

Rural and Economic Development Programs, Rural Sociology

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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.

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Poverty	<u>County</u>	State
Poverty Rate (1993)	16.8	19.7
Number of Individuals Living in Poverty (1993)	4,290	748,007
Total Number of K-TAP Recipients (1997)*	615	145,465
Percent of K-TAP Recipients Who Are Children (1997)*	71.2%	68.2%
Percent People under 18 Living in Poverty (1993)	22.1%	28.1%
Percent Participation in the Free and Reduced School	22.170	20.170
Lunch Program (Avg. across districts) (1995-96)	43.7%	43.9%
Percent K-TAP Cases with Benefits 2 Yrs or Less (1997)*	44.2%	43.9%
Percent R-TAP Cases with Benefits 2 Trs <u>of Less</u> (1997) ¹ Percent Population 65 and Over Below Poverty Level (1990)	44.2% 26.7%	42.4% 20.60%
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Local Economy		
Avarage Unemployment Rate (Jan-Sept, 1997)	4.7	5.31
Percent of Adults Receiving K-TAP Who Are Either		
Employed or have a Work History (1997)*	87.6%	79.2%
Top 3 Employment Sectors (% of Total Jobs) (1995)	Manuf 37.9%	Services 24.7%
	Services 15.9%	Retail 17.5%
	Farm 12.3%	Manuf 15.3%
Percent Employment: Manufacturing, Retail, and Services (1995)	65.3%	57.5%
Percent of Women-Owned Businesses (1992)	28.7%	31.4%
Percent of Farmers with Farming as Primary Occupation (1992)	51.3%	44.5%
Percent of Jobs that are in Farming (1995)	12.3%	5.4%
Percent Working at Home (1990)	5.4%	3.0%
Percent of Teenagers Employed (Ages 16-19 Years) (1990)	46.9%	36.0%
Percent of Labor Force that is Female (1990)	44.0%	44.70%
Median Household Income (1993)	\$25,526	\$25,222
Income Maintenance as Percent of Total Transfer Payments (1995)	8.6%	10.7%
Food Stamp Payments (1995)	\$1,788,000	\$411,827,000

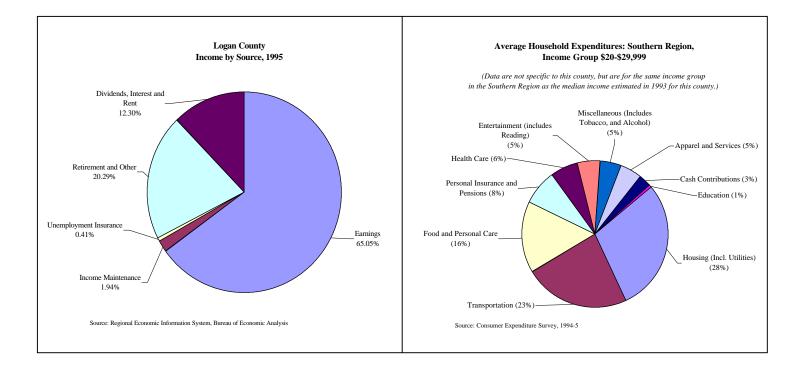
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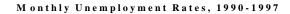
Work Force	County	State
Expenditures per Student (Avg. across Districts) (1994-95)	\$4,513	\$4,685
Child Care Slots (1997)*		
Licensed	274	121,255
Certified	30	3,768
Unregulated	261	50,121
Adult K-TAP Recipients w/ High School, GED or More (1997)*	54.6%	48.7%
Percent 18 yrs + with a High School Degree or More (1990)	59.5%	66.1%
Percent 18 yrs + with Less than a 9th Grade Education (1990)	22.5%	16.7%
Fransportation		
Percent of Housing Units Without Personal Transportation (1990)	11.2%	11.5%
Average Travel Time to Work (in Minutes) (1990)	19.1	20.7
Percent of Workers Working Outside County of Residence (1990)	19.0%	25.9%
Percent of Population Living on Farms (1992)	12.6%	4.7%
Percent of Workers Either Drive or Share a Ride to Work (1990)	90.9%	90.9%
Percent Commuting 45 Minutes or More to Work (1990)	9.3%	9.6%
Housing		
Median Gross Rent (1990)	\$271	\$319
Percent Households Paying 30% + of Income For Rent (1990)	35.4%	38.19
Total Number of Rental Housing Units (1990)	2,747	457,13
Rental Vacancy Rate (1990)	9.8	8.
Percent of Occupied Housing that is Renter Occupied (1990)	26.6%	30.4%
Percent of Housing Units that are Mobile Homes (1990)	15.4%	12.19
Percent Housing Units Built After 1980 (Incl. Mobile Homes) (1990)	21.1%	20.0%
Percent of Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing (1990)	2.3%	2.9%
Percent of Housing Units with Sewage Disposal other than		
Sewer, Septic Tank or Cesspool (1990)	2.8%	3.8%
Percent of Housing Units Without Telephones (1990)	10.5%	10.2%
Social		
Total Resident Population (1997)	26,163	3,908,12
Number of Family Resource Youth Service Centers (1997)*	4	58
Percent of Births to Mothers 15-19 Years of Age (1993)	19.1%	16.4%
Percent of Births to Mothers Less than 20 Years of Age (1993)	19.1%	16.8%
Percent Households w/ Children Headed by a Single Parent (1990)	6.1%	7.5%
Percent of Population Under 6 Years (1990)	8.2%	8.2%
Percent of Population Ages 10-13 Years (1990)	6.2%	6.19
Percent of Population Ages 14-19 Years (1990)	8.8%	9.2%
Percent of Population Under 18 Years (1990)	26.4%	25.9%

