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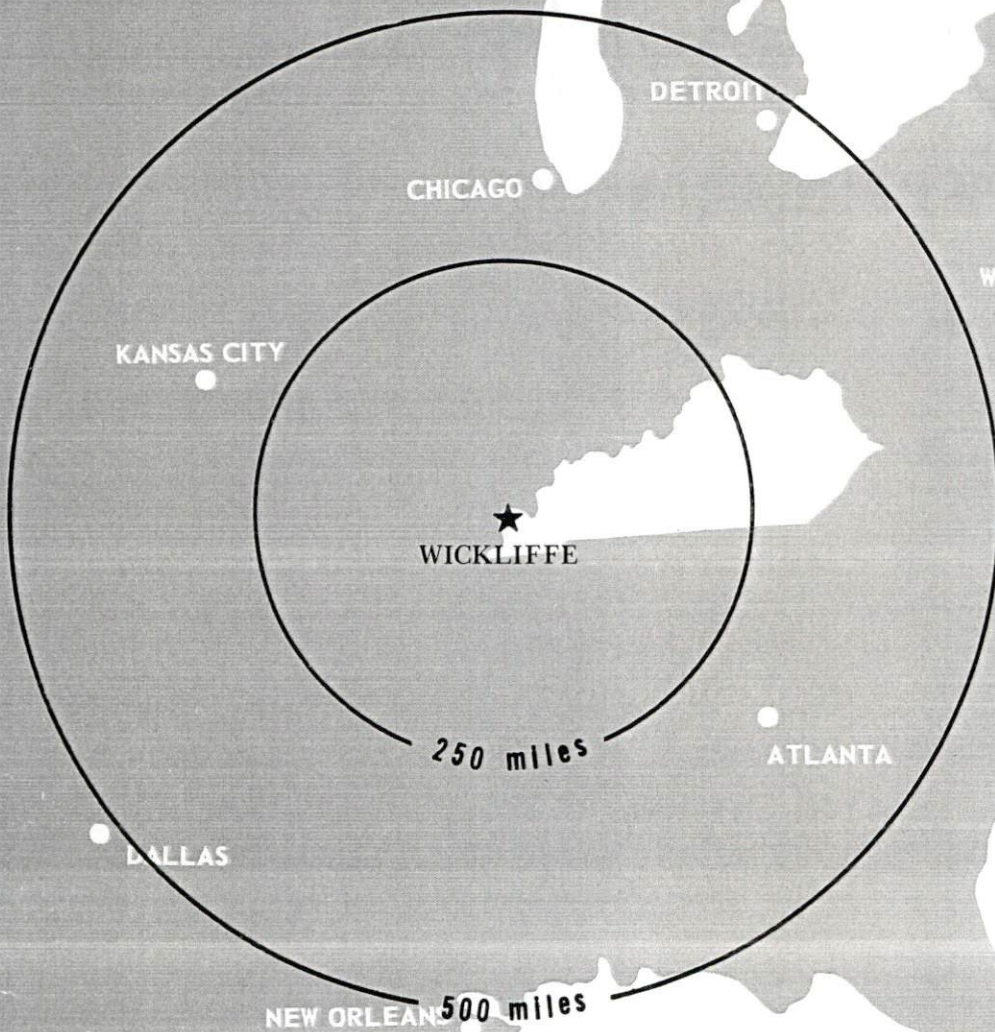
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

