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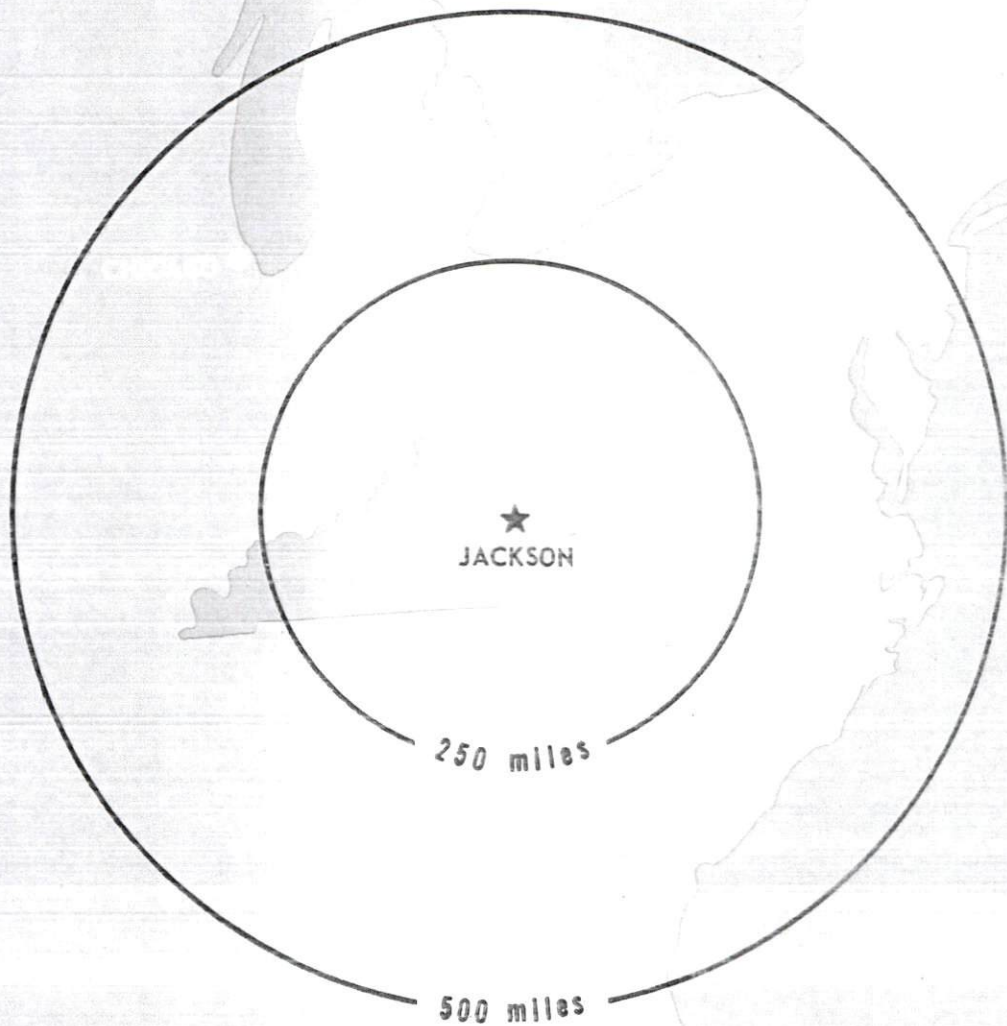
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

