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ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Elizabethtown, the county seat of Hardin County, is located in west central Kentucky at the intersection of several major highway systems. The city is situated 44 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky; 84 miles southwest of Lexington, Kentucky; 131 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee; and 141 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. Elizabethtown had an estimated 1996 population of 19,434 persons.

Hardin County covers a land area of 628 square miles and is located primarily in Kentucky's Mississippian Plateaus Region, an area of gently rolling plains and uplands. The topography of the county is diverse, ranging from limestone plains in the eastern and central portions of the county, to steep high ridges further west. The county had an estimated 1996 population of 89,404 persons.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Hardin County residents employed in 1996 averaged 33,779. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 6,576 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 8,531 jobs; 6,191 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 4,832 employees; contract construction firms provided 1,571 jobs; and 66 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

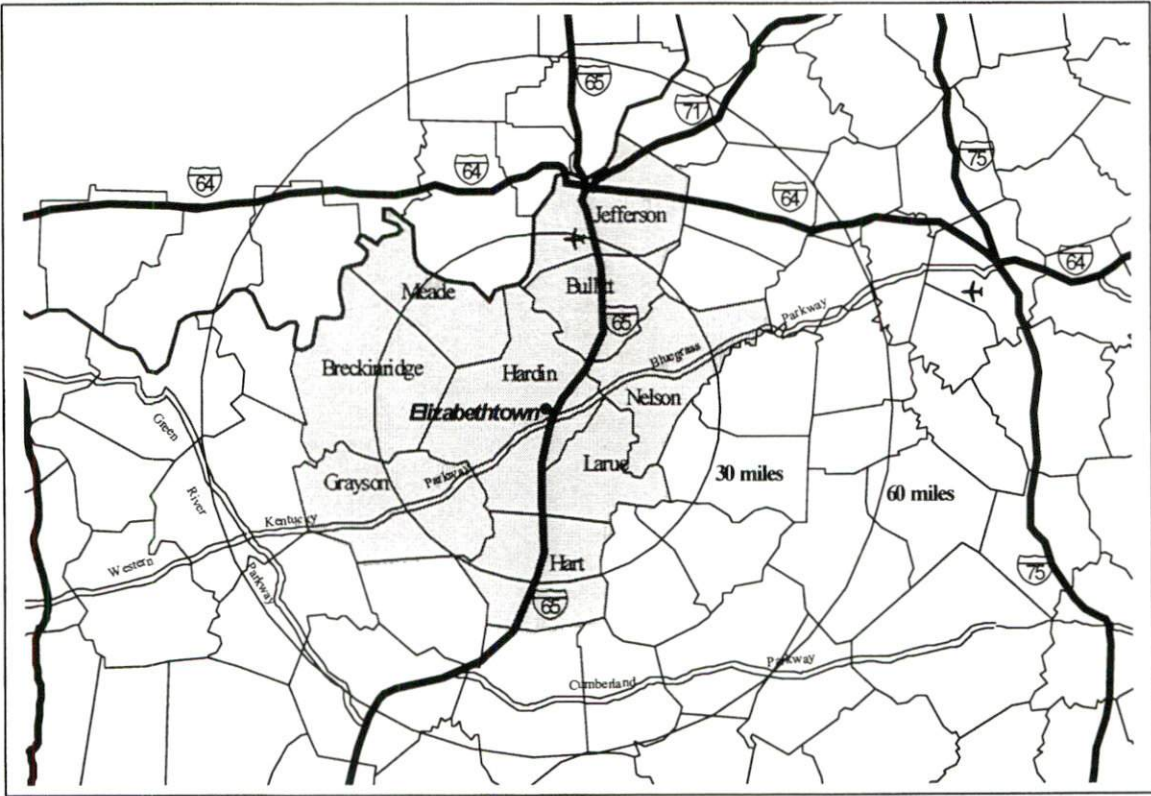
Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 233,919 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1998 through 2002, approximately 66,984 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Elizabethtown is served by Interstate Highway 65, the Bluegrass Parkway, the Western Kentucky Parkway, U.S. Highways 31W and 62, and Kentucky Route 61, all of which are AAA-rated trucking highways. Twenty-seven common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to the area. Two companies maintain local terminals. CSX Transportation and the Paducah and Louisville Railway provide main line rail service to Elizabethtown. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is located at the Louisville International Airport, 40 miles north of Elizabethtown. Addington Field, a local airport four miles west of Elizabethtown, maintains a 5,000-foot paved runway.

