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CARLISLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES BARDWELL, KENTUCKY

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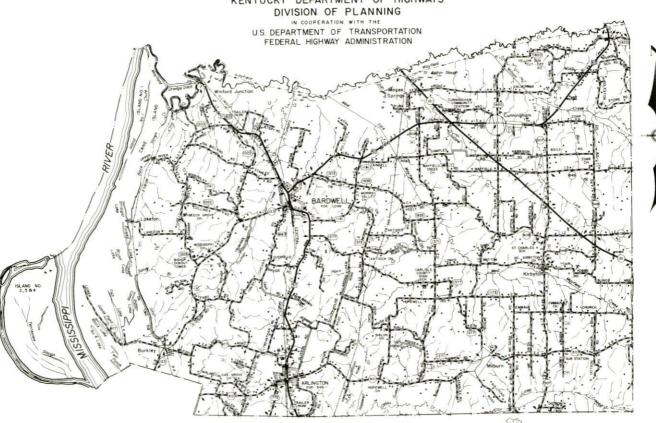
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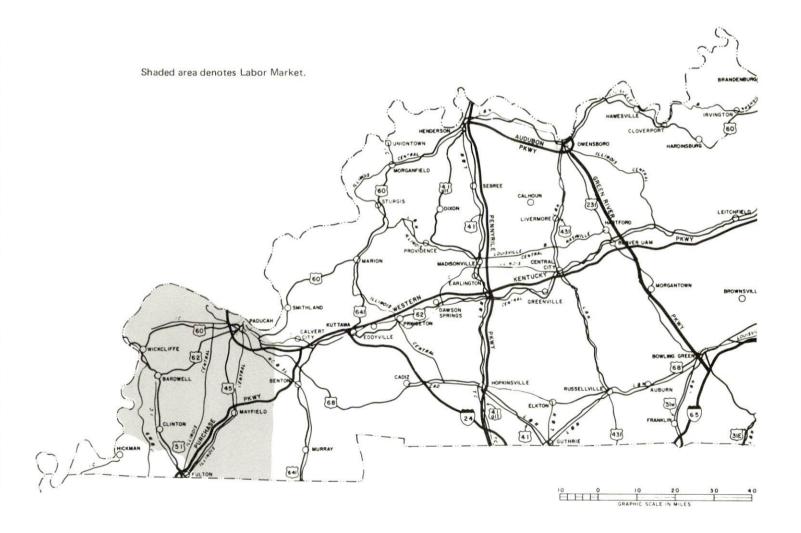






BARDWELL LABOR MARKET AREA





BARDWELL, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Bardwell, the county seat of Carlisle County, is located in the westernmost part of Kentucky. Bardwell is 30 miles southwest of Paducah; 259 miles southwest of Louisville; 175 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; and 185 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri. The 1970 population of Bardwell was 1,049. In 1973, it was estimated to be 988. Carlisle County, which contains 195 square miles, had a population of 5,354 in 1970. Its population was estimated to be 5,400 in 1974. The county lies in the Jackson Purchase physiographic region and is bound on the west by the Mississippi River.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Carlisle County residents employed in 1974 averaged 1,985, including 280 in agriculture and 315 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 270 workers and trade and services firms employed 200.

Total unemployment in Carlisle County averaged 7.0 percent of the labor force in 1974.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1973 was \$4,405, an increase of 47.4 percent since 1969.

The Bardwell labor market area includes Carlisle and the four adjoining counties. The total number of residents of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 48,105, including 2,670 in agriculture and 6,530 in government. Manufacturing employers in the labor market area reported 11,490 workers and trade and services firms employed 13,140.

Resources for Growth

- 1. Labor Supply There is a current labor supply of 3,940 men and 4,880 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 5,140 young men and 4,980 young women in the area will become 18 years of age before 1981 and potentially available for work.
- 2. Transportation Bardwell is served by U. S. Highways 62 and 51 and is located 28 miles from the Purchase Parkway and 30 miles from Interstate 24. Bardwell is served by four truck lines, and a United Parcel Service shipping center is located at Paducah, 30 miles away.

Rail service is provided by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, with the nearest piggyback services at Fulton, 29 miles away. Commercial air service is available at Barkley Field in Paducah, 30 miles away.

