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HICKMAN, KENTUCKY

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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
FULTON COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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HICKMAN, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Hickman, the county seat of Fulton County, is situated on the Mississippi River in extreme western Kentucky's Jackson Purchase Region. Hickman was designated an enterprise zone in 1984, allowing eligible businesses to qualify for tax incentives, utility rate reductions, and certain other forms of federal, state and local government assistance. Hickman is located 146 miles north of Memphis, Tennessee; 174 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; and 204 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Hickman's 1988 estimated population was 2,550 persons.

Fulton County, with a land area of 211 square miles, is bordered to the south by Tennessee; to the northwest by Missouri and the Mississippi River; and the northeast by Hickman County, Kentucky. The 1988 estimated population of Fulton County was 7,700.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Fulton County residents employed in 1989 averaged 3,032. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 908 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 778 jobs; 291 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 425 employees; and contract construction firms provided 46 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 6,893 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 3,702 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

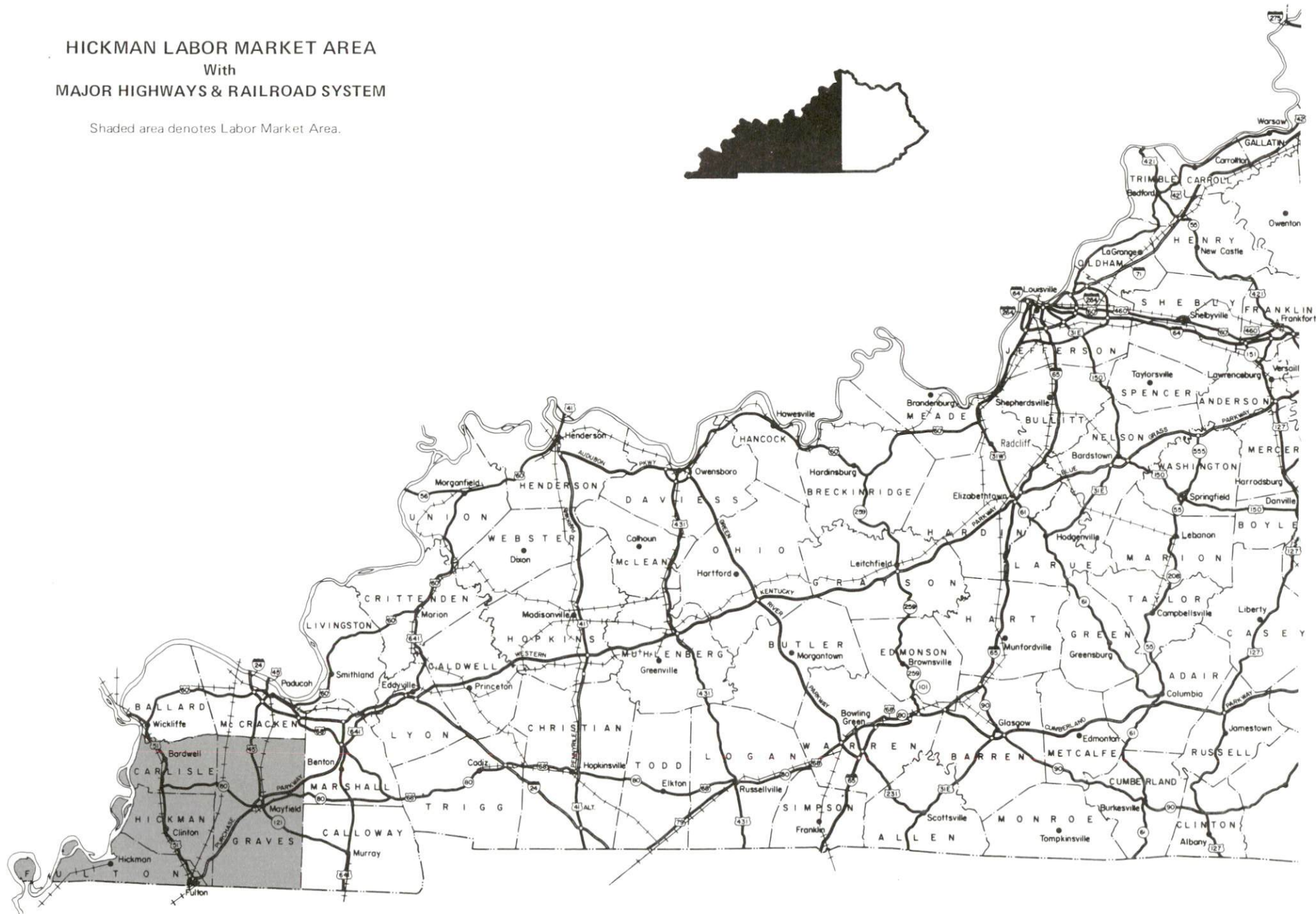
Transportation - Kentucky Route 125, a "AAA"-rated trucking highway, and Kentucky Route 94, a "AA"-rated trucking highway, serve Hickman. The Purchase Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is accessible 20 miles east of Hickman via Kentucky 125 and Kentucky 166 (also "AAA"-rated). Interstate highways accessible within 75 miles of Hickman include Interstate 24, Interstate 155, Interstate 55, and Interstate 57. Ferry service across the Mississippi River is available at Hickman. Twelve trucking companies provide Hickman with interstate and/or intrastate service. The Tenn-Ken Railroad Company, Inc., provides Hickman with freight service. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Paducah, Kentucky, 67 miles northeast of Hickman. The Everett Stewart Airport at Union City, Tennessee, 15 miles southeast of Hickman maintains a paved 5,000-foot runway. The Fulton Municipal Airport, 18 miles east of Hickman, has a 2,700-foot runway. A public riverport facility is located at Hickman on the Mississippi River.

