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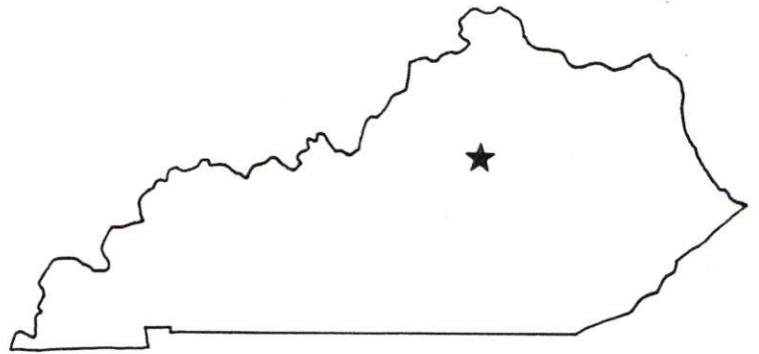
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HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY

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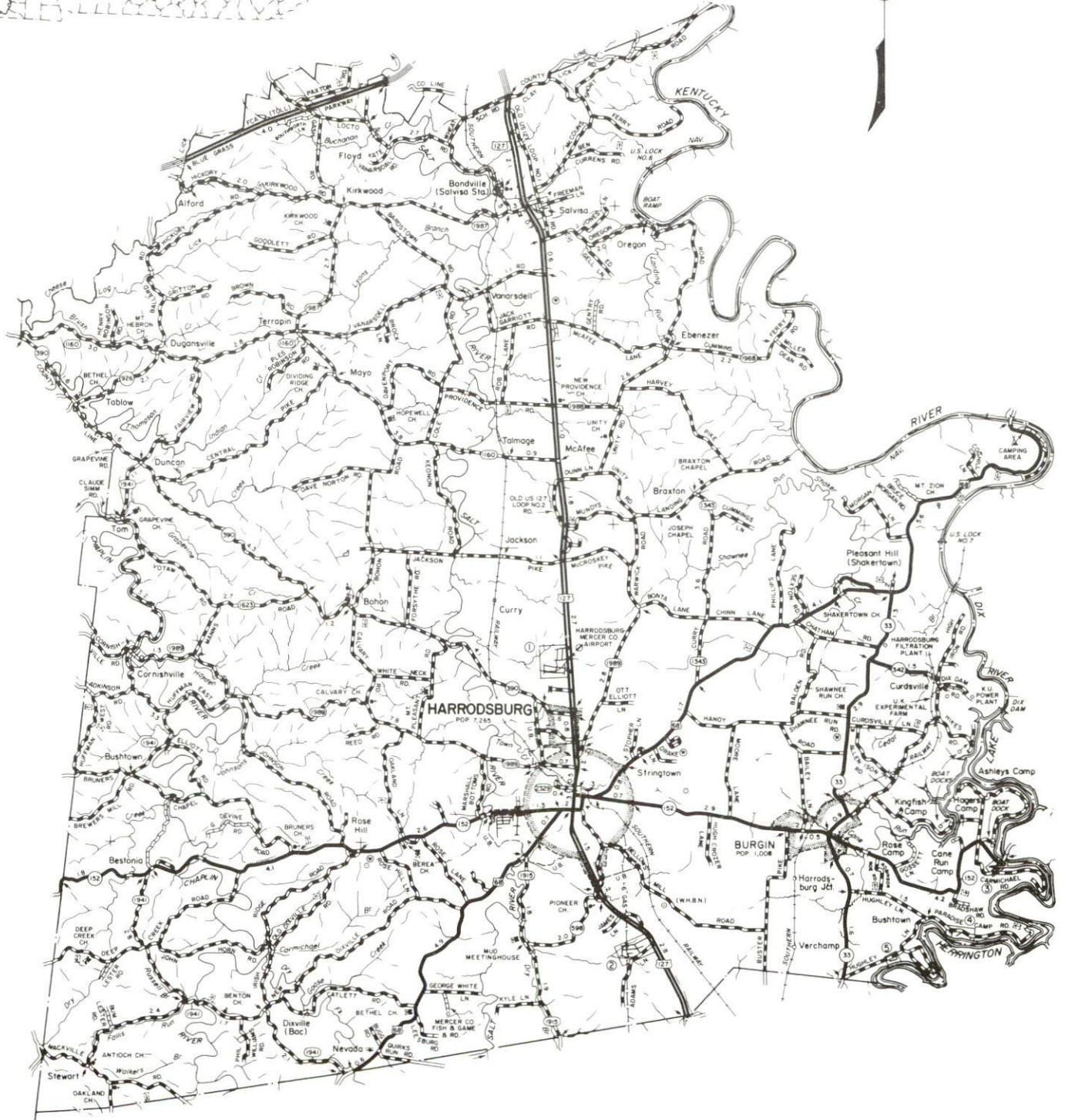
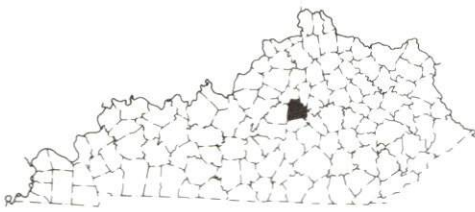
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP MERCER COUNTY KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Harrodsburg, the county seat of Mercer County, is the oldest permanent English settlement west of the Allegheny Mountains. The city is located 33 miles southwest of Lexington, Kentucky; 74 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 111 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1986, Harrodsburg had an estimated population of 8,790 persons.

