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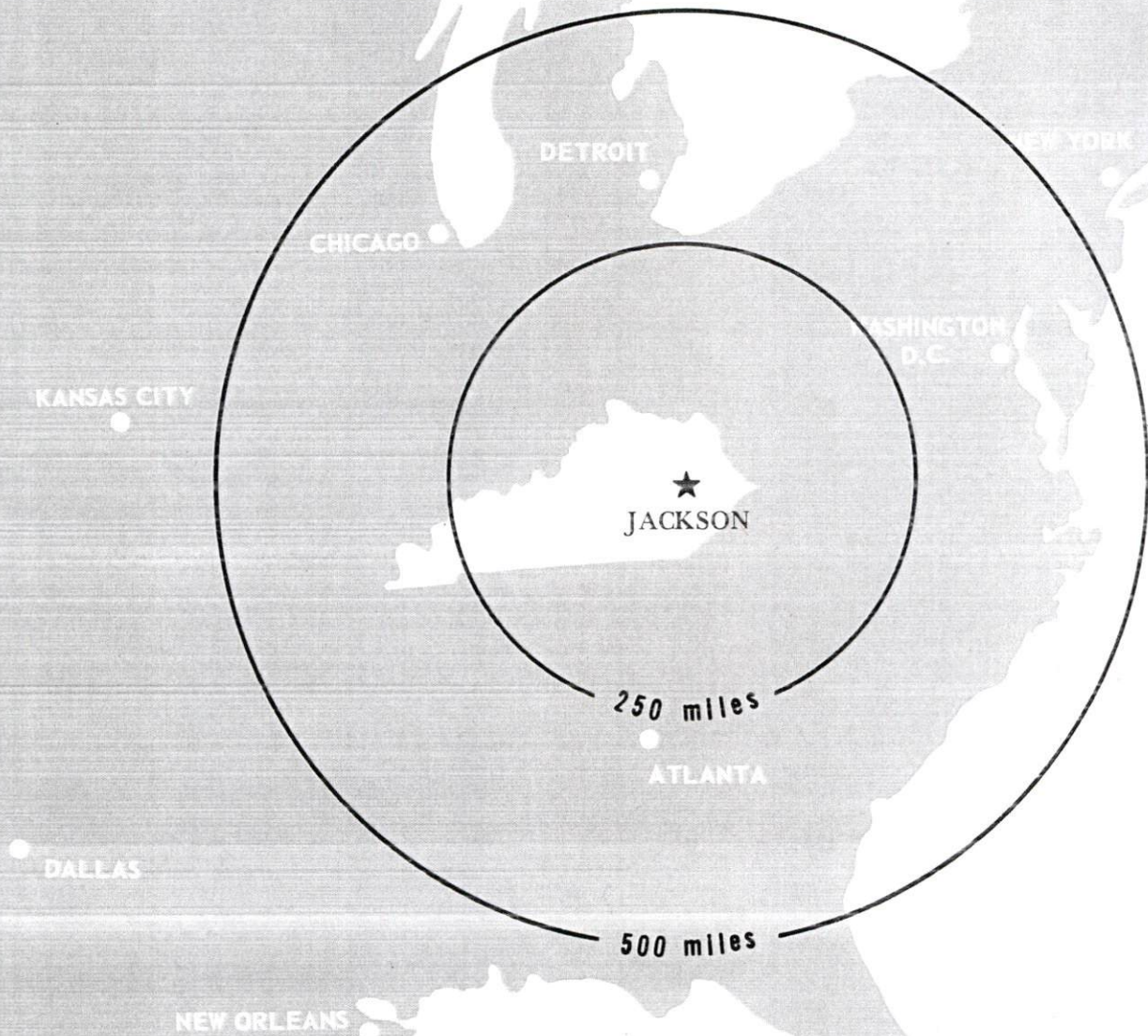
