

MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Mason County is located in northeastern Kentucky along the Ohio River. It is a rural county of about 16,500 people, with the capital of Maysville (about 8,800).

Agricultural: Mason County is a burley tobacco growing area. Tobacco is harvested from about 2.5% of farmland in the county (3,600 acres out of 144,000 acres in farms), but provides about 42% of all farm income (\$13.8 million out of \$32.5 million). The county ranks 12th out of 120 Kentucky counties in tobacco farm receipts. Dairy, hay, and corn are the other major components of farm income. Mason County is also a major tobacco marketing center, with 10 or 11 tobacco warehouses in Maysville county. Parker Tobacco Co., a tobacco processor, is also located in Maysville.

Manufacturing: In 1994, Mason County had 3,298 manufacturing jobs — over one-third of all non-agricultural jobs in the county and significantly about the state average percentage. Major employers include EPT Drives & Components, a division of Emerson Electric; Technotrim (which makes automotive trim covers); and Jockey Int'l, Inc.

Demographic:

Per capita personal income (1994):	\$ 16,504
Persons below poverty level (1989):	20.3%
% H.S. Graduate or higher (1990):	60.7%
% Bachelor's Degree or higher (1990):	10.2%

Political:

1996 Presidential:	Dole: 46.9%	Clinton: 44.3%	Perot: 8.8%
1996 Senate:	McConnell: 60.2%	Beshear: 39.8%	
1995 Gubernatorial:	Forgy: 50.6%	Patton: 49.4%	
1992 Senate:	Ford: 67.2%	Williams: 33.8%	

CARROLL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Carroll County is located about halfway between Cincinnati and Louisville along the Ohio River. It is a rural county of about 9,500 people, with the capital of Carrolton (about 3,700).

Agricultural: Mason County is a burley tobacco growing area. Tobacco is harvested from about 2.7% of farmland in the county (1,620 acres out of 61,000 acres in farms), but provides about 61% of all farm income (\$6.8 million out of \$11.1 million). The county ranks 43rd out of 120 Kentucky counties in tobacco farm receipts.

Manufacturing: In 1994, Carroll County had 2,000 manufacturing jobs — about two-fifths of all non-agricultural jobs in the county and significantly about the state average percentage. Major employers include Dow Corning (silicones); Elf Autochem North America (chemicals); and Dayton Walther Corp. (Disk brakes, drums, truck hubs).

Demographic:

Per capita personal income (1994):	\$ 16,935
Persons below poverty level (1989):	22.0%
% H.S. Graduate or higher (1990):	59.6%
% Bachelor's Degree or higher (1990):	10.7%

Political:

1996 Presidential:	Clinton: 52.6%	Dole: 36.4%	Perot: 10.9%
1996 Senate:	McConnell: 51.4%	Beshear: 48.6%	
1995 Gubernatorial:	Patton: 61.3%	Forgy: 38.7%	
1992 Senate:	Ford: 78.7%	Williams: 21.3%	