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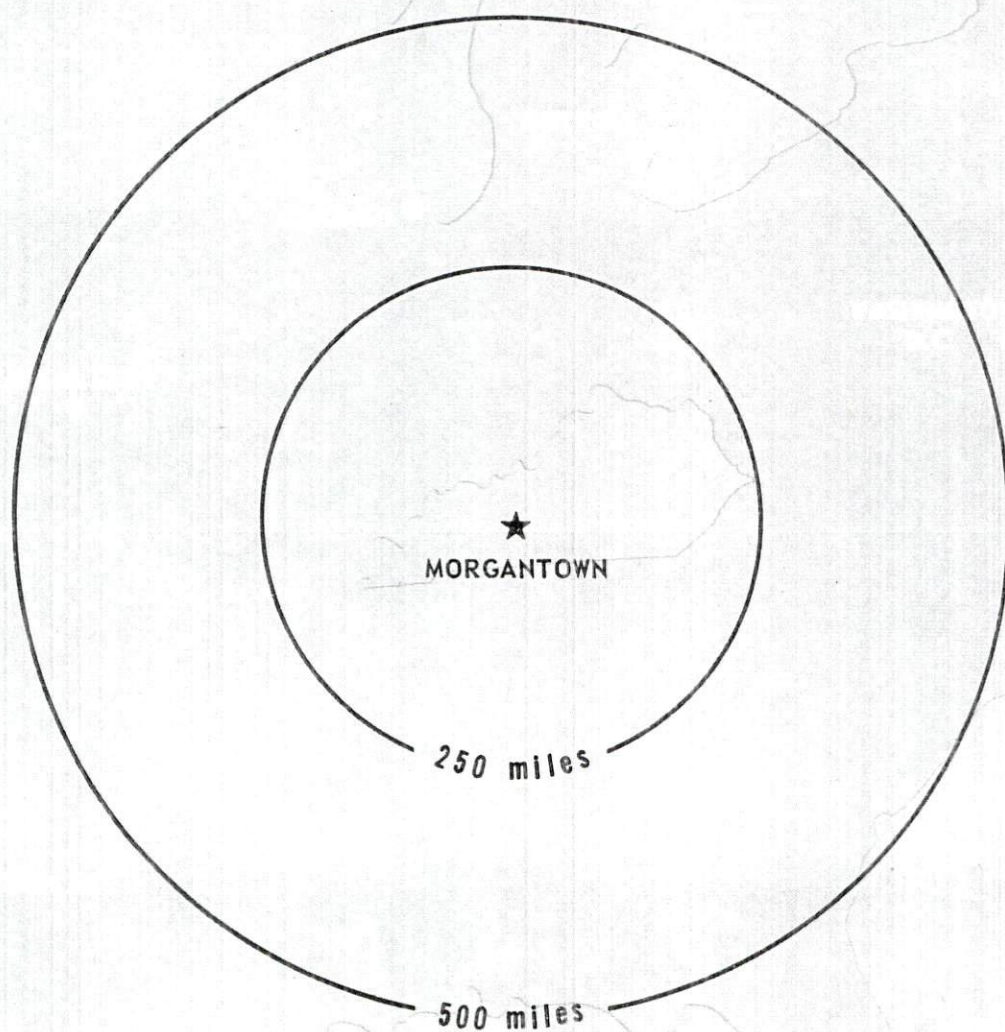
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY