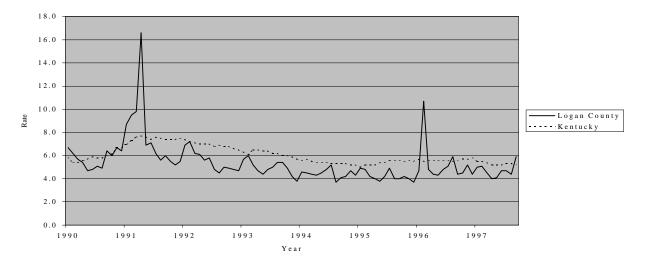
* These data are dated June 1997 and were generously supplied by the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children. K-TAP refers to the Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program which replaces the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

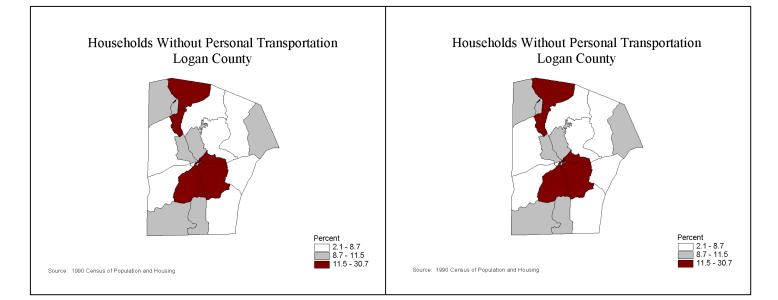
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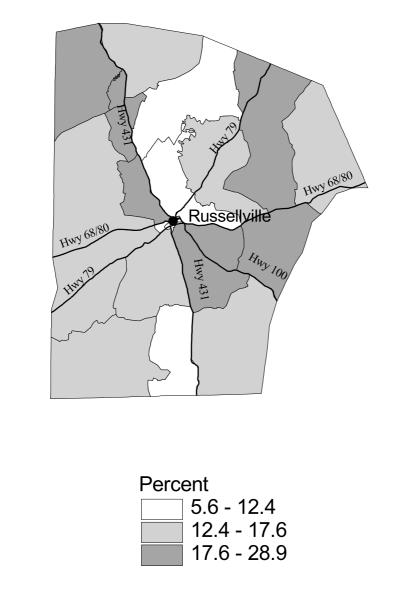








Population Living Below Poverty Level Logan County





Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing