



Welfare Reform "By the Numbers" Graves County



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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.

| | <u>County</u> | <u>State</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Poverty | | |
| Poverty Rate (1993) | 16.4 | 19.7 |
| Number of Individuals Living in Poverty (1993) | 5,759 | 748,007 |
| Total Number of K-TAP Recipients (1997)* | 728 | 145,465 |
| Percent of K-TAP Recipients Who Are Children (1997)* | 69.1% | 68.2% |
| Percent People under 18 Living in Poverty (1993) | 23.6% | 28.1% |
| Percent Participation in the Free and Reduced School Lunch Program (Avg. across districts) (1995-96) | 46.5% | 43.9% |
| Percent K-TAP Cases with Benefits 2 Yrs <u>or Less</u> (1997)* | 54.8% | 42.4% |
| Percent Population 65 and Over Below Poverty Level (1990) | 19.4% | 20.60% |
| Local Economy | | |
| Average Unemployment Rate (Jan-Sept, 1997) | 8.1 | 5.31 |
| Percent of Adults Receiving K-TAP Who Are Either Employed or have a Work History (1997)* | 90.2% | 79.2% |
| Top 3 Employment Sectors (% of Total Jobs) (1995) | Manuf 24.8% | Services 24.7% |
| | Services 21.6% | Retail 17.5% |
| | Retail 15.3% | Manuf 15.3% |
| Percent Employment: Manufacturing, Retail, and Services (1995) | 61.7% | 57.5% |
| Percent of Women-Owned Businesses (1992) | 29.2% | 31.4% |
| Percent of Farmers with Farming as Primary Occupation (1992) | 44.4% | 44.5% |
| Percent of Jobs that are in Farming (1995) | 8.8% | 5.4% |
| Percent Working at Home (1990) | 3.0% | 3.0% |
| Percent of Teenagers Employed (Ages 16-19 Years) (1990) | 38.7% | 36.0% |
| Percent of Labor Force that is Female (1990) | 42.6% | 44.70% |
| Median Household Income (1993) | \$24,737 | \$25,222 |
| Income Maintenance as Percent of Total Transfer Payments (1995) | 7.6% | 10.7% |
| Food Stamp Payments (1995) | \$2,292,000 | \$411,827,000 |