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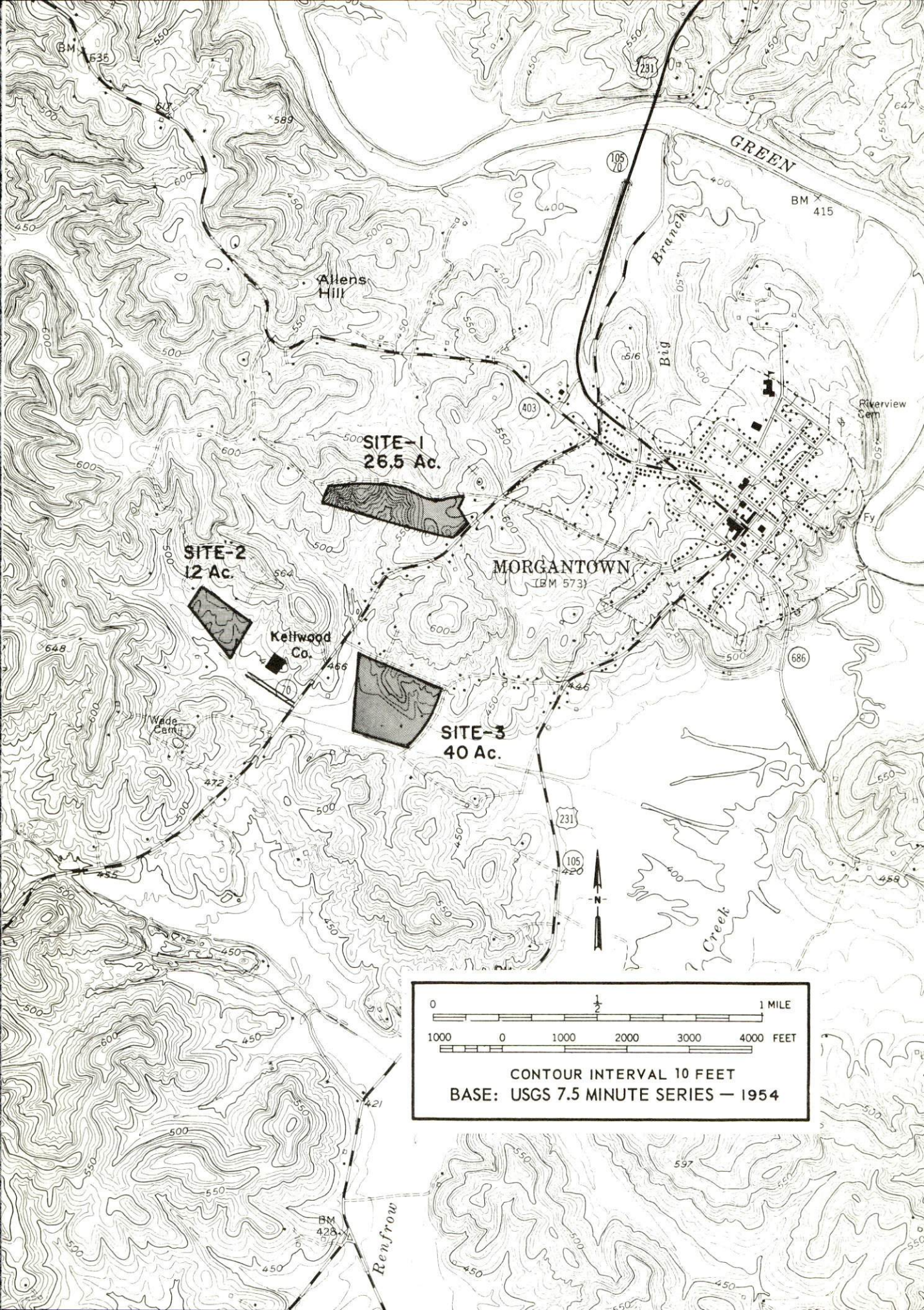
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For more information about the following sites, contact Mayor S. Lake Saling, Morgantown, Kentucky; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Washington and Wapping Streets, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE # 1: ACREAGE: 26.5 acres
LOCATION: Western edge of city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky Route 70, along
southeast border. Dirt road forms northern
boundary
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Morgantown Water and Sewerage Company
SIZE LINE: 12-inch
GAS: Morgantown Gas System
SIZE MAIN: 2-inch
ELECTRICITY: Warren County RECC
SEWERAGE: Morgantown Water and Sewerage
Company
OPTIONED BY: Morgantown Industrial Foundation

SITE # 2: ACREAGE: 12 acres
LOCATION: Southwest of Morgantown
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky Route 70, 1,200 feet
from southeast boundary
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Morgantown Water and Sewerage Company
SIZE LINE: 12-inch
GAS: Morgantown Gas System
SIZE MAIN: 2-inch
ELECTRICITY: Warren County RECC
SEWERAGE: Morgantown Water and Sewerage
Company
OPTIONED BY: Morgantown Industrial Foundation

SITE # 3: ACREAGE: 40 acres
LOCATION: Southwest of Morgantown
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky Route 70, 200 feet from
western boundary; access road forms northern
boundary
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Morgantown Water and Sewerage Company
SIZE LINE: 12-inch
GAS: Morgantown Gas System
SIZE MAIN: 2-inch
ELECTRICITY: Warren County RECC
SEWERAGE: Morgantown Water and Sewerage
Company
OWNERSHIP: Private



Allens Hill

SITE-1
26.5 Ac.

