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# RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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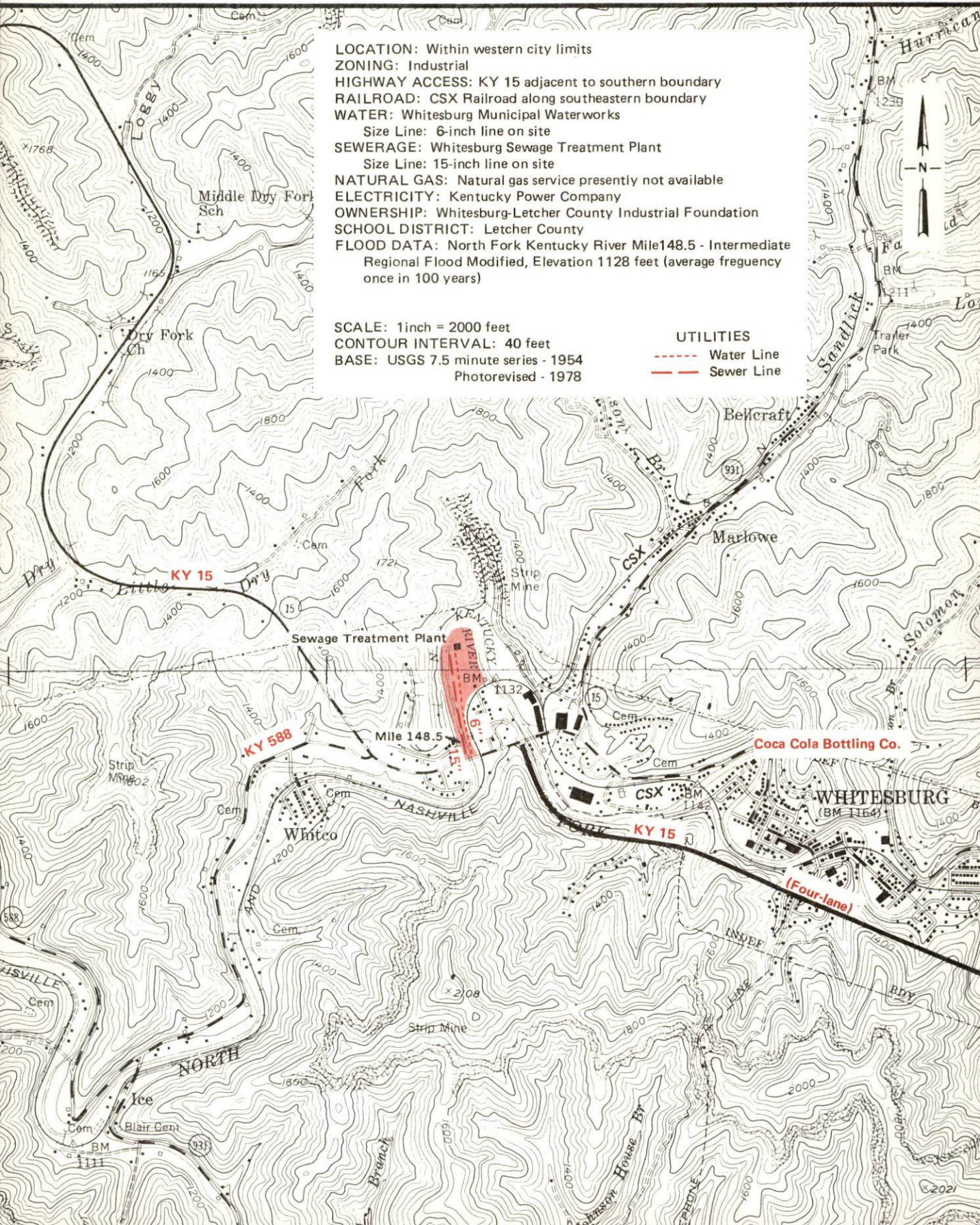
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# WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY --- Site 186 --- 12.9 Acres

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WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY