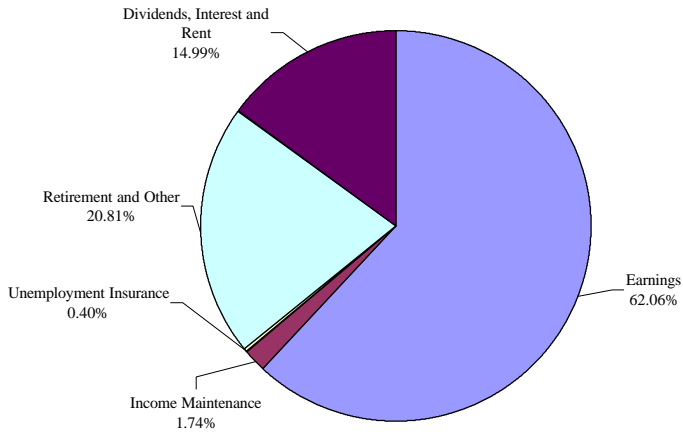
| Work Force | County | State |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Expenditures per Student (Avg. across Districts) (1994-95) | \$4,474 | \$4,685 |
| Child Care Slots (1997)* | | |
| Licensed | 475 | 121,255 |
| Certified | 30 | 3,768 |
| Unregulated | 359 | 50,121 |
| Adult K-TAP Recipients w/ High School, GED <u>or More</u> (1997)* | 36.9% | 48.7% |
| Percent 18 yrs + with a High School Degree <u>or More</u> (1990) | 63.1% | 66.1% |
| Percent 18 yrs + with <u>Less than</u> a 9th Grade Education (1990) | 17.2% | 16.7% |
| Transportation | | |
| Percent of Housing Units Without Personal Transportation (1990) | 9.4% | 11.5% |
| Average Travel Time to Work (in Minutes) (1990) | 20.4 | 20.7 |
| Percent of Workers Working Outside County of Residence (1990) | 30.0% | 25.9% |
| Percent of Population Living on Farms (1992) | 7.8% | 4.7% |
| Percent of Workers Either Drive or Share a Ride to Work (1990) | 93.2% | 90.9% |
| Percent Commuting 45 Minutes <u>or More</u> to Work (1990) | 9.5% | 9.6% |
| Housing | | |
| Median Gross Rent (1990) | \$262 | \$319 |
| Percent Households Paying 30% + of Income For Rent (1990) | 35.0% | 38.1% |
| Total Number of Rental Housing Units (1990) | 3,267 | 457,136 |
| Rental Vacancy Rate (1990) | 9.6 | 8.3 |
| Percent of Occupied Housing that is Renter Occupied (1990) | 22.1% | 30.4% |
| Percent of Housing Units that are Mobile Homes (1990) | 12.4% | 12.1% |
| Percent Housing Units Built After 1980 (Incl. Mobile Homes) (1990) | 16.1% | 20.0% |
| Percent of Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing (1990) | 1.2% | 2.9% |
| Percent of Housing Units with Sewage Disposal other than Sewer, Septic Tank or Cesspool (1990) | 2.5% | 3.8% |
| Percent of Housing Units Without Telephones (1990) | 8.4% | 10.2% |
| Social | | |
| Total Resident Population (1997) | 35,592 | 3,908,124 |
| Number of Family Resource Youth Service Centers (1997)* | 5 | 588 |
| Percent of Births to Mothers 15-19 Years of Age (1993) | 19.2% | 16.4% |
| Percent of Births to Mothers <u>Less than</u> 20 Years of Age (1993) | 19.9% | 16.8% |
| Percent Households w/ Children Headed by a Single Parent (1990) | 5.8% | 7.5% |
| Percent of Population Under 6 Years (1990) | 7.5% | 8.2% |
| Percent of Population Ages 10-13 Years (1990) | 6.0% | 6.1% |
| Percent of Population Ages 14-19 Years (1990) | 7.9% | 9.2% |
| Percent of Population Under 18 Years (1990) | 24.5% | 25.9% |

* These data are dated June 1997 and were generously supplied by the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children. K-TAP refers to the Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program which replaces the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

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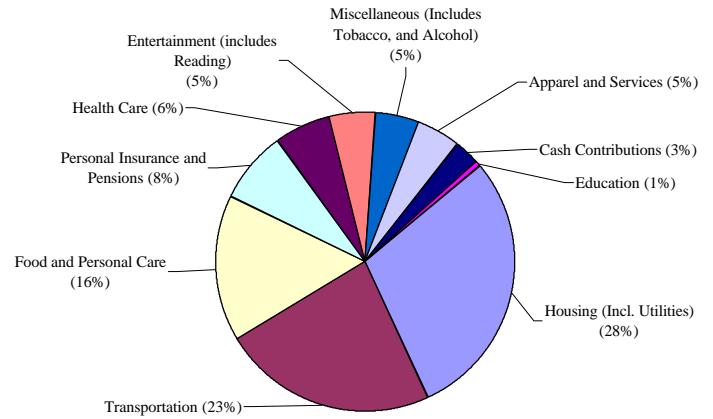
**Graves County
Income by Source, 1995**



