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# INDUSTRIAL INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

## MT. VERNON

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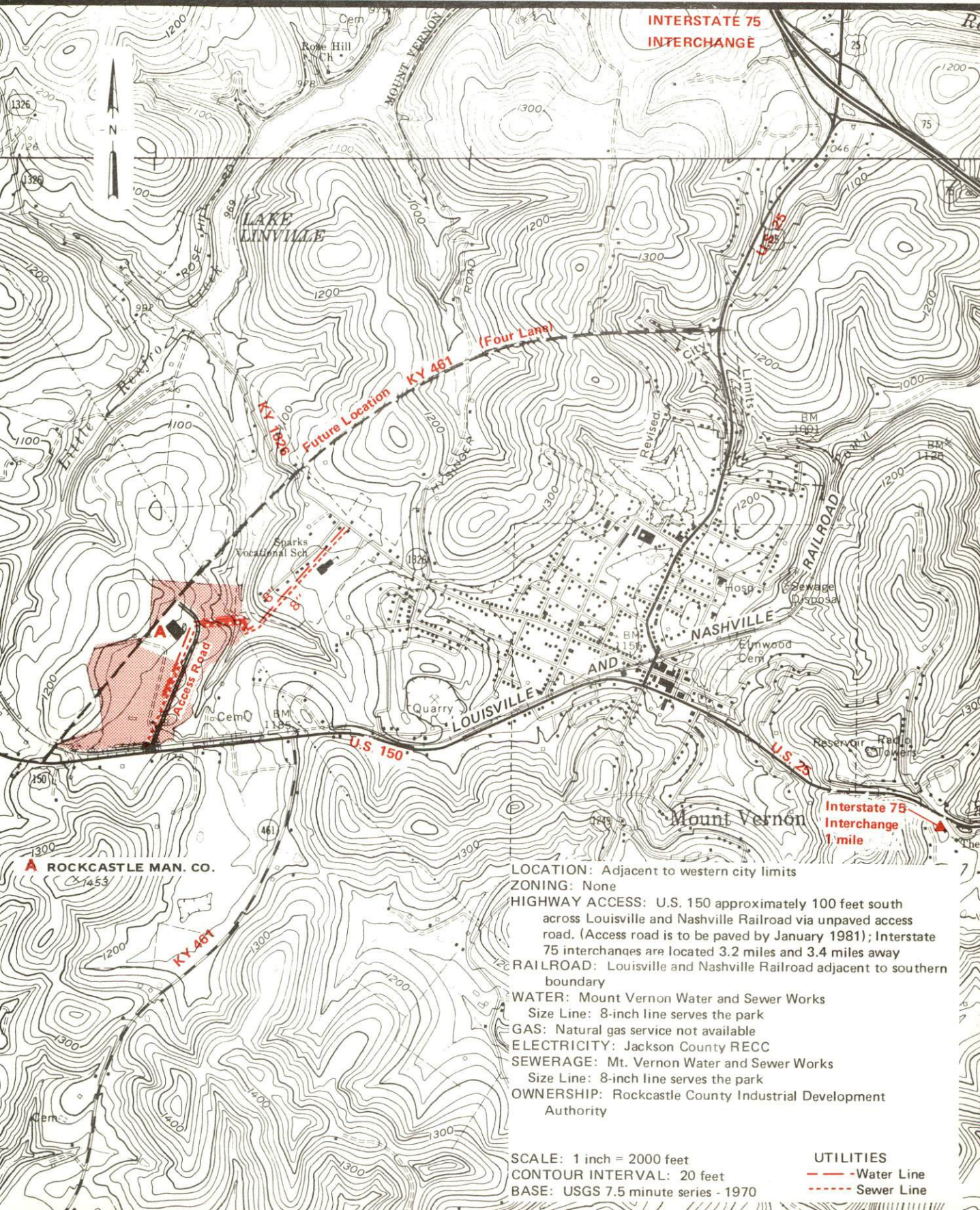


DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



# MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY --- SITE NO. 180 --- 76.5 ACRES

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**ROCKCASTLE MAN. CO.**  
 1453

