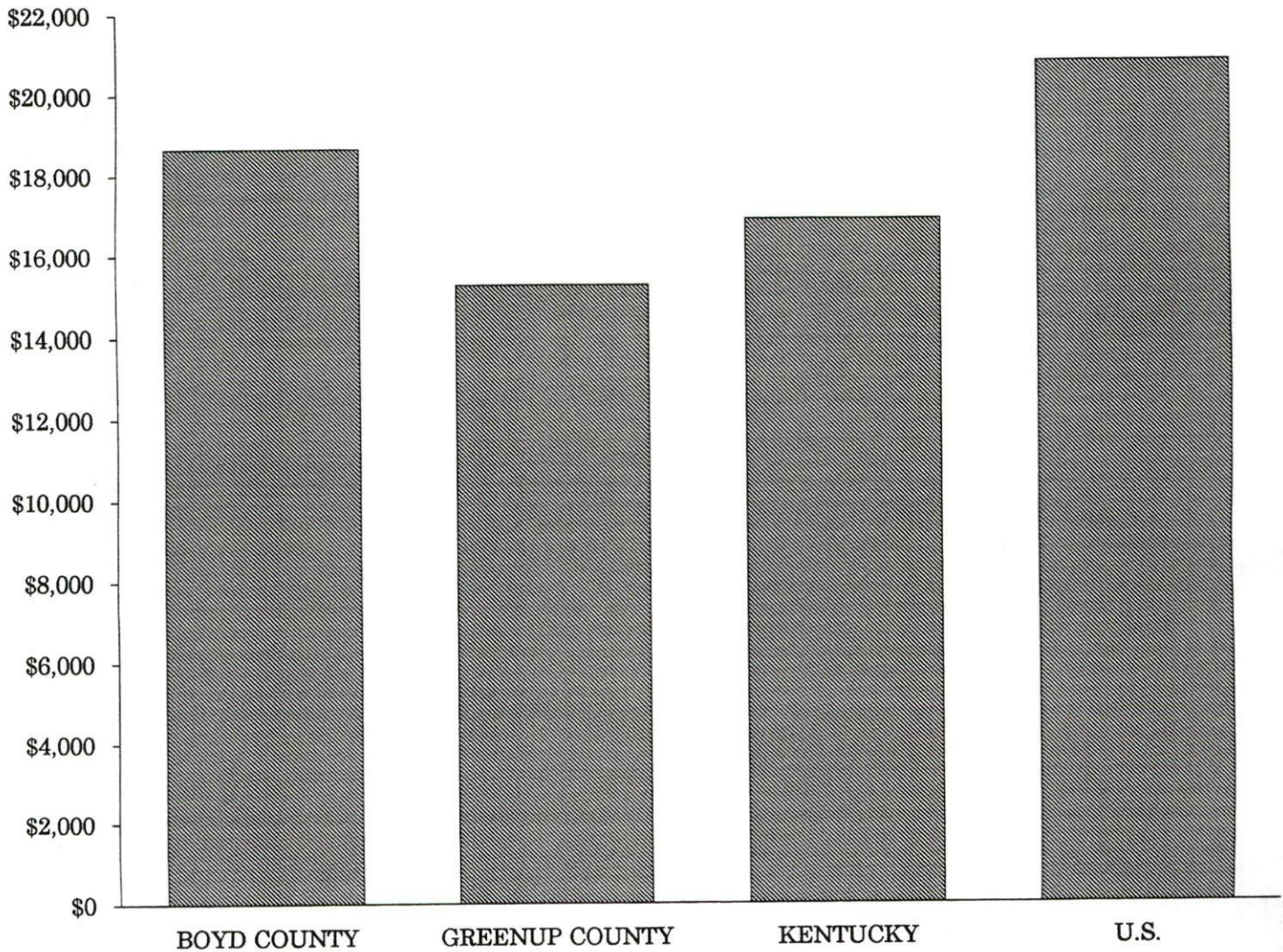


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

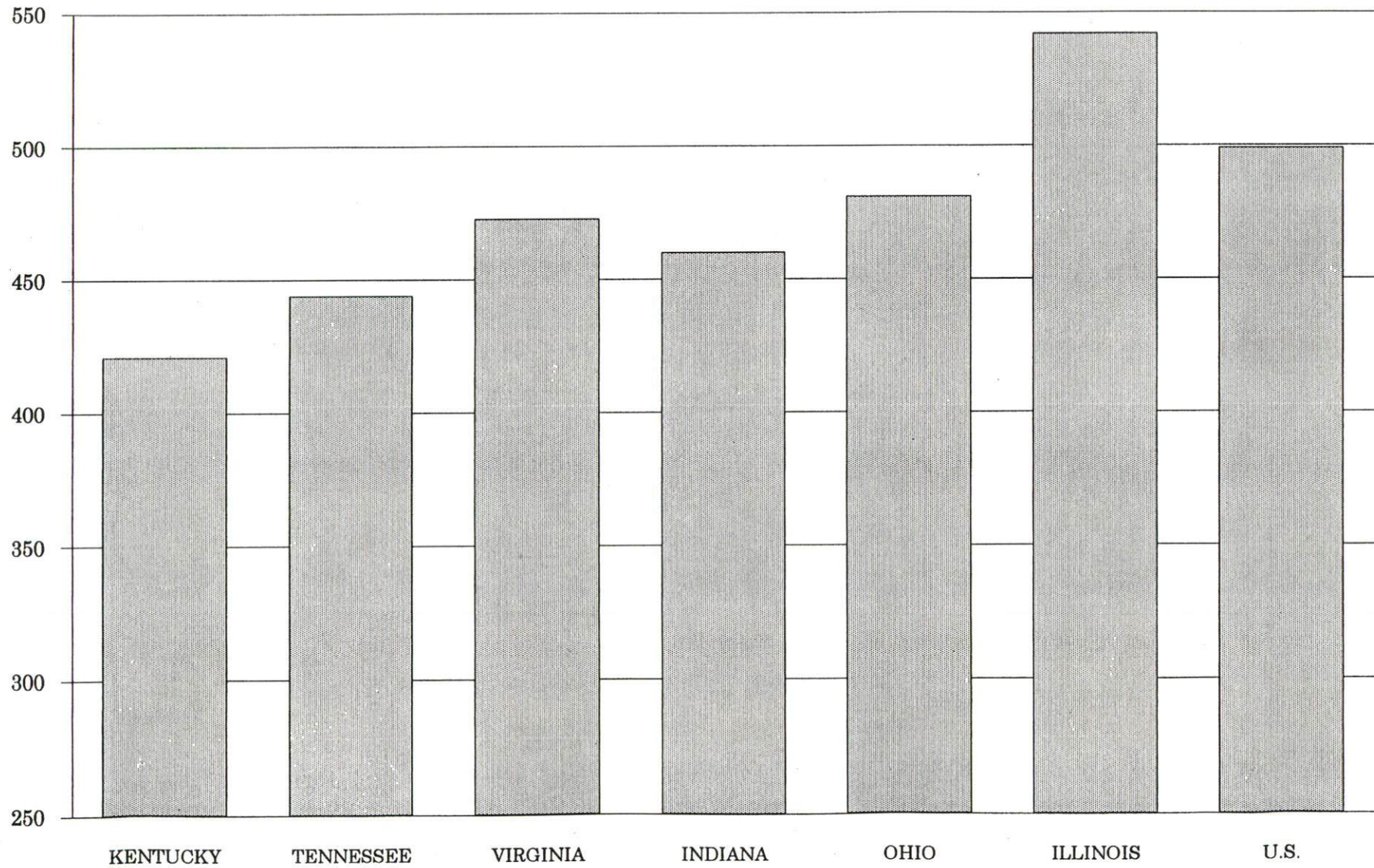
<u>Area</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Boyd County	\$15,731	\$18,661	18.6
Greenup County	\$12,759	\$15,269	19.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,378 - \$15,731	\$10,685 - \$18,661	-
Kentucky	\$13,756	\$16,889	22.8
U.S.	\$17,690	\$20,800	17.6

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1993



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



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

	<u>Boyd County</u>	<u>Greenup County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>
All Industries	\$489.39	\$490.89	\$421.30	\$444.00
Mining & Quarrying	682.21	N/A	691.01	605.00
Contract Construction	540.12	348.06	440.47	467.00
Manufacturing	755.83	881.67	541.18	522.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	608.00	584.99	567.94	572.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	261.15	207.46	287.24	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	449.17	388.54	449.89	495.00
Services	452.52	416.37	350.41	394.00
State/Local Government	433.88	398.23	413.84	N/A
	<u>Virginia</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$473.00	\$460.00	\$481.00	\$499.00
Mining & Quarrying	684.00	757.00	645.00	816.00
Contract Construction	464.00	509.00	534.00	530.00
Manufacturing	543.00	629.00	670.00	623.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	648.00	561.00	600.00	643.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	523.00	527.00	568.00	693.00
Services	455.00	391.00	422.00	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.

Sources: 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.

AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

Boyd and Greenup Counties are served by the Ashland local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Ashland 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, 1995, the local employment office filled 1,973 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	1,973	5.05