JACKSON KENTUCKY

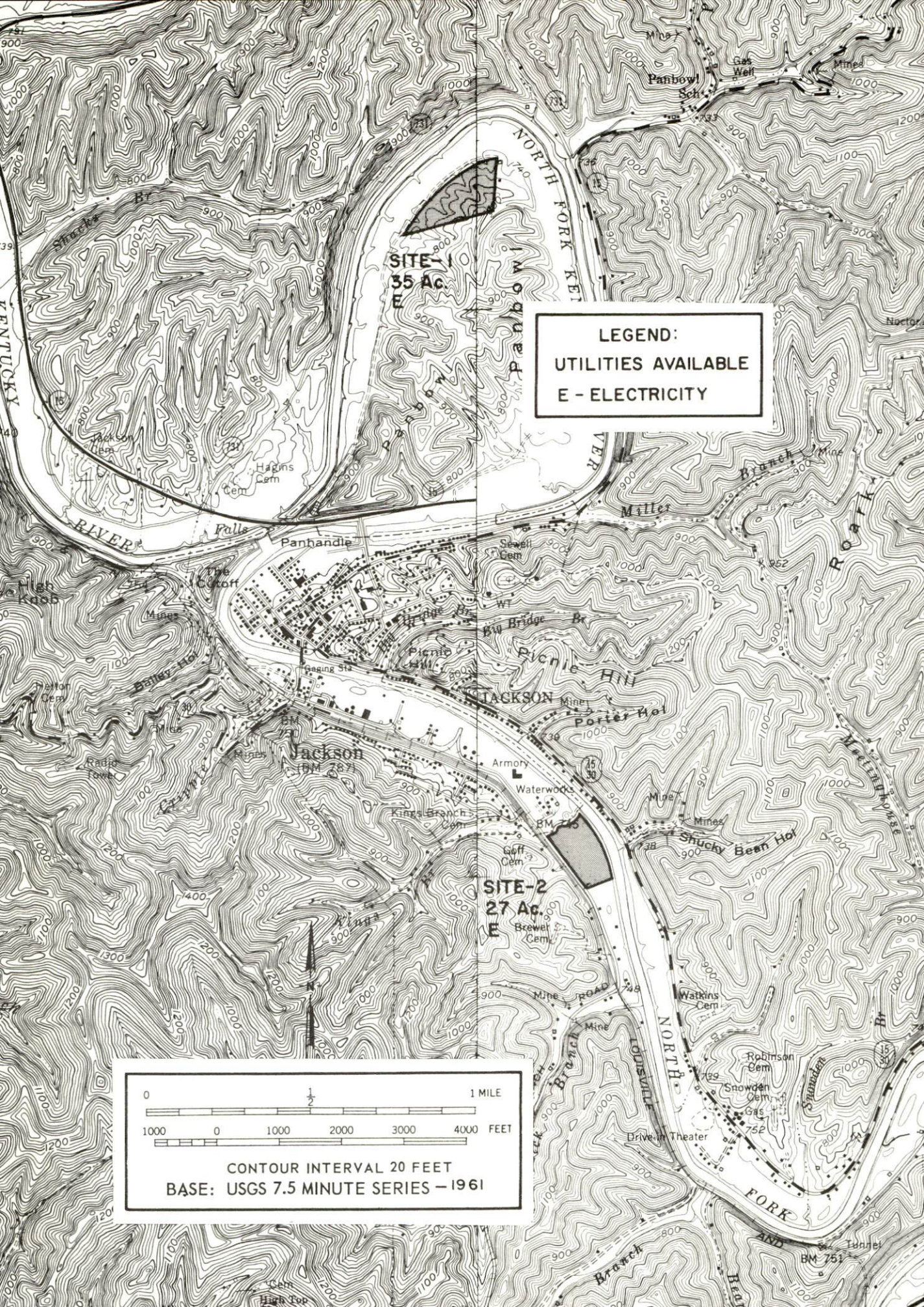


JACKSON INDUSTRIAL SITES

For more detailed information concerning the following sites, contact the Breathitt County Industrial Development Foundation, Inc., Jackson, Kentucky; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 35 acres, level to rolling
LOCATION: North of Jackson, within city limits
ZONING: Commercial
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 15, approximately 1 mile
from site via gravel access road
WATER: Will be extended by city
SIZE LINE: As required
GAS: Will be extended by Panbowl Gas Company
SIZE LINE: As required
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Will be extended by city
OWNERSHIP: Breathitt County Industrial Development
Foundation, Inc.

SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 27 acres, level
LOCATION: South of Jackson, within city limits
ZONING: Commercial
HIGHWAY ACCESS: By paved city street
RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad
approximately 1,500 feet from site
WATER: Will be extended by city
SIZE LINE: As required
GAS: Will be extended by Panbowl Gas Company
SIZE LINE: As required
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Will be extended by city
OWNERSHIP: Private



LEGEND:
UTILITIES AVAILABLE
E - ELECTRICITY

0 1/2 1 MILE
1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 FEET
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES - 1961

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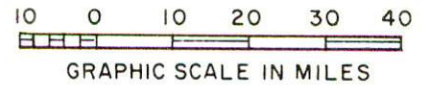
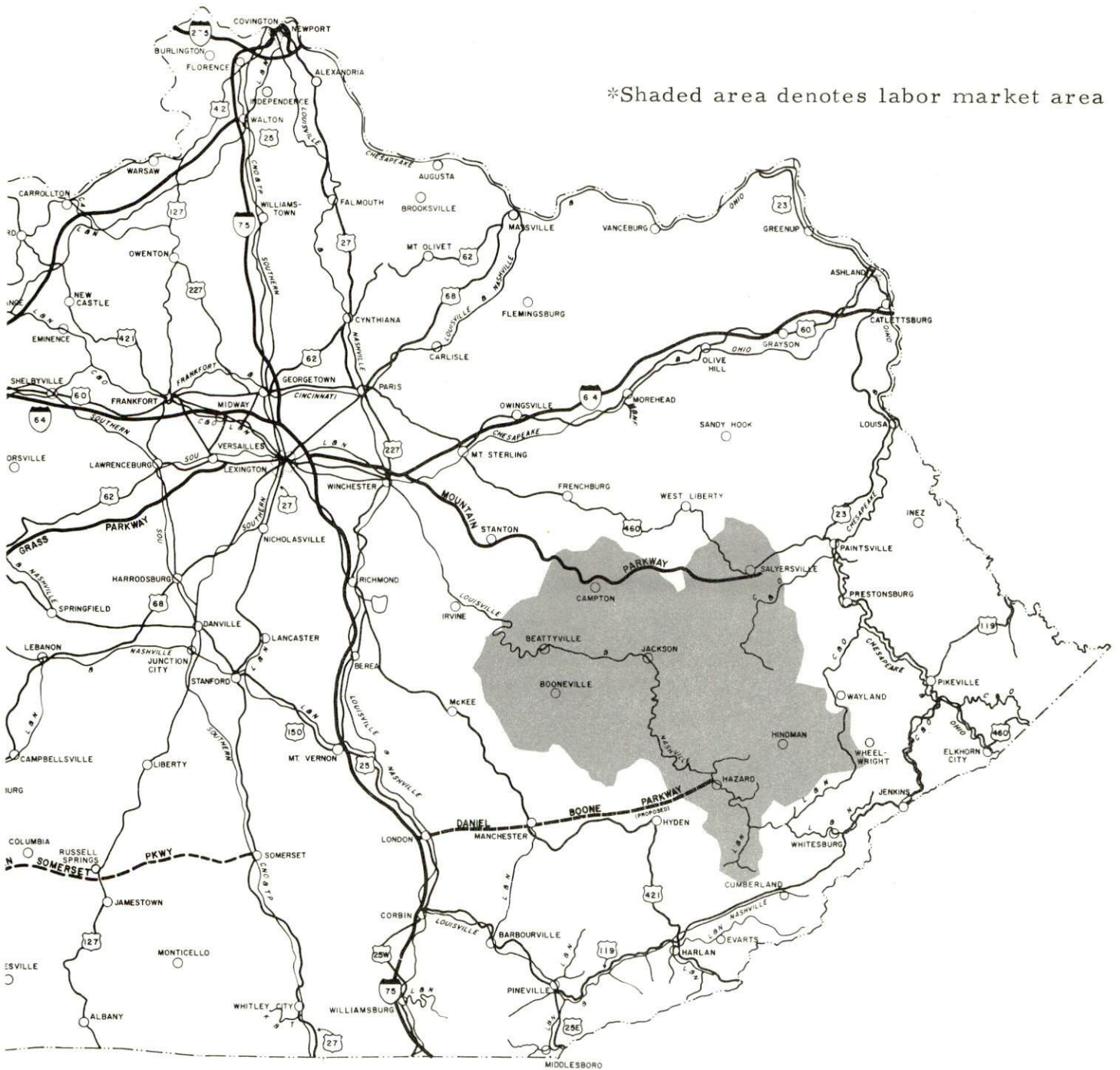
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JACKSON LABOR MARKET AREA