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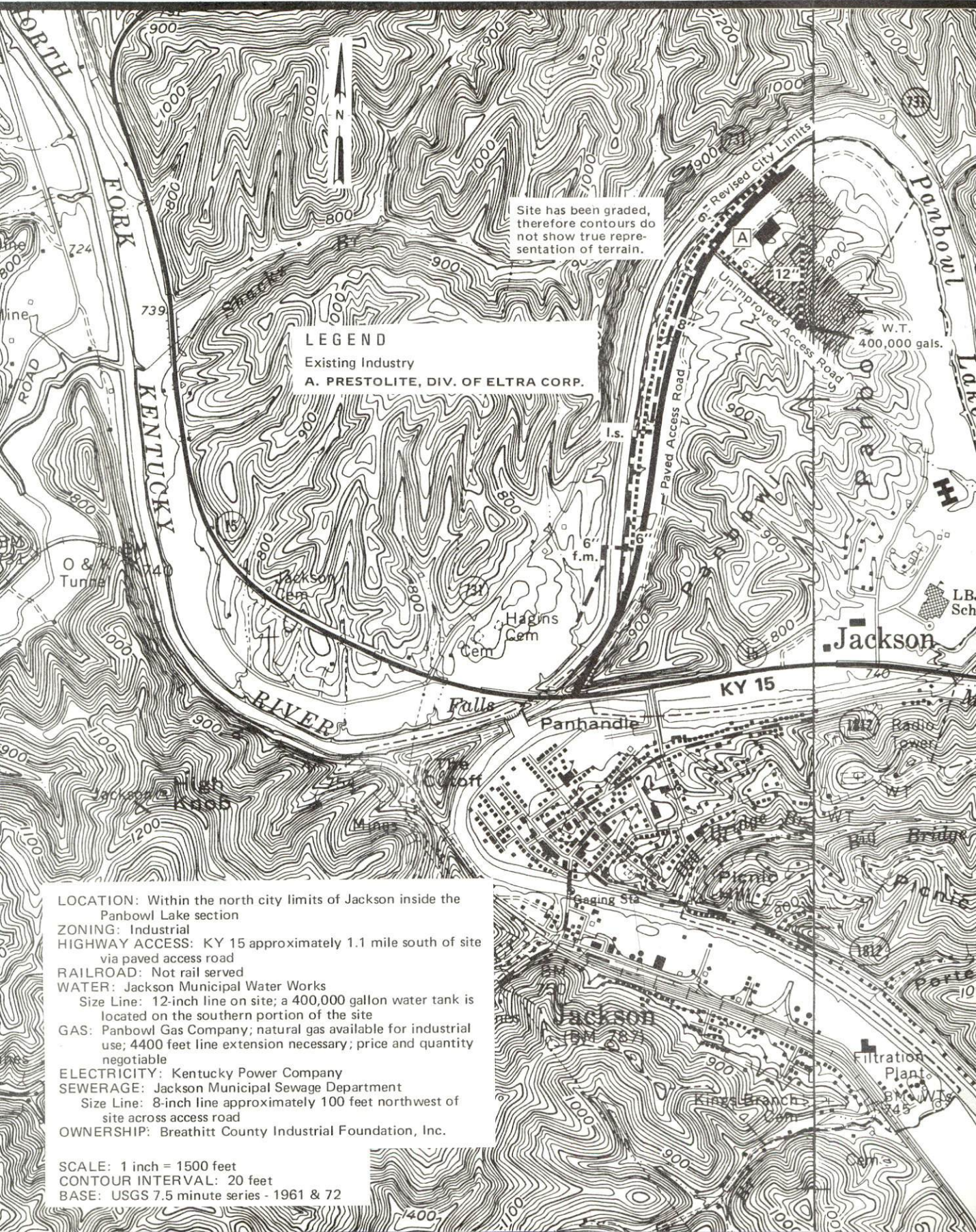
JACKSON KENTUCKY



BREATHITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY

JACKSON, KENTUCKY --- Site No. 176 -- 24 Acres

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LEGEND
Existing Industry
A. PRESTOLITE, DIV. OF ELTRA CORP.

Site has been graded,
therefore contours do
not show true representation
of terrain.

LOCATION: Within the north city limits of Jackson inside the Panbowl Lake section
ZONING: Industrial
HIGHWAY ACCESS: KY 15 approximately 1.1 mile south of site via paved access road
RAILROAD: Not rail served
WATER: Jackson Municipal Water Works
Size Line: 12-inch line on site; a 400,000 gallon water tank is located on the southern portion of the site
GAS: Panbowl Gas Company; natural gas available for industrial use; 4400 feet line extension necessary; price and quantity negotiable
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Jackson Municipal Sewage Department
Size Line: 8-inch line approximately 100 feet northwest of site across access road
OWNERSHIP: Breathitt County Industrial Foundation, Inc.

SCALE: 1 inch = 1500 feet
CONTOUR INTERVAL: 20 feet
BASE: USGS 7.5 minute series - 1961 & 72

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JACKSON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Jackson, the county seat of Breathitt County, is located in eastern Kentucky, 160 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky, 80 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky, and 195 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee. Jackson had an estimated 1973 population of 1,869.

Breathitt County lies in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky and covers a land area of 494 square miles. In 1974, the county had an estimated population of 15,300.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Breathitt County residents employed in 1974 averaged 4,610, including 200 in agriculture and 1,220 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 50 workers; trade and services firms employed 740; mining employed 855. Major industrial products are soft drinks and lumber.

Total unemployment in Breathitt County averaged 6.1 percent of the labor force in 1974.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1973 was \$1,810, an increase of 44.6 percent since 1969.

The Jackson labor market area includes Breathitt and the six adjoining counties. The total number of residents of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 26,050, including 1,050 in agriculture and 5,810 in government. Manufacturing employers in the labor market area reported 1,025 workers; trade and services firms employed 4,640; mining reported 6,820.

Resources for Growth

1. Labor Supply - There is a current labor supply of 9,820 men and 7,400 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 5,070 young men and 4,820 young women in the area will become 18 years of age before 1981 and potentially available for work.

2. Transportation - Rail service is provided by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Highway access is provided by Kentucky Routes 15, 30, and 52. Jackson is 21 miles south of the Mountain Parkway which links with Interstate 64. Access to the Daniel Boone Parkway,

which connects with Interstate 75 at London, Kentucky, can be reached 29 miles to the south. Three truck lines serve Jackson. A small craft airport is located at Hazard, 31 miles distant. Commercial air service is available at Blue Grass Field in Lexington, 80 miles away.

3. Power and Fuel - Kentucky Power Company furnishes electricity to Jackson and parts of Breathitt County. Licking Valley RECC serves the remaining portion of the county. Panbowl Gas Company provides natural gas service to Jackson. There are five distributors of propane and butane and five distributors of distillate fuel oil in the Jackson area. Low sulphur content coal is available locally.

4. Education - Breathitt County has two public school systems, the Jackson Independent School District and the Breathitt County School System.

Lees Junior College, with an enrollment of 319, is located in Jackson. In addition, two other junior colleges and two community colleges are within 65 miles of Jackson.

The Breathitt County Area Vocational Education Center, located in Jackson, offers seven areas of training. The nearest state vocational-technical school is located at Hazard, 31 miles away, and offers training in twenty areas.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION

<u>Area</u>	<u>1974*</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Nonwhite</u>
			<u>1970</u>
Jackson	1,869**	1,887	0.5
Labor Market Area	87,800	82,900	
Breathitt County	15,300	14,221	0.2
Knott County	16,200	14,698	0.9
Lee County	6,700	6,587	0.8
Magoffin County	10,700	10,443	0.1
Owsley County	5,200	5,023	0.4
Perry County	27,600	26,259	2.9
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. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 562, June 1975; Series P-26, No. 120, June 1975.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1974

<u>Major Employment Group</u>	<u>Employment by Place of Residence of Workers</u>	
	<u>Breathitt County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
	Total Employment	4,612
Agriculture	199	1,051
Government	1,219	5,813

	<u>Employment by Location of Jobs</u>	
	<u>Breathitt County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Manufacturing	54	1,025
Trade and Services	741	4,640
Mining	855	6,821

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations; Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, Annual Report.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1974

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	51	995
Food & Kindred Products	21	112
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	149
Lumber, Furniture	9	135
Printing & Publishing, Paper	16	26
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	12
Machinery, Metal Products, Equipment	5	561

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.

