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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY

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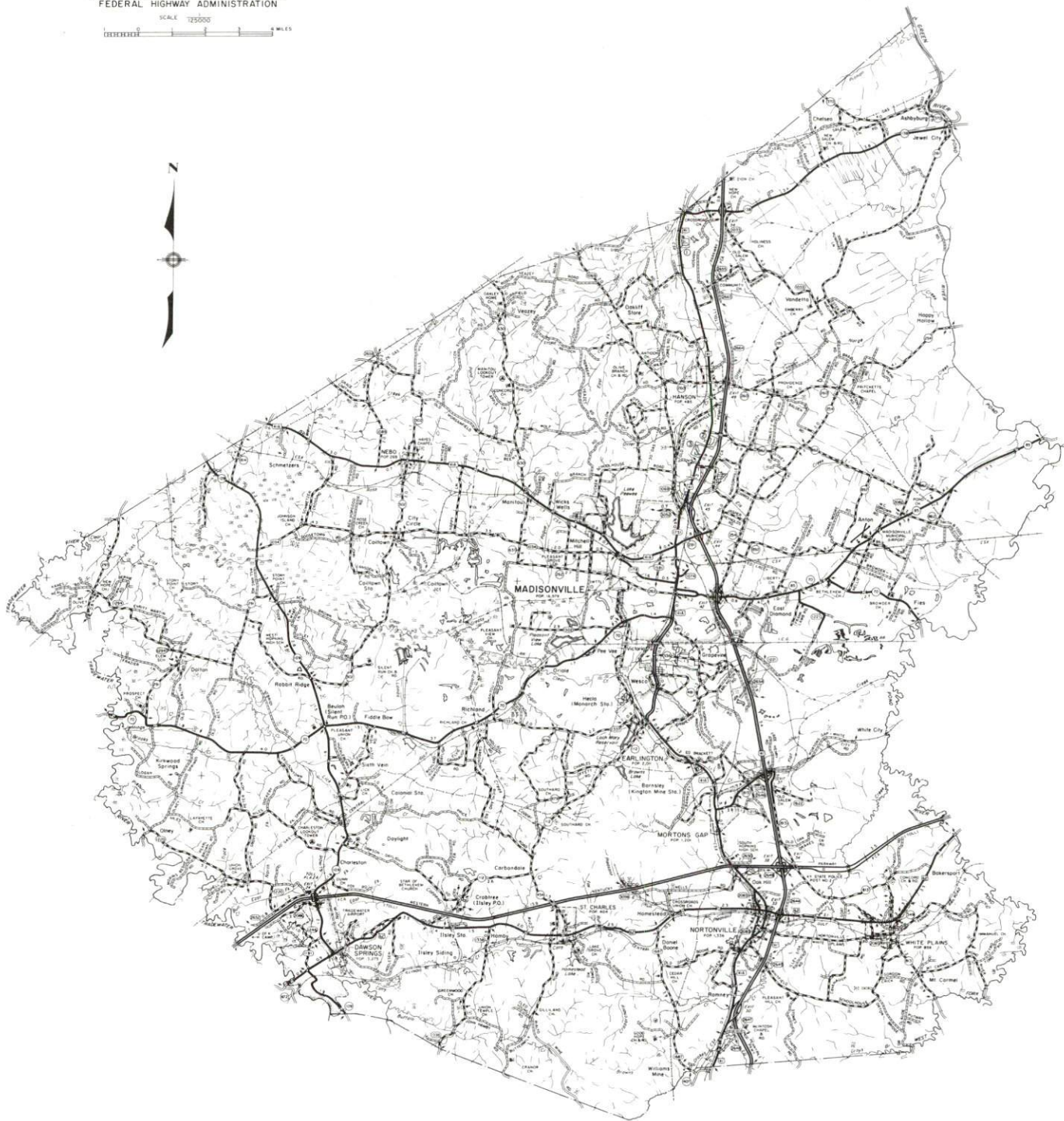
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP HOPKINS COUNTY KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



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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; 98 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; and 239 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Dawson Springs had a 1990 population of 3,129.

