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# *Resources for Economic Development*

## Somerset



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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SOMERSET, KENTUCKY

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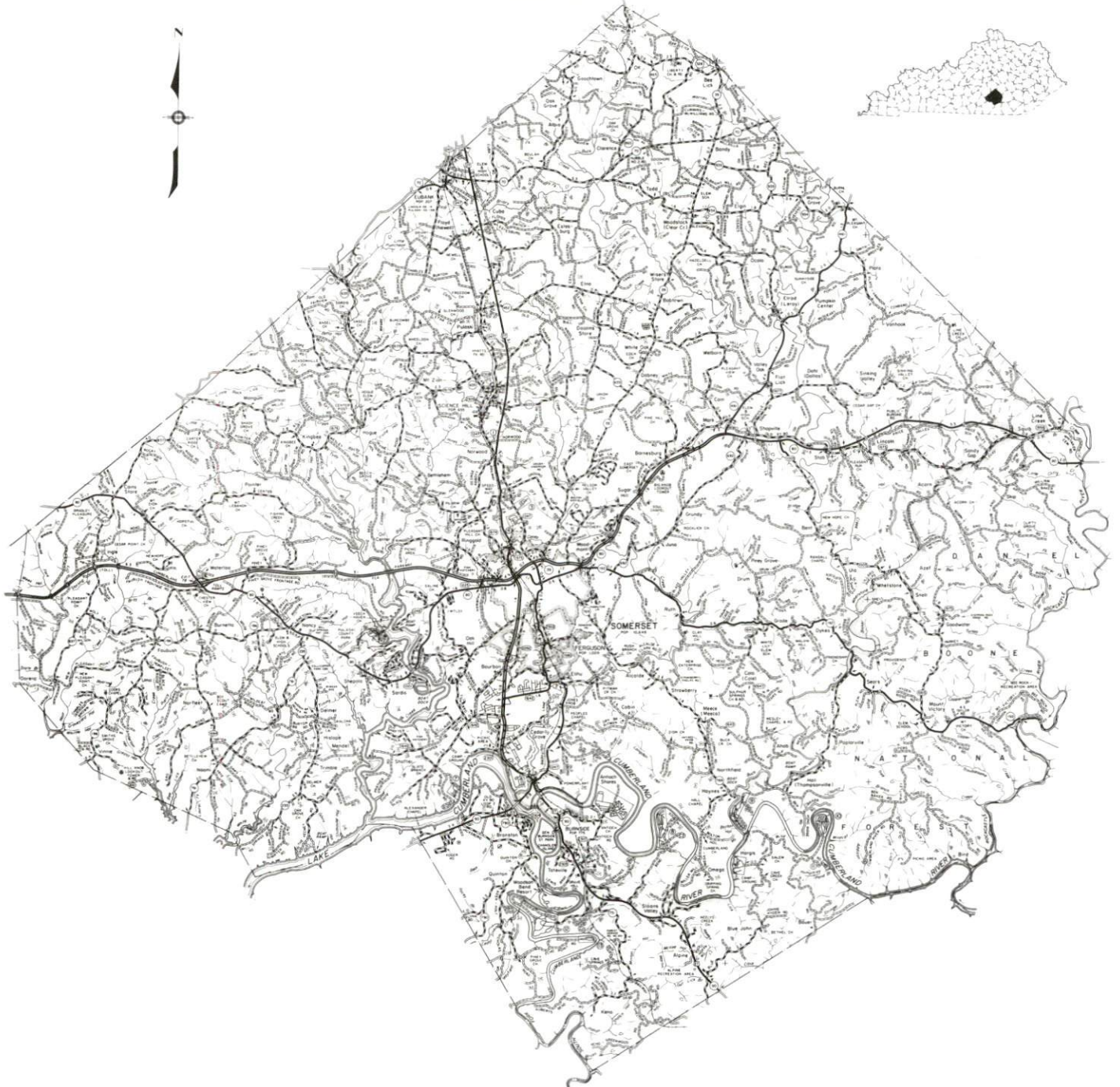
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**PULASKI COUNTY**  
KENTUCKY

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## SOMERSET, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Somerset, situated on the northeastern edge of Lake Cumberland, is the county seat of Pulaski County. Somerset is located 76 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky; 130 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 149 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky. Somerset had a 1988 estimated population of 12,110.

Pulaski County, which covers a land area of 660 square miles, is located in southern Kentucky. The county had a 1988 estimated population of 47,800.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Pulaski County residents employed in 1989 averaged 20,376. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 4,460 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 5,132 jobs; 2,890 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 2,715 employees; contract construction firms provided 825 jobs; and 99 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 30,798 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 14,394 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Major highways serving Somerset are U.S. Highway 27, the Cumberland Parkway, and Kentucky Routes 80 and 461. Interstate Highway 75 is accessible 32 miles east, via Kentucky 80; and 28 miles northeast via Kentucky 461. Nineteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to the area. Main line rail service is provided to Somerset by the Southern Railway System. The Somerset-Pulaski County Airport, two miles south of Somerset, maintains a 5,000-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Bluegrass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 80 miles north of Somerset.

**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Somerset and Pulaski County by Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Pulaski County is also served by South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service in Somerset is provided by Somerset Gas Service, Inc.

**Education** - Primary and secondary education is provided to Somerset and Pulaski County by the Somerset Independent School System and Pulaski County School System. The Somerset Independent School System is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Somerset Community College, a unit of the University of Kentucky Community College System, offers associate degrees and curricula for the first two years of a baccalaureate program. In addition, eight other colleges and universities are located within 65 miles of Somerset. Vocational training is available in Somerset at the Somerset State Vocational-Technical School.





## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Somerset Labor Market Area includes Pulaski County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Casey, Laurel, Lincoln, McCreary, Rockcastle, Russell, and Wayne.

	POPULATION		
	<u>1988*</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	189,100	178,993	141,876
Somerset	12,110	10,829	10,436
Pulaski County	47,800	45,803	35,234

\* Population estimates.