WICKLIFFE, LA CENTER & BARLOW, KENTUCKY



BALLARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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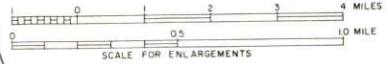
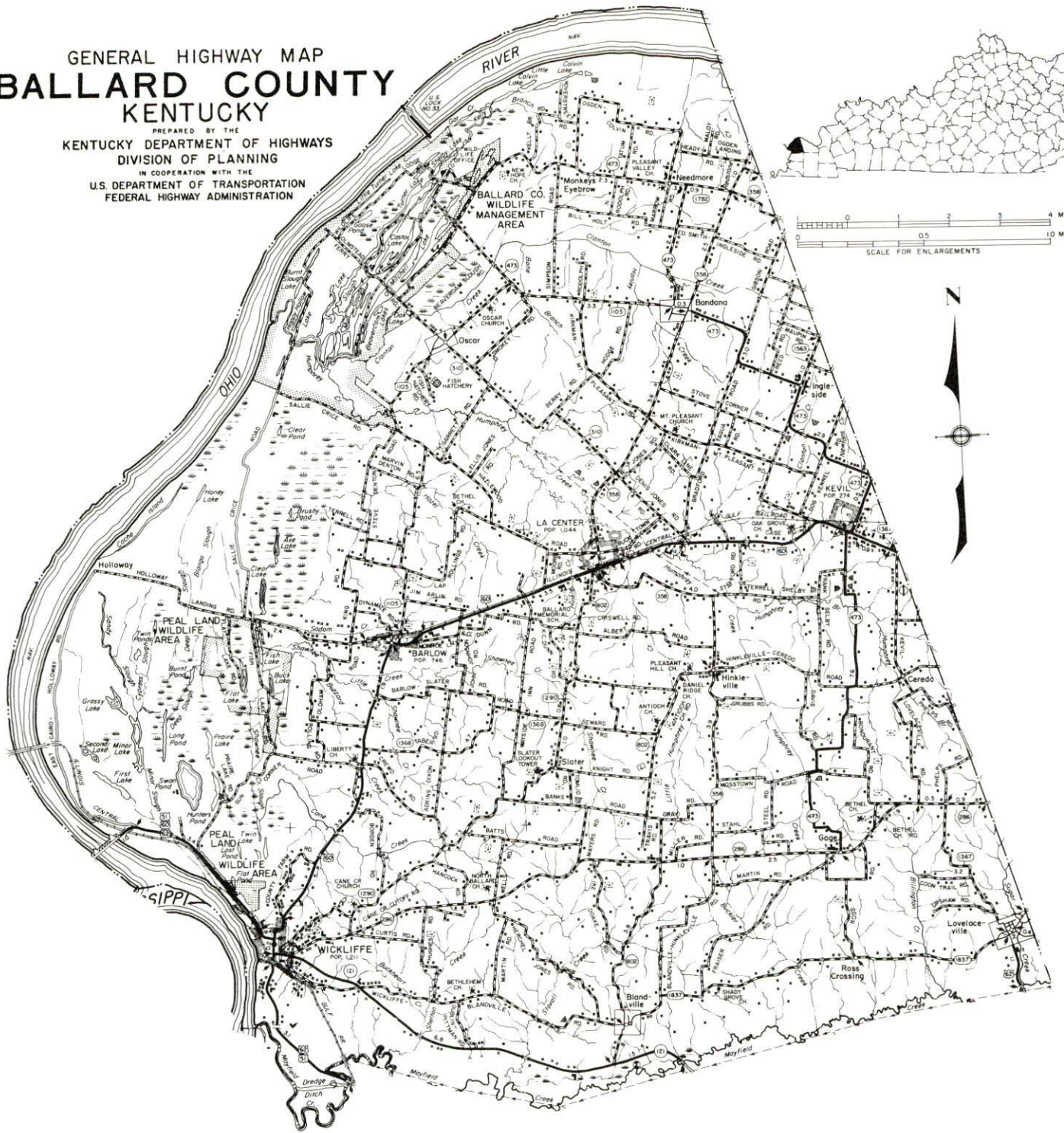
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP BALLARD COUNTY KENTUCKY

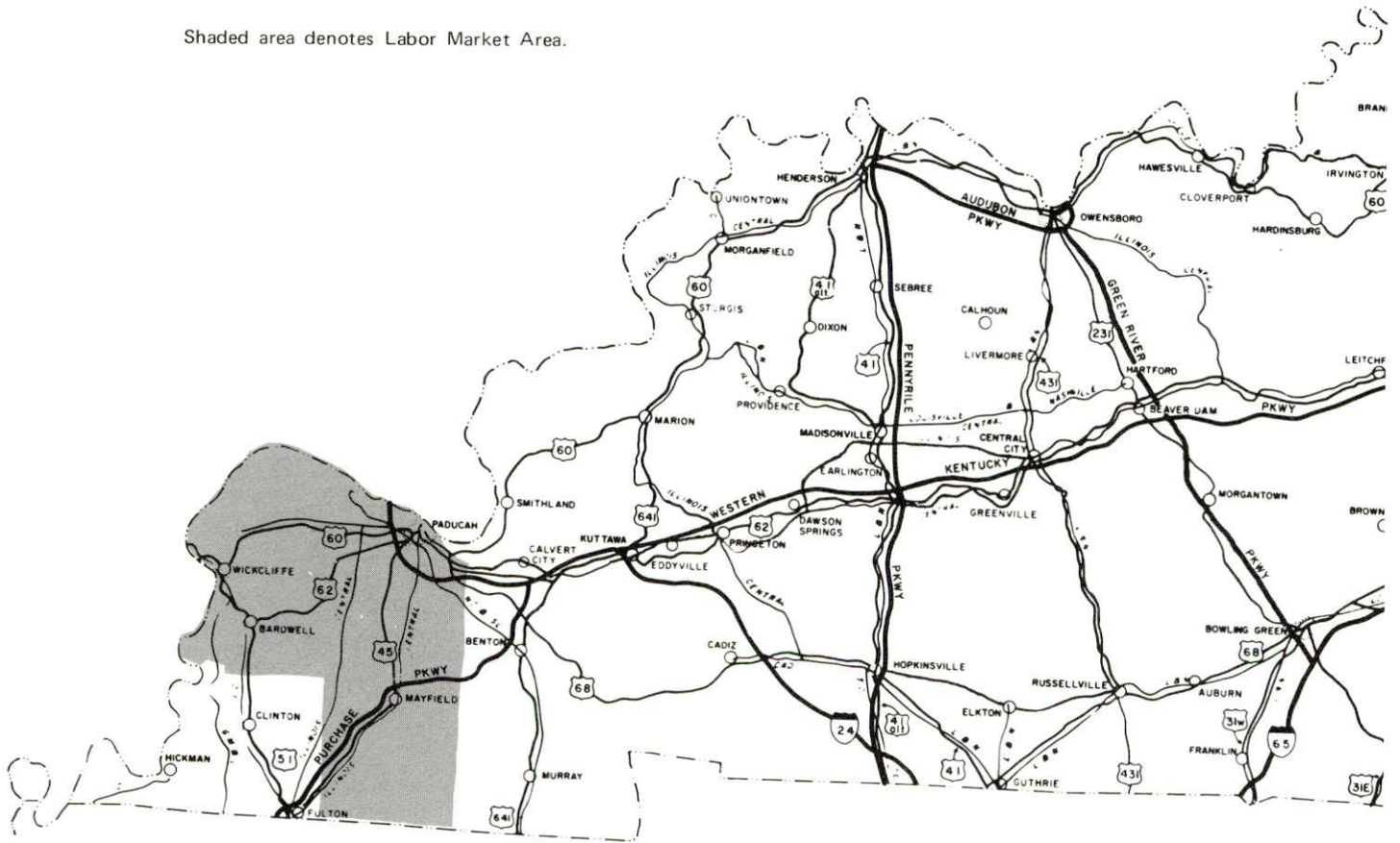
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WICKLIFFE, LA CENTER & BARLOW LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