Clerical	517	4.62
Sales	89	4.70
Services (excluding domestic)	629	4.31
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	10	5.80
Processing	129	6.61
Machine Trades	12	5.23
Bench Work	145	5.21
Structural	131	6.72
Motor Freight/ Transportation	59	6.21
Packaging and Materials Handling	154	5.46
Other	1	8.83

The Ashland local office also serves Carter, Elliott, and Lawrence 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.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

MAJOR BOYD & GREENUP COUNTIES MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT*

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Boyd County		
<u>Ashland</u>		
A.C. Marble, Inc. (1960)	Bath tubs, vanity tops, shower walls, cultured marble	35
Area Advertising Agency, Inc. (1975)	Trophies	20
A.K. Steel Corporation (1922)	Steel sheets	1,516
Ashland Carbon Fibers, Division of Ashland Petroleum Company (1984)	Carbon fibers, petroleum pitch, carbon fiber paper	56
Ashland Fabricating and Welding Company (1954)	Steel fabricating job shop, coal processing equipment	28
Ashland Publishing Company, The Daily Independent (1921)	Newspaper	118
Columbus Showcase Company (1944)	Display showcases, display fixtures, hardware	45
Corbin, Ltd. (1983)	Men's and ladies' clothing	500
Dalton Tire Recycling (1984)	Rubber tire recycling	21
Gallaher Group (1975)	Commercial printing and mailing	30
Heckett, Division of Harsco (1983)	Crushed slag and metallic recovery	45
Johnsons Dairy, Inc. (1931)	Milk and ice cream	48
Kentucky Electric Steel (1986)	Hot rolled steel bars	474
Mansbach Metal Company, Inc. (1918)	Scrap metal and foundry	125
Modern Foods (1985)	Dairy products	48
Mountain Enterprises, Inc. (1955)	Asphalt paving	20
Patton Lumber Company (1912)	Millwork, windows, lumber, trusses	22
Pennco, Inc. (1956)	Aluminum and wooden windows and doors, vinyl windows	85
RAM Technologies, Inc. (1977)	Custom electronic assemblies	50

