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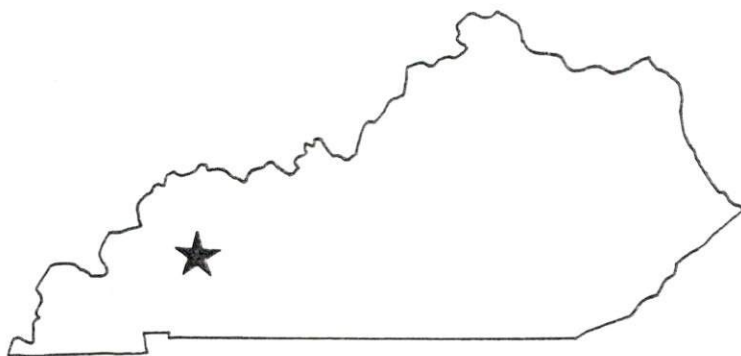
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DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY

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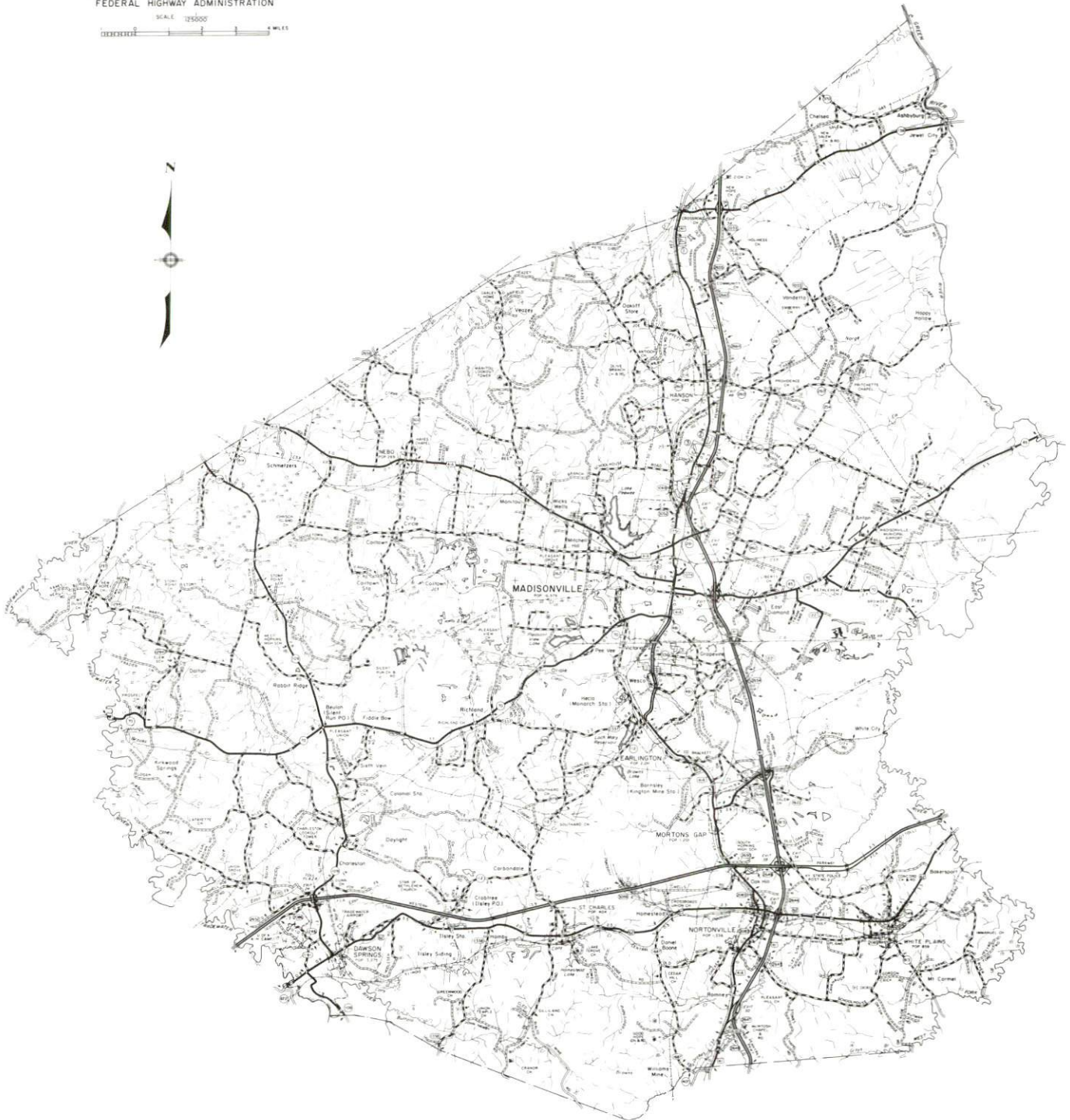
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
HOPKINS COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Dawson Springs, located in Hopkins County, lies in western Kentucky's Pennyriple Region. The city is located 161 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; 100 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; and 233 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Dawson Springs had a 1986 estimated population of 3,330.