Power and Fuel - Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Elizabethtown and portions of Hardin County. Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and the Louisville Gas and Electric Company also serve the county. The Elizabethtown Water and Gas Department provides natural gas service to Elizabethtown.

Education - The Elizabethtown Independent School System and the Hardin County School System, both accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, provide primary and secondary education to Elizabethtown and Hardin County. Elizabethtown Community College, a unit of the University of Kentucky Community College System, had a Fall 1997 enrollment of 3,419 students. Vocational-technical training is available locally at the Elizabethtown Regional Technology Center.

LABOR MARKET AREA MAPS



LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Elizabethtown labor market area includes Hardin County and the Kentucky counties of Breckinridge, Bullitt, Grayson, Hart, Jefferson, Larue, Meade, and Nelson.

Population

	<u>1996*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>
Labor Market Area	950,358	254,618	247,734
Elizabethtown	19,434	18,156	15,380
Hardin County	89,404	89,240	88,911

*Population estimates.

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

Population Projections

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	970,835	1,029,199	1,073,915
Hardin County	96,046	102,996	107,807

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

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

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1996</u>			<u>Future</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>	<u>Underemployed</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1998 thru 2002</u>
Labor Market Area*	233,919	23,631	13,953	196,335	66,984
Hardin County	19,444	1,975	6,660	10,809	7,066

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - people not working but actively seeking work. Potential Labor Supply - 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 - people employed in wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services. Only unemployed is a generally accepted measure. Potential Labor Supply and Underemployed are weaker measures; use with caution.

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development estimates based upon data from Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1998 thru 2002.

Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1996

	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	35,754	488,712
Employment	33,779	465,081
Unemployment	1,975	23,631
Rate of Unemployment (%)	5.5	4.8

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1996.

Work Force Commuting Patterns (1990)

Workers Commuting out of County	4,348
Workers Commuting into County	12,237
Working and Residing in County	38,184

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

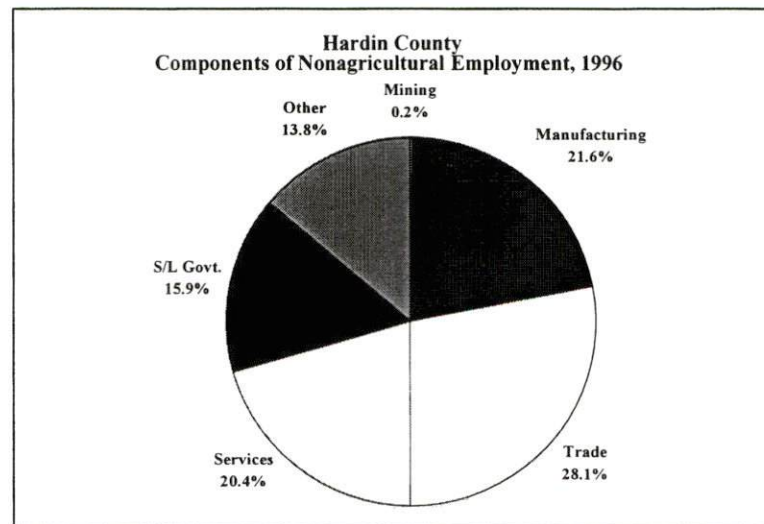
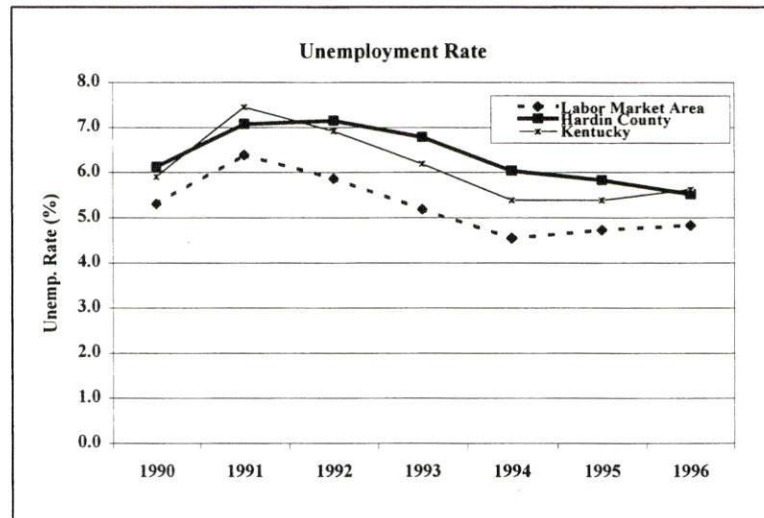
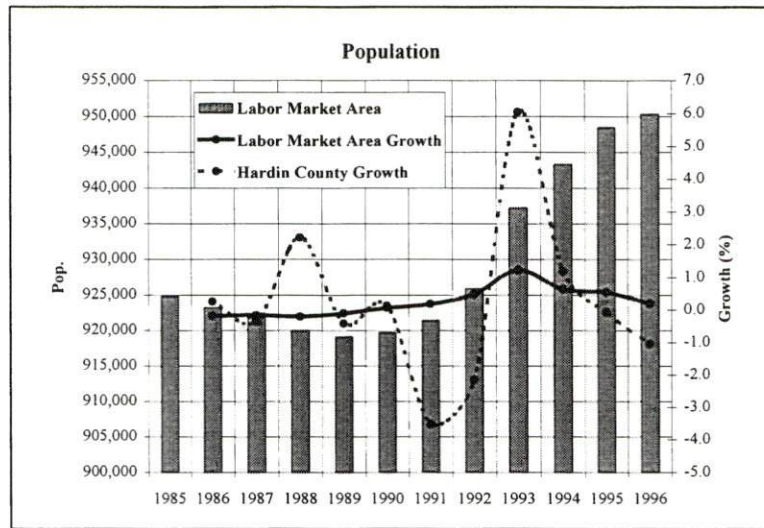
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1996