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

	POPULATION PROJECTIONS			
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2030</u>
Labor Market Area	208,810	219,480	226,440	228,960
Pulaski County	50,910	51,810	51,530	50,020

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

	ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY				
	Current				Future
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Employed Part-Time</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994</u>
Labor Market Area*	30,798	6,523	8,441	15,834	14,394
Pulaski County	6,383	1,783	2,050	2,550	3,433

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

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Employed Part-Time - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally).

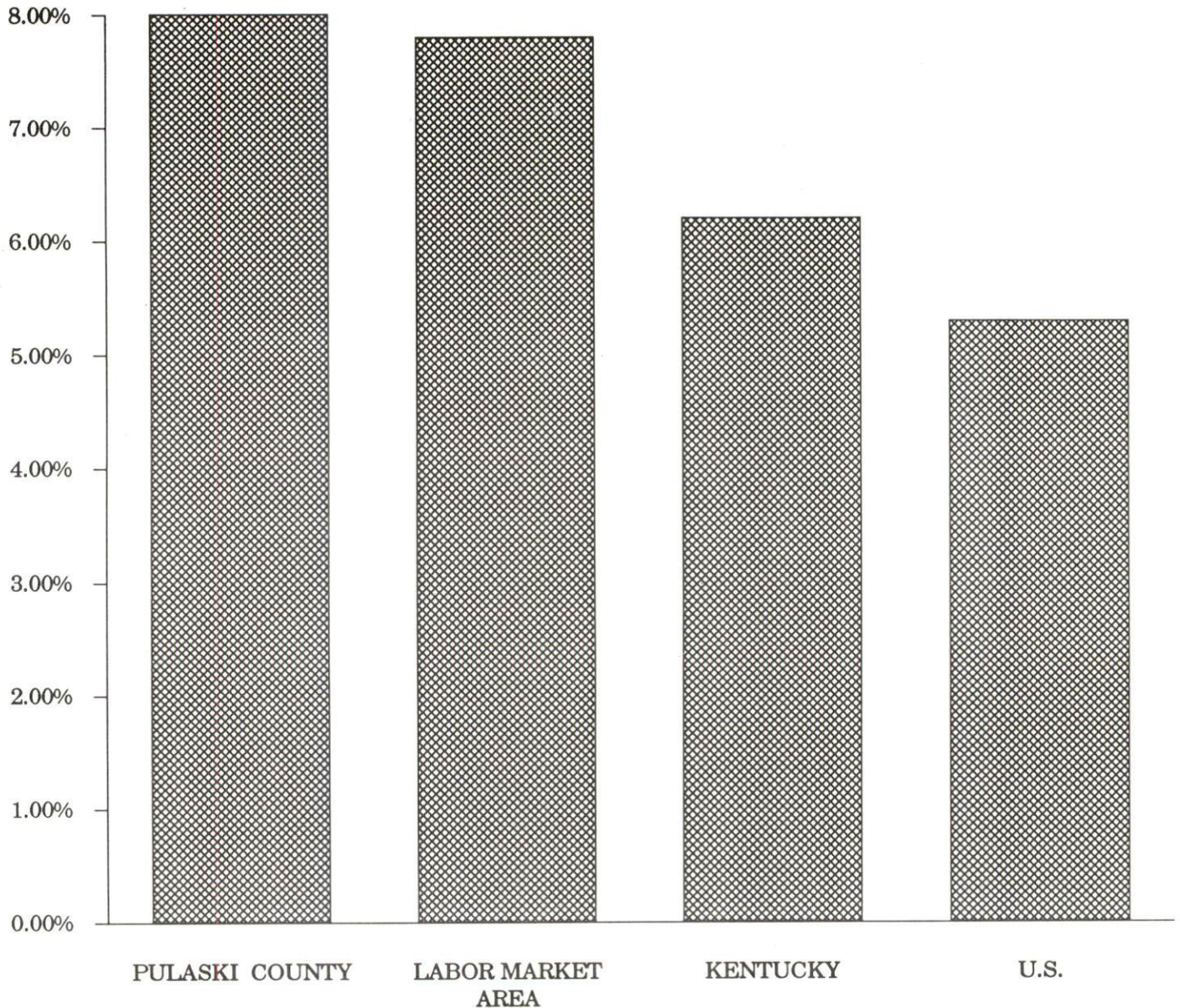
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1989**

	<u>Pulaski County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	22,159	83,810
Employment	20,376	77,287
Unemployment	1,783	6,523
Rate of Unemployment (%)	8.0	7.8

