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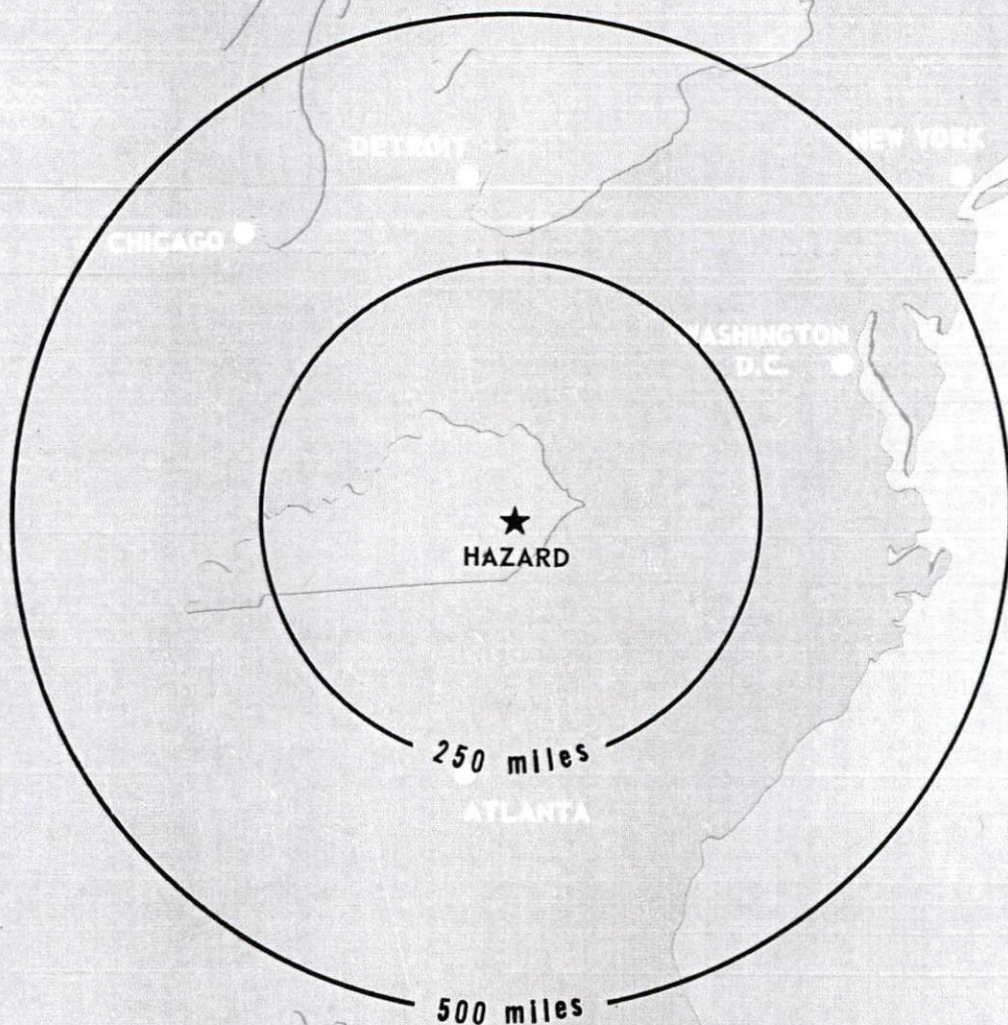
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HAZARD ***KENTUCKY***



HAZARD INDUSTRIAL SITES

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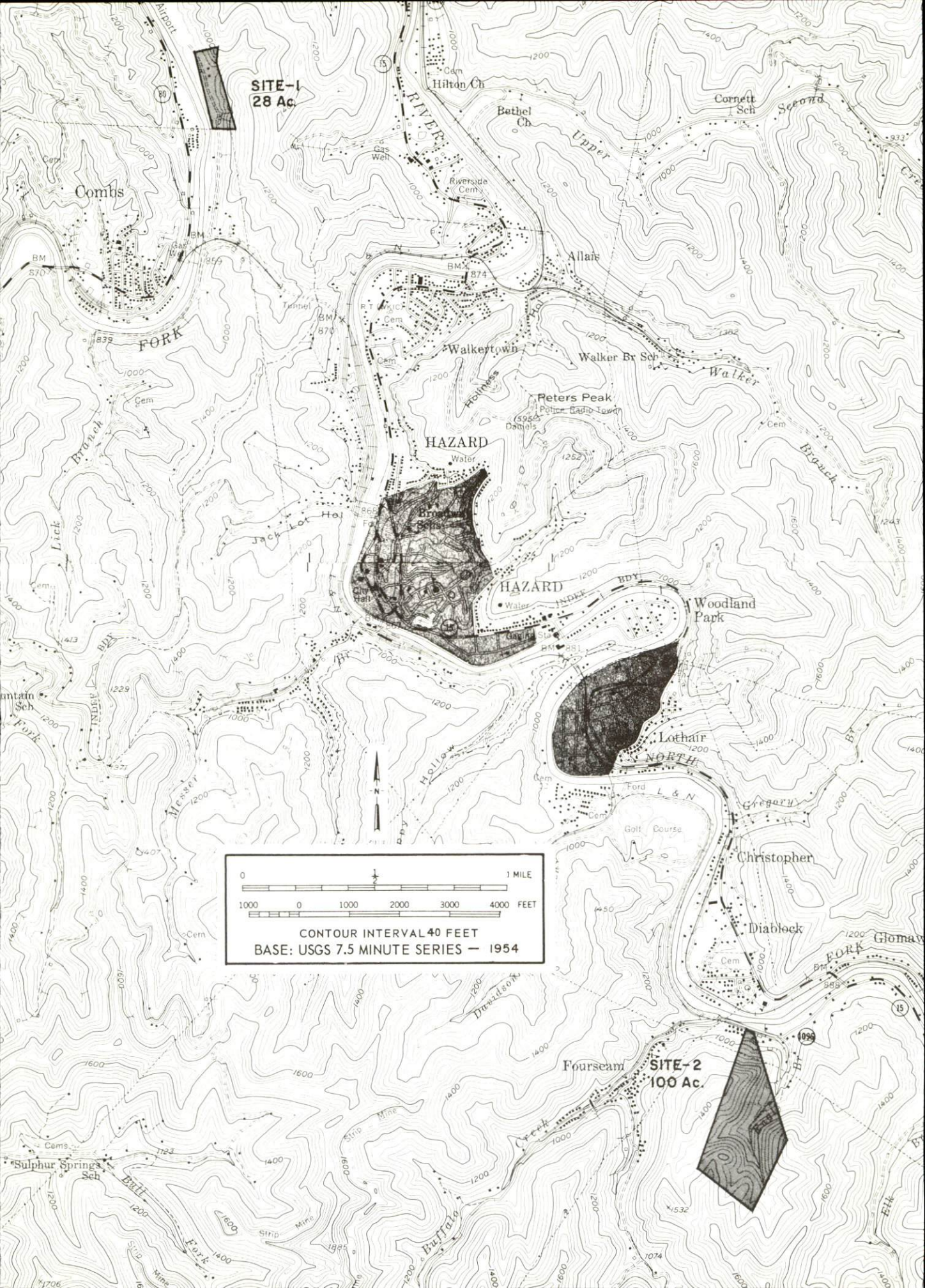
HAZARD INDUSTRIAL SITES

