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## LONDON, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

London, the county seat of Laurel County, is in southeastern Kentucky. The city is 75 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky; 98 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 154 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. London had an estimated 1996 population of 6,797.

Laurel County has a land area of 436 square miles. Approximately one-half of the county is in the Eastern Coal Field Region and the western portion of the county is within the Daniel Boone National Forest. Laurel County had an estimated 1997 population of 50,068.

**The Economic Framework** – Laurel County firms employed 19,939 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 1,124 jobs; mining and quarrying firms in the county employed 206; manufacturing firms in the county reported 3,779 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 7,432 jobs; 3,973 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 2,147 jobs.

**Labor Supply** – There is a current estimated labor supply of 52,834 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 to 2003, approximately 24,102 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

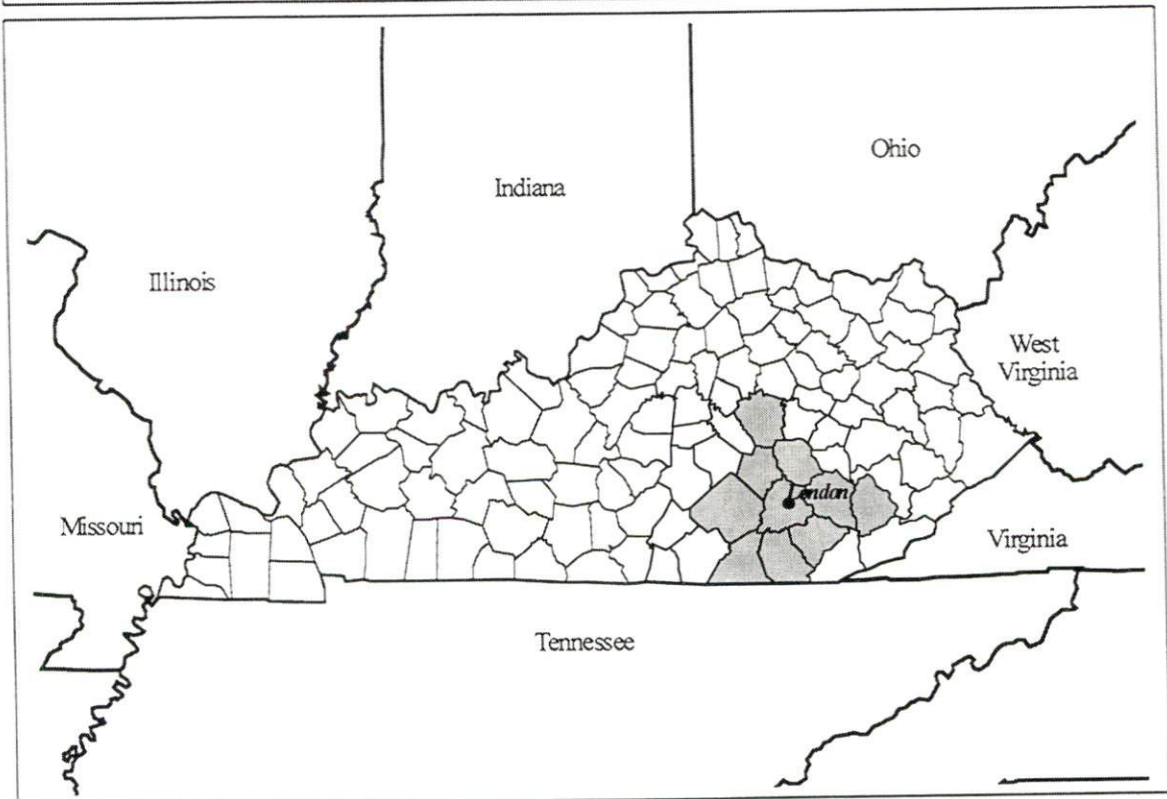
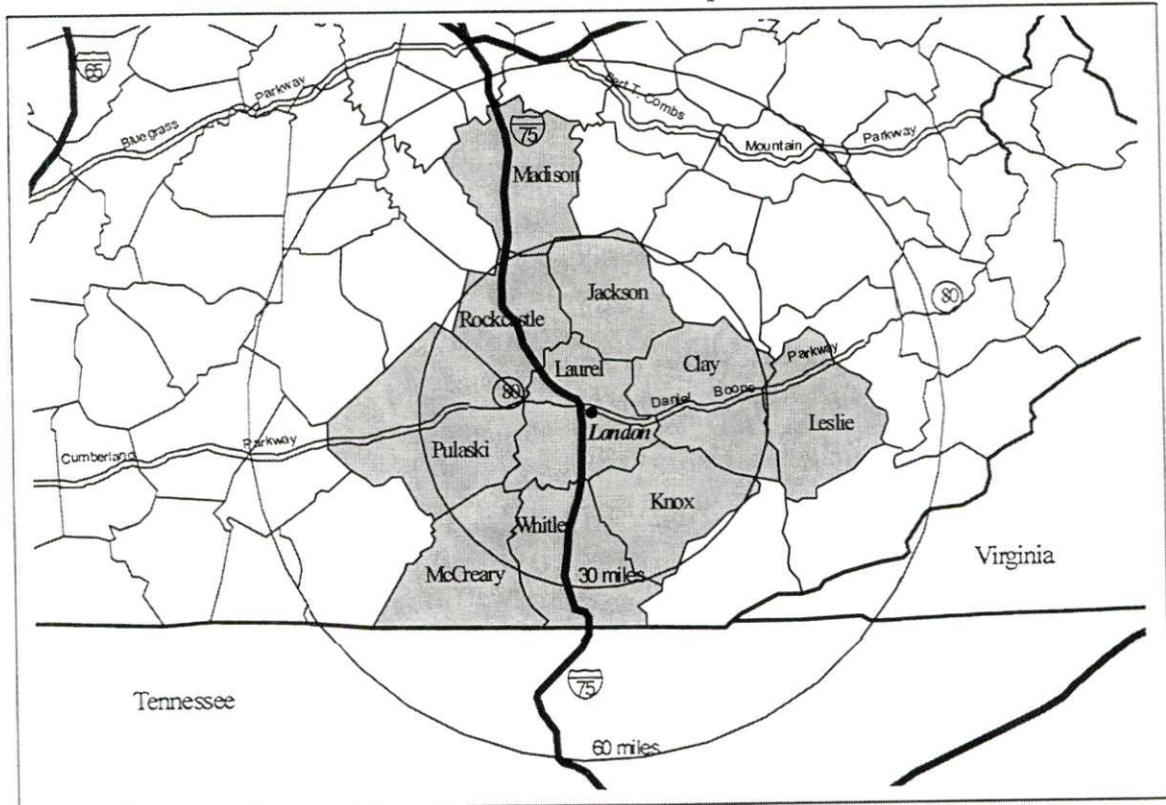
**Transportation** – CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to London. Interstate 75, a major north-south highway corridor, directly serves London with two interchanges just west of the downtown area. London is on the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, which extends from London to the east. U.S. Highway 25 and Kentucky 80, both AAA-rated trucking highways, also serve London. Twenty-two trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to London. The Magee Field, a local airport located three miles south of London, has a 6,000-foot paved runway. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 75 miles north of London.