Hopkins County, with a land area of 552 square miles, has a topography that ranges from nearly flat along the broad valleys of the Green, Pond, and Tradewater Rivers, to hilly in the southern and central portions of the county. Hopkins County had a 1987 estimated population of 46,100.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Hopkins County residents employed in 1988 averaged 18,410. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 3,400 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 3,850 jobs; 3,840 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 2,150 employees; and contract construction firms provided 540 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 27,050 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1989 through 1993, 14,530 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - The Western Kentucky Parkway and U.S. Highway 62, both "AAA"-rated highways, serve Dawson Springs. The Western Kentucky Parkway provides access to Interstate 24 and the Pennyriple Parkway. Sixteen trucking companies serve Dawson Springs with interstate and/or intrastate service. Paducah and Louisville Railway provides main line rail service to Dawson Springs. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Evansville Dress Regional Airport near Evansville, Indiana, 75 miles north of Dawson Springs. A local airstrip with a 3,100-foot turf runway is located one mile northeast. Lake Barkley, the nearest navigable waterway, provides riverport facilities 28 miles west of Dawson Springs.

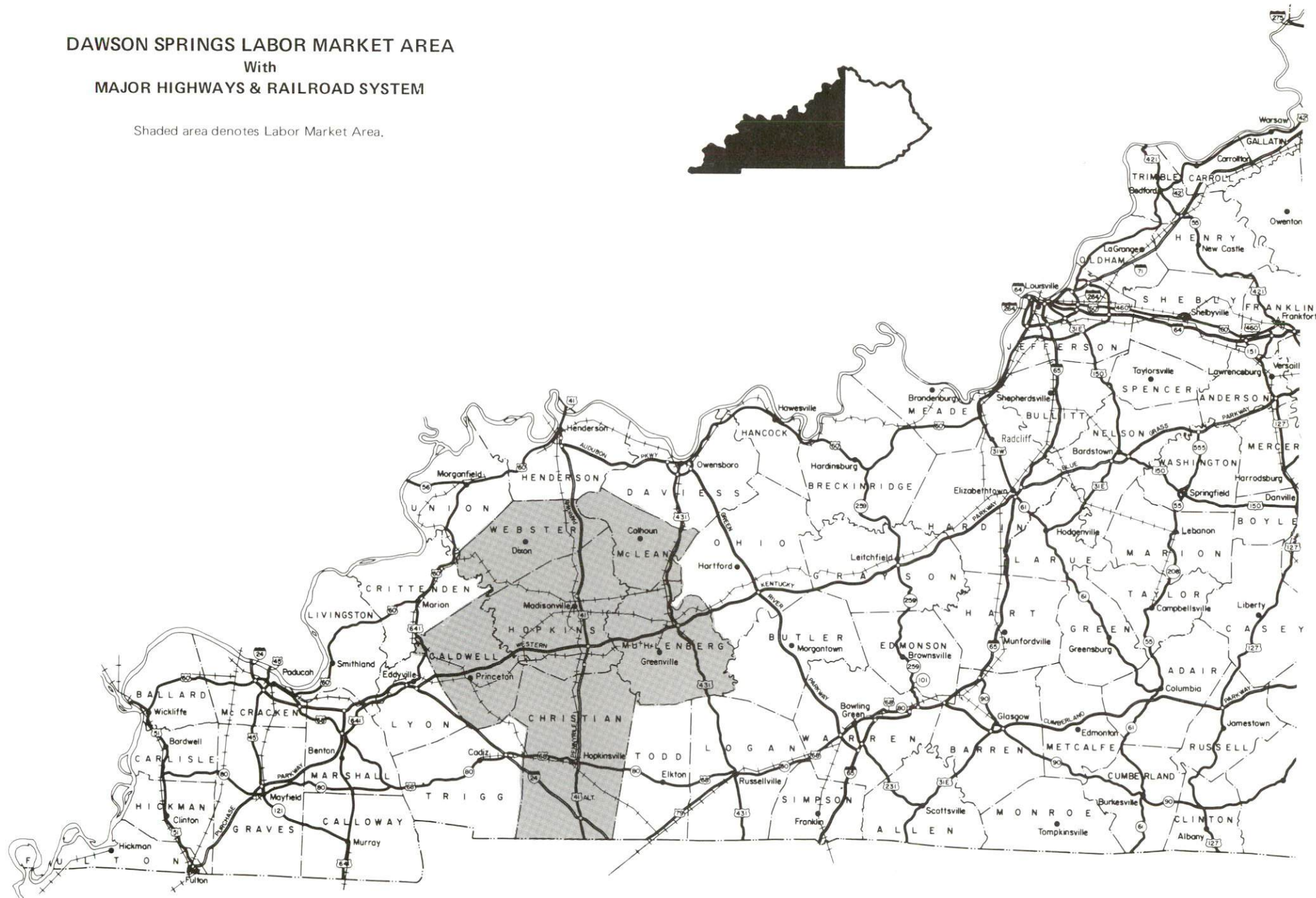
Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Dawson Springs and portions of Hopkins County by Kentucky Utilities Company. Hopkins County is also served by the Green River Electric Corporation and Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided by Western Kentucky Gas Company.

Education - The Dawson Springs Independent School System provides primary and secondary education to residents of Dawson Springs. The remainder of Hopkins County is served by the Hopkins County School System. Twelve colleges and universities are located within 95 miles of Dawson Springs. Vocational training is available at the Madisonville State Vocational-Technical School, 25 miles northeast; and the Caldwell County Area Vocational Education Center in Princeton, 16 miles west of Dawson Springs.