1971

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SITE #1: ACREAGE: 28 acres
LOCATION: 1 1/2 miles northwest of city
HIGHWAY ACCESS: County unimproved road to
Kentucky Highway 15
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Hazard Water Company
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line 1,000 feet from site
GAS: Natural gas presently not available
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #2: ACREAGE: 100 acres - 20 acres level
LOCATION: 2 miles south of city
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Fronts on Kentucky 15
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Vicco Water Company
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line 2,300 feet from site
GAS: Natural gas presently not available
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Hazard Coal Corporation



INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

HAZARD, KENTUCKY

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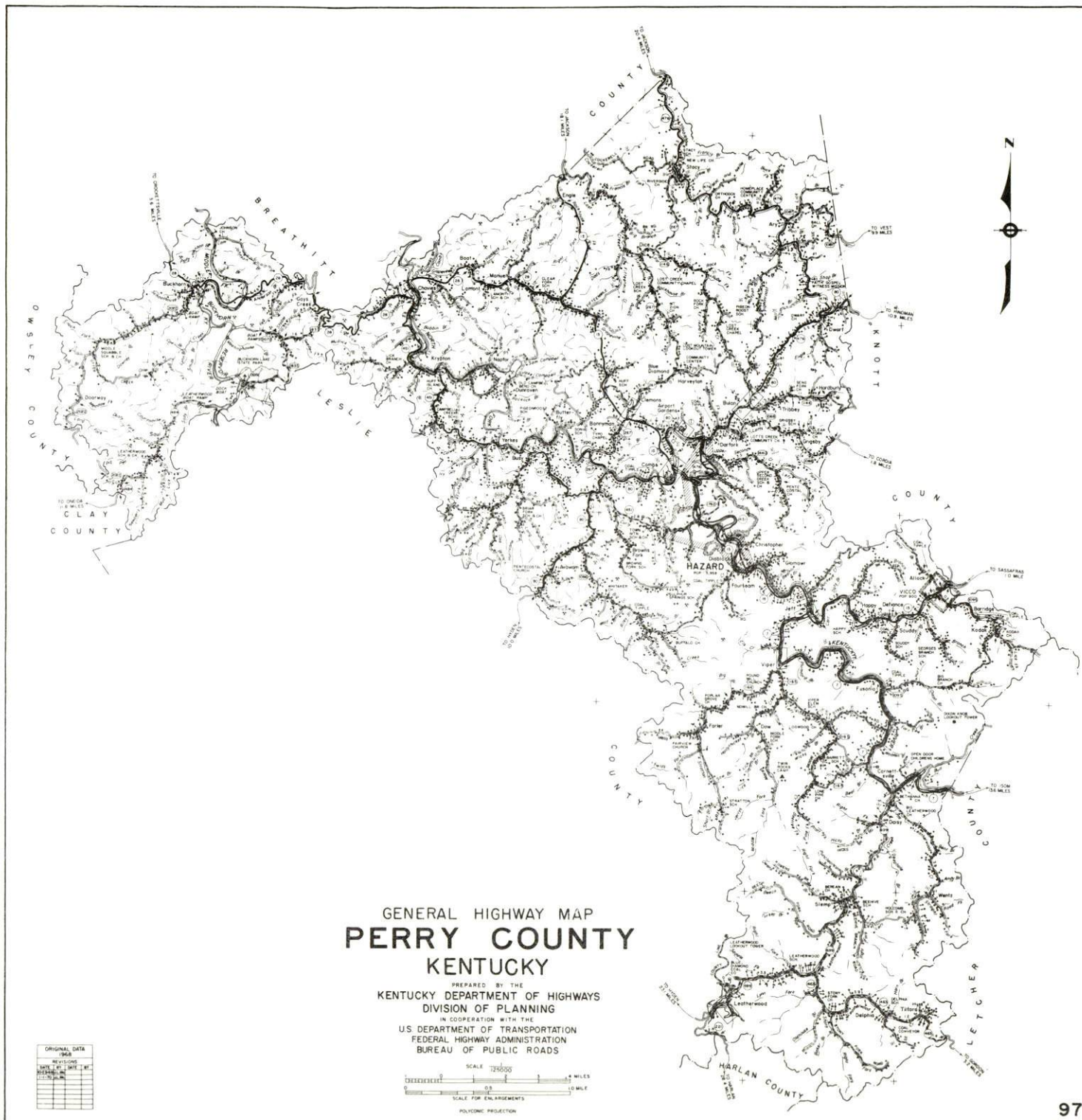
The Hazard Chamber of Commerce