Power and Fuel - The Hickman Electric System, a municipal electric power system, serves Hickman and a small portion of Fulton County. Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation also provides service to a major portion of Fulton County. The Hickman Natural Gas System, provides natural gas service to the city.

Education - The Fulton County Public School System provides primary and secondary education in Hickman. Four institutions of higher learning are located within 70 miles of Hickman, including two state universities, a senior college, and two-year community college. Two universities provide masters level degrees. Vocational education is available at the West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School at Paducah, Kentucky, 67 miles northeast of Hickman, and at the Fulton County Area Vocational Education center in Hickman.

HICKMAN LABOR MARKET AREA
With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Hickman Labor Market Area includes Fulton County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Carlisle, Graves, and Hickman. Although not included in the statistics below the labor market is supplemented by the nearby Tennessee counties of Lake, Obion, and Weakley.

POPULATION			
	<u>1988*</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area**	124,200	127,704	119,399
Hickman	2,550	2,894	3,048
Fulton County	7,700	8,971	10,183

* Population estimates.

* Includes populations of Lake, Obion, and Weakley Counties, Tennessee

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	49,120	47,720	46,080	43,780
Fulton County	7,050	6,810	6,540	6,180

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	6,893	1,665	2,463	2,765	3,702
Fulton County	1,166	230	392	544	628

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).

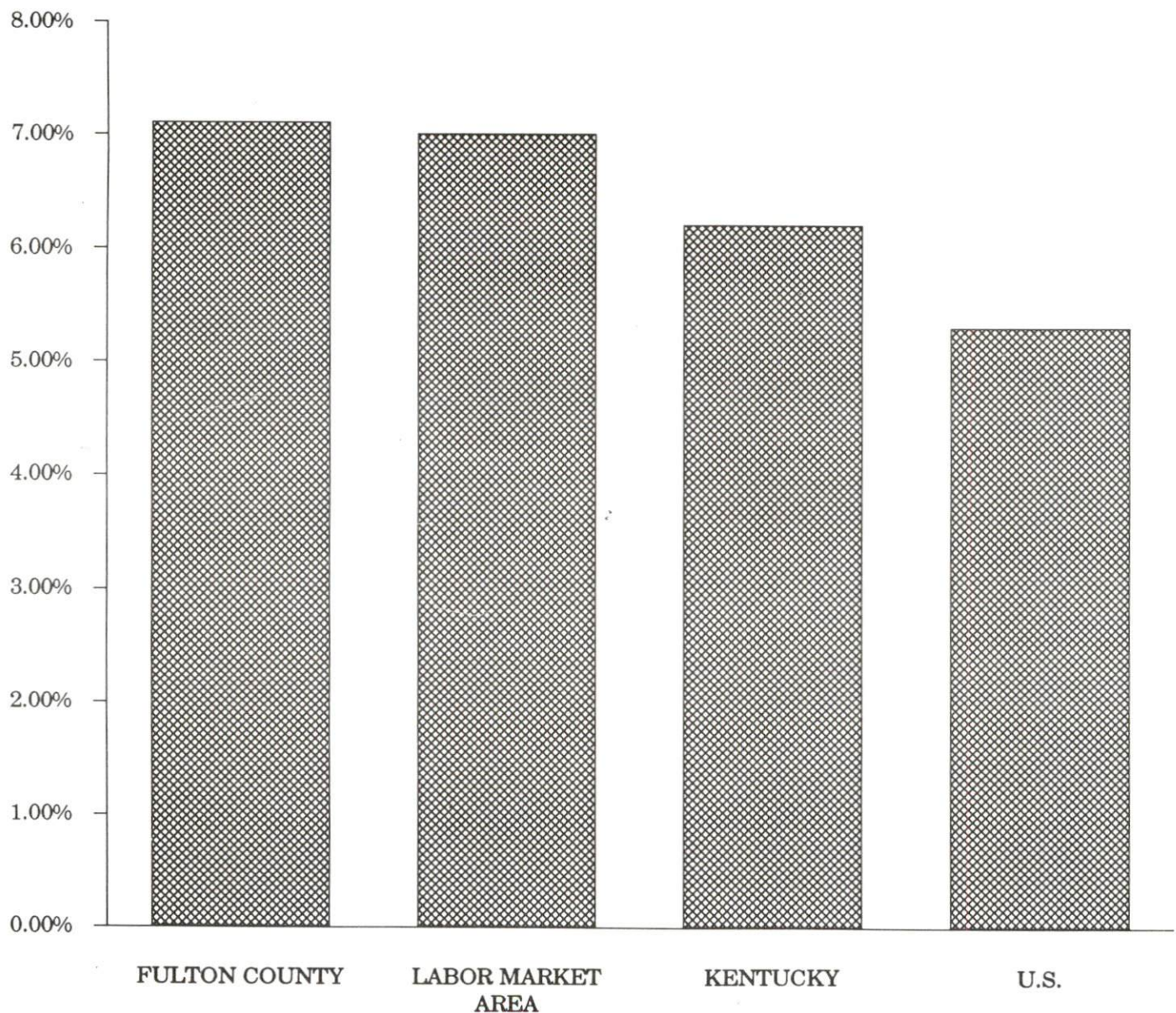
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1989