JACKSON MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Breathitt County Ready Mix Concrete (1965)	Ready mixed concrete	8	8	0
East Kentucky Paving Company	Asphaltic concrete	10	10	0
Inter-Mountain Pub- lishing Company (1965)	Newspaper, job printing	13	3	10
Mt. Top, Inc. (1974)	Lumber	20		
Royal Crown Bottling Co. (1949)	Soft drinks	21	20	1

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce, Division of Research and Planning.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Presently, no labor unions represent manufacturing workers in Breathitt County.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
JACKSON LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Under- employed	Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed		Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	9,820	6,510	1,940	1,370	5,066
Breathitt	1,560	890	370	300	909
Knott	1,520	1,040	250	230	915
Lee	680	390	120	170	385
Magoffin	1,850	1,330	390	130	648
Owsley	600	310	170	120	293
Perry	2,630	1,760	550	320	1,519
Wolfe	980	790	90	100	397

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
JACKSON LABOR MARKET AREA

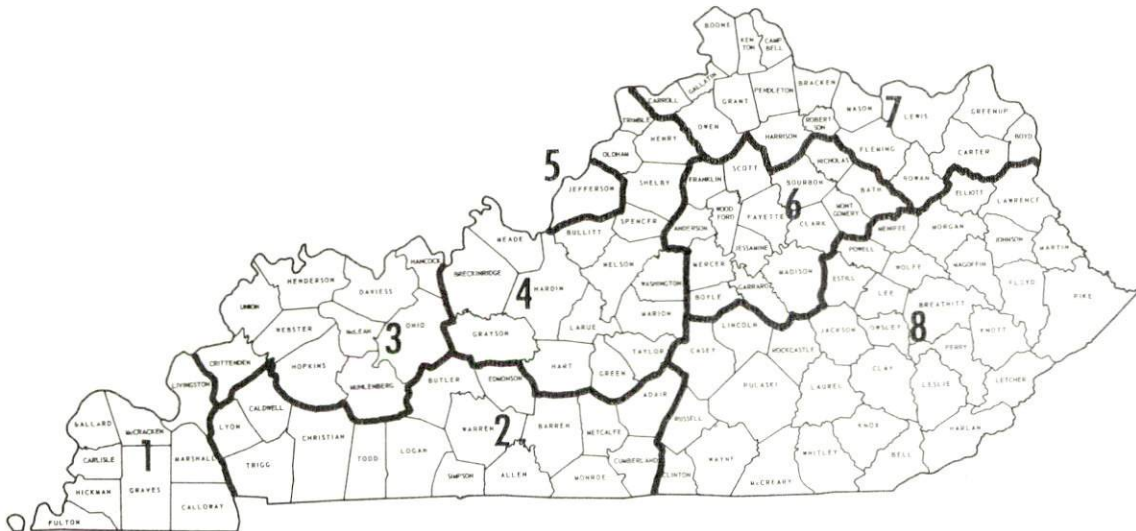
Area	Current			Under- employed	Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed		Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	7,440	6,210	290	940	4,819
Breathitt	1,100	900	30	170	887
Knott	1,160	990	20	150	873
Lee	570	420	40	110	383
Magoffin	1,220	1,050	70	100	619
Owsley	640	550	50	40	261
Perry	2,070	1,720	50	300	1,460
Wolfe	680	580	30	70	336

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

WAGES

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by 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 130 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for eight 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 PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Breathitt County	\$1,810	\$1,252	44.6
Labor Market Area Range	\$1,810 - 3,453	\$1,071 - 1,890	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 Jackson - Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company
Services - 1 local freight daily, 5 northbound and 5 southbound through
freights daily; switching facilities; siding space for approximately
150 cars; team track for 10 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at
Lexington, 80 miles distant

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

Manager of Industrial Development
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company
908 West Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky 40201
(502) 587-5000

Highways

Kentucky Highways 15, 30, and 52 serve Jackson. Access to
the Mountain Parkway is 21 miles northwest of Jackson at Campton via
Kentucky Highway 15. An interchange of the Daniel Boone Parkway is
located 29 miles south of Jackson via Kentucky Highway 15.

A bypass, connecting Kentucky Highway 15 north of Jackson with
Kentucky Highways 30 and 52, is currently under construction.

Truck Service

Company

Bell Lines, Inc.