- 3. Utilities and Fuel Electric power for Bardwell is provided by the Bardwell City Utilities; Carlisle County is served by the Hickman-Fulton RECC, Jackson Purchase RECC and West Kentucky RECC. Natural gas service for Bardwell is provided by the Commonwealth Service Corporation. Bardwell is served by three distributors of propane and three distributors of distillate fuel oil.
- 4. Education Bardwell is served by one public school system the Carlisle County School System. Two universities and one community college are located within 55 miles of Bardwell. The nearest state vocational-technical school is located in Paducah, 30 miles away, and offers training in 13 areas. An area vocational education center, also located at Paducah, offers training in 17 areas.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION

Area	1974*	1970	Percent Nonwhite
Bardwell	988**	1,049	4.2
Labor Market Area	111,300	109,114	
Carlisle County	5,400	5,354	1.2
Ballard County	8,300	8,276	5.1
Graves County	31,800	30,939	4.9
Hickman County	6,800	6,264	12.5
McCracken County	59,000	58,281	10.4

^{*}Provisional 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

	Employment by Place of Residence					
	of Workers					
Major Employment Group	Carlisle County	Labor Market Area				
Total Employment	1,985	48,105				
Agriculture	281	2,666				
Government	315	6,530				
	Employment b	y Location of Jobs				
	Carlisle County	Labor Market Area				
Manufacturing	272	11,491				
Trade and Services	203	13,141				

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations.

^{**1973} Population Estimates.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1974

Industry	Carlisle County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	171	11,790
Food & Kindred Products	8	604
Tobacco	0	5
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	3,165
Lumber, Furniture	0	201
Printing & Publishing, Paper	0	767
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal,		
Rubber	0	3,413
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	594
Primary Metals	0	175
Machinery, Metal Products,		
Equipment	163	2,680
Other	0	186

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.

CARLISLE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

		En	nployn	nent
$\underline{\text{Firm}}$ (Establishment date)	Product	Total	Male	Female
Bardwell				
The Carlisle County News (1972) Carlisle Fertilizer	Newspaper, job printing	7	0	7
Company, Inc. (1962)	Fertilizer	4	4	0
Ford Construction Company (1947)	Ready mixed concrete, water tanks	2	2	0
Arlington				
Deena Products Company (1949)	Lamps	256	130	126
Cunningham			*	
Partin Sausage Company (1924)	Sausage	6	6	0

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce, 1976 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Carlisle County.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY BARDWELL LABOR MARKET AREA

	Future				
		Not in		Under-	Reaching 18 yrs.
Area	Total La	abor Force	Unemployed	employed	of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	3,940	710	1,450	1,780	5,142
Carlisle	310	60	120	130	240
Ballard	290	0	70	220	349
Graves	1,610	650	470	490	1,453
Hickman	170	0	70	100	292
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 BARDWELL LABOR MARKET AREA

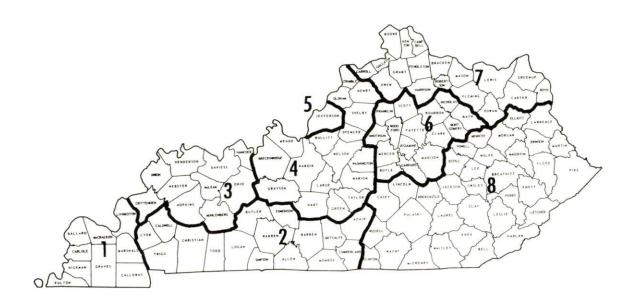
	Current				
		Not in	ot in Under-		Reaching 18 yrs.
Area	Total Labor Force Unemployed employed		employed	of age before 1981	
Labor Market					
Area	4,880	1,790	930	2,160	4,984
Carlisle	410	240	60	110	246
Ballard	530	330	30	170	347
Graves	1,200	140	440	620	1,350
Hickman	180	0	70	110	274
McCracken	2,560	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.

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

Area	1973	1969	Percent Change
Carlisle County Labor Market Are	\$4,405	\$2,988	47.4
Range Kentucky U.S.	\$3,234 - 4,405 4,050 5,041	\$2,474 - 3,149 2,894 3,733	N. A. 39. 9 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 Bardwell - Illinois Central Gulf Railroad
Services - One southbound and one northbound freight daily with no
regularly scheduled stops at present; siding space for 11 cars;
nearest piggyback facilities located at Fulton, 29 miles to the south

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

Manager of Industrial Development Illinois Central Gulf Railroad 112 North 4th Street St. Louis, Missouri 63102 (314) 241-9400

Highways

Major highways serving Bardwell are U.S. 62 and U.S. 51, both designated as "AAA" 73,280 lb. gross load limit routes. U.S. 62 connects Bardwell with Paducah and I-24 to the northeast, U.S. 62-U.S. 51 connect Bardwell with Cairo, Illinois, to the northwest. The Purchase Parkway is 28 miles from Bardwell via U.S. 51 and Kentucky 80.