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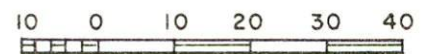
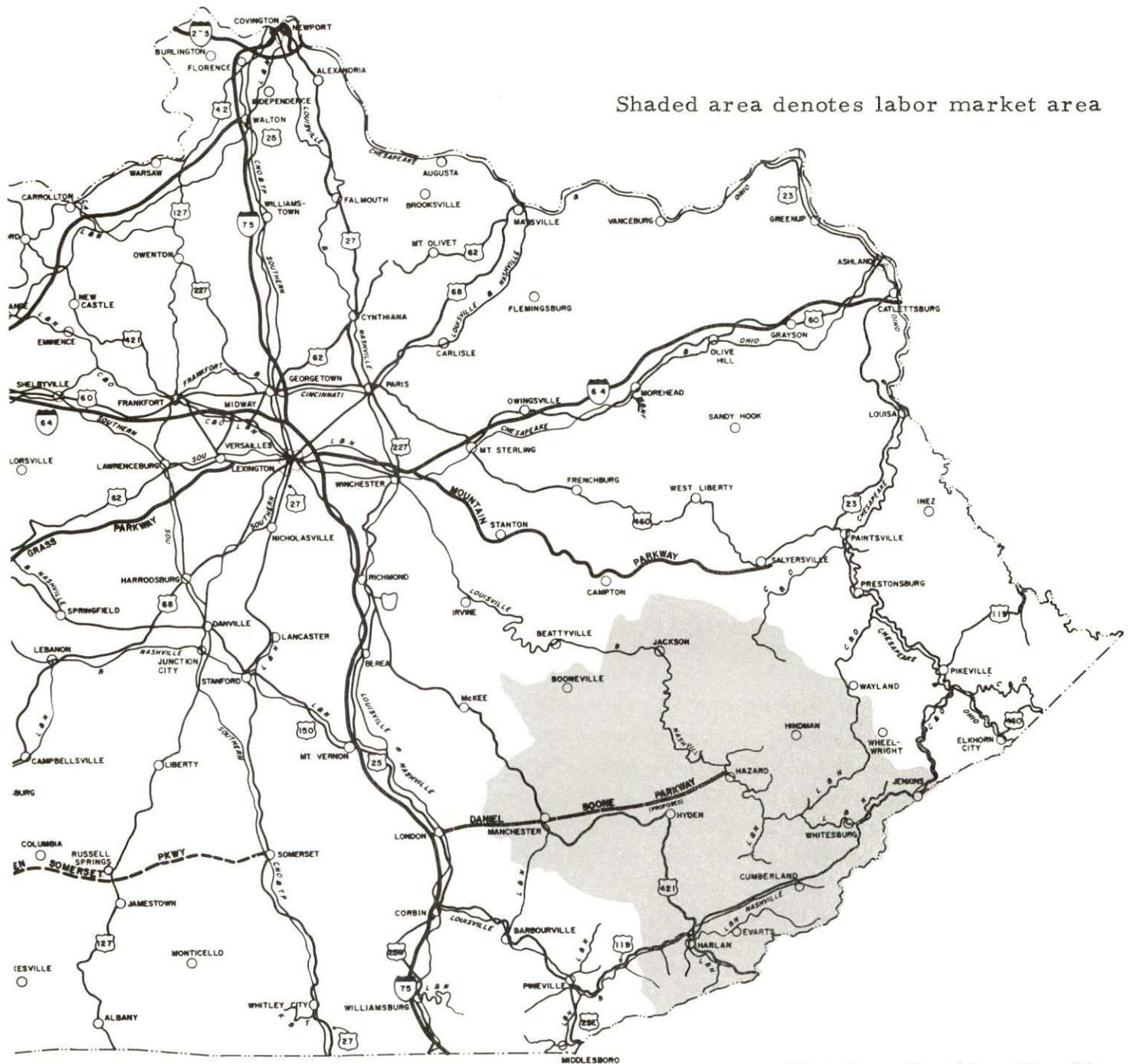
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HAZARD LABOR MARKET AREA



GRAPHIC SCALE IN MILES

HAZARD, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Hazard, the county seat of Perry County, is located in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains, 120 miles southeast of Lexington, 200 miles southeast of Louisville, 200 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio, and 180 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee. The population of Perry County in 1970 was 25,714 and the population of Hazard was 5,459.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Perry County averaged 6,700 in 1969, including 2,460 jobs in trade and services, 1,400 in government, and 1,775 in mining and quarrying. Manufacturing provides 115 jobs. Industrial products are soft drinks, cabinets, ready mixed concrete, and newspapers.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1969 was \$1,510. Between 1959 and 1969, per capita personal income in the county increased approximately 37 percent.

The Hazard labor market area includes Perry County and the seven surrounding counties. In 1969, employment in the labor market area totaled 30,200 with agriculture providing 1,700 jobs, manufacturing 1,075, trade and services 7,210, government 8,000, and mining and quarrying 8,700. Industrial employment in the labor market area is greatest in the food and kindred products, lumber and furniture, and the machinery and metal products industries.

This area still has a deficit of 13,204 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 8,450 men and 11,750 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 11,320 young men and 10,700 young women in this area will become 18 years of age by 1977 and potentially available for employment.

2. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad serves Perry County. Major highway access is by Kentucky Highways 80 and 15. The Daniel Boone Parkway, already under construction, will connect Hazard with I-75. The Hazard Airport has a paved 2,300-foot runway which can accommodate light aircraft. Commercial air service is available at London-Corbin War Memorial Airport, 75 miles distant.

3. Electric power is available in large quantity from the Kentucky Power Company. The Hazard Gas Company is supplied by the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company, private wells, and company-owned wells. The raw water supply is adequate for continued growth.

4. Industrial sites - There are two industrial sites available in Hazard.

5. Two school systems operate in Perry County, and educational TV is available. One senior, two junior, and three community colleges are within a 75-mile radius with Hazard Community College located in Hazard.

The Hazard Area Vocational School is located in Hazard and offers 14 different courses.

Community Programs for Improvement

Hazard's recently completed community improvements include: a new telephone building, 30 units of public housing, one-half million dollar public library, Hazard Community College, a new industrial plant, a new motel, and a new bus station.

Planned improvements include: an expansion of the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital facilities, a 100-unit apartment building, a bypass around Hazard, a personal care home, low-rent housing for senior citizens, and a new high school for Hazard.