**LOCATION:** Adjacent to western city limits  
**ZONING:** None  
**HIGHWAY ACCESS:** U.S. 150 approximately 100 feet south across Louisville and Nashville Railroad via unpaved access road. (Access road is to be paved by January 1981); Interstate 75 interchanges are located 3.2 miles and 3.4 miles away  
**RAILROAD:** Louisville and Nashville Railroad adjacent to southern boundary  
**WATER:** Mount Vernon Water and Sewer Works  
 Size Line: 8-inch line serves the park  
**GAS:** Natural gas service not available  
**ELECTRICITY:** Jackson County RECC  
**SEWERAGE:** Mt. Vernon Water and Sewer Works  
 Size Line: 8-inch line serves the park  
**OWNERSHIP:** Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority

**SCALE:** 1 inch = 2000 feet  
**CONTOUR INTERVAL:** 20 feet  
**BASE:** USGS 7.5 minute series - 1970



INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

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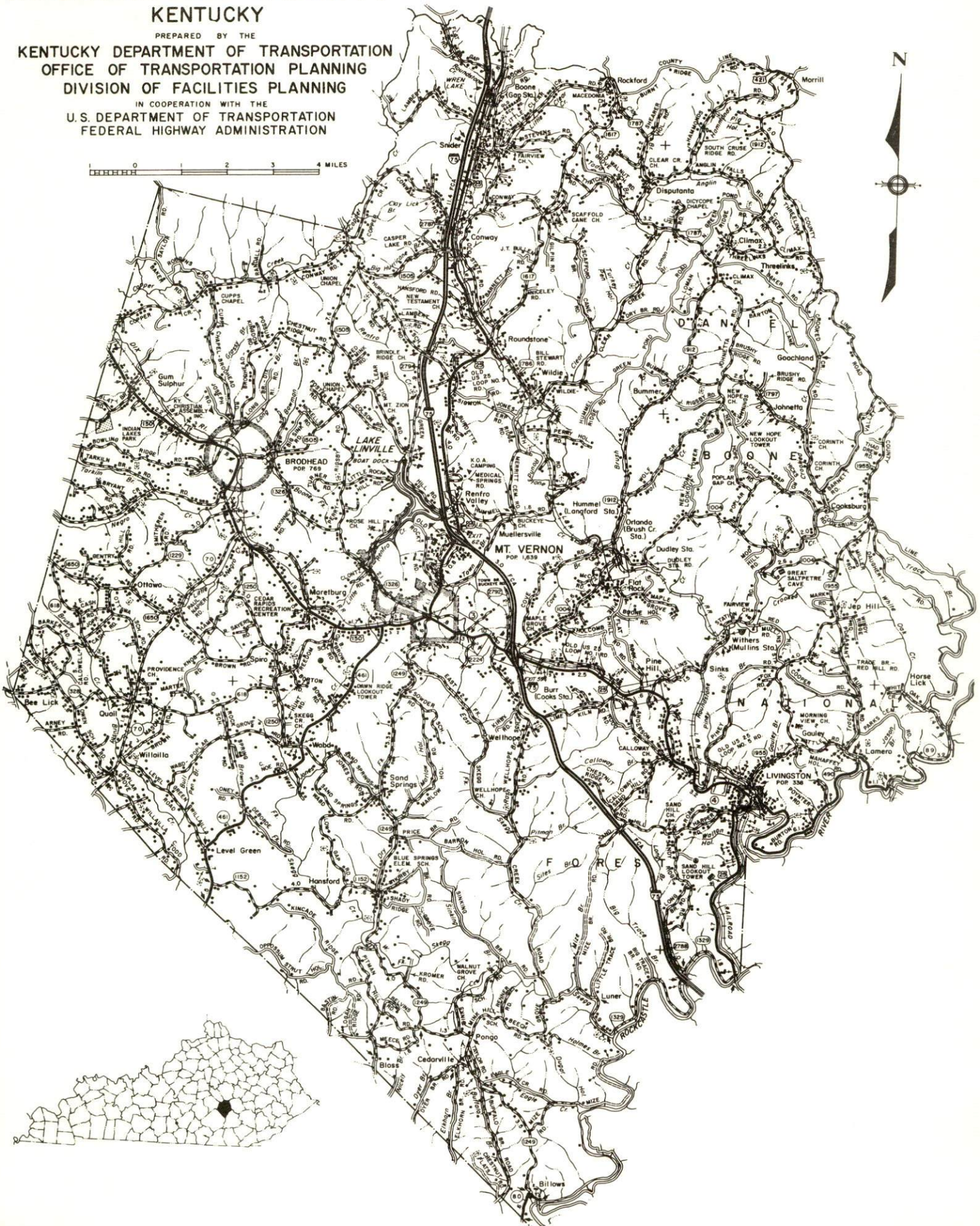
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP