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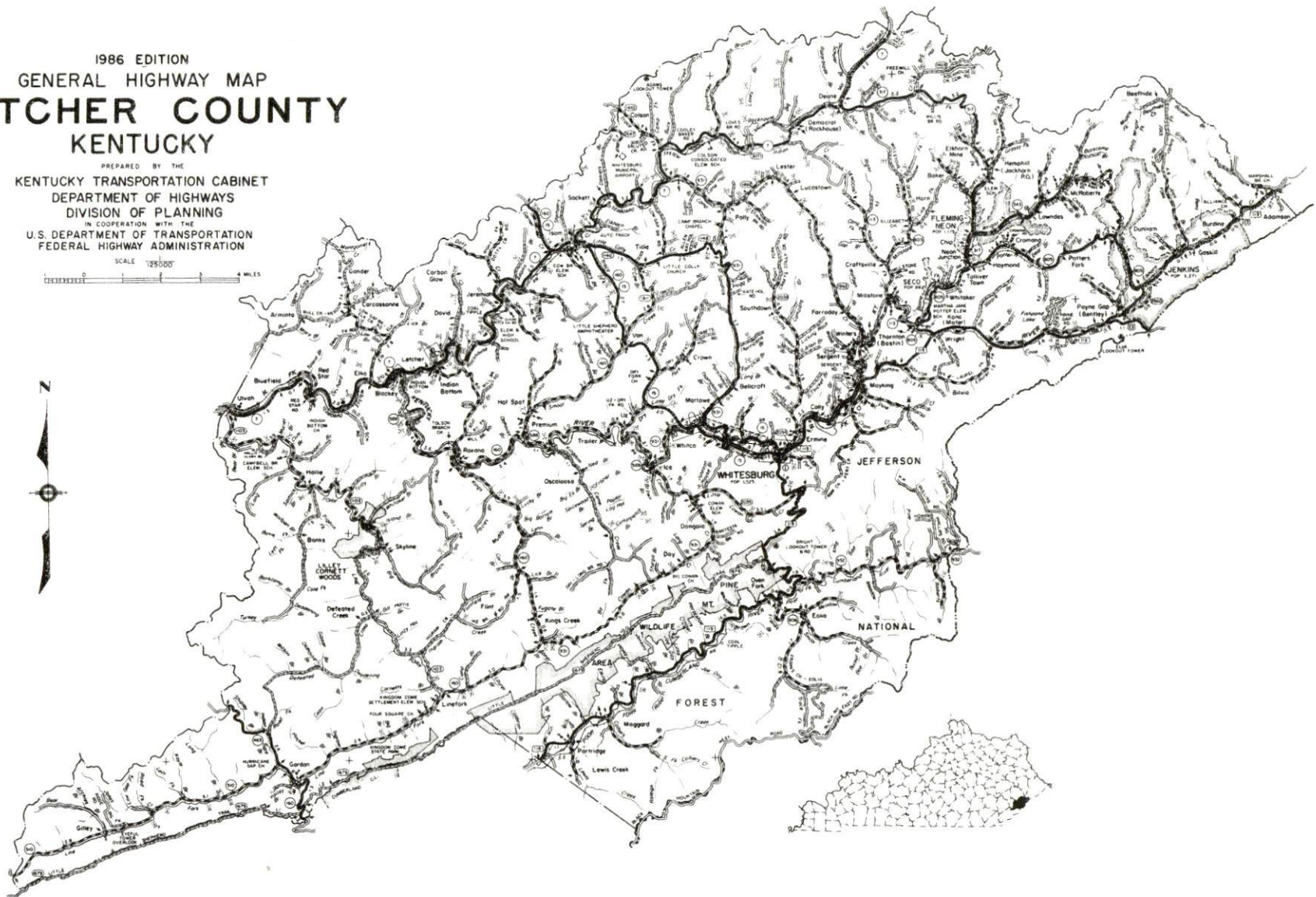
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP  
**LETCHER COUNTY**  
**KENTUCKY**