	<u>Fulton County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	3,262	23,761
Employment	3,032	22,096
Unemployment	230	1,665
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.1	7.0

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1989

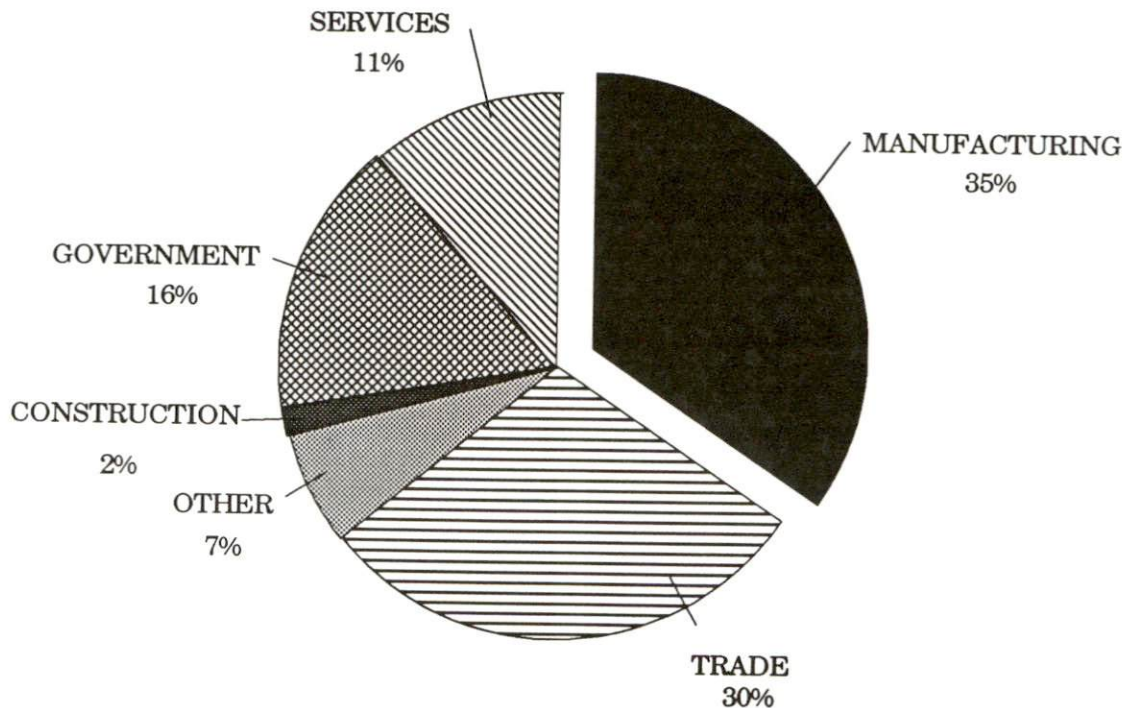


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989

	<u>Fulton County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	2,619	14,680
Manufacturing	908	5,727
Wholesale & Retail Trade	778	3,482
Services	291	1,945
State/Local Government	425	2,042
Contract Construction	46	375

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.