	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	30,383	471,628
Manufacturing	6,576	83,800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	8,531	122,018
Services	6,191	30,328
State/Local Government	4,832	47,164
Contract Construction	1,571	23,185
Mining and Quarrying	66	376

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1996.

SELECTED CHARTS



Per Capita Personal Income

<u>Area</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>Percent Change (1995-1991)</u>
Hardin County	\$14,504	\$16,672	14.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$11,848 - \$20,487	\$13,525 - \$25,055	-
Kentucky	\$14,747	\$17,721	20.2
U.S.	\$18,666	\$21,696	16.2

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

Average Placement Wages

Hardin County is served by the Elizabethtown local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Elizabethtown 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, 1996, the local employment office filled 2,931 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	2,931	6.57
Clerical	337	5.54
Sales	100	5.41
Services (excluding domestic)	409	5.10
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	37	5.33
Processing	24	6.19
Machine Trades	1,070	7.71
Bench Work	243	5.69
Structural	243	8.23
Motor Freight/ Transportation	82	5.57
Packaging and Materials Handling	311	5.43
Other	7	5.96

The Elizabethtown local office also serves Breckinridge, Grayson, Larue, and Meade Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services.

**Average Weekly Wages by Industry
by Place of Work, 1996***

	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$432.86	\$465.37	\$495.00	\$525.00
Mining & Quarrying	514.47	774.09	718.00	763.00
Contract Construction	449.82	489.34	524.00	515.00
Manufacturing	599.54	608.62	592.00	615.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	489.31	620.62	620.00	718.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	265.00	319.59	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	444.29	576.81	653.00	688.00
Services	400.62	420.80	471.00	550.00
State/Local Government	522.05	473.35	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$507.00	\$528.00	\$599.00	\$550.00
Mining & Quarrying	810.00	732.00	887.00	916.00
Contract Construction	577.00	590.00	731.00	583.00
Manufacturing	699.00	738.00	737.00	697.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	614.00	641.00	725.00	694.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	587.00	638.00	874.00	802.00
Services	434.00	466.00	547.00	523.00
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.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1996. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1996, November 1997.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Major Elizabethtown Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment*

