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POPULATION, 1960: Columbus - 482 Hickman County - 6,747

COLUMBUS LABOR SUPPLY AREA: Includes Hickman and all adjoining counties. Estimated number of workers available for industrial jobs in the labor supply area is 1,755 men and 929 women. Number of workers available from Hickman County is 138 men and 78 women.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT, 1961:

All Industries: Hickman County - \$61.24 Kentucky - \$83.44

TRANSPORTATION:

Railroads: Columbus is served by the Gulf Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company.

Air: There are two commercial airports in the area which serve Columbus. Everett - Stewart Airport, Union City, Tennessee, 28 miles distant, is served by Southern Airlines. Barkley Field at Paducah, Kentucky, 41 miles distant, is served by Ozark Air Lines.

Trucks: Common carrier truck service is provided by Edwards Truck Line, with terminal facilities in Clinton, 10 miles, Hayes Freight Lines, Inc., and Harper Truck Service.

Bus: Columbus is served by Gulf Transport Bus Lines.

Highways: Columbus is served by Kentucky Highways 58, 80, and 123.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Columbus is served by Kentucky Utilities Company.

Natural Gas: There is no natural gas distribution system in Columbus.

Water: A municipally owned company serves Columbus. The source of raw water is the Mississippi River.

Sewerage: At the present time, there is no sewerage system. Future plans are for a disposal plant and modern sewerage system.

COMMUNICATION:

Postal Facilities: Columbus has a third-class post office with one full-time employee and two part-time employees. Mail is received and dispatched two times daily.

Telephone: The Kentucky Telephone System serves Columbus with a dial system.

Radio: The nearest radio stations are: WFUL, AM and FM, at Fulton; WKYB, AM and FM, and WPAD, AM and FM, at Paducah; and WKTM and WNGO at Mayfield.

Television: Television reception is excellent from Paducah, Kentucky, and Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

INDUSTRIAL SITES: Columbus has several tracts of land which would be available to industry. Information concerning these sites may be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Commerce.

CITY SERVICES:

Fire Protection: The Columbus Fire Department has a chief and six firemen, all volunteers. Mobile equipment consists of a trailer with 150 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose. The city has a Class-9 NBFU insurance rating.

Police Protection: Police protection is provided by one policeman. Equipment consists of one patrol car furnished by the policeman.

Garbage and Sanitation: Garbage is disposed of individually at the city owned dump.

TAXES: The property tax rate per \$100 of assessed value for Columbus is \$3.00 and for Hickman County \$2.25. The ratio of assessment in Hickman County is 33 1/3%.

LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Housing: There are few houses for rent or sale in Columbus. Construction costs for two and three bedroom houses range from \$10,000 to \$12,000, depending upon location and materials used.

Health: The Clinton - Hickman County Hospital, located in Clinton, 10 miles distant, is a modern, debt-free hospital with 35 beds and modern hospital facilities for major and minor surgery, X-ray, diagnosis and treatment, and laboratory. The hospital was built in 1949 and an addition was added in 1956 which brought the total cost to \$530,000. The hospital has been fully air-conditioned in the past two years.

Education: The Hickman County Public School System has a total enrollment of 1,316 students and 56 teachers; a student-teacher ratio of 24 to 1. The 1962-63 budget totals \$391,688.08. Approximately 74% of those entering high school in Hickman County graduate; approximately 46% of those graduating attend college.

Columbus Elementary School, a part of the Hickman County Public School System, has an enrollment of 127 with 5 teachers.

Libraries: Columbus is served by a bookmobile twice a week.

Churches: The following denominations are represented in Columbus: Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist.

Banks: The nearest bank is located in Clinton.

Newspapers: The Hickman County Gazette, a weekly with an average circulation of 2,300, serves Columbus. Daily papers are received from Paducah and Louisville, Kentucky, and Cairo, Illinois.

Recreation: Columbus-Belmont State Park is located in Columbus and offers excellent recreational facilities.

Kentucky Dam Village State Park, in western Kentucky, is located 65 miles northeast of Columbus. The park area is located on Kentucky Lake at Kentucky Dam.

Community Improvements: Planned improvements include a new sewerage system, and a new Baptist Church which will be built in the near future at a cost of \$70,000.

CLIMATE: Climate in Kentucky is moderate with the annual temperature in Columbus averaging 52.6 degrees. January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of 31.6 degrees. August is the warmest month with an average temperature of 75.4 degrees. Annual rainfall averages 52.60 inches. There is an average of 108 days clear, 105 days partly cloudy, and 152 days cloudy.

The growing season averages approximately 200 days per year.

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