WICKLIFFE, LA CENTER AND BARLOW, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Wickliffe is located in the southwestern corner of Ballard County, 255 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky, 174 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee, and 154 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri. La Center and Barlow are 15 and 10 miles, respectively, from Wickliffe. In 1970, the population of Wickliffe was 1,211, while La Center had a population of 1,044 and Barlow's was 746.

Ballard County is located in the Jackson Purchase Region of extreme western Kentucky. It covers a land area of 259 square miles. Ballard County is bordered by the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers which converge a short distance north of Wickliffe, the county seat. Paducah, the trading center of western Kentucky, is located 33 miles away in adjoining McCracken County. The 1973 population of Ballard County was an estimated 8,500.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Ballard County in 1973 averaged 2,930 with agriculture providing 600 jobs, manufacturing 730, trade and services 430, and government 380. Between 1964 and 1974, manufacturing provided more than 580 new jobs. Major industrial products include business and printing papers and bleached chemical wood pulp.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1973 was \$3,936, or \$114 below the Kentucky average. Between 1969 and 1973, per capita personal income in the county increased by approximately 35 percent.

The Wickliffe, La Center and Barlow labor market area includes Ballard and the three surrounding Kentucky counties. Area employment in 1973 totaled 43,890 with agriculture providing 2,530 jobs, manufacturing 10,470, trade and services 12,950, and government 5,690. Manufacturing employment in the area increased approximately 34 percent between 1964 and 1974.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 3,770 men and 4,700 women available for jobs in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area. In addition, 4,850 young men and 4,710 young women in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area will reach 18 years of age before 1981 and be potentially available for work. The current and future labor supply figures would be increased by the number of workers available in the adjacent Missouri and Illinois counties.

2. The Illinois Central Gulf Railroad serves Wickliffe, Barlow and La Center. Wickliffe is served by U. S. 60 and 62-51, and Kentucky Highways 121 and 286. Barlow is served by U. S. 60 and Kentucky Highway 1105. La Center is served by U. S. 60 and Kentucky Routes 802 and 358. The nearest commercial airfield is located at Paducah, 33 miles from Wickliffe. Wickliffe is located on the Mississippi River, affording river transportation possibilities.

3. Kentucky Utilities Company and Jackson Purchase RECC provide electric power to Wickliffe, La Center, Barlow and Ballard County. Natural gas is provided to Wickliffe, La Center and Barlow by the Commonwealth Service Corporation, whose source of supply is the Trunkline Gas Company. Distillate fuel oil is available from three distributors in Ballard County and six distributors in Paducah, 33 miles distant; propane is available from three distributors in Ballard County and four distributors in Paducah.

4. Wickliffe is within 50 miles of a state university and a community college. The Paducah Area Vocational Education Center and the West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School, offering twenty courses and fourteen courses, respectively, are located in Paducah, 33 miles from Wickliffe.

Community Programs for Improvement

Wickliffe

The fire department recently acquired a set of walkie-talkies. The city has received a federal grant for a study to determine the facilities needed for improved sewerage service.

Barlow

In 1974 the fire department purchased a new 500 gpm pumper, and the police department received a new highband radio and two walkie-talkies. Plans are under way for a complete new water system which will include 8-, 6- and 4-inch mains and a 70,000 gallon water tower. Plans are also under way for two additional lift stations for the sewerage system.