SITE-2
12 Ac.

Kellwood Co.

SITE-3
40 Ac.

MORGANTOWN
(BM 573)

GREEN

Big Branch

Creek

Renfrow

0 1/2 1 MILE
1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 FEET

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES — 1954

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MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY

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MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Morgantown, the county seat of Butler County, is situated in west central Kentucky. Close proximity to Bowling Green provides the residents the advantages of a metropolitan area. Morgantown is 108 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky, and 109 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee.

The population of Morgantown in 1970 was 1,394. Butler County had a population of 9,723.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in 1969 averaged 2,700 jobs with manufacturing providing 700 of these jobs. This represents an increase of 228 percent in manufacturing employment since 1960. The major industrial product of the county is apparel.

Per capita income in Butler County in 1969 was \$1,580. This figure is substantially below the Kentucky average indicating an area of potential economic growth.

Morgantown is the center of a labor market area which includes Butler County and its six surrounding counties. Area employment totals 54,800. Manufacturing furnishes over 12,700 of these jobs. Industrial employment is heaviest in the apparel, and machinery and metal products industries.

Despite important industrial gains in recent years, the area still has a deficit of 2,426 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing production is excellent.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 6,370 men and 4,650 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 9,550 young men and 9,100 young women will become 18 years of age by 1977, and potentially available for industrial jobs.

2. Transportation - The Illinois Central Railroad provides services in Beaver Dam, 18 miles northwest of Morgantown. Western Kentucky Parkway bisects the northern tip of Butler County. Interchanges are located

15 and 18 miles from Morgantown. The Owensboro-Bowling Green Parkway, now under construction, will provide Morgantown with two interchanges, connecting the city with the state's excellent network of highways. Commercial air service is available at Bowling Green, 26 miles south of Morgantown.

3. Electric power is available in large quantity from the Warren County RECC, with TVA serving as the source of supply. The Morgantown Gas System provides natural gas service. The local water supply from the Green River is more than adequate for continued growth.

4. Industrial sites - Morgantown has several sites available for industrial use. All are within close proximity to a good highway system.

5. With Western Kentucky University only 26 miles away in Bowling Green, educational opportunities are excellent. Vocational education is provided by the Bowling Green Area Vocational School at Bowling Green.

Community Programs for Improvement

Coleman-Saling Manufacturing Company is constructing a 4,000 square foot addition to its factory.

A local laundromat is adding approximately 1,000 square feet of space to accommodate new equipment. The addition will nearly double the size of the building.

A new building, which will house a beauty salon, is now under construction.

A 1,000 square foot addition to a funeral home will allow space for an additional chapel, increase the size of the lounge, and provide new office space. The entire building is being redecorated.

A new skating rink is to be constructed. The building will be of concrete construction with a brick front.

Morgantown is also in the planning stage of several new projects. A new shopping complex for the center of town is now being planned and a model of the project is on display. The tentative design for the center includes a 15-foot walkway through the center with stores opening onto it. This complex is tentatively scheduled for completion by Spring of 1972.

A new county courthouse is also being planned for Morgantown. This \$500,000 structure will house both city and county offices.

A new branch bank has been constructed. The 3,000 square foot building contains a lobby, offices, directors' room, and a bookkeeping room. The new branch bank will have two drive-in systems to serve the public. Parking space will be provided for approximately 20 automobiles.

The Butler County School System has completed a new elementary school and now plans to build a music and art building for the elementary and high schools. Completion is set for mid-1972. Plans also call for the construction of a new central administrative office building to be completed by the latter part of 1972.

