



**Figure 2.** Sample-collection dates of suspended-sediment concentration at U.S. Geological Survey sites in Kentucky for which there are long-term water-quality records. The highest number of sites was monitored in the early 1980s; however, this number was halved by 1982 (shown by the first line). Some new sites were added in the mid-1980s, but the total number of sites was halved again (to

approximately 15) before 1990 (shown by the second line). The number of sites continued to decrease during the 1990s. At the end of 2007, 10 sites were being monitored in the Commonwealth; however, most of these have no long-term record. Each crosshatch (+) indicates a single sample date. Color in this figure is only to help the reader and is not meant to imply a difference between sites.