Mercer County, with a land area of 250 square miles, is located in the Bluegrass Region of central Kentucky. The topography of the county is gently rolling to hilly. The 1987 estimated population of Mercer County was 20,000 persons.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Mercer County residents employed in 1988 averaged 8,270. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,474 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,149 jobs; 835 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 620 employees; and contract construction firms provided 182 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 13,943 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1989 through 1993, 9,710 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

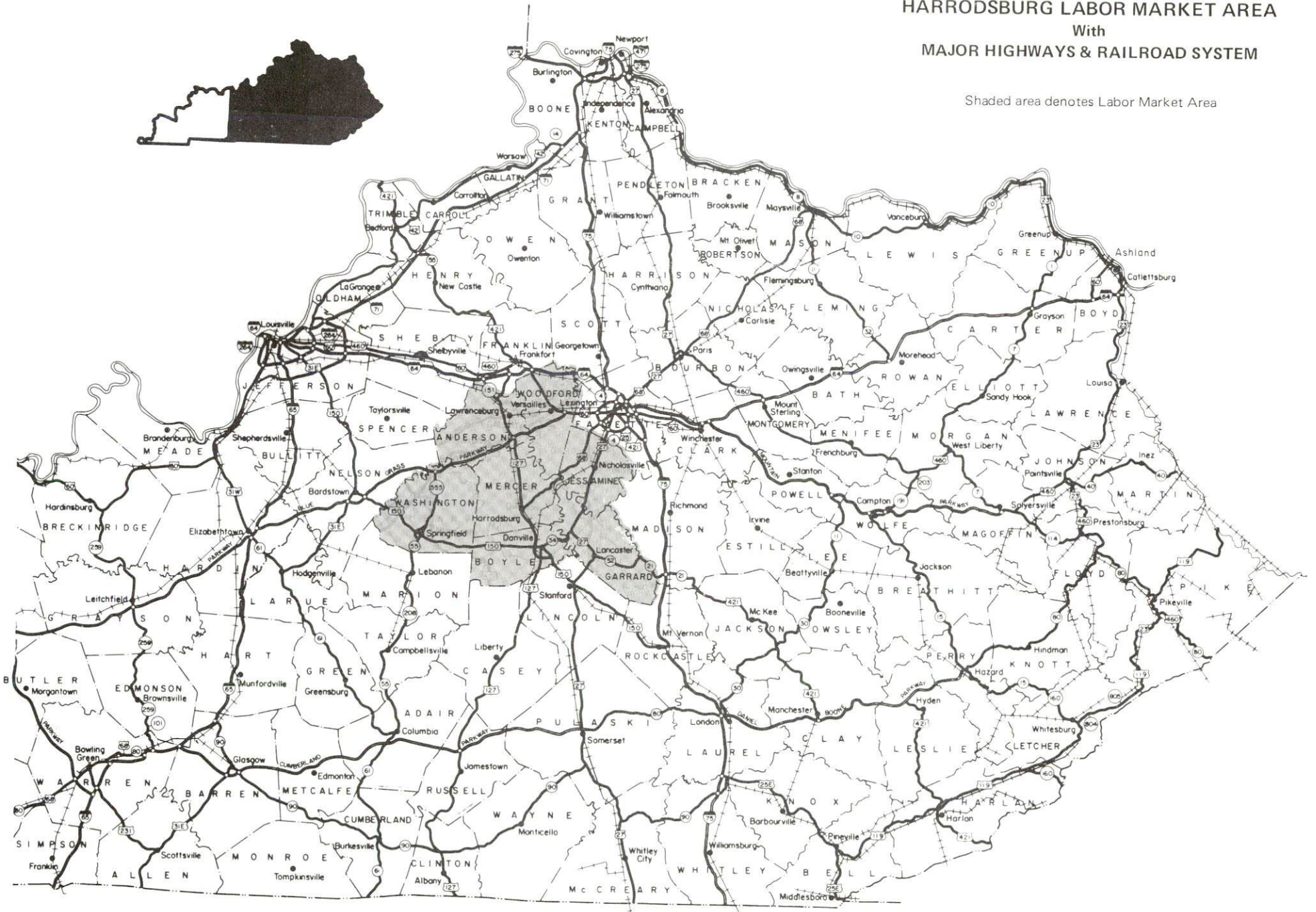
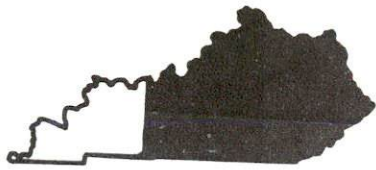
Transportation - Highways serving Harrodsburg include U.S. 68, U.S. 127, and Kentucky 152. The Bluegrass Parkway can be accessed sixteen miles north of Harrodsburg near Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, via U.S. 127, and I-64 is accessible 29 miles north of Harrodsburg via U.S. 127. Twenty-seven trucking firms provide intrastate and/or interstate service to Harrodsburg. Rail service is provided by Southern Railway System. The nearest local air service is available at Danville-Boyle County Airport near Danville, 13 miles southwest of Harrodsburg. Scheduled commercial air service is available near Lexington at Bluegrass Airport, 32 miles northeast of Harrodsburg.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Harrodsburg and parts of Mercer County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. The remainder of Mercer County is served by the Fox Creek Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and the Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided by the Western Kentucky Gas Company.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to the Harrodsburg area by the Harrodsburg Independent School System and the Mercer County School System. The Harrodsburg Independent School System is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Eleven colleges and universities are located within 50 miles of Harrodsburg. Vocational training is available locally at the Harrodsburg Area Vocational Education Center and the Central Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School in Lexington, 33 miles northeast.

