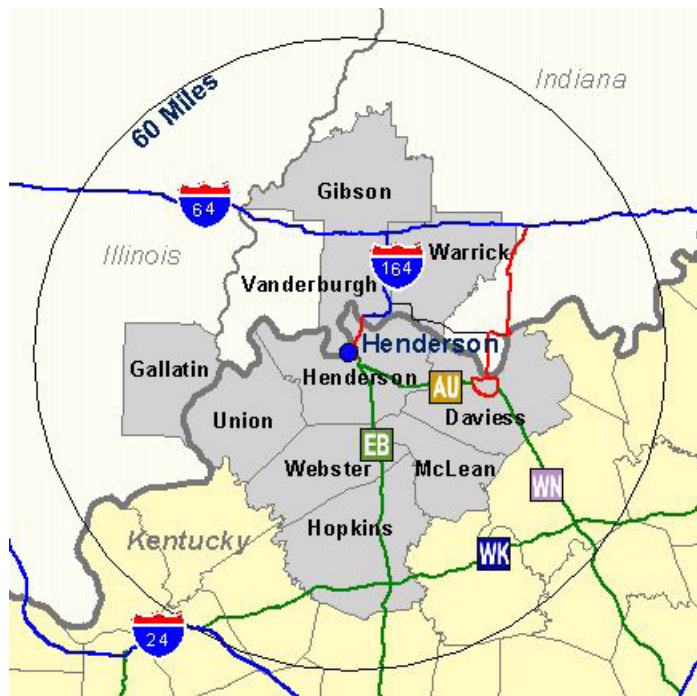


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INTRODUCTION

An analysis of the structure and vitality of a community's economy is fundamental to develop a strategic plan for economic development and for future land use planning. Studies of the structure of the existing local economy identify the important economic activities within the community. The extent of economic activity and the population supported by such activity influences future economic development. The health and growth of the local economy is a key determinant of how rapidly land will be converted to various land uses and can be gauged by its stability and balance. Stability is the ability to withstand fluctuations in the regional and national economies. Balance is the degree to which diversification allows the local economy to withstand fluctuations in a particular sector of the economy.

This chapter of the comprehensive plan focuses upon Henderson County and the Cities of Henderson and Corydon but also contains information on the Henderson County Labor Market for comparative purposes. The Henderson County Labor Market includes the Kentucky Counties of Union, Webster, Hopkins, McLean, Daviess, the Indiana Counties of Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick, and Gallatin County Illinois.



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EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Employment information at the county level is available for industries covered by unemployment insurance. This generally includes all workers except self-employed individuals, unpaid family members, some student workers, agricultural workers, domestic workers, rail workers, employees of certain religious organizations and certain government employees. A summary of employment in industries covered by unemployment insurance for the period of 1980 to 2004 is shown in Figure 3-1.

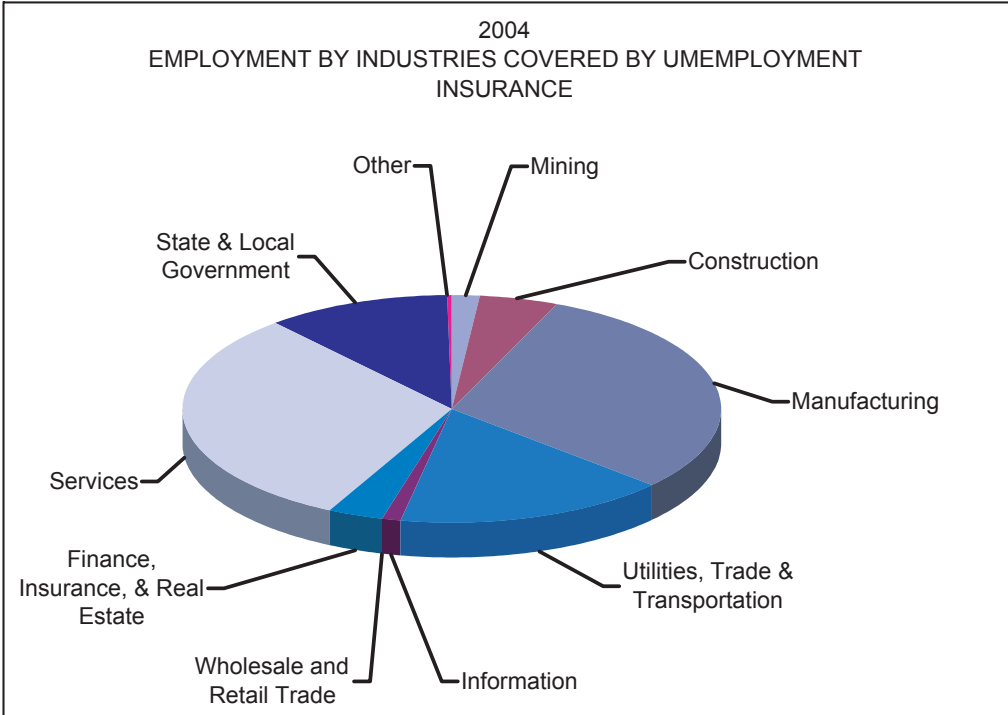
Henderson County had a net increase of 3,850 jobs (22.2%) from 1990 to 2004. As of 2004, the “Services” sector provided the largest number of jobs in Henderson County accounting for 31.2% of the jobs in the county covered by unemployment insurance. The sector providing the second largest number of jobs was “Manufacturing”. As the reporting method for these figures has been modified, it is difficult to attribute rising employment trends to one sector or another. In 1980 and 1990, categories included “Wholesale and Retail Trade” but did not include the Information sector. In 2001, the “Information” sector was added and the “Wholesale and Retail Trade” sector jobs were broken into separate categories thus significantly increasing employment in other sectors. Therefore increased employment in a particular sector may not accurately reflect an actual gain in the number of jobs, but rather reflects the change in job categorization.

Figure 3-2 shows the average weekly wages for industries in Henderson County covered by unemployment insurance from 1980 to 2004. According to these statistics, “Manufacturing” jobs are the highest paying jobs at an average weekly wage of \$733.67 with the “Construction” sector ranking a close second at \$697.58. However, it is important to note that specific wages for the mining industry were not reported in 2004 but were as high in 2003 at \$1,156.32. Therefore, it can be assumed that mining jobs continue to have the highest average weekly wages in 2004. In 2004, those jobs classified as “Services” were the lowest paying with weekly wages averaging only \$483.38. The second lowest paying jobs were in the “State and Local Government” and “Utilities, Trade, and Transportation” sectors with average weekly wages of \$576.02 and \$576.39 respectively. Figure 3-2 also shows that the overall

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average weekly wages from 1990 to 2004 increased by \$126.32 per week or 54.62%. However it is also important to note that the overall average weekly wages (\$612.34) in Henderson County are slightly lower than the average for the state overall (\$631.23).