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 1990 population of 46,126.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Hopkins County residents employed in 1990 averaged 18,589. In 1989, manufacturing firms in the county reported 3,596 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 3,965 jobs; 3,979 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 2,163 employees; and contract construction firms provided 519 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 28,649 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1990 through 1994, 14,267 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

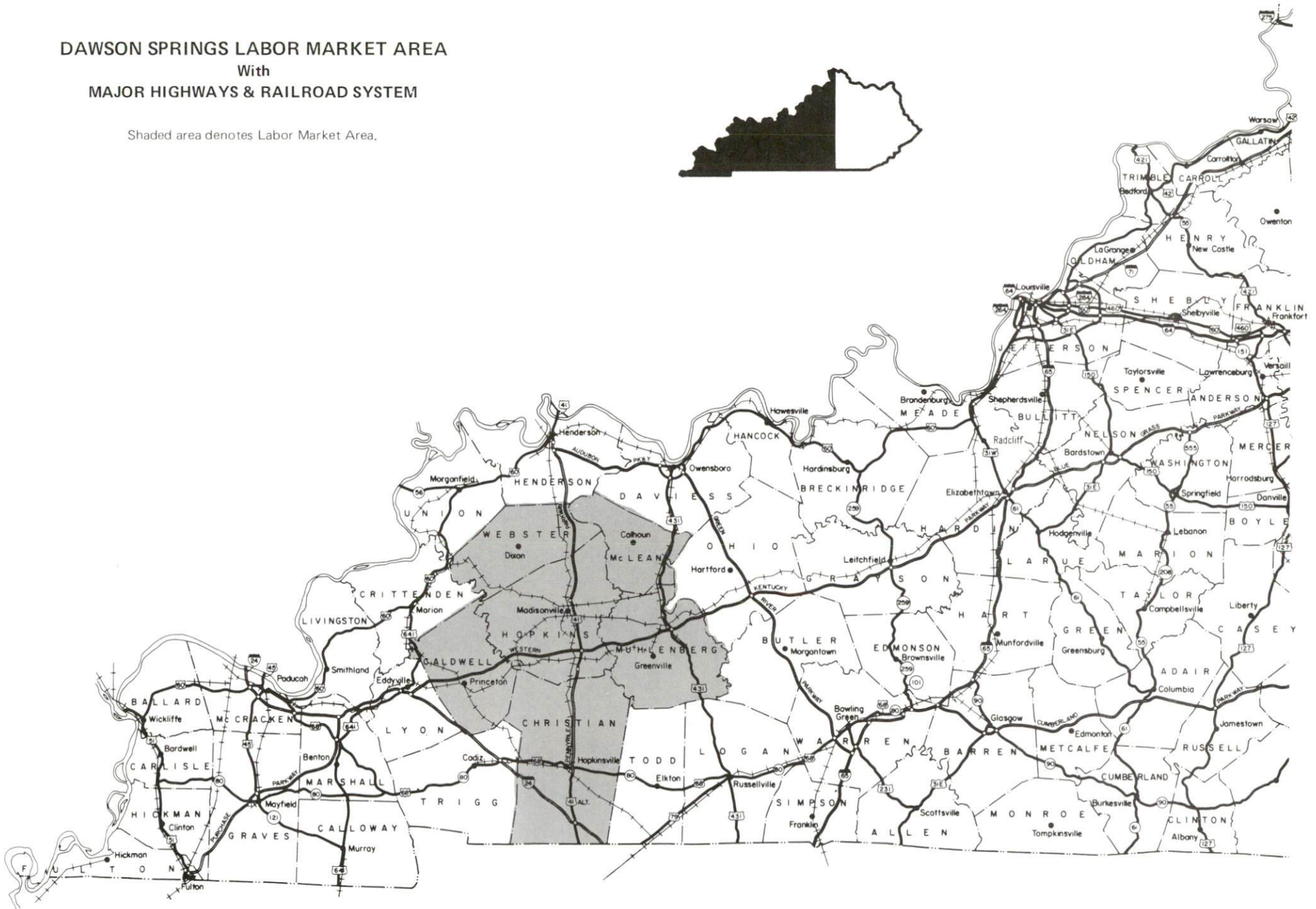
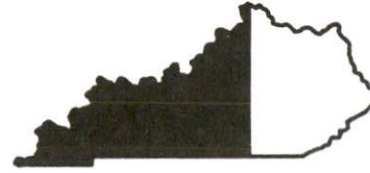
Transportation - The Western Kentucky Parkway and U.S. Highway 62, both "AAA"-rated highways, serve Dawson Springs. The Western Kentucky Parkway provides access to Interstate 24 and the Pennyriple Parkway. Sixteen trucking companies serve Dawson Springs with interstate and/or intrastate service. Paducah 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			
	1990	1980	1970
Labor Market Area	183,200	183,685	157,451
Dawson Springs	3,129	3,275	3,009
Hopkins County	46,126	46,174	38,167

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, January 1991.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
	2000	2010	2020	2030
Labor Market Area	178,140	181,790	182,890	181,400
Hopkins County	47,940	48,900	49,160	48,560

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY					
	Current				Future
	Total	Unemployed	Employed Part-Time	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1990 thru 1994
Labor Market Area*	28,649	5,001	7,769	15,879	14,267
Hopkins County	6,481	1,349	2,058	3,074	3,621