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

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES  
1989**

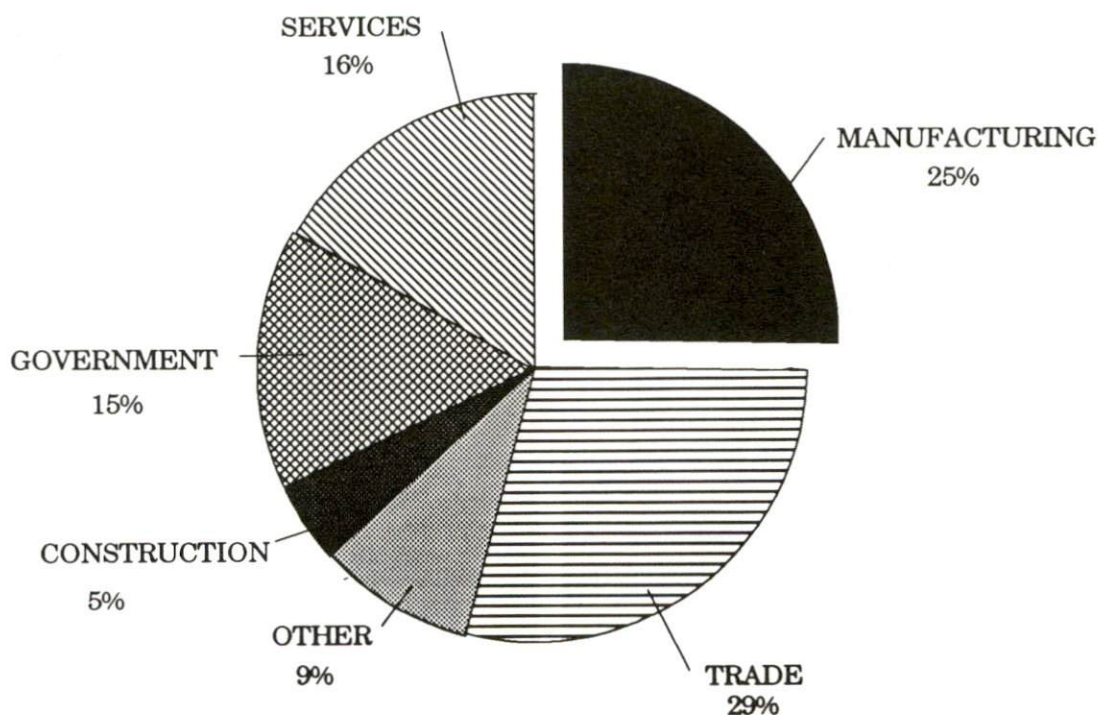


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989

	Pulaski County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	17,571	53,088
Manufacturing	4,460	16,674
Wholesale & Retail Trade	5,132	13,309
Services	2,890	8,269
State/Local Government	2,715	8,207
Contract Construction	825	2,690
Mining and Quarrying	99	406

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, 1989.

PULASKI COUNTY

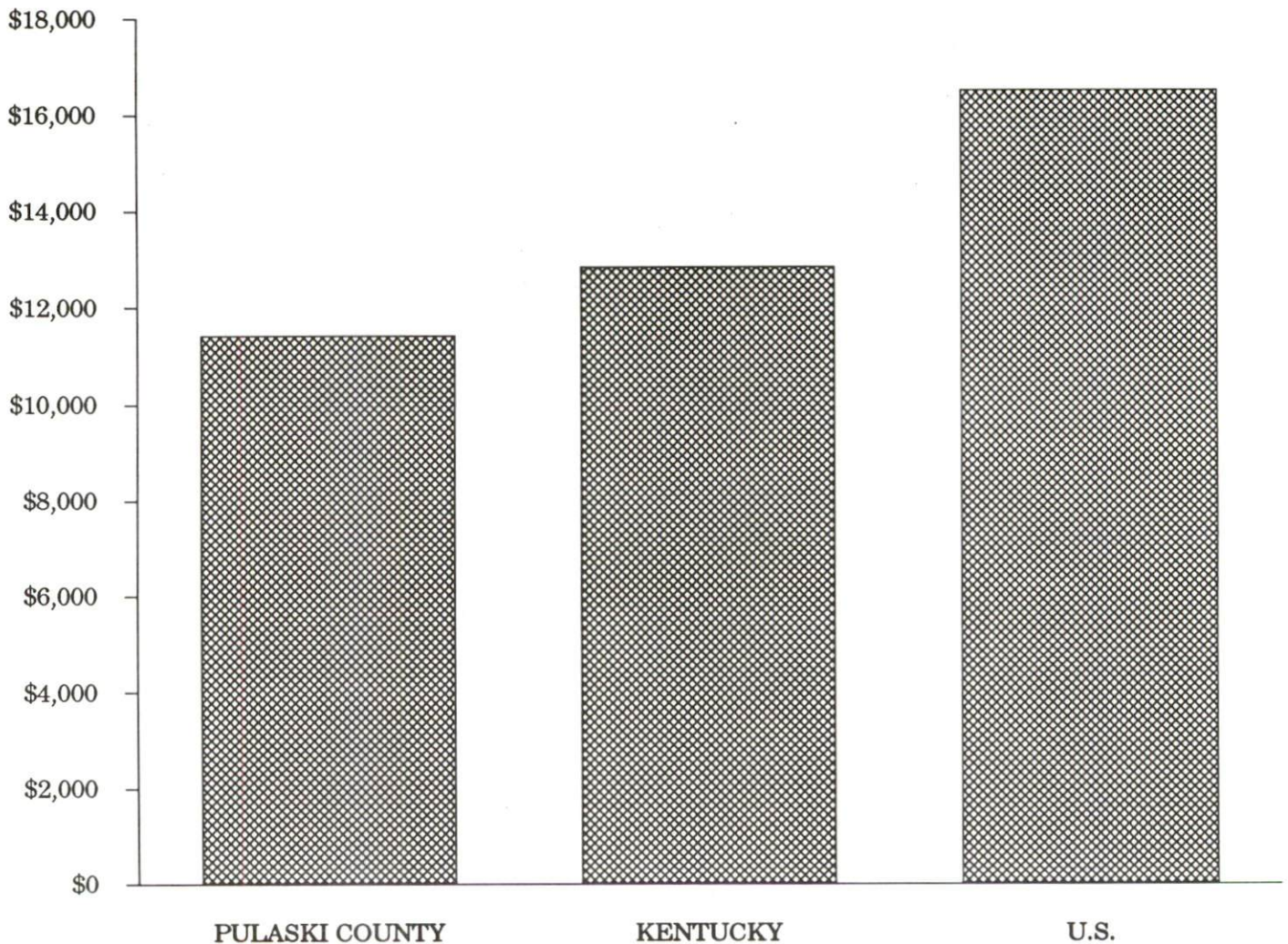


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1984	1988	Percent Change
Pulaski County	\$8,849	\$11,409	28.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,064 - \$8,849	\$6,391 - \$11,409	-
Kentucky	\$10,411	\$12,830	23.2
U.S.	\$13,116	\$16,490	25.7

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME  
1988



## AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

Pulaski County is served by the Somerset local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Somerset local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 4,295 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	4,295	4.00
Clerical	1,365	3.55
Sales	110	4.04
Services (excluding domestic)	341	3.52
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	46	4.41
Processing	53	4.05
Machine Trades	125	4.70
Bench Work	1,487	4.19
Structural	329	4.70
Motor Freight/ Transportation	42	3.90
Packaging and Materials Handling	291	4.24
Other	53	4.35

