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# Industrial Resources: Spencer County- Taylorsville

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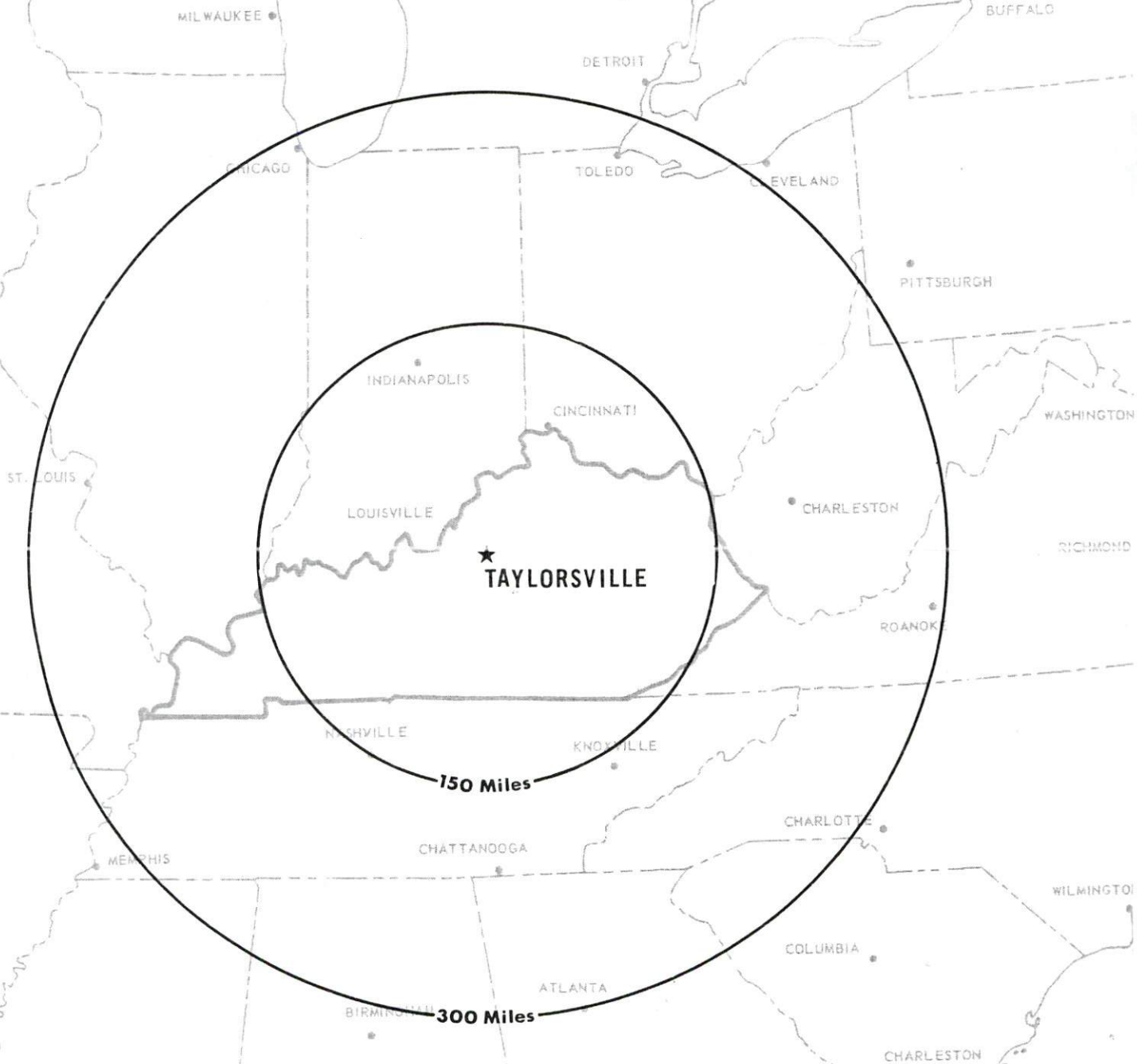
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# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

# TAYLORSVILLE, KENTUCKY



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## SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

### TAYLORSVILLE, KENTUCKY

DECEMBER 1960

POPULATION, 1960: Taylorsville - 1,000; Spencer County - 5,626

TAYLORSVILLE LABOR SUPPLY AREA: Includes Spencer and the counties of Shelby, Bullitt, Nelson, and Anderson. Estimated number of workers available in the labor supply area is 2,074 men and 3,334 women; estimated number available from Spencer County is 201 men and 369 women.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT, FOURTH QUARTER, 1959: Spencer County - \$55.80, all industries; Kentucky - \$82.87, all industries.

#### TRANSPORTATION:

Railroads: The nearest rail transportation is the Southern Railway System, Fisherville, 15 miles, which operates between Louisville and Lexington.