Hazard Express

Overnite Transportation
Company

Other Freight Services

United Parcel Service

Home Office

6414 McCorkle Avenue, S. E.
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

115 Winchester Pike
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

1100 Commerce Road
Richmond, Virginia 23209

Nearest Shipping Center

Salyersville, 39 miles distant

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	389	4-5	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,260	10
Birmingham, Ala.	449	5	Louisville, Ky.	160	1
Chicago, Ill.	459	4	Nashville, Tenn.	289	4
Cincinnati, Ohio	158	3	New Orleans, La.	804	6
Cleveland, Ohio	413	4	New York, N. Y.	820	5-6
Detroit, Mich.	427	5	Pittsburgh, Pa.	461	5
Knoxville, Tenn.	195	3	St. Louis, Mo.	415	4

Source: Delivery Time Only - Hazard Express, Inc., Hazard office, Hazard, Kentucky 41701

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
Location:	Hazard Airport Hazard, 31 miles distant	Blue Grass Field Lexington, 80 miles distant
Runways:	1 paved	2 paved
Length:	2,300 feet	6,500 and 3,500 feet
Traffic Control:	Wind sock	Tower; guards; arrival and departure, approach control, and ground control radar service; Automatic Terminal Information Service
Lighting:	None	Approach lighting system, beacon, runways and obstructions lighted
Services:	80 and 100 octane, 6 days - daylight hours	Delta, Eastern, Piedmont, and Allegheny Airlines; National Weather Service; flight instruction; charter service; storage; restaurant; taxi; limousine and car rentals
Air Freight Service:		Freight accepted on a space available basis

Bus - Southern Greyhound Bus Lines

Taxi - Two companies provide 24-hour service

Rental Services - Nearest truck and trailer rentals at Hazard, 31 miles distant

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Jackson and parts of Breathitt County - Kentucky
Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

Total generating capacity - 1,065,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company
High Street
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
(606) 436-2141

Company serving Breathitt County - Licking Valley 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

Licking Valley RECC
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-3179

Natural Gas

Company serving Jackson - Panbowl Gas Company

Source of supply - Local gas field

Size of transmission mains - 4 and 3 inches (supplier);

4 and 3 inches (distributor)

Distribution mains - 4, 3, and 2 inches

Distribution pressure - 7 ounces

Btu content - 1,170 per cubic foot

For rates and supplies contact:

Panbowl Gas Company
P. O. Box 619
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-7282

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Ashland Petroleum Company, Bulan Road
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
Blue Flame Gas Company
Avawam, Kentucky 41713
Darch Bottled Gas, Inc., Main Street
Beattyville, Kentucky 41311
Empiregas, Inc. of Jackson, 329 Broadway
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
Ideal Bottled Gas, Inc., Main Street
Beattyville, Kentucky 41311

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Petroleum Company, Bulan Road
Hazard, Kentucky 41701
Ideal Gas & Oil Company, Armory Drive
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
Rogers Oil Company, Highway 31
Beattyville, Kentucky 41311
Tank Service, Inc., Irvine Road
Beattyville, Kentucky 41311
Texaco, Inc.
Lothair, Kentucky 41701

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available locally.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Jackson - Jackson Municipal Waterworks
City Hall
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-2424

Source - North Fork of Kentucky River
Treatment plant capacity - 720,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 350,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 500,000 gallons
Type treatment - Coagulation, filtration, chlorination, fluoridation
Storage capacity - 600,000 gallons
Size lines - 12, 10, and 6 inches
Average pressure - 75 psi
Average temperature - 68 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

(Inside City Limits)

First	2,000 gallons	\$3.50 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.15 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.05 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
Over	50,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons

(Outside City Limits)

First	2,000 gallons	\$4.00 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	1.35 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.15 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.05 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons
Over	50,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$100

Name of water district - Quicksand Water District*
c/o Ashland Petroleum Company
Quicksand, Kentucky 41363
(606) 666-2403

Area served - Southeastern Breathitt County
Date when water district began operating - 1964
Source of supply of treated water - Jackson Municipal Waterworks
Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 50,000 gallons
Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 100,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 150,000 gallons
Average pressure - 75 psi
Average temperature - 68 degrees F.
Size lines - 8 and 6 inches

Fees -

First	1,000 gallons	\$ 3.50 (Minimum)
	10,000 gallons	13.00
	15,000 gallons	18.25
	25,000 gallons	26.75
	50,000 gallons	44.75
All over	50,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$100

