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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.

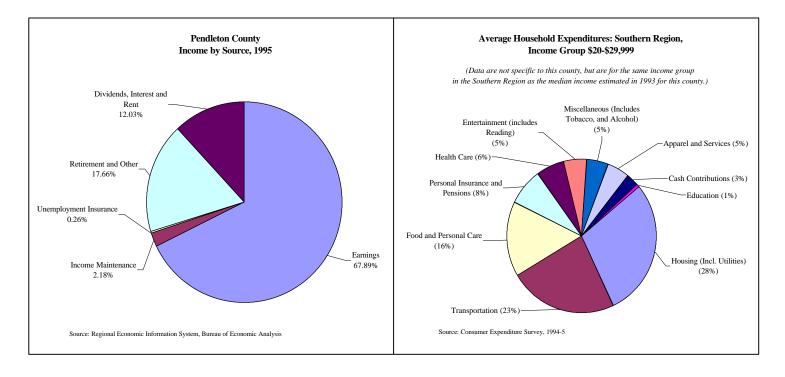
	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Poverty		
Poverty Rate (1993)	17.0	19.7
Number of Individuals Living in Poverty (1993)	2,264	748,007
Total Number of K-TAP Recipients (1997)*	369	145,465
Percent of K-TAP Recipients Who Are Children (1997)*	68.8%	68.2%
Percent People under 18 Living in Poverty (1993)	23.3%	28.1%
Percent Participation in the Free and Reduced School		
Lunch Program (Avg. across districts) (1995-96)	36.3%	43.9%
Percent K-TAP Cases with Benefits 2 Yrs or Less (1997)*	43.2%	42.4%
Percent Population 65 and Over Below Poverty Level (1990)	21.2%	20.60%
Local Economy		
Avarage Unemployment Rate (Jan-Sept, 1997)	7.6	5.31
Percent of Adults Receiving K-TAP Who Are Either		
Employed or have a Work History (1997)*	90.4%	79.2%
Top 3 Employment Sectors (% of Total Jobs) (1995)	Farm 23.2%	Services 24.7%
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Percent Employment: Manufacturing, Retail, and Services (1995)	Data Insufficient	57.5%
Percent of Women-Owned Businesses (1992)	30.3%	31.4%
Percent of Farmers with Farming as Primary Occupation (1992)	41.4%	44.5%
Percent of Jobs that are in Farming (1995)	23.2%	5.4%
Percent Working at Home (1990)	7.0%	3.0%
Percent of Teenagers Employed (Ages 16-19 Years) (1990)	36.3%	36.0%
Percent of Labor Force that is Female (1990)	43.2%	44.70%
Median Household Income (1993)	\$27,552	\$25,222
Income Maintenance as Percent of Total Transfer Payments (1995)	10.8%	10.7%
Food Stamp Payments (1995)	\$1,460,000	\$411,827,000

Work Force	County	Stat
Expenditures per Student (Avg. across Districts) (1994-95)	\$4,409	\$4,685
Child Care Slots (1997)*		
Licensed	131	121,255
Certified	24	3,768
Unregulated	95	50,122
Adult K-TAP Recipients w/ High School, GED or More (1997)*	56.5%	48.7%
Percent 18 yrs + with a High School Degree or More (1990)	62.5%	66.1%
Percent 18 yrs + with Less than a 9th Grade Education (1990)	17.6%	16.7%
Fransportation		
Percent of Housing Units Without Personal Transportation (1990)	8.2%	11.5%
Average Travel Time to Work (in Minutes) (1990)	34.1	20.7
Percent of Workers Working Outside County of Residence (1990)	60.1%	25.9%
Percent of Population Living on Farms (1992)	13.7%	4.7%
Percent of Workers Either Drive or Share a Ride to Work (1990)	88.0%	90.9%
Percent Commuting 45 Minutes or More to Work (1990)	37.4%	9.6%
Housing		
Median Gross Rent (1990)	\$274	\$319
Percent Households Paying 30% + of Income For Rent (1990)	38.4%	38.19
Total Number of Rental Housing Units (1990)	1,161	457,13
Rental Vacancy Rate (1990)	7.1	8.
Percent of Occupied Housing that is Renter Occupied (1990)	24.9%	30.4%
Percent of Housing Units that are Mobile Homes (1990)	18.0%	12.19
Percent Housing Units Built After 1980 (Incl. Mobile Homes) (1990)	20.8%	20.09
Percent of Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing (1990)	4.9%	2.9%
Percent of Housing Units with Sewage Disposal other than		
Sewer, Septic Tank or Cesspool (1990)	14.0%	3.8%
Percent of Housing Units Without Telephones (1990)	9.8%	10.2%
Social		
Total Resident Population (1997)	13,859	3,908,12
Number of Family Resource Youth Service Centers (1997)*	2	58
Percent of Births to Mothers 15-19 Years of Age (1993)	15.3%	16.4%
Percent of Births to Mothers Less than 20 Years of Age (1993)	15.3%	16.89
Percent Households w/ Children Headed by a Single Parent (1990)	5.9%	7.5%
Percent of Population Under 6 Years (1990)	9.3%	8.29
Percent of Population Ages 10-13 Years (1990)	7.2%	6.19
Percent of Population Ages 14-19 Years (1990)	9.2%	9.2%
Percent of Population Under 18 Years (1990)	29.1%	25.9%

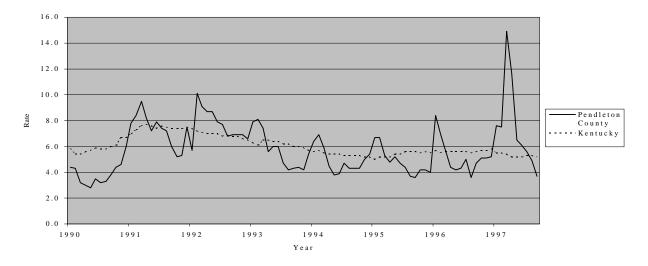
* These data are dated June 1997 and were generously supplied by the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children. K-TAP refers to the Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program which replaces the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

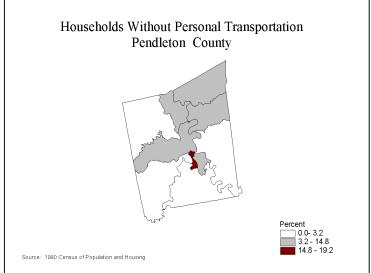
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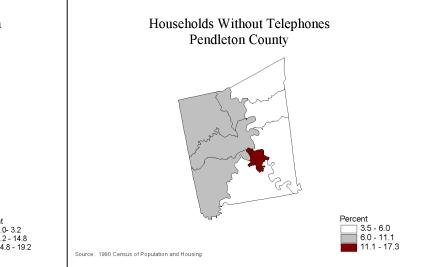
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Monthly Unemployment Rates, 1990-1997







Population Living Below Poverty Level Pendleton County