**Power and Fuel** – Electric power is provided to London and Laurel County by the Kentucky Utilities Company and by the Jackson Energy Cooperative. Natural gas service is provided by the Delta Natural Gas Company.

**Education** – The Laurel County School System provides primary and secondary education in London and Laurel County, and the East Bernstadt Independent School System provides education to students in the East Bernstadt area through the eighth grade. In addition, there are four non-public schools in London. There are 8 colleges and universities within 60 miles of London. Union College in Barbourville also offers classes at the Bennett Center (formerly Sue Bennet College). The Laurel Campus of the Somerset Community College now offers classes at their new facility in College Park in London.

The nearest state technical college is Laurel County Technical College in London. Other technical colleges in the area are Laurel County Technical College Cumberland Valley Campus in Pineville and Somerset Technical College in Somerset. The nearest area technology centers (ATC) are Corbin ATC in Corbin; Knox County ATC in Barbourville; Clay County ATC in Manchester; Rockcastle County ATC in Mount Vernon; and Bell County ATC in Pineville; all located within 30 miles of London.

## Labor Market Area Maps



**Note:** To obtain detailed topographical and general highway maps contact Maps and Publications at 502-564-4715, or for industrial site maps contact the Site Evaluation Division at 502-564-7140.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The London labor market area includes Laurel County and the following additional counties: Clay, Jackson, Knox, Leslie, McCreary, Madison, Pulaski, Rockcastle, and Whitley.

### Population

|                   | <u>1980</u> | <u>1990</u> | <u>1996*</u> | <u>1997*</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Labor Market Area | 281,009     | 291,186     | 316,167      | 319,299      |
| London            | 4,002       | 5,757       | 6,797        | N/A          |
| Laurel County     | 38,982      | 43,438      | 49,120       | 50,068       |

**Notes:** \* Population estimates.

N/A: Not available.

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

### Population Projections

|                   | <u>2000</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Labor Market Area | 334,952     | 364,084     | 386,290     |
| Laurel County     | 51,709      | 56,791      | 60,670      |

**Note:** Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

### Estimated Labor Supply

|                   | <u>Available Labor, 1997</u> |                   |                               | <u>Future Labor</u>   |   |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
|                   | <u>Total</u>                 | <u>Unemployed</u> | <u>Potential Labor Supply</u> | <u>Under-employed</u> | <u>Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u> |
| Labor Market Area | 52,834                       | 8,508             | 7,171                         | 37,155                | 24,102  |
| Laurel County     | 12,573                       | 1,444             | 1,153                         | 9,977                 | 3,929   |

**Note:** Unemployed – people not working but actively seeking work. Potential Labor Supply – represents the number of persons not in the labor force, but would like a job (based on national estimates). Underemployed – people employed in wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services. See Appendix for further explanation.

**Sources:** U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1999 through 2003.

### Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1997

|                       | <u>Laurel County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Civilian Labor Force  | 22,045               | 139,023                  |
| Employed              | 20,602               | 130,515                  |
| Unemployed            | 1,444                | 8,508                    |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.5                  | 6.1                      |

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

### Work Force Commuting Patterns (1990)

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Workers commuting out of Laurel County | 4,694  |
| Workers commuting into Laurel County   | 2,678  |
| Working and residing in Laurel County  | 11,434 |