Truck Service

Company	Home Office
Henry Edwards Trucking Company	Fulton Highway 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
T.I.M.EDC, Inc.	P.O.Box 2550 Lubbock, Texas 79408
Other Freight Services	Nearest Shipping Center
United Parcel Service*	Paducah, 30 miles away

^{*}For regular scheduled pickups or for occasional pickups arrangements must be made with the Louisville office of UPS.

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

Delivery					Delivery
	Highway	Time		Highway	Time
City	Miles	TL	City	Miles	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	417	2	Los Angeles, Cal	if.2,002	4
Birmingham, Ala	. 371	2	Louisville, Ky.	259	1
Chicago, Ill.	384	1	Nashville, Tenn.	175	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	360	1	New Orleans, La	. 529	1
Cleveland, Ohio	607	1	New York, N.Y.	1,053	2
Detroit, Mich.	619	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	684	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	352	1	St. Louis, Mo.	185	1

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

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location: Runways: Length:	Barkley Field Paducah, 30 miles away 2 paved 4,000 feet and 6,500 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Tower and ground control
Lighting:	Beacon, boundary, obstruction, runway lights and runway end identification lights; medium intensity approach lighting system
Services:	Delta and Ozark Airlines, JA-1 fuel, 80 and 100 octane, taxi, limousine, U-Drive-It, major A & E repairs, storage, restaurant
Air Freight	
Service:	Accepted on a space available basis

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Bardwell - Bardwell City Utilities Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company Total generating capacity - 1,615,500 KW For industrial rates contact:

> Bardwell City Utilities City Utilities Office Bardwell, Kentucky 42023 (502) 628-3833

Company serving Carlisle County - Hickman-Fulton RECC Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority Total generating capacity - 26,723,430 KW For industrial rates contact:

> Hickman-Fulton RECC P.O. Box 190 Hickman, Kentucky 42050 (502) 236-2521

Company serving Carlisle County - Jackson Purchase RECC Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company Total generating capacity - 1,615,500 KW For industrial rates contact:

Jackson Purchase RECC P.O. Box 3188 2900 Irvin Cobb Drive Paducah, Kentucky 42001 (502) 442-7321

Company serving Carlisle County - West Kentucky RECC Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority Total generating capacity - 26,723,430 KW For industrial rates contact:

> West Kentucky RECC 1218 W. Broadway P.O.Box 589 Mayfield, Kentucky 42066 (502) 247-1321

Natural Gas

Company serving Bardwell - Commonwealth Service Corporation
Source of supply - Trunkline Gas Company
Size of transmission mains - 36, 32 and 28 inches (supplier); 3 inches (distributor)
Distribution mains - 2, 1 1/2, and 1 1/4 inches
Distribution pressure - 35 psi
Btu content - 1010 per cubic foot; Specific gravity - 0.6
For rates and supplies contact:

Commonwealth Service Corporation Box 295 Wickliffe, Kentucky 42087 (502) 335-3116

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Price's Bulk Gas Company, Barlow, Kentucky 42024 Small's LP Gas Company, Wyatt, Missouri 63882 Tri-State Gas and Appliance Company, Inc., Jefferson Street, Clinton, Kentucky 42031

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Petroleum Company, Bardwell, Kentucky 42023 Standard Oil Company, Bardwell, Kentucky 42023 Sun Oil Company, Bardwell, Kentucky 42023

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available in Kentucky

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Bardwell - Bardwell City Utilities
City Utilities Office
Bardwell, Kentucky 42023
(502) 628-3833

Source - Wells
Treatment plant capacity - 225,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 110,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 140,000 gallons
Type treatment - Soda ash, chlorination, fluoridation
Storage capacity - 100,000 gallons
Size lines - 6 and 4 inches
Average pressure - 75 psi
Average temperature - 60 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	5,000 gallons	\$3.50
Next	45,000 gallons	.50 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	.40 per M gallons
Over	75,000 gallons	.35 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: 3/4 inch - \$75

Surface water sources - Mississippi River Average discharge - Unlimited Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm over entire county

Sewerage

Company serving Bardwell - Bardwell City Utilities
City Utilities Office
Bardwell, Kentucky 42023
(502) 628-3833

Design capacity - 90,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow - 50,000 gallons; Treatment - Secondary

Type treatment - Extended aeration

Treated effluent discharged into - Truman Creek

Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 6 inches; Size of storm mains - 48, 36, and 18 inches

Rates - \$2.25 for first 5,000 gallons of water used; 50 percent of monthly water bill for over 5,000 gallons of water Tap-on charge: \$25