Recreation, Entertainment, and Livability

Hazard is located approximately 5 miles from the northeastern section of the Redbird Purchase Unit of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Daniel Boone National Forest covers one-half million acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. Facilities include scenic hiking trails, rivers and creeks stocked with rainbow trout, special hunting preserves, and many camping and fishing facilities.

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, approximately 18 miles distant, is a 750-acre resort park with lodge. The facilities include fishing, boating and swimming in the 1,200-acre Buckhorn Lake.

Kentonia State Forest, approximately 30 miles distant, is a 3,624-acre forest maintained by the Kentucky Forestry Division and is open for camping, hiking, picnicking, and hunting in season.

Kingdom Come State Park, 25 miles distant, is a 1,000-acre park. Facilities include camping, hiking, and picnicking.

Jefferson National Forest, approximately 30 miles distant, covers 550,626 acres of forest and lies in Letcher and Pike Counties, Kentucky, and in Virginia. The facilities include camping, hunting, and fishing.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Hazard	5,459	5,958	6,985	- 8.4	-14.7
Labor Market Area	150,295	186,080	206,591	-19.2	- 9.9
Perry County	25,714	34,961	46,566	-26.4	-24.9
Breathitt County	14,221	15,490	19,964	- 8.2	-22.4
Harlan County	37,370	51,107	34,242	-26.9	+28.8
Knott County	14,698	17,362	20,320	-15.3	-14.6
Clay County	18,481	20,748	23,116	-10.9	-10.2
Leslie County	11,623	10,941	15,537	+ 6.2	+29.6
Letcher County	23,165	30,102	39,522	-23.0	-23.8
Owsley County	5,023	5,369	7,324	- 6.4	-26.7

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Perry County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	6,700	30,200
Agricultural	100	1,700
Nonagricultural	6,600	28,500
Manufacturing	100	1,076
Trade and Services	2,460	7,210
Government	1,400	8,000
Mining and Quarrying	1,777	8,702

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

Industry	Perry County			Labor Market Area		
	1970	1960	%Change	1970	1960	%Change
TOTAL	114	149	-23.5	1,054	1,530	- 31.1
Food & Kindred Products	67	48	+39.6	322	448	- 28.1
Lumber & Furniture	29	88	-67.0	427	1,015	- 57.9
Printing, Publishing, Paper	18	0	-	70	45	+ 55.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	0	-	13	9	+ 44.4
Machinery & Metal						
Products	0	8	-	160	8	+1900.0
Other	0	5	-	62	5	+1140.0

HAZARD 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>
East Kentucky Beverage Company	Soft drinks	40	37	3
Hazard Herald	Newspaper, job printing	11	7	4
Home Lumber Company	Cabinets, ready mixed concrete	30	28	2
Newspapers, Inc.	Newspapers, commercial printing	25		

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
HAZARD, KENTUCKY 5/

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Production Laborer	\$1.60	\$2.20	\$1.90
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)	2.20	2.70	2.50
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.40	\$3.45	\$3.20
Laborer	1.60	2.00	1.60
Machinist	2.20	3.00	2.70
Mechanic, Maintenance	1.60	3.00	2.50
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	2.50	2.30
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.80	\$3.00	\$2.50
File Clerk	1.70	1.85	1.75
Receptionist	1.70	1.85	1.75
Secretary	2.00	2.95	2.50
Typist	2.00	2.95	2.50

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing Workers at:</u>
Southern Labor Council District 50	Coal Companies
United Mine Workers	East Kentucky Beverage Company

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
HAZARD LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1971 ^{6/}</u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1977 ^{7/}</u> <u>(Becoming 18 Years of Age)</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market						
Area	20,199	8,450	11,749	22,019	11,318	10,701
Perry County	3,296	1,362	1,934	3,648	1,913	1,735
Breathitt County	1,898	839	1,059	2,228	1,122	1,106
Clay County	2,317	923	1,394	2,748	1,413	1,335
Harlan County	4,417	1,475	2,942	5,231	2,693	2,538
Knott County	2,419	1,154	1,265	2,227	1,154	1,073
Leslie County	1,577	748	829	1,927	977	950
Letcher County	2,957	1,093	1,864	3,307	1,679	1,628
Owsley County	1,318	856	462	703	367	336

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969*</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Perry County	\$ 48,581,000	\$ 39,027,000	+24.5
Labor Market Area	257,543,000	164,977,000	+56.1
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>
Perry County	\$1,510	\$1,100	+37.3
Labor Market Area	\$860 to 1,920	\$596 to 1,100	NA
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+83.4