DAWSON SPRINGS LABOR MARKET AREA

With
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Dawson Springs Labor Market Area includes Hopkins County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Caldwell, Christian, McLean, Muhlenberg and Webster.

	POPULATION		
	<u>1987*</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	176,400	183,685	157,451
Dawson Springs	3,330	3,275	3,009
Hopkins County	46,100	46,174	38,167

* 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			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Labor Market Area	186,127	191,216	196,727	207,372
Hopkins County	47,873	49,008	49,994	51,469

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

	ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY			
	Current			Future
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	Employed	Becoming 18 years of age <u>1989 thru 1993</u>
			<u>Part-Time</u>	
			<u>Force</u>	
Labor Market Area*	27,052	6,546	8,003	12,503
Hopkins Co.	6,758	1,694	2,074	2,990
				14,527
				3,644

* 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).

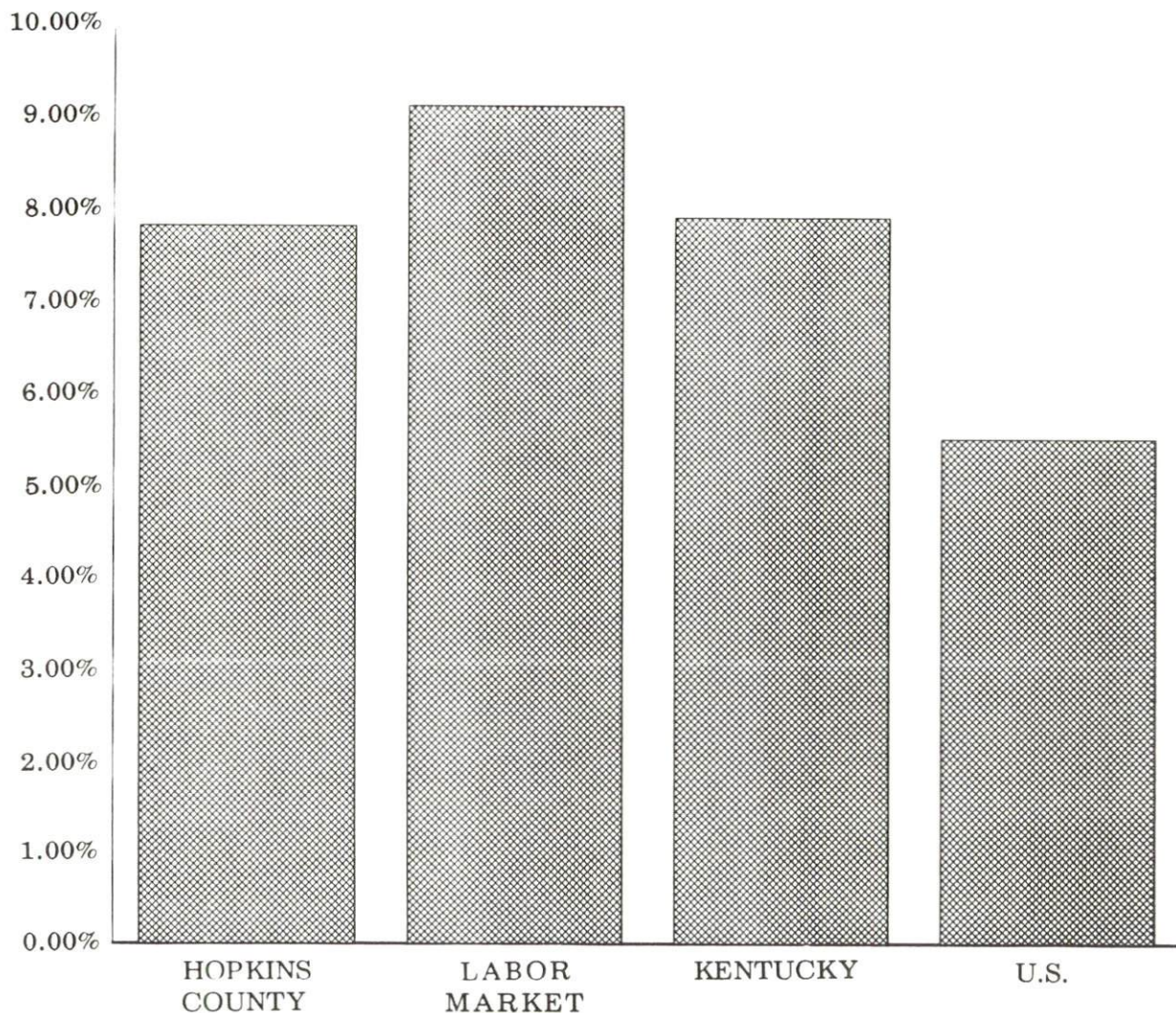
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1987. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1989 thru 1993.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1988

	<u>Hopkins County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	19,965	66,462
Employment	18,412	60,443
Unemployment	1,553	6,019
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.8	9.1

