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# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

# FRENCHBURG



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#### FRENCHBURG, KENTUCKY

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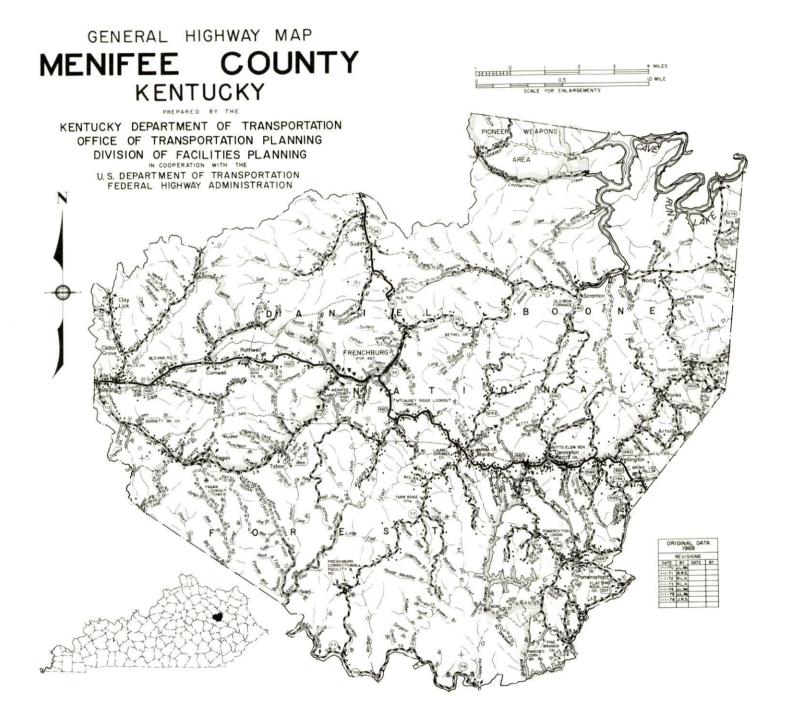
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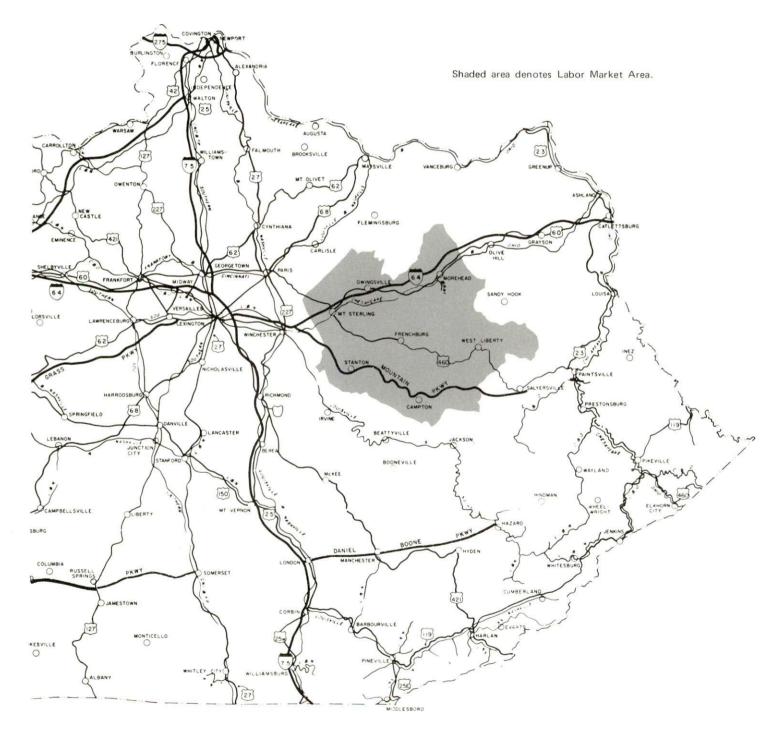
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#### FRENCHBURG LABOR MARKET AREA





#### FRENCHBURG, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Frenchburg, county seat of Menifee County, is located in eastern Kentucky near the northern tip of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Frenchburg is 58 miles east of Lexington, 136 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio, and 90 miles southwest of the Ashland-Huntington area. In 1973, Frenchburg had an estimated population of 504.

