The maps and tables in this publication were prepared using PCensus 7.06 for MapInfo and MapInfo Professional 7.0.
Vanderburgh County is located in South Central Indiana bordered by the Ohio River and the State of Kentucky to the south and by the following Indiana counties: Posey to the west, Gibson to the north, and Warrick to the east. U.S. Highway 41 and State Highways 62 and 66 cross the county. Elevation is 375 to 500 feet.

A variety of types of terrain are found in the county: slightly sloping in the south, steeper across the west and north, and nearly level sectors near the Big Creek and Pigeon Creek tributaries on the eastern border. The landscape features hickory and oak trees. The county pertains to the Central Mississippi Valley Wooded Slopes land resource area.

Vanderburgh county is in the Central Time Zone and observes DST. Average daily temperatures are 24°/42° in January and 67°/89° in July. Annual precipitation is about 42 and snowfall about 10 inches. The first freeze comes first in the far northeastern sector between October 20-25, and a little later (October 25-30) across the rest of the county. The last freeze happens first (April 5-10) in the majority of the county and a bit later (April 10-15) in the northern third of the county. The growing season lasts about 188-208 days.

Agricultural activity is mainly in corn for grain and soybeans. Additional crops include hay and winter wheat. Livestock are mainly cattle/calves and hogs/pigs. About half of the land is in farms and more than four-fifths of that land is in cash crops. Important natural resources include coal, construction sand and gravel, petroleum, and forestland. Water resources include lakes/reservoirs (the largest being Clutter, Kahre, Woodland, Talahi, Schnake, and Hamilton Lakes), the Ohio River, and the Big and Pigeon Creeks.

Communities include the city of Evansville, the county seat; and the town of Darmstadt.

Sources: Map from PCensus for MapInfo; Geographic Notes from Indiana Facts: Flying the Colors by John Clements, 1995.
3. Location and Historical Notes

Vanderburgh County is not a tobacco-producing county, according to the Strategic Development Group’s “Alternative Agricultural Strategy” (Bloomington, March 15, 2001) report, which is part of Governor Joseph E. Kernan’s “Recipient Final Reports for Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture Grant Programs” (http://www.in.gov/oca/grants/valueadd/VAFinalReports.html):