FIGURE 3-1
EMPLOYMENT TRENDS IN HENDERSON COUNTY 1980-2004



INDUSTRY	1980	1990	2004	1990-2004
Mining	563	676	358	
Construction	430	520	1,021	
Manufacturing	4,625	5,399	6,397	
Utilities, Trade & Transportation	733	880	3,455	
Information	0	0	229	
Wholesale and Retail Trade	3,238	3,769	0	
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	451	457	696	
Services	2,373	3,763	6,613	
State & Local Government	1,571	1,828	2,371	
Other	28	43	45	
TOTAL	14,012	17,335	21,185	22.21%

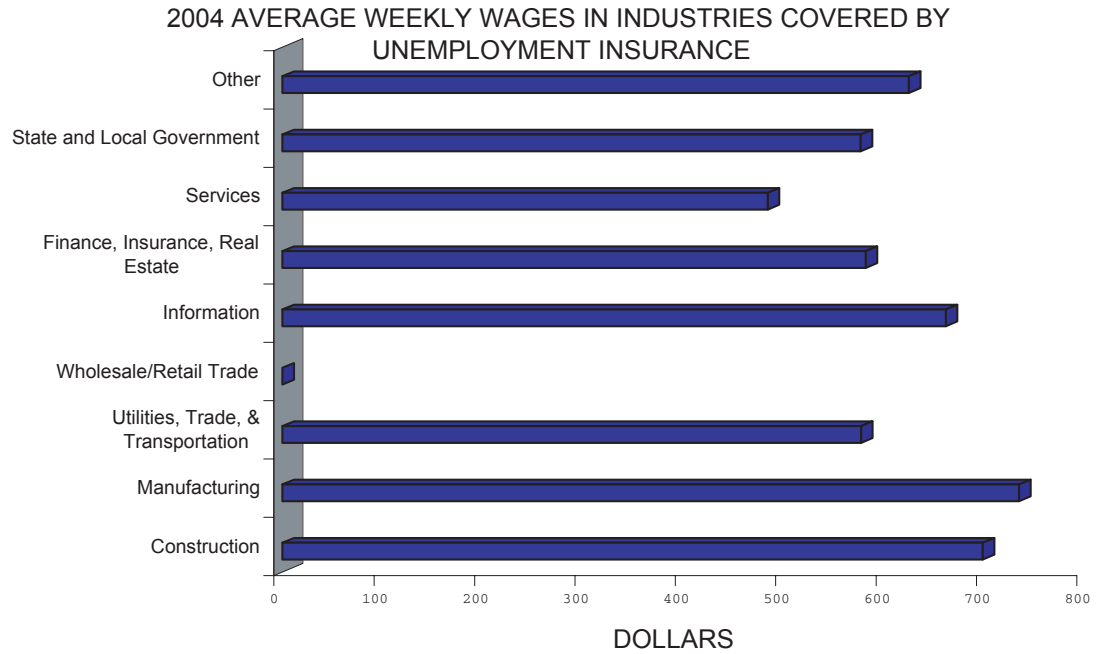
Source: 2000, 2005 Kentucky Deskbook of Economic Statistics, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

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FIGURE 3-2
AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN HENDERSON COUNTY 1980-2004



INDUSTRY	YEAR		
	1980	1990	2004
Mining	354.89	867.65	-
Construction	315.29	408.85	697.58
Manufacturing	307.36	484.59	733.67
Utilities, Trade, & Transportation	327.13	519.55	576.39
Wholesale/Retail Trade	181.67	255.43	*
Information	*	*	660.83
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	220.55	346.98	580.98
Services	214.60	316.28	483.38
State and Local Government	229.16	366.32	576.02
Other	243.99	243.89	623.92
All industries	254.11	396.02	612.34

Source: 2000, 2005 Kentucky Deskbook of Economic Statistics, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

-Included in "total" for all industries but not distributed by division.

* Category not utilized in reporting year.

MANUFACTURING

In Kentucky, there are two (2) main sources that document major manufacturing firms, their products, and employment rates. The first source is the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research, which publishes its list on their website by community. This list was last updated for Henderson County on March 23, 2005. The second source for information on local manufacturing firms is the *Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers* which was just released for 2005. Table 3-1 lists the manufacturing firms in Henderson County, Corydon, and Robards using a combination of both sources. All information provided in bold lettering was generated from the *2005 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers*. From reviewing these sources, it is estimated that there are a total of 64 manufacturing firms in Henderson County, three are in Corydon and three in Robards. Tyson Foods, Inc., located in Robards, is listed as the manufacturing firm employing the largest number of workers (1,350).

In addition to these sources, the U.S. Department of Commerce periodically (every five years) conducts a census of retail and service industries, manufacturing, and wholesale trades of the economy. The latest available census was conducted in 2002 and released in 2005. In the 2002 Census, the Manufacturing (Sector 31-33) is defined as the sector which comprises establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products.

According to the 2002 Economic Census, there were a total of 85 manufacturing firms in Henderson County which is an increase of seven firms since the last U.S. Economic Census conducted in 1997. The Census shows that the number of persons employed in the manufacturing sector has increased from 6,862 to 7,290 (6.2%). Annual payrolls have also increased from \$208,009,000 to \$246,728,000 (18.6%) during this same time period.

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TABLE 3-1
HENDERSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS 2005

LOCATION/ FIRM & ADDRESS	PRODUCT	DATE ESTABLISHED	EMPLOYMENT
HENDERSON			
Accuride Corporation 2315 Adams Lane Henderson, KY 42420	Truck wheels and rims	1973	47
Arc Machine Co. Inc. 343 Walnut Lane Henderson, KY 42420	Machine shop: mill and lathe work, drilling, boring, cutting, honing, arc welding, CNC machining, deep hole drilling, wire, and EDM.	1982	23
Atlantis Plastics, Inc. 390 Community Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Thermoplastics & plastic injection molding, finishing, fabricating, and subcontract assembling.	1951	172
Audubon Metals LLC 3055 Ohio Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Heavy-media separator and secondary specification aluminum alloy producer. Recycling process of automobile shredder residue into new aluminum castings	1996	160
Audubon Printers & Ad Graphics 455 Klutey Park Plaza Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Commercial offset & letterpress printing; typesetting; glue, plastic, side and saddle stitch binding.	1926	16
Bakery Feeds Inc. 221 Heilman Avenue Henderson, KY 42420	Poultry feed supplements	1943	31
Brenntag Mid-South Inc. 1405 Highway 136 W Henderson, KY 42420	Chemical blending, industrial chemical distribution	1947	175
Budge Industries LLC 840 4th Street Henderson, KY 42420	Car covers and covers for vehicle parts	1985	42
Clarke Power Services, Inc. 751 U.S. Highway 41 S. Henderson, KY 42420	Diesel engine & automatic transmission repairing	1925	24
Complete Lumber Co. Inc. 883 U.S. Highway 41 S. Henderson, KY 42420	Softwood and dimension lumber	N/A	13
Consolidated Nutrition LC 1921 Madison Street Henderson, KY 42420	Livestock feed	1970	12

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TABLE 3-1
HENDERSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS 2005 CONTINUED