*Preliminary figures.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

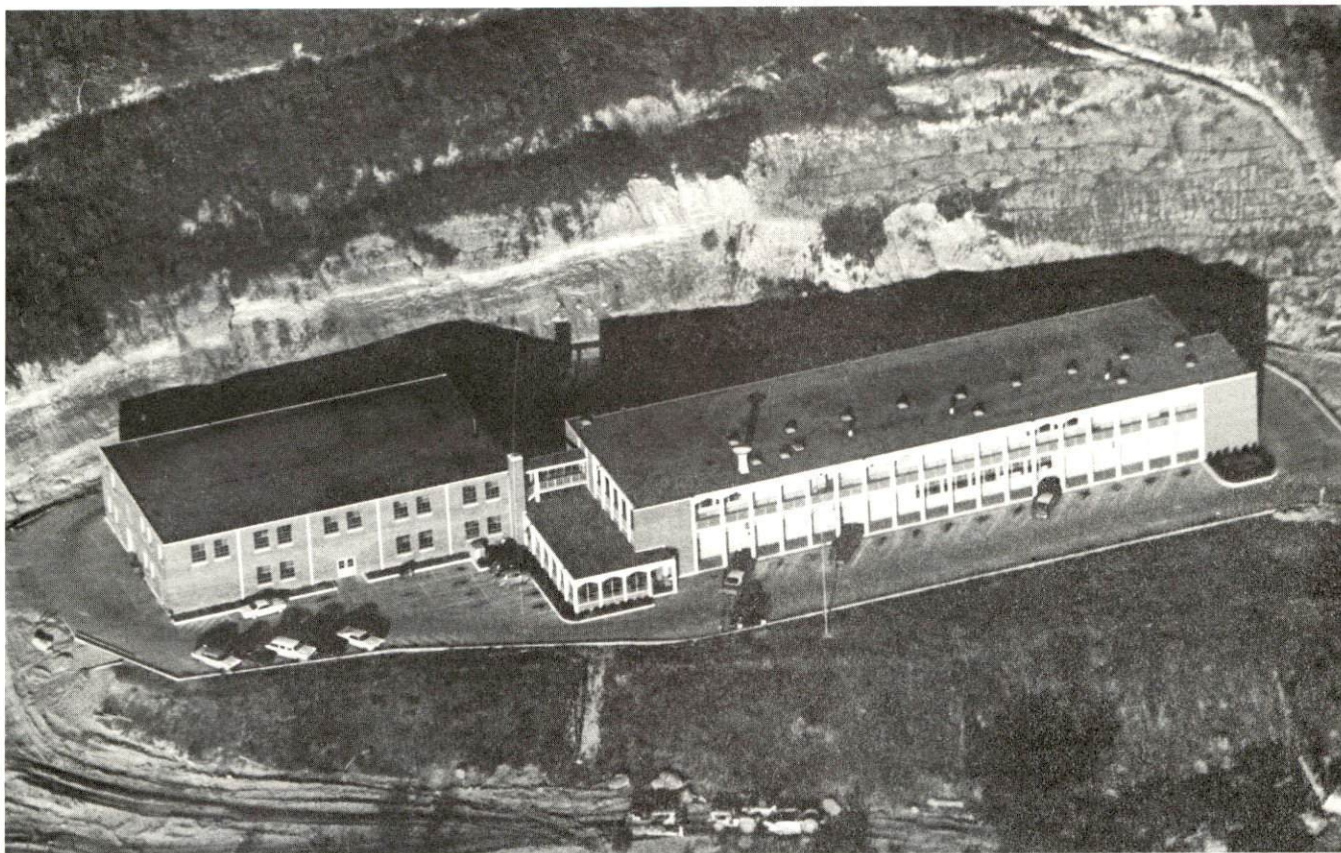
	<u>Hazard Independent</u>	<u>Perry County</u>
Total Enrollment	1,717	6,185
Elementary	1,206	4,586
High School	511	1,599
Student-Teacher Ratio	23-1	25-1
Elementary	23-1	25-1
High School	23-1	24-1
State Rating of High School	Standard (1)	Basic (3) Standard (1)
Other Accreditations	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Percent High School		
Graduates to College	58.2	30.9
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$432.02	\$416.75
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1971	\$537,000	\$1,479,000

Vocational Schools

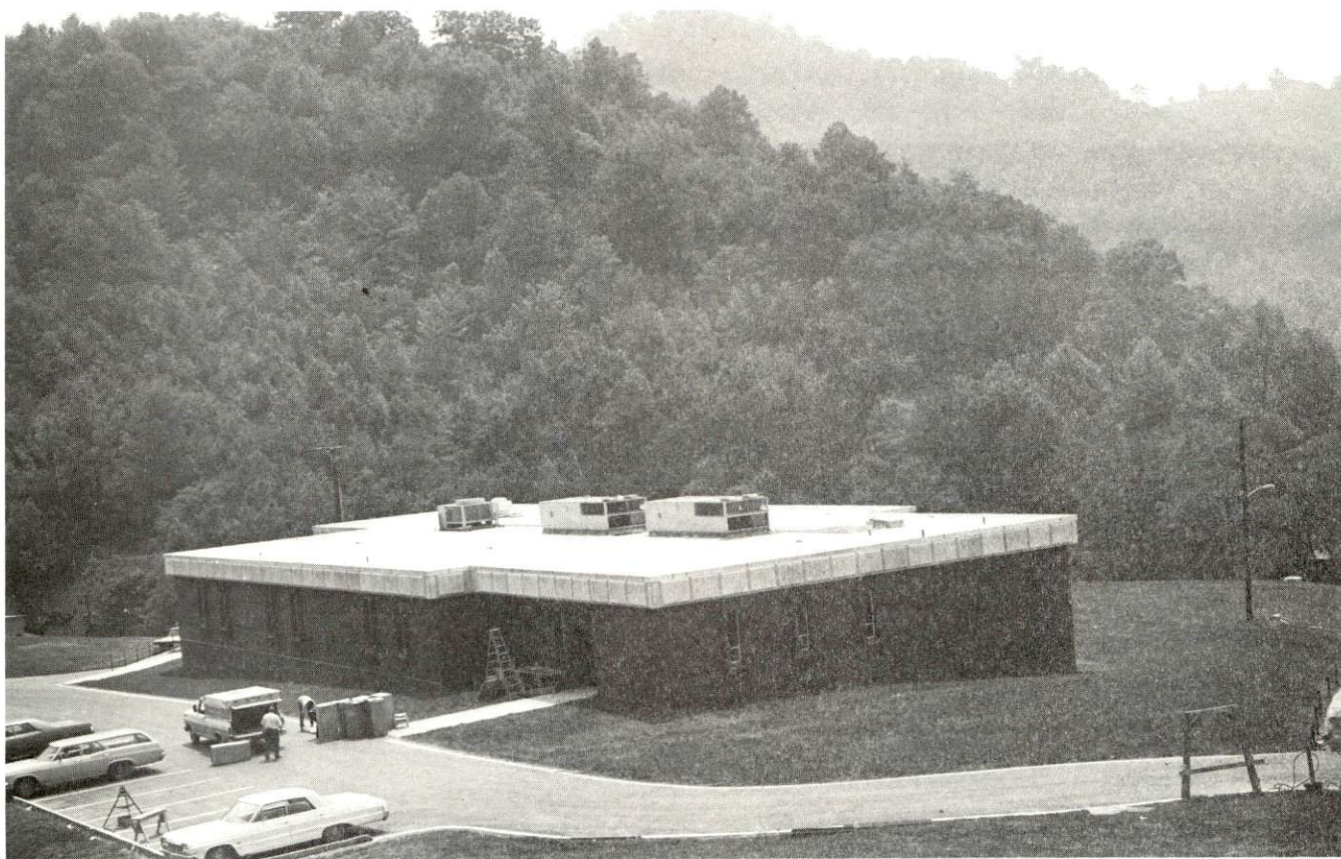
	<u>Nearest Area School</u>
Location	Hazard Area Vocational School Hazard, Kentucky
Curriculum	General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Practical Nursing Electronics (Industrial) Highway Technology Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Cosmetology Drafting Electricity Heavy Equipment Machine Shop Welding