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

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1988

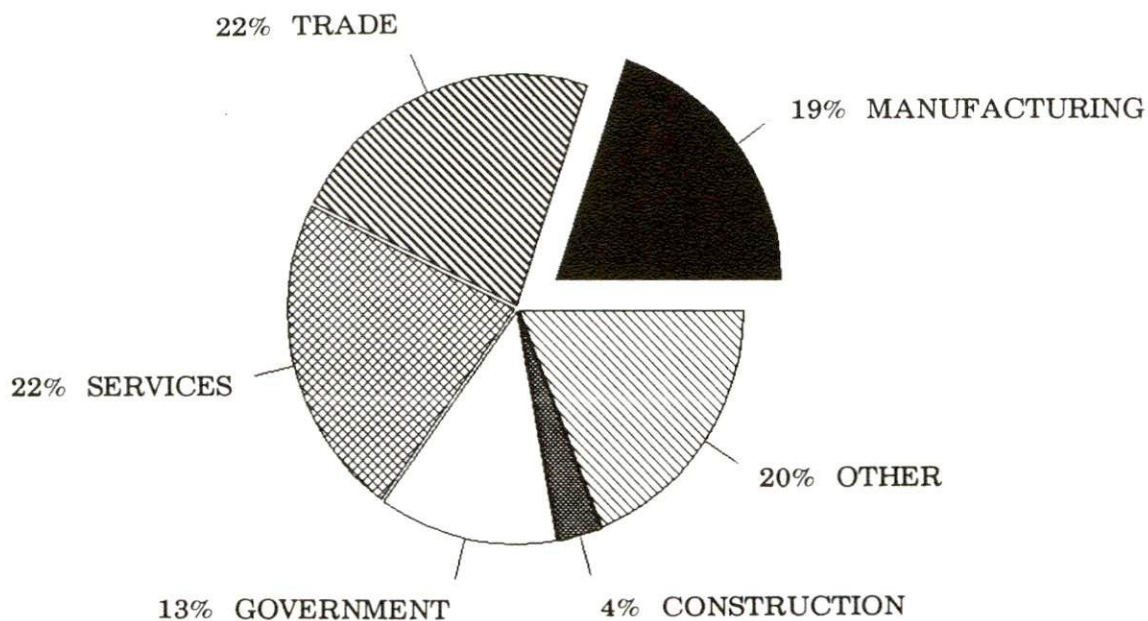


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1988

	Hopkins County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	17,003	51,401
Manufacturing	3,397	10,721
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3,848	12,972
Services	3,837	9,909
State/Local Government	2,152	7,312
Contract Construction	536	1,580

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.