LOCATION/ FIRM & ADDRESS	PRODUCT	DATE ESTABLISHED	EMPLOYMENT
HENDERSON			
Cresline Plastic Pipe Co. Inc. 851 U.S. Highway 41 S. Henderson, KY 42420	Plastic pipe and fittings	1966	120
Custom Resins Inc. 1421 U.S. Highway 136 W. Henderson, KY 42420	Nylon and nylon products	1957	51
Dana Corporation 1491 Dana Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Truck axles and brake components	1970	700
Drilco Industrial Inc. 5840 Airline Road Henderson, KY 42420	Drill pipe fabricating, stabilizers, shock subs and drill bits	1952	18
Eastern Alloys Inc. 5801 Riverport Road Henderson, KY 42420	Zinc alloy	1999	37
Electric Motors Inc. 2204 U.S. Highway 41 N. Henderson, KY 42420	Motor repairing and rewinding	1948	10
Fields Machine Inc. 13310 State Route 351 E. Henderson, KY 42420	Machine shop; general machining, lathe and mill work; drilling, surface grinding, boring, cutting and honing; arc and gas welding	1982	14
Gamco Products Co. 1105 5th Street Henderson, KY 42420	Nonferrous and zinc die castings	1956	425
Gibbs Die Casting Corp. 369 Community Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Aluminum and magnesium die castings	1966	1000
The Gleaner 455 Klutey Park Plaza Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Newspaper publishing, offset printing, computer typesetting, side and saddle stitch binding	1885	80
Griffin Industries Inc. 305 Priest Street Henderson, KY 42420	Animal protein and organic fertilizer blending	1992	11

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TABLE 3-1
HENDERSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS 2005 CONTINUED

LOCATION/ FIRM & ADDRESS	PRODUCT	DATE ESTABLISHED	EMPLOYMENT
HENDERSON			
Henderson Trailer Co. 525 Harding Avenue Henderson, KY 42420	Truck body components	1955	30
Hercules Manufacturing Co. 800 Bob Posey Street Henderson, Ky 42420	Insulated and dry freight truck bodies and trailers	1902	60
Hugh E. Sandefur Training Center 1449 Corporate Court Henderson, KY 42420	Vocational rehabilitation, manufacturing plant producing corrugated products; boxes, partitions, die cuts. Assembly, rework, pick/pack, bag sealing, and woodworking products.	1967	130
Hydro Aluminun 5801 Riverport Road Henderson, KY 42420	Aluminum extrusion billet and log	2000	55
Irving Materials inc. 8135 U.S. Highway 41 S. Henderson, KY 42420	Ready-mixed concrete and concrete products	1991	8
J-Ron Inc. 635 Bob Posey Street Henderson, KY 42420	Machine shop: mill and lathe work, plastic injection molding, CNC and EDM machining	1980	50
J-Ron Machine & Tool, Inc. 636 Pennel Street Henderson, KY 42420	Plastic injection and steel molds	1980	20
Johnston-Dorsey Tool Inc. 1008 Amiet Road Henderson, KY 42420	Tool and die, fixtures, molds, date codes, general machining	1995	4
Kentucky Spiral Inc. 441 Hoffman Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Spiral duct work	1977	46
Matrix Composites Inc. 1356 Commonwealth Drive Henderson, Ky 42420	Fiberglass fabric	1993	30
Meuth Concrete Inc. 703 8th Street Henderson, KY 42420	Ready mixed concrete and septic tanks	1986	27

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TABLE 3-1
HENDERSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS 2005 CONTINUED

LOCATION/ FIRM & ADDRESS	PRODUCT	DATE ESTABLISHED	EMPLOYMENT
HENDERSON			
Morris Tool & Plastics Inc. 1383 Commonwealth Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Machine shop: drilling, boring, cutting, honing, tool and die, plastic injection molding, lathe and mill work	1989	15
Polymer Partners LLC 1450 Commonwealth Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Plastic color concentrates	1997	31
Prestress Services 747 8th Street Henderson, KY 42420	Prestressed and precast concrete products: beams, culverts, bridges and building components	1963	25
River Metals Recycling LLC 6200 Riverport Road Henderson, KY 42420	Shredded steel	1998	24
Rogers Group Inc. 2020 Madison Street Henderson, KY 42420	Asphalt paving compounds	1960	12
Royster's Machine Shop LLC 215 U.S. Highway 41 S. Henderson, KY 42420	Machine shop: general and CNC machining, drilling, boring, cutting, honing, custom grinding, steel fabricating, arc and gas welding, lathe and mill work	1975	79
S & W Rack Co. Inc. 887 U.S. Highway 41 S. Henderson, KY 42420	Metal plating racks, tanks, paint and conveyor hangers	1971	21
Scott Foam Technologies 1573 State Route 136 W. Henderson, KY 42420	Fabricated foam	1989	40
Scott Lumber Inc. Outer 5th Street Henderson, KY 42420	Sawing and planing mill: hardwood, rough lumber, and millwork	1945	45
Service Tool & Die Inc. 2323 S. Green Street Henderson, KY 42420	Tool and die	1969	88
Service Tool & Plastics 2323 S. Green Street Henderson, KY 42420	Injection molded plastics	1977	90

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TABLE 3-1
HENDERSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS 2005 CONTINUED

LOCATION/ FIRM & ADDRESS	PRODUCT	DATE ESTABLISHED	EMPLOYMENT
HENDERSON			
Shamrock Technologies Inc. 301 Community Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Teflon recycling & micronized polytetrafluoroethylene	1997	58
Shamrock Technologies Inc. 109 N. McKinley Street Henderson, KY 42420	Dry lubricant powders	1992	10
Sights Denim Systems Inc. 516 S. Main Henderson, KY 42420	Denim finishing	1995	171
Sonoco 3100 Ohio Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Aluminum and steel can ends	1967	108
Sunrise Tool & Die Inc. 1333 Commonwealth Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Plastic injection molds and repairing	1989	33
Taubensee Steel & Wire Co. 3200 Ohio Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Steel wire	1995	53
Teknor Apex Co. 3070 Ohio Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Thermoplastic elastomers	2000	25
Teknor Color Co. 3058 Ohio Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Color compounding	1987	33
Thompson Tool Inc. 5840 Airline Road Henderson, KY 42420	Drill bits	1970	19
Tri-State Sheet Metal Inc. 120 S. Water Street Henderson, KY 42420	Sheet metal fabricating; heating, ventilation, air conditioning and commercial refrigeration ducts and components; gutters; dust collection systems; HVAC service, sales and products	1948	22
Valley Grain Products 5301 Industrial Park Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Milled Mexican corn flour	1988	72

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TABLE 3-1
HENDERSON COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS 2005 CONTINUED

LOCATION/ FIRM & ADDRESS	PRODUCT	DATE ESTABLISHED	EMPLOYMENT
HENDERSON			
Van Houtte Inc. 5233 Industrial Park Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Distribution and coffee roasting	2001	9
Vincent Industrial Plastics Inc. 232 Heilman Avenue Henderson, KY 42420	Custom plastic injection molding, decorating and assembly, injection mold tooling, plastic product design and engineering	1981	300
Weyerhaeuser Co. 1500 Commonwealth Drive Henderson, KY 42420	Recycled linerboard	1994	85
CORYDON			
Heartland Wood Products 4652 Highway 145 Corydon, KY 42406	Veneer face components	1992	16
Quality Tooling Inc. 14228 U.S. Highway 41 A Corydon, KY 42406	Tools, steel dies, jigs & plastic injection molds	1968	30
Tunnell Hill Plastics Inc. 11636 Highway 416 W. Corydon, KY 42406	Plastic injection molded products	1970	39
ROBARDS			
Alcan Primary Metal Group 9404 Highway 2096 Robards, KY 42452	Aluminum extrusion billets and ingots	1972	650
KB Alloys Inc. 3293 McDonald Road Robards, KY 42452	Aluminum base & metal alloys, aluminum based master alloys	1981	50
Tyson Foods Inc. 14660 U.S. Highway 41 S. Robards, KY 42452	Chicken slaughtering, processing and packaging	1995	1350
		TOTAL	2529

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development (3/23/05)
Source: Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers, 2005

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE

The U.S. Department of Commerce periodically conducts a census of sales of retail and service industries, manufacturing, and wholesale trade sectors of the economy. The latest available census was conducted in 2002 and was published in 2005. Prior to 1997, the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) was used for reporting and delineating business types. However, in 1997 the U.S. Census Bureau adopted the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The NAICS was developed jointly by the U.S., Canada, and Mexico in order to provide new comparability in statistics about business activity in North America. The adoption of this new classification system breaks time series since the data collected using the new definitions and codes are not identical to those used in previous economic censuses. While some categories under NAICS correlate to the previously used SIC codes, many have no direct correlation. Although, time series data needs to be maintained for comparability, the U.S. Census Bureau has determined that accurate comparisons cannot be made until previous census data are reclassified. As of the writing of the comprehensive plan, this reclassification has not occurred and is not available. Therefore, this section only compares data summarized in the 1997 and 2002 Economic Censuses as shown in detail on Table 3-2.