FULTON COUNTY

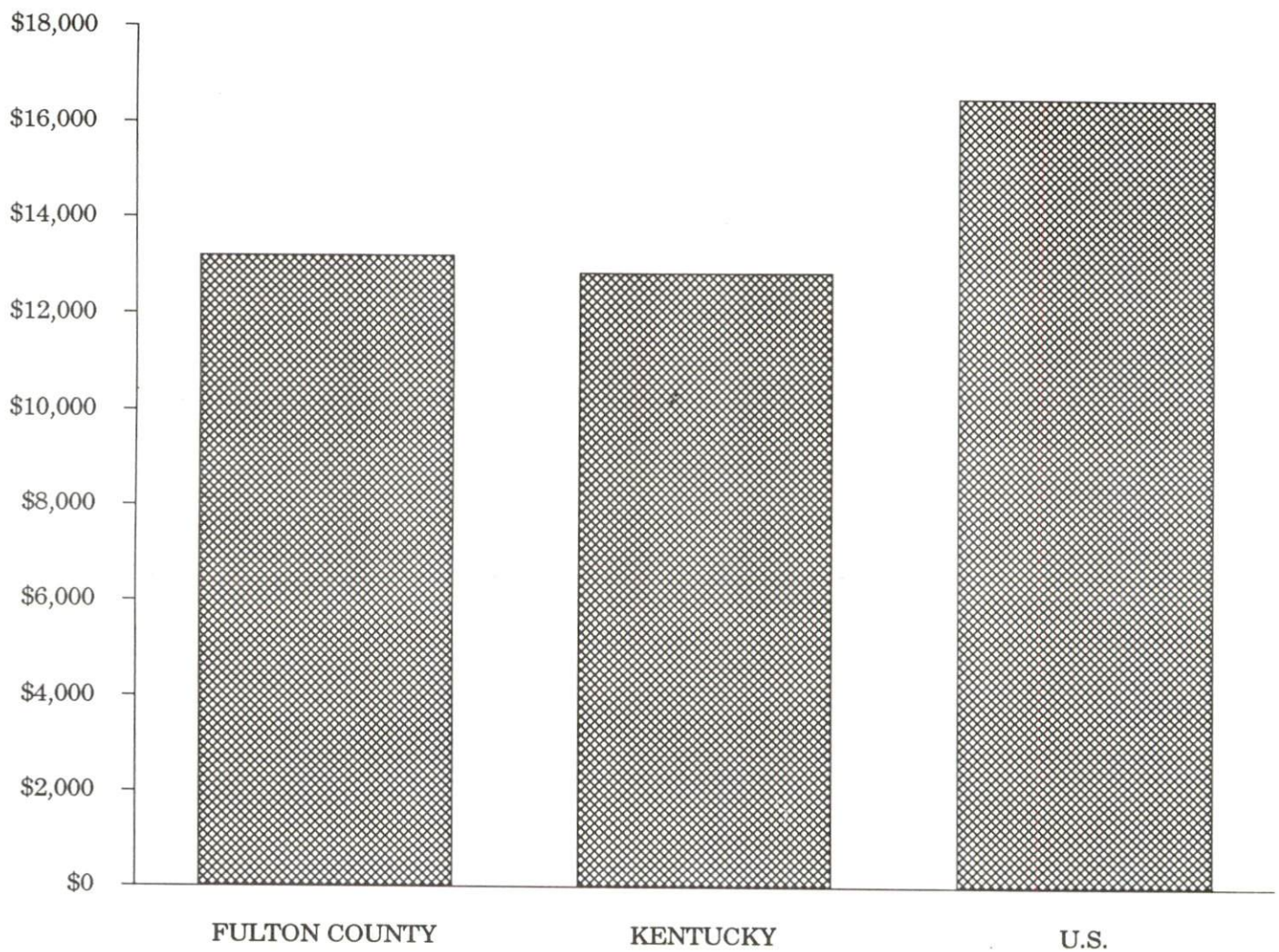


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1984	1988	Percent Change
Fulton County	\$11,275	\$13,719	21.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$9,813 - \$11,275	\$12,105 - \$13,719	-
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

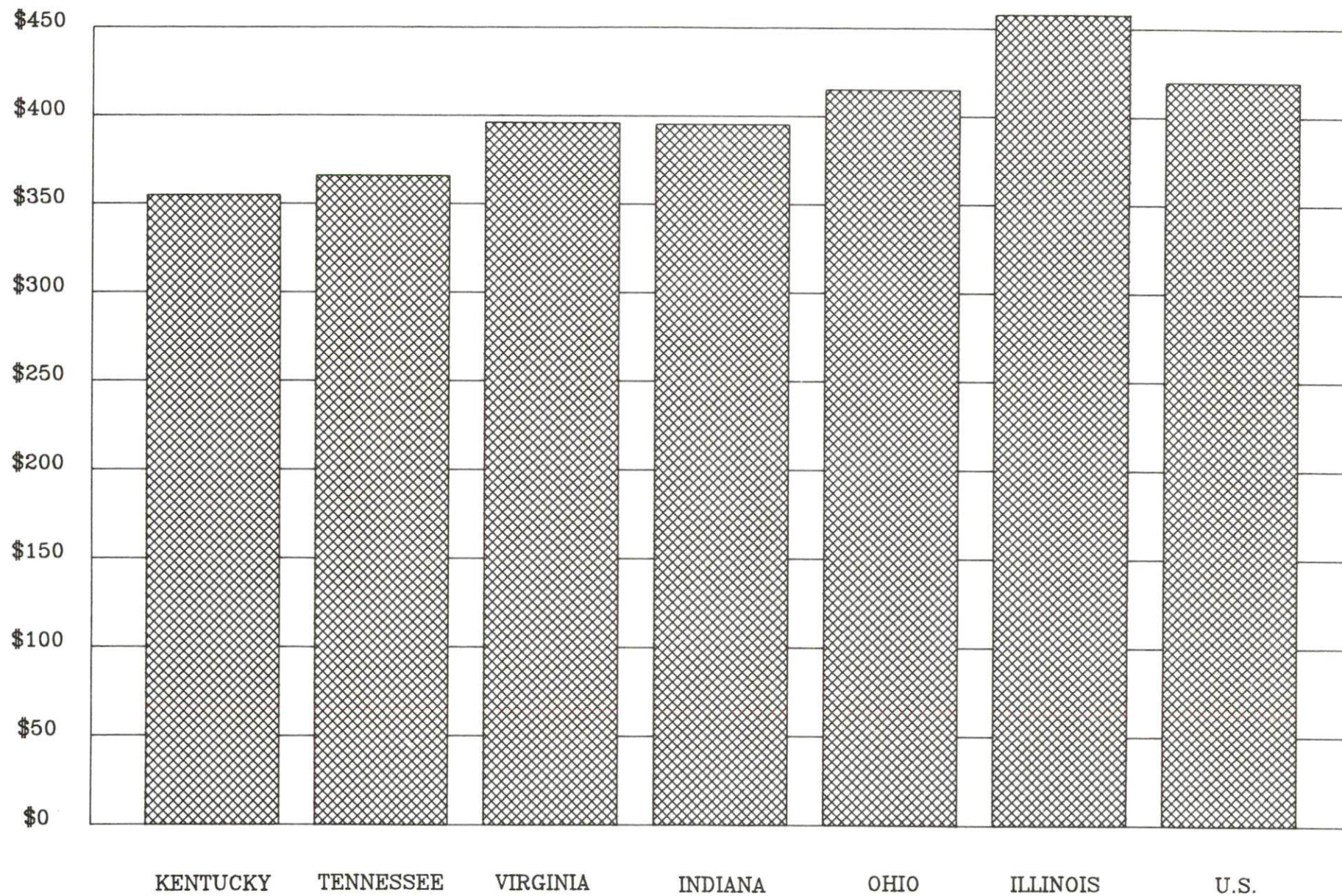
Fulton County is served by the Mayfield local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Mayfield local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 2,823 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	2,823	4.41
Clerical	560	3.82
Sales	24	4.06
Services (excluding domestic)	229	3.72
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	26	4.59
Processing	61	4.60
Machine Trades	93	4.60
Bench Work	1,184	4.35
Structural	362	5.40
Motor Freight/ Transportation	27	5.30
Packaging and Materials Handling	195	4.36