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

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

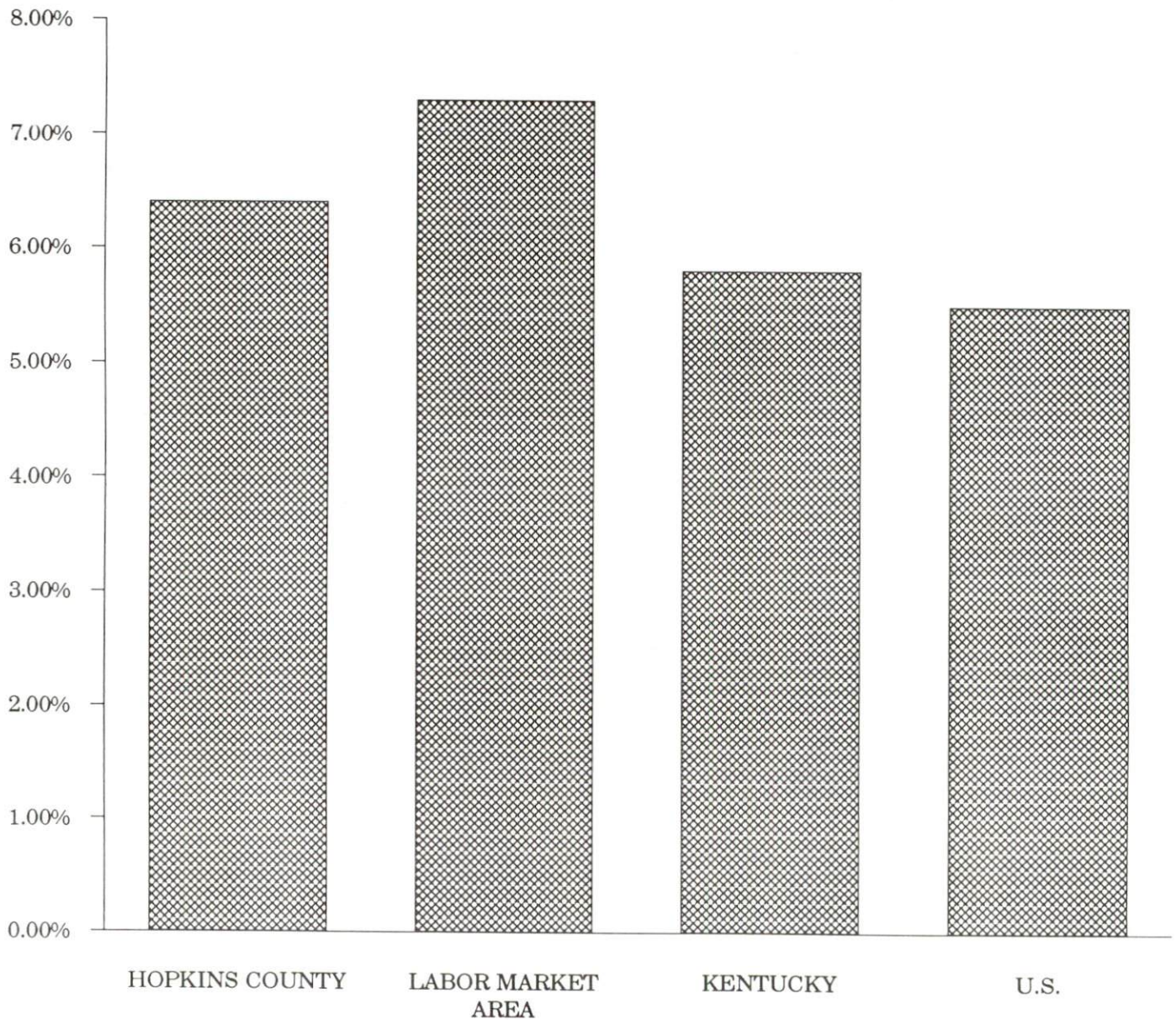
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1989. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1990 thru 1994.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1990

	Hopkins County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	19,859	66,341
Employment	18,589	61,504
Unemployment	1,270	4,837
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.4	7.3

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1990.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1990