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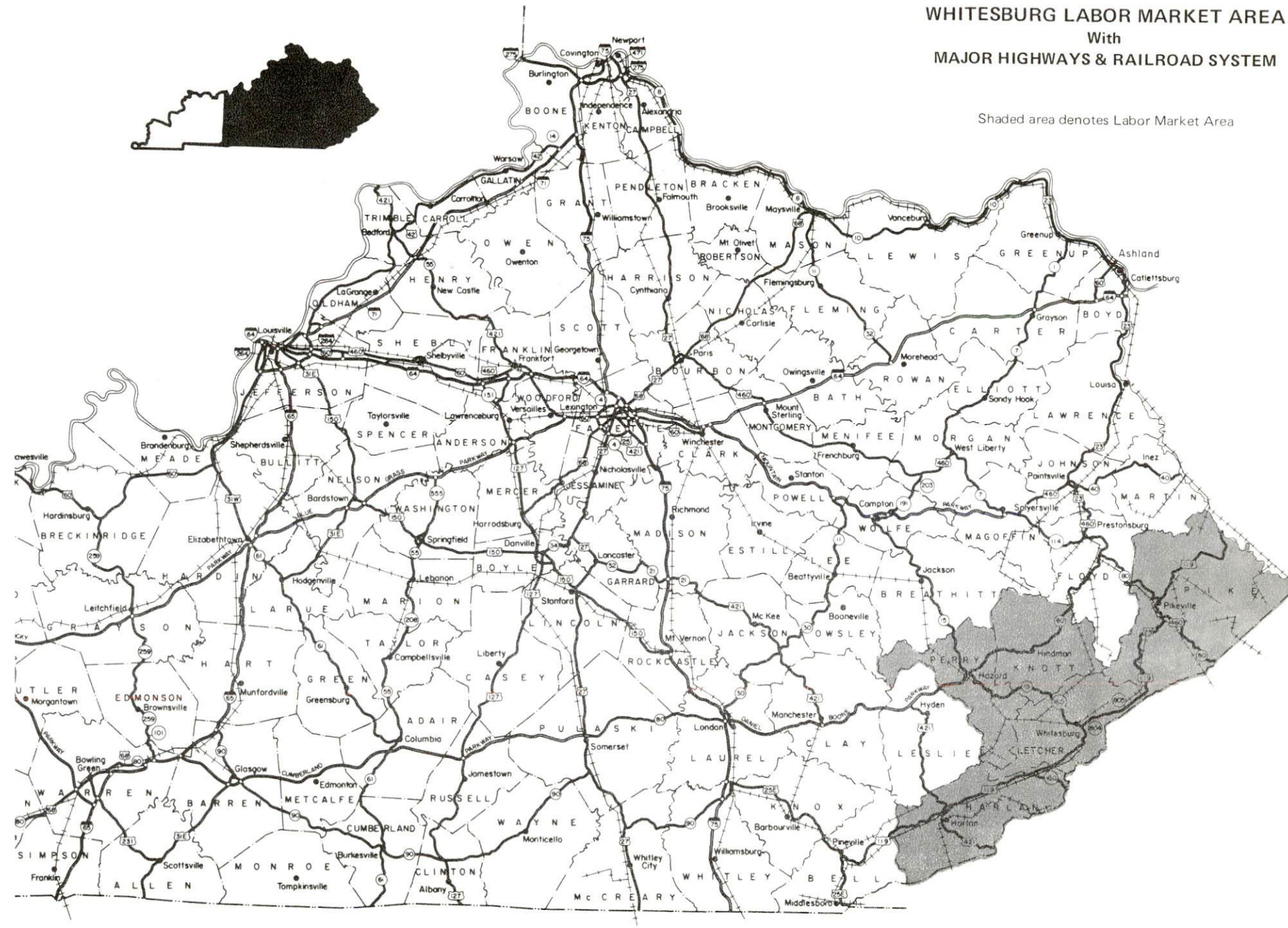
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# WHITESBURG LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



## WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Whitesburg, the county seat of Letcher County, is located in southeastern Kentucky. In 1984 Whitesburg had an estimated population of 1,480. Whitesburg is located 152 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 190 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; 224 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 230 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. Letcher County, with a 1984 estimated population of 30,930, has a land area of 339 square miles.

**The Economic Framework** - The total number of Letcher County residents employed in 1985 averaged 7,940, with nonagricultural jobs accounting for 7,930 workers. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 90 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,090 jobs; 920 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 970 employees; contract construction firms provided 90 jobs; and 1,770 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

**Labor Supply** - There is a current estimated labor supply of 21,760 men and 28,050 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1986 through 1990, 10,060 young men and 9,570 young women in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

**Transportation** - Main line rail service is provided to Whitesburg by CSX Transportation. Whitesburg is served directly by highways U.S. 119 and Kentucky 15. The Daniel Boone Parkway is located thirty-five miles north of Whitesburg, while Interstate 75 is located ninety-two miles east of Whitesburg. Six trucking companies provide Whitesburg with interstate and intrastate service. Lonesome Pine Airport, twenty-nine miles south of Whitesburg, has a 4,702-foot paved runway. Tri-City Airport, 106 miles southeast of Whitesburg, is the nearest scheduled commercial airline service.

**Power and Fuel** - Electric power is provided to Whitesburg and Letcher County by Kentucky Power Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Letcher County is also provided electric power by Cumberland Valley RECC, which is supplied by East Kentucky Power Cooperative. Natural gas service is currently not available in Whitesburg. Two distributors of propane and three distributors of distillate fuel oil serve Whitesburg.

**Education** - Primary and secondary education is provided to Whitesburg and Letcher County by the Letcher County School System. The Jenkins Independent School System located in Jenkins, Kentucky, fifteen miles east of Whitesburg, also operates in Letcher County. One university, four senior colleges, three community colleges and one junior college are located within 100 miles of Whitesburg. Vocational training is provided by the Letcher County Area Vocational Education Center in Whitesburg and the Hazard State Vocational-Technical School in Hazard, thirty-four miles northwest of Whitesburg.



## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Whitesburg Labor Market Area includes Letcher County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Harlan, Knott, Perry and Pike.