*Shaded area denotes labor market area



JACKSON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Jackson, the county seat of Breathitt County, is located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains at the edge of the Daniel Boone National Forest in the eastern section of Kentucky. Jackson is 160 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky, and 200 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Jackson had a 1970 population of 1,887. The 1970 population of Breathitt County was 14,221.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Breathitt County averaged 2,200 jobs in 1969, with agriculture providing 400 jobs, government 1,000 jobs, and manufacturing 100 jobs. Manufacturing employment has shown a slight increase since 1960. The county's major products are soft drinks and wood products.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1968 was \$855.

In the Breathitt County labor market area, which includes Breathitt and its six surrounding counties, total employment in 1969 averaged 15,600. Manufacturing provided 525 of these jobs, while trade and services provided 3,360 jobs. Area industrial employment is heaviest in leather products, transportation equipment, and lumber and wood industries.

The area has a deficit of 7,386 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing production is excellent.

Resources For Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 6,065 men and 6,605 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 6,390 young men and 6,045 young women will have become 18 years of age by 1976 and potentially available for work.
2. The local transportation capability is good. Jackson is 20 miles from the Mountain Parkway which links with Interstates 64 and 75. Rail service is provided by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Commercial air service is available at Lexington, 80 miles distant.
3. Energy - both gas and electricity - is available in large quantity. The raw water supply from the North Fork of the Kentucky River is more than adequate for future growth.

4. Industrial sites - Jackson has two available industrial sites.

5. Education - Jackson is the home of Lees Junior College. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and offers the first two years of standard liberal arts curriculum with credits acceptable for transfer to all Kentucky senior colleges.

Lees offers Jackson intercollegiate athletics through the membership of its basketball team in the Kentuckiana Junior College Athletic Association. Lees also maintains a strong intramural athletic program.

Community Programs For Improvement

Recent community improvements include a new science library and a new dormitory for men at Lees Junior College, three new subdivisions, a new shopping center, two new elementary schools, new Kentucky Power Company building, a Plant Material Center, the Breathitt County International Speedway, twenty-two room addition to LBJ Elementary School, and library additions to two county schools. Construction of the Jackson-Breathitt County Airport is underway.

Planned improvements include renovation of the city high school, black topping of school bus areas, extending the water and sewer lines to a new 67-lot subdivision and to industrial Site #1, a 400,000-gallon storage tank and two lift stations, and a paved access road to Site #1 upon completion of water and sewer lines.

Recreation, Entertainment, and Livability

Within Breathitt County excellent boating, fishing, and hunting can be found. (Panbowl Lake offers excellent fishing!) Supervised recreational programs for the children are available during the summer months with a swimming pool, baseball diamonds, and bowling lanes available.

Lees Junior College offers intercollegiate athletics, art exhibits and drama. The Breathitt County Arts Council and the Kentucky Arts Commission provide Jackson with an annual concert series.

Jackson's geographic location provides an almost unlimited access to outdoor recreation. Nearby are the Daniel Boone National Forest, Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Natural Bridge State Resort Park, Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, Kingdom Come State Park, and the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.