Colleges and Universities

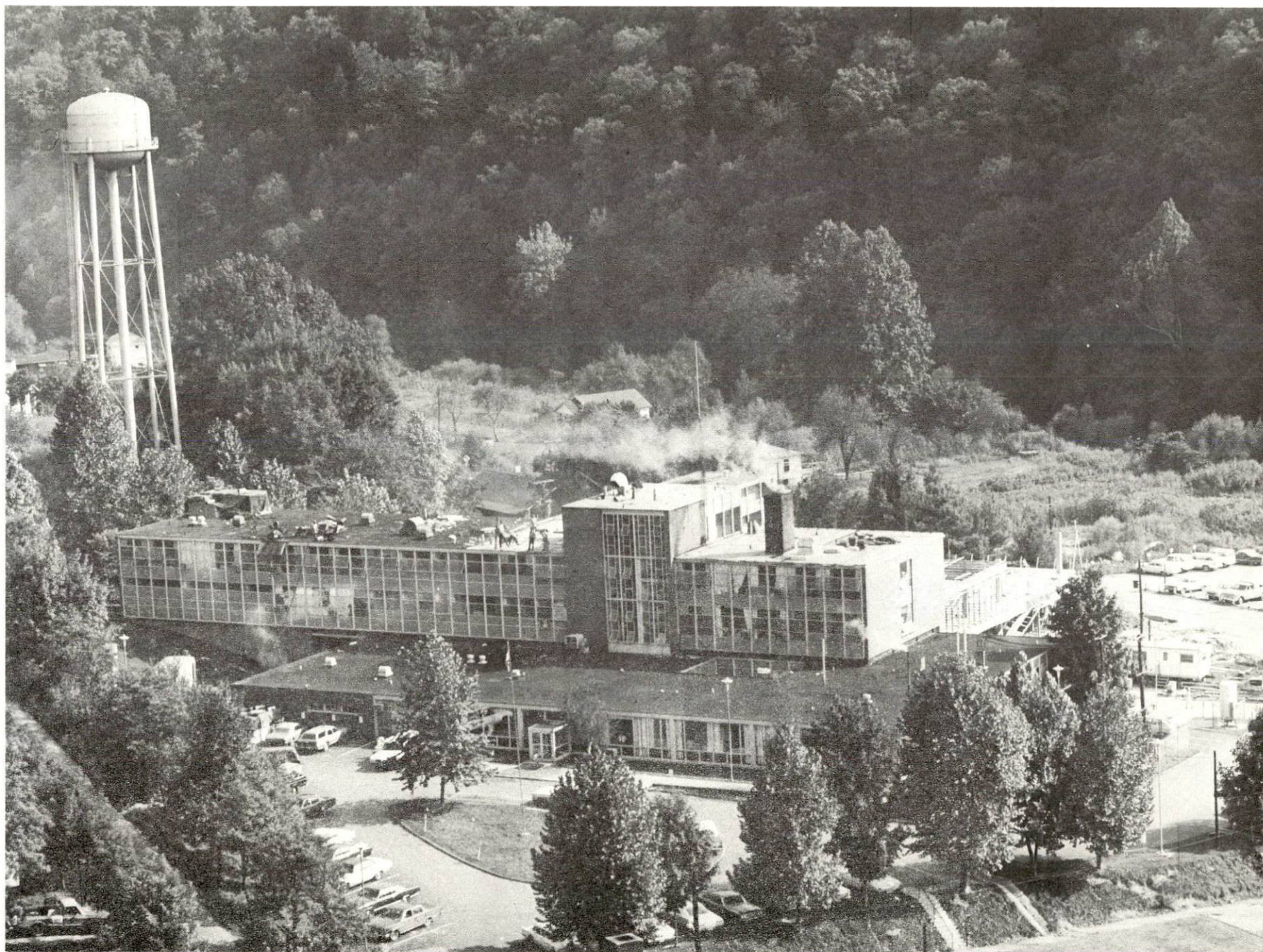
<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 75 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Hazard Community College	Hazard	212	Associate
Pikeville College	Pikeville	740	Baccalaureate
Alice Lloyd Junior College	Pippa Passes	297	Associate
Lees Junior College	Jackson	374	Associate
Southeast Community College	Cumberland	343	Associate
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	416	Associate



HAZARD AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



NEW ADDITION TO THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



HAZARD APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Hazard - Louisville & Nashville Railroad

Services - Freight, siding, switching, REA Express

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM HAZARD, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

City	No. of Days		City	No. of Days	
	CL			CL	
Atlanta, Ga.	4		Los Angeles, Calif.	6	
Birmingham, Ala.	4		Louisville, Ky.	2	
Chicago, Ill.	4		Nashville, Tenn.	3	
Cincinnati, Ohio	2		New Orleans, La.	5	
Cleveland, Ohio	4		New York, N. Y.	5	
Detroit, Mich.	5		Pittsburgh, Pa.	4	
Knoxville, Tenn.	3		St. Louis, Mo.	3	

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Bell Lines, Inc.	Charleston, West Virginia
Hazard Express	Lexington, Kentucky
Hogan Storage & Transfer Company	Williamson, West Virginia
United Trucking Service, Inc.	Lebanon, Kentucky
Overnite Transportation Company	Richmond, Virginia
Point Express, Inc.	Charleston, West Virginia
United Parcel Service	Louisville, Kentucky

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	374	3	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,207	7	7
Birmingham, Ala.	437	3	2	Louisville, Ky.	200	3	2
Chicago, Ill.	493	3	2	Nashville, Tenn.	365	3	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	200	2	1	New Orleans, La.	788	4	3
Cleveland, Ohio	448	3	2	New York, N. Y.	790	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	408	3	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	490	3	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	180	3	2	St. Louis, Mo.	455	3	2