HOPKINS COUNTY

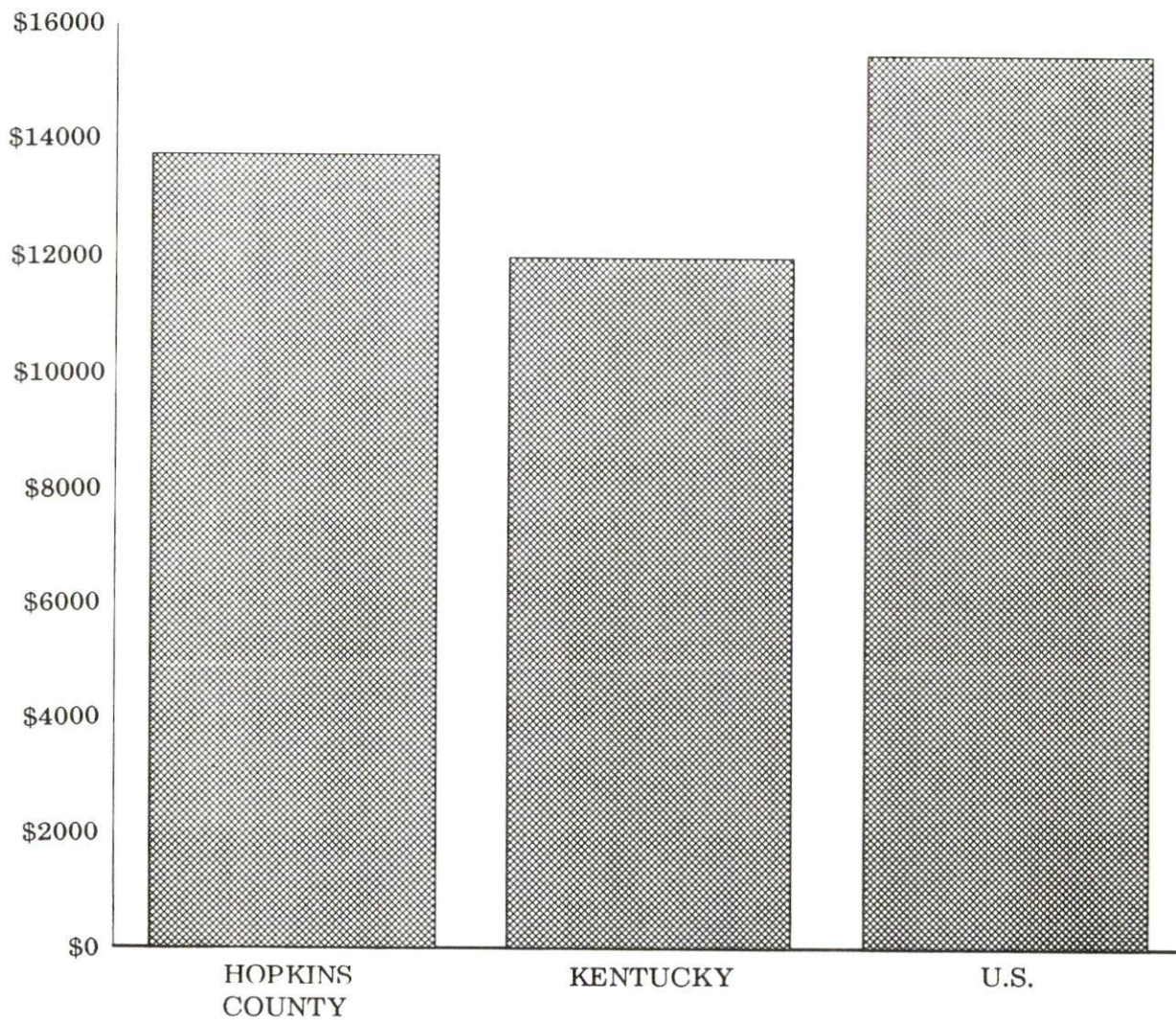


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1983	1987	Percent Change
Hopkins County	\$11,122	\$13,752	23.6
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,367 - 11,122	\$10,846 - 13,752	-
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

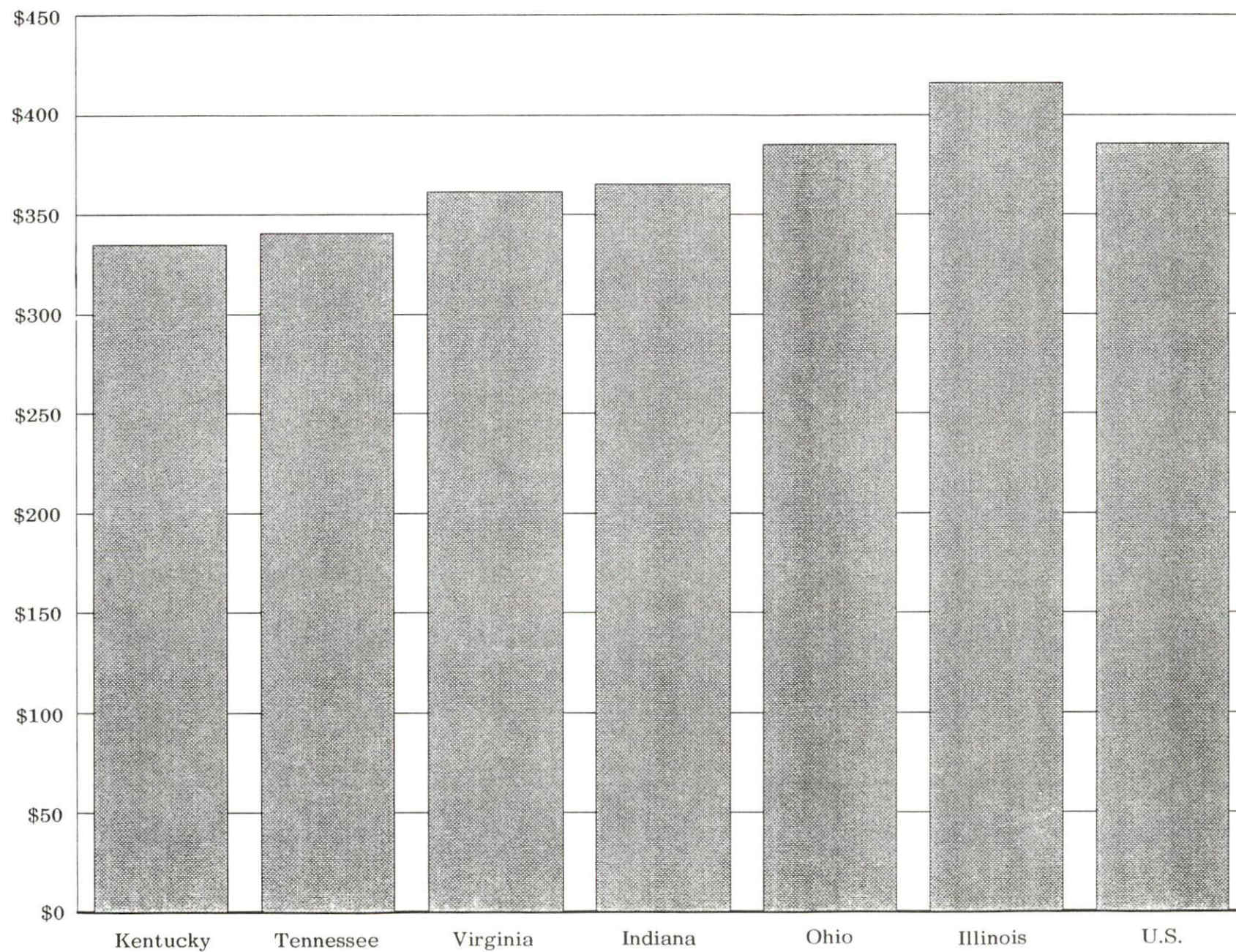
Hopkins County is served by the Madisonville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Madisonville local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1988, the local employment office filled 2,038 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	2,038	4.49
Clerical	338	3.99
Sales	114	4.08
Services (excluding domestic)	406	3.56
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	37	3.91
Processing	159	5.02
Machine Trades	89	5.23
Bench Work	356	3.88
Structural	270	6.01
Motor Freight/ Transportation	99	5.43
Packaging and Materials Handling	58	4.49
Other	26	9.82