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<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	1995 <u>Average Employment</u>
R. & D. Associates, Inc. (1991)	Deck/sectional barges, work boats	35
Rumpke Recycling (1995)	Paper, aluminum, plastic recycling	30
The Hyland Company, Inc. (1983)	Pet foods	20
U.S. Brick Company (1926)	Brick	32
<u>Catlettsburg</u>		
Ashland Petroleum Company, Catlettsburg Refinery (1924)	Petroleum products, petrochemicals	1,285
Big Sandy Asphalt Company (1974)	Emulsified asphalt	20
Calgon Carbon Corporation (1960)	Activated carbon	326
INCO Alloys International, Inc. (1964)	Air induction high nickel alloys, extruded induction nickel alloys	187
Greenup County		
<u>Greenup</u>		
CAE Vanguard, Inc. (1992)	Railcar axles	25
<u>Russell</u>		
Raceland Car Shop, CSX Transportation (1929)	Freight cars and components	400
<u>South Shore</u>		
MarkWest Hydrocarbon Partners, Ltd. (1958)	Fractionation products	28
North American Refractories Company (1902)	Special refractories, monolithics, castables	200
<u>Wurtland</u>		
AVI Microfoam, Inc. (1983)	Plastic cushioning material	230
CTI, Inc. (1995)	Warehousing and shipping railroad transportation equipment and parts	50
Custom Steel Processing (1989)	Steel finishing, processing	50
E.I. DuPont De Nemours and Company (1926)	Sulfuric acid	24
PCI, Inc. (1991)	Phthalocyanine chemicals	61
Woodcor America, Inc. (1995)	Cedar products	22

* Firms with 20 or more employees.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Economic Development Corporation of Boyd and Greenup Counties.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Kentucky Electric Steel will complete a \$22 million modernization/expansion in early 1996 that will double production capacity and increase warehouse space.

A.K. Steel will complete a \$25-30 million expansion in early 1996 to produce industrial gases used in the steel making process.

Phase I (567 acres) of a planned 2,000-acre development of the Northeast Kentucky Industrial Park is under way in Carter and Greenup Counties. The development is adjacent to Kentucky 207 and Interstate 64, where an access interchange is to be constructed. Five counties joined in the partnership to develop the site: Carter, Elliott, Lawrence, Greenup, and Boyd.

A new 40,000-square-foot "spec" building is under construction in Wurtland, along Kentucky 503. The project is being financed by all 11 banking and savings and loan associations in Boyd and Greenup Counties.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Boyd County	
Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	U.S. Brick Company
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO	Corbin, Ltd.
Graphic Communications International Union, AFL-CIO	Ashland Publishing Company, The Daily Independent; Dickenson Printing Company; Gallaher Group
International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Scioto Block, Inc.
Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	A.K. Steel Corporation.; Ashland Petroleum Company, Catlettsburg Refinery
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO	Columbus Showcase Company
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	A.K. Steel Corporation.; Calgon Carbon Corporation; Contech Construction Products, Inc.; Heckett, Division of Harsco; INCO Alloys International Inc.; Kentucky Electric Steel

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Greenup County

Brotherhood of Railway
Carmen of the United
States and Canada,
AFL-CIO

Raceland Car Shop, CSX
Transportation

Brotherhood of Railway,
Airline and Steamship
Clerks, Freight Handlers,
Express and Station
Employees, AFL-CIO

Raceland Car Shop, CSX
Transportation

International Association of
Machinists and Aerospace
Workers, AFL-CIO

Raceland Car Shop, CSX
Transportation

International Brotherhood of
Boilermakers, Iron Ship
Builders, Blacksmiths,
Forgers and Helpers

Raceland Car Shop, CSX
Transportation

International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO

Raceland Car Shop, CSX
Transportation

International Brotherhood of
Firemen and Oilers, AFL-CIO

Raceland Car Shop, CSX
Transportation

Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers
International Union, AFL-CIO

MarkWest Hydrocarbon Partners,
Ltd.

Sheet Metal Workers' International
Association

Raceland Car Shop, CSX
Transportation

United Steel Workers of America,
AFL-CIO-CLC

North American Refractories
Company

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Ashland</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Wurtland, Kentucky	8
Electric Motor Repair	Ashland, Kentucky	-
	Russell, Kentucky	3
	Greenup, Kentucky	14
Heat Treating Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	121
Industrial Waste Removal	Ashland, Kentucky	-
	Greenup, Kentucky	14
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Ashland, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Cynthiana, Kentucky	123
Metal Finishers	Ashland, Kentucky	-
Metal Service Centers	Ashland, Kentucky	-
Millwrights & Riggers	Lexington, Kentucky	121

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Interstate Highway 64, U.S. Highways 23 and 60, and Kentucky Route 180 are "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Boyd County. Interchanges of Interstate 64 are located 12 miles southwest of Ashland via U.S. 60, and eight miles southeast of Ashland (two miles south of Catlettsburg) via U.S. 23. A major east-west route, I-64 provides access to I-75, I-65, I-71, I-77 and I-79.

U.S. Highway 23 and Kentucky Route 8 also serve Greenup County. Both Kentucky routes are "AAA"-rated. U.S. 23 is a four-lane highway from South Portsmouth in northern Greenup County, through Greenup and Boyd Counties, and traverses eastern and southeastern Kentucky. In addition, "AA"-rated Kentucky Route 7 serves Greenup County.

U.S. Highway 52, a major four-lane highway from Portsmouth, Ohio, to Huntington, West Virginia, is located just across the Ohio River, and is accessible via bridges at South Portsmouth, Grays Branch, Russell, and Ashland, Kentucky.