HARRODSBURG LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Harrodsburg Labor Market Area includes Mercer County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Anderson, Boyle, Garrard, Jessamine, Washington, and Woodford.

	POPULATION		
	1987*	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	131,100	122,104	99,228
Harrodsburg	8,790	7,265	6,741
Mercer County	20,000	19,011	15,960

* Population estimates. City estimates are for 1986.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, October 1988; University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, Population Unit.

	POPULATION PROJECTIONS			
	1990	1995	2000	2010
Labor Market Area	134,390	140,784	145,840	152,954
Mercer County	20,686	21,449	21,988	22,644

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

	ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY				Future Becoming 18 years of age 1989 thru 1993
	Current			Not in Labor Force	
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time		
Labor Market Area*	13,943	5,020	6,232	2,691	9,710
Mercer Co.	2,788	913	790	1,085	1,454

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

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

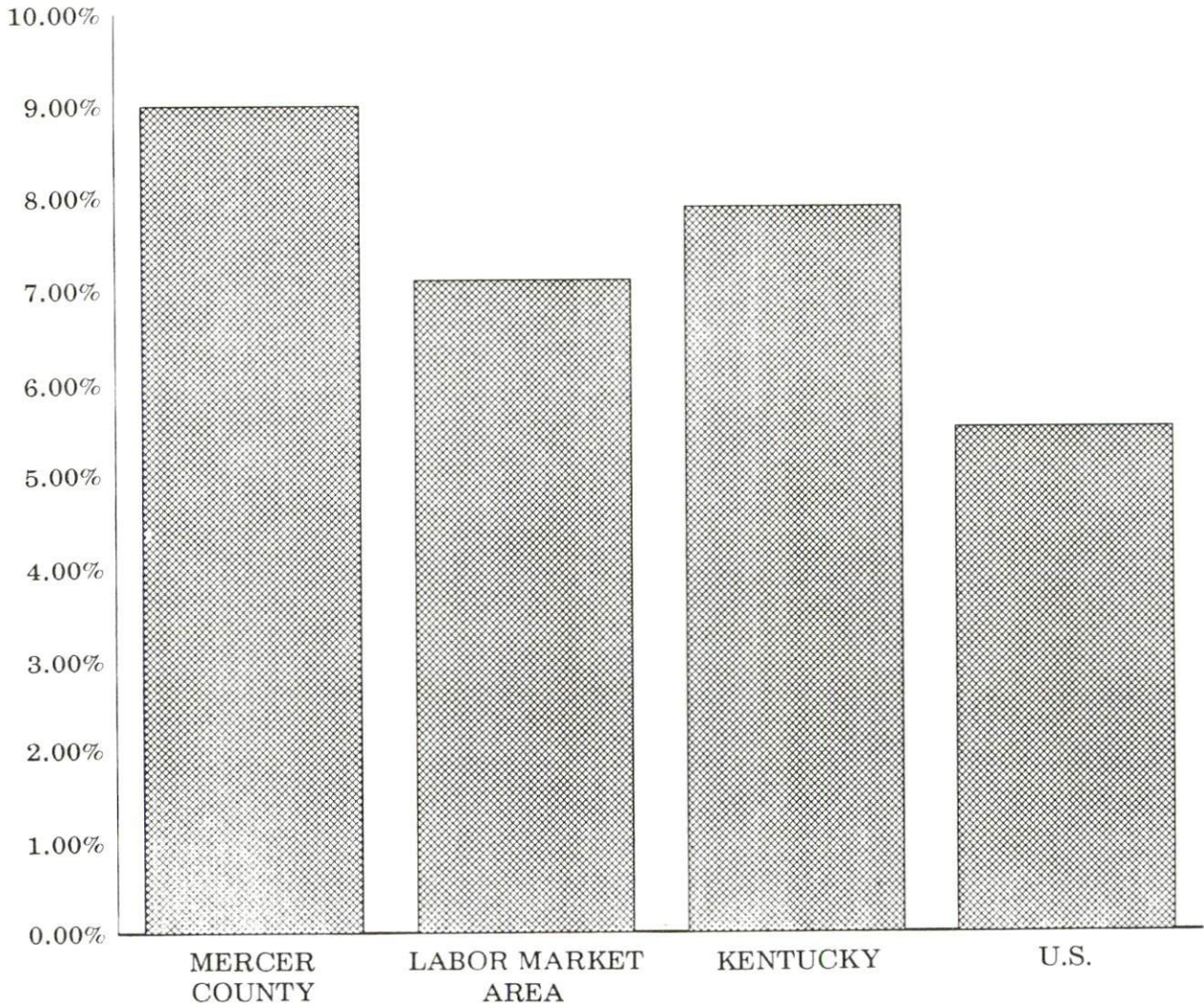
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1987. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1989 thru 1993.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1988

	<u>Mercer County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	9,083	64,741
Employment	8,270	60,153
Unemployment	813	4,588
Rate of Unemployment (%)	9.0	7.1

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1988.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1988