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
AP Technoglass (1988)	Laminated automotive windshields, tempered automotive windows	614
Accumetric, Inc. (1970)	Primers; industrial adhesives; metering, mixing equipment	120
Altec Industries, Inc. (1998)	Aerial devices for utility/service trucks	46
Ambrake Corporation (1987)	Disc brake calipers, drum brakes	882
CDR Pigments & Dispersions & Flint Ink (1980)	Ink, color pigments, varnish	128
Certainteed Windows Mid-South (1993)	Windows	43
Coca-Cola Bottling Company (1920)	Soft drinks	190
Collis, Inc. (1972)	Refrigerator shelves, freezers, baskets, wire parts	200
Cooper Industries, Bussmann Division (1955)	Electrical and electronic fuses	192
Crumax Magnetics, Inc. (1965)	Ferrite, alnico, and rare earth magnets	478
Dana Corporation, Parish Light Vehicle Structure Division (1995)	Pick-up truck frames	1,030
Dow Corning Corporation (1963)	Sealants, adhesives	284
EMB Corporation (1972)	Motor start relays, lid switches	110
E'Town Sportswear (1960)	Men's slacks	292
Gates Rubber Company, Belt Division (1964)	Auto V-belts, industrial bolts	550
Gates Rubber Company, Polyflex Division (1964)	Urethane industrial belts, rubber synchronous belts	147
Hardin County Ready Mix (1979)	Ready-mixed concrete	49
Keith Monument (1900)	Monuments	35
Modern Welding Company of Kentucky, Inc. (1964)	Steel tanks, steel fabrication	40
Mouser Kitchens, Inc. (1955)	Kitchen cabinets, home-related products	230

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
News Enterprise, Inc. (1969)	Newspaper, commercial printing	120
Pepsi Cola Bottlers (1968)	Soft drinks	320
Scotty's Paving (1949)	Asphalt	50
Superior Cable (1974)	Telephone cable	304
Trinity Industries (1968)	Guardrails and posts, steel fabrication, hot dip galvanizing	65
Vermont American-Magna Division (1976)	Screwdriver bits and holders, sockets and nut runners	240

*Firms with 30 or more employees.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research; Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation, Inc.

Labor Organizations in Manufacturing Firms

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers International Union, AFL-CIO	Magna Products
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO	E'Town Sportswear
International Chemical Workers Union, AFL-CIO	Dow Corning Corporation
International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Technical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers, AFL-CIO	Cooper Industries, Bussmann Division Crumax Magnetics, Inc. Gates Rubber Company, Polyflex Division Superior Cable
United Paperworkers International Union, AFL-CIO	The Celotex Corporation
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	Collis, Inc. Gates Rubber Company, Belt Division

Selected Industrial Services

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Elizabethtown</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Radcliff, Kentucky	13
Electric Motor Repair	Elizabethtown, Kentucky	-
Heat Treating Facilities	Louisville, Kentucky	44
Industrial Waste Removal	Elizabethtown, Kentucky	-
Metal Castings	Horse Cave, Kentucky	38
	Louisville, Kentucky	44
Metal Finishers	Elizabethtown, Kentucky	-
Metal Service Centers	Elizabethtown, Kentucky	-
Millwrights & Riggers	Louisville, Kentucky	44

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Major highways serving Elizabethtown include Interstate 65, the Bluegrass Parkway, the Western Kentucky Parkway, U.S. Highways 31W and 62, and Kentucky Route 61. All are AAA-rated (80,000 pound gross load limit) trucking highways.

Interstate 65, a major north-south corridor, serves Elizabethtown and connects with Interstate 64 and 71 in Louisville, 45 miles north of Elizabethtown. Interstate 65 is a six-lane highway from Elizabethtown to Louisville.

Elizabethtown is the terminus of two multi-lane parkways. Eastbound Bluegrass Parkway traverses central Kentucky to a point near Lexington. The Western Kentucky Parkway extends west from Elizabethtown through western Kentucky.

Highway Miles from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to Selected Market Centers

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	377	Los Angeles, CA	2,126
Baltimore, MD	622	Louisville, KY	44
Birmingham, AL	323	Nashville, TN	131
Chicago, IL	339	New Orleans, LA	663
Cincinnati, OH	141	New York, NY	785
Cleveland, OH	391	Pittsburgh, PA	435
Detroit, MI	404	St. Louis, MO	307
Knoxville, TN	223		

