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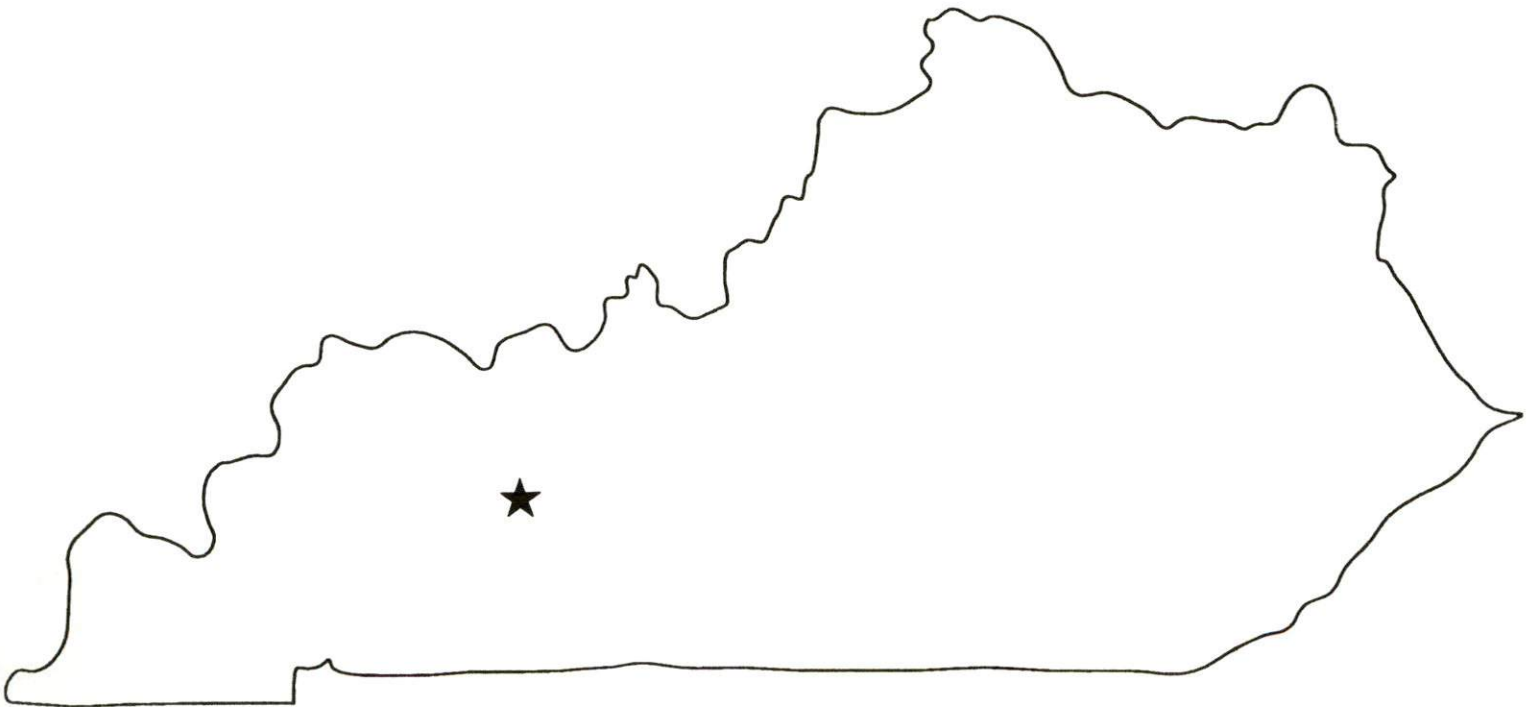
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**Resources For
Economic Development**