The Madisonville local office also serves Crittenden and Muhlenberg 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. 1986-87



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1987*

	<u>Hopkins County</u>	<u>Kentucky (State- Wide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$377.29	\$343.02	\$350.00	\$372.00
Mining & Quarrying	767.34	591.43	473.00	584.00
Contract Construction	315.49	366.14	375.00	392.00
Manufacturing	478.41	453.50	400.00	431.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	443.56	451.87	474.00	530.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	232.77	232.55	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	307.19	380.77	433.00	437.00
Services	281.98	286.94	331.00	369.00
State/Local Government	352.88	345.02	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$379.00	\$394.00	\$427.00	\$397.00
Mining & Quarrying	624.00	582.00	640.00	634.00
Contract Construction	434.00	444.00	555.00	445.00
Manufacturing	513.00	543.00	523.00	494.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	491.00	N/A	559.00	527.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	391.00	418.00	538.00	500.00
Services	304.00	332.00	379.00	364.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

N/A Not available.

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

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1987. U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1987.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

DAWSON SPRINGS MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1988</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Buckhorn Corporation, Container Products Division (1965)	Storage racks, plastic trays, containers, gravity conveyors	165
Dawson Springs Manu- facturing Company (1980)	Men's shirts, ladies' shirts	70
Dawson Springs Mineral Water, Inc. (1987)	Bottled mineral water	4
The Dawson Springs Progress (1919)	Newspaper, job printing	6
Holt Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1965)	Polyester foam pillows	12
Vinise Menser Lumber Company (1951)	Rough lumber	2
Ottenheimer & Company Inc. (1947)	Washable service apparel	88
Rose Metal Spinning Company (1979)	Metal specialties, metal lamp bases & lamps, metal industrial spinnings	4

Sources: Kentucky Department for Economic Development, 1989 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers; Division of Research and Planning.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union

Amalgamated Clothing and
Textile Workers Union,
AFL-CIO
United Steelworkers of
America, AFL-CIO

Representing workers at:

Ottenheimer & Company, Inc.

Buckhorn Corporation, Container
Products Division

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Service</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Dawson Springs</u>
Custom Data Processing	Henderson, Kentucky	62
Custom Plastics Producers	Dawson Springs, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Madisonville, Kentucky	25
	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
Heat Treating Facilities	Evansville, Indiana	72
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Madisonville, Kentucky	25
	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
Industrial Gases	Madisonville, Kentucky	25
	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
Industrial Waste Removal	Dawson Springs, Kentucky	-
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Mortons Gap, Kentucky	19
Metal Castings	Elkton, Kentucky	47
Metal Finishers	Livermore, Kentucky	52
Metal Service Centers	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
Millwrights	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
Public Warehouse Facilities	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major highways serving Dawson Springs include the Western Kentucky Parkway, a multilane, east-west highway, and U.S. Highway 62, both "AAA"-rated trucking highways (80,000-pound gross load limit). Kentucky Route 109 also serves Dawson Springs. An interchange of Interstate 24 is located 27 miles west of Dawson Springs via the Western Kentucky Parkway. The Pennyryle Parkway, a multilane, north-south toll road, and U.S. Highway 41 are accessible 16 miles east via the Western Kentucky Parkway. Interstate 64 is located approximately 85 miles north of Dawson Springs.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	341	Los Angeles, CA	2,061
Baltimore MD	729	Louisville, KY	161
Birmingham, AL	287	Nashville, TN	100
Chicago, IL	367	New Orleans, LA	609
Cincinnati, OH	262	New York, NY	908
Cleveland, OH	509	Pittsburgh, PA	536
Detroit, MI	520	St. Louis, MO	233
Knoxville, TN	278		