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

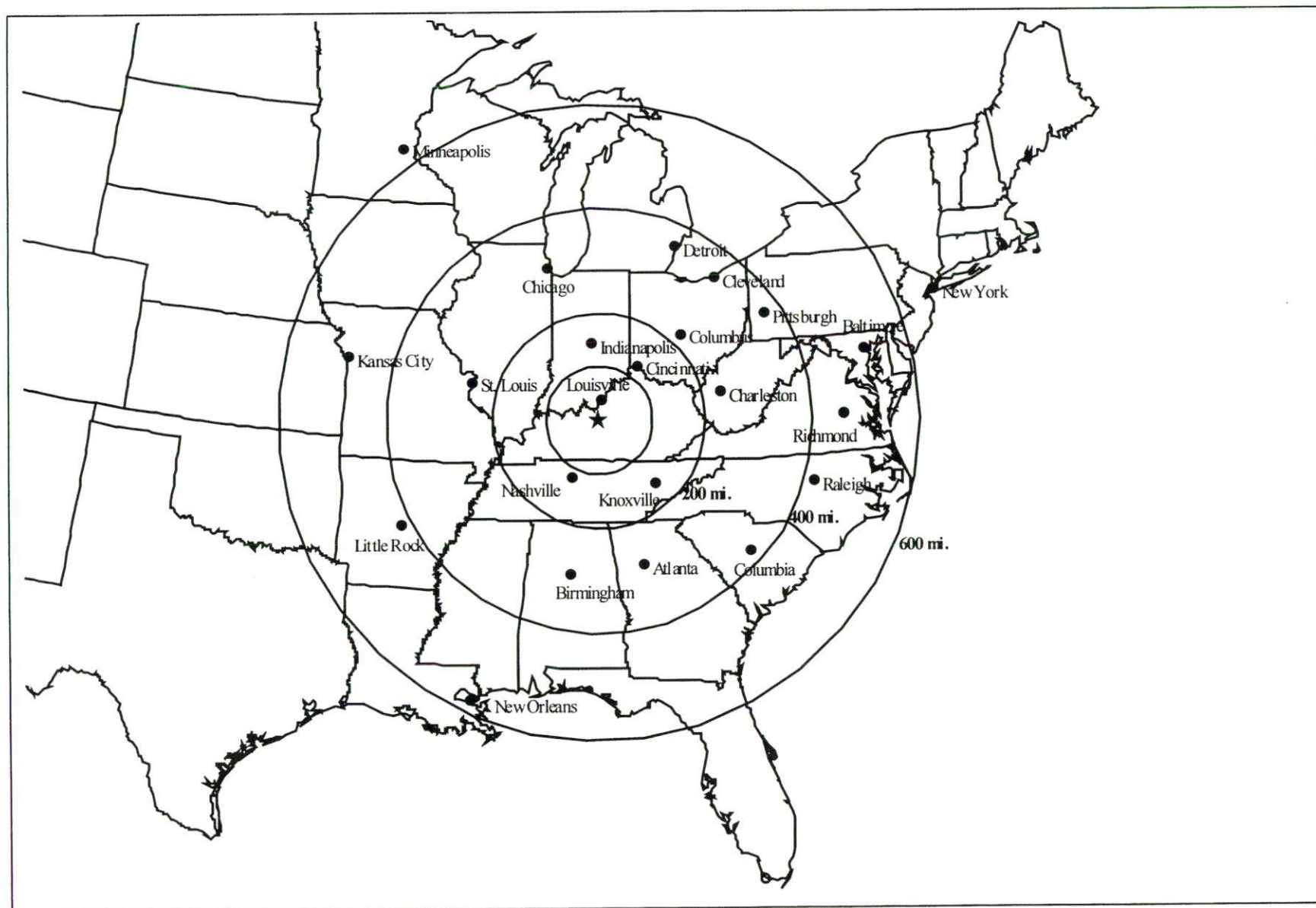
Source: AAA Map' n' Go 3.0 for Windows, DeLORME 1997.

Truck Service

Twenty-seven common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Elizabethtown. Two trucking companies maintain terminals locally.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1998.

SELECTED MARKET CENTERS



Rail

CSX Transportation and the Paducah and Louisville Railway provide main line rail service to Elizabethtown. The nearest intermodal facilities are located in Louisville, 44 miles north of Elizabethtown.