Dawson Springs



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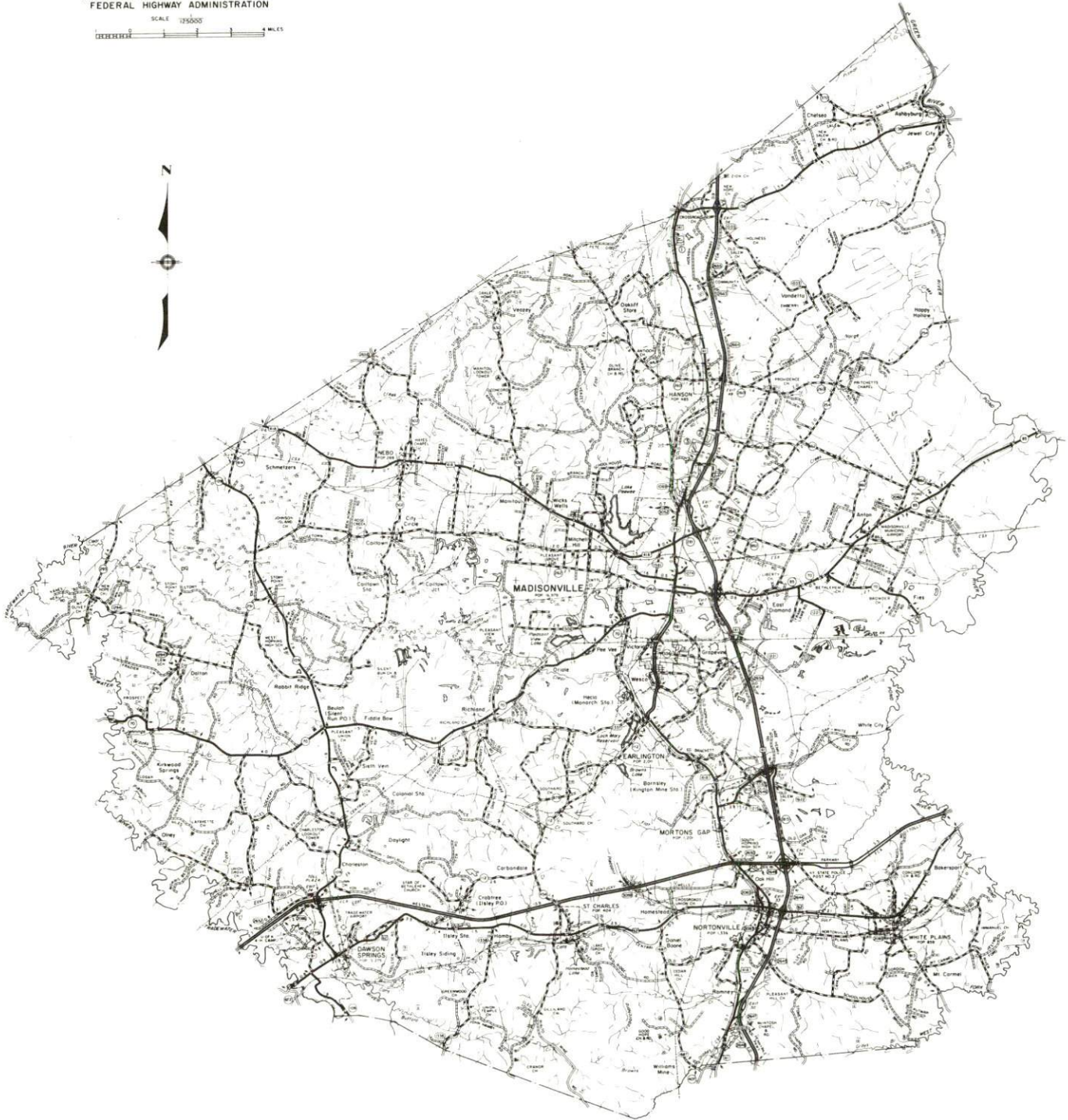
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
HOPKINS COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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



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 230 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. Dawson Springs had a 1990 population of 3,129.

Hopkins County, with a land area of 550 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 1992 averaged 16,751. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 2,761 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 3,988 jobs; 4,175 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 2,437 employees; and contract construction firms provided 557 jobs.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 27,946 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1993 through 1997, 13,112 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 trucking highways, serve Dawson Springs. The Western Kentucky Parkway provides access to Interstate 24 and the Pennyriple Parkway. Nineteen 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 Barkley Regional Airport near Paducah, Kentucky, 68 miles west of Dawson Springs. A local airstrip with a 3,100-foot turf runway is located in Dawson Springs. Lake Barkley, the nearest navigable waterway, provides riverport facilities 28 miles west of Dawson Springs.

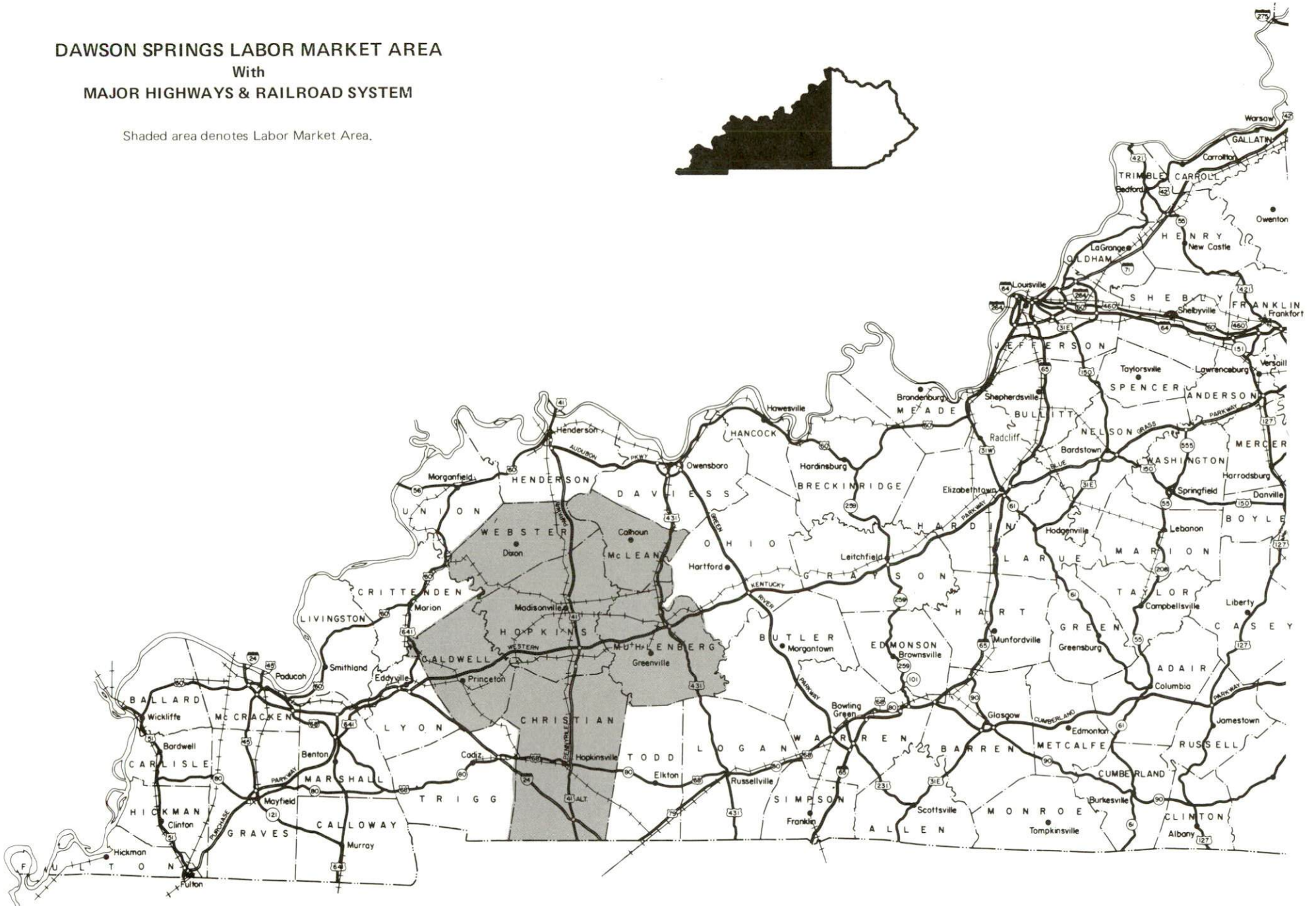
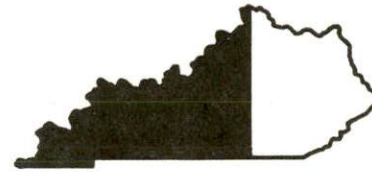
Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Dawson Springs and portions of Hopkins County by Kentucky Utilities Company. Hopkins County is also served by the Green River Electric Corporation and Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided by Western Kentucky 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 Technical School, 18 miles northeast; and at the Caldwell County Area Vocational Education Center in Princeton, 12 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>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
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