The Mayfield local office also serves Calloway, Graves, and Hickman Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE — 1988



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	<u>Fulton County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$263.83	\$352.31	\$363.12	\$392.56
Mining & Quarrying	0	603.27	495.85	596.88
Contract Construction	263.15	380.71	394.27	422.27
Manufacturing	321.53	464.92	416.73	452.60
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	429.57	468.17	485.13	554.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	172.87	238.88	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	282.48	401.17	269.27	466.23
Services	219.96	298.98	343.48	391.67
State/Local Government	327.32	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	660.40
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

HICKMAN MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1989</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Ash-Tex Industries (1985)	Men's jeans	260
Great Lakes Carbon (1990)	Carbon electrodes	66*
The Hickman Courier, Inc. (1859)	Newspaper	5
Hickman Pipe & Tube (1988)	Water pipe	19
Kentucky Nut Corporation (1982)	Shelled pecan meats; salted cashews, pecans, & peanuts; mixed nuts	6

*Employment as of September, 1990.

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Hickman manufacturing firms at the present time.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Hickman</u>
Custom Data Processing	Paducah, Kentucky	67
Custom Plastics Producers	Fulton, Kentucky	20
Electric Motor Repair	Mayfield, Kentucky	42
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Mayfield, Kentucky	42
Heat Treating Facilities	Memphis, Tennessee	126
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Mayfield, Kentucky	42
Industrial Gases	Paducah, Kentucky	67
Industrial Waste Removal	Paducah, Kentucky	67
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Clinton, Kentucky	18
Metal Castings	Memphis, Tennessee	126
Metal Finishers	Paducah, Kentucky	67
Metal Service Centers	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	114
Millwrights	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	114
Public Warehouse Facilities	Mayfield, Kentucky	42

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Kentucky Route 125, a "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, serves Hickman. Kentucky Route 94, a "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway provides service to the city. Kentucky 125 and Kentucky 166, also "AAA"-rated, provide access to the Purchase Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, at Fulton, Kentucky, approximately 20 miles east of Hickman. The Purchase Parkway connects with Interstate 24, 68 miles northeast of Hickman. Interstate 155 is accessible approximately 44 miles south of Hickman, and connects with Interstate 55, 70 miles southwest of Hickman. Interstate 57 is accessible 55 miles north of Hickman.

Ferry service across the Mississippi River is available at Hickman. The U.S. Coast Guard-approved service maintains a 50-ton capacity with a loading space 80 feet in length and 24 feet in width.

Kentucky Highway 95 in Fulton County was recently straightened, widened, resurfaced, and had new shoulders added. The \$12 million improvement was a part of the Great River Road project.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM HICKMAN, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	415	Los Angeles, CA	1,940
Baltimore, MD	844	Louisville, KY	271
Birmingham, AL	361	Nashville, TN	174
Chicago, IL	434	New Orleans, LA	531
Cincinnati, OH	372	New York, NY	1,022
Cleveland, OH	619	Pittsburgh, PA	652
Detroit, MI	646	St. Louis, MO	204
Knoxville, TN	352		