Menifee County, with a land area of 210 square miles, had a 1975 estimated population of 4,400.

#### The Economic Framework

The total number of Menifee County residents employed in 1974 averaged 1,020, including 120 in agriculture and 260 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 30 workers; trade and services firms employed 110. The industrial product is lumber.

Total unemployment in Menifee County averaged 9.2 percent of the labor force in 1974.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1974 was \$2,548, an increase of 42.5 percent since 1970.

The Frenchburg labor market area includes Menifee and the six adjoining counties. The total number of residents of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 27,240, including 2,830 in agriculture and 5,625 in government. Manufacturing employers in the labor market area reported 4,860 workers; trade and services firms employed 5,910.

#### Resources for Growth

1. Labor Supply - There is a current labor supply of 4,820 men and 4,130 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 3,520 young men and 3,180 young women in the area will become 18 years of age before 1982 and potentially available for work.

2. Transportation - Frenchburg is 17 miles from Interstate 64 via Kentucky Highway 36 and 24 miles via U.S. 460. The Mountain Parkway is approximately 21 miles south of Frenchburg. One truck line serves the city. Frenchburg is not rail served. However, the Chessie System serves Mt. Sterling, only 22 miles from Frenchburg. The nearest commercial airport is at Lexington, 58 miles distant. A small craft airport is located 22 miles from Frenchburg. 3. Utilities and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Frenchburg and Menifee County by Clark RECC, whose source of power is the East Kentucky Power Cooperative. Natural gas service is provided by the Delta Natural Gas Company, whose source of supply is the Columbia Gas Transmission Company. There are seven propane distributors and eight fuel oil distributors located in or near Frenchburg.

4. Education - One public school system, the Menifee County School System, serves the residents of Menifee County. Within 75 miles of Frenchburg are four universities, one senior college, four junior colleges, and one technical institute.

The nearest area vocational education center is located at Mt. Sterling, 22 miles away, and offers training in five areas. The Central Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School, located in Lexington, 58 miles away, offers sixteen areas of training.

#### THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION						
Area	1975*	1970	Percent Nonwhite <u>1970</u>			
Frenchburg	504 **	467	N.A.			
Labor Market Area	73,200	69,051	6.0			
Menifee County	4,400	4,050	0.6			
Bath County	9,300	9,235	4.4			
Montgomery County	17,200	15,364	7.4			
Morgan County	10,500	10,019	0.1			
Powell County	8,600	7,704	0.9			
Rowan County	17,100	17,010	1.3			
Wolfe County	6,100	5,669	0.2			

\*Provisional Estimates.

\*\*1973 Population Estimates.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population 1970. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-26, No. 75-17, May 1976; Series P-25, No. 562, June 1975.

#### Employment by Place of Residence of Workers Major Employment Group Menifee County Labor Market Area Total Employment 1,020 27,239 Agriculture 118 2,828 Government 256 5,625 Employment by Locations of Jobs Menifee County Labor Market Area 4,861 Manufacturing 30 Trade and Services 112 5,908

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1974

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations; Kentucky Department of Commerce, Division of Research and Planning.

Industry	Menifee County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	25	3,950
Food & Kindred Products	0	60
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	1,233
Lumber, Furniture	25	440
Printing & Publishing, Pape	r 0	97
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	43
Machinery, Metal Products,		
Equipment	0	2,076
Other	0	1

### MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, <u>Number of Workers</u> in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment <u>Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County</u>, September, 1975.

#### FRENCHBURG MANUFACTURING FIRM, PRODUCT AND EMPLOYMENT

Finne		Product	Employment Total
Firm		Fibluet	10141
Menifee	Lumber Company	Lumber	17
Source:	Kentucky Department of	of Commerce,	Division of Research and
	Planning.		

#### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers at Frenchburg.