# ROCKCASTLE COUNTY KENTUCKY

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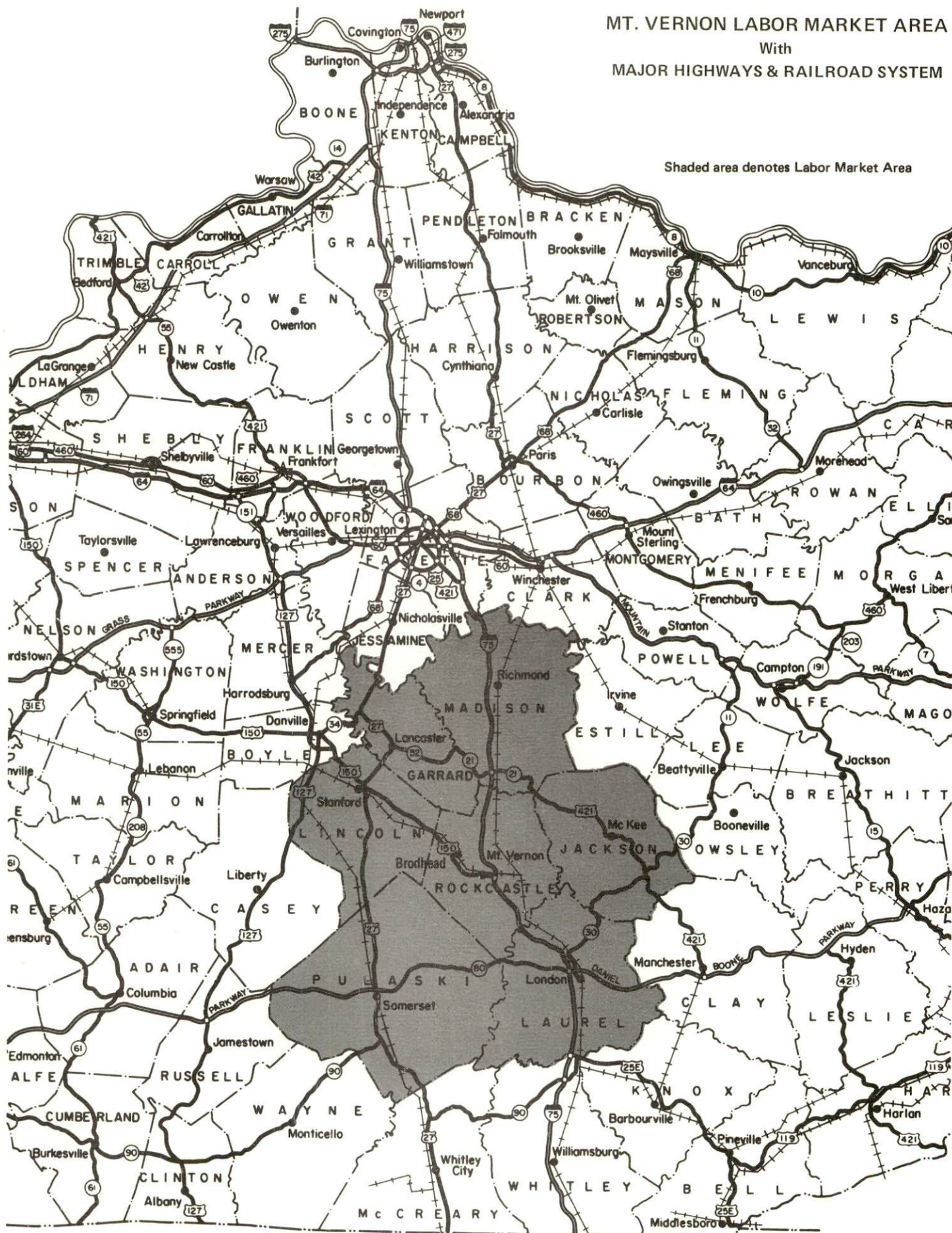