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

### Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

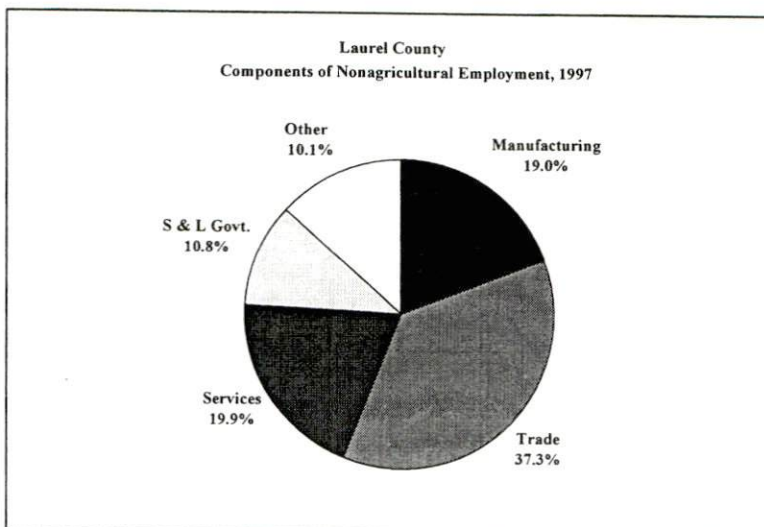
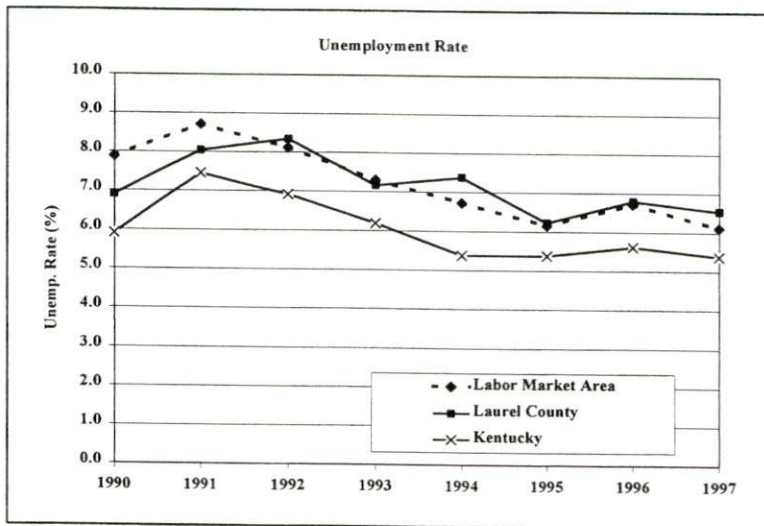
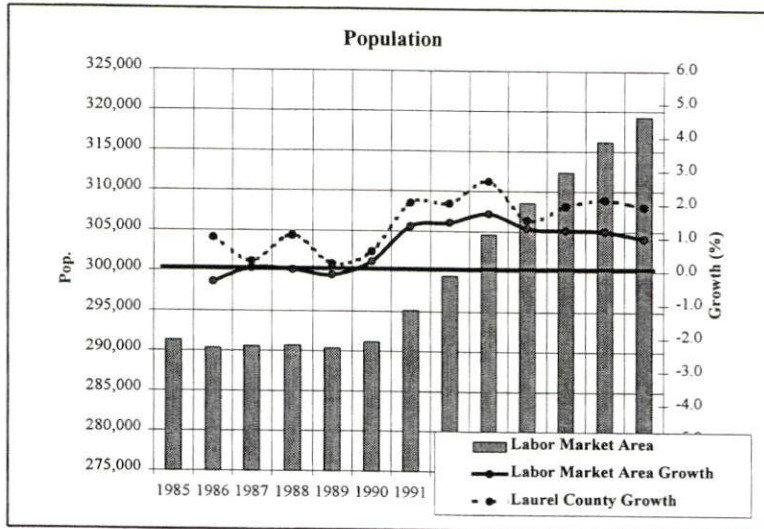
|                                   | <u>Laurel County</u> | <u>Labor Market Area</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| All Industries                    | 19,939               | 100,410                  |
| Mining & Quarrying                | 206                  | 1,899                    |
| Contract Construction             | 1,124                | 3,655                    |
| Manufacturing                     | 3,779                | 20,258                   |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 728                  | 4,080                    |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade          | 7,432                | 27,614                   |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 484                  | 2,973                    |
| Services                          | 3,973                | 20,781                   |
| State & Local Government          | 2,147                | 18,271                   |
| Other                             | 67                   | 432                      |

**Note:** Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

**Source:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997.



## Selected Charts



### Per Capita Personal Income

|                         | <u>1992</u>        | <u>1996</u>         | <u>Percent Change<br/>(1992-1996)</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Laurel County           | \$13,654           | \$15,573            | 14.1                                  |
| Labor Market Area Range | \$9,599 - \$14,674 | \$11,247 - \$17,491 | -                                     |
| Kentucky                | \$16,761           | \$19,773            | 18.0                                  |
| U. S.                   | \$20,631           | \$24,436            | 18.4                                  |

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. 1998.

### Average Placement Wages

Laurel County is served by the Corbin local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1998, the local employment office filled Laurel County job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

|                                       | <u>Number of Placements</u> | <u>Average Wage (\$)</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| All Occupations                       | 2,848                       | 5.71                     |
| Professional, Technical & Managerial  | 126                         | 8.06                     |
| Clerical                              | 225                         | 5.44                     |
| Sales                                 | 40                          | 5.93                     |
| Domestic                              | 7                           | 5.36                     |
| Services (excluding domestic)         | 394                         | 5.42                     |
| Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc. | 14                          | 4.81                     |
| Processing                            | 381                         | 5.56                     |
| Machine Trades                        | 32                          | 7.35                     |
| Bench Work                            | 1,066                       | 5.22                     |
| Structural                            | 231                         | 6.32                     |
| Motor Freight & Transportation        | 66                          | 5.86                     |
| Packaging & Materials Handling        | 262                         | 6.61                     |
| Other                                 | 4                           | 7.56                     |

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

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

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

|                                   | <u>Laurel<br/>County</u> | <u>Kentucky<br/>(Statewide)</u> | <u>Tennessee</u> | <u>Virginia</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| All Industries                    | \$376.72                 | \$465.37                        | \$495.00         | \$525.00        |
| Mining & Quarrying                | 628.65                   | 774.09                          | 718.00           | 763.00          |
| Contract Construction             | 435.25                   | 489.34                          | 524.00           | 515.00          |
| Manufacturing                     | 439.91                   | 608.28                          | 592.00           | 615.00          |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 493.29                   | 620.62                          | 620.00           | 718.00          |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade          | 309.20                   | 319.59                          | N/A              | N/A             |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 421.72                   | 576.81                          | 653.00           | 688.00          |
| Services                          | 343.56                   | 420.80                          | 471.00           | 550.00          |
| State & Local Government          | 448.57                   | 473.35                          | N/A              | N/A             |
|                                   | <u>Indiana</u>           | <u>Ohio</u>                     | <u>Illinois</u>  | <u>U.S.</u>     |
| All Industries                    | \$507.00                 | \$528.00                        | \$599.00         | \$550.00        |
| Mining & Quarrying                | 810.00                   | 732.00                          | 887.00           | 916.00          |
| Contract Construction             | 577.00                   | 590.00                          | 731.00           | 583.00          |
| Manufacturing                     | 699.00                   | 738.00                          | 737.00           | 697.00          |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 614.00                   | 641.00                          | 725.00           | 694.00          |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade          | N/A                      | N/A                             | N/A              | N/A             |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 587.00                   | 638.00                          | 874.00           | 802.00          |
| Services                          | 434.00                   | 466.00                          | 547.00           | 523.00          |
| State & Local Government          | N/A                      | N/A                             | N/A              | N/A             |

N/A - Not Available.

**Note:** The average weekly wage for each category includes salaries and wages of all persons working for that type of business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers are excluded. Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

**Sources:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1996. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1996, November 1997.



## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### London Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

| <u>Firm</u>                     | <u>Product(s)</u>  | <u>1997/1998<br/>Employment</u> | <u>Date<br/>Established</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Accent Marble                   | Kitchen & bathroom marble  | 25                              | N/A                         |
| Access Color Printing           | Commercial offset printing, color processing, typesetting & spiral binding                 | 1                               | 1980                        |
| Aisin Automotive Casting Inc    | Automotive aluminum die cast components  | 190                             | 1998                        |
| American Greeting Corp.         | Cards and party goods  | 875                             | N/A                         |
| American Speedy Printing Center | Offset printing, computerized typesetting, desktop publishing, plastic & glue binding      | 7                               | 1990                        |
| Artistic Signs                  | Painted & wood signs   | 1                               | 1975                        |
| Begley Lumber Co., Inc.         | Sawing & planing mill: hardwood lumber   | 250                             | 1982                        |
| Benqueil's Jewelry              | Gold, silver & platinum precious decorative jewelry  | 3                               | N/A                         |
| Bluegrass Spring Co., LLC       | Compression, extension, formed wire & flat springs   | 10                              | 1993                        |
| Bruner Ivory Handle Co          | Ash dowels   | 9                               | 1946                        |
| CTA Acoustics                   | Automotive insulation  | 521                             | N/A                         |
| Cardinal Concrete               | Ready-mixed concrete & precast septic tanks  | 8                               | 1988                        |
| Chaney Lumber Co., Inc.         | Custom kiln dried lumber & millwork  | 40                              | 1951                        |
| Cumberland Forest Products Co.  | Custom plywood & veneer kitchen cabinets, furniture & desks                                | 19                              | 1952                        |
| Custom Woodworks                | Custom woodwork, wood molding & trim   | 5                               | 1984                        |
| Dixie Truss, Inc.               | Roof & floor trusses   | 20                              | 1963                        |
| Dog Patch Printing              | Offset printing & staple binding   | 3                               | 1994                        |
| Duke Publishing, Inc.           | Web printing, computerized typesetting & saddle stitch binding                             | 15                              | 1998                        |
| Durham Printing, Inc.           | Commercial letterpress & offset printing; glue, spiral, comb, side & saddle stitch binding | 5                               | 1985                        |
| E & C Web Printing              | Commercial offset printing   | 4                               | 1987                        |
| F B Electronics                 | Flashing arrow signs, impact attenuators, metal & electronic airplane flashers             | 3                               | 1964                        |
| Flav-O-Rich                     | Milk processing, ice cream mixes, milk & orange juice packaging                            | 186                             | 1976                        |
| Frances Custom Cabinets         | Custom kitchen, bath, entertainment & laminated Cabinets; vanities; counter tops           | 1                               | 1990                        |
| Greer, Elmo & Sons, Inc.        | Asphalt  | 4                               | N/A                         |
| Highland Diversified Services   | Subcontract assembly   | 9                               | 1994                        |
| Independent Concrete Pipe Co.   | Concrete pipe & precast manholes   | 18                              | 1956                        |



| <u>Firm</u>                   | <u>Product(s)</u>   | <u>1997/1998<br/>Employment</u> | <u>Date<br/>Established</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jasper Iron & Metal Co., Inc. | Secondary smelting of aluminum  | 40                              | 1974                        |
| Jones, Leo & Son Heating      | Duct work & sheet metal fabricating   | 14                              | N/A                         |
| Ken Al Co., Inc.              | Aluminum awnings, marquees & hydraulic telescopic cranes                        | 3                               | 1961                        |
| Kerns Earthgrains Inc.        | Bread, buns & rolls   | 200                             | 1948                        |
| Laminated Timbers, Inc.       | Wooden roofing & decking; laminated & wooden structural members, arches & beams | 50                              | 1960                        |
| Laurel Bargo Vault            | Burial vaults   | 51                              | N/A                         |
| Laurel Cookie Factory         | Cookies, crackers & potato chips  | 220                             | 1995                        |
| London Church Furniture, Inc. | Upholstered & wood church furniture   | 27                              | 1967                        |
| London Rotary Forms, Inc.     | Computer, business & snap-out forms; computer typesetting                       | 65                              | 1982                        |
| London-Laurel News Journal    | Newspaper publishing  | 11                              | N/A                         |
| McKnight Machine Shop         | Sheet metal fabricating   | 5                               | 1982                        |
| Moore Signs, Inc.             | Neon, plastic, metal & wooden signs   | 3                               | 1949                        |
| Morgan Motor Service, Inc.    | Motor rebuilding & repair; automotive & farm machinery                          | 6                               | 1960                        |
| Mrs. Smith's Bakery of London | Pies, doughnuts & honey buns  | 350                             | 1953                        |
| NU-Legend Mfg.                | Boats   | 4                               | N/A                         |
| NU-WAY Mfg.                   | Forging iron and steel  | 18                              | N/A                         |
| Patterson Chip Co.            | Wood chip products  | 43                              | N/A                         |
| Robinson Cooperage Co.        | Whiskey barrels   | 50                              | N/A                         |
| Robinson Stave Co.            | Wood pallets  | 45                              | N/A                         |
| Robinson Woodworking          | Dimension wood products   | 75                              | N/A                         |
| Robinson Sausage Co.          | Pork processing   | 20                              | N/A                         |
| Phoenix Manufacturing Co.     | Nonwoven textiles   | 80                              | 1972                        |
| Salem Tool Co.                | Coal mining equipment   | 25                              | N/A                         |
| Sentinel Echo                 | Newspaper & shopping circular publishing  | 17                              | 1873                        |
| Signs & Designs               | Billboards & banners  | 1                               | 1993                        |
| Southeastern Metal Mfg. Co.   | Metal doors   | 20                              | N/A                         |
| Stidham Cabinets              | Kitchen cabinets  | 22                              | N/A                         |
| Superior Printing             | Offset printing   | 1                               | N/A                         |
| Therm-O-Disc, Inc.            | Electrical switches, thermal cutoffs & thermostats                              | 325                             | 1973                        |
| Thomas Concrete Products      | Ready-mixed concrete  | 10                              | 1996                        |
| Tri-County Concrete Products  | Drain & culvert tiles, precast specialty products & parking lot stops           | 4                               | 1946                        |
| Tri-County Ready Mix, Inc.    | Ready-mixed & precast concrete; concrete specialties                            | 45                              | 1950                        |

| <u>Firm</u>                      | <u>Product(s)</u>   | <u>1997/1998<br/>Employment</u> | <u>Date<br/>Established</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Turner, W C Lumber Co.           | Rough & dimension<br>lumber,sawing/planing  | 6                               | 1990                        |
| Van House of London              | Van conversions & access  | 2                               | 1977                        |
| Williams, Jeff Exhaust &<br>Tarp | Sheet metal fabricating; arc & MIG<br>welding   | 2                               | 1993                        |
| Woodco Printing                  | Commercial offset printing, desktop<br>publishing & computer typesetting;<br>plastic & staple binding | 3                               | 1989                        |

