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Across the nation, welfare reform presents a new challenge: how to shift from a program based on income maintenance to one focused on employment. Meeting this challenge calls for both more and new information on which to base decisions. **Welfare Reform ''By The Numbers''** is aimed at supplying the most recent data and information useful for local decision-making processes surrounding welfare reform. This series is provided in conjunction with the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Welfare Reform Implementation Task Force -- Community Resources Group.

Poverty	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Poverty Rate (1993)	16.5	19.7
Number of Individuals Living in Poverty (1993)	876	748,007
Total Number of K-TAP Recipients (1997)*	67	145,465
• · · ·	68.7%	68.2%
Percent of K-TAP Recipients Who Are Children (1997)*		
Percent People under 18 Living in Poverty (1993)	22.1%	28.1%
Percent Participation in the Free and Reduced School		12 004
Lunch Program (Avg. across districts) (1995-96)	41.5%	43.9%
Percent K-TAP Cases with Benefits 2 Yrs or Less (1997)*	100.0%	42.4%
Percent Population 65 and Over Below Poverty Level (1990)	28.6%	20.60%
Local Economy		
Avarage Unemployment Rate (Jan-Sept, 1997)	7.7	5.31
Percent of Adults Receiving K-TAP Who Are Either		
Employed or have a Work History (1997)*	95.2%	79.2%
Top 3 Employment Sectors (% of Total Jobs) (1995)	Farm 23.7%	Services 24.7%
	Services 16.7%	Retail 17.5%
	Manuf 15.4%	Manuf 15.3%
Percent Employment: Manufacturing, Retail, and Services (1995)	45.4%	57.5%
Percent of Women-Owned Businesses (1992)	31.0%	31.4%
Percent of Farmers with Farming as Primary Occupation (1992)	40.9%	44.5%
Percent of Jobs that are in Farming (1995)	23.7%	5.4%
Percent Working at Home (1990)	3.8%	3.0%
Percent of Teenagers Employed (Ages 16-19 Years) (1990)	29.2%	36.0%
Percent of Labor Force that is Female (1990)	42.9%	44.70%
Median Household Income (1993)	\$22,919	\$25,222
Income Maintenance as Percent of Total Transfer Payments (1995)	7.4%	10.7%
Food Stamp Payments (1995)	\$334,000	\$411,827,000

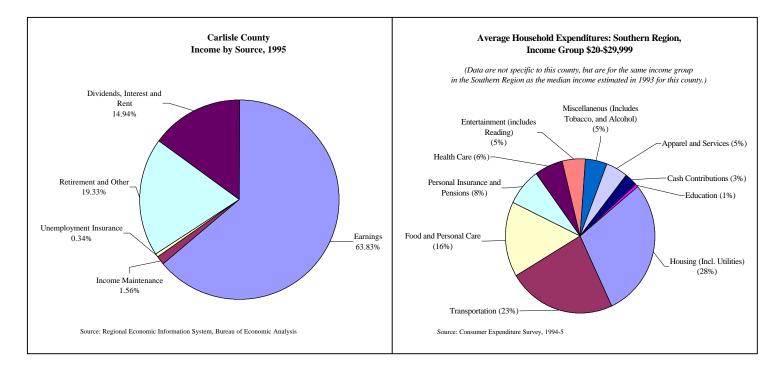
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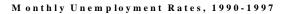
Work Force	County	<u>Stat</u>
Expenditures per Student (Avg. across Districts) (1994-95)	\$4,152	\$4,685
Child Care Slots (1997)*		
Licensed	0	121,25
Certified	6	3,768
Unregulated	15	50,12
Adult K-TAP Recipients w/ High School, GED or More (1997)*	42.1%	48.7%
Percent 18 yrs + with a High School Degree or More (1990)	64.6%	66.1%
Percent 18 yrs + with Less than a 9th Grade Education (1990)	17.5%	16.7%
Fransportation		
Percent of Housing Units Without Personal Transportation (1990)	7.5%	11.5%
Average Travel Time to Work (in Minutes) (1990)	24.9	20.
Percent of Workers Working Outside County of Residence (1990)	62.2%	25.9%
Percent of Population Living on Farms (1992)	12.9%	4.79
Percent of Workers Either Drive or Share a Ride to Work (1990)	94.1%	90.9%
Percent Commuting 45 Minutes or More to Work (1990)	17.5%	9.6%
Housing		
Median Gross Rent (1990)	\$235	\$319
Percent Households Paying 30% + of Income For Rent (1990)	26.5%	38.19
Total Number of Rental Housing Units (1990)	368	457,13
Rental Vacancy Rate (1990)	10.3	8.
Percent of Occupied Housing that is Renter Occupied (1990)	15.7%	30.49
Percent of Housing Units that are Mobile Homes (1990)	16.4%	12.19
Percent Housing Units Built After 1980 (Incl. Mobile Homes) (1990)	17.4%	20.09
Percent of Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing (1990)	1.5%	2.99
Percent of Housing Units with Sewage Disposal other than		
Sewer, Septic Tank or Cesspool (1990)	6.4%	3.89
Percent of Housing Units Without Telephones (1990)	12.2%	10.29
Social		
Total Resident Population (1997)	5,381	3,908,12
Number of Family Resource Youth Service Centers (1997)*	0	58
Percent of Births to Mothers 15-19 Years of Age (1993)	15.2%	16.49
Percent of Births to Mothers Less than 20 Years of Age (1993)	15.2%	16.89
Percent Households w/ Children Headed by a Single Parent (1990)	5.0%	7.5%
Percent of Population Under 6 Years (1990)	7.3%	8.29
Percent of Population Ages 10-13 Years (1990)	5.1%	6.19
Percent of Population Ages 14-19 Years (1990)	9.7%	9.29
Percent of Population Under 18 Years (1990)	24.1%	25.9%