Jackson, on new Kentucky Highway 15 which links with the Mountain Parkway, is only 80 miles from Lexington which offers the full spectrum of sophisticated entertainment.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Jackson	1,887	1,852	1,978	+ 1.9	- 6.4
Labor Market Area	82,355	98,292	123,367	-16.2	-25.5
Breathitt County	14,221	15,490	19,964	- 8.2	-22.4
Knott County	14,698	17,362	20,320	-15.3	-14.6
Lee County	6,587	7,420	8,739	-11.2	-15.1
Magoffin County	10,443	11,156	13,839	- 6.4	-19.4
Owsley County	5,023	5,369	7,324	- 6.4	-26.7
Perry County	25,714	34,961	45,566	-26.4	-23.3
Wolfe County	5,669	6,534	7,615	-13.2	-14.2

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Breathitt County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,200	15,600
Agricultural	400	2,000
Nonagricultural	1,800	13,600
Manufacturing	100	526
Trade and Services	69	3,362
Government	1,000	4,233
Other	631	5,479

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY MARCH 1960 AND 1970 ^{3/}

Industry	Breathitt County			Labor Market Area		
	1970	1960	%Change	1970	1960	%Change
TOTAL	71	56	+26.8	506	235	+115.3
Food & Kindred Products	25	15	+66.7	93	61	+ 52.5
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	0	-	112	0	-
Lumber & Furniture	29	41	-29.3	114	161	- 29.2
Printing, Publishing, Paper	17	0	-	34	0	-
Machinery & Metal Products	0	0	-	136	0	-
Others	0	0	-	17	13	+ 30.8

BREATHITT COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT ^{4/}

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Jackson</u>				
Big Sandy Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.	Ready mixed concrete	2	2	0
Jackson Stave Co.	Barrel staves	16	16	0
Royal Crown Bottling Co.	Soft drinks	21	20	1
<u>Noctor</u>				
John A. Chapman Sawmill	Lumber, crossties, barrel staves	12	12	0

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
JACKSON, KENTUCKY ^{5/}

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$3.50
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.50	\$4.00	\$3.00
Laborer	1.60	1.60	1.60
Mechanic, Maintenance	1.60	3.00	2.50
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	1.80	1.60
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.50	\$2.15
File Clerk		1.80	
Receptionist		1.60	
Secretary	1.60	1.75	1.60
Typist		1.60	

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no labor unions representing manufacturing workers in Breathitt County.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
JACKSON LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1970 ^{6/}</u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1976 ^{7/}</u> (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market						
Area	12,668	6,064	6,604	12,433	6,390	6,043
Breathitt	1,848	791	1,057	1,901	974	927
Knott	2,411	1,146	1,265	2,244	1,152	1,092
Lee	1,033	486	547	892	466	426
Magoffin	1,635	833	802	1,458	731	727
Owsley	1,368	896	472	585	267	318
Perry	3,151	1,222	1,929	4,575	2,413	2,162
Wolfe	1,222	690	532	778	387	391

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Breathitt County	\$ 13,081,000	\$ 9,148,000	+43.0
Labor Market Area	100,701,000	72,650,000	+38.6
Kentucky	8,516,000,000	4,655,000,000	+82.9

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{9/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Breathitt County	\$ 855	\$ 603	+41.8
Labor Market Area	\$769 to 1,326	\$425 to 1,100	+80.9 to +20.5
Kentucky	2,645	1,552	+70.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Jackson Independent</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
Total Enrollment	404	3,635
Elementary	226	2,617
High School	178	1,018
Student-Teacher Ratio	19-1	27-1
Elementary	19-1	30-1
High School	20-1	25-1
State Rating of High School	Basic	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	56.5	31.9
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$349.77	\$408.77
Bonded Indebtedness	\$86,000 (Sept. 1970)	\$1,387,000 (June 1970)