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	185,401	186,973	189,376	190,996
Hopkins County	46,311	46,272	45,807	44,857

Note: Population projections are from Moderate Growth Series forecast.

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

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>		<u>Future</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1993 thru 1997</u>
Labor Market Area*	27,946	6,149	21,797	13,112
Hopkins County	6,435	1,808	4,627	3,587

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; 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). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

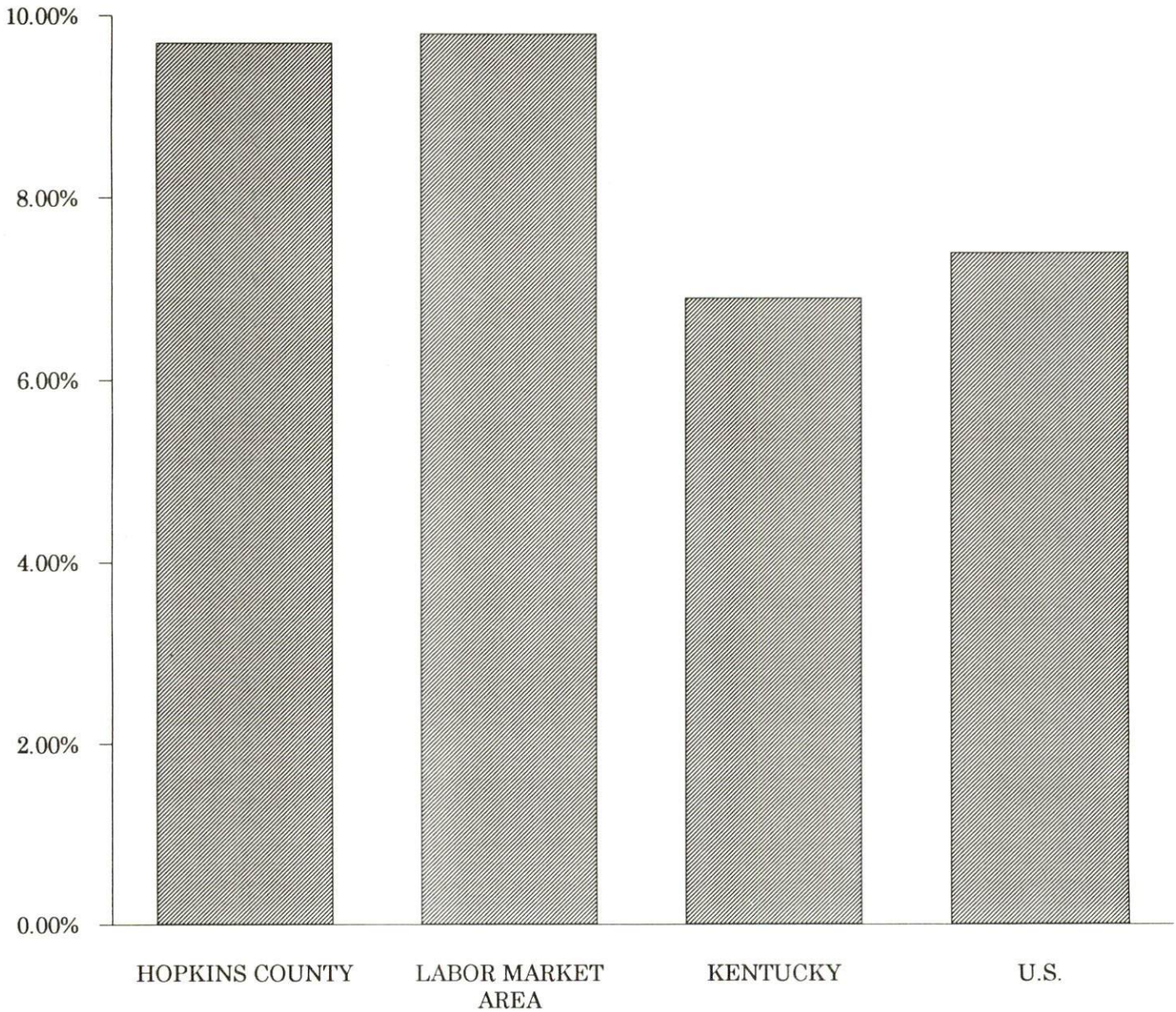
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1992. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1993 thru 1997.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1992