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

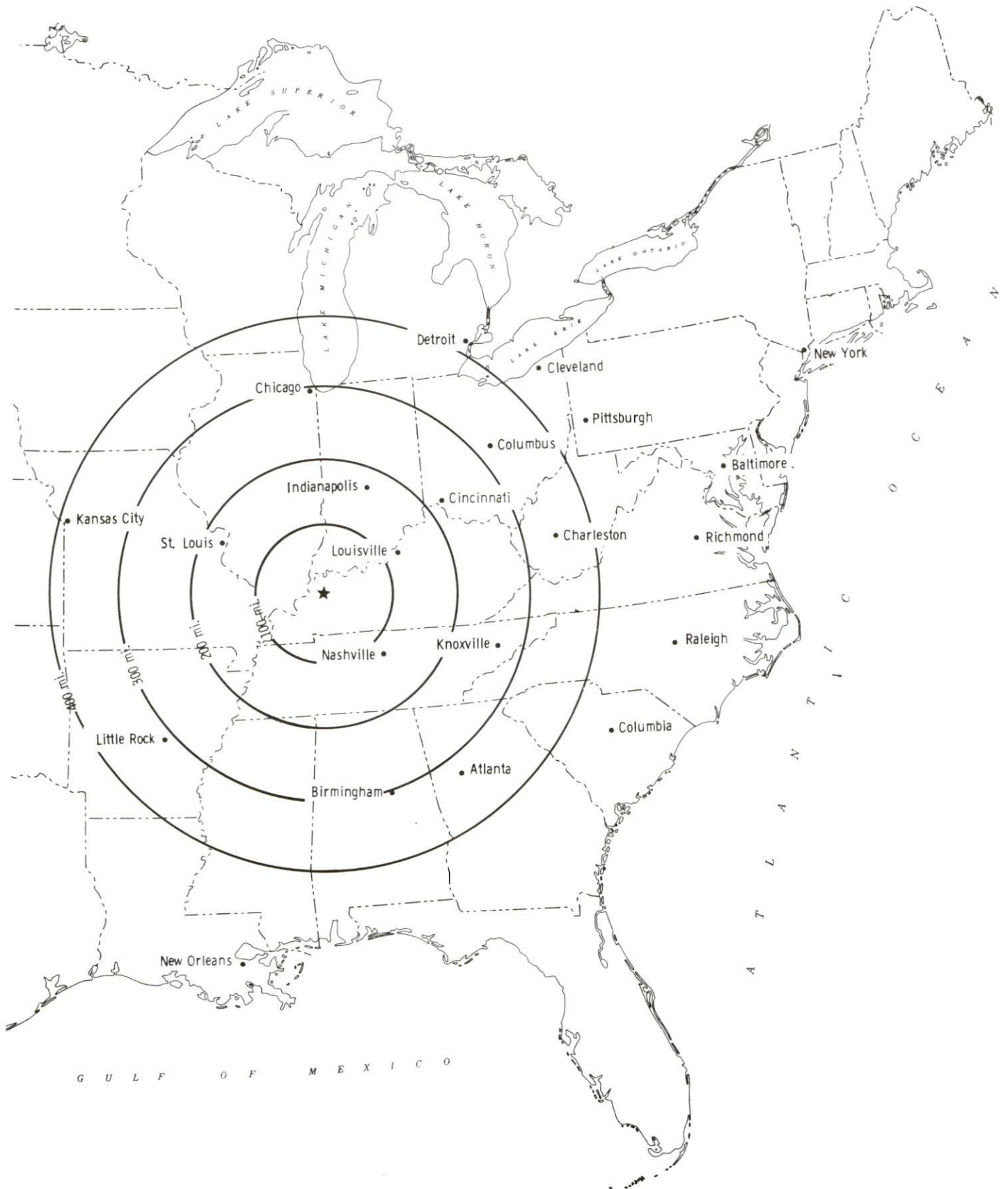
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

Sixteen common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Dawson Springs.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1989.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Paducah and Louisville Railway provides main line rail service to Princeton. The nearest piggyback facilities are available in Paducah, 66 miles west of Dawson Springs.

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

Vice President - Marketing and Sales
Paducah and Louisville Railway
1500 Kentucky Avenue
Paducah, Kentucky 42001
(502) 444-4341

Air

Local

Location:	Dawson Springs Airport 1 mile northeast of Dawson Springs
Runways:	1 turf
Length:	3,100 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock
Lighting:	None
Services:	None

Location:	Madisonville Municipal Airport 6 miles east of Madisonville; 31 miles northeast of Dawson Springs
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	5,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock, unicom
Lighting:	Runway lighting sunset to sunrise, rotating beacon, VASI 4, REIL
Services:	100 octane, Jet A fuel; major and minor A & P repairs; tie-downs; hangar
Air Freight Service:	Chartered air freight services must be arranged

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Evansville Dress Regional Airport 3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana; 75 miles north of Dawson Springs
Air Service:	American Eagle, ComAir, TransWorld Express, Northwest Link, USAir, United Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	88

Commuter air carrier service is provided by Prime Air and Northwest Air Link at Outlaw Field which is located 7 miles northwest of Clarksville, Tennessee; 46 miles southeast of Dawson Springs.

Water

The nearest navigable waterway is Lake Barkley at Eddyville, 28 miles west of Dawson Springs, where the Port Authority of Lyon County operates a public riverport facility. The Riverport offers grain and coal loading facilities, coal storage, public dock with crane service, and outside storage area.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Dawson Springs and southern Hopkins 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 northern Hopkins County - Green River Electric Corporation
and Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation
For industrial rates contact:

Green River Electric Corporation
3111 Fairview Drive
P. O. Box 1389
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302
(502) 926-4141

and/or

Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
P. O. Drawer 18
Henderson, Kentucky 42420
(502) 826-3991 or (800) 242-7069

Natural Gas

Company serving Dawson Springs - Western Kentucky Gas Company
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company
311 West Seventh Street
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302
(502) 685-8067

Public Water Supply

Company serving Dawson Springs -	City Water and Sewer System 102 Arcadia Avenue P. O. Box 216 Dawson Springs, Kentucky 42408 (502) 797-2844
Source -	Lake Beshear
Treatment plant capacity -	3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	983,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,270,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	2,100,000 gallons
Water pressure -	25 psi to 120 psi

Sewerage

Company serving Dawson Springs -	City Water and Sewer System 102 Arcadia Avenue P. O. Box 216 Dawson Springs, Kentucky 42408 (502) 797-2844
Design capacity -	320,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	210,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Tradewater River

The City Water and Sewer System is in the process of renovating and expanding its existing wastewater treatment system. Capacity will increase from 320,000 to 364,000 gallons per day. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$150,000.