In 1997, it was reported that there were 71 wholesale establishments in Henderson County with sales of \$728,360,000 and 718 paid employees. By 2002, the number of wholesale establishments had decreased to 51. Specific sales and employment data are withheld by the Census to avoid the disclosure of individual companies.

In 1987, there were 208 retail establishments in Henderson County with total sales of \$422,159,000, 2,252 paid employees with an annual payroll of \$36,776,000. In 2002 the number of retail establishments was reported to be 201, with an increase of total sales to \$515,959,000. The number of employees also increased to 2,488 with an annual payroll of \$47,155,000.

OTHER U.S. ECONOMIC CENSUS CATEGORIES

As described in previous sections the the Department of Commerce conducted a Census of the Service Industry as a whole with several category listings using SIC codes until recently. In 1997, the classification of this sector of the economy was broken down into separate categories (NAICS codes) as shown below. Although this reclassification makes it difficult to compare with earlier 1987 or 1992 Census Data, the 2002 U.S. Economic Census data has recently been released. Therefore, the 1997 and 2002 census information on the separate sectors can be compared for the remaining sectors, most of which were previously listed under the “Service” Industry. Economic Census information is not available at the county level for the following sectors: Mining, Utilities, Construction, Transportation and Warehousing, Finance and Insurance, and Management of Companies and Enterprises.

Table 3-2 shows data for all sectors of the Henderson County economy for which the 1997 and 2002 U.S. Census Information is available at the county level. The number of establishments for each separate sector have increased except in the areas of “Wholesale Trade”, “Retail Trade”, “Accommodation and Food Service”, and “Other Services”. However where information is available, it can be seen that Sales, Receipts and Annual Payroll has only declined in the “Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation” Sector”. The number of employees for this sector has also declined from 558 to 329. The only other sector that also experienced a reduction in the number of paid employees was the “Real Estate & Rental & Leasing” sector where employment declined from 181 to 163.

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TABLE 3-2
SUMMARY OF U.S. ECONOMIC CENSUS
FOR HENDERSON COUNTY

	# of Establishments		Sales, Receipts, Etc. (\$1,000)		Annual Payroll (\$1,000)		Paid Employees	
	1997	2002	1997	2002	1997	2002	1997	2002
Manufacturing	78	85	1,722,938	1,794,649	208,009	246,728	6,862	7,290
Wholesale Trade	71	51	728,360	D	23,931	D	798	(500-999)
Retail Trade	208	201	422,159	515,959	36,776	47,155	2,252	2,488
Information	N	13	N	N	N	5,635	N	240
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	43	46	15,970	16,842	3,374	3,531	181	163
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	73	80	18,827	26,205	5,665	8,405	284	390
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation	39	43	16,972	14,228	7,069	5,585	558	329
Educational Services (Taxable & Exempt listed together)	2	3	D	D	D	D	(1-19)	(1-19)
Health Care & Social Assistance (Taxable & Exempt listed together)	113	127	140,239	158,357	54,812	62,296	2,372	2,534
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation (Taxable & Exempt listed together)	9	10	D	D	D	D	(250-499)	(250-499)
Accommodation & Food Services	81	78	41,323	43,252	11,841	12,444	1,403	1,462
Other Services (except public administration)	87	71	34,690	D	11,168	D	60	(250-499)

Sources: 1997 and 2002 U.S. Economic Census

D - Withheld to avoid disclosing data of individual companies; data are included in higher level totals

N - Not available

AGRICULTURE

Table 3-3 presents agricultural statistics for Henderson County. According to the Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service, there were a total of 525 Henderson County farms in 2002 which is a decrease of 200 (27.6%) since 1982. Over this same twenty year period, the number of farm acres has decreased from 216,973 acres in 1982 to 192,264 acres in 2002. However, acres of harvested cropland has steadily increased from 127,807 acres in 1987 to 149,867 acres in 2002. These numbers can be attributed to the fact that many farm operations are consolidating as farmers sell out to other farmers or developers. Therefore, active agricultural operations are declining in number but harvesting more crops. Table 3-3 also presents statistics on major crop and livestock production in the county. In 2003, Henderson County ranked second in the state out of 120 counties for production of soybeans and grain sorghum, fourth in corn for grain, and eighth in dark air tobacco. In terms of cash receipts, Henderson County ranked 5th out of 120 counties for crops with cash receipts totaling \$38,827,000.

The 2002 U.S. Census of Agriculture, a source separate from the Kentucky Agricultural Statistics, reports that the average size of a farm in Henderson County is 366 acres with the median size being 85 acres. In 2002, the average estimated value of all land and building per farm was \$710,507 with an estimated market value of \$1,933 per acre. The estimated average value of all machinery and equipment was \$117,150 per farm. The total market value of agricultural products sold in 2002 was \$51,896,000 with a \$98,849 average per farm. In 2002, farm size and value of sales varied as follows:

HENDERSON COUNTY FARMS BY SIZE IN 2002

ACREAGE	NUMBER
1 to 9 acres	40
10 to 49 acres	191
50 to 179 acres	150
180 to 499 acres	45
500 to 999 acres	32
1,000 acres or more	67

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FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES IN 2002

VALUE	NUMBER
Less than \$2,500	185
\$2,500 to \$4,999	50
\$5,000 to \$9,999	75
\$10,000 to \$24,999	59
\$25,000 to \$49,999	38
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24
\$100,000 or more	94

According to estimates of the Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services, there were approximately 329 persons employed in the Henderson County agricultural industry in 2004. This represented approximately 1.4% of the total civilian workforce at this time.

TOURISM

The Kentucky Department of Travel Development analyzes the economic impact of Kentucky's tourism and travel industry. Two key areas analyzed at the county level are travel expenditures and tourism industry employment. Tourism and travel industry employment for Henderson County, the Green River Region, and the State of Kentucky are shown in Figure 3-3 for the years 1993, 1998, and 2003. Over the last ten years, tourism and travel industry employment has decreased in Henderson County (-29.3%) and the Green River Region (-14.67%), while the state of Kentucky overall has moderately increased by almost 14%.

Figure 3-4 shows travel expenditures for the same period. Surprisingly, travel expenditures in Henderson County and Green River Region have increased even though employment in this sector has decreased. Over the past ten years direct travel expenditures increased 30.4% for the Green River Region and almost 9% for Henderson county despite a statewide decrease of -16.40% over this same period.