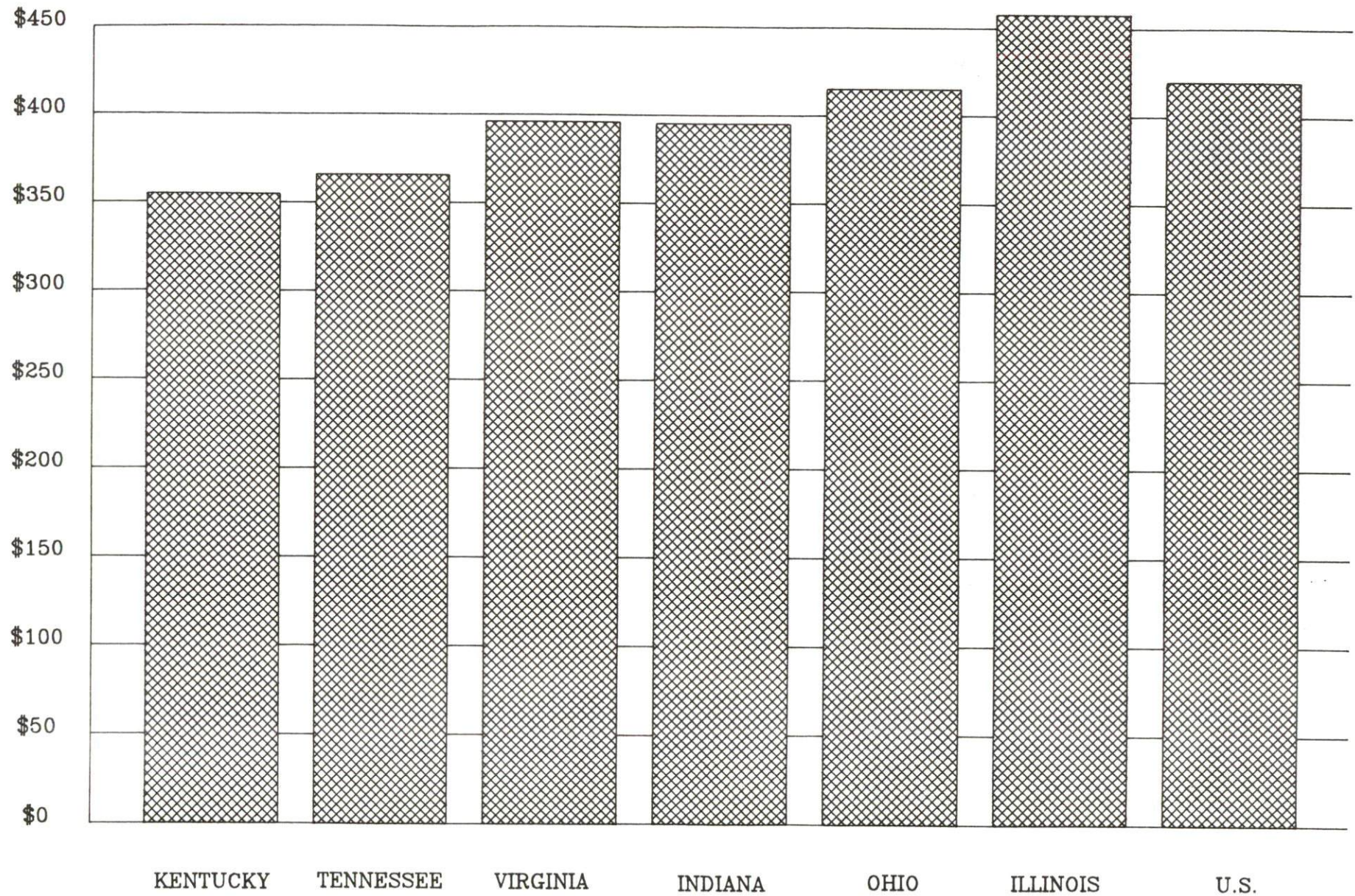
The Somerset local office also serves Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

For additional wage information contact:

Pulaski County Industrial Development Foundation, Inc.  
209 East Mt. Vernon Street  
Somerset, Kentucky 42501  
(606) 678-5000

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1988



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	<u>Pulaski County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$294.08	\$352.31	\$363.12	\$392.56
Mining & Quarrying	459.41	603.27	495.85	596.88
Contract Construction	245.09	380.71	394.27	422.27
Manufacturing	359.60	464.92	416.73	452.60
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	431.39	468.17	485.13	554.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	204.98	238.88	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	328.49	401.17	269.27	466.23
Services	269.63	298.98	343.48	391.67
State/Local Government	320.22	377.81	403.21	457.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$392.63	\$411.08	\$454.10	\$416.33
Mining & Quarrying	635.77	579.73	674.62	660.4)
Contract Construction	449.87	465.46	584.10	469.85
Manufacturing	532.06	569.98	555.83	517.62
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	502.69	519.17	584.83	542.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406.58	444.33	579.88	532.52
Services	317.98	348.48	402.38	384.31
State/Local Government	395.31	428.10	453.12	442.71

N/A Not Available.