	<u>Hopkins County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	18,559	63,058
Employment	16,751	56,909
Unemployment	1,808	6,149
Rate of Unemployment (%)	9.7	9.8

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1992.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
1992**

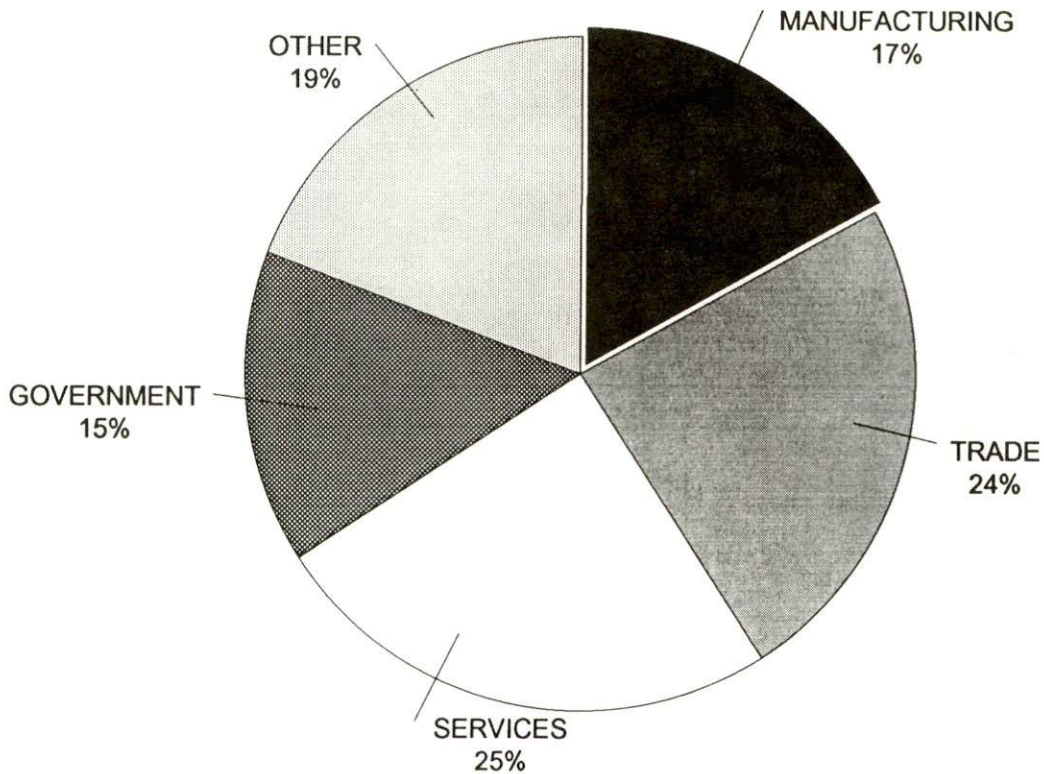


SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992

	<u>Hopkins County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	16,580	52,950
Manufacturing	2,761	10,641
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3,988	13,170
Services	4,175	11,158
State/Local Government	2,437	8,269
Contract Construction	557	1,569

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, 1992.