La Center

A new city park offers croquet, shuffleboard, tennis, basketball, playground equipment, and picnic shelters and grills. In 1974, the city also resurfaced all streets and built new sidewalks, and the police department received three new radios, including two portable highband radios. The water department has added fluoride to the treatment process, and the sewerage department has plans to improve the sewerage system.

Ballard County

The Ballard County School System is planning to establish a vocational school, and they are starting a practical arts course that deals with career education. The sheriff's office has received a new highband radio and mobile units for the radio-patrol cars. The county health department has improved the family planning clinic and instituted home health services.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Paducah, approximately 33 miles from Wickliffe, offers various attractions in the athletic, cultural and entertainment areas.

In addition, Wickliffe is located within 70 miles of three state parks and a national recreation area. Columbus-Belmont Battlefield State Park, a 168-acre park overlooking the Mississippi River, has facilities including campsites, picnic areas, playground, miniature golf, hiking trails, gift shop, and a museum featuring Civil War artillery.

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, located 55 miles from Wickliffe on Kentucky Lake, is a 1,200-acre park with a village inn, cottages and camping facilities. Other park features include a pool, beach, 18-hole miniature golf course, playground and picnic area, horseback riding, fishing and boating, and an airport with a 4,000-foot lighted airstrip.

Kenlake State Resort Park, 69 miles from Wickliffe and also located on Kentucky Lake, is an 1,800-acre park with hotel and cottage accommodations, camping facilities, a 9-hole golf course, tennis, pool and lake swimming, horseback riding, hiking trails, fishing, and boating.

Land Between the Lakes, located 56 miles from Wickliffe, is a 170,000-acre woodland peninsula between Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley. Land Between the Lakes is a national recreation and environmental education area which also offers facilities for fishing, boating, hiking, swimming, hunting and camping.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS

Area	Population				Percent Change	
	1973*	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Wickliffe	N. A.	1,211	917	1,019	+32.1	-10.0
La Center	N. A.	1,044	882	593	+18.4	+48.7
Barlow	N. A.	746	731	657	+ 2.1	+11.3
Labor Market Area	105,500	102,850	101,226	95,252	+ 1.6	+ 6.3
Ballard County	8,500	8,276	8,291	8,545	- 0.2	- 3.0
Carlisle County	5,300	5,354	5,608	6,206	- 4.5	- 9.6
Graves County	31,500	30,939	30,021	31,364	+ 3.1	- 4.3
McCracken County	60,200	58,281	57,306	49,137	+ 1.7	+16.6

*Provisional Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970, 1960, 1950. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-26, June 1973.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1973

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Ballard County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,930	43,890
Agricultural	600	2,530
Nonagricultural	2,330	41,360
Manufacturing	732	10,472
Government	380	5,690
Trade and Services	429	12,948

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations. Kentucky Department of Commerce, 1974 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1974 AND 1964

Industry	Ballard County			Labor Market Area		
	1974	1964	% Change	1974	1964	% Change
TOTAL	672	90	+ 646.7	11,413	8,529	+ 33.8
Food & Kindred						
Products	2	0	--	540	781	- 30.9
Tobacco	0	0	0	5	27	- 81.5
Apparel, Textiles,						
Leather	0	0	0	2,864	3,439	- 16.7
Lumber, Furniture	42	15	+ 180.0	189	106	+ 78.3
Printing & Publishing,						
Paper	539	6	+8883.3	767	255	+200.8
Chemicals, Petroleum						
& Coal, Rubber	0	0	0	3,413	1,736	+ 96.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	53	69	- 23.2	594	433	+ 37.2
Primary Metals	0	0	0	175	0	--
Machinery, Metal						
Products, Equip.	36	0	--	2,680	1,718	+ 56.0
Other	0	0	0	186	34	+447.1

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, September, 1974, September 1964.

BALLARD COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date) <u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Organized</u>
<u>Wickliffe</u>				
Advance-Yoeman (1892)	Newspaper, job printing	8	3	5
Bradford Corporation (1969)	Prefabricated metal pipe	35		
Deena Products Company (1948)	Pottery lamp bases, novelties	54	30	24
Waldschmidt Lumber Company (1951)	Lumber	30	29	1
Westvaco Corporation (1970)	Business and printing papers, bleached chemical wood pulp	475		*
Wickliffe Skid Company (1970)	Wood skids and pallets	7	7	0
<u>La Center</u>				
Fireplace Builders and Supply, Inc. (1974)	Fireplace facings	6	5	1
<u>Barlow</u>				
Neal Parsons (1943)	Braided nylon dog leashes, rope, leather pocket watch guards	1	0	1
<u>Kevil</u>				
David Gibbs	Rough lumber, crossties	3	3	0
Kevil Broom and Mop Company (1940)	Brooms and mops	1	1	0
Kevil Tool and Die (1969)	Custom machinery, tools, dies	N/A		
Tele Service Company (1960)	Telephone reconditioning service	134	51	83

*See Labor Organizations, page 8.