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

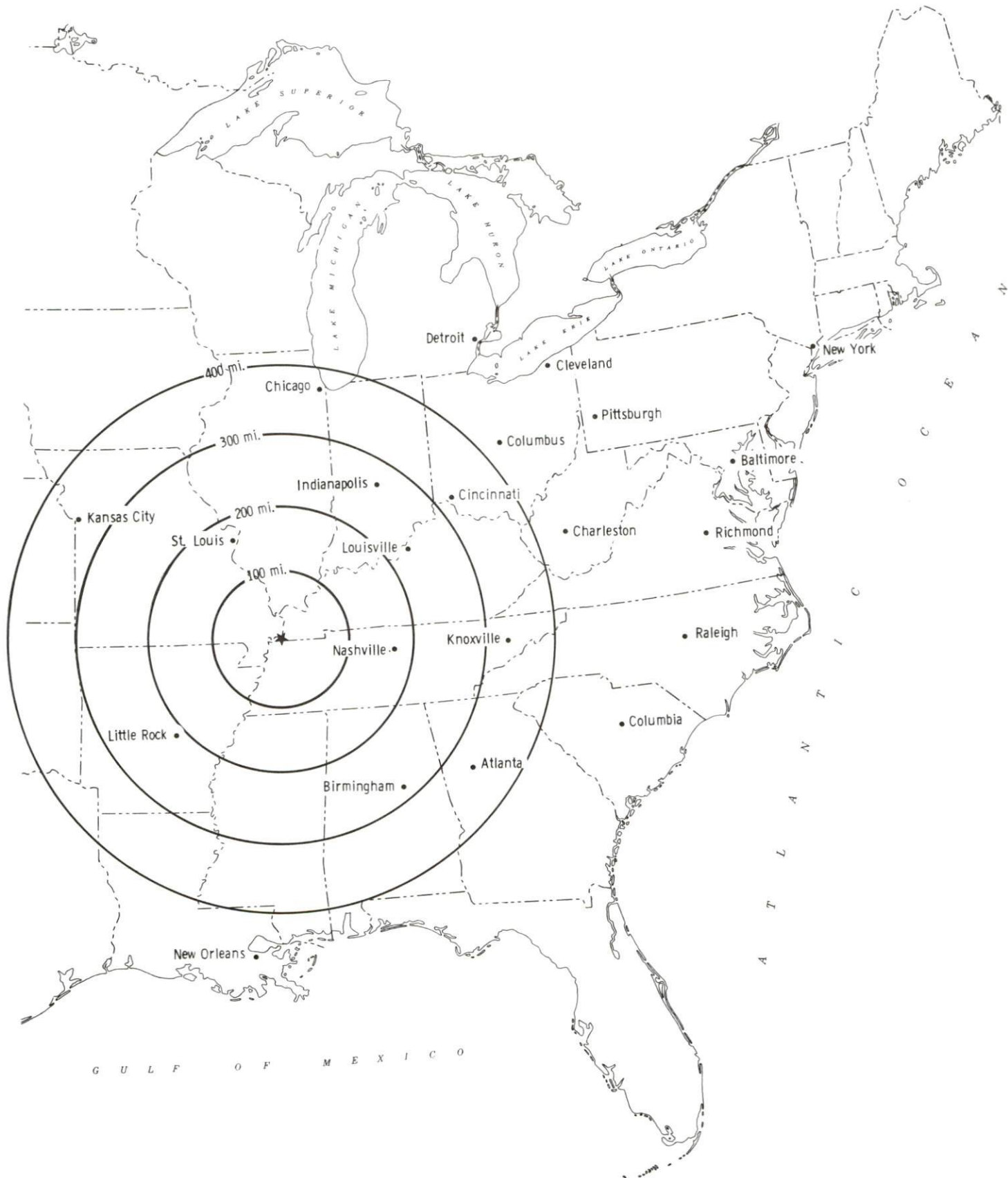
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

Twelve common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hickman.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1990.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Tenn-Ken Railroad Company, Inc. provides branch line rail service to Hickman. Paducah and Louisville Railway provides the nearest piggyback facilities in Paducah, Kentucky, 67 miles northeast of Hickman.

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

Tenn-Ken Railroad Company, Inc.
1200 East Cherry Street
Dyersburg, Tennessee 38024
(901) 286-2530

Air

Local

Location: Fulton Municipal Airport
2 miles northwest of Fulton
18 miles east of Hickman
Runways: 1 paved
Length: 2,700 feet
Traffic
Control: Wind sock
Lighting: Radio activated runway lights, sunset to sunrise

Location: Everett Stewart Airport
Union City, Tennessee; 15 miles southeast of
Fulton
Runways: 1 paved
Length: 5,000 feet
Traffic
Control: Unicom
Lighting: Lighted runway from sunset to sunrise
Services: 100LL and jet-A fuels, minor A & P repairs;
automatic weather observation service

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Barkley Regional Airport
6 miles west of Paducah, Kentucky;
73 miles northeast of Hickman
Air Service: Northwest, TransWorld, American Eagle
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 14

Location: Memphis International Airport
9 miles southeast of downtown Memphis, Tennessee;
154 miles southwest of Hickman
Air Service: Northwest, Delta, USAir, United, TWA, Midway,
Northwest Air Link, American, Exec Express
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 550

Water

The Mississippi River bounds Hickman on the west. The Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority has a 25-acre general cargo facility on Hickman Harbor, a still, warm-water harbor on the Mississippi River.

The heart of the port is the docking facility, consisting of two 16-foot diameter mooring cells, one 20-foot diameter mooring and conveyor cell, one mooring "dolphin" structure, and a 30-foot diameter crane cell which has a pedestal-mounted crane rated at 125-ton lifting capacity. This crane, which has a 120-foot long boom, is able to lift 50 tons out of a barge and place a 20-ton load on a truck.

Linking the docking facility with the flood-protected material handling and processing segment of the port on the other side of the levee is an 86-foot-long bridge with paved roadway over the levee.