HOPKINS COUNTY

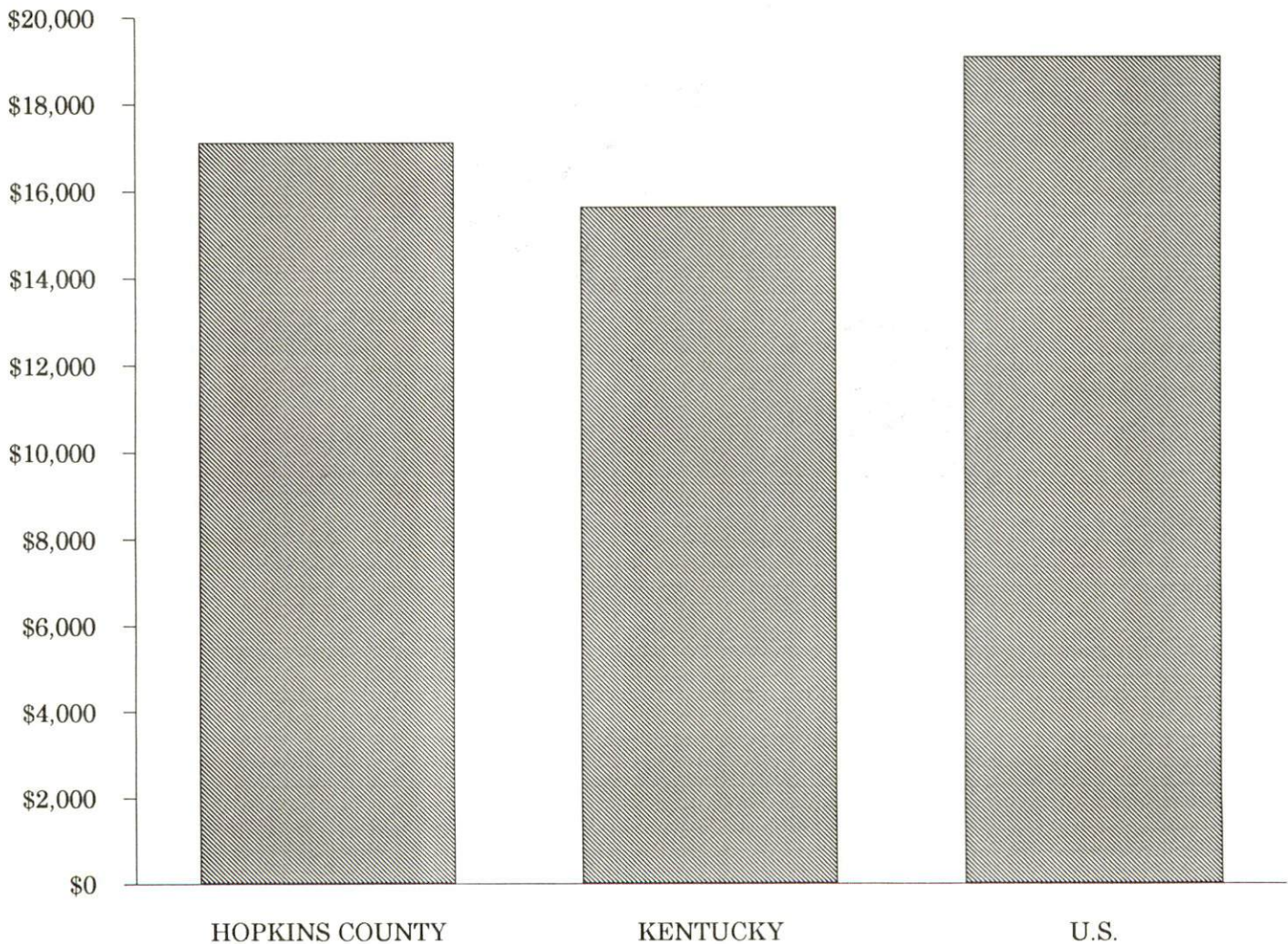


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	1987	1991	Percent Change
Hopkins County	\$13,995	\$17,110	22.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,046 - \$13,995	\$11,944 - \$18,847	-
Kentucky	\$12,216	\$15,626	27.9
U.S.	\$15,638	\$19,091	22.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, April 1993.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME
1991



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

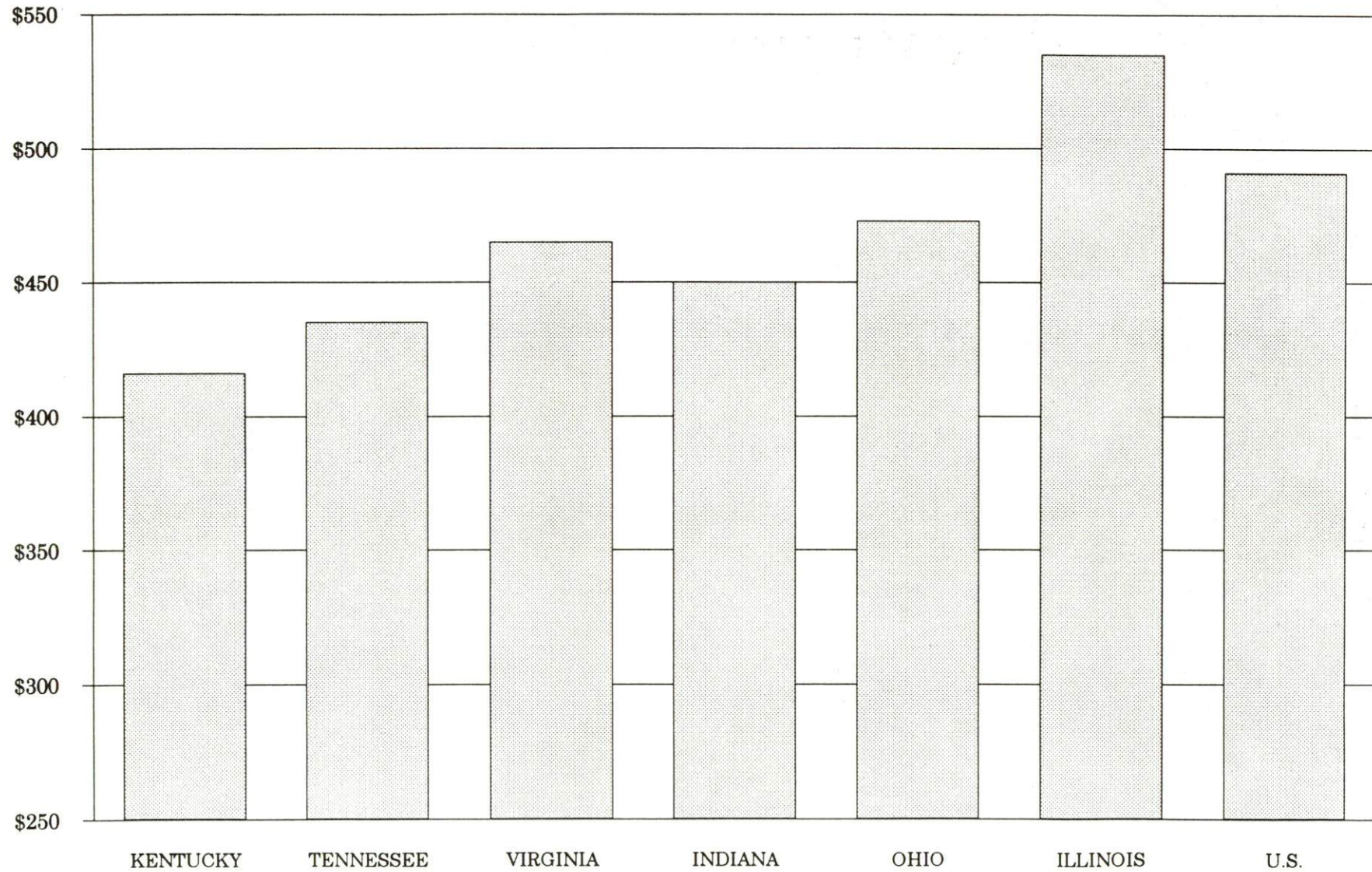
Hopkins County is served by the Madisonville local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Madisonville local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1993, the local employment office filled 1,676 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	1,676	5.14
Clerical	584	5.12
Sales	122	4.63
Services (excluding domestic)	236	4.39
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	27	4.44
Processing	42	4.64
Machine Trades	35	6.32
Bench Work	314	4.35
Structural	146	7.76
Motor Freight/ Transportation	76	5.58
Packaging and Materials Handling	48	5.44
Other	13	6.69