Morgantown is also putting in a 40-unit public housing complex to complement the already completed 20-unit rent supplement apartment complex.

The city has recently blacktopped all streets.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Morgantown is situated in an area which has easy access to diversified recreation.

Mammoth Cave National Park, 38 miles east of Morgantown, provides one of the world's largest and most remarkable networks of interrelated cavern corridors. Cave attractions include the Snowball Dining Room, Frozen Niagara, Crystal Lake, and Bottomless Pit. Other park attractions include a scenic boat trip on the Green River, nature trails, an amphitheatre, tent and trailer campsites, swimming, picnic areas and excellent fishing.

Park Mammoth Resort, the Diamond Caverns, Mammoth Onyx Cave, Crystal Onyx Cave, and Hundred Dome Cave are all within 40 miles of Morgantown.

Lake Malone State Park, an 826-acre lake surrounded by a 338-acre park, provides tent campsites, picnic area, playground, swimming, fishing, and boat rentals. The park is only 34 miles southwest of Morgantown.

Fifty-four miles south of Morgantown is Auburn, Kentucky. This town at one time was the home of a colony of Shakers. A museum in Auburn houses many artifacts, hand crafted and used by the Shakers.

Western Kentucky University, 26 miles south of Morgantown in Bowling Green, provides the area with intercollegiate sports and cultural events.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Morgantown	1,394	1,318	850	5.8	55.1
Labor Market Area	160,471	145,408	156,182	10.4	- 6.9
Butler County	9,723	9,586	11,309	1.4	-15.2
Edmonson County	8,751	8,085	9,376	8.2	-13.7
Grayson County	16,445	15,834	17,063	3.9	- 7.2
Logan County	21,793	20,896	22,335	4.3	- 6.4
Muhlenberg County	27,537	27,791	32,501	- 0.9	-14.5
Ohio County	18,790	17,725	20,840	6.0	-14.5
Warren County	57,432	45,491	42,758	26.2	- 6.4

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Butler County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,700	54,800
Agricultural	800	8,700
Nonagricultural	1,900	46,100
Manufacturing	700	12,720
Trade and Services	357	11,501
Government	500	8,600

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

Industry	Butler County			Labor Market Area		
	1970	1960	% Change	1970	1960	% Change
TOTAL	856	261	227.9	12,819	5,158	148.5
Food & kindred products	0	0	--	889	736	20.9
Tobacco	0	0	--	135	154	- 12.3
Apparel, textiles, leather	760	253	200.4	4,844	1,880	157.7
Lumber & furniture	77	8	862.5	1,361	831	63.8
Printing, publishing, paper	2	0	--	243	108	125.0
Chemicals, petroleum, coal, rubber	0	0	--	258	52	396.2
Stone, clay & glass	0	0	--	62	52	19.2
Primary metals	0	0	--	360	188	91.5
Machinery & metal products	17	0	--	4,529	1,148	294.5
Other	0	0	--	138	9	143.3

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

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Green River Republican	Newspaper, job printing	2	0	2
Kane Manufacturing Co.	Men's and boys' jackets, sportswear, raincoats	323	25	298
Kellwood Company	All weather coats, rain- wear, women's, children's outerwear	508	99	409
Morgantown Feed Mill	Feed	9	8	1
Rone & McGuyer, Inc.	Pallets, lumber	45	45	0
Coleman-Saling Manufacturing Co., Inc.	Houseboats, modular homes	37	36	1

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler	\$1.80	\$2.40	\$2.10
Inspector	1.85	2.45	2.30
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)	1.90	2.60	2.40
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Laborer	\$1.60	\$3.25	\$2.50
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	3.80	2.70
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.25	\$2.00
Receptionist	1.60	2.00	1.85
Secretary	1.60	2.50	2.00
Typist	1.60	1.80	1.75

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no labor organizations representing the manufacturing workers in Morgantown.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
MORGANTOWN LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1971 ^{6/}</u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1977 ^{7/}</u> (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market Area	11,028	6,372	4,656	18,661	9,553	9,108
Butler	1,290	809	481	1,184	605	579
Edmonson	1,105	877	228	1,132	604	528
Grayson	2,000	1,215	785	2,125	1,085	1,040
Logan	822	270	552	2,552	1,312	1,240
Muhlenberg	2,164	815	1,349	3,313	1,687	1,626
Ohio	2,122	1,197	925	2,273	1,153	1,120
Warren	1,525	1,189	336	6,082	3,107	2,975