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

Manager
Industrial Development
CSX Transportation
9420 Bunsen Parkway
Suite 212
Louisville, Kentucky 40220
(502) 499-3025

and/or

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

Air

Local

Location:	Addington Field
Runways:	4 miles west of Elizabethtown
Traffic	1 paved (5,000 feet)
Control:	Unicom, wind sock
Lighting:	Runway and beacon, VASI, lighted taxiway
Services:	100LL octane, Jet-A fuel, charter, major A & P repairs, tie-downs, hangers, flight instructions, rental car, FBO, CLNC 119.45

Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Louisville International Airport 4 miles southeast of center of Louisville, 41 miles north of Elizabethtown
Air Service:	American, ASA, Comair, Continental, Continental Express, Delta, Delta Express Northwest, Northwest Airlink, Skyway, Southwest, TWA, United, United Express, US Airways, Valujet
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	172

Foreign Trade

The Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority, located 45 miles north of Elizabethtown, has been designated a foreign trade zone with complete U.S. Customs services.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Elizabethtown and portions of Hardin 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 **major portions of Hardin County** - Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
411 Ring Road
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701
(502) 765-6153

and/or

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

Company serving **the northern portion of Hardin County** - Louisville Gas and Electric Company

Source of power - Louisville Gas and Electric Company

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
Louisville Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 32010
Louisville, Kentucky 40232
In Kentucky: (502) 627-3714
Out of State: (800) 252-0226

Natural Gas

Company serving **Elizabethtown** - Elizabethtown Water and Gas Department

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

For rates and supplies contact:

Elizabethtown Water and Gas Department
200 West Dixie Avenue P.O. Box 550
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42702
(502) 765-6121, Ext. 221

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Elizabethtown** - City of Elizabethtown
P.O. Box 550
200 West Dixie Avenue
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42702
(502) 737-7733 Fax (502) 737-6048

Source - Five wells, two springs, and Freeman Lake
Treatment plant capacity - 6,300,000 gallons per day (2 plants)
Source of treated water - Hardin County Water District #2
Maximum amount available - 1,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 4,400,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 5,800,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 2,900,000 gallons
Water pressure - 30 psi to 120 psi

Company serving **Hardin County** - Hardin County Water District No. 2
360 Ring Road
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42702
(502) 737-1056 Fax (502) 737-2301

Source - Nolin River and spring
Treatment plant capacity - 2,700,000 gallons per day
Source of treated water - Hardin County Water District No. 1, Cities of
Hodgenville and Elizabethtown
Maximum amount available - No set limit
Average daily consumption - 2,500,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 3,200,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 4,000,000 gallons
Water pressure - 40 psi to 150 psi

The Hardin County Water District No. 2 plans to expand the capacity of the White Mills treatment plant from 2.7 million gallons per day to 8.1 million gallons per day. Construction of a one million gallon storage tank in the community of Springfield is also planned. Estimated cost of these projects is \$8.0 million, with completion scheduled for Fall 1999.

Sewerage

Company serving **Elizabethtown** - City of Elizabethtown
200 West Dixie Avenue
P.O. Box 550
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42702
(502) 737-7733 Fax (502) 737-6048

Design capacity - 7,200,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 5,000,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Valley Creek

A sewer system is being designed for developing areas in north and east Elizabethtown at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million. Completion of the project is anticipated for 1999.

CLIMATE

Hardin County

Temperature

Average (49-year record)	55.00 degrees
Average annual 1996	53.60 degrees
Record highest, July 1988 (52-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (52-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,783
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal total (30-year record)	44.55 inches
Normal annual snowfall (30-year record)	17.50 inches
Total precipitation 1996	53.81 inches
Normal number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	129.10
Mean number days thunderstorms (52-year record)	44.10

Prevailing Winds (30-year record) South

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 a.m.	77 percent
7 a.m.	82 percent
1 p.m.	60 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Climatological Data, 1996. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The city of Elizabethtown is governed by a mayor, a full-time executive assistant to the mayor, and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Hardin County is governed by a county judge/executive and eight magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Elizabethtown Planning Commission
Zoning enforced - Within the city of Elizabethtown
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within the city of Elizabethtown
Local codes enforced - Building and housing
Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National
Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky
Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

County agency - Hardin County Planning and Development Commission
Zoning enforced - All areas of unincorporated Hardin County
Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas of unincorporated Hardin County
Local codes enforced - Building
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 Elizabethtown levies an occupational license tax of eight-tenths of one percent on wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The minimum net profit fee for businesses is \$25.00 per year. An eight percent insurance premium tax is levied on policies written within the city.