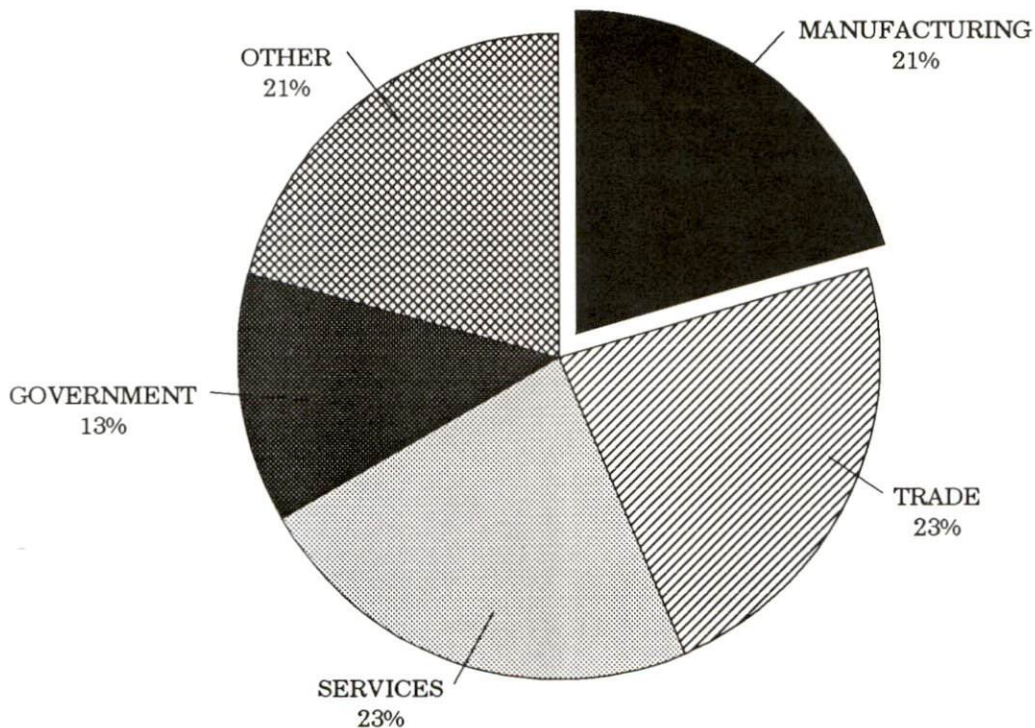


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989

	Hopkins County	Labor Market Area
All Industries (total)	17,224	52,477
Manufacturing	3,596	11,559
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3,965	13,418
Services	3,979	10,225
State/Local Government	2,163	7,425
Contract Construction	519	1,500

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.