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Butler County	\$ 14,513,000	\$ 6,391,000	+127.1
Labor Market Area	361,879,000	162,156,000	+123.2
Kentucky	9,202,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 97.7

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{9/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Butler County	\$1,580	\$ 684	+131.0
Labor Market Area	\$1,580 to 2,730	\$672 to 1,451	N. A.
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+ 83.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Butler County</u>
Total Enrollment	2,300
Elementary	1,700
High School	600
Student-Teacher Ratio	26-1
Elementary	27-1
High School	22-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	17.9
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$462.45
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1971	\$1,144,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
	Bowling Green Area Vocational School	Muhlenberg-Greenville
Location	Bowling Green	Greenville
Miles Distant	26	33
Curriculum	Dental Assistant Tool & Die Making Nurses Aide Practical Nursing Surgical Technician Ward Clerk Distributive Education Electronics (Technology) Radio and TV Repair Technical Drafting Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Commercial Foods Drafting Electricity, Printing Machine Shop, Welding	Welding Electricity Drafting Carpentry Auto Mechanics Health Careers

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 60 Miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Conferred</u>
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	11,400	Masters
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	359	Associate
Brescia College	Owensboro	957	Baccalaureate
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	839	Baccalaureate

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Morgantown is not directly served by a railroad. The nearest rail service, provided by the Illinois Central Railroad, is at Beaver Dam, 18 miles from Morgantown. Services include freight, siding, and switching. Hartford, 22 miles from Morgantown, is served by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Services include freight, siding, switching, and REA Express.

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM BEAVER DAM, KENTUCKY, TO: ^{10/}

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

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Associated Transport, Inc.	New York, New York
A. Ligon Truck Line, Inc. (United Trucking)	Lebanon, Kentucky
Majors Transit, Inc.	Caneyville, Kentucky
McLean Trucking Company	Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time ^{11/}		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	324	3-4	1-2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,215	9-11	4-5
Birmingham, Ala.	258	3-4	1-2	Louisville, Ky.	108	1	1
Chicago, Ill.	409	3	1-2	Nashville, Tenn.	109	1	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	221	1-2	1	New Orleans, La.	602	3-4	2
Cleveland, Ohio	462	4	1-2	New York, N. Y.	877	4-6	3-4
Detroit, Mich.	483	3-4	1-2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	502	3	1-2
Knoxville, Tenn.	287	2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	372	3	1-2

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location: Bowling Green-Warren County Municipal Airport
Bowling Green, 26 miles from Morgantown
Runways: 2 paved
Length: 4,000 feet; 6,500 feet
Traffic
Control: Wind tee, Airport Advisory Service from BWG Radio
Lighting: Runways, obstructions, beacons, and wind tee until
midnight
Services: 80 and 100 octane, jet A-50, storage, minor A & E
repairs, FAA Flight Service Station, taxi and rental
service, restaurant, Wright Airlines

Bus

Fuqua Bus Lines

Rental Services

Nearest rental service - Bowling Green, 26 miles from Morgantown

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Morgantown and Butler County - Warren RECC
Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority
Total generating capacity - 19,400,000 KW
Industrial rates furnished by - Warren RECC, P. O. Box 1118, Bowling
Green, Kentucky 42101

Natural Gas

Company serving Morgantown - Morgantown Gas System
Source of supply - Midwestern Gas Transmission
Size of transmission lines - 30-inch; Distribution lines - 2-inch
Btu content - 1,000
Specific gravity - .60
Distribution pressure - 25 psi

Rates:

First	1,000 cubic feet	\$2.00
Next	2,000 cubic feet	1.25 per 1,000 cubic feet
Next	2,000 cubic feet	1.20 per 1,000 cubic feet
Next	5,000 cubic feet	1.10 per 1,000 cubic feet
Next	10,000 cubic feet	1.05 per 1,000 cubic feet
Next	80,000 cubic feet	1.00 per 1,000 cubic feet
Next	100,000 cubic feet	.95 per 1,000 cubic feet
Over	200,000 cubic feet	.85 per 1,000 cubic feet