POPULATION				
<u>Area</u>	<u>1984*</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Nonwhite</u> <u>1980</u>
Whitesburg	1,480	1,525	1,137	1.0
Labor Market Area	209,781	205,402	162,551	N/A
Letcher County	30,927	30,687	23,165	1.2
Harlan County	42,101	41,889	37,370	5.0
Knott County	18,308	17,940	14,698	0.8
Perry County	35,097	33,763	26,259	2.1
Pike County	83,348	81,123	61,059	0.6

\* Population estimates.

Note: The 1980 city counts of population by race are provisional.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1980 Census of Population and Housing, March 1981; 1980 Census of Population, Number of Inhabitants. University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, Population Unit, October 1985; Kentucky Population Research Notes, Issue Number One, May 1985.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
<u>Area</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Labor Market Area	222,507	233,176	242,648	257,392
Letcher County	32,901	34,590	36,096	38,459
Harlan County	43,369	44,520	45,670	47,563
Knott County	19,056	19,698	20,295	21,253
Perry County	38,421	41,192	43,560	47,372
Pike County	88,760	93,176	97,027	102,745

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, Population Research Unit, How Many Kentuckians: Population Forecasts, 1980-2020, the 1986 Edition, Spring 1986.



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1985

	<u>Letcher County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	9,499	67,193
Employment	7,943	57,295
Agricultural	15	179
Nonagricultural	7,928	57,116
Unemployment	1,556	9,898
Rate of Unemployment (%)	16.4	14.7

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1985.

SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT,  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1985

	<u>Letcher County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	5,324	45,965
Manufacturing	89	867
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,092	10,485
Services	916	7,066
State/Local Government	972	7,343
Contract Construction	90	959
Mining & Quarrying	1,771	15,451

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1985.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Letcher County	\$ 6,097	\$ 7,359	20.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$5,390 - 7,264	\$6,851 - 8,291	N/A
Kentucky	7,644	10,232	33.9
U. S.	9,494	12,772	34.5

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Kentucky Economic Information System, June 1986.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY  
WHITESBURG LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Future	
	Total Male	Unemployed	Under-employed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1986 thru 1990
Labor Market					
Area*	21,756	7,379	4,315	10,062	10,058
Letcher	3,673	1,228	896	1,549	1,507
Harlan	4,294	1,517	824	1,953	2,019
Knott	2,273	639	375	1,259	906
Perry	3,705	1,200	681	1,824	1,691
Pike	7,811	2,795	1,539	3,477	3,935

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY  
WHITESBURG LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Future	
	Total Female	Unemployed	Under-employed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1986 thru 1990
Labor Market					
Area*	28,051	2,519	3,214	22,318	9,571
Letcher	4,420	328	443	3,649	1,412
Harlan	5,697	623	660	4,414	1,857
Knott	2,468	186	245	2,037	833
Perry	4,438	379	540	3,519	1,652
Pike	11,028	1,003	1,326	8,699	3,817

\* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work;  
Underemployed - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year;  
Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally).

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1985. Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1986 thru 1990.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY,  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1985

	<u>Letcher County</u>	<u>Harlan County</u>	<u>Knott County</u>
All Industries	\$ 321.65	\$ 339.12	\$ 350.73
Mining & Quarrying	463.43	500.13	479.63
Contract Construction	286.11	288.01	325.51
Manufacturing	219.91	335.98	220.14
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	321.34	336.70	291.49
Wholesale & Retail Trade	196.87	198.35	190.77
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	290.82	288.43	583.88
Services	269.86	294.63	222.58
State/Local Government	270.30	278.21	293.54
Other	*	*	0

	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>Pike County</u>
All Industries	\$ 379.71	\$ 373.04
Mining & Quarrying	601.68	547.61
Contract Construction	339.07	312.29
Manufacturing	415.01	411.15
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	426.39	394.43
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.99	221.21
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	417.00	355.06
Services	283.61	298.80
State/Local Government	276.09	284.21
Other	236.13	235.79

\* Not disclosed.