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TABLE 3-3
HENDERSON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION

YEAR	# OF FARMS	# OF FARM ACRES	HARVESTED CROPLAND
1982	725	216,973	152,812
1987	638	213,269	127,807
1992	598	197,826	147,219
1997	526	196,277	145,238
2002	525	192,264	149,867

2003 CROPS	ACRES HARVESTED	YIELD	PRODUCTION	KY RANK
CORN FOR GRAIN (BU)	61,800	140	8,652,000	4
SOYBEANS (BU)	80,600	41	3,304,600	2
WHEAT FOR GRAIN (BU)	5,300	59	312,700	16
GRAIN SORGHUM (BU)	6,000	97	582,000	2
BURLEY TOBACCO (LBS)	175	2,200	385,000	90
DK FIRED TOBACCO (LBS)	*	*	*	*
DK AIR TOBACCO (LBS)	210	2,510	527,000	8
ALFALFA HAY (TONS)	1,300	4.5	5,850	53
ALL OTHER HAY (TONS)	8,100	2.5	20,250	83
BARLEY FOR GRAIN (BU)	*	*	*	*

LIVESTOCK & MILK	NUMBER	KY RANK
JANUARY 1, 2004: ALL CATTLE & CALVES	10,500	71
JANUARY 1, 2004: BEEF COWS	5,600	72
2003 MILK PRODUCTION (000) lbs	*	*

2003 CASH RECIEPTS	DOLLARS	KY RANK
CROPS	\$38,827,000	5
LIVESTOCK	\$13,175,000	46
TOTAL CASH RECIEPTS	\$52,002,000	18

* None or no estimate available

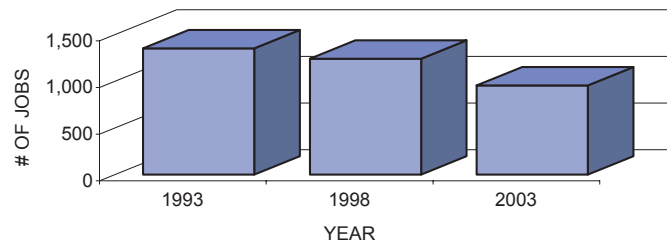
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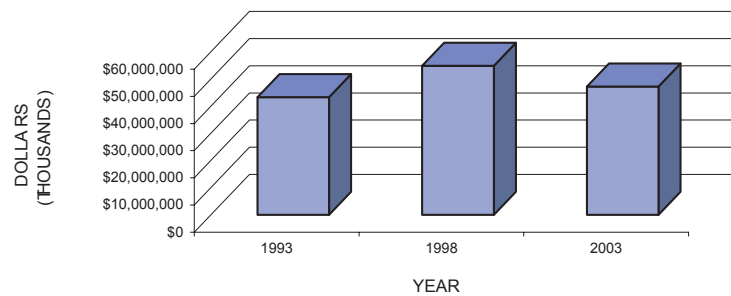
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FIGURE 3-3
TOURISM AND TRAVEL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT
HENDERSON COUNTY 1993-2003



	1993	1998	2003	% CHANGE 1993-2003
HENDERSON CO.	1,351	1,241	955	-29.31%
GREEN RIVER REG.	5,187	9,782	4,426	-14.67%
KENTUCKY	142,518	148,041	162,243	13.84%

FIGURE 3-4
DIRECT TRAVEL EXPENDITURES
HENDERSON COUNTY 1993-2003



	1993	1998	2003	%CHANGE 1993-2003	STATE RANK
HENDERSON CO.	\$43,332,450	\$54,808,635	\$47,208,961	8.95%	15
GREEN RIVER	\$185,017,588	\$242,095,218	\$241,343,390	30.44%	
KENTUCKY	\$6,787,945,251	\$4,861,286,073	\$5,674,778,799	-16.40%	

Source: Kentucky Department of Travel, Development Division of Marketing and Advertising
"Economic Impact of Kentucky's Tourism and Travel Industry"

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

The civilian labor force is defined as the sum of both employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age and older, excluding armed forces personnel and persons in penal and mental institutions, sanitariums and homes for the aged, infirm, and needy. Persons “not in the labor force” include those not classified as employed or unemployed and include:

- retired Persons,
- persons engaged in their own housework,
- persons not working while attending school,
- persons unable to work because of a long term illness
- persons discouraged from seeking work because of personal or job market factors, and
- persons who are voluntarily idle.

Table 3-4 compares the civilian labor force of Henderson County with the labor market area which includes the adjoining Kentucky counties of Union, Webster, Daviess, McLean, and Hopkins. Other counties include the Indiana Counties of Gibson, Warrick, and Vanderburgh and the Illinois County of Gallatin. In 2004 Henderson County had a civilian labor force of 22,767 with 21,740 persons being employed and 1,027 being unemployed. At this time the unemployment rate was 4.5% which was lower than the labor market area.

TABLE 3-4
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
HENDERSON COUNTY
2004

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Henderson	22,767	21,740	1,027	4.5%
Labor Market Area Totals	249,894	237,817	12,077	4.8%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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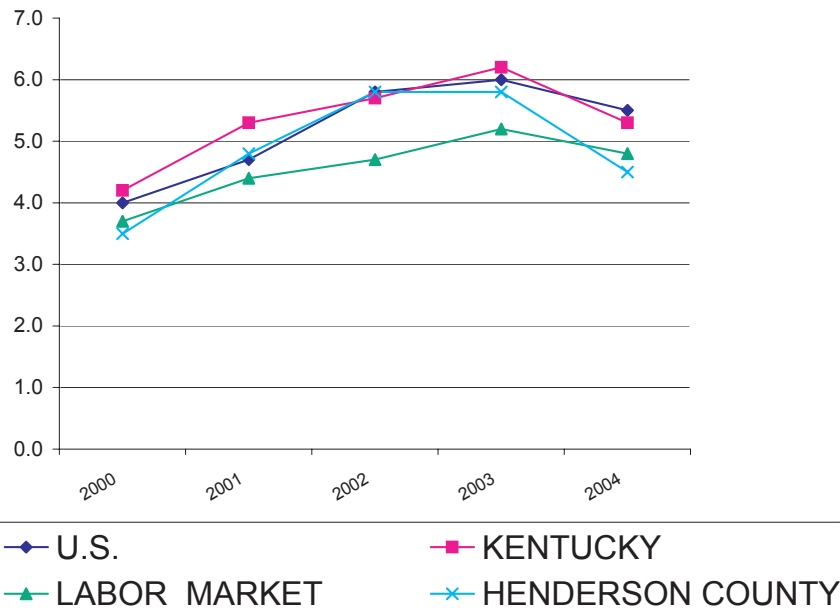


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UNEMPLOYMENT

Figure 3-5 shows the annual unemployment rates for the U.S., Kentucky, Labor Market Area, and Henderson County over the past five years. Unemployment rates for Henderson County have typically been lower than the U.S. and the state of Kentucky. However, the unemployment rate for the labor market area was lower than Henderson County in the years 2001, 2002, and 2003. As of June 2005, it is estimated that the county had a slightly lower rate (5.2%) of unemployment than the labor market area which was at 5.3%.