Airways: Louisville's Standiford Field, 30 miles, is served by American, Delta, Eastern, Ozark, Piedmont, and TWA.

Truck Lines: Taylorsville is provided common carrier service by Taylorsville Transfer Line.

Highways: Taylorsville is served by State Routes 55 and 44.

#### UTILITIES:

Electricity: Electricity is supplied to the city by Kentucky Utilities Company. Rural customers are served by Salt River RECC.

Natural Gas: Taylorsville does not have natural gas facilities.

Water: A municipally owned company, with an 8 inch line to Salt River, serves Taylorsville. Storage facilities for treated water consist of a 100,000 gallon standpipe. The filtration capacity is 250 gpm, and the average pumping time to meet requirements is 8 hours.

Sewerage: The Taylorsville Municipal Sewerage System serves Taylorsville with sanitary sewers. The system is now operating at capacity. Means of disposal is by a large, closed septic tank. The city plans to construct a new disposal plant in the near future at a cost of \$75,000.

Libraries: The Spencer County Public Library is located in Taylorsville. This library contains 3,500 volumes and has an annual circulation of 16,000.

Churches: Denominations represented in Taylorsville are: Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of God, and Methodist.

Banks: The Peoples Bank, with total assets of \$2,173,961.54 and total deposits of \$1,508,251.51, as of June 30, 1960, is located in Taylorsville.

Newspapers: The Spencer Magnet, a weekly, has a circulation of 1,350. Papers are received daily from Louisville.

Radio and Television: Radio and television reception is from Louisville.

Clubs and Organizations: Masonic, Eastern Star, American Legion, Rotary, PTA, Homemakers, Farm Bureau, Fish and Game, and Chamber of Commerce.

Recreation: A city park, baseball field, community center, Salt River, and several commercial fishing lakes provide recreation facilities in Taylorsville. Area facilities, including a number of parks, lakes, resort areas, and shrines of historic note, are within a few hours drive of Taylorsville. Lake Cumberland State Park, Mammoth Cave National Park, and Cumberland National Forest are within easy driving distance of Taylorsville. Kentucky's two big horse racing centers, Churchill Downs, famous for the Kentucky Derby, and Keeneland, are about an hours distance away.

Community Improvements: Recent community improvements include: construction of a new dental clinic; a new medical clinic; a new post office building; a community center; three new subdivisions, installation of mercury vapor lights on Main Street; several city streets have been paved; store fronts have been painted; and purchase of a new fire truck. Planned improvements include: installation of mercury vapor lighting on side streets; construction of new curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Main Street; and development of a twenty-mile shoreline adjacent to the flood control impoundment that is to be created in the near future.

CLIMATE: Climate in Kentucky is moderate, with the annual temperature in Taylorsville averaging 55.5 degrees. January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of 33.7 degrees. July is the warmest month, with an average temperature of 76.9 degrees. Annual rainfall averages 45.17 inches. There is an average of 129 clear days, 106 partly cloudy days, and 130 cloudy days. The growing season averages 185 days per year.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

Postal Facilities: Taylorsville has a second class post office with eight employees. Mail is received and dispatched four times daily. Postal receipts for 1959 totaled \$10,499.24.

Telephone and Telegraph: Taylorsville is served by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company with a dial system. Western Union service is from Louisville.

INDUSTRIAL SITES: Plans are now underway to obtain options on two sites located within the city limits. Detailed information pertaining to these sites may be obtained from the Taylorsville Chamber of Commerce.

## CITY SERVICES:

Fire Protection: Taylorsville has a volunteer fire department, staffed with a chief and 28 firemen. Mobile equipment consists of two Class A, 500 gpm, pumper-type trucks. One truck serves the county. Taylorsville has a Class 8 fire insurance rating.

Police Protection: The Taylorsville Police Department is staffed with a chief and one patrolman. Motorized equipment consists of one patrol car.

Garbage and Sanitation: Garbage is collected by private contractors twice weekly in the business district and weekly in residential areas.

TAXES: The property tax rate per \$100 of assessed value is \$2.80 for Taylorsville and \$2.05 for Spencer County. The ratio of assessment in Spencer County is 32.0%.

## LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Housing: There are several housing units for rent or sale in Taylorsville. Construction cost for two and three bedroom houses is \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Health: The Spencer County Health Department is staffed with a doctor, sanitarian, inspector, and a clerk. Services provided include tuberculosis and venereal disease control, immunizations, infant and pre-school health and sanitation services. The Skaggs Clinic is staffed with two doctors. Services provided include X-ray, delivery room, laboratory, and all out-patient services. The nearest hospital is Kings Daughters Hospital at Shelbyville, 12 miles.

Education: The Spencer County school system has a total enrollment of 650 elementary students and 210 high school students. The student-teacher ratio is approximately 31-1 in the elementary grades and 21-1 in high school. A new science and chemistry room has just been completed at a cost of \$100,000.