HOPKINS COUNTY

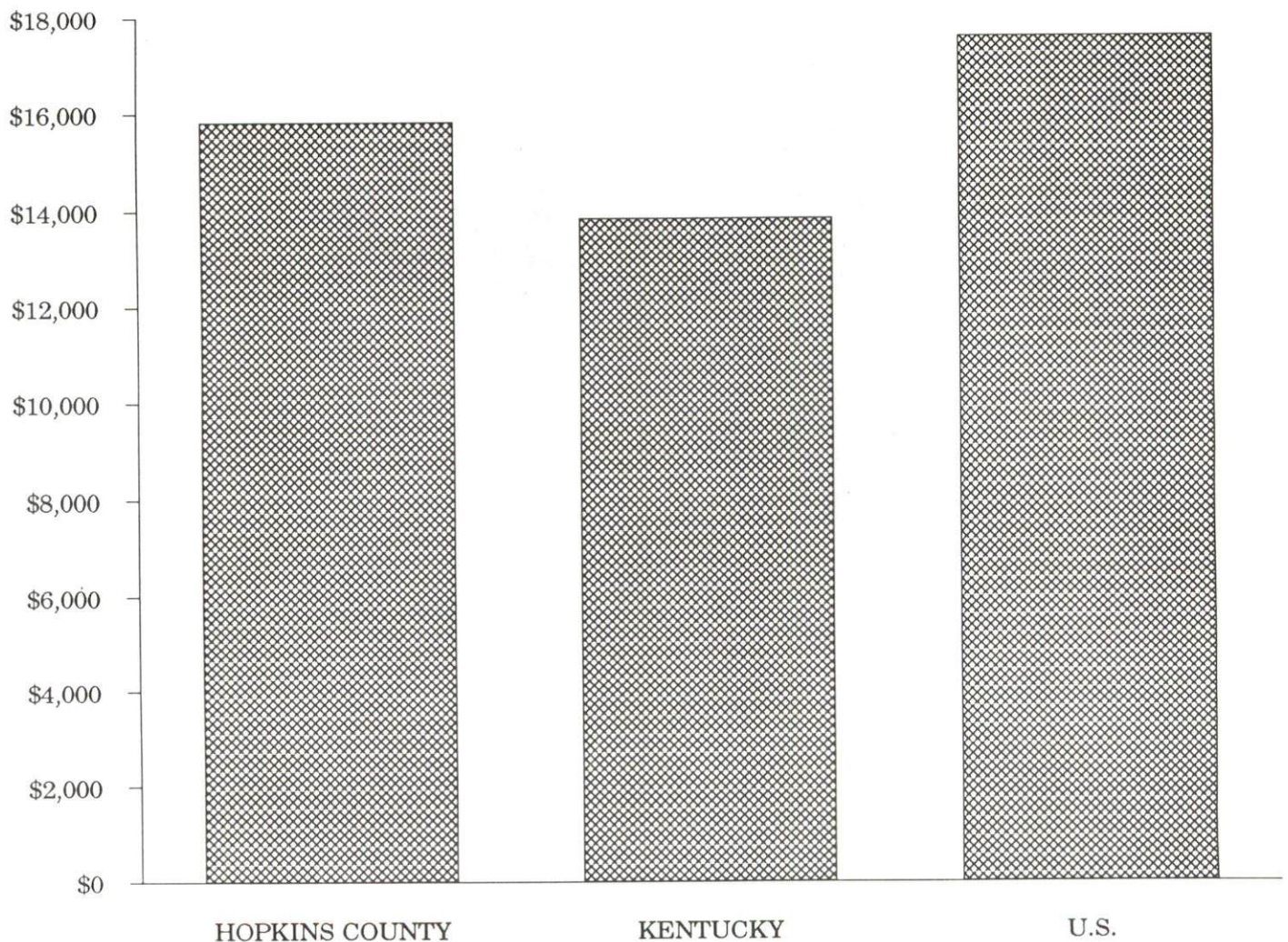


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1985	1989	Percent Change
Hopkins County	\$12,459	\$15,812	26.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$9,700 - \$12,459	\$11,783 - \$16,209	-
Kentucky	\$10,755	\$13,823	28.5
U.S.	\$13,899	\$17,594	26.6

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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1989



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

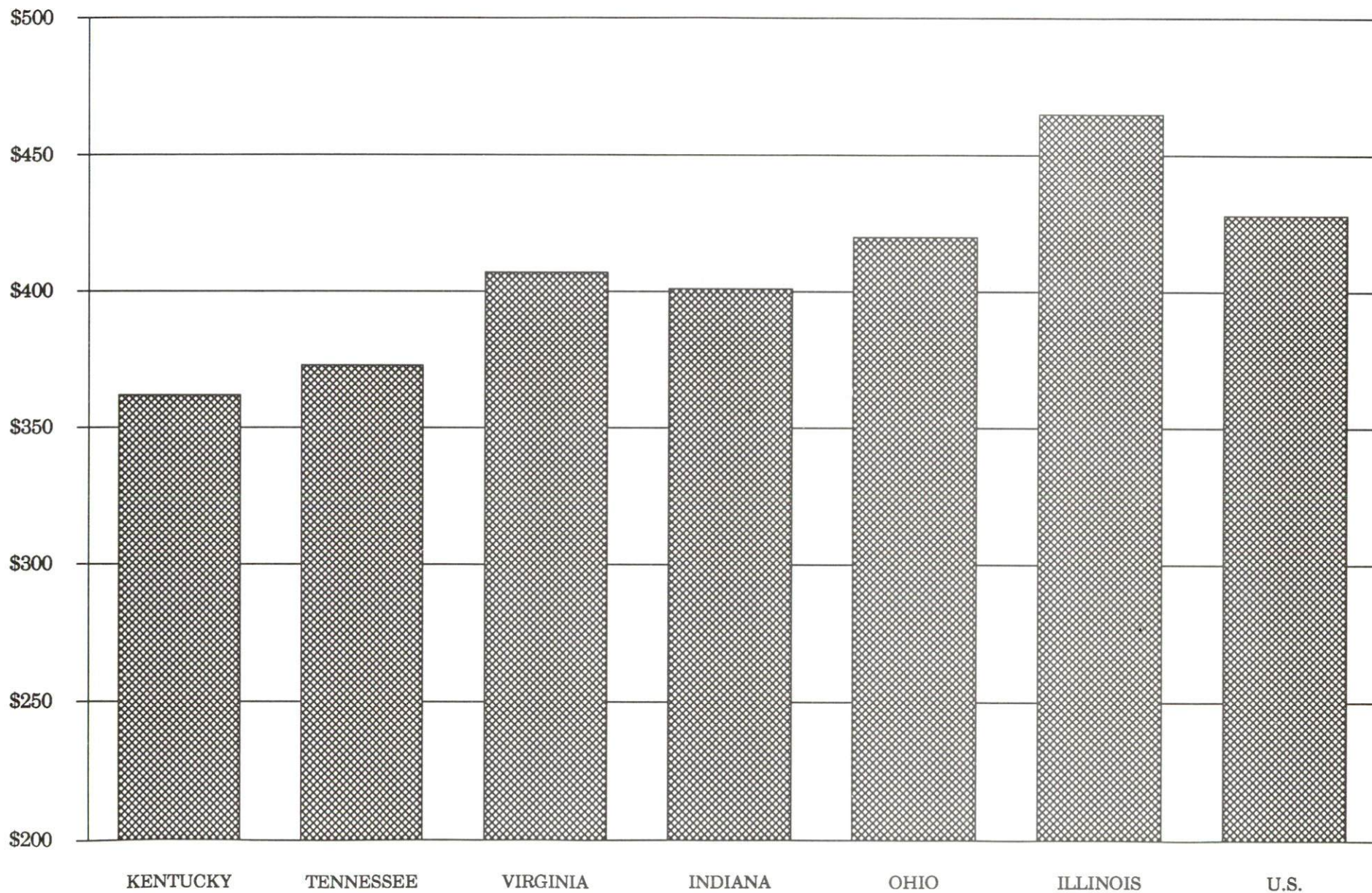
Hopkins County is served by the Madisonville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Madisonville local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1990, the local employment office filled 1,782 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	1,782	5.04
Clerical	565	4.00
Sales	75	4.40
Services (excluding domestic)	244	3.71
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	25	4.48
Processing	79	6.79
Machine Trades	49	8.12
Bench Work	314	4.01
Structural	139	6.42
Motor Freight/ Transportation	82	7.21
Packaging and Materials Handling	98	6.36
Other	58	14.43