FIGURE 3-5
ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

YEAR	U.S.	KENTUCKY	LABOR MARKET	HENDERSON COUNTY
2000	4.0	4.2	3.7	3.5
2001	4.7	5.3	4.4	4.8
2002	5.8	5.7	4.7	5.8
2003	6.0	6.2	5.2	5.8
2004	5.5	5.3	4.8	4.5

EMPLOYMENT OF HENDERSON COUNTY RESIDENTS

The civilian labor force of Henderson County and the Cities of Henderson, Corydon, and Robards are employed in a wide range of industries as shown in Table 3-5. This information is obtained from the U.S. Census and does not reflect the location of employment. As of 2000 the majority of residents in Henderson County and the Cities of Henderson, Corydon, and Robards were employed in the “Manufacturing” industry. A large number of residents were also employed in the “Educational, health, and social services” industry which employs 18.3% of Henderson County residents, 18.1% of those residing in the City of Henderson, 10.8% of residents in Corydon, and 13.8% of Robards residents. The least number of residents in Henderson County, Henderson, and Robards were employed in the “Information” industry and “Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, mining” industry. In the City of Corydon low employment numbers are reflected in the “Professional, scientific, management, and administrative” industry as well.

COMMUTING PATTERNS

Table 3-5 details the commuting patterns of Henderson County residents according to the 2000 U.S. Census. As of 2000 there were 20,810 workers who lived in Henderson County. The majority (73.7%) of workers lived and worked in the county. Of the 21,485 workers who work in the county, 6,155 (28.6%) commute into the county from elsewhere.

**TABLE 3-5
HENDERSON COUNTY
COMMUTING PATTERNS**

WORKERS WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTY	
15,330	73.7% Live and work in the County
5,480	26.3% Live in the county, work elsewhere
20,810	Total workers who live in the county

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TABLE 3-6
EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 AND OVER BY INDUSTRY, 2000
FOR HENDERSON COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF HENDERSON, CORYDON & ROBARDS

INDUSTRY	HENDERSON COUNTY	PERCENTAGE	CITY OF HENDERSON	PERCENTAGE
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, mining	590	2.8%	217	1.7%
Construction	1,260	5.9%	709	5.7%
Manufacturing	5,454	25.7%	3,181	25.4%
Wholesale Trade	722	3.4%	490	3.9%
Retail Trade	2,249	10.6%	1,495	11.9%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,233	5.8%	533	4.2%
Information	341	1.6%	206	1.6%
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	1,332	6.3%	847	6.8%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative	1,076	5.1%	674	5.4%
Educational, health and social services	3,887	18.3%	2,268	18.1%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, food and beverage services	1,436	6.8%	946	7.5%
Other services (except public administration)	980	4.6%	594	4.7%
Public Administration	639	3.0%	383	3.1%
TOTAL EMPLOYED	21,199	100.0%	12,543	100.0%

INDUSTRY	CITY OF CORYDON	PERCENTAGE	CITY OF ROBARDS	PERCENTAGE
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, mining	11	4.0%	4	1.2%
Construction	32	11.6%	28	8.6%
Manufacturing	85	30.7%	105	32.1%
Wholesale Trade	17	6.1%	25	7.6%
Retail Trade	26	9.4%	7	2.1%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	19	6.9%	22	6.7%
Information	2	0.7%	2	0.6%
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	16	5.8%	24	7.3%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative	2	0.7%	5	1.5%
Educational, health and social services	30	10.8%	45	13.8%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, food and beverage services	19	6.9%	15	4.6%
Other services (except public administration)	12	4.3%	34	10.4%
Public Administration	6	2.2%	11	3.4%
TOTAL EMPLOYED	277	100.0%	327	100.0%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

WORKERS WHO WORK IN THE COUNTY

15,330	71.4%	Work and live in the county
6,155	28.6%	Work in the county, live elsewhere
21,485		Total workers who work in the county

Table 3-7 examines the commuting patterns of workers residing in Henderson County. Of those commuting outside of the county to work, the majority of Henderson County residents (4,130 workers) commute into other states to work while 1,350 residents commute into other Kentucky counties. The Kentucky State Data Center ranked counties by the percentage of workers commuting to work outside of their resident county. Out of 120 Kentucky Counties, Spencer County was ranked first with 77.9% of its residents commuting out of the county to work. Jefferson County was ranked 120th with only 7.7% of its residents commuting out the county to work. By comparison Henderson County ranked 95th with 26.3% of its residents commuting elsewhere.

**TABLE 3-7
PRIMARY AREAS THAT HENDERSON COUNTY
RESIDENTS COMMUTE TO:**

KENTUCKY	TOTAL 1,350
Union County	383 workers
Daviess County	297 workers
Webster County	234 workers
Hopkins County	196 workers
Hancock County	67 workers
OTHER STATES	TOTAL 4,130
Vanderburgh, IN	3,550 workers
Warrick, IN	206 workers
Gibson, IN	71 workers
Posey, IN	38 workers
Davidson, TN	28 workers

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**TABLE 3-8
PRIMARY AREAS THAT HENDERSON COUNTY
WORKERS COMMUTE FROM:**

KENTUCKY	TOTAL 4,203
Webster County	1,341 workers
Union County	1,186 workers
Hopkins County	639 workers
Daviess County	447 workers
McLean County	165 workers
OTHER STATES	TOTAL 1,952
Vanderburgh, IN	1,184 workers
Warrick, IN	301 workers
Posey, IN	99 workers
Gibson, IN	65 workers
Gallatin, IL	63 workers

Table 3-8 shows the primary areas that Henderson County workers, not living in the county, commute from. As can be seen from reviewing the table the largest number of workers come from adjacent counties in the Henderson County Labor Market area. A total of 4,203 workers commute into Henderson County from other Kentucky counties with 1,952 workers coming from other states. Of those commuting from other states, the majority of workers come from Indiana.

As reported by the 2000 U.S. Census for Henderson County, the preferred method of transportation to work is by car, truck, or van with 82.8% of residents driving alone and 12.2% of residents carpooling. A total of 135 or 0.6% residents used public transportation. Approximately 264 residents (1.3%) indicated that they walked to work. A total of 203 (1%) used other means to get to work. In 2000, the mean travel time to work was for county residents as 19.8 minutes. Two percent of residents worked at home.

Commuting statistics for the residents of the Cities of Henderson, Corydon, and Robards are similar to that of Henderson County. In Henderson the preferred method of transportation to work is by car, truck, or van with 9,752 residents (79.4%) driving to work alone and 1,779 (14.5%) carpooling. A total of 111 (0.9%) of residents in the City of Henderson used public transportation. An additional 239 (1.9%) indicated that they walked to work.

A total of 168 (1.4%) persons indicated that they use other means to commute to work with 237 (1.9%) residents working at home. In 2000, the mean travel time to work was 17.8 minutes.

In Corydon, the preferred method of transportation to work is by car, truck, or van with 211 residents (76.4%) driving to work alone and 61 (22.1%) carpooling. A total of 1 (0.4%) of resident in the City of Corydon used public transportation. No workers reported that they walked to work or used other means to commute to work. A total of three (1.1%) residents worked at home. In 2000 the mean travel time to work was 23.7 minutes.

In Robards, the preferred method of transportation to work is by car, truck, or van with 278 workers (85.8%) driving to work alone and 29 (9%) carpooling with no workers utilizing public transportation. Four workers (1.2%) indicated that they walked to work and two (0.6%) persons indicated that they use other means to commute to work. A total of eleven (3.4%) of workers worked at home. In 2000 the mean travel time to work was 25.6 minutes.