	-	Current		Future		
		Not in	X	Under-	Reaching 18 y	rs.
Area	Total	Labor Force	Unemployed	employed	of age before	1982
Labor Market						
Area	4,820	1,380	1,330	2,110	3,520	
Menifee	550	410	80	60	256	
Bath	400	0	220	180	453	
Montgomery	990	330	270	390	799	
Morgan	640	70	230	340	553	
Powell	320	0	200	120	448	
Rowan	1,170	0	250	920	648	
Wolfe	750	570	80	100	363	

# ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY FRENCHBURG LABOR MARKET AREA

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, <u>Kentucky Labor</u> Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.

> ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY FRENCHBURG LABOR MARKET AREA

	Current			Future	
		Not in		Under-	Reaching 18 yrs.
Area	Total	Labor Force	Unemployed	employed	of age before 1982
Labor Market					
Area	4,130	2,140	440	1,550	3,183
Menifee	390	320	20	50	198
Bath	510	270	60	180	448
Montgomery	740	360	70	310	716
Morgan	710	510	60	140	519
Powell	440	150	140	150	409
Rowan	720	0	70	650	579
Wolfe	620	530	20	70	314
Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor					
Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of					
Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.					

#### WAGES

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by individual industrial employers is protected from disclosure by federal law. The most reliable up-to-date wage information can be obtained by direct contact with local employers.

Associated Industries of Kentucky, a voluntary organization of Kentucky businesses, regularly collects occupational wage rates and fringe benefits data from participating member firms. Data is compiled for over 127 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for seven regions of Kentucky, as shown on the map below. It should be noted that the data may be weighted by the preponderance of firms in the larger cities and may be somewhat higher than the rates paid in the smaller communities. Data from these tabulations are available, upon request, from the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Associated Industries of Kentucky Area Wage Surveys

PER	CAPITA PERSONA	AL INCOME	
Area	1974	1970	Percent Change
Menifee County	\$2,548	\$1,788	42.5
Labor Maket Area Range	\$2,399 - 4,098	\$1,492 - 2,889	-
Kentucky	4,442	3,112	42.7
U.S.	5,448	3,966	37.4
Sources: U.S. Departme	nt of Commerce,	Bureau of Econo	mic Analysis,
Survey of Curr	ent Business Aug	ust 1975 II S	Department of

Survey of Current Business, August 1975. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, March 1976.

#### TRANSPORTATION

#### Rail

Line serving Frenchburg - The Chessie System at Mt. Sterling, 22 miles distant Services - Two freights twice a day - one eastbound and one westbound, two through freights daily - one eastbound and one westbound, team

track space for 30 cars, siding space for 20 cars, switching facilities; nearest piggyback facilities at Cincinnati, 136 miles away.

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

Real Estate and Industrial Development The Chessie System 2 North Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 (301) 237-2754

#### Highways

Frenchburg is served by U.S. 460 and Kentucky Highway 36. Frenchburg is 17 miles from Interstate 64 via Kentucky Highway 36 and 24 miles via U.S. 460. The Mountain Parkway is approximately 21 miles south of Frenchburg.

#### Truck Service

Company

Point Express, Inc.

P.O. Box 418

Home Office

Columbus, Ohio 43216

Other Freight Services

Nearest Shipping Centers

United Parcel Service

Salyersville, 51 miles distant; Lexington, 58 miles distant

		Deliver	У		Delivery
	Highway	Time		Highway	Time
City	Miles	ΤL	City	Miles	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	426	2	Los Angeles, Calif	. 2,239	7
Birmingham, Al	a. 464	2	Louisville, Ky.	131	2
Chicago; Ill.	423	2	Nashville, Tenn.	268	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	136	1	New Orleans, La.	806	3
Cleveland, Ohio	380	2	New York, N.Y.	752	2
Detroit, Mich.	395	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	383	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	233	2	St. Louis, Mo.	394	2

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

Source: Delivery Time Only - Point Express, Inc., P.O. Box 418, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