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes the salaries and wages of all persons working for that type business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1988. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Average Annual Pay by State and Industry, August 29, 1989.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

SOMERSET MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1989</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Asahi Motor Wheel Company, Inc. (1988)	Aluminum wheels	130
B & B Rebuilders (1983)	Rebuilt starters and alternators	5
C.D.R. Manufacturing, Inc. (1987)	Electronic assemblies	40
C & V Machine Shop, Inc. (1983)	Fabrication of parts for machines, machine shop, tool and dies	4
Cardinal Printing, Somerset Publishing, Inc. (1972)	Job printing	4
Commercial Printing Company (1968)	Commercial printing	2
Consolidated Packaging Corporation (1984)	Corrugated packaging and supplies	45
Copy Trolley (1978)	Typesetting, job printing	3
Cornett Machine Shop (1948)	Rebuilt engines, machine work	28
Cumberland Boat Works (1967)	Sandblasting and repair of houseboats, boat hatchlids	2
Cumberland Welders Supplies, Inc. (1957)	Acetylene, oxygen	5
Cumberland Wood & Chair Corporation (1958)	Bunk beds, beds, headboards, chairs, bedroom suites	350
Custom Silk Screen, Inc. (1979)	Silk screen printing on fabric	3
Denney Lumber Company, Inc. (1957)	Logging	5
Foster Rebuilders (1978)	Rebuilt starters, generators, and alternators	2
General Electric Company; Somerset Glass Plant (1958)	Pressed glassware	225
Hartco (1990)	Hardwood flooring	75
Industrial Machine and Tool Company, Inc. (1969)	Machine shop, welding, tools and dies	3
The Kentucky Stone Company (1976)	Crushed limestone, agricultural lime	20
Leisure Time Cruisers Manufacturing, Inc. (1989)	Aluminum houseboats	45
Lukjan Fabrication & Supply Company, Inc. (1978)	Sheet metal fabrication	10
M & M Parts and Filters (1984)	Heavy equipment filters	1
Morgan Hopper Lamp Manufacturing Company (1971)	Lamps and lighting fixtures	2

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<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1989</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Options (1987)	Assembly of metal fastners	19
Palm Beach Company (1945)	Men's coats	985
Park Newspapers of the Cumberland (1895)	Job printing, newspaper	54
Quality Woodworks, Inc. (1988)	Interior molding, stair parts	30
Ready Mix Concrete Of Somerset, Inc. (1949)	Concrete blocks, ready mixed concrete	45
Robinson Milling Company, Inc. (1934)	Feed	10
Somerset Houseboats; Division of SMI (1948)	Luxury houseboats, aluminum houseboats	85
Somerset Plastics (1988)	Poly ceiling panel, insulation boards	5
The Somerset Refinery, Inc. (1932)	Gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel	100
Somerset Stone Company (1946)	Agricultural lime	19
Somerset Tool & Die Corporation (1978)	Stampings, machine parts, tools, dies, jigs, fixtures	13
Somerset Wilbert Vault Company, Inc. (1964)	Concrete vaults, tile, curb stones	70
Somerset Wood Products, Inc. (1985)	Cabinet parts, kiln dried lumber, dimension stock	70
Southern Belle Dairy Company, Inc. (1951)	Ice cream mix, fluid mix, buttermilk, fruit drinks	260
T's Bass Lures, Inc. (1977)	Fish lures	14
Tecumseh Products Company (1970)	Compressors for refridgeration	1,300
Tenco Industries (1981)	Oak furniture	75
Warner Fertilizer Company, Inc. (1965)	Fertilizer	22
Wesley's Woodworking (1983)	Cabinet doors, drawer fronts, wood panel sections	5
Whitis Cabinets, Inc. (1974)	Counter tops, wood cabinets	24

#### OTHER MAJOR PULASKI COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS\*

##### Burnside

Kingsford Products Company (1958)	Charcoal briquets	147
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##### Ferguson

CR/PL, Inc. (1963)	Plumbing fixtures	275
Mid-State Automotive Parts Rebuilders, Inc. (1962)	Brake shoes, water pumps rebuilt starters, and alternators	130

\* Firms with 100 or more employees.

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

## LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

### Union

Amalgamated Clothing and Textile  
Workers Union, AFL-CIO

Glass, Pottery, Plastics and  
Allied Workers International  
Union, AFL-CIO

International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Works, AFL-CIO

International Brotherhood of  
Teamsters, Chauffers,  
Warehousemen and Helpers  
of America

International Union of Electronic,  
Electrical, Technical, Salaried  
and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO

Laborer's International Union  
of North America, AFL-CIO

United Food and Commercial Workers  
International Union, AFL-CIO

### Representing workers at:

Palm Beach Company

Consolidated Packaging  
Corporation  
CR/PL, Inc.

Tecumseh Products Company

Mid-State Automotive Parts  
Rebuilders, Inc.

General Electric Company,  
Somerset Glass Plant

Kingsford Products Company

Southern Belle Dairy  
Company, Inc.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Somerset</u>
Custom Data Processing	Somerset, Kentucky	-
Custom Plastics Producers	Mt. Vernon, Kentucky	26
Electric Motor Repair	Somerset, Kentucky	-
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Richmond, Kentucky	56
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	56
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Richmond, Kentucky	56
Industrial Gases	Somerset, Kentucky	-
Industrial Waste Removal	Somerset, Kentucky	-
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Somerset, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Horse Cave, Kentucky Middlesboro, Kentucky	95 112
Metal Finishers	Richmond, Kentucky	56
Metal Service Centers	Richmond, Kentucky	56
Millwrights	Nicholasville, Kentucky	63
Public Warehouse Facilities	Somerset, Kentucky	-

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

The Cumberland Parkway, U.S. Highway 27 and Kentucky Route 80, are all "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways serving Somerset. The Cumberland Parkway provides access to Interstate 65, 90 miles west of Somerset. Kentucky Route 80 provides access to Interstate 75, 32 miles east of Somerset, and to the Daniel Boone Parkway, 34 miles northeast of Somerset. The Daniel Boone Parkway is also accessible 28 miles northeast of Somerset via Kentucky Route 461, a "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. U.S. Highway 27 provides access to Lexington, Kentucky, 76 miles north of Somerset, and to Interstate 40, 63 miles south in eastern Tennessee.

The reconstruction of Kentucky Route 461 is in its final stages. Upon completion Kentucky 461, which provides access to Interstate 75 northeast of Somerset, is expected to be upgraded to a "AAA"-rated highway.