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Union Representing manufacturing workers at:

United Paper Makers and
Paper Workers Westvaco Corporation

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
WICKLIFFE, LA CENTER AND BARLOW LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Under- employed</u>	<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981</u>
Labor Market					
Area	3,770	710	1,380	1,680	4,850
Ballard	290	0	70	220	349
Carlisle	310	60	120	130	240
Graves	1,610	650	470	490	1,453
McCracken	1,560	0	720	840	2,808

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
WICKLIFFE, LA CENTER AND BARLOW LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Under- employed</u>	<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981</u>
Labor Market					
Area	4,700	1,790	860	2,050	4,710
Ballard	530	330	30	170	347
Carlisle	410	240	60	110	246
Graves	1,200	140	440	620	1,350
McCracken	2,560	1,080	330	1,150	2,767

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ballard County	\$3,936	\$2,925	+34.6
Labor Market Area Range	\$4,405 to 3,936	\$3,149 to 2,887	N. A.
Kentucky	4,050	2,894	+39.9
U. S.	5,041	3,733	+35.1

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, Survey of Current Business, August, 1974. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, April, 1975.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Wickliffe - Illinois Central Gulf Railroad

Services - 1 freight northbound and southbound daily; 10 through freights daily; switching facilities; team track for 25 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Paducah

Line serving Barlow and La Center - Illinois Central Gulf Railroad

Services - Branch line from Paducah; freight stops as needed; switching facilities; team track for 10 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Paducah

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services, contact:

Assistant Vice President
Industrial Development
Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company
Illinois Center II
233 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Jack Cole-Dixie Highway Express	2625 Territorial Road St. Paul, Minnesota 55114
Henry Edwards Trucking Company	Clinton, Kentucky 42031
Harper Truck Service, Inc.	1266 North 8th Street Paducah, Kentucky 42002
McLean Trucking Company	617 Waughtown Street Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107
Modern Truck Lines, Inc.	1230 North 8th Street Paducah, Kentucky 42002
T. I. M. E. - DC, Inc.	P. O. Box 2550 Lubbock, Texas 79408

Other Freight Services

Shipping Center

United Parcel Service

Paducah, Kentucky, 33 miles from
Wickliffe

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	423	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,075	4
Birmingham, Ala.	361	2	Louisville, Ky.	255	1
Chicago, Ill.	383	2	Nashville, Tenn.	174	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	342	2	New Orleans, La.	556	2
Cleveland, Ohio	607	2	New York, N. Y.	1,032	3
Detroit, Mich.	601	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	662	3
Knoxville, Tenn.	359	2	St. Louis, Mo.	154	1

Source: Delivery time only - Harper Truck Service, Inc., 1266 North 8th Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42002

Air

Nearest Commercial

Barkley Field

Location: Paducah, 33 miles from Wickliffe

Runways: 2 paved

Length: 4,000 feet; 6,500 feet

Traffic Control: Beacon, boundary, obstruction runway lights and runway and identification lights; FSS on Field - Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System under construction

Services: Delta and Ozark Airlines, 80 and 100 octane, JA-1 fuel, taxi, limousine, U-Drive-It, storage, major A & E repairs, restaurant

Air Freight Service: Airfreight accepted on a space-available basis

Water

Wickliffe is located on the Mississippi River, providing excellent opportunity for low cost transportation of bulk materials.

Bus

Continental Trailways and Connors Bus

Rental Services

Available at Paducah, Kentucky, and Cairo, Illinois

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Wickliffe, La Center, Barlow and Ballard County -
Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 1,735,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Utilities Company
Barlow, Kentucky 42024

Company serving Ballard County - Jackson Purchase RECC

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 1,735,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Jackson Purchase RECC
2900 Irvin Cobb Drive
Paducah, Kentucky 42001

Natural Gas

Company serving Wickliffe, La Center and Barlow - Commonwealth
Service Corporation

Source of supply - Trunkline Gas Company

Size of transmission mains - 24, 30 and 36 inches (supplier);
3 inches (distributor)

Distribution mains - 2 inches

Distribution pressure - 30 to 40 psi

Btu content - 1,015 per cubic foot

Specific gravity - 0.6

For rates and supplies contact:

Commonwealth Service Corporation
P. O. Box 295
Wickliffe, Kentucky 42087

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Ballard County

Empire Gas Company, Inc., Barlow, Kentucky
Bob Moss Oil and LP Gas Company, La Center, Kentucky
Price's Bulk Gas Company, Barlow, Kentucky

Paducah - 33 miles from Wickliffe

Bob's Bottle Gas Service, Highway 60 East
Ruralgas Service, Highway 60 East
Texgas Corporation, 1011 North Beltline Highway
Tri-State Consolidated Gas Company, Highway 60 East

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ballard County

Gulf Oil Products, Barlow, Kentucky
Bob Moss Oil and LP Gas Company, La Center, Kentucky
Orval Skinner (Standard Oil), Route 4, Kevil, Kentucky

Paducah - 33 miles from Wickliffe

Ashland Petroleum Company, Benton Road
E. M. Bailey Distributing Company (Standard Oil),
1000 South 8th Street
Exxon Company USA, 1703 South Beltline Highway
Duke and Long Distributing Company (Gulf Oil),
1500 Broad Street
Reed Oil Company, Inc. (Phillips 66), 1102 South 3rd Street
Texaco, Inc., 725 North 5th Street

Residual fuel oil - arrangements must be made with the refinery.