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 - 1989



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1989*

	Hopkins County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$375.43	\$362.03	\$373.00	\$407.00
Mining & Quarrying	767.15	623.82	522.00	576.00
Contract Construction	307.97	388.21	407.00	434.00
Manufacturing	469.64	472.92	431.00	470.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	452.18	482.22	493.00	575.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	233.41	245.12	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	323.63	417.89	448.00	488.00
Services	301.61	310.29	357.00	409.00
State/Local Government	359.78	370.61	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$401.00	\$420.00	\$465.00	\$428.00
Mining & Quarrying	693.00	596.00	707.00	688.00
Contract Construction	464.00	480.00	608.00	485.00
Manufacturing	546.00	580.00	566.00	534.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	504.00	533.00	582.00	556.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	418.00	456.00	594.00	544.00
Services	328.00	360.00	419.00	399.00
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, 1989. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1989, October 1990.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

DAWSON SPRINGS MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Buckhorn Corporation, Container Products Division (1963)	Rigid plastic trays, reusable cartons structural form products	190
Carolina Fabrics (1989)	Curtains & bedspreads	4
Dawson Springs Manufacturing Company (1980)	Ladies and men's shirts	70
Dawson Springs Mineral Water, Inc. (1987)	Bottled mineral water	4
The Dawson Springs Progress (1919)	Job printing, newspaper	6
Holt Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1965)	Foam and polyester pillows	12
JoAnn's Finishing Touch (1987)	Home furnishings	3
Keen's Country Curtains (1987)	Home furnishings	4
Vinise Menser Lumber Company (1951)	Rough lumber	2
Ottenheimer & Company, Inc. (1947)	Washable service apparel	102
Rose Metal Spinning Company (1979)	Stamping, lamp parts, lamps, metal industrial spinnings, metal lamp bases	4

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research and Planning; West Hopkins Industries, Inc.

Other Dawson Springs Employers

Mine Equipment and Mill Supply is a major non-manufacturing employer in Dawson Springs, employing 50 people.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

Union

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

Representing workers at:

Ottenheimer and Company, Inc.

Buckhorn Corporation, Container
Products Division

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</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	Madisonville, Kentucky	25
	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
	Madisonville, Kentucky	25
	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
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 Cabinet for Economic Development, 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 Pennyrile 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	339	Los Angeles, CA	2,067
Baltimore, MD	760	Louisville, KY	161
Birmingham, AL	285	Nashville, TN	98
Chicago, IL	362	New Orleans, LA	618
Cincinnati, OH	262	New York, NY	943
Cleveland, OH	509	Pittsburgh, PA	549
Detroit, MI	519	St. Louis, MO	239
Knoxville, TN	276		