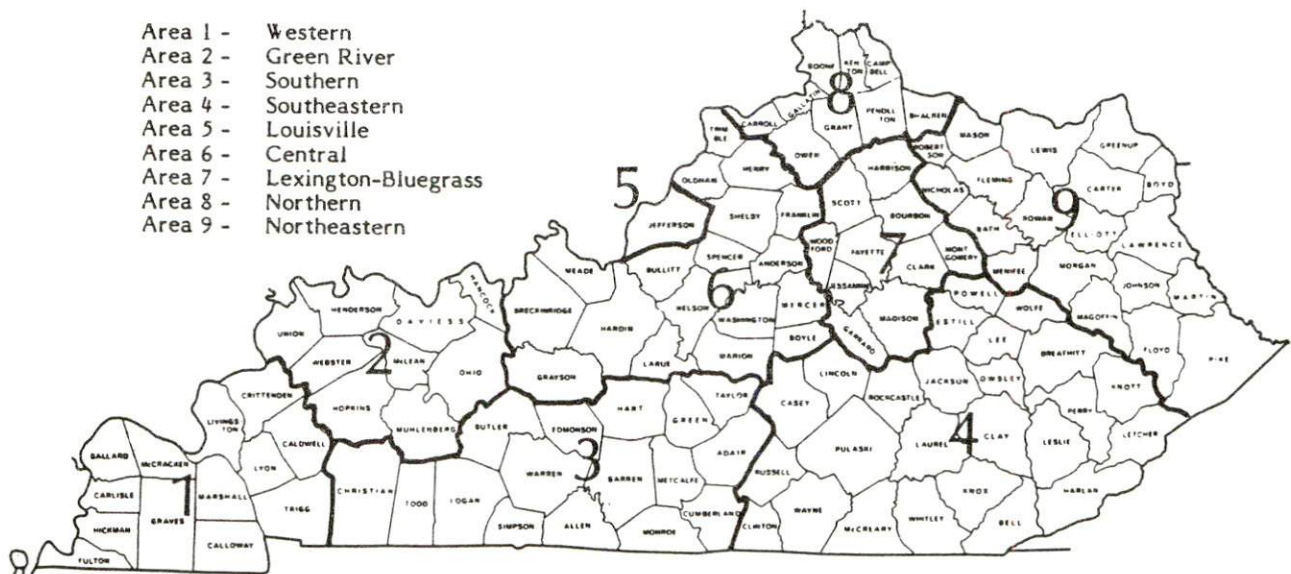
Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes the salaries and wages of all persons working for that type business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1985.



Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by individual industrial employers are 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 are compiled for over 127 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for nine geographical areas 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 Economic Development, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Associated Industries of Kentucky Area Wage Surveys

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

### LETCHER COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT				
<u>Firm (Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<b>Jenkins</b>				
Adams Concrete Company (1971)	Concrete block	10	10	0
Adams Stone Corporation (1959)	Agricultural lime, bituminous concrete	110	--	--
<b>Whitesburg</b>				
Coca Cola Bottling Works (1918)	Soft drinks	27	24	3
Fairchild International, Inc. (1983)	Machine shop, mining machinery and equipment	25	--	--
Home Lumber Company (1920)	Lumber, ready-mixed concrete	8	5	3
Royal Crown Bottling Company, Inc. (1949)	Beverage bottling	20	17	3

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Development, 1986 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers; Division of Research and Planning.

### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are presently no unions representing manufacturing workers in Whitesburg.

## SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Whitesburg</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Manchester, Kentucky	71
Electric Motor Repair	Regina, Kentucky	39
	Harlan, Kentucky	46
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Winchester, Kentucky	133
Heat Treating Facilities	Morristown, Tennessee	126
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Lexington, Kentucky	152
	Ashland, Kentucky	158
Industrial Gases	London, Kentucky	81
	Prestonsburg, Kentucky	90
Industrial Waste Removal	Lexington, Kentucky	152
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Harlan, Kentucky	46
Metal Finishers	Lexington, Kentucky	152
	Richmond, Kentucky	154
Metal Service Centers	Pikeville, Kentucky	49
Millwrights	Lexington, Kentucky	152
Public Warehouse Facilities	Lexington, Kentucky	152

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1985; Division of Research and Planning.



## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Line serving **Whitesburg** - CSX Transportation

Services - Main line, freights stop on as needed basis; switching services; team track space for eight cars; siding space for twelve cars; the nearest piggyback facilities are located at Kingsport, Tennessee, 104 miles southeast of Whitesburg

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

Manager of Industrial Development  
CSX Transportation  
P.O. Box 2157  
Louisville, Kentucky 40201  
(502) 587-5228

### Highways

Whitesburg is served directly by U.S. Highway 119 and Kentucky Route 15, both "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. A small section of Kentucky Route 15 north of Whitesburg has a "AA" (62,000-pound gross load limit) rating. The Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is located thirty-five miles north of Whitesburg via Kentucky Route 15. Interstate 75 is located ninety-two miles east of Whitesburg via Kentucky Route 15 and the Daniel Boone Parkway.

### Truck Service

ARA/Smith's\*  
Bestway Express, Inc.\*\*  
Consolidated Motor Express,  
Inc.\*\*

Hazard Express, Inc.\*\*  
Manning Motor Express, Inc.\*\*  
Overnite Transportation  
Company\*\*

\* Interstate service only.

\*\* Interstate and intrastate service.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1986.

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time TL	City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	383	1	Los Angeles, Ca.	2,332	5
Baltimore, Md.	590	2	Louisville, Ky.	224	1
Birmingham, Ala.	444	1	Nashville, Tenn.	295	1
Chicago, Ill.	504	1	New Orleans, La.	786	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	230	1	New York, N. Y.	762	-
Cleveland, Ohio	452	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	422	2
Detroit, Mich.	489	1	St. Louis, Mo.	487	1
Knoxville, Tenn.	190	1			

Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

Sources: Rand McNally Road Atlas, 1979. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.  
Delivery time - Overnite Transportation, 1020 Whipple Court, Lexington, Kentucky.