CLIMATE

Hopkins County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	59.20 degrees
Average annual 1987	60.40 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (48-year record)	107.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (48-year record)	-17.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	3,756
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	48.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall (46-year record)	11.00 inches
Total precipitation 1987	30.23 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (46-year record)	118.90
Mean number days thunderstorms (46-year record)	53.80

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (22-year record)

Midnight	79 percent
6 a.m.	84 percent
Noon	57 percent
6 p.m.	61 percent

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Dawson Springs is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Hopkins County is governed by a county judge/executive and seven magistrates. Each county official is elected to a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission
Participating cities - Dawson Springs, Earlington, Madisonville,
Nortonville
Zoning enforced - Not presently enforced in Dawson Springs
Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas
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 Dawson Springs levies a 1 1/2 percent occupational license tax on gross wages, salaries, and commissions earned within the city, and on net profits of businesses operating within the city. A fee of \$50 is the minimum requirement for businesses. The annual truck operators license is \$25, while the car licenses are \$10.

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

	Dawson Springs & Dawson Springs School District	Dawson Springs & Hopkins County School District	Unincorporated Hopkins County
Land and Buildings	\$1.221	\$0.974	\$0.779
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	1.012	0.765	0.575
Automobiles & Trucks	1.455	1.233	1.043
Other Tangible			
Personal Property	1.461	1.214	1.024
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

Three special taxing districts in Hopkins County levy property tax within their district boundaries at rates ranging from \$0.10 to \$0.50 per \$100 valuation.

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

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Dawson Springs Independent	Hopkins County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1988)	640	8,219
Accreditation	-	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1987-88)	18-1	19-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1987-88)	56.1	45.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1987-88)	\$2,409.38	\$2,438.21

The Hopkins County School system recently converted an old school building to its central office. Additional classrooms were constructed as well. Total combined cost of the projects approximated \$1.3 million.

The Dawson Springs Independent School System recently installed heating and air conditioning systems. Total cost of the project was approximately \$250,000.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1988)</u>
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky (25)	1,824
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville, Kentucky (26)	1,743
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, Tennessee (53)	5,177
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (62)	1,239
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (66)	2,444
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (71)	7,628
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (72)	3,512
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (72)	5,265
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (86)	666
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (86)	766
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (86)	1,687
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (92)	14,121

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.

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<u>Vocational School</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment Fall, 1987</u>
Madisonville State Vocational- Technical School	Madisonville (25)	850
Caldwell County Area Vocational Education Center	Princeton (16)	281

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 2

Dentists - 3

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Regional Medical Center of Hopkins County	Madisonville, 25 miles northeast	401

Medical staff - 125 physicians, 324 registered nurses, and 119 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Dawson Springs Health Care Center

Trover Clinic of Dawson Springs

Outwood Res-Care (residential facility for the mentally retarded)

Medical Center Ambulance Service

Dawson Springs Emergency Squad

Banks and Savings & Loans

Commercial Bank of Dawson

First Federal Savings Bank of Kentucky

Newspapers

Dawson Springs Progress (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell Telephone Company

RECREATION

Local

Recreational facilities are abundant in and around Dawson Springs. The Dawson Springs Community Center has a full-time recreation director and provides year-round recreational programs for all ages. Small stage productions are presented at the center in addition to an annual barbecue, banquets, and facilities for family or group activities. The Dawson Springs Municipal Park offers playgrounds, three ball fields, running tracks, a basketball court, two lighted tennis courts, picnic areas and shelters, and a public swimming pool.

The Dawson Springs Museum and Arts Center recently opened. The center offers a variety of exhibits and displays, hosts historical tours and productions, and sponsors amateur art shows.

Located just south of Dawson Springs is the Pennyrile State Forest. This state forest, Kentucky's largest, contains 15,000 acres of native pine and hardwood trees. Hiking trails and picnic areas are located throughout the forest.

A variety of water sports may be enjoyed on the 857-acre Lake Beshear, which is located adjacent to the Pennyrile Forest.

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park is located 6 miles south of Dawson Springs. The lodge and cottages nestled within the trees provide excellent accommodations. Other facilities and activities include a dining room, a gift shop, rental rowboats and pedal boats, a 9-hole golf course, hiking trails, horseback riding, picnicking, playgrounds, shuffleboard, swimming at the lodge pool and sand beach at the adjacent Pennyrile Forest Lake, and two tennis courts.

Area (Within 45 miles)

Jefferson Davis Monument State Shrine
Kenlake State Resort Park
Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
Lake Barkley State Resort Park
The Land Between the Lakes

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

The Dawson Springs Museum and Arts Center recently opened. The center offers a variety of exhibits and displays, hosts historical tours and productions, and sponsors amateur art shows.

Dawson Springs recently instituted a Main Street Program. Improvements include storefront refurbishing, renovation and removal of dilapidated housing, and the installation of new street signs. A veterans park, including a memorial and fountain, was recently developed in the downtown area as well.

The Hopkins County School System recently converted an old school building to its central office. Additional classrooms were constructed as well. Total combined cost of the projects approximated \$1.3 million.

The Dawson Springs Independent School System recently installed heating and air conditioning systems. Total cost of the project was approximately \$250,000.

The City of Dawson Springs recently constructed a building which houses ambulances, equipment, and personnel, and provides a training facility for the fire department. Approximately \$50,000 was invested in the project.

Under Way

The City Water and Sewer System is in the process of renovating and expanding its existing wastewater treatment system. Capacity will increase from 320,000 to 364,000 gallons per day. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$150,000.