Construction of Kentucky Highway 546, (John Y. Brown, Jr. "A-A" Highway) has been completed in Greenup County. The 25-mile spur traverses Greenup County into Lewis County and connects with the previously completed portion of the highway. Another spur extending from Vanceburg, south of Greenup County to I-64 at Grayson is also completed. The entire 95-mile main highway extends from the Greenup Lock and Dam near Greenup to Interstate 275 in northern Kentucky.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	458	Los Angeles, CA	2,280
Baltimore, MD	428	Louisville, KY	195
Birmingham, AL	497	Nashville, TN	331
Chicago, IL	418	New Orleans, LA	836
Cincinnati, OH	134	New York, NY	613
Cleveland, OH	254	Pittsburgh, PA	258
Detroit, MI	306	St. Louis, MO	453
Knoxville, TN	264		

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

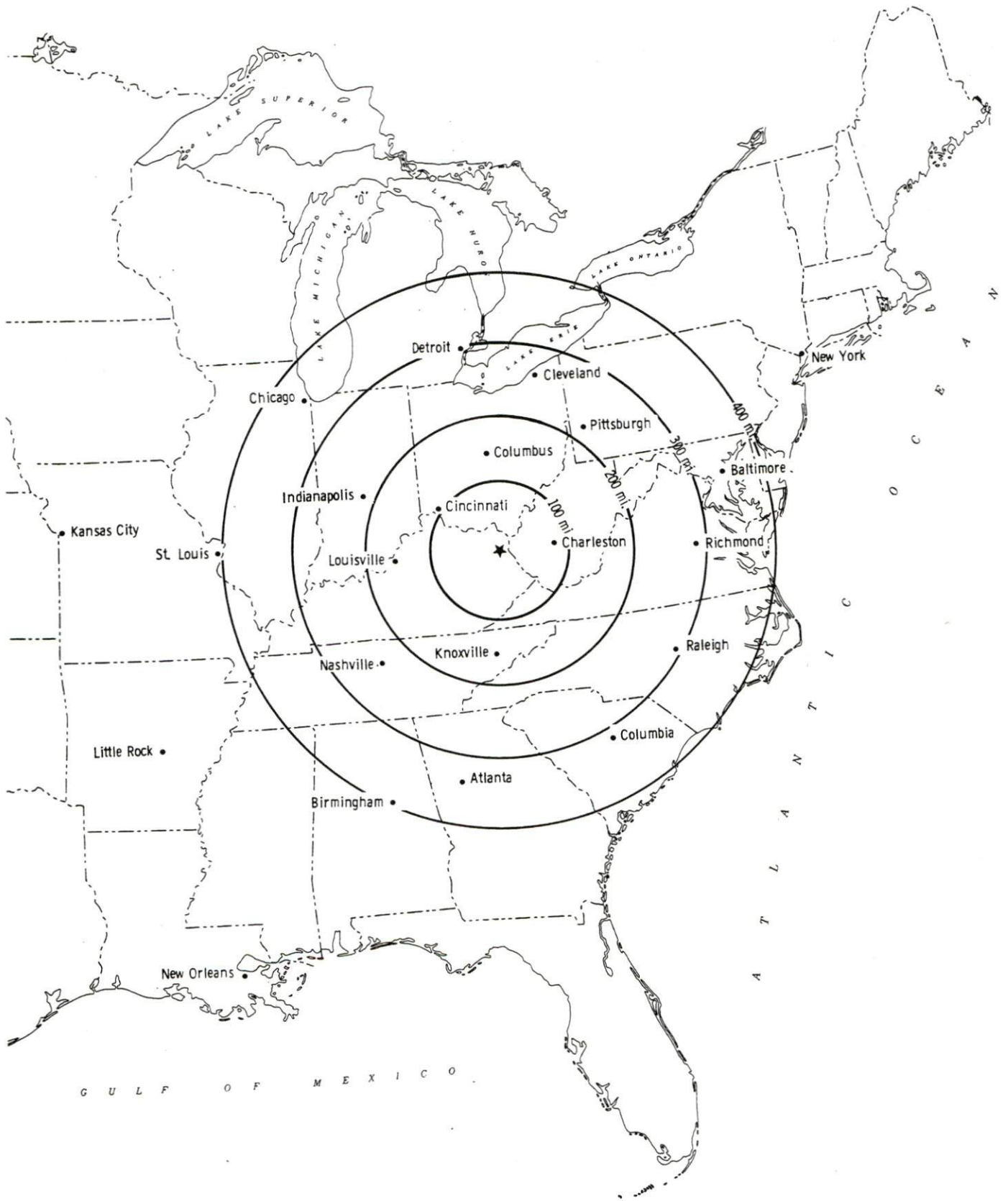
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Thirty-two common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Boyd and Greenup Counties.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1995.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Boyd and Greenup Counties. The nearest intermodal facilities are located at Cincinnati, Ohio, 134 miles northwest of Ashland.

Amtrack provides passenger line service to the area with stations located at Catlettsburg-Ashland (Boyd County) and South Portsmouth (Greenup County).

In addition, the Norfolk Southern Railroad provides service to the area across the Ohio River in Ohio and West Virginia.

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

and/or

Amtrack Distribution Center
1-800-872-7245

Air

Local

Location:	Ashland Regional Airport 6 miles northwest of Ashland
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	5,600 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	Sundown to sunrise, VASI, REIL, rotating beacon, runway lights
Services:	Jet-A fuel, 100LL octane and oil, major and minor A & P repairs, storage, flight instruction, pilot service, plane charter, FBO, AWOS system

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Tri-State Field 3 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia; 14 miles southeast of Ashland
Air Service:	C.C. Air, ComAir, USAir
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	

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Water

Ashland is located on the Ohio River, while Catlettsburg is located at the confluence of the Ohio and Big Sandy Rivers. A nine-foot navigation channel is maintained on the Ohio River and to a point nine miles south of Catlettsburg on the Big Sandy River.