Surface water sources - North and Middle Forks of Kentucky River
Average discharge - North Fork of Kentucky River at Jackson,
1,336 cfs (39 years, USGS); Middle Fork of Kentucky River at Tallega,
722 cfs (36 years, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - 5 to 50 gpm over entire county except
for eastern tips which are 50 to 200 gpm

Sewerage

Company serving Jackson - Jackson Municipal Sewage Department
City Hall
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
(606) 666-2424

Design capacity - 300,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 200,000 gallons; Treatment - Secondary
Type treatment - Aeration, digester, drying beds
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of Kentucky River
Size of sanitary mains - 10 and 8 inches
Rates - 60 percent of monthly water bill
Tap-on charge: \$100

*At the present time, the Haddix-Lost Creek Water District is being organized. The district will purchase treated water from the Jackson Municipal Waterworks and serve southern Breathitt County.

CLIMATE

Breathitt County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	55.2 degrees
Average annual 1974	55.1 degrees
Record highest, July, 1966 (11-year record)	98.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1972 (11-year record)	-11.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,729
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	44.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.70 inches
Total precipitation 1974	60.09 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	130
Average number days thunderstorms (30-year record)	47

Prevailing Winds (17-year record) South

Relative Humidity (11-year record)

1 a. m.	76 percent
7 a. m.	81 percent
1 p. m.	59 percent
7 p. m.	64 percent

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1974. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

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

Budget 1974-75 - General Fund	\$130,000
Water and Sewer Fund	128,400

Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses range from \$10 to \$300 annually; auto tax sticker - \$5 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1974-75 - General Fund \$121,250; Road Fund \$41,700

Assessed Value of Property, 1975

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
Real Estate	\$7,429,185	\$34,147,455
Tangibles	3,176,675	25,904,117

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, 1975*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
County	\$.481	\$.481
School	.551	.710
City	.200	

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Jackson-Breathitt County Planning Commission
 Zoning enforced - City only
 Subdivision regulations enforced - City and 5 miles beyond city limits
 Local codes enforced - Housing and building
 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

<u>Police</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
Total staff	4	7
Radio-patrol cars	2	4

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8
Full-time staff	1
Volunteers	15

Solid Waste

	<u>Jackson</u>
Type service	Private
Fee charged:	
residential	\$2 monthly
business	Varies according to volume
industrial	Varies according to volume
Collection frequency:	
residential	Twice weekly
business	Daily
industrial	Daily
Trash pickup	Daily
Disposal method	Landfill

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1975.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Jackson Independent</u>	<u>Breathitt County</u>
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1975)	401	3,423
Elementary	209	2,451
High School	192	972
Student-Teacher Ratio	20-1	22-1
Elementary	17-1	21-1
High School	25-1	24-1
Percent High School Graduates to College	46.2	33.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1974-75)	\$ 623.37	\$ 571.23
Bonded Indebtedness June 30, 1975	\$54,000.00	\$3,026,000.00

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance (Miles)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1975)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Lees Junior College	Jackson		319	Associate
Hazard Com- munity College	Hazard	31	229	Associate
Alice Lloyd Junior College	Pippa Passes	55	222	Associate
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	62	547	Associate
Southeastern Christian College	Winchester	65	91	Associate

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
Location	Hazard State Vocational- Technical School	Breathitt County Area Vocational Education Center
Miles Distant	Hazard	Jackson
Curriculum	31 Clerical Secretarial Commercial Foods Cosmetology Practical Nursing Industrial Education Air Conditioning and Heating Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Braille Carpentry Diesel Mechanics Drafting Electronics (Industrial) Heavy Equipment Operating Engineering Maintenance and Repair Highway Technology Industrial Electricity Machine Shop Masonry Mine Machinery Repair Welding	Business and Office Industrial Education Appliance Repair Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Industrial Electricity Machine Shop

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

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 4
Dentists - 2

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital	Hazard, 31 miles distant	142

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

Medical staff - 18 doctors, 36 registered nurses, 77 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities

A \$750,000 health facility, providing 24-hour service, is to be constructed in Jackson. The Mountain Comprehensive Care Center will staff and equip the new facility.

