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# Industrial Resources: Lawrence County - Louisa

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# **SUMMARY OF...**

# **INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES**

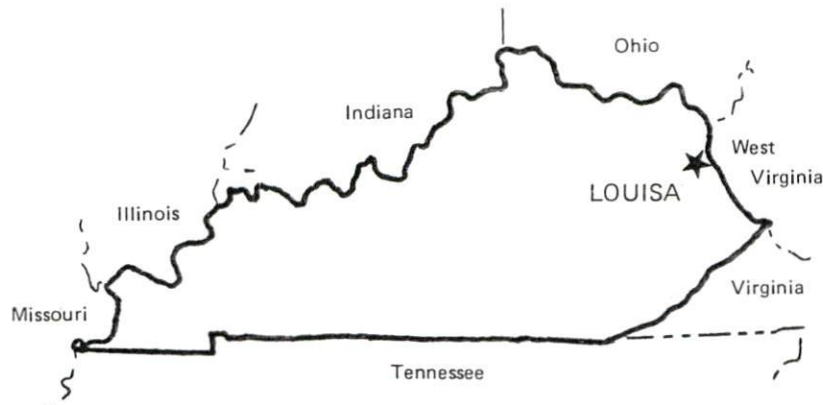
## **LOUISA**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES  
LOUISA, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1975: Louisa - 1,902  
1976: Lawrence County - 12,500; Labor Market Area - 137,900

LOUISA LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes Lawrence, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Johnson, Martin and Morgan Counties

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1976:

	<u>Lawrence County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	<u>3,687</u>	<u>53,752</u>
Employment	<u>3,444</u>	<u>50,836</u>
Agricultural	<u>278</u>	<u>1,847</u>
Nonagricultural	<u>3,166</u>	<u>48,989</u>
Unemployment	<u>243</u>	<u>2,916</u>
Rate of Unemployment (%)	<u>6.6</u>	<u>5.4</u>

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1975:

Lawrence County	<u>\$2,923</u>
Labor Market Area Range	<u>\$2,923 - \$5,555</u>

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1976:

Lawrence County	<u>770</u> Male	<u>1,070</u> Female
Labor Market Area	<u>9,090</u> Male	<u>10,770</u> Female

LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Big Sandy Publishing Company	Job printing	5
Key Apparel	Men's and women's ski jackets	44
Louisa Carpet Mills	Carpets	200
Louisa Coca-Cola Bottling Company	Soft drinks	16
Louisa Supply Company, Inc.	Feed	12
Alvin Harold Scarberry	Lumber, crossties	10

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:

United Steel Workers of America represent manufacturing workers at Louisa Carpet Mills.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: The Chessie System serves Louisa. Services include 1 east-bound and 1 westbound freight daily; 25 through freights daily; switching facilities; siding space for 30 cars; nearest piggyback facilities are in Huntington, West Virginia, 33 miles distant.

Highways: Louisa is 25 miles from I-64 via U.S. 23. Kentucky routes 3 and 32 also serve the city.

Road Distance in Miles:

Atlanta	<u>498</u>	Baltimore	<u>405</u>
Chicago	<u>488</u>	Detroit	<u>473</u>
New York	<u>637</u>	St. Louis	<u>471</u>

Truck: Hogan Truck Lines, Smith Transfer and Overnite Express serve Louisa with interstate service. Overnite Express also provides intrastate service.

Water: Louisa is located approximately 5 miles from a point on the Big Sandy River where a 6-foot navigation channel is maintained.

Air: The nearest commercial airport is Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field) at Huntington, West Virginia, 31 miles distant. Piedmont and Allegheny Airlines serve this field.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Kentucky Power Company serves Louisa. Lawrence County is served by Grayson RECC and Big Sandy RECC.

Natural Gas: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., provides service to Louisa. The source of supply is Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation.

Other Fuels: Propane and distillate fuel oil are available from two distributors in Louisa.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: The City of Louisa Water Department serves Louisa. The source of supply is Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River. Treatment plant capacity is 1,300,000 gpd. Peak daily consumption is 800,000 gallons. Storage capacity is 500,000 gallons. New storage tanks are to be constructed soon and the total storage will more than double.

Sewerage: The City of Louisa Sewer Department serves Louisa. Design capacity of the treatment plant is 300,000 gpd. Average daily flow is 250,000 gallons. Treatment is secondary and treated effluent is discharged into Big Sandy River.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

County: County Judge/Executive and 4 magistrates - 4-year terms

TAXES:

Combined state and local property tax rates per \$100 valuation, 1977  
(100% assessment)

	<u>Inside City of Louisa</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$0.874	\$0.674
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.150	0.150
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	1.009	0.809
4. Intangibles (accounts, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.250	0.250

EDUCATION:

One public school system operates in Lawrence County. Total enrollment includes: 800 high school, 800 middle school, and 1,280 elementary.

The nearest state vocational-technical schools are at Ashland, 33 miles away, and Paintsville, 31 miles away.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: South Central Bell Telephone Company serves Louisa.

Telegraph: Counter service is available at Ashland, 33 miles away.

Newspaper: Big Sandy News, published weekly, has a circulation of 3,400.

Radio Station: WKY-AM is the local station in Louisa.

Television: Louisa has cable service.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: Louisa Community Hospital has 90 beds.

Churches: There are 7 local churches. Denominations are Baptist, Christian, Church of Christ, Church of God, Freewell Baptist, Methodist, Southern Methodist.

Financial Institutions: The First National Bank, Peoples Security Bank, and First Federal Savings and Loan Association are located in Louisa.

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