Waterborne traffic on the Ohio and Big Sandy Rivers is extensive in the Ashland-Catlettsburg and Greenup County region. Numerous private terminal facilities operate in this area, providing bulk and general cargo transloading facilities for commercial freight.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Boyd County and portions of northern and eastern Greenup County, including Bellefonte, Flatwoods, Greenup,**

Raceland, Russell, South Shore, Worthington, and Wurtland -

American Electric Power

Source of power - American Electric Power

For industrial rates contact:

Economic Development Manager
American Electric Power
1701 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 1428
Ashland, Kentucky 41105-1428
(606) 327-1244 Fax (606) 327-1246

Company serving a **major portion of Greenup County - Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation**

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

Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
109 Bagby Park
Grayson, Kentucky 41143
(606) 474-5136 or (800) 562-3532

Natural Gas

Company serving **Boyd-Greenup Counties area - Columbia Gas of Kentucky**

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Economic Development Department
Columbia Gas of Kentucky
70 Fountain Place
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(502) 227-4998 Fax (502) 227-7645

Public Water Supply

Boyd County

Company serving Ashland and Catlettsburg -

City of Ashland Public Services Department
P.O. Box 1839
Ashland, Kentucky 41105-1839
(606) 327-2007

Source of raw water -	Ohio River
Treatment plant capacity-	12,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	6,000,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	12,000,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	6,650,000 gallons
Water pressure -	22 psi to 50 psi

Completion is scheduled for March 1996 of a 125,000 gallon storage tank.

Name of water district -	Big Sandy Water District
	18200 State Route 3
	Catlettsburg, Kentucky 41129
	(606) 928-2075

Area served -	Portions of southern Boyd County
Source of treated water -	City of Kenova, West Virginia; City of Louisa, Kentucky
Amount which may be purchased -	616,666 gallons
Average daily consumption -	408,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	550,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,000,000 gallons
Water pressure -	35 psi to 190 psi

Application has been made for a 2.0 million-gallon-capacity water treatment plant and 20 miles of water line extensions into eastern Greenup County. Estimated cost is \$6.3 million with completion expected by the end of 1997.

Name of water district -	Cannonsburg Water District
	1606 Cannonsburg Road
	Ashland, Kentucky 41102
	(606) 928-9808

Area served -	Rural Boyd County (Cannonsburg, Coalton, Meads, Ponderosa and Graydon Heights)
Source of treated water -	City of Ashland
Amount which may be purchased -	1,200,000 gallons
Average daily consumption -	1,000,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,200,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,500,000 gallons
Water pressure -	40 psi to 150 psi

Greenup County

Company serving **Bellefonte and Russell** - City of Russell Water Works
P.O. Box 394
Russell, Kentucky 41169
(606) 836-9666

Source - Ohio River
Source of treated water - City of Ashland
Treatment plant capacity - 2,000,000 gallons per day
Amount that can be purchased - 864,000 gallons
Average daily consumption - 1,700,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 2,000,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 2,300,000 gallons
Water pressure - 50 psi to 90 psi

Company serving **Flatwoods** - City of Flatwoods Public Works
2513 Reed Street
Flatwoods, Kentucky 41139
(606) 836-9661

Source of treated water - City of Russell, City of Ashland
Amount that can be purchased - no specific amount
Average daily consumption - 608,729 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 651,935 gallons
Storage capacity - 766,000 gallons
Water pressure - 55 psi to 65 psi

A \$300,000 water line extension project will be completed in early 1996.

Company serving **Greenup** - Greenup Water and Sewer Department
1005 Walnut Street
Greenup, Kentucky 41144
(606) 473-7331

Source of raw water - Little Sandy River
Treatment plant capacity - 1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 850,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,000,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 965,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 130 psi

Company serving Raceland -	City of Raceland 711 Chinn Street Raceland, Kentucky 41169 (606) 836-4522
Source of treated water -	City of Russell, City of Flatwoods
Amount that can be purchased -	180,000 gallons per day (provisions can be made for an additional allowance)
Average daily consumption -	245,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	245,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	100,000 gallons
Water pressure -	50 psi to 120 psi
Company serving South Shore -	South Shore Water Works Company, Inc. P.O. Box 485 South Shore, Kentucky 41175 (606) 932-3531
Source of raw water -	9 wells; pumping capacity of 725 gallons per minute
Treatment plant capacity -	900,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	450,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	750,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	400,000 gallons
Water pressure -	50 psi to 70 psi
Company serving Worthington -	City of Worthington P.O. Box 366 Worthington, Kentucky 41183 (606) 836-6821
Source of raw water -	3 wells; total pumping capacity of 252 gallons per minute
Treatment plant capacity -	250,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	134,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	250,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	250,000 gallons
Water pressure -	52 psi to 58 psi

Company serving **Wurtland** - City of Wurtland Water Department
500 Wurtland Avenue
Wurtland, Kentucky 41144
(606) 836-0227

Source of treated water - City of Greenup
Amount that can be purchased - 150,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 110,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 150,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 250,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 75 psi

The City of Wurtland is in the process of extending an 8-inch water main to the City of Flatwoods, as a second source of water. Expected completion date is early 1996.

Raw Water

Surface water sources - Ohio River, Big Sandy River, Little Sandy River, Tygarts Creek
Average discharge - Ohio River at Greenup Dam, Kentucky - 90,570 cfs (26 years, USGS);
Little Sandy River at Grayson, Kentucky - 484 cfs (26 years, USGS); Tygarts Creek near
Greenup, Kentucky - 308 cfs (55 years, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along the Ohio River; 50 to 200 gpm in a
band from southeastern Boyd County to east central Greenup, Kentucky; 5 to 50 gpm
over the remainder of the area

Sewerage

Boyd County

Company serving **Ashland** - City of Ashland Public Services
Department
P.O. Box 1839
Ashland, Kentucky 41105-1839
(606) 327-2007

Design capacity - 11,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 4,500,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

Company serving **Catlettsburg** - Catlettsburg Wastewater Plant
P.O. Box 533
Catlettsburg, Kentucky 41129
(606) 739-5145

Design capacity - 500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 175,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Big Sandy River

Greenup County

Company serving **Bellefonte, Kenwood, Westwood, and portions of Flatwoods and Russell -**

Sanitation District #1 of Boyd
and Greenup Counties
P.O. Box 617
Greenup, Kentucky 41144
(606) 325-0204

Design capacity - 750,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 650,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

A changeover project is underway to pump sewage for treatment to the Greenup County Environmental Commission treatment plant.