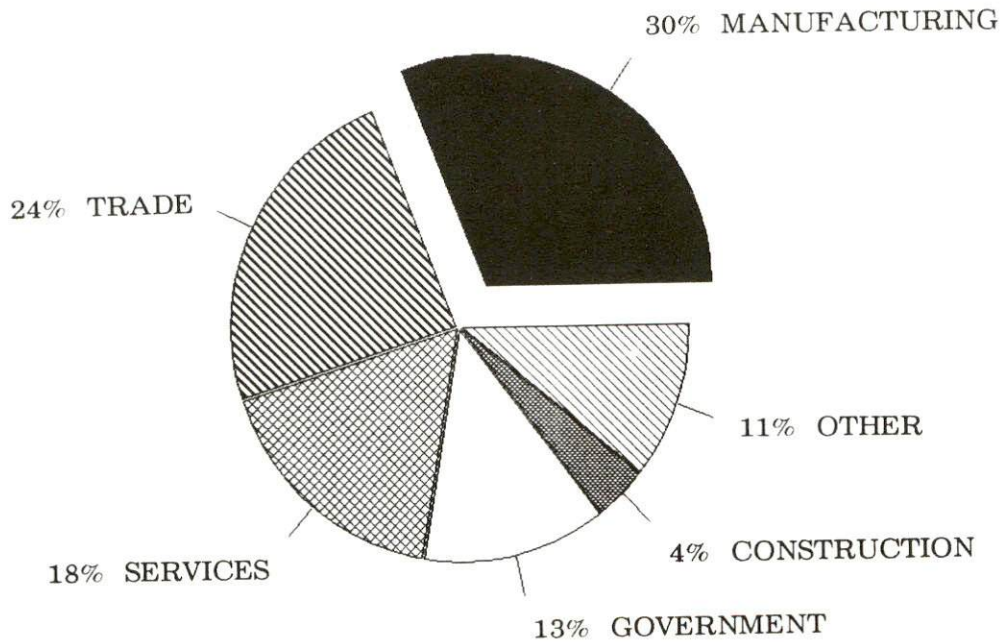


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	<u>Mercer County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	4,785	37,779
Manufacturing	1,474	11,479
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,149	9,539
Services	835	5,656
State/Local Government	620	4,988
Contract Construction	182	2,014

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, 1988.

MERCER COUNTY

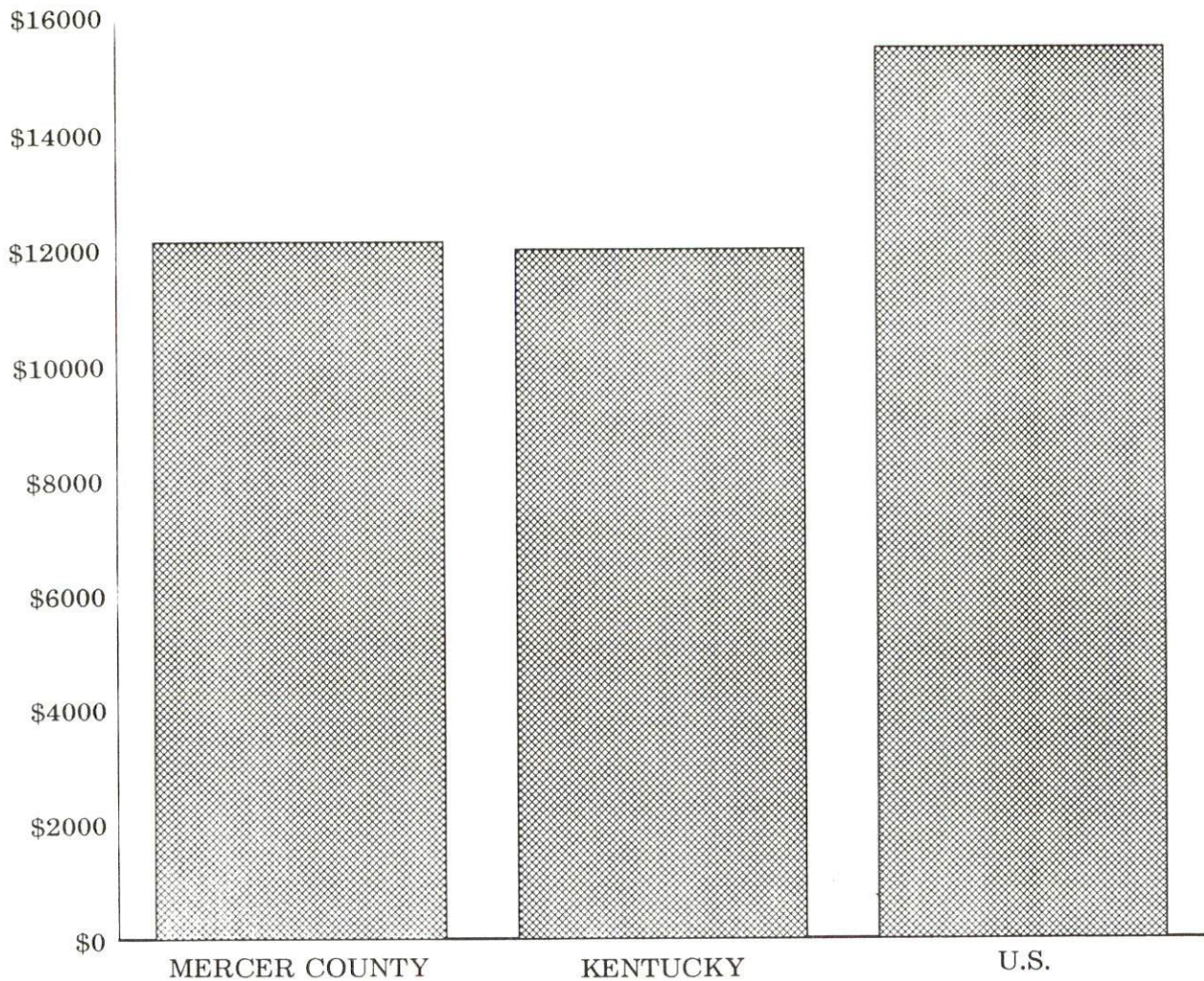


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Mercer County	\$10,157	\$12,133	19.5
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,090 - 17,336	\$10,328 - 20,299	-
Kentucky	\$9,513	\$11,997	26.1
U.S.	\$12,098	\$15,484	28.0