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Hazard Area Vocational School	Breathitt County Extension Center
Miles Distant	Hazard	Jackson
Curriculum	31	
	General Clerical	Accounting Jr. Management
	Secretarial-Steno	General Clerical
	Practical Nursing	Secretarial-Steno
	Electronics (Industrial)	Appliance Repair
	Highway Technology	Auto Mechanics
	Auto Body Repair	Carpentry
	Auto Mechanics	Drafting
	Carpentry	Electricity
	Cosmetology	Machine Shop
	Diesel Mechanics	
	Drafting	
	Electricity	
	Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance	
	Machine Shop	
	Mine Mechanics	
	Welding	

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Kentucky Area - Within 90 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Lees Junior College	Jackson	405	Associate
University of Kentucky	Lexington	17,790	Ph. D, M. D. , D. M. D. , J. D.
Transylvania University	Lexington	859	Masters
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	9,600	Masters
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	416	Associate
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	297	Associate
Southeastern Christian College	Winchester	150	Associate

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Lines serving Jackson - Louisville & Nashville Railroad

Services - Freight, switching, REA Express

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM JACKSON, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

City	No. of Days		City	No. of Days	
	CL			CL	
Atlanta, Ga.	3		Los Angeles, Calif.	6	
Birmingham, Ala.	3		Louisville, Ky.	2	
Chicago, Ill.	3		Nashville, Tenn.	3	
Cincinnati, Ohio	1		New Orleans, La.	4	
Cleveland, Ohio	4		New York, N. Y.	5	
Detroit, Mich.	4		Pittsburgh, Pa.	4	
Knoxville, Tenn.	2		St. Louis, Mo.	3	

Truck Service

Company

Bell Lines, Inc.
Hazard Express
Meade Transfer Company

Home Office

Louisville, Kentucky
Hazard, Kentucky
Neon, Kentucky

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM
JACKSON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery		City	Highway Miles	Delivery	
		Time <u>11/</u>	TL			Time	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	398		4	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,268		7
Birmingham, Ala.	463		4	Louisville, Ky.	160		1
Chicago, Ill.	462		3	Nashville, Tenn.	310		3
Cincinnati, Ohio	170		3	New Orleans, La.	814		5
Cleveland, Ohio	414		4	New York, N. Y.	740		5
Detroit, Mich.	435		4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	382		5
Knoxville, Tenn.	204		3	St. Louis, Mo.	425		4

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location: Blue Grass Field
Lexington, Kentucky, 80 miles distant

Runways: 3 paved
Length: 6,500 ft. ; 3,500 ft. ; 3,500 ft.

Traffic Control: Tower, guards, approach control, ground control,
ILS system

Lighting: Approach lighting system, beacon, runways and
obstruction lighted

Services: 80, 100, and 145 octane; jet fuel; major A & E repairs;
storage; restaurant; Weather Bureau and flight
instructions; charter service; taxi; car rental;
Eastern, Delta, Piedmont, and Allegheny Airlines;
Buckeye Airlines (freight only)

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Line

Taxi

Three companies provide 24-hour service.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Jackson and Breathitt County - Kentucky Power Company
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company
Total generating capacity - 1,080,000 KW
Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Power Company, Hazard,
Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving Jackson - Panbowl Gas Company
Source of supply - wells in Breathitt County
Size of transmission lines - 3 and 2 inches
Distribution lines - 4, 3, and 2 inches

Rates:

First	1,000 cubic feet	\$2.60 (minimum)
Next	2,000 cubic feet	.88 per M cubic feet
Next	5,000 cubic feet	.82 per M cubic feet
Next	12,000 cubic feet	.77 per M cubic feet
All over	20,000 cubic feet	.71 per M cubic feet

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Jackson - Municipal Water Works
Source - North Fork of the Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity - 720,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 293,100 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 372,000 gallons
Type treatment - filtration, coagulation with alum and lime, chlorination
Storage capacity - 300,000 gallons
Average pressure - 75 psi
Average temperature - 62 degrees
Size mains - 10, 8, and 6 inches