Source: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis

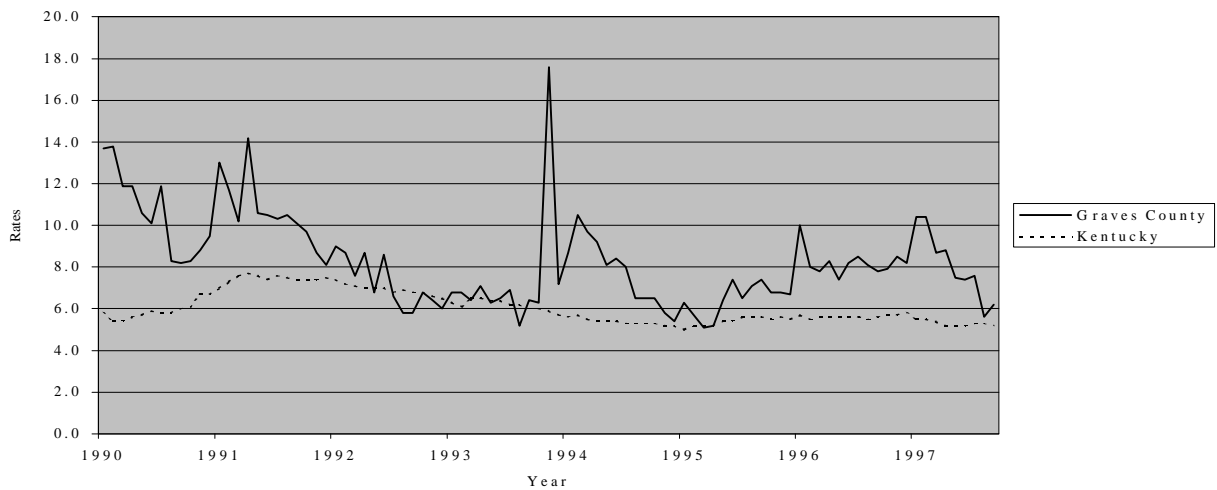
**Average Household Expenditures: Southern Region,
Income Group \$20-\$29,999**

(Data are not specific to this county, but are for the same income group in the Southern Region as the median income estimated in 1993 for this county.)

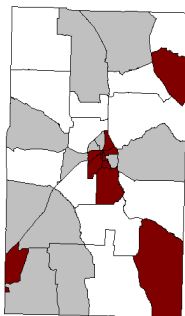


Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1994-5

Monthly Unemployment Rates, 1990-1997



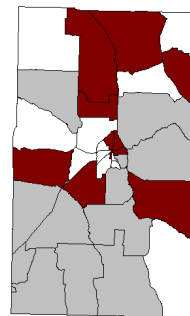
**Households Without Personal Transportation
Graves County**



Percent
 0.0 - 5.1
 5.1 - 11.8
 11.8 - 32.2

Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing

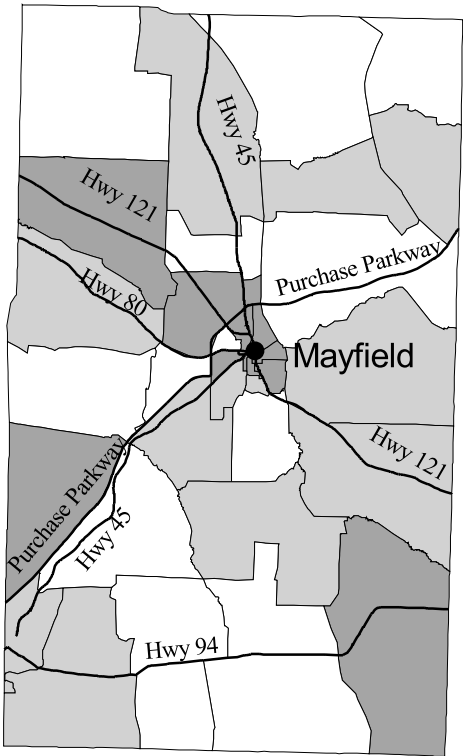
**Households Without Telephones
Graves County**



Percent
 1.5 - 5.2
 5.2 - 11.3
 11.3 - 21.3

Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing

Population Living Below Poverty Level Graves County



Percent