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kentucky Economic Information System, August 1988 and April 1989.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1987



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

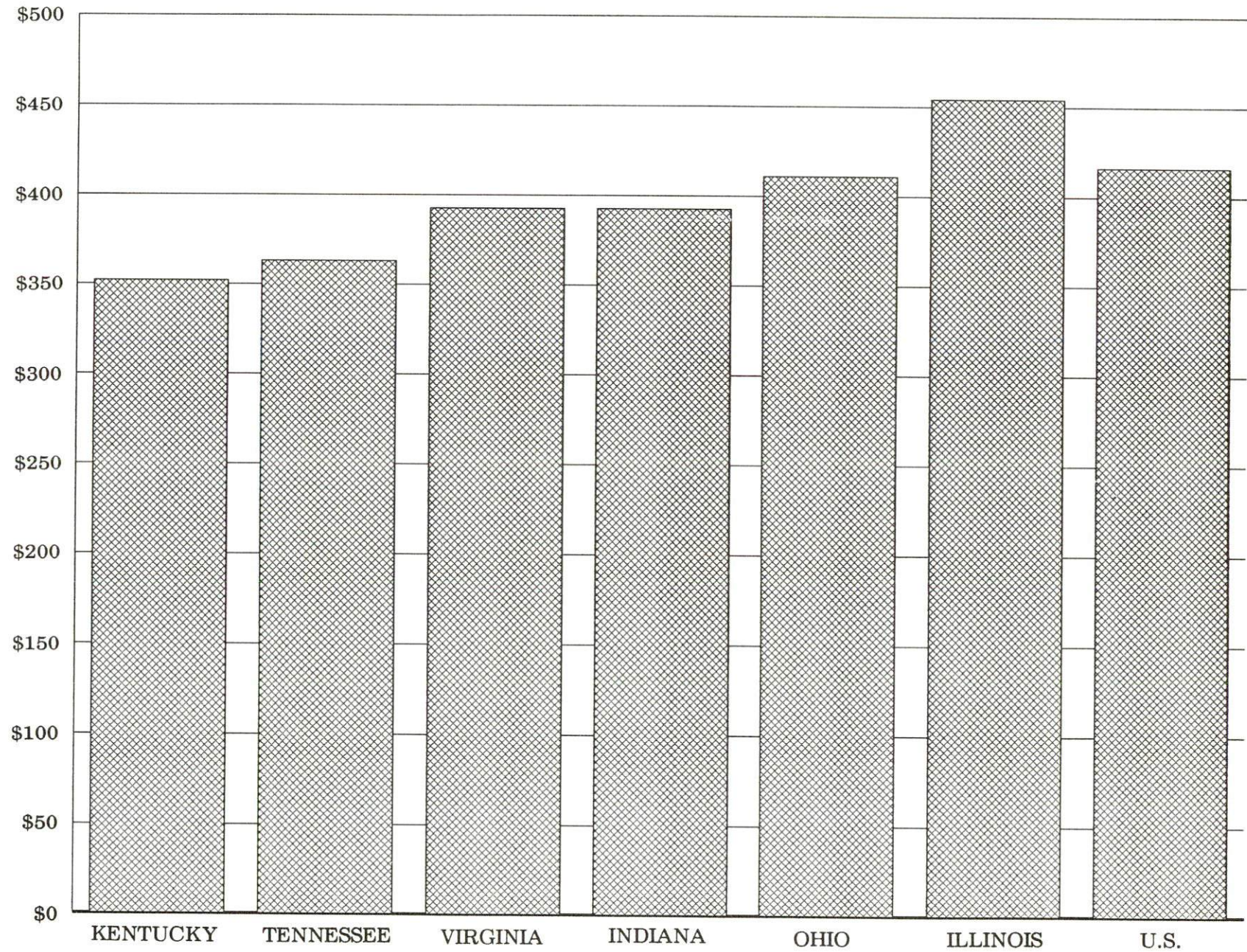
Mercer County is served by the Danville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Danville local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1988, the local employment office filled 1,535 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	1,535	4.57
Clerical	316	3.74
Sales	102	3.65
Services (excluding domestic)	320	3.44
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	20	4.06
Processing	44	4.34
Machine Trades	190	5.57
Bench Work	223	6.40
Structural	144	4.99
Motor Freight/ Transportation	18	3.92
Packaging and Materials Handling	90	4.59
Other	24	6.61

The Danville local office also serves Boyle, Garrard and Lincoln 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 F. Y. 1987-88



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Mercer County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$304.88	\$352.31	\$363.12	\$392.56
Mining & Quarrying	0	603.27	495.85	596.88
Contract Construction	303.25	380.71	394.27	422.27
Manufacturing	419.75	464.92	416.73	452.60
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	481.87	468.17	485.13	554.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	177.75	238.88	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	336.00	401.17	269.27	466.23
Services	211.77	298.98	343.48	391.67
State/Local Government	319.48	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

* Not disclosed.