Rates subject to negotiation for larger users.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Morgantown - Morgantown Water and Sewerage Company
Source - Green River
Treatment plant capacity - 432,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 120,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 160,000 gallons
Type treatment - coagulation, chlorination, filtration, iron removal
Storage capacity - 418,000 gallons
Average pressure - 60 psi
Average temperature - 65° F.
Size mains - 2, 4, 6, 8, and 12 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons	\$4.70 Minimum
Next	3,000 gallons	.15 per 100 gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	.125 per 100 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.085 per 100 gallons
All over	20,000 gallons	.065 per 100 gallons

Surface water sources - Green River
Average discharge - Green River at Lock 4 at Woodbury 7,635 cfs
(32-year record, unadjusted, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - band running east-west through central
and southern portion of county 5 to 50 and 50 to 200 gpm, respectively;
northern portion and southern tip of county have yields of 5 gpm or less

Sewerage

Company serving Morgantown - Morgantown Water and Sewerage Company
Design capacity - 200,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 110,000 gallons
Treatment - primary
Type treatment - aeration, clarification
Treated effluent discharged into - Green River
Size of sanitary mains - 8, 10, and 12 inches
Rates - 60 percent of monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
 Budget 1971-72 - General Fund - \$90,000
 Fees and licenses - Occupational tax - 1 percent of gross salary;
 occupational and professional license - \$25.50; unloading license -
 \$25.50

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 5 magistrates - 4-year terms
 Budget 1971-72 - General Fund \$56,697; Road Fund \$36,200

Assessed Value of Property, 1970

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Morgantown</u>	<u>Butler County</u>
Real Estate	\$6,323,505	\$31,142,319
Tangibles	1,682,668	8,772,023
Public Service		5,790,017 (1969)

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

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Morgantown</u>	<u>Butler County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.174	.174
School	.366	.366
City	.212	
Total	\$.767	\$.555

Utilities Gross Receipts Tax for Schools

Butler 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.

*Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

**Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$.15 per \$100.

Planning and Zoning

Agency - Morgantown Planning Commission

Plans completed - Base Map, Existing Land Use Map, Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, Neighborhood Analysis, Public Improvements Program, Capital Improvements Budget, General Plan Codes adopted - Building, Housing, Plumbing, Electric, Fire and Gas Codes

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Morgantown</u>	<u>Butler County</u>
Total staff	3	2 full-time, 2 part-time
Radio-patrol cars	1	2
Other equipment		Radio base at Morgantown

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7
Volunteers	22
Equipment:	
500 gpm pumpers	2
utility truck	1 (used by rescue squad)

Rescue Service

Butler County Rescue Squad
Number of volunteers - 15
Equipment - boat, dragging equipment, two-way radios, 2 light generators

Ambulance Service

Ambulance service available from funeral homes.

Sanitation

	<u>Morgantown</u>
Type service	private
Cost:	
residential	\$2 per week
business	\$4 per week
Collection frequency:	
residential	once weekly
business	twice weekly
Trash pickup	weekly
Disposal method	city dump

14.

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>Nearest General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Bowling-Green-Warren County Hospital	Bowling Green, 26 miles distant	275 hospital beds 23 extended care facility beds 24 bassinets

General hospital facilities and services - 5 operating rooms, 5 emergency rooms, 4-bed coronary care unit, physical therapy department, electrocardiograph, X-ray facilities, coffee shop for visitors

Medical staff - 62 doctors, 92 registered nurses, 145 aides, 29 licensed practical nurses, 238 other employees

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Extended care homes	1	66

Public Health

Facility - Butler County Health Department

Staff - 2 nurses, sanitarian, 2 clerks, part-time health officer, part-time nutritionist

Budget 1970-71 - \$47,480

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company
Services - standard

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class - Second
Mail received - 4 times daily
Mail dispatched - 4 times daily

Newspapers - Green River Republican
Weekly and circulation - 2,800
Other papers received from - Louisville, Owensboro, and Bowling Green,
Kentucky