The Madisonville local office also serves Crittenden and Muhlenberg County. 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 - 1992**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1992*

	Hopkins County	Kentucky (State- Wide)	Tennessee	Virginia
All Industries	\$407.77	\$415.94	\$435.00	\$465.00
Mining & Quarrying	848.57	685.48	564.00	690.00
Contract Construction	374.57	431.97	456.00	456.00
Manufacturing	514.99	535.73	510.00	535.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	532.31	560.84	561.00	637.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	261.61	282.29	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	390.13	493.68	548.00	576.00
Services	340.21	371.91	419.00	483.00
State/Local Government	410.91	434.01	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$450.00	\$473.00	\$535.00	\$491.00
Mining & Quarrying	731.00	639.00	787.00	799.00
Contract Construction	504.00	525.00	658.00	527.00
Manufacturing	609.00	653.00	652.00	612.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	548.00	590.00	674.00	632.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	511.00	545.00	728.00	670.00
Services	386.00	419.00	488.00	468.00
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, 1992. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1992, October 1993.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

DAWSON SPRINGS MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm (Establishment date)	Product	1992 Average Employment
Buckhorn Corporation, Container Products Division (1963)	Rigid plastic trays, injection mold, reusable shipping containers, structural form products	190
Carolina Fabrics (1989)	Curtains & bedspreads	4
The Dawson Springs Progress (1919)	Job printing, newspaper	6
Holt Manufacturing Company, Inc. (1965)	Foam and polyester pillows	12
Keen's Country Curtains (1987)	Home furnishings	4
Vinise Menser Lumber Company (1951)	Rough lumber	2
Ottenheimer & Company, Inc. (1947)	Washable service apparel, uniforms	150
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; West Hopkins Industries, Inc.

Other Dawson Springs Employers

Mine Equipment and Mill Supply is a major non-manufacturing employer in Dawson Springs, employing 85 people. The company supplies explosives and mining supplies to the mining industry.

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Buckhorn Corporation completed a \$3.5 million expansion in May 1993. The expansion included the addition of 26,000 square feet and installation of a 100-ton injection molding machine. The expansion created eight additional jobs.

Ottenheimer & Company, Inc. announced in July 1993 its intention to increase employment from 150 to 200-250 during 1994.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union AFL-CIO	Ottenheimer & Company, Inc.
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO	Buckhorn Corporation, Container Products Division

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Dawson Springs</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Dawson Springs, Kentucky	-
Electric Motor Repair	Princeton, Kentucky	12
Heat Treating Facilities	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
Industrial Waste Removal	Dawson Springs, Kentucky	-
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Madisonville, Kentucky	18
	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27
Metal Castings	Elkton, Kentucky	48
Metal Finishers	Madisonville, Kentucky	18
Metal Service Centers	Madisonville, Kentucky	18
Millwrights & Riggers	Hopkinsville, Kentucky	27

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

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major highways serving Dawson Springs include the Western Kentucky Parkway, a multi-lane, 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 Pennyriple Parkway, a multi-lane, north-south highway, and U.S. Highway 41 are accessible 16 miles east via the Western Kentucky Parkway. Interstate 64 is located approximately 80 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	1,981
Baltimore, MD	737	Louisville, KY	161
Birmingham, AL	285	Nashville, TN	98
Chicago, IL	359	New Orleans, LA	607
Cincinnati, OH	261	New York, NY	915
Cleveland, OH	508	Pittsburgh, PA	543
Detroit, MI	521	St. Louis, MO	230
Knoxville, TN	274		