The second main element of the port is 125-foot-long radial stacker which has the capability of stockpiling ten or more barge loads of material. In the barge unloading operation it is fed by a hopper on the 20-foot diameter river cell which will be loaded by a clamshell attached to the crane. The stacker is connected to the docking facility by a 1,205-foot-long conveyor system which has a 30-inch-wide belt with the capacity to transport material at a rate of 350 tons per hour outbound and 400 tons per hour inbound.

Providing more efficient transloading of waterborne commodities, the Hickman-Fulton County Riverport comprises an area designated as one of Kentucky's first enterprise zones, and is assisted by an active economic development organization, Visions Development, Inc.

HICKMAN-FULTON COUNTY RIVERPORT

- Mississippi River Mile 922 (lower)
- West of Hickman, off Kentucky Highway 94
- Easy access to Kentucky Route 94, with connections to Kentucky's I-24, Tennessee's U.S. 51 and I-40, and Missouri's I-55
- River mileage to major markets: Louisville-409, St. Louis-213, Chicago-575, Memphis-188, and New Orleans-813
- TennKen Railroad provides a spur to the warehouse dock, and connects with the Illinois Central Railroad at Dyersburg, Tennessee
- Port is fully equipped with a reversible conveyor system capable of trans-loading 350 tons per hour outbound or 400 tons per hour inbound -- 30-inch wide belt and 125-foot-long radial stack with capacity to stockpile five barges of material
- Port utilizes a 125-ton pedestal mounted crane, with a 120-foot boom
- Storage facilities consist of a 6,000-square-foot warehouse, 10,000 square feet of outside paved storage area and nine acres of unpaved storage area
- 600 feet of waterfront footage
- Enterprise Zone
- Products transferred through the riverport include: grain, steel, iron ore, rock, fertilizer, graphite electrodes, petroleum coke, bulk salt, manganese, hay, and lead
- Tenants include: River Grain Company, International Salt Company, Superior Fireplace, Sigri Carbon Corporation, Farmer's Agri-Center, and Hickman Pipe & Tube
- Switching and fleeting services available
- Eight-acre tract, immediately adjacent to riverport, and thirty-one-acre tract, approximately 1,300 feet from the port are available for prospective tenants

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Hickman and a small portion of Fulton County -
Hickman Electric System
Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority
For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial
Development Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 726
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240
(502) 885-5392

Company serving a major portion of Fulton County - Hickman-Fulton Counties
Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority
For industrial rates contact:

South Kentucky Industrial
Development Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 726
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240
(502) 885-5392

and/or

Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural
Electric Cooperative Corporation
P.O. Box 190
Hickman, Kentucky 42050
(502) 236-2521

Natural Gas

Company serving Hickman - Hickman Natural Gas System
Source of supply - Trunkline Gas Company
For rates and supplies contact:

Hickman Natural Gas System
202 Jackson Street
Hickman, Kentucky 42050
(502) 236-2535

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Hickman** - Hickman Water Department
202 Jackson Street
Hickman, Kentucky 42050
(502) 236-2535

Source - Wells; pumping capacity - 1,708 gpm
Treatment plant capacity - 2,200,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 450,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,200,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,450,000 gallons
Water pressure - 25 psi to 100 psi

Raw Water

Surface water sources in Fulton County - Mississippi River, Obion Creek
and Bayou de Chien
Average discharge - Mississippi River - unlimited; Bayou de Chien near
Clinton - 106 cfs (44-years USGS)
Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm over the entire county

Sewerage

Company serving **Hickman** - Hickman Sewer Department
202 Jackson Street
Hickman, Kentucky 42050
(502) 236-2535

Design capacity - 238,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 140,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Bayou de Chien Creek to
Mississippi River

The Hickman Sewer Department is in the process of expanding its existing
wastewater treatment facility, which will double its current capacity.

CLIMATE

Fulton County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	57.20 degrees
Average annual 1988	57.20 degrees
Record highest, August 1988 (5-year record)	104.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (5-year record)	-15.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,283
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	46.89 inches
Mean annual snowfall (5-year record)	14.70 inches
Total precipitation 1988	42.97 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (5-year record)	106.60
Mean number days thunderstorms (23-year record)	59.20

Prevailing winds

N/A

Relative Humidity (4 year record)

Midnight	81 percent
6 a.m.	86 percent
Noon	57 percent
6 p.m.	62 percent

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Hickman is governed by a mayor, four commissioners, and a city manager. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the commissioners serve two-year terms each. The city manager serves in a full-time capacity. Fulton County is governed by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Hickman Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within the corporate limits of Hickman

Subdivision regulations enforced - City of Hickman and five miles beyond corporate limits

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 Hickman levies a 1% occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals 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

	<u>Hickman</u>	<u>Unincorporated Fulton County</u>
Land and Buildings	\$0.9293	\$0.6337
Manufacturing		
Machinery	0.1500	0.1500
Pollution Control		
Equipment	0.1500	0.1500
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.0010	0.0010
Goods in Process	0.0010	0.0010
Finished Goods	0.7149	0.4193
Automobiles & Trucks	1.0193	0.7383
Other Tangible		
Personal Property	1.1639	0.8683
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.2500	0.2500
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.0010	0.0010
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	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

	Fulton County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1989)	869
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1988-89)	17-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1988-89)	52.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1988-89)	\$2,877.45

Visions Development, Inc. a local economic development organization, recently initiated an education project which offers interactive television courses for several regional school districts. This program enables local students to participate via television, in classes offered in other school systems.