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
	Hazard Airport	London-Corbin War Memorial Airport
Location:	2 1/2 miles north-northwest of Hazard	London, Kentucky, 75 miles from Hazard
Runways:	1 paved	1 paved
Length:	2,300 feet	6,000 feet
Traffic Control:	Wind sock	Wind sock
Lighting:		Beacon, runway and obstruction lights
Services:	80-100 octane, 6 days in daylight hours	80-100 octane, JP-A-50, Piedmont Airlines, taxi, U-Drive-It, weather, flight training, charter and ambulance service, vending machines

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Line
Buckhorn-Hyden-Hazard Bus Lines

Taxi

4 companies, 24-hour service

Rental Services

Truck rentals

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Hazard and Perry County - Kentucky Power Company
Source of power - Kentucky Power Company
Total generating capacity - 1,080,000 KW
Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Power Company, Ashland,
Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving Hazard - Hazard Gas Company
Source of supply - Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company; 5 company-
owned wells, private wells
Size of transmission lines - 6-inch
Distribution lines - 1 to 6 inches
BTU content - 1,100; Specific gravity - .690
Distribution pressure - 6 to 8 ounces

Rates:

First	1,000 cu. ft.	\$2.00
Next	24,000 cu. ft.	.70 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	25,000 cu. ft.	.64 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	50,000 cu. ft.	.59 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Excess of	100,000 cu. ft.	.55 per 1,000 cu. ft.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Hazard - Hazard Water Company

Source - North Fork Kentucky River

Treatment plant capacity - 2,000,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 1,000,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 1,500,000 gallons

Type treatment - settled, filtered, chlorinated

Storage capacity - 3,350,000 gallons

Average pressure - 114 psi

Average temperature - 55 degrees

Size mains - 14, 12, 10, and 8 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

Inside City Limits

First	2,000 gallons	\$2.50
2,001 to	3,000 gallons	.80 per 1,000 gallons
3,001 to	4,000 gallons	.75 per 1,000 gallons
4,001 to	10,000 gallons	.70 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 to	60,000 gallons	.65 per 1,000 gallons
60,001 to	110,000 gallons	.60 per 1,000 gallons
110,001 to	160,000 gallons	.55 per 1,000 gallons
160,001 to	210,000 gallons	.50 per 1,000 gallons
210,001 to	310,000 gallons	.45 per 1,000 gallons
All over	310,000 gallons	.40 per 1,000 gallons

Outside City Limits

First	2,000 gallons	\$4.75
2,001 to	6,000 gallons	.80 per 1,000 gallons
6,001 to	10,000 gallons	.75 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 to	20,000 gallons	.70 per 1,000 gallons
20,001 to	120,000 gallons	.65 per 1,000 gallons
120,001 to	220,000 gallons	.60 per 1,000 gallons
All over	220,000 gallons	.50 per 1,000 gallons

Company serving Vicco area - Vicco Water & Sewer Department

Source - Hazard Water Company

Average daily consumption - 100,000 gallons

Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons

Average pressure - 80 psi

Average temperature - 55 degrees

Size mains - 8 and 6 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE
AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons	\$6.00
Next	3,000 gallons	1.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Over	10,000 gallons	.85 per 1,000 gallons

Surface water sources - Kentucky River

Average discharge - North Fork Kentucky River at Hazard 534 cfs
(29-year record, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 5 to 200 gpm over entire county

Sewerage

Company serving Hazard - Hazard Sewer Company

Design capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow - 450,000 gallons

Treatment - primary and secondary

Type treatment - clarifiers, trickling filters, digesters, and drying beds

Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork Kentucky River

Size of sanitary mains - 30, 15, 10, 8, and 4 inches

Size of storm mains - 12 to 48 inches

Rates - 90 percent of monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 4 commissioners - 2-year terms;
city manager

Budget 1971-72 - General Fund \$397,900; Water and Sewer Fund - \$297,500

Fees and licenses - Payroll occupational tax 1 percent on gross earnings;
business license based on set fee or upon gross receipts, depending on
type of business; auto tax \$10 for first auto, \$5 for each additional auto

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 3 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1970-71 - General Fund \$172,600; Road Fund \$73,000

Assessed Value of Property, 1970

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Hazard</u>	<u>Perry County</u>
Real Estate	\$22,000,000	\$50,542,100
Tangibles	8,000,000	21,165,100
Public Service	4,500,000	20,474,278 (1969)

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

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Hazard</u>	<u>Perry County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.302	.302
School	.584	.456
City	.504	
Total	\$1.405	\$.773

*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 \$0.15 per \$100.

Planning and Zoning

Agency - Hazard Planning and Zoning Commission

Plans completed - Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, Subdivision Regulations

Codes adopted - Building Code, Housing Code, Plumbing Code, Electric Code, Fire Code, Gas Code

Safety

Police

Hazard Perry County

Total staff	12	7
Radio-patrol cars	3	2

State Police barracks are located in Hazard.

Fire

American Insurance

Association Fire Rating 7-9

Full-time staff 7

Volunteers 13

Equipment:

750 gpm pumpers 2

500 gpm pumper 1

car 1

Rescue Service

Buckhorn Lake Emergency Ambulance Service

Number of volunteers - 10

Equipment - 4 ambulances, resuscitator, plastic splints, oxygen equipment, diving equipment

Personnel training - first aid, cardiac massage

Sanitation

Hazard

Type service municipal

Cost:

residential \$2 monthly

business \$2.80 to \$35 (according to amount collected)

Collection frequency:

residential twice weekly

business daily

Trash pickup twice monthly

Disposal method dump

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital	Hazard, Kentucky	109

General hospital facilities and services - X-ray room, emergency room, pathology and clinical laboratory, home health program, outpatient clinic, pharmacy, blood bank, intensive care unit, nursery, 2 major operating rooms, 1 minor operating room, obstetrics

Medical staff - 13 doctors, 19 registered nurses, 45 licensed practical nurses, radiologist, pathologist, anesthesiologist, 3 pharmacists, 2 surgeons, 1 doctor of internal medicine

Expansion program underway - At the present time the hospital is involved in an expansion program. Plans call for 58 additional beds, a 38-bed extended care unit, a 20-bed mental health unit, a 6-bed coronary and intensive care unit, a physical therapy unit, and an emergency care unit. The facilities to be expanded will include a laboratory, X-ray unit and pharmacy.