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

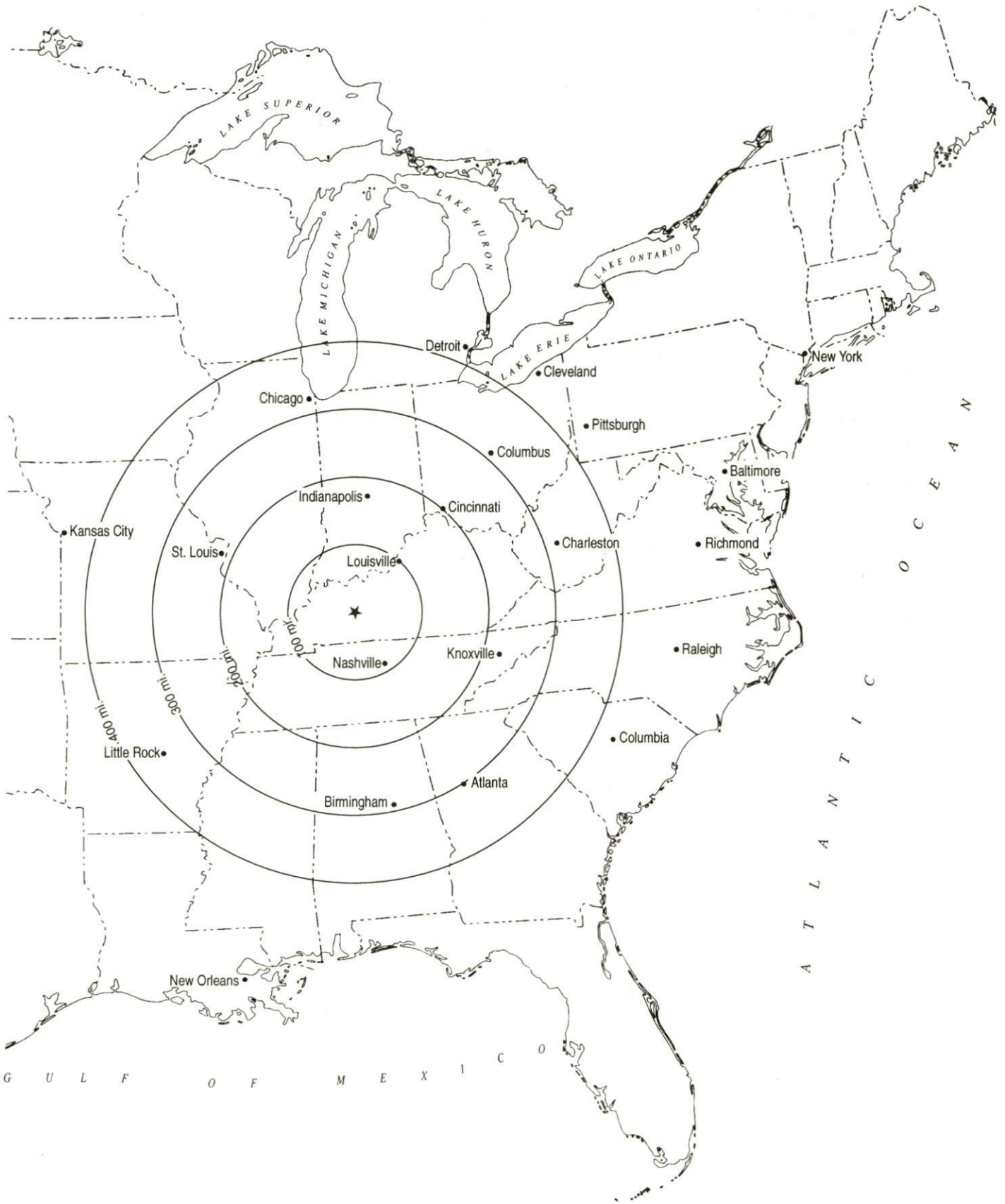
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.

Truck Service

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

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1993.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

Paducah and Louisville Railway provides main line rail service to Dawson Springs. The nearest intermodal 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: Dawson Springs
Length: 1 turf
Traffic: 3,100 feet
Control: Wind sock
Lighting: None
Services: None

Location: Madisonville Municipal Airport
6 miles east of Madisonville
24 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 (Commuter)

Location: Barkley Regional Airport
6 miles west of Paducah, Kentucky;
68 miles west of Dawson Springs
Air Service: American Eagle, TransWorld Express, Northwest
Airlink
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 36

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location: Evansville Regional Airport
3 miles north of Evansville, Indiana;
70 miles north of Dawson Springs
Air Service: ComAir, TransWorld Express, Northwest
Airlink, USAir, Atlantic Southeast,
American Eagle
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 88

Nearest International Airport

Location: Nashville International Airport
6 miles southeast of Nashville, Tennessee;
104 miles southeast of Dawson Springs
Air Service: American, Delta, Northwest, TWA, Southwest,
United, USAir, ComAir, USAir Express,
American Eagle, Atlantic Southeast
Daily Arrivals
& Departures: 682

Water

Lake Barkley, located 28 miles west of Dawson Springs, is part of the inland waterway system. Lake Barkley is formed by the Cumberland River and a nine-foot navigation channel is maintained. The Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers are all part of the inland waterway system and are interconnected at or near the northwestern portion of Lake Barkley.