# MT. VERNON LABOR MARKET AREA

With  
MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

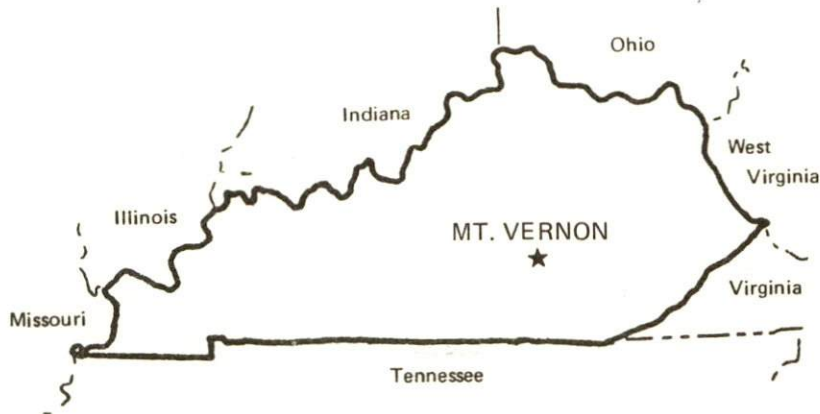
Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area





# SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

## LOCATION



## Road Distance in Miles:

Atlanta	<u>311</u>	Baltimore	<u>595</u>
Chicago	<u>406</u>	Detroit	<u>391</u>
New York	<u>757</u>	St. Louis	<u>389</u>

## POPULATION

City of Mt. Vernon, 1978	<u>1,734</u>
Rockcastle County, 1978	<u>13,400</u>
Labor Market Area, 1978	<u>180,500</u>
% Nonwhite, Rockcastle County, 1978	<u>0.1</u>

## LABOR ANALYSIS

Labor Market Area - Rockcastle, Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Lincoln, Madison and Pulaski counties

Estimated available workers from labor market area, 1978:

Male	<u>7,308</u>	Female	<u>6,640</u>
Unemployment rate, 1979		Labor Market Area	<u>6.0%</u>
Rockcastle County	<u>7.7%</u>	Lincoln County	<u>9.4%</u>
Garrard County	<u>6.0%</u>	Madison County	<u>4.1%</u>
Jackson County	<u>10.9%</u>	Pulaski County	<u>6.6%</u>
Laurel County	<u>5.8%</u>		

Total employment, Rockcastle County, 1979 - 5,443  
Manufacturing employment in labor market area, 1979 - 14,171

Local manufacturing plants:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Employment</u>
<u>Mt. Vernon</u>	
<u>The Kentucky Stone Company</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>The Mt. Vernon Signal</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Rockcastle Manufacturing Company</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Stewart Fertilizer Service, Inc.</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Brodhead</u>	
<u>Raymond Asher Sawmill</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Farmers Feed and Supply</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Renfro Valley</u>	
<u>Renfro Valley Folks, Inc.</u>	<u>3</u>

Labor unions in local manufacturing plants:

Steelworkers

INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Miles Distant</u>
Tool & Die, Machine & Pattern Shops	<u>Lancaster;</u>	<u>27;</u>
	<u>Richmond</u>	<u>30</u>
Metal Service Centers	<u>Lexington</u>	<u>56</u>
Heat Treating	<u>Richmond</u>	<u>30</u>
Metal Finishers	<u>Richmond</u>	<u>30</u>
Electric Motor Repair	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>26</u>

TRANSPORTATION

Rail:

Railroad - Louisville & Nashville Railroad  
L & N piggyback service - Frankfort; Distance - 80 miles  
Southern Railway piggyback service - Danville; Distance - 36 miles

Highways:

Interstate - I-75  
Parkways - Daniel Boone Parkway, 22 miles southeast; Cumberland Parkway, 26 miles southwest  
U.S. Highways - U.S. 25 and U.S. 150



Truck:

Number of interstate motor carriers - 5; Local terminals - 0

Air:

Nearest scheduled airline service - Blue Grass Field, 4 1/2 miles west of Lexington; Distance - 58 miles; Airlines serving - Delta, Frontier, Piedmont, and USAir airlines; Tennessee Airways commuter air carriers

Water:

Nearest navigable river - Kentucky River

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity:

Local distributor - Kentucky Utilities Company  
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Natural Gas:

Natural gas service is not available in Rockcastle County.