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

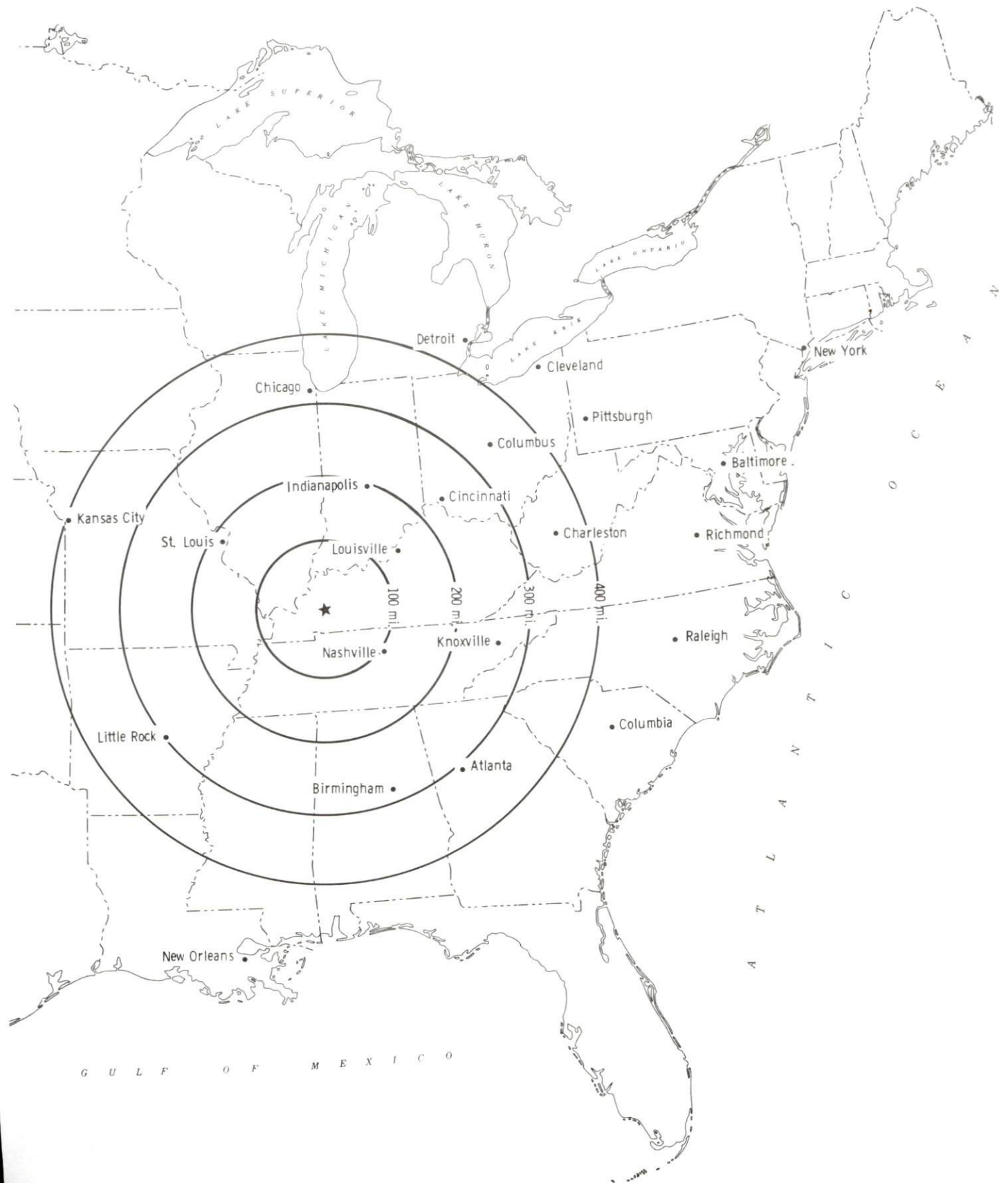
Sources: Rand McNally Deluxe Motor Carriers' Road Atlas, 1989. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1980.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1991.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Paducah and Louisville Railway provides main line rail service to Dawson Springs. 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
Runways: 1 mile northeast of Dawson Springs
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: 100LL octane, jet-A fuel; major and minor
A & P repairs; tie-downs; hangar; flight
training

Air Freight
Service: Charter 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: ComAir, TransWorld Express, Northwest Air
Link, USAir, Atlantic Southeast, American
Eagle
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 88

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
P.O. Box 866
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 -	890,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,250,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,800,000 gallons
Water pressure -	25 psi to 125 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 -	364,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	250,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Clarifiers, aerator, digester
Treated effluent discharged into -	Tradewater River

The City Water and Sewer System recently completed the renovation and expansion of its wastewater treatment facility. The \$2.5 million project increased the plant's treatment capacity from 320,000 to 364,000 gallons per day.

CLIMATE

Hopkins County

Temperature

Normal (29-year record)	59.20 degrees
Average annual 1989	58.80 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (50-year record)	107.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (50-year record)	-17.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (29-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	3,756

Precipitation

Normal (29-year record)	48.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall (48-year record)	10.90 inches
Total precipitation 1989	57.03 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (48-year record)	118.80
Mean number days thunderstorms (48-year record)	53.50

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (24-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, 1989. 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, Hanson, 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. Business license fees ranging from \$35 to \$200 are assessed on various types of business operating in Dawson Springs. An annual truck operators license of \$25 and a car license of \$10 are required.