The Port of Lyon County operates a public port facility on Lake Barkley which is located approximately 28 miles west of Dawson Springs. The Port consists of a 32-acre public port which includes loading facilities for grain, coal and limestone; a public dock with crane service; and outside storage areas.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving Dawson Springs and southern Hopkins County - Kentucky
Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

For industrial rates contact:

Economic Development Department
Kentucky Utilities Company
One Quality Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-2100

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
2201 New Hartford Road
P.O. Box 866
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302
(502) 685-8069

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Dawson Springs-**

City Water and Sewer System
200 West Arcadia Avenue
P.O. Box 345
Dawson Springs, Kentucky 42408
(502) 797-2844

Source -	Lake Beshear
Treatment plant capacity -	3,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	930,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,050,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	1,460,000 gallons
Water pressure -	25 psi to 125 psi

Sewerage

Company serving **Dawson Springs -**

City Water and Sewer System
200 West Arcadia Avenue
P.O. Box 345
Dawson Springs, Kentucky 42408
(502) 797-2844

Design capacity -	364,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow -	290,000 gallons
Type of treatment -	Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into -	Tradewater River

The Dawson Springs Water and Sewer System plans to extend sewer lines from existing lines north to the Western Kentucky Parkway.

CLIMATE

Hopkins County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	59.20 degrees
Average annual 1991	61.40 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (52-year record)	107.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (52-year record)	-17.00 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.)	3,756

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	48.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall (50-year record)	10.50 inches
Total precipitation 1991	46.94 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (50-year record)	118.50
Mean number days thunderstorms (50-year record)	53.20

Prevailing winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity (26-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, 1991. 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 one and one-half 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 \$500 are assessed on various types of businesses 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. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1992 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.184	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, 1992

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Hopkins County	\$0.1445	\$0.1435	\$0.1430
School Districts:			
Dawson Springs			
Independent	0.6870	0.6870	0.6870
Hopkins County	0.5770	0.5770	0.5470
Cities:			
Dawson Springs	0.2000	0.2000	0.1900

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Dawson Springs Independent	Hopkins County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1992)	688	7,935
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1991-92)	18.3-1	18.0-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1991-92)	51.4	48.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1991-92)	\$3,375.82	\$3,332.55

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1992)</u>
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky (18)	2,403
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville, Kentucky (27)	3,020
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, Tennessee (53)	7,816
Henderson Community College	Henderson, Kentucky (57)	1,458
Paducah Community College	Paducah, Kentucky (66)	3,133
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (67)	3,071
University of Southern Indiana	Evansville, Indiana (67)	7,430
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky (71)	8,190
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky (73)	800
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky (73)	769
Owensboro Community College	Owensboro, Kentucky (73)	2,900
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green, Kentucky (92)	15,750

Madisonville Community College provides as a special service, the Business and Industry Technical Assistance Center (BITAC). The formation of this center, to assist area business and industry in the education process, is an example of the college's commitment to the economic development of the region. The Center conducts entrepreneurial training and retraining for dislocated workers in the area.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

Kentucky Tech schools are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and provide secondary (Sec) and postsecondary (P/S) vocational-technical training.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Dawson Springs)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1992-1993</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	
Caldwell County Area Vocational Education Center	Princeton (12)	6	<u>260</u>	<u>56</u>	42
Madisonville State Technical School	Madisonville (18)	9	<u>89</u>	<u>162</u>	56
Madisonville Health Technology Center	Madisonville (18)	10	<u>43</u>	<u>247</u>	94

A \$3.2 million annex to the Health Technology Center was completed in October 1993. The addition enables the center to add training programs in pharmacy technician, ophthalmology assistant and occupational therapy assistant. Existing programs that were moved to the three-level, 46,000-square-foot annex are medical office technology, respiratory care, biomedical equipment technology, computer applications and paramedic training.

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its Training and Development Coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the West Region office in Madisonville.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills and academic potential.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. Dawson Springs High School, through the Caldwell County School System, is currently in the second year implementation of its program in the area of home economics and health services.

Articulation

Articulation agreements developed between various colleges and universities and the Kentucky Tech system allow students to earn credits to be used when matriculating to degree programs at a college or university. Madisonville STS and Madisonville HTC each have articulation agreements with Madisonville Community College. Madisonville HTC also has articulation agreements in most of its health programs with other universities throughout the state.

Adult Education Services

Adult education is available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency degree. In Hopkins County, adult literacy and adult basic education is available through the Hopkins County Adult Learning Center.

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 a major 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.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 3
Dentists - 3
Optometrists - 1

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Regional Medical Center of Hopkins County	Madisonville (18)	410
Jennie Stuart Medical Center	Hopkinsville (27)	194

Regional Medical Center of Hopkins County

Medical staff - 94 active staff physicians; 15 courtesy staff physicians; 314 registered nurses; and 98 licensed practical nurses

Jennie Stuart Medical Center

Medical staff - 59 physicians; 159 registered nurses, and 60 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 three physicians, X-ray, laboratory and pharmacy. Emergency medical treatment is available during office hours.

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

First Federal Savings Bank of Kentucky
Trans-Financial Bank

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, a public swimming pool, and a walking trail.

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
Kentucky Lake
Lake Barkley

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Buckhorn Corporation completed a \$3.5 million expansion in May 1993. The expansion included the addition of 26,000 square feet and installation of a 100-ton injection molding machine. The expansion created eight additional jobs.

Ottenheimer & Company, Inc. announced in July 1993 its intention to increase employment from 150 to 200-250 during 1994.

The Dawson Springs Water and Sewer Systems plans to extend sewer lines from existing lines north to the Western Kentucky Parkway.

Preserve Darby House, Inc. is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1992. A small group of local people purchased the Darby House, located on Arcadia Avenue, and have been able to generate funding for the preservation of the last, remaining (relatively intact) boarding house dating from the "Spa" era of the community. In the near future the building will house offices for West Hopkins Industries, Inc., Chamber of Commerce, and the Main Street program. The facility will also be a "welcome center," furnishing information about the community and surrounding area to tourists.