#### Air

	Nearest Small Craft	Nearest Commercial
	Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Airport	Blue Grass Field
Location:	Mt. Sterling, 22 miles northwest of Frenchburg	Lexington, 58 miles west of Frenchburg
Runways:	1 paved	2 paved
Length:	2,800 feet	6,500 feet, 3,500 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind sock and tetrahedron	Tower; guards; radar services- arrival / departure, Stage II contact approach control, ground control; automatic terminal information service
Lighting:	Sunset to sunrise, rotating beacon	Approach lighting system, beacon, runways and obstructions lighted
Services:	80 and 100 octane gasoline, charter, flight instruction, tie down, hanger	Delta,Eastern,Piedmont, and Allegheny Airlines; 80, 100, 145, and jet fuel; major A & E repairs, Certified Avionics repair station; charter service; storage; National Weather Service; flight instructions; taxi, limousine, and car rentals; restaurant
Air Freigh Service:	Chartered air freight	Air corriges accortain freight
bervice:	services must be arranged	Air carriers accept air freight on a space available basis

Bus - Southern Greyhound Bus Lines

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Rental Services - Truck and trailer rental service is available in Mt. Sterling, 22 miles from Frenchburg. Car rental service is available in Morehead, 26 miles away.

#### POWER AND FUEL

#### Electricity

Company serving Frenchburg and Menifee County - Clark RECC Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative Total generating capacity - 496,000 KW For industrial rates contact:

> Industrial Development Division East Kentucky Power Cooperative P.O. Box 707 Winchester, Kentucky 40391 (606) 744-4812

> > and/or

Clark RECC P.O. Box 748 Winchester, Kentucky 40391 (606) 744-4251

#### Natural Gas

Company serving Frenchburg - Delta Natural Gas Company Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Company Size of transmission mains - 12 inches (supplier); 2 inches (distributor) Distribution mains - 1 and 2 inches Distribution pressure - 5 to 15 psi Btu content - 1,050 per cubic foot; Specific gravity - .591 For rates and supplies contact:

> Delta Natural Gas Company 120 South Main Street Winchester, Kentucky 40391 (606) 744-6171

#### Other Fuels

#### Propane

Frenchburg Furniture and Appliances, Frenchburg Williams Energy Company, West Liberty Miller L P Gas Company, Owingsville Southern States Co-op., Inc., Owingsville Amburgey's Farm Supply, Mt. Sterling Eads Supply Store and LP Gas, Winchester Road, Mt. Sterling Bill Henderson, Inc., U.S. 60 E., Morehead

#### Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Oil & Transportation Company, Campton Sun Oil Company, Campton West Liberty Oil & Gas Company, West Liberty Gullett's Bulk Plant, West Liberty Standard Oil Company, 520 East Main, Mt. Sterling Bonfield Brothers, Inc. (Texaco), Calk Avenue, Mt. Sterling Jewell Brothers Gulf Oil Distributor, 125 South Queen, Mt. Sterling Given Oil Service (Shell), 207 East Main, Mt. Sterling

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available in eastern Kentucky

#### WATER AND SEWERAGE

#### Water

Company serving Frenchburg - Frenchburg Water and Sewer System City Hall Building Frenchburg, Kentucky 40322 (606) 768-3457 Source of treated water - Bath County Water District \* Amount of water that can be purchased - 125,000 gpd Average daily consumption - 50,000 gallons Peak daily consumption - 60,000 gallons Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons \*\* Size lines - 6 and 4 inches Average pressure - 55 psi

#### MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.30 (Minimum)
Next	2,000 gallons	2.40 per M gallons
Next	3,000 gallons	2.20 per M gallons
Next	3,000 gallons	2.00 per M gallons
All over	10,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$100

<sup>\*</sup>The Frenchburg Water and Sewer System will begin purchasing treated water from the Bath County Water District in January 1977. At that time, use of the existing 100,000 gpd water treatment plant at French-

burg will be discontinued. An 8-inch line is now being extended to connect the two systems.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes new 100,000 gallon water storage tank which is expected to be in use by January 1977.