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 the 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 and Local Property Tax Rates

State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1997 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.157	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, 1997

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Hardin County	\$0.1490	\$0.1460	\$0.1496
Elizabethtown	0.1410	0.1410	0.1500
School Districts:			
Hardin County	0.4510	0.4510	0.5400
Elizabethtown Independent	0.4740	0.5020	0.5380

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Elizabethtown Independent	Hardin County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1997)	2,195	13,007
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1996-97)	16.9-1	16.9-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1996-97)	79.0	54.2
Expenditures Per Pupil (1996-97)	\$4,228.00	\$4,274.00

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Montessori Children's Center	93	Preschool-05
St. James Primary School	167	Preschool-03
St. James Middle School	195	04-08

The Elizabethtown Independent Schools recently completed three major renovations:

- * Morningside Elementary School renovated the entire building and has added a new library/media center, music room, gymnasium, and several classrooms.
- * Helmwood Heights Elementary School has a new addition which includes an art room, gymnasium, and several classrooms.
- * The New Performing Arts Center on the T.K. Stone Middle School campus will enhance the arts and humanities for the entire community.

The district plans to design new science labs which will offer the latest technological advances in the science curriculum. All schools are on the Internet and have media production centers. Full-day kindergarten is offered for all students.

Every school in the district has been the recipient of state and/or national recognition for academic excellence. Helmwood Heights Elementary School and Elizabethtown High School have both received the highest honor for national excellence given by the U.S. Secretary of Education. The Elizabethtown High School girls basketball team was the runner-up in the State Tournament in 1997 and had a 35-3 record.

The Hardin County School System has completed renovation of the library and classrooms at G.C. Burkhead Elementary School. Cabling for local and wide area networking has been completed in all schools.

Hardin County Schools is developing plans to build new schools and/or renovate present facilities at a cost of \$22 to \$24 million.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Elizabethtown)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1996)</u>
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown, Kentucky	3,419 (1997)
McKendree College	Radcliff, Kentucky (13)	614 (1997)
Campbellsville University	Campbellsville, Kentucky (42)	1,530
Saint Catharine College	Springfield, Kentucky (42)	351
Bellarmino College	Louisville, Kentucky (45)	2,785
Jefferson Community College	Louisville, Kentucky (45)	9,269
Spalding University	Louisville, Kentucky (45)	1,419
University of Louisville	Louisville, Kentucky (45)	21,020

Elizabethtown Community College

Elizabethtown Community College is a member of the University of Kentucky's Community College System and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The College offers an Associate in Applied Science degree in the following fields: Nursing, Office Administration, Quality Technology, and Computer Information Systems with options in Micro-computing and Programming, and Business Technology with options in Management, Banking, and Real Estate Management. In addition, the College offers the first two years of study toward baccalaureate degrees in most programs offered by four-year colleges and universities. An Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree may be awarded in the pre-baccalaureate program. In conjunction with Kentucky Tech, the college also offers comprehensive, non-credit workforce development programs for currently employed workers. These programs emphasize computer skills, leadership skills, machine maintenance skills, continuous quality improvement skills, and instruction relating to required government regulations.

Fort Knox Extension Campuses

Eight institutions of higher education operate extension campuses at Fort Knox Military Reservation, 15 miles north of Elizabethtown. These extension campuses confer various graduate and undergraduate degrees, including doctorate degrees in policy analysis and education. The extension campuses' programs are open to the public. The extension campuses include: Central Texas College, Eastern Kentucky University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Sullivan College, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Elizabethtown Community College, and McKendree College. Elizabethtown Community College also offers off-campus programs in Bardstown, Leitchfield and Hardinsburg.

Vocational-Technical Training

Kentucky Tech Secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers, are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post secondary schools (P/S), called regional technology centers, are governed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Enrollment 1996-1997</u>		<u>Approximate Number Completing Programs Annually</u>
Elizabethtown Regional Technology Center	Elizabethtown	17	<u>Sec</u> 45	<u>P/S</u> 479	223

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 wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a training and development coordinator located at the Elizabethtown Regional Technology Center.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Elizabethtown Regional Technology Center.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalence diploma. In Elizabethtown, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Hardin County Board of Education.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC), 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. Programs range from entry level for new workers to advanced training for experienced employees.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is a major source for skills training assistance for new and existing companies. BSSC works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package programs customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel (Hardin County)

Physicians - 133
Dentists - 31

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Hardin Memorial Hospital	Elizabethtown	300

Medical staff - 130 physicians, 413 registered nurses, 16 licensed practical nurses

Hardin Memorial Hospital completed construction of a five-story addition to its facility. This expansion includes a larger out-patient surgery facility, a larger emergency room, expanded OB-Nursery unit, a new heliport, and open-heart surgery facility.