Low sulphur content coal - available in Kentucky.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Wickliffe - Wickliffe Water Company
Source - Deep well
Treatment plant capacity - 300,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 100,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 150,000 gallons
Type treatment - Chlorine, soda ash, Calgon
Storage capacity - 250,000 gallons
Size lines - 8, 6, and 4 inches
Average pressure - 100 psi
Average temperature - 65 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE
AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	1,000 gallons	\$3.00 (Minimum)
Next	4,000 gallons	1.45 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.30 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	1.15 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	1.05 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.75 per M gallons
Over	50,000 gallons	.65 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$200

Company serving La Center - City of La Center Water Department
Source - Wells
Treatment plant capacity - Approximately 150,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - Approximately 145,000 gallons
Type treatment - Chlorine, fluoride
Storage capacity - 75,000 gallons
Size lines - 6, 4, and 2 inches
Average pressure - 58 psi

Monthly water rates - \$6.00 per month flat rate

Tap-on charge: \$100

Company serving Barlow - Barlow Water Department*

Source - 3 wells

Treatment plant capacity - 420,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 120,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 150,000 gallons

Type treatment - Chlorine

Storage capacity - 50,000 gallons

Size lines - 4 and 6 inches

Average pressure - 42 psi

Average temperature - 60 degrees F.

Monthly water rates - \$5.00 per month flat rate

Tap-on charge: \$37.50

Surface water sources - Ohio River and Mississippi River

Average discharge - Almost unlimited supply

Expected ground water yield - 500 - 1,000 gpm over entire county

Sewerage

Company serving Wickliffe - Wickliffe Sewerage Company**

Effluent discharged into - Mississippi River

Size of sanitary mains - 8, 6, and 4 inches

Rates - Residential - \$3.68 per month

Commercial - 4.20 per month

Municipal - 5.25 per month

Tap-on charge: \$25

Company serving La Center - City of La Center Sewerage Department***

Design capacity - 160,000 gpd

Average daily flow - 95,000 gallons (est.); Treatment - Secondary

Type treatment - Drying beds, trickling filter

Treated effluent discharged into - Humphries Creek tributary

Size of sanitary mains - 10 and 8 inches

Rates - \$4.00 per month

Tap-on charge: \$100

*Plans are under way to obtain funds for improvements to the water system

**A 201 Facilities Plan, Step I, is under way which will determine the sewerage facilities needed.

***The city has applied for funds for a study to determine the sewerage facilities needed.

Company serving Barlow - Barlow Sewerage Department*
Design capacity - 50,000 gpd
Average daily flow - At capacity
Treatment - Primary
Type treatment - Trickling filter, drying beds
Treated effluent discharged into - Shawnee Creek
Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 6 inches

Rates - \$3.00 per month

Tap-on charge: \$37.50

*Plans are under way to obtain funds for improvements to the sewerage system.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Wickliffe

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1975 - General Fund \$36,500
 Water and Sewer Fund 82,000

Fees and licenses - Unloading license - \$10.50 annually

La Center

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1975 - General Fund \$35,150
 Water and Sewer Fund 50,000

Fees and licenses - Unloading license - \$12 annually; wheel tax - \$5 annually

Barlow

Structure - Chairman of the Board - 2-year term; 4 trustees - 2-year terms

Budget 1974 - General Fund \$18,960
 Water and Sewer Fund 24,039

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 5 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1974-75 - General Fund \$111,500
 Road Fund 145,100

Assessed Value of Property, 1975

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Wickliffe</u>	<u>La Center</u>	<u>Barlow</u>	<u>Ballard County *</u>
Real Estate	\$2,849,000	\$902,684	\$2,432,325	\$3,720,063
Tangibles	855,390	908,919	453,515	10,169,171
Public Service				19,354,961

*1974-75

Property Taxes

Land and buildings are taxed by the state and may be taxed by local jurisdictions. The state rate is \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Tangible personal property owned by manufacturers (automobiles, trucks, finished goods, office furniture, office equipment) is taxed by the state at \$0.15 per \$100 and may be taxed by local jurisdictions.

Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories, pollution control equipment and goods in process inventories are not subject to local taxation. The state rate is \$0.15 per \$100.

Property stored in public warehouses is not subject to local taxation. The state rate is only \$0.015 per \$100.