**Air**

Local

	Lonesome Pine Airport*
Location:	Wise, Virginia, 29 miles south of Whitesburg
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	4,702 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Unicom, rotating beacon
Lighting:	Sunset to sunrise
Services:	100LL and Jet-A fuel; minor A & E repairs; hangar, tie downs; flight instruction; car rentals

(Continued)

\* The Lonesome Pine Airport is currently extending its runway to 5,400 feet. The completion is scheduled for early 1987.

### Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Tri-City Airport 13 miles southwest of Bristol, Tennessee; 106 miles southeast of Whitesburg
Runways:	2 paved
Length:	6,600 feet and 4,441 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Tower
Lighting:	Beacon, runway
Services:	Piedmont, USAir, Atlantic Southeast, Tennessee Airways, Eastern Metro Express, Henson Aviation, American Eagle; fuel - 80, 100LL, jet-A; hangars, tie-downs; major A & P repairs, major Avionics repairs; charter, flight instruction, plane rental; car rental, limousine, taxi; weather information; restaurant
Air Freight	
Service:	Air freight terminal

### **Air Express Service**

Several major companies offer air express services in Kentucky. These companies provide a quick means of shipping small to medium-sized packages expeditiously.



## **POWER AND FUEL**

### **Electricity**

Company serving **Whitesburg and the northern portion of Letcher County** -

Kentucky Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company

1701 Central Avenue

P.O. Box 1428

Ashland, Kentucky 41101

(606) 329-2220

Company serving **the southern portion of Letcher County** - Cumberland Valley

Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division

East Kentucky Power Cooperative

P.O. Box 707

Winchester, Kentucky 40391

(606) 744-4812

and/or

Cumberland Valley RECC

Highway 25E

Gray, Kentucky 40734

### **Natural Gas**

Natural gas service is not available in Whitesburg at the present time.

## Other Fuels

### Propane (Within 35 miles)

Buckeye Gas Products  
530 Kentucky Avenue  
Norton, Virginia 24273

Harlan LP Gas Company, Inc.  
Route 1, Box 386  
Baxter, Kentucky 40806

### Fuel oils

#### Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Oil Company  
P. O. Box 767  
Highway 15  
Whitesburg, Kentucky 48858

Childers Oil Company  
Jenkins Road  
Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858

J. D. Larkey & Sons  
Chevron Oil Company  
Box 338  
Neon, Kentucky 41840

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available in Kentucky.

## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Public Water Supply

Company serving **Whitesburg** - Whitesburg Municipal Waterworks\*  
112 North Webb Avenue  
Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858  
(606) 633-2737

Source - North Fork of the Kentucky River  
Treatment plant capacity - 720,000 gallons per day  
Average daily consumption - 250,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 306,000 gallons  
Treatment processes - Aeration, coagulation, sedimentation, chlorination,  
rapid mix, flocculation, filtration, fluoridation  
Storage capacity - 744,000 gallons (including clear wells)  
Size lines - 2 to 8 inches  
Water pressure - 48 to 68 psi

#### MONTHLY WATER RATES

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.00 (Minimum)
Next	2,000 gallons	2.00 per M gallons
Next	2,000 gallons	1.85 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.65 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	1.35 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	1.20 per M gallons
All over	101,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$100

### Sewerage

Company serving **Whitesburg** - Whitesburg Municipal Waterworks\*\*  
112 North Webb Avenue  
Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858  
(606) 633-2737

Design capacity - 500,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 235,000 gallons  
Type of treatment - Primary and secondary  
Treatment processes - Chlorination, aerobic digester, sludge drying beds  
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of the Kentucky River  
Size of sanitary mains - 4 to 15 inches  
Size of storm mains - 24 and 36 inches  
Monthly rates - 75% of monthly water bill  
Tap-on charge: \$100

\* Whitesburg Municipal Waterworks recently installed 1,600 feet of water line at Ermine. There are plans to install 3,400 feet at Watt Long Branch and 2,300 feet at Solomon Branch.

\*\* The Whitesburg Municipal Waterworks recently installed six additional lift stations within the sewerage system.



## CLIMATE

### Letcher County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.90 degrees
Average annual 1985	55.20 degrees
Record highest, July 1952 (40-year record)	102.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (40-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,356
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	41.24 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	16.10 inches
Total precipitation 1985	35.23 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(40-year record)	133.40
Mean number days thunderstorms (42-year record)	43.60

#### Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

Northeast

#### Relative Humidity (24-year record)

1 a.m.	80 percent
7 a.m.	85 percent
1 p.m.	57 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1985. Station of record: Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Structure**

Whitesburg is served by a mayor and six council members. Letcher County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates.