Other Fuels:

Number of area propane distributors - 3  
Number of area distillate fuel oil distributors - 7

Water, treated:

Local supplier - Municipal  
Excess municipal system capacity - 667,000 gpd  
Storage capacity - 694,000 gallons

Water, raw:

Sources - Rockcastle River, Dix River

Sewer:

Excess treatment capacity - 100,000 gpd

CLIMATE

Temperature, Normal - 55.2 degees F.  
Precipitation, Normal - 44.49 inches  
Snowfall, Mean Annual - 16.7 inches  
Prevailing winds - South  
Relative humidity (%) - 7 a.m. 81; 7 p.m. 64

### GOVERNMENT

Type - Mayor/City Council

Police personnel - full-time - 4

Fire department personnel - volunteer - 18

Fire insurance rating (A.I.A.), class - Inside city - 8  
Outside city - 10

### TAXES

#### Property taxes:

Combined state and local rates per \$100 valuation, 1979  
(100% assessment)

	<u>Inside City of Mt. Vernon</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$0.7775	\$0.5775
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.1500	0.1500
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	0.9485	0.7485
4. Intangibles (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.2500	0.2500
5. Leaseholds in I. R. bond financed plants	0.0150	0.0150

### EDUCATION

Nearest state vocational-technical school - London, 22 miles distant

Area vocational education center - Mt. Vernon

Nearest college or university - Berea College at Berea, 17 miles distant

#### Public Schools:

High school enrollment - 930; Student/teacher ratio - 23-1

Elementary school enrollment - 2,285; Student/teacher ratio - 21-1

### MEDICAL

Number of physicians locally - 7; Number of dentists locally - 5

Hospital - Rockcastle County Hospital, Inc.;

Number of beds - 26 acute; 32 skilled nursing



### COMMUNICATIONS

Local newspaper - Mt. Vernon Signal - Weekly

Local radio station - WRVK

Television reception - Cable service

### RELIGIOUS FACILITIES

Churches - 13; Nearest synagogues - Lexington, 56 miles distant

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks - 1; Total assets - \$30,099,151.69

### PUBLIC LODGING

Total number hotels and motels - 22; Total rooms - 350

### RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Parks; Tennis courts; Baseball fields; Football field; Basketball courts; Volleyball courts; Playgrounds; Picnic areas; Country club with golf course, swimming pool and tennis courts

Other major facilities - Lake, camping, fishing, world-famous country music show

Nearest state park - Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park

Camping; Swimming; Hiking trails; Picnicking

# THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION			
Area	1978*	1970	Percent Nonwhite**
Mt. Vernon	1,734**	1,639	0.0
Labor Market Area	180,500	153,780	N/A
Rockcastle County	13,400	12,305	0.1
Garrard County	10,100	9,457	7.8
Jackson County	10,600	10,005	0.2
Laurel County	35,200	27,386	0.9
Lincoln County	18,300	16,663	5.4
Madison County	49,500	42,730	6.7
Pulaski County	43,400	35,234	1.5

\*Provisional Estimates.

\*\*1978 Population Estimates; 1970 Percent Nonwhite for city; 1978 Percent Nonwhite for counties.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-26, No. 78-17, August 1979. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, April 30, 1980. University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, Population Research Unit, "Kentucky's Population Disaggregations of 1978 Estimates," January 1980.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1979		
	Rockcastle County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	5,898	86,474
Employment	5,443	81,243
Agricultural	355	5,996
Nonagricultural	5,088	75,247
Unemployment	455	5,231
Rate of Unemployment (%)	7.7	6.0

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1979.



ROCKCASTLE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Organized</u>
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
<u>Mt. Vernon</u>					
The Kentucky Stone Company (1936)	Agricultural lime, crushed stone	26	25	1	*
The Mt. Vernon Signal (1887)	Newspaper, job printing	5	2	3	
Rockcastle Manufacturing Company (1979)	Men's uniforms	70	8	62	
Stewart Fertilizer Service, Inc. (1962)	Fertilizer	11	10	1	
<u>Brodhead</u>					
Raymond Asher Sawmill (1962)	Lumber, barn patterns, crossties, fencing	2	2	0	
Farmers Feed and Supply (1959)	Feed, fertilizer	2	2	0	
<u>Renfro Valley</u>					
Renfro Valley Folks, Inc. (1937)	Newspaper	3	0	3	

\*See Labor Organizations below.