All property is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1974*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Wickliffe</u>	<u>La Center</u>	<u>Barlow</u>	<u>Ballard County</u>
County	\$.216	\$.216	\$.216	\$.216
School	.578	.578	.578	.578
City	N. A.	.400	.400	

Special (not county wide): Fire protection - \$.02

Utilities Gross Receipts Tax for Schools

Ballard County levies a 3 percent tax on utilities receipts for schools. This tax is paid by all consumers of utilities. Exempted are receipts from utilities services that are resold and the receipts from the sale of energy or energy producing fuels that exceed 3 percent of the cost of production in manufacturing, processing, mining or refining.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Ballard City-County Planning and Zoning Commission
Regulations enforced - No zoning, subdivision regulations or local codes are presently enforced in Ballard County

Mandatory state codes enforced - Plumbing, National Fire Protection Association Code, National Building Code (for major buildings and residential construction containing more than 12 bedrooms per building)

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1974.

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Wickliffe</u>	<u>La Center</u>	<u>Barlow</u>	<u>Ballard County</u>
Total staff	1	3	2	3
Radio-patrol cars	1	1	1	2
Other equipment	Radar unit	3 mobile units		

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7	8	9	
Volunteers	18	20	20	
Equipment:				
750 gpm pumpers	1	3	1	
500 gpm pumpers	1		1	
Utility truck	1			

Sanitation

All sanitation services in Ballard County are handled by contract with a private firm which will provide any service desired.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Ballard County</u>
Total Enrollment (1974-75)	1,802
Elementary	952
Junior High	300
High School	550
Student-Teacher Ratio	22 to 1
Elementary	23 to 1
Junior High	27 to 1
High School	18 to 1
Percent High School Graduates to College	33.0
Expenditures Per Pupil (1973-74)	\$688.17
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1974	\$1,074,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
	West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School	Paducah Area Vocational Education Center
Location	Paducah	Paducah
Miles Distant	33	33
Curriculum	Clerical Secretarial Learning Lab Electronics (Communications) Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Barbering Carpentry- Building Trades Commercial Foods Cosmetology Drafting Electricity Masonry Tailoring	Marketing and Distributive Education Health Careers Nurse Aide Practical Nursing Surgical Technician Ward Clerk Electronics (Communications) Highway Technology Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Appliance Repair Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry-Building Trades Cosmetology Drafting Electricity Machine Shop Service Station Attendant Small Engine Repair Welding

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 50 Miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1974)</u>	
Murray State University	Murray	7,106	Masters, Ph. D.*
Paducah Community College	Paducah	1,001	Associate

*Cooperative program with the University of Kentucky, Lexington, for a Ph. D. in Education only.

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>Nearest General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Western Baptist Hospital	Paducah	283
Lourdes Hospital	Paducah	256
Padco Community Hospital	Cairo, Illinois	85

Western Baptist Hospital facilities - Emergency department, X-ray and laboratory equipment, intensive care unit, 2 delivery rooms, 6 operating rooms, recovery room, pharmacy, cardiac care, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, cobalt and isotope, and EKG department

Medical staff - 100 medical doctors and dentists, 106 registered nurses, 90 graduate licensed practical nurses

Lourdes Hospital facilities - Emergency room, X-ray and laboratory equipment, inhalation therapy, radio and isotope, pediatrics, operating room, electrocardiology, psychiatric inpatient service, intensive care unit, coronary unit

Medical staff - 84 medical doctors, 88 registered nurses, 70 graduate licensed practical nurses

Padco Community Hospital facilities and services - Emergency room, X-ray department with 2 diagnostic machines, laboratory, OB-GYN department, surgery, 35 medical-surgical beds, pediatric department, 33 long-term care beds and 3 ambulances on 24-hour call

Medical staff - 1 part-time and 8 full-time medical doctors, 6 part-time and 12 full-time registered nurses, and 23 licensed practical nurses

Other - Ballard-Carlisle Mental Health Center

Staff - (Wickliffe office) - Clinical psychologist and drug and alcohol counselor

Services - Psychological testing and evaluation; group counseling and marriage counseling; family therapy; drug and alcohol addiction counseling; screening, diagnostic and referral services; day treatment center for children; emergency 24-hour call service; consultation and education for all institutions; rehabilitative services; after-care counseling; and day care center for retarded children (shared with Carlisle County)

Ambulance Service

Barlow and La Center are served by a private ambulance service, P. A. Jones and Sons. Wickliffe is served by a local funeral home and ambulances from Padco Community Hospital, 5 miles away.

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care home	1	51

Public Health

Facility - Ballard County Health Department

Staff - Sanitarian, nurse, clerk, health officer, and community health worker (part time)

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Ballard County Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation
Services - Standard

Telegraph - Service available by telephone through Paducah, Kentucky
or Cairo, Illinois

Postal - U. S. Post Office	<u>Wickliffe</u>	<u>La Center</u>	<u>Barlow</u>
Class -	Second	Second	Third
Mail received -	Once daily	Once daily	Once daily
Mail dispatched -	Once daily	Once daily	Once daily

Newspapers - Advance-Yeoman (Wickliffe)
Weekly and circulation - 3,400
Other papers received from - Louisville and Paducah, Kentucky;
Cairo, Illinois

Radio -
Stations received from - Paducah, Benton and Mayfield, Kentucky;
Cairo, Illinois; and Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Television -
Reception from - Paducah, Kentucky; Cape Girardeau, Missouri,
and Cairo, Illinois
Kentucky Educational Television - Murray transmitter, Channel 21

Library Services

Ballard County is served by a bookmobile. Library facilities are
available in Paducah, Kentucky and Cairo, Illinois.