A \$1.2 million renovation of the Fulton County High School is under way. Phase One of this project was recently completed with the final part, Phase Two, expected to be completed by mid-1991.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1989)</u>
University of Tennessee, at Martin	Martin, Tennessee (33)	5,088
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (55)	8,013
Bethel College	McKenzie, Tennessee (56)	674
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (67)	2,544

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 (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1988-1989</u>
West Kentucky State Vocational- Technical School	Paducah, Kentucky (67)	1,014
Fulton County Area Vocational Education Center	Hickman	208

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 2
Dentists - 1

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Baptist Memorial Hospital	Union City, Tennessee, 15 miles southeast	173
Parkway Regional Hospital	Fulton, Kentucky, 20 miles east	70

Baptist Memorial Hospital

Medical staff - 25 physicians, 79 registered nurses, 56 licensed practical nurses

Parkway Regional Hospital

Medical staff - 44 physicians, 21 registered nurses, and 14 licensed practical nurses

Special services - The Parkway Regional Hospital provides a full range of programs and services for industry including a 24-hour emergency room, work therapy programs, substance abuse programs, drug screening, and health education programs

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Fulton County Health Department
Hickman Clinic
Hickman/Fulton County Ambulance Service
Shafa Clinic

Banks and Savings and Loan Associations

The Citizens Bank
Security Trust Federal
Savings and Loan

Newspapers

The Hickman Courier (weekly)

Telephone

South Central Bell Telephone Company

Local

There are three parks located in Hickman. A park in east Hickman offers three tennis courts, two basketball courts, a large playground area, a walking/jogging trail, a picnic area, public shelters, concession areas, and restrooms. Sanger Field at Fulton County High School, contains two baseball diamonds and a football field. A riverfront park and a neighborhood park have been proposed for development. The city also offers a historic courthouse, and numerous antebellum buildings.

The Hickman Country Club offers private recreational facilities including a nine-hole golf course, a swimming pool, and a tennis court.

Hickman is located on the Mississippi River in a prime hunting and fishing area. Numerous Indian mounds and historical sites are nearby. A segment of Kentucky 94, which runs through Hickman and designated as part of the Great River Road, has been reconstructed and widened. This scenic route runs along the Mississippi River from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, offering the traveler a diverse Mississippi River experience that is both enjoyable and educational.

Annual events at Hickman include the Fourth of July "Spirit of America" celebration, featuring water festivities, and a Christmas festival, featuring a parade, Santa's arrival (by boat) and other events. The Great River Road/U.S. 51 Festival held annually on Memorial Day weekend, features 102 miles of antiques, arts and crafts, yard sales, and town events of music and food. The International Banana Festival is held annually in Fulton, 20 miles east.

Restoration of the Old Carnegie Library is under way in Hickman and scheduled for completion in 1991. The \$260,000 project will convert the old building to the Great River Road Museum.

Development of a roadside park is planned at Cayce, eight miles east of Hickman, which honors a former Fulton County resident and renowned railroad engineer, Casey Jones.

Area (Within 70 miles)

Reelfoot Lake and Kentucky Madrid Bend are approximately 25 miles from Fulton. Reelfoot Lake is a 70-square mile lake in Tennessee known for its fishing. Kentucky maintains a 2,000-acre wildlife area near the lake for hunting. The Kentucky Madrid Bend is land totally separated from the state by the Mississippi River.

A Confederate cannon, a network of earthen trenches, and a massive chain and anchor give the feeling of being transported back to the Civil War when visiting the **Columbus-Belmont Battlefield State Park** at Columbus, 27 miles north of Hickman. Other attractions at the 156-acre park include a 38-site campground, a gift shop, a historical hiking trail, miniature golf, a picnic area, and a playground. The museum is located in a building that served as a Civil war infirmary. It offers a display of Civil War relics and early Indian artifacts and an audiovisual slide program on the Battle of Belmont.

Paducah is located 67 miles northeast of Hickman. As Kentucky's seventh largest city, Paducah provides many recreational opportunities. Points of interest include the Alben W. Barkley Monument; the Barkley Museum; the Market House Square-Museum; quarter horse racing at the Bluegrass Downs; Whitehaven, an 1860 antebellum home; and many other attractions.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

Great Lakes Carbon recently initiated operations in Hickman. The 66-employee firm produces carbon electrodes.

Kentucky Highway 95 in Fulton County was recently straightened, widened, resurfaced, and had new shoulders added. The \$12 million improvement was a part of the Great River Road project.

Visions Development, Inc. a local economic development organization, recently initiated an education project which offers interactive television courses for several regional school districts. This program enables local students to participate via television, in classes offered in other school systems.

Visions Development, Inc. recently began airing its own Channel 13 on the local cable television network.

Under Way

The Hickman Sewer Department is in the process of expanding its existing wastewater treatment facility, which will double its current capacity.

A \$1.2 million renovation of the Fulton County High School is under way. Phase One of this project was recently completed with the final part, Phase Two, expected to be completed by mid-1991.

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A downtown redevelopment and renovation project is under way in Hickman. The project includes restoring many old buildings and shops to an 1880s river town setting.

A complete restoration of the Fulton County Courthouse is under way. The Courthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will cost \$2 million for its renovation.

Planned

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