Surface water sources - Cave Run Lake in northeastern part of county Period of record - Cave Run Lake near Farmers - December 1973 to current year

Expected ground water yield - 5 to 50 gpm in eastern one-fourth of county and northern and southern tips of county; 5 gpm or less over remainder of county.

#### Sewerage

Company serving Frenchburg - Frenchburg Water and Sewer System City Hall Building Frenchburg, Kentucky 40322 (606) 768-3457 Design capacity - 75,000 gallons per day Average daily flow - 35,000 gallons; Treatment - Primary Type treatment - Extended aeration Treated effluent discharged into - Beaver Creek Size of sanitary mains - 8 inches \* Rates - (Based on water usage)

First	2,000 gallons	\$3.50
All over	2,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$150

<sup>\*</sup>Plans are underway to propose the extension of sewer mains into a recently annexed area. This extension would add approximately 40 new customers to the system.

#### CLIMATE

Menifee County

South

#### Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)55.2 degreesAverage annual 197555.9 degreesRecord highest, July, 1966 (12-year record)98.0 degreesRecord lowest, January, 1972 (12-year record) - 11.0 degrees11.0 degreesNormal heating degree days (30-year record)4,729(Heating degree day totals are the sums of4,729negative departures of average dailytemperatures from 65 degrees F.)

#### Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	44.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.6 inches
Total precipitation 1975	59.11 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or	
more) (31-year record)	131
Average number days thunderstorms	
(31-year record)	47

Prevailing Winds (17-year record)

Relative Humidity

1 a.m.	76 percent (11-year record)
7 a.m.	81 percent (12-year record)
1 p.m.	59 percent (12-year record)
7 p.m.	64 percent (12-year record)

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, <u>Climatological Data</u>, 1975. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### City

Structure - Board of Trustees: 5 members - 2-year terms (chairman selected) Income 1975 - General Fund \$ 2,400.00 (approx.) Water and Sewer Fund 21,577.23 Fees and licenses - Business license - \$10.50 annually; Unloading license - \$15.50 annually

#### County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 5 magistrates - 2-year terms Budget 1975-76 - General Fund \$49,850; Road Fund \$57,350

#### Assessed Value of Property, 1975

Classes of Property	Frenchburg	Menifee County
Real Estate	\$1,761,523 (approx.)	\$13,796,215
Tangibles		3,384,241

#### 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, 19	local	Property 7	Tax Rate	Per \$100	of Assessed	Valuation,	1975*
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Taxing Jurisdiction	Frenchburg	Menifee County
County	\$.397	\$.397
School	. 342	. 342
City	.067	

#### Planning and Zoning

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)

#### Safety

Police	Frenchburg	Menifee County
Total staff Radio-patrol cars	1 1	4 2
Fire		
American Insurance Association Fire Rating Volunteers	10 15	

#### Solid Waste

Menifee County contracts with private individuals for residential solid waste disposal service for Frenchburg and Menifee County. Businesses must make their own arrangements for garbage disposal.

<sup>\*</sup>Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1975.

#### EDUCATION

#### Public Schools

		Menifee County
Total Enrollment (Est. Sept.	1976)	1,100
Elementary		800
High School		300
Student-Teacher Ratio		29-1
Elementary		38-1
High School		18-1
Percent High School		
Graduates to College		27.7
Expenditures Per Pupil		
(1974-75)		\$595.82
Bonded Indebtedness,		
June 30, 1975		\$181,000

#### Area Colleges and Universities

Name	Location (Miles distant)	Enrollment (Fall, 1975)	Highest Degree Conferred
Morehead State University Southeastern Christian	Morehead (26)	7,318	Masters,Ph.D.*
College	Winchester (38)	91	Associate
Lees Junior College	Jackson (49)	319	Associate
Lexington Technical			
Institute	Lexington (58)	1,654	Associate
Transylvania University	Lexington (58)	722	Masters**
University of Kentucky	Lexington (58)	22,526	Ph.D.,M.D.,
			D. M. D., J. D.
Eastern Kentucky			
University	Richmond (60)	13,430	Masters, Ph. D. *
Maysville Community			
College	Maysville (61)	362	Associate
Berea College	Berea (72)	1,504	Baccalaureate
Prestonsburg Community			
College	Prestonsburg (74)	) 547	Associate

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

\*\*Courses in the masters degree program are taught on the Transylvania campus by Xavier University of Cincinnati faculty members. The degree is issued by Xavier University.