Company serving **Flatwoods, Raceland, and Russell -**

Greenup County Environmental
Commission
P.O. Box 471
Russell, Kentucky 41169
(606) 836-4600

Design capacity - 2,050,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 1,134,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

Improvements underway: pump station construction to pump Sanitation Districts #1 and #2 into the Greenup County Environmental Commission plant; installation of lines from Riverview into plant; construction of storage lagoon and a facultative lagoon at an approximate cost of \$4.0 million.

Company serving **Greenup -**

Greenup Water and Sewer Department
1005 Walnut Street
Greenup, Kentucky 41144
(606) 473-7331

Design capacity - 200,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 155,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Little Sandy River

Company serving **South Shore** - City of South Shore
1661 East Second Avenue
South Shore, Kentucky 41175
(606) 932-6144

Design capacity - 390,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 150,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

Company serving **Worthington** - City of Worthington
P.O. Box 366
Worthington, Kentucky 41183
(606) 836-6821

Design capacity - 200,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 135,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

Company serving **Wurtland** - City of Wurtland Sewer Department
500 Wurtland Avenue
Wurtland, Kentucky 41144
(606) 836-0227

Design capacity - 1,100,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 850,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River

CLIMATE

Boyd & Greenup Counties

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1994	55.80 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (34-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1994 (34-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.)	4,665

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.30 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	25.90 inches
Total precipitation 1994	45.83 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (33-year record)	139.70
Mean number days thunderstorms (32-year record)	41.30

Prevailing winds

N/A

Relative Humidity (33-year record)

1 a.m.	78 percent (32-year record)
7 a.m.	83 percent
1 p.m.	58 percent
7 p.m.	61 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1994. Station of record: Huntington, West Virginia.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Boyd County is governed by a county judge/executive and three county commissioners. Each official is elected to a four-year term. Two incorporated cities are located in Boyd County. The City of Ashland is governed by a mayor and four city commissioners. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the city commissioners each serve two-year terms. In addition, the City of Ashland employs a city manager. The City of Catlettsburg is governed by a mayor elected to a four-year term and six council members elected to two-year terms each.

Greenup County is governed by a county judge/executive and three commissioners. Each official is elected to a four-year term. Eight incorporated cities are located in Greenup County. The Cities of Bellefonte, South Shore, and Wurtland are each governed by a mayor and four city commissioners. The Cities of Flatwoods, Greenup, Raceland, Russell, and Worthington are each governed by a mayor and six council members. Each mayor is elected to a four-year term, while both the city commissioners and the council members each serve two-year terms.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - City of Ashland Planning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within city limits
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits
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)

City agency - Catlettsburg Planning and Zoning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within city limits
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits
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)

Joint agency - Greenup County Joint Planning Commission
Participating cities - Bellefonte, Flatwoods, Greenup, Russell, and
Worthington
Zoning enforced - Each participating area is responsible for
developing and enforcing its own zoning regulations
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits of Bellefonte,
Flatwoods, Greenup, Russell, and Worthington
Local codes enforced - Housing codes in Bellefonte, Flatwoods,
Greenup, Russell, and Worthington
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

Ashland - Occupational license tax of 1 1/2% of the net profits of all businesses and professions from activities conducted within the city or a minimum fee of \$100 per year, whichever is greater.

Catlettsburg - An occupational license tax of 1% of net profits of businesses and the gross salaries or wages of individuals is levied within the city.

Flatwoods - An annual business gross receipts fee with a minimum of \$50 is levied for gross receipts up to \$75,000. For all businesses exceeding \$75,000 in gross receipts, an additional fee generally ranging from \$75 to \$480 is levied. The absolute maximum fee is \$1,250.

Greenup - The City of Greenup levies an unloading fee of \$35 annually.

Raceland - An annual business license fee of \$50 is levied.

Russell - The City of Russell does not levy any annual business license fees.

South Shore - The city charges an annual business license fee of \$50.

Wurtland - The city levies a business license fee of \$25 annually.

Worthington - The City of Worthington does not levy any annual business license fees.

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 & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Boyd County	\$0.2504	\$0.2772	\$0.2404
School Districts:			
Boyd County	0.3550	0.3590	0.5470
Ashland Independent	0.4940	0.4440	0.5110
Fairview Independent	0.6990	0.6990	0.6030
Russell Independent	0.4760	0.4760	0.5030
Cities:			
Ashland	0.5577	0.5577	0.5422
Catlettsburg*	0.3678	0.3678	0.3678
Fire Districts (4)	0.1000	0.1000	0.1000
Cannonsburg Fire District	0.0900	0.0900	0.0900
England Hill Fire District	0.0800	0.0800	0.1000

* Real estate located within the floodwall in Catlettsburg is assessed \$0.185 per \$100 valuation in addition to the rate above.

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1994

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Greenup County	\$0.1762	\$0.2049	\$0.1740
School Districts:			
Greenup County	0.5610	0.5610	0.4700
Raceland Independent	0.6860	0.6860	0.6580
Russell Independent	0.4760	0.4760	0.5030
Cities:			
Bellefonte	0.1856	None	0.1316
Flatwoods	0.2292	None	None
Greenup	0.2030	0.2030	0.2030
Raceland	0.1600	None	None
Russell	0.3140	0.6240	0.6240
South Shore	0.2000	None	0.2062
Worthington	0.2640	0.2640	0.2620
Wurtland	0.1075	0.1075	0.1075

Eight fire protection districts and one ambulance district in Greenup County levy a special property tax, not county-wide. The rates range from \$0.0200 to \$0.1000 per \$100 valuation.