Other Medical Facilities and Services

CDS Home Care
Communicare, Inc.
Hardin County Ambulance Service
Hardin County Health Center/Lincoln Trail
District Health Department
Lakeview Rehabilitation Hospital
Lincoln Trail Hospital
Regional Renal Dialysis Facility

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations (Hardin County)

Bank One
The Cecilian Bank
Farmers Bank
First Citizens Bank
First Federal Savings Bank
Fort Knox Credit Union
Great Financial Federal
Kentucky National Bank
PNC Bank, Kentucky, Inc.
Republic Bank and Trust Company
South Central Bank of E'town
West Point Bank

Newspapers

The News-Enterprise (daily except Saturday)
Hardin County Independent (weekly)

Telephone Service

GTE

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 16
Total rooms - 1,243

RECREATION

Three public parks provide Elizabethtown with a variety of outdoor activities. Freeman Lake Park offers a 120-acre lake for fishing and boating, plus 80 acres with picnic areas, grills, playground equipment, hiking trails, and five shelter houses. University Drive Park with eight acres, has ten lighted tennis courts, two soccer fields, and facilities for volleyball, baseball, handball, softball, and picnicking. The 32-acre American Legion Park features a picnic area, four tennis courts, a soccer field, softball fields, two outdoor swimming pools and a kiddie pool, and a par-three golf course. Three mini-parks offer picnic areas and playground equipment. Greenbelt, an area for hiking, bicycling, and nature walking, extends approximately 16 miles. Gates Field, approximately 21 acres, has three softball fields that are available for youth teams.

The Elizabethtown Parks and Recreation Department offers supervised programs including youth baseball leagues, spring and fall soccer leagues, a swim team, an adult co-ed volleyball league, adult full- and half-court basketball leagues. Golf and tennis lessons are also taught by the Recreation Department.

The Recreation Department is also in charge of the Elizabethtown Summer Youth Day Camp Program for children ages 6 through 13. An average of 1,000 children attend the six-week day camp program annually. Activities include fishing, boating, hiking, swimming, sports, and visits to educational and recreational attractions in the area.

Elizabethtown features a fully-equipped softball park, with three lighted fields. Facilities include restrooms, a concession stand, lighted parking, and home and visitors' dugouts. Summer and fall leagues are available for men's teams, as well as co-ed church and industrial leagues. Both the Severns Valley Baptist Church and Memorial Methodist Church offer athletic facilities.

The 16-acre Michael B. Carroll Soccer Complex hosts the city's youth soccer program. It has seven lighted soccer fields and concession and restroom facilities.

The J.R. Pritchard Community Center features a multi-purpose area with a seating capacity of 855 and banquet arrangements for 400 people, two meeting rooms with seating capacities of 100 persons each, a kitchen, a snack area, stage facilities, restroom and shower facilities, two full-size basketball courts, handball and racquetball courts, an indoor tennis court, weight room, two newly-installed outdoor goals, and equipment for ping-pong, badminton, volleyball, and gymnastics.

Local schools maintain facilities for track, football, and indoor swimming. Other recreational facilities include a private country club with a swimming pool and an 18-hole golf course; a public nine-hole, par-three golf course; a semi-private club offering a nine-hole golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts, hiking trails and picnic tables. Bowling facilities and indoor movie theaters are available as well.

E'Town Swim and Fitness is a locally-owned and operated health/recreation/entertainment facility. Facilities include a 50-meter pool, a 25-yard pool, a baby pool, eight tennis courts, a 3,000-square-foot weight room, a 2,000-square-foot aerobics studio, two racquetball courts, a co-ed spa, men's and women's locker rooms and saunas, tanning beds, a masseuse, a restaurant/lounge, and a hair salon. A variety of programs, tournaments, and exhibitions are regularly scheduled.

Historical sites in Elizabethtown include the Lincoln Heritage House, built in part by Thomas Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's father; the Governor Helm Mansion, an antebellum estate; and the Brow-Pusey House, Elizabethtown's first inn and presently a community house. Another attraction in Elizabethtown is the Coca-Cola Museum, which contains the largest private collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia in the world. Nearby attractions include the Patton Museum and the U.S. Gold Depository at Fort Knox; My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown, Kentucky; and Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace, Lincoln Museum and Lincoln's Boyhood Home in Hodgenville, Kentucky.