PROPERTY TAXES

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside of city limits may also be subject to city property taxes.

Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. A 15% reduction is automatically granted for accounts receivable.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1990 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.189	YES
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	NO
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	NO
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.050	NO
Goods in Process	0.050	NO
Finished Goods	0.050	YES
Motor Vehicles	0.450	YES
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.450	YES
Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand)	0.250	NO

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1990

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Hopkins County	\$0.1430	\$0.1420	\$0.1420
School Districts:			
Dawson Springs			
Independent	0.6870	0.6870	0.6800
Hopkins County	0.4530	0.4530	0.4520
Cities:			
Dawson Springs	0.1970	0.1900	0.1900

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Dawson Springs Independent	Hopkins County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1990)	617	8,028
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1989-90)	16.2-1	18.0-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1989-90)	63.2	53.4
Expenditures Per Pupil (1989-90)	\$3,032.07	\$2,731.94

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1990)</u>
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky (25)	2,136
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville, Kentucky (27)	1,828
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, Tennessee (53)	6,347
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (62)	1,371
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (66)	2,796
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (71)	8,097
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (72)	6,480
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (72)	3,051
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (86)	756
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (86)	707
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (86)	2,415
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (92)	15,240

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 1989-1990</u>
Caldwell County Area Vocational Education Center	Princeton, Kentucky (16)	255
Madisonville State Vocational- Technical School	Madisonville, Kentucky (25)	354

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 2
Dentists - 3
Optometrist - 1

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Regional Medical Center of Hopkins County	Madisonville (25)	194
Jenny Stuart Medical Center	Hopkinsville (27)	401

Regional Medical Center of Hopkins County

Medical staff - 85 active staff physicians; 26 courtesy staff physicians; 336 registered nurses; and 115 licensed practical nurses

Jenny Stuart Medical Center

Medical staff - 84 physicians; 120 registered nurses, and 65 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Trover Clinic
Dawson Springs Health Care Center
Outwood Res-Care (residential facility for the mentally retarded)
Medical Center Ambulance Service
Dawson Springs Emergency Squad

The Trover Clinic provides a wide range of health services to the citizens of Dawson Springs. Services include two physicians, X-ray, laboratory and pharmacy. Emergency medical treatment is available during office hours.

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Commercial Bank of Dawson
First Federal Savings Bank of Kentucky

Newspapers

Dawson Springs Progress (weekly)

Telephone Service

South Central Bell Telephone Company

RECREATION

Recreational facilities are abundant in and around Dawson Springs. The Dawson Springs Community Center has a full-time recreational director and provides year-round recreational programs for all ages. Small stage productions are presented at the center in addition to an annual barbecue, and banquets. The Dawson Springs Municipal Park offers playgrounds, four ball fields, running tracks, a basketball court, two lighted tennis courts, picnic areas and shelters, and a public swimming pool. Construction of a walking trail is currently under way at the park. The city of Dawson Springs is utilizing a Land and Water Conservation Grant to complete the \$15,000 project.

The Dawson Springs Museum and Arts 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 six 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 nine-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)

Kenlake State Resort Park
Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
Lake Barkley State Resort Park
The Land Between the Lakes

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

Ottenheimer and Company, Inc. completed an expansion in 1990, increasing employment from 40 to 102.

A \$2.5 million renovation and expansion was recently completed at the Dawson Springs wastewater treatment plant. Treatment capacity at the plant was increased from 320,000 to 364,000 gallons per day.

In recent years, Dawson Springs has implemented many improvements to the community's appearance and to the quality of life. Through the Main Street Program, local banks have made available low interest loans for the renovation of buildings. Three buildings have already been renovated since the program began. In addition, an "adopt a spot" program was started in which community organizations and businesses maintain areas of the community by planting flowers and keeping the areas litter free. The Dawson Springs Museum also continues to grow and to offer exhibits illustrating Dawson Springs' heritage.

Under Way

West Hopkins Industries, Inc. is in the process of developing a master plan for the development of their industrial park. The economic development organization is working with a consulting engineer to create a plan to install utilities, an access road, and to have environmental audits performed. There are currently 35 acres available in the park. West Hopkins Industries, Inc. also plans to place options on additional land for industrial sites.

In 1990, Buckhorn Corporation announced that it would implement a \$20 million expansion over the next five years. A new 25,000 square-foot warehouse and loading facility has been constructed and eleven employees were added in 1991.

Construction of a walking trail at the Dawson Springs Municipal Park is scheduled to be completed in July 1991. The city of Dawson Springs invested \$7,500 in the project and received a matching Land and Water Conservation Grant to complete the \$15,000 project.