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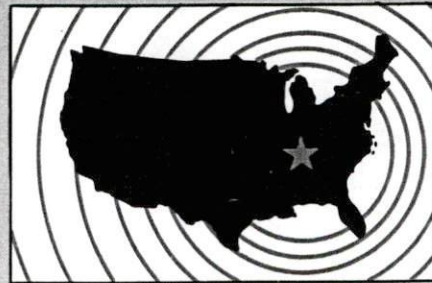
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SUMMARY OF...

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

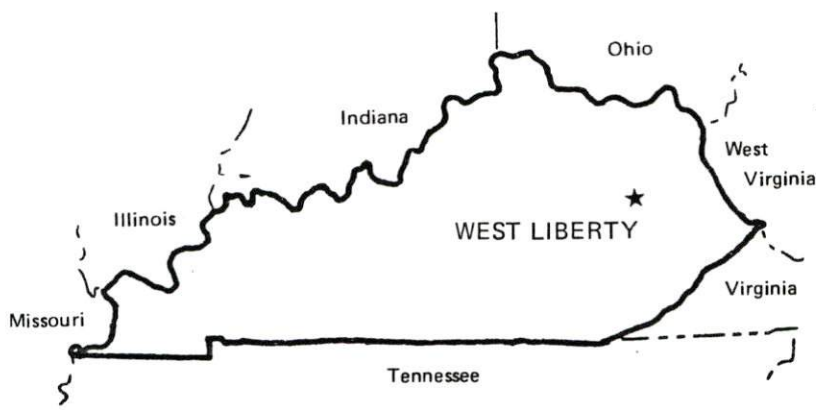
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1976: West Liberty - 1,397
1978: Morgan County - 11,200; Labor Market Area - 94,000

WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes Morgan, Elliott, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Menifee, Rowan and Wolfe Counties

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1978:

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	<u>4,742</u>	<u>38,608</u>
Employment	<u>4,411</u>	<u>35,973</u>
Agricultural	<u>396</u>	<u>1,422</u>
Nonagricultural	<u>4,015</u>	<u>34,551</u>
Unemployment	<u>331</u>	<u>2,635</u>
Rate of Unemployment (%)	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.8</u>

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1977:

Morgan County	<u>\$3,659</u>
Labor Market Area Range	<u>\$3,273 - \$5,092</u>

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1977:

Morgan County	<u>603</u> Male	<u>752</u> Female
Labor Market Area	<u>6,663</u> Male	<u>5,994</u> Female

WEST LIBERTY MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Courier Publishing Company	Newspaper, letterpress printing, photo lathe plate making	9
East Kentucky Paving Corporation	Ready mix asphalt	6
Frederick and May Lumber and Supply Company	Rough lumber	115
U. S. Shoe Corporation	Ladies dress boots	355
Wells Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.	Ready mix concrete	9

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:

There are no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in Morgan County.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: The nearest rail service, provided by The Chessie System, is located 40 miles to the southeast at Paintsville. Services at Paintsville include: Car load freight only with two northbound and one southbound train making daily stops; eight northbound and eight southbound through freights daily; team track space for thirty cars; and siding space for three cars. Piggyback facilities are located at Huntington, West Virginia, approximately 71 miles distance.

Highways: Major routes serving West Liberty are U.S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Route 7. The Mountain Parkway, an excellent multilane toll road, is located 23 miles south of the city. Kentucky Route 7 connects West Liberty with Interstate 64 at Grayson, 44 miles to the north.

Road Distance in Miles:

Atlanta	<u>480</u>	Baltimore	<u>500</u>	Chicago	<u>470</u>
Detroit	<u>455</u>	New York	<u>672</u>	St. Louis	<u>453</u>

Truck: Interstate and intrastate freight service is provided by Overnite Transportation Company. Smith's Transfer Corporation provides interstate freight service only.

Water: West Liberty is only 66 miles from the Boyd-Greenup County area where plans are under way to develop port facilities.

Air: The nearest commercial airport is Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field) at Huntington, West Virginia, 75 miles northeast of West Liberty. Services include Allegheny and Piedmont Airlines. The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport, located 2 miles southeast of West Liberty, has one paved, 2,400-foot runway.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Kentucky Power Company serves West Liberty and a small part of Morgan County. Licking Valley RECC serves the major portion of the county and the source of power is the East Kentucky Power Cooperative.

Natural Gas: Elam Utility Company, Inc., provides natural gas service to West Liberty. The source of supply is Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation.

Other Fuels: There are two distributors of propane and two distributors of fuel oil in West Liberty.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: West Liberty is served by the West Liberty Water Works. The source of raw water is the Licking River and the treatment plant capacity is 1,250,000 gallons per day. The average daily consumption is 210,000 gallons and peak daily consumption is 300,000 gallons. The system's storage capacity is 600,000 gallons.

Sewerage: West Liberty is served by the West Liberty Water Works. The design capacity of the treatment plant is 400,000 gallons per day. Average daily flow is 120,000 gallons and the treatment is primary and secondary.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: West Liberty is served by a mayor elected to a four-year term and six councilmen elected to two-year terms.

County: Morgan County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates elected to four-year terms.

TAXES:

Combined state and local property tax rates per \$100 valuation, 1978
(100% assessment)

	<u>Inside City of West Liberty</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$0.889	\$0.689
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.150	0.150
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	1.024	0.824
4. Intangibles (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.250	0.250
5. Leaseholds in I. R. bond financed plants	0.015	0.015

EDUCATION: There is one public school system operating in Morgan County. Enrollments include 685 high school, 355 middle school and 1,474 elementary students for a total of 2,514 students in the Morgan County School System. There is an area vocational education center located at West Liberty. A state vocational-technical school is located in Paintsville, 40 miles from West Liberty.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: West Liberty is served by the Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

Telegraph: A Western Union toll-free number is available for sending telegrams, cablegrams and radiograms.

Newspaper: The Licking Valley Courier is published weekly in West Liberty and the circulation is 3,805.

Radio Station: WLKS-AM broadcasts from West Liberty.

Television: Cable service is available with reception from Morehead and Lexington, Kentucky, and Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: West Liberty and the surrounding area are served by the Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital with a total of 50 beds.

Churches: There are seven churches in West Liberty. Denominations include Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of God, Evangelistic, Methodist and Presbyterian.

Financial Institutions: West Liberty has two banks serving the community - the Commercial Bank and the Bank of the Mountains.

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