Phase one of the Southeastern Bypass is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1991. Beginning at U.S. 27 and extending east to the Somerset Industrial Park, phase one will include three and one-half miles of new highway with a projected cost of \$8.4 million. Phase two, which is scheduled for construction in 1996, will extend the bypass from the Industrial Park to Kentucky 80, an additional three and one-half miles, bringing the total cost of the project to \$19.7 million.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM SOMERSET, KENTUCKY,  
TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	325	Los Angeles, CA	2,235
Baltimore, MD	610	Louisville, KY	149
Birmingham, AL	380	Nashville, TN	171
Chicago, IL	419	New Orleans, LA	720
Cincinnati, OH	154	New York, NY	789
Cleveland, OH	394	Pittsburgh, PA	417
Detroit, MI	412	St. Louis, MO	407
Knoxville, TN	130		

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

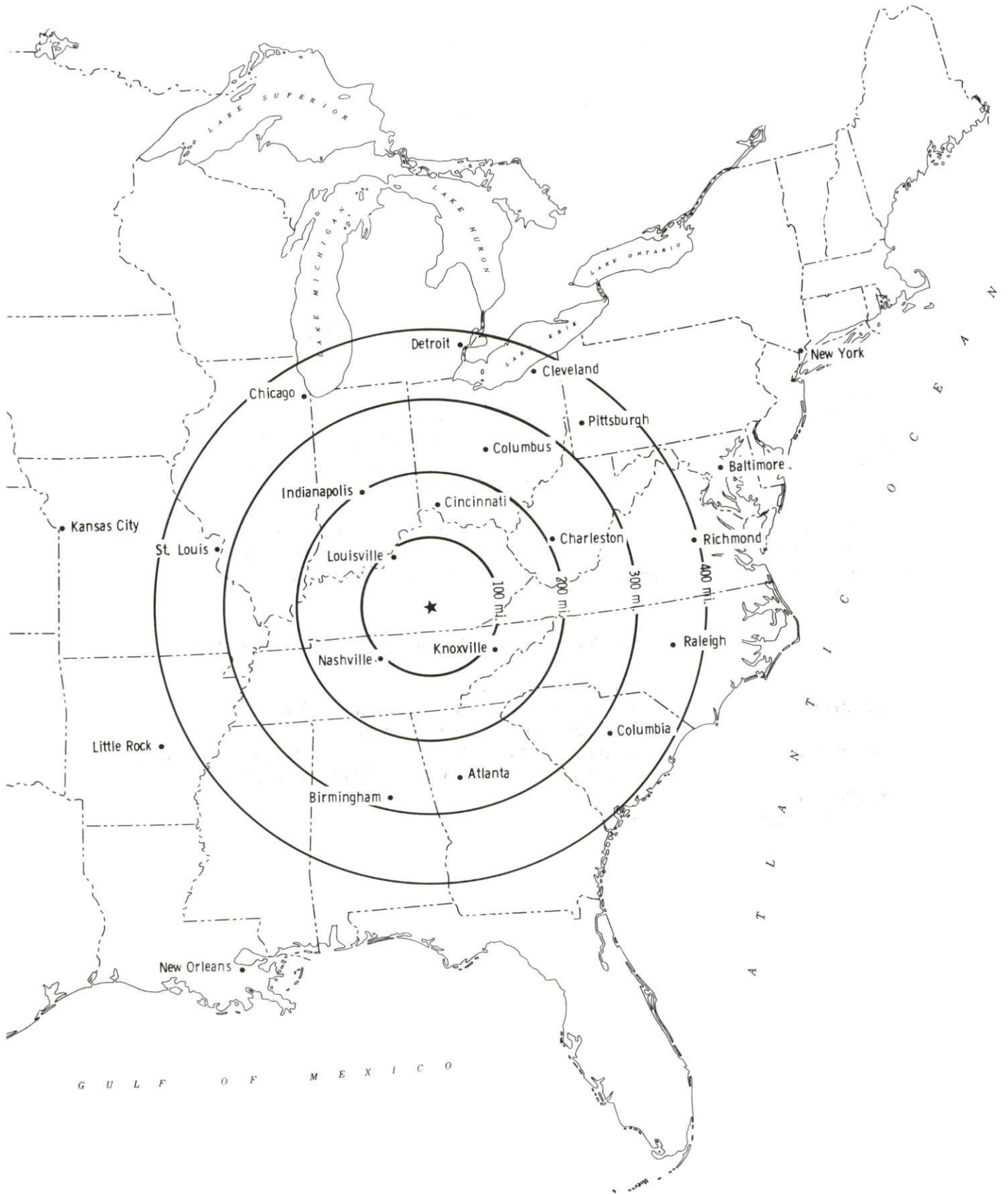
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

### Truck Service

Nineteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Somerset.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1990.

# Selected Market Centers



## Rail

Main line rail service is provided by the Southern Railway System. The nearest piggyback facilities are located at Georgetown, Kentucky, 94 miles north of Somerset.

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

District Sales Manager  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
1402 South 15th Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40210  
(502) 636-6023

## Air

### Local

Location:	Somerset-Pulaski County Airport 2 miles south of downtown Somerset
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	5,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock and intercom
Lighting:	Beacon, runway lights, VASI and REILS
Services:	Fuel-100LL, jet-A; major A & P repairs; tie downs, hangars; flight school

The Somerset-Pulaski County Airport Board has applied to the Federal Aviation Administration for a grant to extend the runway to 5,500 feet and to construct a 1,000-foot overrun. The Board expects to complete this project by winter 1991.