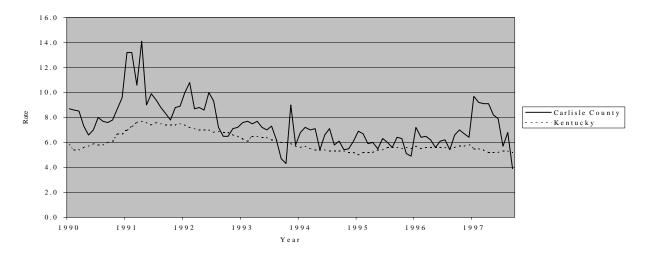
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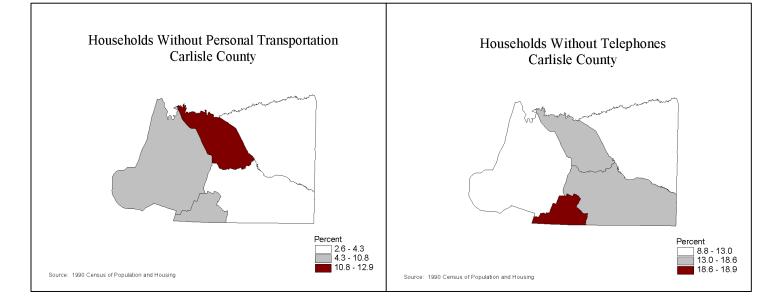
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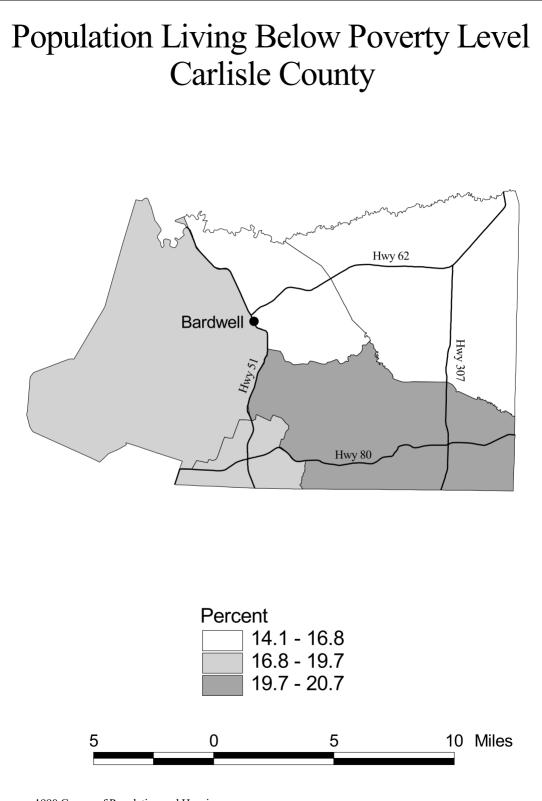
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