MONETARY INCOME

There are two methods of determining per capita income. The first is on the basis of monetary income alone. This is the method used by the U.S. Census Bureau. Total monetary income includes wages and salaries, net farm and non-farm self-employment, interest dividends, net rental income, social security and all other regularly received income such as pensions, unemployment compensation and alimony. Receipts not counted include various “lump sum” payments such as capital gains and inheritance. The total represents the amount of income received before deductions. Table 3-9 shows the per capita income and median household incomes for Kentucky, Henderson County, and the Cities of Henderson, Corydon, and Robards according to the U.S. Census Bureau based on monetary income. Comparative data for the City of Robards could not be included as the city was not incorporated at the time of the 1990 Census.

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**TABLE 3-9
CENSUS INCOME DATA 1990-2000**

Jurisdiction	1989 Per Capita Income	1999 Per Capita Income	% Change
Kentucky	\$11,153	\$18,093	62.3%
Henderson County	\$12,042	\$18,470	53.4%
City of Henderson	\$11,828	\$17,925	51.5%
City of Corydon	\$ 7,960	\$12,790	60.7%
City of Robards	NA	\$18,706	-

Jurisdiction	1989 Median Household Income	1999 Median Household Income	% Change
Kentucky	\$22,534	\$33,672	49.4%
Henderson County	\$25,556	\$35,892	40.4%
City of Henderson	\$22,085	\$30,427	37.8%
City of Corydon	\$22,411	\$36,333	62.1%
City of Robards	NA	\$42,019	-

In both 1989 and 1999 the per capita income of Henderson County and the City of Robards was higher than the state overall. Of the incorporated cities, Robards had the highest per capita income in 1999 at \$18,706. However the City of Corydon experienced the greatest increase (60.7%) in per capita income from 1989 to 1999.

In 1999, Henderson County, and the Cities of Corydon and Robards had higher median household incomes than the state of Kentucky overall. Only the City of Henderson was below the state average. In 1999 the City of Robards had the highest median household income at \$42,019. However the City of Corydon experienced the greatest increase (62.1%) in median household income from 1989 to 1999. It can be assumed that the Cities of Corydon and Robards have higher median household incomes due to the fact that a larger percentage of residents (30.7% and 32.1%) are employed in the “Manufacturing” sector of the economy. These jobs are among the highest paying.

PERSONAL INCOME

The second method of calculating per capita income is more inclusive and is termed per capita income. Personal per capita income includes income received from all sources such as wages and salaries, other labor income (employer contributions to private pension funds, jury and witness fees, etc.) proprietor's income, rental income, dividend and interest earnings by individuals and transfer payments not for services rendered (such as food stamps and welfare payments). Personal contributions for social security are deducted. Personal per capita incomes for Kentucky and Henderson County are shown below:

**TABLE 3-10
PERSONAL PER CAPITA INCOME**

	1993	2003	% Change
KENTUCKY	\$17,520	\$26,575	51.7%
Henderson County	\$18,044	\$26,232	45.4%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Accounts Data, Local Area Personal Income

Table 3-10 shows that the personal per capita income for Henderson County has increased at a slower rate than the state overall over the past ten years. In 1993 the county had higher personal per capita income than the state overall but was just below the state average in 2003. Henderson County experienced a 45.4% increase in personal per capita income whereas the average per capita income for the state grew 51.7% during this same period.

POVERTY RATE

The poverty rate is considered to be the minimum level of monetary income adequate for families of different sizes in consideration of American consumption patterns. These levels are determined by comparing individual or family income with annual income thresholds. The poverty levels are adjusted annually by the U.S. Government. The poverty rate is the percentage of individuals or families with incomes below the poverty level. Table 3-11 shows the percent of persons, children, and seniors in poverty for Kentucky and Henderson County for persons, those aged 17 and under, and seniors aged

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65 or older.

**TABLE 3-11
POVERTY RATES FOR PERSONS, CHILDREN, & SENIORS**

PERCENT PERSONS IN POVERTY			
	1989	1999	% Change
KENTUCKY	19.0	15.8	-16.8%
Henderson County	14.6	12.3	-15.8%

PERCENT OF RELATED CHILDREN IN POVERTY			
	1989	1999	% Change
KENTUCKY	24.5	20.4	-16.7%
Henderson County	18.3	17.2	- 6.0%

PERCENT OF SENIORS (65+) IN POVERTY			
	1989	1999	% Change
KENTUCKY	20.6	14.2	-31.1%
Henderson County	19.1	10.1	- 47.1%

Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 3, and 2000 Demographic Profiles from the 2000 Census of Population and Housing

From reviewing Table 3-11 it can be seen that Henderson County was lower than the state overall in all three categories. However, the rate of change has been lower for the county overall with the exception of those aged 65 and over. In this category, the percentage of change was significantly higher for the county. In 1999, the City of Henderson had 4,376 or 16.5% of individual persons, 24.6% of children under 18 years of age, and 10.1% of those aged 65 or older below the poverty level. At this same time, the City of Corydon had 46 (6.6%) of individual persons, 3.4% of children under 18 years of age, and 9.1% of those aged 65 or older below the poverty level, which is significantly lower than the poverty levels of the state and county. The City of Robards had 30 (5.2%) of individual persons, 7.8% of children under 18 years of age, and

4.8% of those aged 65 or older below the poverty level, which is significantly lower than the poverty levels for the state, county, and other Henderson County cities.

The U.S. Census Bureau issued 2002 poverty estimates for the state of Kentucky and Counties for all persons and those aged 0-17. For the state overall it appears that the poverty level for all persons has decreased from 15.8% to 14.8% with the number of those aged 0-17 increasing from 20.4% to 21.1% since 1999. This trend is similar for Henderson County. In 2002, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the total number of persons in poverty decreased from 12.3% to 12.1% but increased slightly from 17.2% to 17.8% for those aged 0-17.

LOCAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

A component to the overall economic condition of an area or region is the extent to which the community engages in economic development activities in order to promote the area and maintain a diversified economy. The following organizations are dedicated to assisting Henderson County in local economic development activities.

NORTHWEST KENTUCKY FORWARD

The Northwest Kentucky Forward is the primary economic development agency in Henderson County. This new four-county economic development agency is a public-private partnership that focuses on growing the region around Henderson including Union, Webster and McLean counties. The board structure includes the four county judges, one representative from each of the counties, the Mayor of Henderson, and private businesses.

It is the intent of the agency to serve as an aggressive recruiter but also to develop and implement a comprehensive existing business program. Additionally the agency is starting an office for plans to add staff to address entrepreneurship and workforce development over the next three years.

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HENDERSON-HENDERSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Henderson City-County Chamber of Commerce has been in existence since 1916. The Chamber of Commerce office is located at 201 North Main Street in downtown Henderson. The mission of the organization is, *“The Henderson-Henderson County Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization that exists to enhance the living, learning, and business environments for the citizens of the Henderson community and surrounding areas.”*

The Chamber of Commerce currently has 36 Board Members that serve three year terms. In addition to board members, the Henderson-Henderson County Chamber of Commerce also has an Executive Committee. The nominations for the Executive Committee come from the Chamber Board of Directors. One year Executive Committee positions include: Incoming Chair, Chairperson and Vice-Chair of Long Range Planning (Outgoing Chair). There are also two year terms for Vice-Chair positions, Membership Development, Budget and Finance, Public Policy Development, Existing Industry and Business Development, Education, Agricultural Development, Small Business/Technology Enhancement, and Community Betterment. The Henderson-Henderson County Chamber of Commerce publishes an Annual Report and Program of Work. This document lists the Chamber of Commerce staff, officers, board of directors, outlines the past year’s progress and next year’s work plan.