Other - The Frontier Nursing Service established in 1925 by Mary Breckinridge is in service in seven major towns in four counties, including Perry County.

Public Health

Facility - Perry County Health Department

Staff - 1 health officer, 1 administrator, 2 sanitarians, 2 registered nurses, 2 clerks, 1 auxiliary clerk, 4 dentists

Budget 1971-72 - \$94,929

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - General Telephone Company
Services - standard

Telegraph - Western Union

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class - First
Mail received - twice daily
Mail dispatched - 3 times daily

Newspapers -	Hazard Herald	The Voice
Semiweekly and circulation -	7,000	5,700
Other papers received from - Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee		

Radio - WKIC AM-FM
Stations received from - Lexington, Whitesburg, and Louisville, Kentucky;
Cincinnati, Ohio; Knoxville, Tennessee

Television - WKYH Channel 57
Reception from - Johnson City, Bristol, and Kingsport, Tennessee
(Tri-City); Lexington, Kentucky; Huntington and Charleston, West
Virginia; Knoxville, Tennessee
Kentucky Educational Television - Hazard transmitter, Channel 35

Library Services

Public Libraries - Perry County Public Library
Size collection - 40,000 volumes
Circulation, 1970 - 275,000
Services - magazines, records, films, film strip, projectors, story
hour, art, art class, reading club, 2 bookmobiles

Private Libraries - Hazard Community College Library
Size collection - 14,000 volumes
Circulation, 1970 - 3,723
Services - magazines, reference service, microfilm, records, film
strips, Inter-Library Loan, periodicals

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 9

Denominations - Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, Church of God, Church of Christ, Catholic, Evangelical, Episcopal

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1971</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Peoples Bank	\$16,032,999	\$14,885,551
The Citizens State Bank	8,768,667	8,071,530
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>		
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
First Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$18,565,354	\$17,142,185

Hotels and Motels

Number - 4

Units - 120

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Medical Society, Dental Society, Ministerial Association, Red Cross

Fraternal - American Legion, FOP, Masonic Lodge, Moose Lodge, Shrine, VFW

Women's - Business and Professional Woman's Club, Daughters of American Revolution, Eastern Star, Homemakers, Garden Club, American Legion Auxiliary

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, FFA, FHA, 4-H, Beta Club, Junior Achievement, Babe Ruth League, Little Leagues - baseball, football, and basketball, High School Garden Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Park - 1

Playgrounds - 5

Baseball diamond - 1

Football field - 1

Private Recreation Facilities

Country club - 1

Golf course - 1 (9-hole)

Swimming pool - 1

Movie theaters - 3 (1 indoor, 2 drive-ins)

Area (Within 30 miles)

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park

Redbird Purchase Unit of Daniel Boone National Forest

Kentonia State Forest

Jefferson National Forest

Kingdom Come State Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	219,520	1,973,760
Percent of area in farm land	15.2	22.7
Number of farms	394	4,782
Average size of farms (acres)	84.4	93.7
1964 value of all farm products	\$ 113,311	\$ 4,735,743
Value per farm	288	990
Total crop sales	60,875	3,511,245
Total livestock & livestock products	51,935	1,221,275
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	56,000	5,640,000
Corn (bu.)	12,000	453,000
Cattle and calves (number)	1,100	16,800
Hogs and pigs (number)	600	9,500
Milk production (1967) (lbs.)	1,590,000	18,610,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal, petroleum
Other mineral resources	Natural gas
Acres of commercial forest land	186,200 (85 percent of land area)
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, yellow poplar, hickory, beech, soft maple, basswood

Climate 14/

	<u>Perry County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	56.8 degrees
Average annual (1970)	56.9 degrees
Record highest July, 1970 (9-year record)	95 degrees
Record lowest January, 1966 (9-year record)	- 15 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,143
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	41.06 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (33-year record)	16.5 inches
Total precipitation 1970	34.09 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inches or more) (25-year record)	132
Average number days thunderstorms (27-year record)	46
Prevailing winds (9-year record)	West-Southwest

HISTORY

Perry County is situated in the southeastern section of the state at the head waters of the Kentucky River. It covers 343 square miles of the Appalachian Mountain region and is drained by the North and Middle Forks of the Kentucky River and their tributaries - creeks with such names as Hell-for-Certain, Cutskin and Squabble. The land surface is hilly and mountainous, a large portion of it unsuitable for cultivation. The valleys, however, are fertile and have a sandstone foundation. An abundance of coal is present in the county, which lies in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Fields.

The first settler in the area was Elijah Combs, who built houses at the present site of Hazard in 1795. The Combs name became an important one in the county's political history. Perry County was formed in 1820, Kentucky's sixty-eighth, taking its name from Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, under whom many Kentuckians fought in the defeat of the British on Lake Erie in 1813. Perry County is part of an area remembered for its bloody family feuds, such as the French-Eversole feud which claimed many lives.

Hazard, the county seat and first town in the county, incorporated in 1884, was also named for Oliver Hazard Perry. The town first grew slowly but received a strong stimulus for faster growth in 1912 with the coming of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Hazard is now a trade and shipping center for an area of coal, oil, gas, and timber resources.

The earliest recorded population figure for Perry County was 3,330 in 1830. By 1950 the total was 46,566, since diminished to 34,961 in 1960 and 25,714 in 1970.

Agriculture accounted for only 100 of the county's 6,700 employed in 1969. Principal agricultural products are corn, cattle, hogs, and poultry. There are presently four manufacturing firms in Hazard, employing some 95 persons: East Kentucky Beverage Company; Home Lumber Company; Newspapers, Inc.; and Hazard Herald. Perry County's economy is heavily dependent upon the mining industry which directly employed 1,775 in 1969, making the county one of the largest producers of coal in the state.

Completion of the Daniel Boone Parkway through Perry County will significantly improve the transportation situation in the area.

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