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

HARRODSBURG MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	1988 <u>Average Employment</u>
Harrodsburg Herald (1884)	Newspaper/printing	22
Hite Ready Mix and Supply (1958)	Ready mix concrete	9
Sandusky Farm Service (1920)	Feed	6
Createc Corporation (1986)	Styrofoam packing	33
Cricketeer Manufacturing (1957)	Men's sport coats & suits	350
Hitachi Automotive (1986)	Automobile electrical components, starter motors & alternators	274
Signet Systems, Inc. (1969)	Auto & truck air con- ditioning systems	350
Mago Construction Com- pany, Inc. (1966)	Bituminous concrete mixes	20
Mercer Stone (1966)	Rock quarry	15
Leed's Meat Processing (1966)	Meat processing	3
Corning Glass Works (1952)	Optical sunglasses	370
Metal Masters, Inc. (1987)	Metal buildings, portable	10
Trim Masters (1988)	Automobile seat covers	340
Styro-Tech Enterprises (1989)	Shaped molded polystyrene	30

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, 1989 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers; Division of Research and Planning; Harrodsburg-Mercer Industrial Development Authority.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
American Flint Glass Workers of North America	Corning Glass
Amalgated Clothing and Textile Workers Union	Cricketeer Manufacturing

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Service</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Harrodsburg</u>
Custom Data Processing	Danville	9
Custom Plastics Producers	Danville Springfield	9 25
Electric Motor Repair	Danville Lebanon Lexington	9 31 33
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Lexington	33
Heat Treating Facilities	Frankfort Lexington	33 33
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Springfield Frankfort Lexington	25 33 33
Industrial Gases	Lexington	33
Industrial Waste Removal	Lexington Frankfort	33 33
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Danville	9
Metal Castings	Cynthiana	67
Metal Finishers	Lexington Richmond	33 45
Metal Service Centers	Lexington Richmond	33 45
Millwrights	Nicholasville Lexington	25 33
Public Warehouse Facilities	Danville	9

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

U.S. Highways 68 and 127 are "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) highways serving Harrodsburg. U.S. 127 has an excellent multilane segment extending from the Blue Grass Parkway, 16 miles north of Harrodsburg, to Danville, 9 miles southeast of Harrodsburg. Kentucky Route 152, a "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross limit) highway, also serves Harrodsburg.

Access to Interstate Highway 64 is available 29 miles north of Harrodsburg via U.S. 127, and 39 miles northeast near Lexington. Interstate 75 is also accessible near Lexington, as well as 47 miles southeast of Harrodsburg via U.S. 127 and U.S. 150, also a "AAA"-rated highway.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	358	Los Angeles, CA	2,192
Baltimore MD	567	Louisville, KY	76
Birmingham, AL	413	Nashville, TN	204
Chicago, IL	376	New Orleans, LA	667
Cincinnati, OH	111	New York, NY	746
Cleveland, OH	351	Pittsburgh, PA	374
Detroit, MI	369	St. Louis, MO	298
Knoxville, TN	163		

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

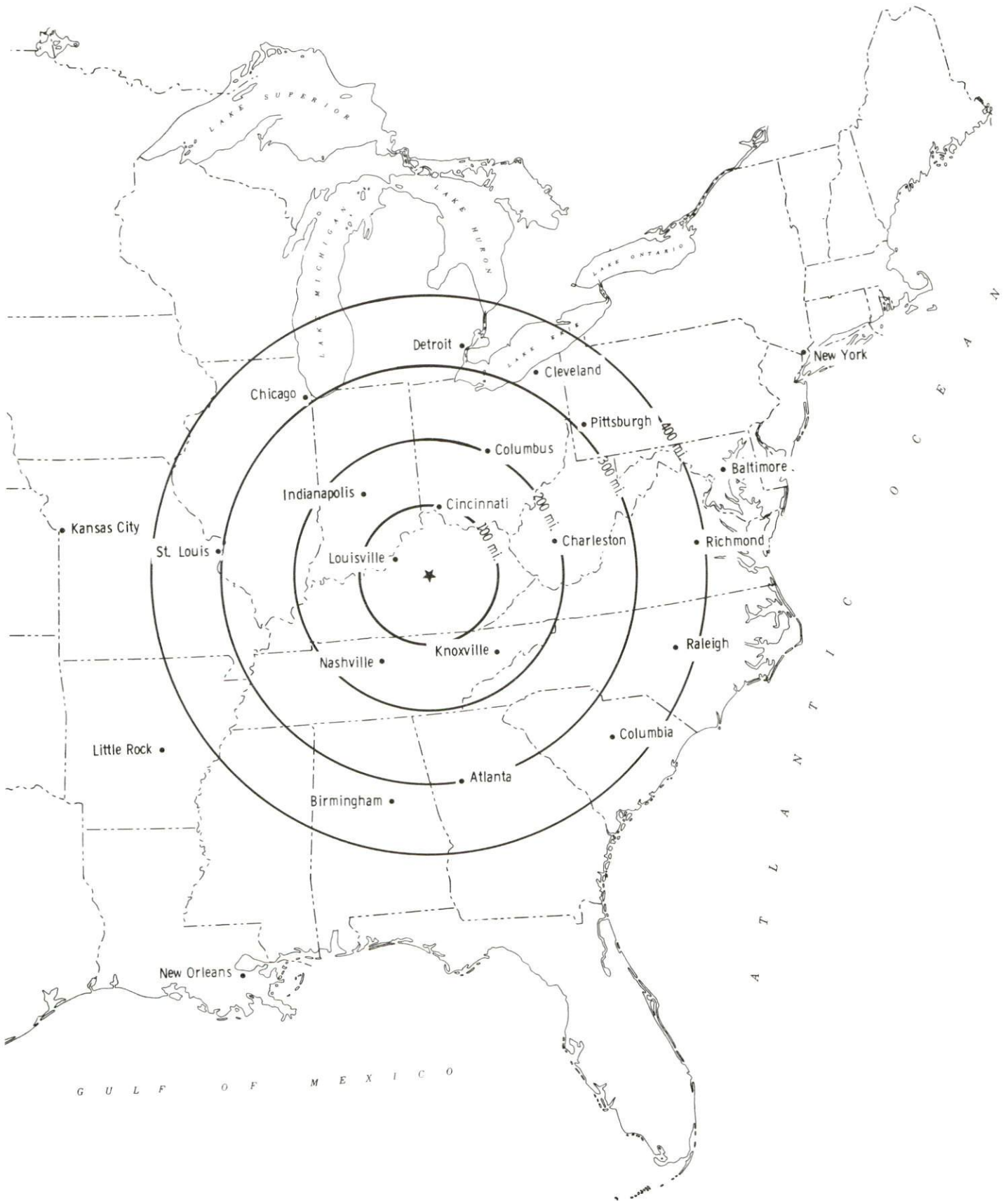
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