MONTHLY WATER BILL FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

1,000 gallons	\$ 3.00 (minimum)
5,000 gallons	6.30
10,000 gallons	10.80
15,000 gallons	14.55
20,000 gallons	18.05
25,000 gallons	20.55
30,000 gallons	23.05
35,000 gallons	25.05
40,000 gallons	27.05
45,000 gallons	29.05
50,000 gallons	31.05
Next 50,000 gallons	.30 per M gallons
Over 100,000 gallons	.20 per M gallons

Surface water sources - Middle and North Forks of the Kentucky River,
impounded small streams
Average discharge - North Fork - 1,285 cfs at Jackson (USGS, 32-year
record)
Expected ground water yield - 5 to 50 gpm

Sewerage

Company serving Jackson - Municipal Water Works
Design capacity - 300,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 75,000 gallons; Treatment - primary
Type treatment - aeration, digester and drying beds
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of the Kentucky River
Size of sanitary mains - 8-inch; Size of storm mains - 10, 12, and 18 inches
Rates - 60 percent of monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
 Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$97,500; Water and Sewer Fund \$77,500
 Fees and licenses - Occupational and business licenses range from \$5 to \$350 annually; auto sticker \$5 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms
 Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$57,705; Road Fund \$29,000

Assessed Value of Property, 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
Real Estate	\$8,029,004	\$16,755,953
Tangibles	3,581,045	6,793,450
Public Service	640,415	7,090,515

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1970 ^{12/}

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.421	.421
School	.625	.513
City	.200	
Total	\$1.261	\$.949

*Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

**Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$0.15 per \$100.

Planning and Zoning

Agency - Jackson Planning Commission

Plans completed - Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, Neighborhood Analysis, Commercial Area Study, Public Improvements Program, Capital Improvements Budget, Housing Condition Survey

Codes adopted - Building Code, Housing Code, Plumbing Code, Electric Code, Fire Code, Gas Code

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
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Total staff	5	6
Radio-patrol cars	1	

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7	
Full-time staff	1	
Volunteers	5	
Equipment:		
750 gpm pumpers	1	

Sanitation

	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
Type service	municipal	private
Cost:		
residential	\$2 monthly	contract
business	\$5 monthly	contract
Collection frequency:		
residential	twice weekly	when desired
business	5 days weekly	when desired
Trash pickup	once daily	when desired
Disposal method	dump	dump

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital	Hazard, Kentucky; 31 miles distant	109

General hospital facilities - 2 operating rooms, 1 recovery room, emergency room, OB section, X-ray, laboratory

Medical staff - 14 doctors, 17 registered nurses, 43 licensed practical nurses

Public Health

Facility - Breathitt County Health Department

Staff - 1 clerk, 1 health officer, 3 nurses, 1 auxiliary worker

Budget 1970-71 - \$53,894

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company
Services - standard

Telegraph - Western Union
Services - money orders, telephone, and mail

Postal - U.S. Post Office
Class - Fourth
Mail received - 3 times daily
Mail dispatched - 2 times daily

Newspapers - The Jackson Times
Weekly and circulation - 3,200
Other papers received from - Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky

Radio - city, WEKG; county, WNTC
Stations received from - Louisville, Lexington, and Hazard, Kentucky;
Indianapolis, Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Nashville, Tennessee

Television -
Cable service
Reception from - Lexington and Hazard, Kentucky; Huntington, West
Virginia; Johnson City, Tennessee
Kentucky Educational Television - Channel 35, Hazard transmitter

Library Services

Public Libraries - Mary B. Gray County Library
Size collection - 14,152 volumes
Circulation, 1969 - 59,507
Services - records, magazines, pictures, story hour

Private Libraries - Lees College Library
Size collection - 22,000 volumes
Circulation, 1969-70 - 8,969
Services - records, magazines, local paper on micro-film, art exhibits

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 8
Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Methodist,
Presbyterian, Cumberland, Presbyterian U.S.A.