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 15
Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ,
Church of God, Methodist, Presbyterian

Nearest synagogues - Paducah, 33 miles from Wickliffe
Congregation - Temple Israel (reform)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
<u>Wickliffe</u>			
Citizens State Bank	\$9,494,013.96	\$8,625,869.23	6/30/74
<u>La Center</u>			
The First National Bank of La Center	8,948,546.76	8,362,758.87	12/31/74
<u>Kevil</u>			
The Kevil Bank	9,731,587.27	8,735,269.51	12/31/74

Hotels and Motels

Ballard County

Total number 3
Total units 37

Clubs and Organizations

Ballard County

Business and Civic - Barlow Chamber of Commerce, Wickliffe Chamber
of Commerce, Retired Teachers' Club

Fraternal - American Legion, Eagles, Masonic Lodge, VFW

Women's - Eastern Star, Homemakers, Junior Woman's Club, Senior
Woman's Club, Woman's Club

Youth - Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball, Little League
Football, 4-H

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

- Parks - 3 (Wickliffe, La Center, and Barlow)
- Playgrounds - 3
- Tennis court - 1
- Baseball diamonds - 3
- Football field - 1
- Other - Concrete boat ramp at Wickliffe; picnic tables at Barlow Park; croquet, shuffleboard, basketball court, picnic shelters and grills at new park in La Center

Private Recreation Facilities

- Country club - Ballard County Country Club
- Golf course - 1
- Swimming pool - 1
- Tennis court - 1

Tourist Attractions

- Ancient Buried City at Wickliffe
- Ballard County Wildlife Management Area

Area (Within 70 miles)

- Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park
- Land Between the Lakes
- Kenlake State Resort Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture*

	<u>Ballard County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	165,888	808,896
Percent of area in farm land	75.3	69.0
Number of farms	848	4,672
Average size of farms (acres)	147.2	119.4
1969 value of all farm products	\$ 7,134,697	\$29,129,441
Value per farm	8,413	6,235
Total crop sales	3,011,255	12,197,186
Total livestock & livestock products	4,091,613	16,835,680
1973 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.) (est.)	1,930,000	3,448,000
Corn for grain (bu.) (est.)	524,400	2,880,000
Cattle and calves (number)	22,800	92,200
Hogs and pigs (number) (preliminary)	12,900	80,400
Milk production, 1972 (lbs.)	23,400,000	39,045,720

Natural Resources

Mineral resources	Ball clay, miscellaneous sand and gravel
Acres of commercial forest land	47,300
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, sweetgum, white oak, hickory, cottonwood, soft maple, ash

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1969. U. S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics, 1973.

Climate*

Ballard County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	59.4 degrees
Average annual 1974	58.8 degrees
Record highest, July, 1954 (32-year record)	104.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1963 (32-year record)	- 5.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65° F.)	3,833

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	47.12 inches
Mean annual snowfall (32-year record)	9.50 inches
Total precipitation 1974	37.91 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (32-year record)	115
Average number days thunderstorms (22-year record)	53

Prevailing winds (22-year record) Southwest

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services
Administration, Climatological Data, 1974. Station of record:
Cairo, Illinois.

HISTORY

Ballard County, the ninety-third county formed in the state, dates from 1842. It is located in the extreme western part of the state in the Jackson Purchase geographical region of Kentucky, and it contains 259 square miles of territory. Ballard County borders on the Ohio River in the north, the Mississippi River in the west, and Mayfield Creek in the south.

Ballard County was named for Captain Bland W. Ballard, a Virginian who migrated to Kentucky at the age of 18. He saw extensive military service under Generals George Rogers Clark, "Mad" Anthony Wayne, and William Henry Harrison.

The first county seat of Ballard County was Blandville, also named for Captain Bland W. Ballard. In February, 1880, the courthouse burned and all the county records were destroyed. The county seat was moved to Wickliffe, the county was divided, and the part of Ballard County south of Mayfield Creek became Carlisle County in 1886.

The population of Ballard County was 5,496 in 1850 and increased rapidly to a high of 14,378 in 1880. Over the next ten years, population decreased to 8,390. From 1900 to 1920, population increased again and then decreased to a low of 8,276 in 1970.

Ballard County has always had an agricultural economy, in part, because the soil is level and extremely fertile. In 1973, agriculture accounted for 600 of the 2,930 people employed in the county with burley tobacco, corn, cattle, milk, and hogs the principal products. Manufacturing in the same year employed 730. The major firm in Ballard County is Westvaco Corporation which manufactures business and printing papers and bleached wood pulp.