Radio -
Stations received from - Bowling Green, Central City, Owensboro,
Russellville, and Louisville, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee

Television -
Reception from - Bowling Green, Louisville, and Paducah, Kentucky;
Evansville, Indiana; Nashville, Tennessee
Kentucky Educational Television - Bowling Green transmitter,
Channel 53

Library Services

Public library - Butler County Public Library
Size collection - 16,758 volumes
Circulation, 1970-71 - 46,019
Services - Bookmobile, story hour, work with retarded, Day Care
Center, train five N.Y.C.(National Youth Council) children, community
room for non-denominational non-political functions, Butler County
Art Show

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 7
Denominations - Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Latter Day Saints,
Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Holiness

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1971</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Morgantown Deposit Bank	\$9,146,248	\$8,308,005

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Lions, Jaycees, Morgantown Business Association

Fraternal - Masons, Oddfellows

Women's - Lioness, Jaycettes, Eastern Star, Rebekah

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - yes

Playground - 1

Baseball diamond - 1

Football field - 1

Other - Youth center

Area (Within 40 miles)

Mammoth Cave National Park

Park Mammoth Resort

Diamond Caverns

Mammoth Onyx Cave

Crystal Onyx Cave

Hundred Dome Cave

Lake Malone State Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Butler County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	283,520	2,204,800
Percent of area in farm land	53.2	64.8
Number of farms	2,616	11,300
Average size of farms (acres)	165.3	128.4
1964 value of all farm products	\$2,197,261	\$42,030,296
Value per farm	2,407	3,776
Total crop sales	934,318	18,439,195
Total livestock & livestock products	1,262,183	21,860,685
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	578,000	17,218,000
Corn (bu.)	479,000	6,916,000
Cattle and calves (number)	17,500	226,500
Hogs and pigs (number)	12,700	135,100
Milk production, 1967 (lbs.)	9,630,000	1,060,115,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal, limestone, petroleum
Other mineral resources	Clay, clay shales, rock asphalt, sand
Acres of commercial forest land	134,900
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, hickory, sweetgum, ash, yellow poplar, beech

Climate

	<u>Butler County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	57.0 degrees
Average annual 1970	55.0 degrees
Record highest July, 1966 (10-year record)	104.0 degrees
Record lowest January, 1963 (10-year record)	- 18.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,435
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	41.45 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (30-year record)	13.00 inches
Total precipitation 1969	45.93 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	114
Average number days thunderstorms (30-year record)	47
Prevailing winds (14-year record)	South-southwest

HISTORY

Butler County is located in the west central part of the state and covers 445 square miles of territory. Green River bisects the county, and along with Barren River forms a portion of the county's southern border. Green River is noted for its unusual depth. The land surface is hilly and its soil fairly productive. Nearly one-half of the county's area is forested, and there are large deposits of coal.

The first settlers in Butler County included Richard C. Dellium and James Forgy, who settled at Berry's Lick in 1794. Soon other settlers arrived, and as the settlement expanded to the Green River, Morgantown became the center of population growth. Green River was used to transport agricultural products and logs downstream to market and later to barge coal to the Ohio.

Butler became Kentucky's fifty-third county in 1810, its territory taken from Logan and Ohio Counties. It was named for General Richard Butler, a Revolutionary figure from Pennsylvania. Morgantown, the county seat, was incorporated in 1813 and soon became a center for timber harvesting activities and culture. In the 1870's a normal school and seminary for teacher training was established.

The year of its formation, 1810, Butler County had 2,181 inhabitants. The population reached an all-time high of 15,896 in 1900 but declined during the first half of this century. The total was 11,309 in 1950 and 9,586 in 1960 after which the decline reversed, leaving 9,723 in 1970.

Agriculture provided 800 of the county's 2,700 jobs in 1969, with burley tobacco, corn, cattle, milk and hogs the principal products. Manufacturing employment grew approximately 170 percent during the 1960's, reaching 700 in 1969. The greatest production is in the apparel industry. Largest of the county's firms are Kellwood Company, which makes rainwear, and Kane Manufacturing Company, making men's sportswear.

Among prominent citizens in Butler County's history was William S. Taylor, who was elected Governor of Kentucky in 1899.

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