Twenty-seven trucking firms provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Harrodsburg.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1989.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Main line rail service is provided to Harrodsburg by Southern Railway System. The nearest piggyback facilities are located at Georgetown, Kentucky, 50 miles northeast of Harrodsburg.

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

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

Air

Local

Location: Danville-Boyle County Airport
4 miles south of Danville;
13 miles southeast of Harrodsburg

Runways: Two paved
Length: 4,880 feet and 2,400 feet

Traffic Control: Wind sock, instrument approach, Unicom 122.8

Lighting: Rotating beacon, sundown to sunrise; VASI; medium intensity runway lighting

Services: 100 octane, jet-A fuel; major and minor A & P repairs; charter; hangar; tie-down; flight instruction; aircraft rental

Air Freight Service: Chartered air freight service must be arranged

The Danville-Boyle County Airport completed construction of a parallel taxiway in June of 1989.

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Bluegrass Airport
4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky;
32 miles northeast of Harrodsburg

Air Service: Delta, USAir, TWA, United Express, JetStream, Air Kentucky, American Eagle, ComAir

Daily Arrivals & Departures: 116

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Harrodsburg and parts of Mercer County - Kentucky
Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:

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

Company serving parts of Mercer County - Fox Creek Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation and Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

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

and/or

Fox Creek Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
P. O. Box 150
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342
(502) 839-3442

and/or

Inter-County Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
P. O. Box 87
Danville, Kentucky 40422
(606) 236-4561

Natural Gas

Company serving Harrodsburg - Western Kentucky Gas Company
Source of supply - Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company
For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company
311 West Seventh Street
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301
(502) 685-8067

Public Water Supply

Company serving Harrodsburg - Harrodsburg Municipal Water Department
208 South Main Street
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330
(606) 734-4971

Source of raw water - Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity - 4,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 1,463,429 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 2,222,390 gallons
Storage capacity - 1,950,000 gallons
Water pressure - 42 psi to 65 psi

A new pumping station was built in 1988 to service the new industrial park.

Sewerage

Company serving Harrodsburg - City of Harrodsburg Wastewater
Treatment Plant
965 Cornishville Road
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330
(606) 734-2113

Design capacity - 2,680,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 1,000,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Primary, secondary, tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - Town Creek

CLIMATE

Mercer County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1987	56.80 degrees
Record highest, August 1983 (43-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (43-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	4,814

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (43-year record)	16.40 inches
Total precipitation 1987	36.68 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (43-year record)	130.10
Mean number days thunderstorms (43-year record)	45.40

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (24-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	81 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1987. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

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

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Greater Mercer County-Harrodsburg Zoning Commission
Participating cities - Harrodsburg
Zoning enforced - All areas of Mercer County, except the city of Burgin
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city limits of Harrodsburg and 5 miles beyond
Local codes enforced - Building codes are enforced in both city and county; housing codes are enforced within the city of Harrodsburg
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 Harrodsburg levies a one percent occupational license tax on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses operating within the city. The city also levies a business license fee of \$25 per year for businesses operating within the city. A seven percent insurance license fee is also charged.

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, 1988

	Harrodsburg/ Mercer County School District	Harrodsburg Independent School District	Unincorporated Mercer County
Land and Buildings	\$0.91608	\$0.99908	\$0.73008
Manufacturing			
Machinery	0.150	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control			
Equipment	0.150	0.150	0.150
Inventories			
Raw Materials	0.001	0.001	0.001
Goods in Process	0.001	0.001	0.001
Finished Goods	0.754	0.837	0.524
Automobiles & Trucks	1.242	1.302	1.012
Other Tangible			
Personal Property	1.203	1.286	0.973
Intangibles (Accounts receivable*, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250	0.250	0.250
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.001	0.001	0.001
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015	0.015

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

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Harrodsburg Independent	Mercer County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1988)	1,004	2,096
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1987-88)	17.5-1	19.7-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1987-88)	45.8	41.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1987-88)	\$2,684.29	\$2,098.37

The Burgin Independent School District also provides primary and secondary education for residents of the city of Burgin.