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce, Division of Research and Planning.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing manufacturing workers at:</u>
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	The Kentucky Stone Company

# INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Mt. Vernon</u>
Tool & Die, Machine & Pattern Shops	Lancaster; Richmond	27; 30
Metal Service Centers	Lexington	56
Heat Treating	Richmond	30
Metal Finishers	Richmond	30
Electric Motor Repair	Somerset	26
<u>Source: Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1979.</u>		



ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY  
MT. VERNON LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Future	
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under-employed	Reaching 18 years of age before 1986
Labor Market Area	7,308	1,183	2,295	3,830	7,216
Rockcastle	487	90	187	210	693
Garrard	382	72	140	170	409
Jackson	426	77	189	160	495
Laurel	1,175	235	460	480	1,432
Lincoln	780	130	310	340	799
Madison	2,683	276	507	1,900	1,747
Pulaski	1,375	303	502	570	1,641

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1978. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply Before 1986.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY  
MT. VERNON LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Future	
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under-employed	Reaching 18 years of age before 1986
Labor Market Area	6,640	500	2,450	3,690	6,824
Rockcastle	425	37	198	190	620
Garrard	358	30	148	180	424
Jackson	375	30	195	150	500
Laurel	1,030	100	490	440	1,348
Lincoln	647	55	332	260	755
Madison	2,508	119	549	1,840	1,636
Pulaski	1,297	129	538	630	1,541

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1978. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply Before 1986.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY,  
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1979

	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Garrard County</u>	<u>Jackson County</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
All Industries	\$144.72	\$154.25	\$169.25	\$205.55
Mining & Quarrying	229.16	*	*	306.27
Contract Construction	129.13	175.80	164.73	307.69
Manufacturing	147.31	173.03	131.48	201.73
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	193.69	215.10	222.37	249.71
Wholesale & Retail Trade	116.04	110.66	123.13	174.12
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	176.73	164.84	*	196.82
Services	157.58	152.05	175.70	176.64
Other	*	*	*	145.39

	<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Madison County</u>	<u>Pulaski County</u>
All Industries	\$174.45	\$182.34	\$193.74
Mining & Quarrying	*	*	298.95
Contract Construction	170.67	199.52	163.58
Manufacturing	158.93	219.28	220.17
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	238.25	211.26	261.14
Wholesale & Retail Trade	132.53	131.66	148.68
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	178.73	188.57	217.25
Services	180.05	188.83	184.00
Other	90.00	90.09	119.04

\*Not disclosed.

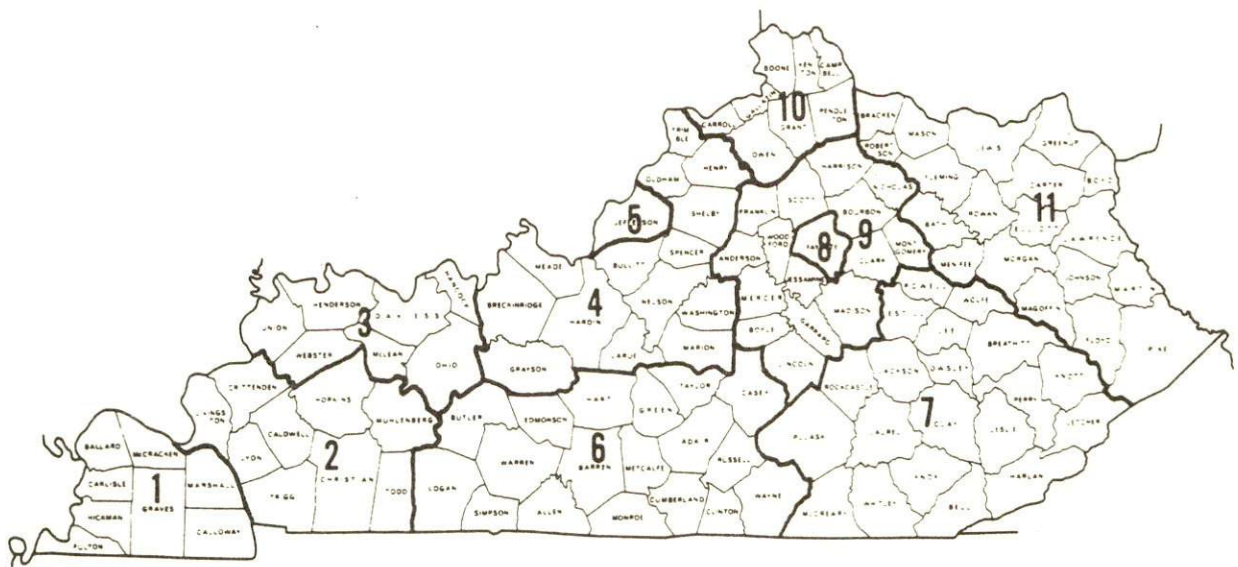
Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers; certain nonprofit corporations; majority of federal government workers; and self-employed workers. Effective January 1, 1979, the Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law extended coverage to include all state and local government agencies (shown in the Services category).