Ambulance Service

Two private ambulance agencies provide 24-hour service to Breathitt County residents.

Nursing Homes

One nursing facility with 50 extended care beds, 50 intermediate care beds, and 22 personal care beds serves Breathitt County.

Public Health

Facility - Breathitt County Health Department
Staff - Administrator, 4 registered nurses, registered nurse (part time), home health aide, family worker aide, 4 clerks, sanitarian

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 - Second
Mail received - 3 times daily
Mail dispatched - 2 times daily

Newspapers - The Jackson Times
Weekly and circulation - 4,500
Other papers received from - Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky

Radio - City, WEKG-AM; County, WMTC- AM
Stations received from - Hazard, Lexington, and Louisville, Kentucky;
Indianapolis, Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio; Nashville, Tennessee

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

Library Services

Public library - Breathitt County Public Library
Size collection - 20,000 volumes
Circulation, 1974-75 - 91,914
Services - Records and record player, magazines, pictures, story
hour, film strip machine, community room, color TV, bookmobile,
microfilm reader-printer, movie projector

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 5
Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Catholic, Presbyterian, United
Methodist

Nearest synagogues - Lexington, 80 miles away
Congregations - Adath Israel (reform); Ohavey Zion (traditional)

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Citizens Bank of Jackson	\$15,402,026.74	\$13,689,246.76	9/30/75
The First National Bank	13,677,868.35	12,573,325.07	6/30/75

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 3

Total units - 60

Clubs and Organizations

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

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, Blue Lodge and Royal Arch

Women's - Daughters of America, DAR, Eastern Star, Junior Woman's Club, Woman's Club

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

RECREATION

Local

The people of Jackson are striving to improve their recreational facilities. Jackson already has two parks, four playgrounds, a swimming pool, a baseball diamond, a movie theater, and a supervised little league program. Recently, Lees Junior College constructed two new tennis courts that are open to the public.

Presently an 8-acre park is under construction and is expected to be completed by the summer of 1976. Facilities will include two lighted tennis courts, a softball diamond, a badminton court, a multi-purpose court, a tot lot, and a shelter area.

Area (With 35 miles)

Approximately 35 miles from Jackson is Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park. It includes 856 acres of land, a 1,230-acre lake, a lodge, and camping facilities. The area offers fishing, a beach, dock, both covered and open boat slips, picnic shelter, and playground.

The Daniel Boone National Forest lies near Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park. This vast Kentucky timberland encompasses hundreds of natural and historical attractions. Throughout the forest are picnic areas playgrounds, hiking areas, camping, fishing, and boating.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park and the Red River Gorge are within 35 miles of Jackson. This beautiful area of the Daniel Boone National Forest abounds with sandstone arches, rugged cliffs, mountain streams, and scenic overlooks. Other features are a skylift, swimming pool, and lodge.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Prestolite, Wire Division of Eltra Corporation, manufacturers of battery cables, located in Jackson. The plant will employ 150 people by the end of 1976. The remaining 24 acres of the industrial site is being leveled. Excess dirt is being hauled to prepare a site for a new 8-acre park. The completed facilities will feature two lighted tennis courts, softball diamond, badminton court, multi-purpose court, tot lot, and shelter area.

A bypass, connecting Kentucky Highway 15 and Kentucky Highways 52 and 30, is under construction.

With the completion of new office and maintenance buildings, Falcon Coal Company has transferred their operations to Jackson.

The Haddix-Lost Creek Water District is being organized.

The Jackson Independent School District is completely renovating the high school. A new storage and maintenance building is planned.

The Breathitt County School System will complete a new middle school and athletic field by August, 1976.

The construction of 72 low-rent housing units is planned.

HISTORY

Because of 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 time 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. 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 that 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.

In 1850, Breathitt County had a population of 3,785. By 1950, this had climbed to 19,964, followed by a decline to 14,221 in 1970. In 1974, the population had increased to 15,300.

The total number of Breathitt County residents employed in 1974 averaged 4,610, including 200 in agriculture and 1,220 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 50 workers; trade and services firms employed 740; mining employed 855. The major manufacturing firms are Royal Crown Bottling Company, a manufacturer of soft drinks, and Mt. Top, Inc., a manufacturer of lumber.

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