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Bluegrass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 80 miles north of Somerset
Air Service:	Delta, USAir, TWA, United Express, JetStream, Air Kentucky, American Eagle, ComAir
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	116

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Company serving Somerset, Burnside and part of Pulaski County - Kentucky  
Utilities Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department  
Kentucky Utilities Company  
One Quality Street  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507  
(606) 255-1461

Company serving remainder of Pulaski County - South Kentucky Rural  
Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division  
East Kentucky Power Cooperative  
P. O. Box 707  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391  
(606) 744-4812

and/or

South Kentucky Rural Electric  
Cooperative Corporation  
925-929 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 910  
Somerset, Kentucky 42501  
(606) 678-4121

### Natural Gas

Company serving Somerset - Somerset Gas Service  
Source of supply - Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation and gas wells  
For rates and supplies contact:

Somerset Gas Service  
P.O. Box 989  
Somerset, Kentucky 42501  
(606) 679-6122

## Public Water Supply

Company serving Somerset - Somerset Water Service  
P.O. Box A  
Somerset, Kentucky 42502  
(606) 678-9907 or 679-1139

Source - Lake Cumberland  
Treatment plant capacity - 6,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 4,300,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 5,100,000 gallons  
Storage capacity - 5,100,000 gallons  
Water pressure - 60 psi to 170 psi

A \$3 million plant expansion will be completed by early 1991 increasing Somerset's treatment capacity from 4,500,000 gallons per day to 6,000,000 gallons per day. The project also included the construction of two ground level storage tanks which increased storage capacity by 1,500,000 gallons.

## Sewerage

Company serving Somerset - Somerset City Sewer Department  
400 East Mt. Vernon Street  
Somerset, Kentucky 42501  
(606) 679-6366

Design capacity Plant #1 2,500,000 gallons per day  
Plant #2 3,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 1,600,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Tertiary  
Treated effluent discharged into - Pitman Creek

The Somerset City Sewer Department implemented a trunk line rehabilitation project in 1989, rebuilding and refurbishing primary and secondary trunk lines throughout the system.



## CLIMATE

### Pulaski County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	58.90 degrees
Average annual 1988	57.70 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (47-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (47-year record)	-24.00 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.)	3,658

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	47.29 inches
Mean annual snowfall (46-year record)	12.60 inches
Total precipitation 1988	34.66 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (46-year record)	126.00
Mean number days thunderstorms (46-year record)	47.00

#### Prevailing winds (through 1963)

Northeast

#### Relative Humidity (28-year record)

1 a.m.	80 percent
7 a.m.	85 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1988. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

The city of Somerset is served by a mayor, twelve council members, and a city administrator. Pulaski County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates.

### Planning and Zoning

City agency - Somerset Planning Commission  
Participating cities - Somerset  
Zoning enforced - Within corporate limits of Somerset  
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within corporate limits of Somerset and one mile beyond  
Local codes enforced - Building and housing  
Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

### Local Fees and Licenses

The city of Somerset levies a business license fee ranging from \$10 to \$500 annually. The business license fee for manufacturers is based on the number of employees: 25 employees or less - \$100; 26 to 50 employees - \$200; 51 to 100 employees - \$300; 101 to 200 employees - \$400; more than 200 employees - \$500.

Pulaski County levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries and commissions of individuals employed within the county and on net profits of businesses.

## State and Local Property Taxes

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

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

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

	Somerset/ Somerset Independent School District	Somerset/ Pulaski County School District	Unincorporated Pulaski County
Land and Buildings	\$1.0776	\$0.7746	\$0.4676
Manufacturing			
Machinery	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
Pollution Control			
Equipment	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
Inventories			
Raw Materials	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Goods in Process	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Finished Goods	0.8790	0.5760	0.2690
Automobiles & Trucks	1.3475	1.0295	0.7225
Other Tangible			
Personal Property	1.3280	0.0250	0.7180
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150

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

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Somerset Independent	Pulaski County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1989)	1,707	6,954
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1988-89)	15.2-1	19.2-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1988-89)	76.5	48.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1988-89)	\$2,930.18	\$2,187.08

The Pulaski County School System plans to construct a new elementary school in 1991 and a high school in 1992. The Pulaski County School System recently implemented a preschool program which began operating in the Fall of 1990.

The Somerset Independent School System installed computer labs in the elementary, middle, and high schools in 1989. An additional computer lab will be installed at the high school by Spring 1991. Several advanced courses, including Calculus and Applied Economics, have been added to the high school curriculum in 1990.

### Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1989)</u>
Somerset Community College	Somerset, Kentucky	1,755
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (34)	544
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia, Kentucky (42)	1,153
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (43)	1,550
Centre College	Danville, Kentucky (45)	857
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (56)	14,268
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville, Kentucky (61)	760
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (61)	1,880
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (61)	1,047

## Somerset Community College

The Somerset Community College is part of the Community College System of the University of Kentucky and it is charged with three specific functions: (1) to offer career-oriented programs designed to prepare students for immediate technical or semi-professional employment; (2) to offer curricula for the first two years of a baccalaureate program, which courses parallel University offerings and are transferable to the Lexington campus of the University of Kentucky or to another four-year institution either public or private; and (3) to provide general educational opportunities for citizens in their immediate areas.

Somerset Community College has a nationally recognized Business and Industry Liaison Program which provides industry-specific training and employee assessment screening for local businesses.

A large extended campus program allows students in the Somerset Community College service area to take classes convenient to their home and worksites.

## Vocational Training

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

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

### Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is the primary source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1988-1989</u>
Somerset State Vocational- Technical School	Somerset, Kentucky	909

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 59  
Dentists - 20

### Hospital

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Humana Hospital-Lake Cumberland	Somerset	244

Medical staff - 55 active physicians; 20 courtesy physicians; 154 registered nurses; and 49 licensed practical nurses

The Humana Hospital-Lake Cumberland recently completed a \$400,000 20-bed expansion. The inpatient rehabilitation center was completed Summer 1990. The hospital began offering neurosurgical services in September 1990 and plans to complete a radiation-oncology department by 1991.

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Lake Cumberland Home Health Care  
Lake Cumberland Mental Health and  
Mental Retardation Board  
Lifeline Home Health Care  
Pulaski County Health Center and  
Lake Cumberland District Health  
Department  
Somerset-Pulaski County Ambulance  
Emergency Medical Service

### Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

Citizens National Bank  
Cumberland Security Bank  
First and Farmers Bank  
First Federal Savings Bank  
Mutual Federal

### Newspapers

The Commonwealth Journal  
The Pulaski Week

### Telephone Service

General Telephone Company of Kentucky

## RECREATION

### Local

**Lake Cumberland**, with 1,255 miles of shoreline, is the centerpiece of scenic beauty and outdoor recreational activity in south central Kentucky. The Somerset area also offers a variety of recreational facilities, including supervised programs during the summer months.