**Note:** N/A - Data not available.

**Sources:** Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers published by Harris InfoSource in cooperation with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; London-Laurel County Industrial Development Authority.

### **Recent Industrial Developments**

Renaissance Bankcard Services, a call center in London employing 500, began operations in 1998. Paradise Custom Yachts also began operations employing 15 persons.

Expansions of existing industries include Image Entry with 500 new jobs, Mrs. Smith's Bakery adding 56 jobs, and Earthgrains Inc. with 15 new jobs.

### **Major London Supportive/Service Employers**

|                            | <u>1998 Emp.</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| ACS                        | 850              |
| Averett Trucking           | 36               |
| Federal Express            | 15               |
| First Image                | 850              |
| Image Entry                | 250              |
| Institutional Distributors | 350              |
| Laurel Grocery             | 250              |
| Roadway Package Service    | 15               |
| Schneider National         | 200              |
| United Parcel Service      | 50               |
| Wal-Mart Distribution Co.  | 550              |

**Source:** London-Laurel County Industrial Development Authority.

### **Labor Organizations in Laurel County**

International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Teamsters)

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

**Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of London**

| <b>Miles</b> | <b>City</b>  | <b>Custom<br/>Plastics<br/>Producers</b> | <b>Electric<br/>Motor<br/>Repair</b> | <b>Heat<br/>Treating<br/>Facilities</b> | <b>Industrial<br/>Waste<br/>Removal</b> | <b>Machine<br/>Shops,<br/>Tool &amp; Die</b> | <b>Metal<br/>Castings</b> | <b>Metal<br/>Finishers</b> | <b>Metal<br/>Service<br/>Centers</b> | <b>Mill-<br/>wrights &amp;<br/>Riggers</b> |
|--------------|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|              |              |  |                                      |   |   |  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
|              | London       |  |                                      |   |   | X  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
| 12           | Corbin       |  |                                      |   |   | X  |                           |                            | X                                    |  |
| 23           | Williamsburg |  |                                      |   |   | X  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
| 30           | Berea        |  |                                      |   | X                                       | X  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
| 31           | Somerset     |  | X                                    |   | X                                       | X  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
| 32           | Crab Orchard |  |                                      |   |   | X  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
| 37           | Middlesboro  |  | X                                    |   |   |  | X                         |                            |                                      |  |
| 37           | Waco         |  |                                      |   | X                                       |  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
| 40           | Richmond     | X  |                                      | X                                       |   | X  |                           | X                          |                                      |  |
| 45           | Clay City    |  |                                      |   |   | X  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
| 47           | Stanton      |  |                                      |   |   | X  |                           |                            |                                      |  |
|              |              |  |                                      |   |   |  |                           |                            |                                      |  |

**Note:** Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from city center to city center; not road miles.

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

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

London is located two miles east of Interstate 75, a major north-south interstate highway. The Daniel Boone Parkway originates in London and extends to the east. Kentucky Highway 80, a "AAA"-rated trucking highway with an 80,000-pound gross load limit, serves London to the east and west; and U.S. 25, another "AAA"-rated trucking highway, serves London to the north and south. Kentucky Highway 229, a "AA"-rated trucking highway with a 62,000-pound gross load limit, extends from London to the south.

#### Highway Miles from London, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

| <u>City</u>      | <u>Highway Miles</u> | <u>City</u>     | <u>Highway Miles</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Atlanta, GA      | 308                  | Kansas City, MO | 659                  |
| Baltimore, MD    | 588                  | Knoxville, TN   | 98                   |
| Birmingham, AL   | 352                  | Los Angeles, CA | 2,210                |
| Charleston, WV   | 225                  | Louisville, KY  | 149                  |
| Chicago, IL      | 443                  | Minneapolis, MN | 855                  |
| Cincinnati, OH   | 154                  | Nashville, TN   | 203                  |
| Cleveland, OH    | 406                  | New Orleans, LA | 696                  |
| Columbia, SC     | 358                  | New York, NY    | 755                  |
| Columbus, OH     | 262                  | Pittsburgh, PA  | 443                  |
| Dallas, TX       | 866                  | Raleigh, NC     | 456                  |
| Des Moines, IA   | 739                  | Richmond, VA    | 488                  |
| Detroit, MI      | 417                  | St. Louis, MO   | 410                  |
| Indianapolis, IN | 262                  | Tallahassee, FL | 579                  |

