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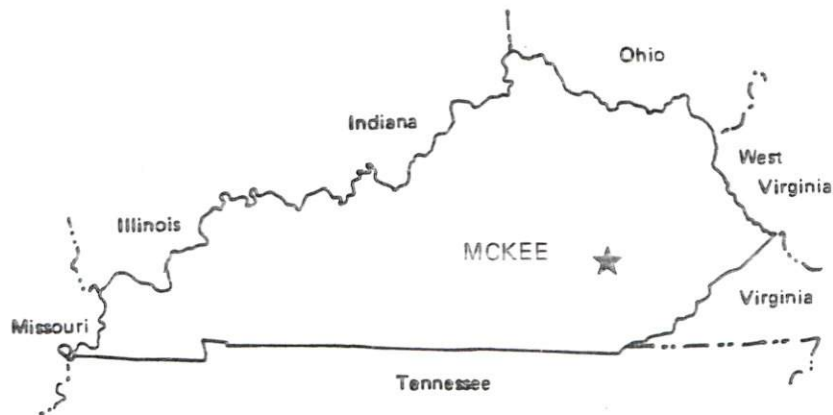
A SUMMARY OF
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SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES MCKEE, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1982: McKee - 758
1982: Jackson County - 12,500; Labor Market Area - 172,600

MCKEE LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes Jackson, Clay, Estill, Laurel, Lee, Madison, Owsley and Rockcastle Counties.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1982:

	<u>Jackson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,199	79,298
Employment	3,505	70,772
Agricultural	391	3,153
Nonagricultural	3,114	67,619
Unemployment	694	8,526
Rate of Unemployment (%)	16.5	10.8

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1982:

Jackson County - \$4,818; Labor Market Area Range - \$4,464 - \$7,281

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1983:

Jackson County - 1,347 Male, 1,424 Female; Labor Market Area - 12,671 Male, 11,901 Female

LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
The Jackson County Sun	Newspaper	3
Kentucky Woodcrafts Company, Inc.	Wood plaques, trophy parts	24
Possum Trot Corporation	Ladies' garments	58

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS: There are no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in McKee at this time.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: McKee is not served by rail. The nearest rail service is available by the Seaboard System Railroad in Berea, 24 miles northwest of McKee. Services include - main line; seven northbound and seven southbound through freights daily; team track space for 8 cars; and siding space for 20 cars. The nearest piggyback facilities are maintained by Southern Railway at Danville, 58 miles northwest of McKee.

Highways: U.S. Highway 421 serves the city of McKee. Kentucky Highways 89 and 290 intersect with U.S. 421 at McKee. Access to Interstate 75 is 25 miles northwest of McKee via U.S. 421.

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Road Distance in Miles:

Atlanta	331	Baltimore	604	Chicago	415
Detroit	400	New York	766	St. Louis	398

Truck: There are four trucking companies that have authority to provide interstate and intrastate service to McKee.

Water: The nearest navigable river is the Kentucky River at Irvine, 29 miles north of McKee, where a 6-foot navigation channel is maintained. The Kentucky River becomes commercially navigable at Frankfort, Kentucky, 90 miles northwest of McKee.

Air: The nearest local airport is the Madison Airport at Richmond. It has one paved, 4,000-foot runway and is 26 miles north of McKee. The nearest scheduled airline service is available at Blue Grass Field in Lexington, 68 miles northwest of McKee. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Blue Grass Field in Lexington, 68 miles northwest of McKee. Delta, Piedmont, United, USAir, Allegheny Commuter, Comair, and Tennessee Airways serve Blue Grass Field.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: The Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation serves McKee and Jackson County. The source of power is East Kentucky Power Cooperative Corporation.

Natural Gas: Natural gas service is not available in Jackson County.

Other Fuels: One propane distributor and one fuel oil distributor are located in McKee. Additional supplies are available in the area.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: McKee is served by the McKee Water and Sewage Company and the Jackson County Water Association. Both treatment plants are undergoing renovations. McKee's new treatment plant capacity is 288,000 gallons per day; average daily consumption will be around 100,000 gallons. The storage capacity is 160,000 gallons including the clearwell. The McKee Water and Sewage project should be completed in Summer 1985. The Jackson County Water Association's treatment plant capacity is 720,000 gallons per day, with an average daily flow of 360,000 gallons. The storage capacity is 222,000 gallons including the clearwell. Completion of this project should be Spring 1985.

Sewerage: The McKee Water and Sewerage Company serves the community. The design capacity of the treatment plant is 85,000 gallons per day. Average daily flow is 68,000 gallons and the treatment is extended aeration.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: McKee is governed by a mayor elected to a 4-year term and 6 council members elected to 2-year terms.

County: Jackson County is governed by a county judge/executive and 3 magistrates elected to 4-year terms.

TAXES: Combined state and local property tax rates per \$100 valuation, 1984 (100% assessment)

	<u>Inside City of McKee</u>	<u>Unincorporated Jackson County</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$0.8060	\$0.5760
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.1500	0.1500
3. Finished goods, office equipment, other tangibles	1.0364	0.8064
4. Intangibles (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.2500	0.2500
5. Leaseholds in I.R. bond financed plants	0.0150	0.0150

EDUCATION: There is one public school system in Jackson County. Total enrollment in the Jackson County School System is 2,514, including 1,889 elementary and 625 high school students. The nearest state vocational-technical school is the Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School at London, 36 miles southwest of McKee. The Clay County Area Vocational Education Center is located in Manchester, 29 miles southeast of McKee.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., provides service to McKee and Jackson County.

Telegraph: A Western Union toll-free number, 1-800-225-5100, is available for sending mailgrams, telegrams and international messages.

Newspaper: The Jackson Sun is published weekly in McKee and circulation is 3,100.

Television: Major networks are received, with cable service, in the McKee area and most of Jackson County.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: The nearest hospital is Berea Hospital, Inc., at Berea, 24 miles northwest of McKee. Facilities include 73 acute care beds and 37 skilled nursing care beds.

Churches: There are several churches located in McKee and denominations represented include Baptist, Catholic, and Church of God.

Financial Institutions: The Jackson County Bank provides financial service to McKee.

RECREATION:

McKee is in the **Daniel Boone National Forest**. The forest covers 640,000 acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

One of the fine state resort parks, **Natural Bridge State Resort Park** near Slade, approximately 60 miles north of McKee, is located in the Daniel Boone National Forest where cliffs and stone arches fill the landscape. The rugged awesomeness of the great Natural Bridge is the main attraction. The park has a 35-room resort lodge with a dining room and gift shop, ten rustic cottages, and 95 camping sites. Other facilities include a lake, a swimming pool, picnic shelters and playgrounds, hiking trails, and a riding stable.

Also, **Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park**, approximately 60 miles southeast of McKee at Buckhorn, is a full-facility resort park with a 36-room lodge. The lodge itself offers a dining room with a lake view, a gift shop, a pool, meeting rooms, and a recreation room. Other park facilities and activities include a beach, a bathhouse, a picnic shelter, 72 campsites, a playground, mini-golf, tennis, a dock with open and covered slips, boat rentals, a 40-foot levee plus a fishing pier, bicycle rentals, and planned recreation.

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