The Chamber is responsible for many programs and projects including the Tri-County Business and Industry Training Consortium, which has a membership of over 100, and Leadership Henderson with over 17 participants. The Chamber has also managed the Farmer’s Market since its inception and supported the newly created Imagination Library. In addition the Chamber has completed the formation of the “Community Foundation for Excellence”, a Section 501 c (3) corporation which will be used as an instrument for raising funds for projects like the Imagination Library. At the present time, the Chamber of Commerce has 26 volunteers serving as mentors to students at-

tending the Henderson County Public School System ranging in grades from first through high school. The Chamber is also in the process of organizing its second College Internship Program hoping to expand the number of participating companies each year. The Chamber applied for one million dollars in additional funding for training in the tri-county area. The Chamber provides a weekly e-newsletter called the *Henderson Heights* and regularly contributes articles to the *Business Spotlight* in the *Gleaner Newspaper*,

It is important to note that the Chamber achieved Three-Star Accreditation status from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This is a significant achievement as the Henderson-Henderson County Chamber is one of only three to receive this designation in Kentucky. Also noteworthy is that only four percent of all chambers receive Accreditation in the United States.

TRI-COUNTY TRAINING CONSORTIUM

The Tri-County Business and Training Consortium was started in late 2002 with a three million dollar grant from the Department of Labor. Initially these funds were to be used to provide training opportunities for approximately 2,300 workers from member companies located in Henderson, Union, and Webster Counties. Since the program was started, over 10,000 people have received training with over 800 courses being offered.

Although the grant from the Department of Labor expires in October of 2005, it is anticipated that additional grant funds will be obtained so that the consortium remains a training resource to the community. At the present time there are 137 Tri-County Training Consortium Members with membership fees, or investment fees, based on the employee population of each business or industry. The office for the Tri-County Training Consortium is located at 201 Main Street in Henderson.

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HENDERSON COUNTY RIVERPORT AUTHORITY

The Henderson County Riverport is a Full-Port Intermodal Facility serving local, national and international industries. The Riverport is located at mile 808 on the Ohio River, twenty miles from the confluence with the Green River. Based in the heart of the inland river system, the facility is one of the most active river ports in the Midwest and is a pivotal point for all river shipping in the Midwestern business area.

The Henderson County Riverport was originally designed to accommodate rapid industrial expansion on America's inland waterways system. In addition to the geographical benefit of its location, the riverport is a customs port-of-entry for the receiving and shipping of foreign goods. The Henderson County Riverport offers unique advantages over other area ports with a lifting capacity of 250,000 pounds, good road access for heavy and oversized truck loads, and rail service provided by CSX transportation.

The Riverport site is 527.7 acres in size and currently zoned M-2 or Heavy Industrial. A spur of the CSX Railroad serves the Riverport. Natural gas to the site is provided by the Henderson Municipal Gas System via a 6" lines. Electricity is provided by LG&E Energy Corp. (KU) and Kenergy Corporation. Water and sewer is provided by the Henderson Water Utility. Ten inch (10") water lines and 12" gravity sewer lines serve the site. Water treatment capacity is 12,000,000 with average daily use 6,902,339 and an excess capacity 5,097,661. Sewer treatment capacity is 15,000,000 with an average daily flow of 6,950,000. The nearest Interstate/Parkway is six miles from the site with paved internal access roads serving the Riverport. Although the nearest commercial/international airport serving the site is Evansville Regional Airport which is 14 miles northeast of Henderson, the nearest local airport is located in Henderson only .5 miles from the site.

Services provided by the facility include:

-Bulk Material Loading System with dump scales and a loading capacity of 800 tons per hour. This system can handle grain, coal, and a variety of other bulk materials.

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-125-ton Electric Pedestal Crane capable of loading barge, truck, and rail

-Freezer Proof Transit Warehouse is designed to handle materials from barge, rail, or truck

-Fleeting for 134 barges, 1000-HP Tow Boat, the : “Can Do”, 12,800 foot railroad track

-Storage Facilities including a square foot climate controlled transit warehouse with automatic fire and security systems

-Bulk Commodity and General Cargo Handling Facilities

-Outside Storage for concrete and dense grade materials

-Loading and securing lash barges for export

-Switching and fleeting services available around the clock.

-Accommodation for all types of integrated transportation activities, such as stevedoring, warehousing, yard storage, and distribution.

-Grain storage and loading facilities capable of receiving grain by truck and rail to barge

-Coal dock capable of receiving coal by truck and rail to the barge

At the present time, there are no future plans to expand Riverport facilities or services within the planning period.

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DOWNTOWN HENDERSON PROJECT

The Downtown Henderson Project (DHP), with offices located at 230 Second Street, has been in existence since 1986. The mission of DHP is, “*To promote, improve, and preserve the unique character and economic vitality of Downtown Henderson*”. The organization has an 18 member Board of Directors and a five member Executive Committee. Projects of the Downtown Henderson Project include the following:

Business Directory

The DHP prints a downtown directory/walking tour guide listing all membership by type of merchandise or services provided.

Business Recruitment

The DHP has available a recruitment packet which is set out to prospective business recruits.

Federal Tax Credits

Most buildings within the Central Business District are contributing buildings in the Historic District. As part of a registered National Historic District, these properties may be eligible for Federal income tax credits ranging from 10 to 20 percent of their restoration costs. Tax credit information is available in the Downtown Henderson Project office.

Free Design Assistance

The DHP provides individual businesses or property owners with design assistance including paint colors, signs, exterior changes, windows, and awnings specifications. Assistance is provided based on the needs and budget constraints of the business/property owner overseeing the project. In addition the Design Committee has compiled technical material complete with slides and a variety of information to assist downtown businesses with building improvements.

Gift Certificates

The DHP sells Downtown Henderson Gift Certificates which allow the recipient to choose from a wide variety of shops, restaurants or services (see the membership directory). The certificates are available in any denomination, and

honored by each Henderson business listed on the back of the certificate.

Paint Partnership Program

DHP, with the assistance of Henderson Paint & Glass and Pittsburgh Paints, has created a Paint Partnership Program. This program offers exterior paint at a discount to any commercial building in the Central Business District, contributing properties in the three residential Historic Districts, and properties listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places.

Preferred Rate Loan Program

This program is a joint effort between DHP and the local banks to provide for either physical property improvements or business improvements in the Central Business District (i.e. the funding of relocation and/or expansion of a business). This program is intended to fund improvements that will be visible within the community. Loans may be approved for amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Interest rates will be prime as quoted in the Wall Street Journal at the time of closing.

Property Referral

The DHP maintains a Vacant Building Survey that lists properties for lease or sale within the Central Business District. Specific information is available on the DHP Website. Market information concerning city and county demographics is also available at the DHP Office.

Web Listing Linkage

DHP has a Web Membership Directory that provides a link with member businesses free of charge.

At the present time there are no future plans to change or expand the existing programs of the Downtown Henderson Project.

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