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Central Kentucky Christian	47	K-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1988)</u>
Centre College	Danville (9)	859
Asbury College	Wilmore (19)	987
Saint Catharine College	Springfield (25)	266
Kentucky State University	Frankfort (33)	2,222
Lexington Community College	Lexington (33)	3,401
Transylvania University	Lexington (33)	1,041
University of Kentucky	Lexington (33)	22,824
Midway College	Midway (39)	396
Berea College	Berea (43)	1,527
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (45)	13,664
Georgetown College	Georgetown (48)	1,471

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>Enrollment Fall, 1987</u>
Harrodsburg Area Vocational Education Center	Harrodsburg	274
Central Kentucky State Vocational- Technical School	Lexington (33)	1,431

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 14
Dentists - 6

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital	Harrodsburg	80

Medical staff - 20 active physicians; 5 courtesy physicians; 30 registered nurses, 28 licensed practical nurses

The James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital recently completed a two-year renovation project which improved the facility in appearance and function. The total cost of the project was \$600,000.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Southern Blue Grass Comprehensive Care Center
West Bluegrass District Health Department
Mercer County Ambulance Service

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Citizens Fidelity Bank and Trust Company of Mercer County
State Bank and Trust Company
The Cumberland
First Federal Savings & Loan Association

Newspapers

Harrodsburg Herald (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell

RECREATION

Local

The citizens of Harrodsburg and Mercer County have access to a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The local YMCA manages the five city parks in addition to its own facility, which houses a gymnasium, a co-ed weight room, and offices.

Facilities at Lions Park include the Harrodsburg Community Center, with conference and meeting room areas designed to accommodate over 300 people, and three lighted tennis courts.

Young's Park features a picnic area with tables and grills, a large shelter house that can be rented for group activities, and a playground. The Salt River Park contains a shelter house and picnic areas.

Sportleigh Field offers baseball and football fields for use by Little League and Babe Ruth teams, and West Lane Park has a soccer field, a lighted softball field, and community meeting rooms. Other public recreational facilities in Harrodsburg include a municipal swimming pool, several tot lots, two tennis courts and three baseball diamonds located at the public schools. Private recreational offerings include several swimming pools and a golf course. A driving range has been recently constructed in Harrodsburg.

The Beaumont Inn is one of Harrodsburg's most famous attractions. The antebellum structure serves as a historic country inn with antique furnishings, modern recreational facilities, a dining room specializing in southern delicacies, and a gift shop.

The Bright Leaf Resort, also a noted local attraction, features a modern 36-hole golf course, a new lighted par-three course, and a health spa on the premises.

Old Fort Harrod State Park is a 28-acre park in Harrodsburg that features a full-scale reproduction of the original Fort Harrod. The park also contains the log cabin where Abraham Lincoln's parents were wed, the Mansion Museum which houses mementos associated with the great periods of Kentucky history, a pioneer cemetery, and a federal monument dedicated to pioneers. The "Legend of Daniel Boone" is an excellent outdoor drama which is performed at the Old Fort Amphitheater during the summer months.

Herrington Lake, near Harrodsburg, was developed by the Kentucky Utilities Company in 1925. Dix River Dam near Pleasant Hill is located on the 3,600-acre lake. Fishing, boating, and swimming can all be enjoyed on the lake. Camping and fishing facilities are available near Harrodsburg.

Pleasant Hill, a restored Shaker Village located 7 miles northeast of Harrodsburg, is a National Historic Landmark. Over 20 buildings and grounds have been restored to display unique Shaker skills in furniture making, crafts, and architecture. Dining rooms, lodging, craft shops, and seasonal festivals and plays are offered. Pleasant Hill recently acquired an additional 16,000 acres which will be developed into a recreated Shaker farm.

Area (Within 60 miles)

Constitution Square State Shrine
Perryville Battlefield State Shrine
Lincoln Homestead State Park
Waveland State Shrine
Frankfort
Lexington
The Kentucky Horse Park
My Old Kentucky Home State Park
White Hall State Shrine
Green River Lake State Park
Fort Boonesborough State Park

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

Harrodsburg was chosen as a "Kentucky Certified City" in 1987. The award is based on achievement in the following categories: economic development, transportation, public affairs, utilities, health, commercial development, housing, education and recreation. The Certified Cities Program is sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

A pumping station was built in the fall of 1987 to service the new industrial park and to eliminate another pumping station.

United Sign and Awning Manufacturing, Inc., has opened in Mercer County.

The Mercer County School System added two additional classrooms to the elementary school this year.

Under Way

Harrodsburg has applied for a \$390,000 Community Development Block Grant. This grant, in addition to private contributions is being used to fund a Main Street Program. Currently several downtown buildings are being renovated. A major Main Street renovation project is the Old Blue Front Building which will be used for retail stores. The projected completion date for this project is spring 1990.

There are two housing projects currently under way in Harrodsburg. The first, known as the "West Side Project", began in 1987 with a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant to upgrade existing housing. The project is expected to be completed in the near future. The second housing project involves renovating existing housing in the Davistown community. A \$107,100.00 Community Development Block Grant is being used to fund the project.

The Mercer County Public Library is undergoing a major renovation and expansion which will add addition seating, increase the size of the collection by 15,000 volumes, add a small conference room, and enlarge work space. The estimated cost of the project is \$640,000.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan. Implementation should begin by fall of 1991. Burgin will enforce planning and zoning when the plan is complete.

Harrodsburg Industrial Warehousing, Inc. is currently under construction in the old industrial park. Projected employment will be five.

A 32,400-square-foot addition is currently being constructed at the Harlow Elementary School. The addition will house a kitchen/cafeteria, physical education facility, and four classrooms. The cost estimate for the project is \$1.43 million and is scheduled for completion in mid-December 1989.

Planned

The Harrodsburg Independent School system is planning a construction project which will add an additional eight to twelve classrooms to the Harlow Elementary School. This will enable the district to convert to a K-6 and 7-12 instructional configuration with Harlow Elementary serving as the elementary center. A major renovation project is planned to convert the city's present elementary/junior high to a facility which houses grades 7-12. The construction and renovation is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1991 or early spring 1992.

Mercer County School System plans to build an additional middle school or high school.