CLIMATE

	Carlisle County
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record) Average annual 1974 Record highest, July, 1954 (32-year record) Record lowest, January, 1963 (32-year record) Normal heating degree days (30-year record) (Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	59.4 degrees 58.8 degrees 104.0 degrees - 5.0 degrees 3,833
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record) Mean annual snowfall (32-year record) Total precipitation 1974 Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (32-year record) Average number days thunderstorms (22-year record	47.12 inches 9.50 inches 37.91 inches
Prevailing Winds (22-year record)	Southwest
Relative Humidity (22-year record)	
6 A.M. 82% 12 Noon 59%	

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

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

Estimated operating budget, 1975 - General Fund \$54,300

Water and Sewer Fund 31,805

Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses - \$5 to \$25 annually; unloading

Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses - \$5 to \$25 annually; unloading license - \$10.50 annually; auto sticker - \$5 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms Budget 1974-75 - General Fund \$88,257; Road Fund \$54,390

Assessed Value of Property, 1975

Classes of Property	Bardwell	Carlisle County
Real Estate	\$1,076,067	\$38,142,600
Tangibles	576,709	6,697,721

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*

Taxing Jurisdiction	Bardwell	Carlisle County
County	\$.182	\$.182
School	. 445	. 445
City	. 260	

Special (not county wide): West Fork Watershed \$.110

Fire Protection .020 per acre

Planning and Zoning

There is no planning and zoning agency in Bardwell at present.

Safety

Police	Bardwell	Carlisle County
Total staff	1	2
Radio-patrol cars	1	2
Fire		
American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8	
Volunteers	16	

Solid Waste

	Bardwell
Type service Fee charged:	Private
residential	\$4 per month
business	Negotiated
industrial	Negotiated
Collection frequency: residential business industrial	Once or twice weekly Negotiated Negotiated
Trash pickup Disposal method	When needed Sanitary landfill

Private collection service is available in some areas of the county.

^{*}Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1975.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Carlisle County
Total Enrollment (1975)	1,110
Elementary	554
Middle School High School	179 377
Student-Teacher Ratio	20 - 1
Elementary	19 - 1
Middle School	20 - 1
High School	22 - 1
Percent High School Graduates to College	38.6
Expenditures Per Pupil (1974-75)	\$731.96
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1975	\$778,000

Area Colleges and Universities

Name	Location	Distance (Miles)	Enrollment (Fall, 1975)	Highest Degree Conferred
Murray State				
University	Murray	52	7,885	Masters, Ph. D. *
Paducah Com-				
munity College	Paducah	30	1,320	Associate
University of				
Tennessee,	Martin,			Academic and
Martin Branch	Tennesse	e 41	4,911**	Professional

^{*}Cooperative Program with the University of Kentucky, Lexington, for a Ph. D. in education only.

^{**1973} Enrollment figures.

Vocational Schools

	Nearest State School	Nearest Area Education Center
	West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School	Paducah Area Vocational Education Center
Location	Paducah	Paducah
Miles Distant	30	30
Curriculum	Business and Office	Distributive Education
	Occupations	Home Economics
	Commercial Foods	Health and Personal Services
	Barbering	Industrial Education
	Cosmetology	Appliance Repair, Refrigera-
	Industrial Education	tion, Air Conditioning,
	Architectural Drafting	Heating
	Appliance Repair	Auto Body Repair
	Auto Body Repair	Auto Mechanics
	and Painting	Carpentry
	Auto Mechanics	Civil and Highway Technology
	Carpentry	Drafting
	Electronics	Electricity
	Industrial Electricity	Electronics
	Masonry	Machine Shop
	Tailoring	Small Engine Repair
		Welding
		Special Vocational Programs
		Comprehensive Employment
		and Training Act
		Related Subjects

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 - 1 Dentists - 1

Hospitals

General Hospital	Location	$\underline{\text{Beds}}$	
Clinton and Hickman County	Clinton, 15 miles		
Hospital	from Bardwell	52	

General hospital facilities - Emergency room, obstetrical section, laboratory, X-ray, inhalation therapy unit

Medical staff - 2 doctors, 6 registered nurses, 2 graduate licensed practical nurses, 3 licensed practical nurses

Ambulance Service

Name- Carlisle County Emergency Ambulance Service Staff - 9 attendants Service - 24-hour, county-wide Equipment - One radio-dispatched ambulance carrying all equipment required by the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Public Health

Facility - Carlisle County Health Department
Staff - Sanitarian, health nurse, clerk (full time), clerk (part time)