Enterprise Zone

The Ashland Enterprise Zone offers tax incentives and regulatory relief to qualifying businesses which locate or expand activities within the zone's boundaries. The zone comprises 4.24 square miles which includes industrial land along the Ohio River, commercial and industrial land on U.S. 23 adjacent to and including the central business district, and residential areas in the southeast and southwest portions in the city. The City of Ashland offers a reduction in the annual property tax rate in its local incentives package.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Ashland Independent	Fairview Independent	Boyd County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	3,699	766	3,837
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	20.4-1	16.3-1	17.3-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	70.5	61.2	49.6
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,609.65	\$4,187.11	\$3,861.46
	Raceland Independent	Russell Independent	Greenup County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	953	2,361	3,549
Accreditation		Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	20.6-1	18.8-1	16.2-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	65.8	71.2	50.6
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,689.79	\$3,905.59	\$3,753.21

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Holy Family Elementary (Ashland)	194	PS-6
Rose Hill Christian School (Ashland)	409	PS-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant from Ashland)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1994)</u>
Ashland Community College	Ashland, Kentucky	2,760
Ohio University (Ironton Campus)	Ironton, Ohio (4)	2,209
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia (17)	12,659
Kentucky Christian College	Grayson, Kentucky (23)	529
Shawnee State University	Portsmouth, Ohio (33)	3,135
Morehead State University	Morehead, Kentucky (57)	8,697
West Virginia State College	Institute, West Virginia (59)	4,519
University of Charleston	Charleston, West Virginia (67)	1,363

Ashland Community College

Ashland Community College is a member of the University of Kentucky's Community College System and offers associate degrees in arts, science, and applied science. Students wishing to complete baccalaureate degree programs may transfer to other colleges or universities after completing two years of appropriate course work at Ashland Community College. Transfer students may also earn Associate of Arts or Science degrees. Associate of Applied Science degrees are offered in six areas: Accounting Technology; Business Technology with options in management, banking management, management information systems, real estate, and retail marketing; Computer Information Systems with microcomputer and programming options; Engineering Technology with electrical and computer repair options; Nursing; and Office Administration.

The College also offers Business and Industry Program services which focus on economic development activities, work place competencies' development, and labor/management relations; non-credit Continuing Education classes for professional or personal development; and community service activities such as concerts, art exhibits, cultural programs, workshops, lectures, and a speaker's bureau. The College recently opened the Learning Resources Center which effectively consolidates several innovative programs of library services, a teleconferencing center, and the academic success program. Master's level courses including engineering and education are now available at the Center.

Morehead State University-Ashland Center

Morehead State University operates an extension campus in Ashland. MSU-Ashland Center offers a variety of education programs for degree and non-degree seeking students. The extension campus, in cooperation with Ashland Community College, confers the same degrees as the Morehead State University main campus. In addition, the Center offers a Masters in Business Administration degree.

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>Local School District</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Ashland)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Boyd County Area Technology Center	Ashland	6	<u>Sec</u> 162	28
<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>				
Ashland Regional Technology Center	Ashland	13	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 63 4,979	93
Greenup County Area Technology Center	South Shore (31)	6	<u>Sec</u> 453	34
Russell Area Technology Center	Russell (3)	5	<u>Sec</u> 272	8

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 Kentucky Tech Ashland Regional Technology Center in Ashland (606) 928-4256.

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 on the campus of Ashland Regional Technology Center (606) 928-6427.

Articulation

Articulation agreements developed between various colleges and universities and the Kentucky Tech systems allow students to earn credits to be used when matriculating to degree programs at a college or university. Ashland Regional Technology Center has articulation agreements with Ashland Community College and Morehead State University.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. Boyd County Public Schools, in partnership with Ashland Community College, currently offer a tech prep program in Business and Health Technology. Other tech prep programs such as machine tool and welding technology are offered through the Ashland Regional Technology Center.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Boyd County, adult literacy and adult basic education are offered at the Ashland Adult Learning Center and Ashland Community College.

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

(Boyd and Greenup Counties)
Physicians - 182
Dentists - 60

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
King's Daughters' Medical Center	Ashland	340
Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital	Russell	194

King's Daughters' Medical Center

Medical staff - 154 physicians, 500 registered nurses and licensed practical nurses

A \$9.3 million, 64,000 square-foot addition at the King's Daughters' Medical Center houses a new emergency room, pediatrics wing, behavioral medicine, and surgery and orthopedics wing. A \$1.1 million renovation/construction project for a medical plaza recently opened near the hospital. Also underway: a \$12.9 million two-story addition to house an expanded intensive-care unit, food services department, and power plant; a \$4.4 million upgrade of the surgery department; a \$3.4 million office building behind the hospital; and a \$1.5 million renovation of a donated building to house the business offices, occupational health and environmental medicine, and the physicians' hospital organization. Two new Family Care Centers have also just been completed in Catlettsburg and South Shore at a cost of \$500,000. The Grayson Family Care Center is also operated by the hospitals.

Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital

Medical staff - 140 affiliated physicians, 243 registered nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Fivco District Health Department
Pathways, Inc.
Bellefonte Cancer Center
CareUnit (Bellefonte) - substance abuse facility
Our Lady of Bellefonte Outreach Centers in Grayson,
South Shore, and Cannonsburg
Tri-State Nephrology Associates
King's Daughters' Family Care Centers in Cattlettsburg,
Grayson, and South Shore
Ashland Cancer Center

Ambulance Center

Twenty-four hour emergency and transfer ambulance service is available in the Boyd and Greenup Counties area.