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

**Source:** AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

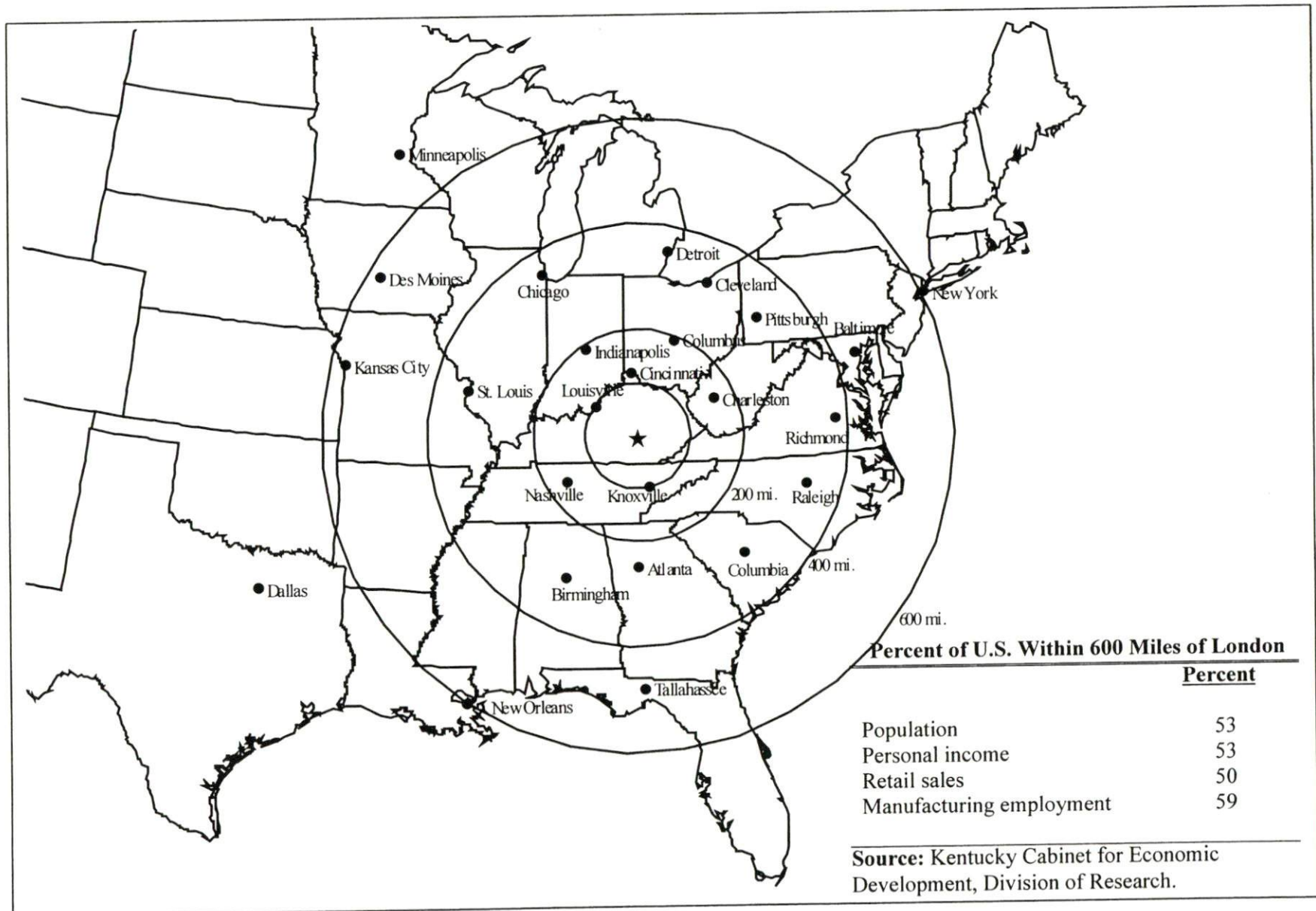
### Truck Service

Twenty-two trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to the London area.

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



### Selected Market Centers Map



## **Rail**

Main line rail service is provided to London by CSX Transportation. The nearest intermodal facilities are available in Knoxville, 98 miles south of London, and are provided by the Norfolk Southern Corporation.

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

Manager of Industrial Development  
CSX Transportation  
9420 Bunsen Parkway  
Suite 212  
Louisville, KY 40220  
(502) 499-3025

## **Air**

### **Local**

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Location:      | Magee Field          |
| Runway length: | London-Corbin, KY    |
| Phone:         | 6,000 feet (asphalt) |
|                | (606) 878-9100       |

### **Commercial/International**

#### Nearest Major Commercial Airline Service

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Location:                    | Blue Grass Airport  |
|                              | Lexington, Kentucky   |
|                              | 75 miles north of London                                      |
| Air service:                 | ASA, Comair, Continental Express, Delta, Northwest Airlin, TW |
|                              | Express, United Express, US Airways                           |
| Daily arrivals & departures: | 192   |

## UTILITIES

### Electricity

Service area: **London and central Laurel County**  
Company: Kentucky Utilities Company  
Source of power: Kentucky Utilities Company  
For industrial rates contact:  
  
Economic Development Department  
Kentucky Utilities Company  
One Quality Street  
Lexington, KY 40507  
(606) 255-2100

Service area: **majority of Laurel County**  
Company: Jackson Energy Cooperative  
Source of power: East Kentucky Power  
For industrial rates contact:  
  
Industrial Development Department  
East Kentucky Power  
4775 Lexington Road  
P.O. Box 707  
Winchester, KY 40391  
(606) 744-4812

and/or

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

### Natural Gas

Service area: **London and Laurel County**  
Company: Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Source of supply: Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline  
Company, and local production  
  
For rates and supplies contact:  
  
VP-Public and Consumer Affairs  
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
3617 Lexington Road  
Winchester, KY 40391  
(606) 744-6171

## **Public Water Supply**

Service area: **Laurel County**  
Company: London Utility Commission  
801 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 918  
London, KY 40743-0918  
(606) 864-2103

### **Treatment facilities information:**

Source of raw water: Laurel River Lake Reservoir  
Treatment plant capacity: 3,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption: 1,800,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption: 2,200,000 gallons  
Storage capacity: 2,415,000 gallons  
Water pressure: 65 psi to 120 psi

Service Area: **Laurel County**  
Company: Wood Creek Water District  
1670 Daniel Boone Parkway  
P.O. Box 726  
London, KY 40743  
(606) 878-9420

### **Treatment facilities information:**

Source of raw water: Wood Creek Lake  
Treatment plant capacity: 4,320,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption: 2,800,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption: 3,240,000 gallons  
Storage capacity: 2,800,000 gallons  
Water pressure: 35 psi to 120 psi

## **Sewerage**

Service Area: **London**  
Company: London Utility Commission  
801 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 918  
London, KY 40743-0918  
(606) 864-2103

Design capacity: 4,000,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow: 2,000,000 gallons per day  
Type of treatment: Primary  
Treated effluent discharged into: Whitley Branch/Little Laurel River