### **Planning and Zoning**

City agency - City of Whitesburg Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Yes

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

### **Local Fees and Licenses**

The city of Whitesburg levies a business license fee that ranges from \$3.75 to \$750 annually.

A 3 percent tax is levied on utilities receipts for schools in the Jenkins Independent School System. Tax is paid by all consumers of utilities as an add-on to the utilities bills. Exempted are receipts from utilities services that are resold and the receipts from the sale of energy or energy producing fuels that exceed 3 percent of the cost of production in manufacturing, processing, mining or refining.

## State and Local Property Taxes

All property in Kentucky, except items exempted by the state constitution, is taxed by the state. Property which also may be taxed by local jurisdictions includes land and buildings, finished goods inventories, automobiles, trucks, office furniture and office equipment. Local taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky include counties, cities, and school districts.

All property in Kentucky is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

### COMBINED STATE AND LOCAL RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1985

	<u>Whitesburg</u>	<u>Unincorporated Letcher County</u>
Land and Buildings	\$ 1.043	\$ 0.703
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	0.150
Inventories		
Raw materials	0.001*	0.001*
Goods in Process	0.001*	0.001*
Finished Goods	0.863*	0.523*
Automobiles and Trucks	1.283	0.943
Other Tangible Personal Property	1.312	0.972
Intangibles (Accounts receivable, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250**	0.250**
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit Status	0.001*	0.001*
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015

\* Includes 1986 state rate.

\*\* Accounts receivable are taxed at 85 percent of face value, for an effective rate of \$0.2125 per \$100 valuation.



## Safety

### Police

#### Whitesburg

#### Letcher County

Total staff

5

3 full-time

Radio-patrol cars

4

10 auxiliary  
3

### Fire\*

Insurance Services Office,  
Public Protection  
Classification

7/9

\*\*

Full-time staff

4

Volunteers

18

Approximately 130

### Rescue Service

Letcher County Fire and Rescue Squad  
Neon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad

## Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse collection and disposal is provided to Whitesburg by the City of Whitesburg. Service to Letcher County must be arranged through private contractors.

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\*\* Letcher County is served by seven volunteer fire departments with insurance ratings ranging from 7 to 10.

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools\*

#### Letcher County

Total Enrollment (Spring 1986)	5,299
Kindergarten	364
Elementary	3,247
Middle School	293
High School	1,395
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1984-85)	23-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1984-85)	34.0
Expenditures Per Pupil (1984-85)	\$1,548.78

\* Jenkins Independent School System, located in Jenkins, Kentucky, 15 miles east of Whitesburg, has an enrollment of 980 students.

## Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1985)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (24)	822	Associate
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, Kentucky (28)	546	Baccalaureate
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (34)	607	Associate
Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia	Wise, Virginia (37)	1,266	Baccalaureate
Pikeville College	Pikeville, Kentucky (49)	600	Baccalaureate*
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg, Kentucky (61)	1,343	Associate
Lees College	Jackson, Kentucky (63)	398	Associate
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (90)	403	Associate
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky (97)	910	Masters, Specialist

\* Courses in masters degree programs are taught on the Pikeville campus by faculty members of Pikeville College and Morehead State University. The degrees are issued by Morehead State University.



## Vocational Training

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is the primary source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

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.

### Nearest State School

Hazard State Vocational-Technical School  
Hazard, 34 miles distant

Business & Office  
Clerical  
Stenographic-Secretarial  
Health & Personal Services Occupations  
Cosmetology  
Licensed Practical Nursing  
Industrial Education  
Air Conditioning, Heating &  
Refrigeration  
Auto Body Repair  
Auto Mechanics  
Carpentry-Building Trades  
Coal Mining Operations  
Drafting (with CAD/CAM)

Heavy Equipment Maintenance &  
Repair (Diesel Mechanics)  
Heavy Equipment Operating  
Engineer  
Highway Technology  
Industrial Electricity  
Industrial Electronics  
Machine Shop  
Mine Maintenance Mechanic  
Welding  
Computer Laboratory  
Learning Resource Center  
Computer Aided Instruction

(Continued)

Nearest Area Education Center

Letcher County Area Vocational Education Center  
Whitesburg

Business & Office

Clerical

Secretarial

Health Careers

Industrial

Auto Body & Fender Repair

Carpentry

Diesel Mechanics

Drafting

Electricity

Mine Mechanics and

Maintenance Technology

Welding

Practical Nursing

## HEALTH

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 22  
Dentists - 4

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital*	Whitesburg	71
Medical staff - Twenty-three doctors, forty-nine registered nurses, and thirty-one licensed practical nurses		

### Other Medical Facilities

Daniel Boone Clinic  
Letcher County Health Department  
Mountain Comprehensive Health Corporation

### Ambulance Service

Name - P & B Ambulance Service  
Staff - 5 emergency medical technicians

\* The Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital recently constructed a new emergency room and outpatient clinic.