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Kentucky Telephone Company

Services - Standard

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - Second

Mail received - Once daily

Mail dispatched - Once daily

Newspapers - Carlisle County News

Weekly and circulation - 2,360

Other papers received from - Louisville and Paducah, Kentucky; Memphis, Tennessee; Cario, Illinois

Radio -

Stations received from - Paducah, Mayfield and Fulton, Kentucky; Union City, Tennessee; St. Louis, Cape Girardeau and East Prairie, Missouri; Cairo, Illinois

Television -

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

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 5

Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Church of Christ, Methodist

Nearest synagogue - Paducah, 30 miles away Congregation - Temple Israel (reform)

Financial Institutions

			Statement
Bank	Assets	Deposits	Date
Bardwell Deposit Bank	\$5,612,048.93	\$4,909,075.73	6/30/75

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Lions Club

Fraternal - American Legion, Masonic Lodge, VFW

Women's - Woman's Club, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Eastern Star, Homemakers Club, Junior Woman's Club

Youth - FFA, FHA, 4-H, Future Business Leaders of America

RECREATION

Local

The 14-acre Carlisle County Park, located in Bardwell, contains a baseball diamond, horse show ring, tennis courts, cookout shelters, and public restrooms. A summer baseball league for young people which will use the park facilities has been organized. Other Carlisle County facilities utilized by residents of Bardwell are a public park with baseball diamond in Arlington, 6 miles to the south, and a private Youth Recreation Center at Cunningham, approximately 7 miles to the east.

Area

Columbus Belmont Battlefield State Park is located 11 miles from Bardwell at Columbus. This historic park, located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, features a Civil War Museum which has a diorama of the famous battle fought there. Other facilities include miniature golf, hiking trails, shelter, snack bar and gift shop.

The Ballard County Wildlife Management Area, approximately 27 miles from Bardwell, offers a 10,000-acre paradise for hunters and fishermen. There is a controlled season on doves, water fowl and squirrels as well as ten small lakes for fishing.

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park is located approximately 55 miles away near Gilbertsville. Facilities include a lodge, gift shop, cottages, camping, pool, beach, bathhouse, miniature golf course, playground, picnic area, horseback riding, supervised recreation, fishing, boat rental, and car rental.

Kenlake State Resort Park is located approximately 60 miles distant near Aurora. Facilities include lodge, gift shop, cottages, camping, swimming pool, sand beach, picnic area, playground, hiking, horseback riding, tennis, boat dock, and golf course.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park is located approximately 70 miles distant near Cadiz. Facilities include a lodge, gift shop, cottages, camping, pool, beach, bathhouse, miniature golf, riding stables, hiking, picnic area, playground, supervised recreation, boat rental, and fishing.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent:

A new public park has been opened in Bardwell. The 14-acre Carlisle County Park contains a baseball diamond, horse show ring, tennis courts, cookout shelters and public restrooms. A summer baseball league for young people has been organized which will use the park facilities.

An ambulance service has been started by the county. The Carlisle County Emergency Ambulance Service operates one radio-dispatched ambulance which provides 24-hour service for the county. Another ambulance has been purchased and delivery is expected shortly.

Another recent improvement has been the repairing and repaving of Bardwell's major streets.

The Bardwell Deposit Bank has completed a program of remodeling and expansion.

HISTORY

Carlisle County was formed from the southern part of Ballard County in 1886. It was the one-hundred and nineteenth county established in the state and was the last of the eight counties established in the Jackson Purchase.

The first settlers came into Carlisle County soon after the Chickasaw Indians moved west of the Mississippi in compliance with the terms of the Treaty of Purchase in 1818.

Bardwell, the county seat, was in a semi-swamp area and covered with large trees. During the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad water had to be provided for the workmen. It was difficult to dig a well due to the water and gumbo soil that rushed into the pit when a shovelful was removed. Finally the foreman decided to put up boards to hold back the muck. This was successful and a plentiful supply of water was made available. The well became famous throughout the region. It was called the "Boarded Well" hence the name of the place came to be Bardwell due to the difficulty in pronouncing "Boarded Well."

In 1890, shortly after Carlisle County was formed, its population stood at 7,612. Ten years later at the turn of the century it had grown to 10,195. However, since then the population has shown a steady decline with the 1970 figure at 5,354. In 1974, the population was estimated to be 5,400. The 1970 population of Bardwell was 1,049, with the 1973 population estimated at 988.

The total number of Carlisle County residents employed in 1974 averaged 1,985. There were 270 employed in manufacturing in Carlisle County in 1974. Largest of the county's manufacturing firms is the Deena Products Company of Arlington, which manufactures lamps.

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