## CLIMATE

### Laurel County

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#### Temperature

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Normal (127-year record)                        | 58.80 degrees  |
| Average annual, 1997                            | 58.00 degrees  |
| Record highest, September 1954 (56-year record) | 103.00 degrees |
| Record lowest, January 1985 (56-year record)    | -24.00 degrees |
| Normal heating degree days (30-year record)     | 3,937          |
| Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)     | 1,266          |

#### Precipitation

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Normal (30-year record)  | 47.14 inches |
| Mean annual snowfall 30-year record)                                   | 13.40 inches |
| Total precipitation, 1997  | 50.13 inches |
| Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more)<br>(30-year record) | 126.20       |
| Mean number days thunderstorms (55-year record)                        | 46.80        |

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| <u>Prevailing Winds</u> (24-year record) | Southwest |
|--|-----------|

#### Relative Humidity (30-year record)

|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| 1 a.m. | 81 percent |
| 7 a.m. | 85 percent |
| 1 p.m. | 59 percent |
| 7 p.m. | 63 percent |

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**Notes:** Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F. Cooling degree day totals are the sums of positive departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Local Climatological Data, 1997.

Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Structure**

The City of London is served by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term and the council members serve two-year terms. Laurel County is served by a county judge/executive and six magistrates. The judge/executive and magistrates are elected to four-year terms.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Joint agency - London-Laurel County Joint Planning Commission

Participating cities - London

Zoning enforced - Within city limits of London

Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas of Laurel County

Local codes enforced - Building and housing within city limits of London

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 London levies business license fees which range from \$5 to \$300 annually.

Laurel County levies a 1.0 percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals employed within the county and on net profits of businesses.

### **Sales and Use Tax**

A state sales and use tax is levied at the rate of 6.0% on the purchase or lease price of taxable goods and on utilities services. Local sales taxes are not levied in Kentucky.

### **State and Local 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 the city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. 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).

### State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

| <u>Selected Classes of Property</u>              | <u>State Rate, 1997</u> | <u>Local Taxation Permitted</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Real Estate                                      | \$0.157                 | Yes                             |
| Manufacturing Machinery                          | 0.150                   | No                              |
| Pollution Control Equipment                      | 0.150                   | No                              |
| Inventories:                                     |                         |                                 |
| Raw Materials                                    | 0.050                   | No                              |
| Goods in Process                                 | 0.050                   | No                              |
| Finished Goods                                   | 0.050                   | Yes                             |
| Motor Vehicles                                   | 0.450                   | Yes                             |
| Other Tangible Personal Property                 | 0.450                   | Yes                             |
| Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand) | 0.250                   | No                              |

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

### Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1997

| <u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>                 | <u>Real Estate</u> | <u>Finished Goods &amp; Tangibles</u> | <u>Motor Vehicles</u> |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b><u>County</u></b>                       |                    |                                       |                       |
| Laurel County                              | 0.1428             | 0.1388                                | 0.1838                |
| <b><u>Cities</u></b>                       |                    |                                       |                       |
| London                                     | 0.1580             | 0.1810                                | 0.1810                |
| <b><u>School Districts</u></b>             |                    |                                       |                       |
| East Bernstadt Independent School District | 0.3470             | 0.3780                                | 0.2740                |
| Laurel County School District              | 0.4160             | 0.4160                                | 0.3500                |

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

## EDUCATION

### Primary and Secondary Schools

#### Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-1997

|                            | <u>Total Enrollment</u> | <u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u> | <u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| East Bernstadt Independent | 491                     | \$5,130                       | 20.5 to 1                     |
| Laurel County              | 8,745                   | \$5,834                       | 19.1 to 1                     |

**Source:** Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

#### Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-1997

| <u>County-wide</u>             | <u>Number of Graduates</u> | <u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total High School Graduates    | 440                        | 100.0                                 |
| To College                     | 233                        | 53.0                                  |
| To Vocational/Technical School | 19                         | 4.3                                   |
| To Workforce                   | 147                        | 33.4                                  |
| To Work & School               | 14                         | 3.2                                   |
| To Military                    | 6                          | 1.4                                   |
| Other                          | 21                         | 4.8                                   |

**Source:** Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

### Nonpublic Schools

|                                      | <u>Enrollment</u> | <u>Grades</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Cornerstone Christian School         | 250               | PS-8          |
| London Christian Academy Elementary  | 35                | P-6           |
| London Christian Academy High School | 40                | 7-12          |
| South Laurel Academy                 | 25                | 9-12          |

**Source:** Kentucky Schools Directory 1997-98, Kentucky Department of Education.



## Colleges and Technical Schools

### Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of London

| <u>Miles</u> | <u>Institution</u>                    | <u>Location</u> | <u>Enrollment<br/>(Fall 1997)</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 19           | Union College (Private)               | Barbourville    | 1,011                             |
| 23           | Cumberland College (Private)          | Williamsburg    | 1,691                             |
| 30           | Berea College (Private)               | Berea           | 1,464                             |
| 31           | Somerset Community College            | Somerset        | 2,558                             |
| 40           | Eastern Kentucky University           | Richmond        | 15,425                            |
| 41           | Lincoln Memorial University (Private) | Harrogate, TN   | 2,003                             |
| 52           | Centre College (Private)              | Danville        | 1,001                             |
| 56           | Asbury College (Private)              | Wilmore         | 1,258                             |