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Communications

Telephone -	South Central Bell Telephone Company
Telegraph -	Western Union Toll-free number, 1-800-325-6000
Newspaper - Weekly and circulation -	The Mountain Eagle - 6,732; Letcher County Community Press - 3,100
Radio -	WTCW-AM, WXXQ-FM
Television - Airwave reception from -	Hazard, Kentucky; Charleston and Huntington, West Virginia; Bristol, Johnson City and Kingsport, Tennessee
Cable service - Educational television -	Century Cable T.V.  The Kentucky Educational Television (K.E.T.) network is available statewide

### Library Services

Public library - Letcher County Public Library\*  
Size collection - 101,065 volumes  
Circulation, 1984-85 - 126,990

### Religious Institutions

Denominations -	Baptist Church of God Methodist Presbyterian
Nearest Synagogues -	Lexington, Kentucky, 152 miles northwest Huntington, West Virginia, 159 miles northeast
Congregations -	Adath Israel (reform) Ohavey Zion (traditional) B'nai Shalom (conservative and reform)

\* Includes branch libraries at Jenkins, Neon, and Whitesburg, Kentucky.

## Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
The Bank of Whitesburg	\$111,053,039.37	\$97,828,874.53	6/30/86
First Security Bank and Trust Company	64,486,192.51	56,705,629.78	6/30/86

## Hotels and Motels

### Letcher County

Total number -	2
Total rooms -	60

## RECREATION

### Local

Whitesburg maintains a public park which includes a swimming pool, four tennis courts, two playgrounds, a baseball diamond, and a football field. Private recreational facilities include a movie theatre, a country club, a golf course, a swimming pool, a skating rink, and two drive-in theaters.

Jefferson National Forest, which lies in Kentucky and Virginia, is located approximately 5 miles east of Whitesburg. Hunting, fishing, and camping are permitted.

Pine Mountain Wildlife Management Area, located 17 miles south of Whitesburg in Letcher County, offers 5,018 acres of mountainous forest area for hiking and picnicking.

Carr Fork Lake, located about 20 miles north of Whitesburg, is a 710-acre flood control lake which provides excellent recreational facilities. Easy access to the lake area is by Kentucky Highways 15 and 160. A beach area with ample parking and a bathhouse is available. The lake also provides boating, productive fishing and a camping area with hookups and primitive campsites.

The Lilley Cornett Woods is located in Letcher County, approximately 30 miles east of Whitesburg. Guided tours are offered from April to October in the 554 acres of woodland.

### Area (Within 60 miles)

**Kingdom Come State Park**, located 26 miles southeast of Whitesburg near Cumberland, Kentucky, contains 961 beautiful mountain acres. It is named for John Fox, Jr.'s, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come", which was written in 1903 and was the first U.S. novel to sell one million copies. Features include a three-acre fishing lake, a picnic area, a hiking trail, a playground, and Raven Rock, a fascinating stone formation with a large cave opening at the base. The park is located on the midway point of the Little Shepherd Trail, a hiking and driving trail which follows Pine Mountain from Harlan to Whitesburg.

**Breaks Interstate Park**, 35 miles east of Whitesburg, encompasses 3,910 acres and is the site of the largest canyon east of the Mississippi River. Park facilities include a lodge, restaurant, housekeeping cottages, tent and trailer campsites, picnic areas, playgrounds, hiking trails, horseback riding, fishing, fishing boat rentals, community pool, visitor's center, and a gift shop.

**Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park**, 57 miles northwest of Whitesburg 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.



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent

Whitesburg Municipal Waterworks recently installed 1,600 feet of water line at Ermine. There are plans to install 3,400 feet at Watt Long Branch and 2,300 feet at Solomon Branch.

The Whitesburg Municipal Waterworks recently installed six additional lift stations within the sewerage system.

The Jenkins Independent School System recently completed the addition of a computer lab at the high school.

The Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital recently finished construction of a new emergency room and outpatient clinic.

### Under Way

The Letcher County School System has several major projects which are under way. They include: construction of a new middle school in Whitesburg; addition to and renovation of the Whitesburg High School; and a classroom addition at Martha Jane Potter School.

### Planned

The Letcher County School System has plans to construct a new lunch room at the Fleming-Neon Elementary; a six-room addition at Letcher Elementary; and an Industrial Arts building at Fleming-Neon High School.

There are plans to rebuild the county recreational park. The \$50,000 project is scheduled for October 1986.

The city of Whitesburg plans to build a new city hall.

The Jenkins Independent School System has plans for a \$600,000 addition to the Burdine Elementary School.