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1970</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Citizens Bank of Jackson	\$5,713,904	\$5,293,355
First National Bank	5,851,294	5,141,104

Hotels and Motels

Number - 2

Units - 60

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Jaycees, Kiwanis, Ministerial Association, Lions, and Breathitt County Industrial Development Foundation, Inc.

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, Blue Lodge, and Royal Arch

Women's - Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club, DAR, and Eastern Star

Youth - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, FFA, FHA, 4-H, FTA, Beta Club, and Circle K Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Jackson Recreation Program

Park - 1

Playgrounds - 4

Swimming pool - 1

Baseball diamond - 1

Private Recreation Facilities

Movie theaters - 1 indoor - 1 outdoor

Bowling lanes - 1

Tourist Attractions

The hills that surround Jackson and Breathitt County always provide scenic beauty.

Cultural Events

Breathitt County Arts Council

Kentucky Arts Commission

Area (Within 50 miles)

Daniel Boone National Forest, Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park,
Natural Bridge State Resort Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Breathitt County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	316,160	1,363,200
Percent of area in farm land	30.5	34.6
Number of farms	922	4,693
Average size of farms (acres)	104.5	100.6
1964 value of all farm products	\$ 910,897	\$ 5,129,819
Value per farm	988	1,093
Total crop sales	717,173	4,277,376
Total livestock & livestock products	191,924	848,538
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	1,116,000	6,830,000
Corn (bu.)	120,000	447,000
Cattle and calves (number)	2,200	17,000
Hogs and pigs (number)	1,900	8,100
Milk production (lbs.) (1967)	3,300,000	20,860,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Bituminous coal, petroleum, natural gas
Other mineral resources	Sand and clay
Acres of commercial forest land	281,000
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, hickory, yellow poplar, yellow pine, beach, and soft maple

Climate 14/

	<u>Breathitt County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.6 degrees
Average annual 1969	54.6 degrees
Record highest July, 1966 (6-year record)	98 degrees
Record lowest January, 1966 (6-year record)	-10 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,683
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	44.73 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (25-year record)	16.0 inches
Total precipitation 1969	39.50 inches
Mean number days precipitation (25-year record) (.01 inches or more)	128
Average number days thunderstorms (25-year record)	47
Prevailing winds (17-year record)	South

HISTORY

Due largely to its early isolation, little is known of the history of the Jackson area prior to the arrival of the pioneers. A limited number of Indian artifacts found indicate that the many Indian tribes inhabiting the lands of the Appalachian Plateau generally regarded the interior as a forbidden place and avoided it except in times of dire necessity. The early remoteness of Jackson to other areas of Kentucky and the developing areas of the nation had a pronounced effect on Jackson's development.

Jackson is the county seat of Breathitt County. Prior to 1839, the land within the county was part of five counties. Breathitt County was formed in 1839 from parts of Estill, Clay, and Perry Counties. The county was named in honor of the Governor of Kentucky at that time, John Breathitt. Shortly thereafter, a commission was appointed to locate a county seat. In 1839, Simon Cockrell conveyed to the county a gift of ten acres for a town site, and in 1845, Jackson was named in honor of General Andrew Jackson.

During the period Jackson was establishing itself as a county seat, other functions also developed. Jackson became a small commercial center for a limited area. At this time, the principal means of transportation was the Kentucky River, and Jackson became an unloading point in the transport of commercial goods since most of the stream above Jackson was not navigable. Consequently, many of the early general stores were established near the river. Lodging became a necessity and several hotels were built during this period of Jackson's early development.

In 1891, Jackson incorporated. The Kentucky Union Railroad reached Jackson in 1891, and as the railroad's eastern terminal, the city enjoyed a growing boom that was to last for twenty years. In 1912, the railroad was extended to Hazard, and Jackson's importance as a regional trading center diminished.

Since the early 1900's, the county's economy has relied primarily on coal mining and small sawmilling operations. But today, with the opening of new highways in Eastern Kentucky, Jackson and Breathitt County have the potential of becoming a center of trade and industry.

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