**Pulaski County Park**, a 465-acre recreational facility, presently contains 54 campsites, five shelter houses, 16 picnic sites, hiking trails, playgrounds, a frisbee golf course, a horse arena, a rodeo arena with bleachers for 400 people, two boat docks, two boat launching ramps and a beach.

**Summer Sport Park**, a 40-acre city park, provides facilities for picnicking, a soccer field, two baseball/softball fields, a driving range, tot lot, community building, public restrooms, and concession stand.

**General Burnside State Park**, nine miles south of Somerset, is Kentucky's only island state park. Rising out of Lake Cumberland and surrounded by beautiful Kentucky mountains, the park offers excellent fishing, an 18-hole golf course which is open year-round, a picnic area, a 110-site camping area for tents and recreational vehicles, a marina on the mainland near the park, and a community pool.

**Rocky Hollow Park**, in Somerset, contains an amphitheater, bleachers, playgrounds, exercise stations, hard-surface basketball courts, a pavilion, a picnic area and hiking trails.

A portion of Pulaski County is located in the **Daniel Boone National Forest**, which 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, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

**Woodson Bend Resort** is a private resort located on Lake Cumberland near Burnside. This development features a 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, a swimming pool, horseback riding, boating, skiing, fishing, condominiums for sale or lease, a restaurant, and rental units.

The "**Eagles Nest**," a private recreational facility located three miles north of Somerset on Highway 39, features an 18-hole golf course, fishing lakes, four tennis courts, an olympic-size swimming pool, and a two-story clubhouse.

Other private recreational facilities include the YMCA and a country club with an 18-hole golf course and a swimming pool.

A new privately developed public 18-hole golf course, located on Slate Branch Road, will be opened in the summer of 1991.



The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 25 miles south of Somerset, was developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the National Park Service. The "National Area" is located along the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River from Whitley City in Kentucky, south to Oneida in Tennessee. Recreational opportunities in this rugged scenic area include whitewater rafting, canoeing, kayaking, camping, hiking, horse back riding and picnicking.

The Blue Heron Recreation Area, a restored mining camp, located within the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area has been completed by the Corps of Engineers and is operated by the National Park Service. The Interpretive exhibits provide visitors with an opportunity to witness life as it would have been when the mining camp operated on the banks of the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River. A campground, scenic overlooks and hiking trails are also located in the area.

The Big South Fork Scenic Railway offers a chance to see part of the rugged Cumberland River Area by rail. The train operates on a regular schedule between Stearns and the Blue Heron Recreation Area within the Big South Fork National River and Recreation area, a distance of about six miles in each direction.

**Area (Within 45 miles)**

William Whitley House State Shrine  
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park  
Lake Cumberland State Resort Park  
Constitution Square State Shrine  
Isaac Shelby State Shrine  
Levi Jackson State Park

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent

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

Hartco, which manufactures wood flooring, recently began operations in Somerset. Hartco built a 165,000 square-foot plant, and has invested \$16,000,000 in plant and equipment. Currently, 75 people are employed, however, projected future employment is 250.

The Pulaski County Industrial Development Foundation developed a 130-acre industrial park east of Somerset in 1989. The Industrial Development Foundation and other local government entities invested \$3.5 million in water, sewerage, and natural gas service to the park.

Asahi Motor Wheel Company, Inc., an aluminum wheel manufacturer, opened in October 1988 and employs 130. Asahi is located in the newly developed industrial park.

Somerset and Pulaski County recently purchased the Lear Siegler building with a \$95,000 bond issue. CR/PL, Inc. will lease the building from Somerset and Pulaski County in order to facilitate a \$4 million expansion which will add approximately 120 new jobs.

The City of Somerset recently completed improvements to the water treatment plant which have increased the plant's treatment capacity to six million gallons per day. The \$3 million project also included the construction of two new tanks which added 1.5 million gallons of storage capacity. Although Somerset's current water use is far below its treatment capacity, the city has contracted with Howard K. Bell Engineers to conduct an evaluation of future water needs.

The Somerset Sewer Department has implemented a major trunk line rehabilitation program, spending over \$90,000 on trunk line replacements and refurbishing in 1989. The Sewer Department is in the process of updating its 201 plan which will address the city's wastewater treatment needs of the next twenty years. Somerset is 99% sewer served and service is available in all growth areas of Pulaski County.

Pulaski County constructed a \$2.8 million, 111-bed prison in 1989.

The Humana Hospital-Lake Cumberland completed a twenty-bed expansion in July 1990. The inpatient rehabilitation center represents a \$400,000 investment.

## Under Way

A new privately developed public 18-hole golf course is currently under construction and is scheduled to open by Spring 1991. Two private golf courses in Somerset have recently expanded to become 18-hole golf courses.

## Planned

Construction of a fine arts and convention center is expected to begin in the near future. Somerset and Pulaski County have used \$800,000 of a \$1 million bond issue to acquire property for the project. The \$15 million facility will utilize funding from the University of Kentucky, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Economic Development Administration. The center will house a 20,000 square-foot exhibit hall, an auditorium for live performances and office space.

The Somerset-Pulaski County Airport Board has applied to the Federal Aviation Administration for a grant to extend the present runway by 500 feet and to construct a 1,000-foot overrun. The Board expects this project to be completed by the end of 1991.

Construction of the Southeastern Bypass is scheduled to begin Spring 1991. The first phase will begin on US 27 at the Industrial Park and extend east three and one-half miles. The second phase, which is scheduled to be constructed in 1996, will extend the bypass three and one-half additional miles from the industrial park to Kentucky 80.