#### Vocational Schools

	Nearest State School	Nearest Area Education Center
	Central Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School	Montgomery County Area Vocational Education Center
Location	Lexington, Kentucky	Mt. Sterling, Kentucky
Miles Distant	58	22
Curriculum	Clerical	Business and Office
	Secretarial-	Industrial Education
	Stenographical	Auto Mechanics
	Commercial Foods	Carpentry
	Cosmetology	Drafting
	Equine Education	Electricity
	Practical Nursing	
	Industrial Education	
	Auto Body Repair	
	Auto Mechanics	
	Drafting	
	Electronics	
	Graphic Arts (Printin	ag)
	Industrial Electricity	
	Machine Shop	
	Office Machine Repai	r
	Sheet Metal	
	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.

#### HEALTH

#### Hospitals

Nearest General Hospitals	Location	Beds
Mary Chiles Hospital	Mt. Sterling,	40 acute;
	22 miles distant	40 extended care
St. Claire Medical Center	Morehead,	
	26 miles distant	94 acute

#### Mary Chiles Hospital

General hospital facilities - X-ray room, laboratory department, nursery, emergency room, delivery room, operating room, recovery room, inhalation therapy, physical therapy

Medical staff - 9 doctors, 16 registered nurses, 8 licensed practical nurses, 33 nurses aides, 4 orderlies, consulting radiologist and pathologist, surgeon, anesthesiologist, consulting dietitian, consulting pharmacist, 2 surgical technicians, 2 supply technicians

#### St. Claire Medical Center

General hospital facilities and services - Inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services including 3 emergency rooms, 4 operating rooms, 2 delivery rooms, intensive coronary care unit, physical therapy department, diagnostic radiology, EKG laboratory, blood bank, pharmacy, respiratory therapy, clinical and histology laboratory, medical library, home health and homemaker services

Medical staff - 5 general surgeons, anesthesiologist, 2 urologists, 2 orthopedists, pediatrician, 2 obstetricians, radiologist, 3 family medicine physicians, 4 internal medicine physicians, pathologist, oral surgeon, psychiatrist, 32 registered nurses, 12 licensed practical nurses, 9 laboratory technicians, 7 X-ray technicians, pharmacist, physical therapist, respiratory therapist, continuing education director

#### Other Medical Facilities

The Menifee Medical Center at Frenchburg, providing outpatient service, was opened in September 1975. The Center houses the Cave Run Comprehensive Care Center, Rehabilitation Services, Home Health-Homemaker Services, physicians offices, and dental offices. The Center has an X-ray department, laboratory, and a fully equipped emergency room. The staff includes an X-ray technician, business office manager, medical records transcriber, licensed practical nurse, and patient aide, all full time, and a primary care administrator serving part time. Primary medical care services are provided Monday through Friday by a physician and a nurse. Dental services are provided Monday through Friday by three dentists.

#### Public Health

Facility - Menifee County Health Department

Staff - Registered nurse, senior county sanitarian, clerk, outreach worker, clerk typist

#### OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

#### Communications

Telephone - Mountain Rural Telephone Company Services - Standard
Postal - U.S. Post Office Class - Third Mail received - Once daily Mail dispatched - Once daily
Newspapers received from - Clay City, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky
Radio Stations received from - Lexington, Morehead, Mt. Sterling, and West Liberty, Kentucky
Television -Cable service Reception from - Lexington, Kentucky; Huntington, West Virginia
Kentucky Educational Television - Morehead transmitter - Channel 38 Lexington-Richmond transmitter-

Channel 46

#### Library Services

Public library - Menifee County Library Size collection - 12,000 volumes Circulation, 1973-74 - 28,632 Services - Bookmobile, book stations, newspapers, magazines, records, film strips

#### Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 5 Denominations - Baptist, Church of God, Methodist, Presbyterian

Nearest Synagogues - Lexington, 58 miles distant Congregations - Adath Israel (reform), Ohavey Zion (traditional)

#### Financial Institutions

Banks	Assets	Deposits	Statement Date
Traders National Bank (Mt. Sterling and Frenchburg)		\$20,798,942.83	7/30/76
Clubs and Organizations	-		

Business and Civic - Lions Club, Farm Bureau

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, American Legion

Women's - Women's Club, Eastern Star, Homemakers, Hospital Auxiliary

Youth - FHA, FFA, 4-H, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts

Other - Fish and Game Club

#### RECREATION

#### Local

The city is in the process of planning a city park which will include a softball-baseball field, basketball and volleyball courts, picnic tables with grills, swings, slides, and tot lot.

Several tourist attractions are located near Frenchburg. Broke Leg Falls, which plunges 100 feet, is located on Broke Leg Creek. Picnicking areas are near the falls. Pioneer Weapons Hunting Area is a 7,300-acre preserve with trails and natural arches. The Frenchburg KOA provides 55 trailer and tent sites. Cave Run Lake, a US Corps of Engineers project completed in 1974, extends into Menifee and Morgan Counties and has a surface area between 6,700-8,200 acres.

#### Area

Camping, hunting, hiking and riding trails are available in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Red River Gorge is a part of the forest. The gorge is a boulder-strewn area of rugged forest, streams, cliffs, overlooks, arches, rare plants, and animal life. Picnic sites and camp sites are available in the Koomer Ridge Recreation Area.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park is 21 miles south of Frenchburg. This resort area located in the Daniel Boone National Forest, contains 1,899 acres. Park accommodations include a 35-room lodge with dining room and gift shop, and cottages. Also available are 49 camping sites with service building, restaurant and grocery. Park features include a pool, 54-acre lake, fishing, bathhouse, boats, hiking, horseback riding, picnic shelter, playground, ramps, and square dancing. Of the twelve great natural arches in the park, Natural Bridge is the largest. A skylift to Natural Bridge is operated during the summer months.

#### COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

#### Recent:

- 1. The new Menifee Medical Center opened in September 1975.
- 2. The new city hall has been completed and now houses the fire department, police department, city offices, and the Water and Sewer System office.
- 3. Three new businesses have recently opened.
- 4. The new Elwood Motley Building has been completed and is now occupied.
- 5. The library has been moved into new quarters which has more than doubled the available space.

#### Underway:

- 1. The Frenchburg Water and Sewer System will begin purchasing treated water from the Bath County Water District in January 1977. An 8-inch line is now being extended to connect the two systems.
- 2. A new 100,000 gallon water storage tank will be erected and in use by January 1977.

#### Planned:

- Plans are underway to propose the extension of sewer mains into a recently annexed area. This extension would add approximately 40 new customers to the system.
- 2. Plans are underway to develop a city park which will include picnic tables, grills, volleyball and basketball courts, softball-baseball field, swing sets, slides, and tot lot. A one and one-half acre site has been selected.

#### HISTORY

Menifee County, the one-hundred and thirteenth formed in Kentucky, dates from 1869. Its territory, which covers 210 square miles, was taken from Bath, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell and Wolfe counties. Its topography is hilly to mountainous; the soil is fertile in the valleys, but is poor on the mountain sides. A large portion of the land is forested, and there are deposits of oil and coal scattered throughout the area.

Menifee County's population in 1870 was 1,986. There was a substantial gain in population until 1900 when it peaked at 6,818. In 1900 a gradual decline began and continued until 1930 when the population was 4,958. In 1940 Menifee County showed an increase with a population of 5,691 but since then the population has again declined gradually. The 1970 population of Menifee County was 4,050. In 1975, population of the county was estimated at 4,400. The 1973 estimated population of Frenchburg, the county seat, which was named for Judge Richard French, was 504.

Total employment averaged 1,020 in Menifee County in 1974. Agriculture accounted for 120 of these jobs and government 260.