**Note:** Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from London, not road miles.

**Source:** Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

### Technical Schools

| <u>Miles</u> | <u>Institution</u>  | <u>Location</u> | <u>Enrollment (1997-1998)</u> |            |              |
|--------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|
|              |   |                 | <u>Sec</u>                    | <u>P/S</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|              | Laurel County Technical College                               | London          | 232                           | 399        | 631          |
| 12           | Corbin ATC  | Corbin          | 265                           | 44         | 309          |
| 19           | Knox County ATC   | Barbourville    | 371                           | 32         | 403          |
| 20           | Clay County ATC   | Manchester      | 248                           | 35         | 283          |
| 20           | Rockcastle County ATC   | Mount Vernon    | 367                           | 73         | 440          |
| 30           | Bell County ATC   | Pineville       | 321                           | 0          | 321          |
| 30           | Laurel County Technical College<br>(Cumberland Valley Campus) | Pineville       | 0                             | 171        | 171          |
| 31           | Somerset Technical College                                    | Somerset        | 2                             | 711        | 713          |
| 36           | Lee County ATC  | Beattyville     | 429                           | 21         | 450          |
| 39           | Leslie County ATC   | Hyden           | 641                           | 15         | 656          |
| 40           | Madison County ATC  | Richmond        | 799                           | 0          | 799          |
| 44           | Garrard County ATC  | Lancaster       | 199                           | 0          | 199          |
| 48           | Laurel County Technical College<br>(Harlan Campus)            | Harlan          | 126                           | 307        | 433          |
| 48           | Wayne County ATC  | Monticello      | 749                           | 0          | 749          |
| 50           | Breathitt County ATC  | Jackson         | 376                           | 19         | 395          |
| 52           | Central Kentucky Technical College<br>(Danville Campus)       | Danville        | 107                           | 125        | 232          |
| 54           | Casey County ATC  | Liberty         | 709                           | 0          | 709          |
| 54           | Clark County ATC  | Winchester      | 207                           | 2          | 209          |
| 57           | Russell County ATC  | Russell Springs | 414                           | 0          | 414          |
| 58           | Montgomery County ATC   | Mount Sterling  | 692                           | 0          | 692          |
| 60           | Harrodsburg ATC   | Harrodsburg     | 383                           | 4          | 387          |

**Notes:** Kentucky Tech secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers (ATC), are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post-secondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed

by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Adult courses may be offered at some secondary technical schools. Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from London, not road miles.

**Source:** Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

### **Customized Training**

The Kentucky Tech system, through its training and development coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator at the Laurel County Technical College in London (606) 864-7311.

### **Assessment Services**

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. The Career Connections Assessment Center serving the London area is located at the Laurel County Technical College in London (606) 864-7311.

### **Adult Education Services**

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In the London area, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Laurel County Learning Center and Laurel County Technical College, and adult literacy programs are provided through the Laurel County Literacy Council.

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. North Laurel High School, in partnership with Laurel County Technical College, Somerset Community College, and Eastern Kentucky University provides tech prep programs in Industrial Technology Occupations, Business/Marketing, Agriculture, Home Economics, Fine Arts and Health Services.

### **Bluegrass State Skills Corporation**

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) was established in 1984 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent, de jure corporation to stimulate economic development through customized business and industry specific skills training programs. The BSSC works with business and industry and Kentucky's educational institutions to establish programs of skills training. The BSSC is attached to the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes, in recognition of the relationship between economic development and skills training efforts.

The BSSC is comprised of two economic development tools, matching grants and the newly authorized Skills Training Investment Credit Act. The BSSC grant program is available to new, expanding and existing business and industry. Eligible training activities include pre-employment skills training and assessment; entry level, skills upgrade and occupational upgrade training; train-the-trainer travel; and capacity-building. The Skills Training Investment Credit Act provides tax credits to existing businesses for skills upgrade training.

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 36

Dentists - 15

### Hospitals

| <u>General Hospital</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Beds</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Marymount Hospital      | London          | 100         |

### Other Medical Facilities and Services

Ambulance, Inc. of Laurel County

Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center

East Bernstadt Medical Clinic

Laurel County Health Department

### Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Alliance Bank

Cumberland Valley National Bank & Trust Company

Farmers National Bank

First Federal Savings & Loan

First National Bank & Trust

Laurel National Bank

National City Bank

### Newspapers

Sentinel-Echo (daily)

Laurel News Journal

### Telephone Service

GTE of Kentucky

BellSouth (South Laurel County)



## RECREATION

London offers a wide variety of public recreational facilities including two playgrounds, a swimming pool, three baseball diamonds, four football fields, a park and fairgrounds area with a horse show ring, one basketball court, two tennis courts, and a picnic shelter house. The city supervises Little League baseball and football programs and men's and women's softball leagues.

Private recreational facilities include a country club, two golf courses, two swimming pools, four tennis courts, a Cinema 7 movie theatre, and a go-cart track. There are approximately 800 motel rooms in London to serve the tourist industry.

London residents enjoy fishing in Daniel Boone National Forest and Wood Creek Lake, a large reservoir just northwest of London, and the Laurel River Lake and Dam, 10 miles southwest of London, where camping facilities and a marina are also available. Laurel Lake covers over 6,000 surface acres.

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, two miles south of London, is a 815-acre park located where the Boone Trace and Wilderness Road pioneer trails converge. In addition to a reproduced pioneer settlement the park offers a pool, a bathhouse, hiking trails, horseback riding, shuffleboard, 200 campsites, a picnic area, a playground, and an amphitheater.

The London-Laurel County YMCA has been formed and will be located at the Bennett Center in London.

The World Chicken Festival is held annually in London during the month of September. This event draws many thousands of people to London each year. Laurel County is the home of the Harland Sanders Original Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant.

### Area (Within 60 miles)

Dr. Thomas Walker State Historic Site  
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park  
General Burnside State Park  
William Whitley House State Historic Site  
Pine Mountain State Resort Park  
Isaac Shelby State Historic Site  
The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area  
Lake Cumberland (62,000 acres)



## APPENDIX - DEFINITIONS

### Geographic definition of the labor market area

A county's labor market area is defined as the base county, adjacent counties, and any other major commuting counties. Adjacency is used to define the labor market area primarily because of the small size of Kentucky's counties. The major commuting counties are defined from the point of view of the base county. Major commuting counties are those counties that comprise 90% of the base county's total commuters. The source of the commuting patterns is the 1990 journey-to-work data available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

### Example – Logan County

To determine the labor market area for Logan County the following steps are taken. First, the counties with workers commuting into Logan county are listed in ascending order (see the table below). The cumulative percent is calculated. Next, all counties that comprise up to 90% of the commuters are included in the labor market area (actually the cut-off will be the county that breaks the 90% threshold – Montgomery County, TN at 92.6% in this case). Although Robertson is not a major commuter county, it is included since it is adjacent. The Logan County labor market is then comprised of the seven bold-faced counties in the table below.

**Labor Market Area Example – Logan County**

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

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

### **Potential Labor Supply**

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

### **Underemployed**

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

### **Total Available Labor**

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