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Ashland Federal Savings and Loan Association
Bank of Ashland
Catlettsburg Federal Savings Bank
First American Bank
First Federal Bank for Savings
First & Peoples Bank & Trust Company
Home Federal Savings and Loan Association
Kentucky Bank & Trust Company
Kentucky-Farmers Bank
National City Bank
Russell Federal Savings Bank

Newspapers

The Daily Independent (Ashland)
Sunday Independent (Ashland)
The Greenup County News-Times (Greenup)

Telephone Service

General Telephone Company

RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Local

Boyd County

Public recreation facilities in the Ashland area include: Armco Park which contains a picnic area with shelters; Dawson Park with a swimming pool and playground area; Clyffeside Park which maintains a lighted baseball diamond, basketball court, picnic areas, and a shelter house; Central Park which contains 47 acres with three baseball diamonds, five tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, a concession stand, concert pavilion, croquet court, and prehistoric Indian mounds; and 14 tennis courts (four of which are enclosed for year-round use) at the Ashland Tennis Center. Four public golf courses are located in Boyd County.

Catlettsburg provides many recreational opportunities including a public park, two baseball fields, a football field, a playground, picnic areas, and basketball and tennis courts. Construction of a jogging track is under way.

Privately-owned facilities open to the public include Camden Park, an amusement park near Huntington, West Virginia, nine miles east of Ashland; three bowling facilities with a combined total of 74 lanes; 12 cinemas; two riding academies; a roller rink with a 1,000-person capacity; two tennis centers; and the YMCA with a men's and women's health club, a children's gymnasium, pool, baby pool, concession stand, tennis courts, shuffleboard court, bathhouse, and lockers.

Organized recreation programs are available in most sports such as baseball, basketball, soccer, T-ball, football, and softball through the Ashland Recreation Department. The Recreation Department also sponsors plays in Central Park, puppet shows, special seasonal events, and horseshoe and Frisbee tournaments. Organized baseball teams are available in Catlettsburg as well.

The first Tri-State Fair and Regatta initially held in 1978, has since become an annual event. Fair activities are held from June through August in Ashland, Kentucky; the Huntington, West Virginia, area; and the Ironton, Ohio, area. Events include powerboat and jet-ski racing, a float boat race, air shows, fairs, horse shows, exhibitions, musical productions, arts and crafts shows, and live concerts in Ashland.

The Paramount Arts Center, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a restored historic theater with Art Deco architecture and furnishings. The Center is the site of many popular entertainment events. Subscription series featuring plays, symphony concerts, and ballets, as well as individual events, are available at the Arts Center. Groups may rent the building for conventions and performances. The Arts Center also features an art gallery with changing exhibits.

Located in downtown Ashland, the Kentucky Highlands Museum preserves the cultural and industrial heritage of the area. The museum offers both permanent displays and nationally recognized traveling exhibits. The Ashland Area Art Gallery, also located downtown, opens a new exhibit monthly featuring artists of regional, national, and international acclaim. The Gallery is in the renovated historic 19th-century Grump & Field building.

The Tri-State Tomahawks in the Frontier League of minor league professional baseball provide entertainment for the Ashland area.

Winter Wonderland of Lights, a six-week event starting in late November, transforms Central Park and downtown Ashland with over 450,000 lights during the Christmas Season. It has been selected as one of the top 100 events in North America by the American Bus Association.

Greenup County

Bellefonte Country Club is located in Greenup County. The country club maintains a swimming pool, an 18-hole golf course, a clubhouse, and two tennis courts. The area also offers "The Oaks," an 18-hole championship golf club subdivision or "Community," with home sites and a club house.

The citizens of Flatwoods are provided an excellent city park, featuring four tennis courts, a multi-purpose court (for basketball, volleyball, shuffleboard, and horseshoes), and a swimming pool with facilities for the handicapped. Picnic tables and grills, playground equipment, restrooms, and a large parking area are available. The local Woman's Club sponsors annual Christmas parades and Miss Teen Pageants.

The City of Greenup has developed a small park on the bank of the Ohio River at Greenup, and a youth center for dances and games. The Greenup Old Fashion Days is an annual festival featuring sidewalk displays and old-fashioned dress. A private swim club is also available in Greenup.

The Greenup County Fair is held annually at the county fairgrounds, which features a tennis court, a baseball diamond, a concert pavilion, and a horse show ring. Little League football, basketball, and baseball are sponsored by community groups.

Small city parks in Raceland and Worthington feature playground equipment, picnic facilities, and offer a variety of recreational opportunities.

The Rotary Club of South Shore has contributed to the development of a community park. The family-oriented park features a shelter house, tennis courts, basketball courts, a baseball field, and a horseshoe pit. Family entertainment and community events are held periodically. A nine-hole golf course is located five miles from South Shore and is available for public use.

Area

Kentucky's state parks are among the finest in the nation, and three of the most scenic lie within a 30-minute drive of Ashland.

Greenbo Lake State Resort Park, which is located 15 miles west of Ashland, covers 3,000 acres of wooded hills that inspired poet and novelist Jesse Stuart, a lifelong resident of nearby W-Hollow. The facility offers 36 rooms, a magnificent fieldstone lodge, dining room, gift shop, several meeting rooms, lodge pool, an exhibit hall, and recreational room. Other facilities and activities at the park include a well-equipped 63-site campground, marina, miniature golf, tennis courts, playgrounds, shuffleboard, planned recreation, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, and picnicking.

River Bend Golf Course, an 18 hole public golf course, is located near Greenbo Lake State Resort Park west of Ashland.

A few miles to the north, the **Jesse Stuart Nature Preserve** protects 733 acres of the woods and meadows where the writer followed his mule and plow, pausing now and then to scribble one of his more than 2,000 published poems.

Carter Caves State Resort Park, is home to more than 20 caverns most explored, but some not yet charted. There are cabins and a lodge and a challenging nine-hole golf course, one of 14 public links close to Ashland.

Grayson Lake State Park, features majestic sandstone bluffs that form a walled canyon high above the 1,512-acre lake. Explorers can still find flint arrowheads left under the cliffs by the Shawnee and Cherokee.

The area's newest lake, Yatesville, offers 2,300 acres of water for boating and fishing. The top attraction is the outstanding bass and bluegill fishing.

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