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1979.



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 is 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 is compiled for over 127 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for eleven regions 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 Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Associated Industries of Kentucky Area Wage Surveys

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Rockcastle County	\$3,649	\$2,671	36.6
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$3,649 - 6,099	\$2,585 - 4,684	N/A
Kentucky	6,605	4,524	46.0
U.S.	7,840	5,428	44.4

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis,  
April 1980.



## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Line serving Mt. Vernon - Louisville & Nashville Railroad

Services - Main line; one northbound and one southbound through freight daily with two local freight stops weekly; team track space for four cars; nearest L & N piggyback facilities are available in Frankfort, approximately 80 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon. Piggyback facilities of the Southern Railway are available in Danville, 36 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon.

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

Director of Industrial Development  
Louisville and Nashville Railroad  
908 West Broadway  
Louisville, Kentucky 40201  
(502) 587-5723

### Highways

Mt. Vernon is directly served by Interstate Highway 75, and U.S. Highways 25 and 150. Access to the east-west Cumberland Parkway is only 26 miles southwest at Somerset via Kentucky Highways 461 and 80. Access to another east-west parkway, the Daniel Boone Parkway, is available at London, 22 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon via I-75.

### Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Bronaugh Motor Express, Inc.*	1025 Nandino Boulevard Lexington, Kentucky 40511
Interstate Motor Freight System**	110 Ionia, Northwest Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
McLean Trucking Company**	P. O. Box 213 Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27102
Overnite Transportation Company*	1000 Semmes Avenue P. O. Box 1216 Richmond, Virginia 23209
Smith's Transfer Corporation**	P. O. Box 1000 Staunton, Virginia 24401

\*Interstate and intrastate service.

\*\*Interstate service only.

Other Freight ServicesNearest Shipping Center

Purolator Courier Corporation\*  
 United Parcel Service\*

London, 22 miles southeast  
 London, 22 miles southeast

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM  
 MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery		City	Highway Miles	Delivery	
		Time TL				Time TL	
Atlanta, Ga.	311	2		Los Angeles, Ca.	2,234	6	
Baltimore, Md.	595	3		Louisville, Ky.	131	1	
Birmingham, Ala.	372	2		Nashville, Tenn.	223	1	
Chicago, Ill.	406	2-3		New Orleans, La.	740	3	
Cincinnati, Ohio	135	1		New York, N. Y.	757	3	
Cleveland, Ohio	371	2-3		Pittsburgh, Pa.	397	3	
Detroit, Mich.	391	2-3		St. Louis, Mo.	389	2-3	
Knoxville, Tenn.	118	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, 1979. Delivery time - Bronaugh Motor Express, 1025 Nandino Boulevard, Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

\*For regular scheduled pickups or for occasional pickups, arrangements must be made with the Louisville office of Purolator Courier Corporation or United Parcel Service.



## Air

### Nearest Scheduled Airline Service\*

Location:	Blue Grass Field 4 1/2 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 58 miles north of Mt. Vernon
Runways:	2 paved
Length:	6,500 feet; 3,500 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Tower
Lighting:	Approach lighting system, beacon, runways and obstructions lighted, VASI
Services:	Delta, Frontier, Piedmont, and USAir airlines; Tennessee Airways commuter air carrier; fuel - 24-hour service, 100, and jet fuel; repair service - major A & E repairs, Certified Avionics repair station; National Weather Service; flight instructions; charter service; storage; taxi, limousine and car rentals; restaurant
Air Freight Service:	Air freight terminal

Bus - Greyhound Bus Lines

Taxi - One company, 24-hour service

Rental Services - Nearest automobile rentals are available in Berea, 17 miles north of Mt. Vernon. Nearest truck and trailer rentals are available in London, 22 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon.

## Water

Mt. Vernon is approximately 40 miles from the Kentucky River where a 6-foot navigation channel is maintained.

\*Commuter air carrier service is provided by Air Kentucky at the London-Corbin Airport which is located 3 miles south of London, Kentucky, and 25 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon.

## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

Company serving Mt. Vernon and parts of Rockcastle County -

Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 2,383,767 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department

Kentucky Utilities Company

One Quality Street

Lexington, Kentucky 40507

(606) 255-1461

Company serving the major portion of Rockcastle County - Jackson

County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation\*

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 809,720 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division

East Kentucky Power Cooperative

P. O. Box 707

Winchester, Kentucky 40391

(606) 744-4812

and/or

Jackson County RECC

Highway 421 South

P. O. Box 307

McKee, Kentucky 40447

(606) 287-7161

\*The Rockcastle Multi-County Industrial Park is served by the Jackson County RECC.



### Natural Gas

Natural gas service is not available in Rockcastle County.

### Other Fuels (Within 25 miles of Mt. Vernon)

#### Propane

Ralph Casteel Doxol Gas  
East Bernstadt, Kentucky 40729

Parson's Gas & Appliance Service  
Route 3  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

Lewis LP Gas, Inc.  
Route 11  
London, Kentucky 40741

#### Fuel oils

##### Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Petroleum Company  
Route 6  
London, Kentucky 40741

DeBoard Oil Company  
P. O. Box 305  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

M. L. Beeker Oil Company  
West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

High Speed Oil Company  
Route 6, Box 73  
London, Kentucky 40741

Chevron U.S.A., Inc.  
Williams Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

Ormsby Oil Company  
P. O. Box 430  
London, Kentucky 40741

Curry Oil Company  
South Dixie Highway  
London, Kentucky 40741

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available locally.

## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Water

Company serving Mt. Vernon - Mt. Vernon Water Works\*

P. O. Box 516

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

(606) 256-2879

Source - Lake Linville

Treatment plant capacity - 1,200,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 498,000 gallons\*\*

Peak daily consumption - 533,000 gallons\*\*

Type treatment - Chlorination, flocculation, sedimentation, and filtration

Storage capacity - 694,000 gallons

Size lines - 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 inches

Average pressure - 100 psi

Average temperature - 55 degrees F.

### MONTHLY WATER RATES

#### Inside City Limits

First	2,000 gallons	\$4.50 (Minimum)
Next	8,000 gallons	1.35 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	0.95 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	0.80 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	0.60 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	0.45 per M gallons
All over	200,000 gallons	0.35 per M gallons

#### Outside City Limits

First	2,000 gallons	\$6.00 (Minimum)
Next	8,000 gallons	1.65 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	1.30 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	1.20 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	0.90 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	0.45 per M gallons
All over	200,000 gallons	0.35 per M gallons

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\*A preliminary study is under way to provide recommendations for up-grading the Mt. Vernon Water Works' treatment plant. The Mt. Vernon Water Works serves the Rockcastle Multi-County Industrial Park.

\*\*Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

<u>Minimum Charges</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
3/4-inch meter	\$ 4.50	\$ 6.00
1-inch meter	7.50	11.25
1 1/2-inch meter	14.00	21.00
2-inch meter	23.10	34.65
3-inch meter	45.50	68.25
4-inch meter	70.00	105.00
6-inch meter	138.60	207.90

Cost of any future water customer with usage of 1,500,000 gallons per month will be negotiated at the time.

Tap-on charge: \$ 25.00 inside city  
100.00 outside city

Name of water district - Northern Rockcastle County Water District  
Route 3, Box 117  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456  
(606) 256-4833

Area served - Northern U.S. Highway 25 from Renfro Valley to the Madison County line and Chestnut Ridge

Date when water district began operating - 1973

Source of supply of treated water - Mt. Vernon Water Works

Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 50,000 gallons

Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 58,000 gallons

Storage capacity - 20,000 gallons

Average pressure - 65 psi

Size lines - 3, 4 and 6 inches

Monthly rates -

First	2,000 gallons	\$7.50 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	2.50 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	2.00 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	1.20 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons
All over	100,000 gallons	0.80 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$200



Name of water district - Western Rockcastle County Water  
Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 627

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

(606) 256-5331

Area served - Western portion of Rockcastle County and southeastern  
portion of Lincoln County

Date when water district began operating - 1976

Source of supply of treated water - Mt. Vernon Water Works

Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 74,000 gallons

Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 94,000 gallons

Storage capacity - 325,000 gallons

Size lines - 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 inches

Monthly rates -

5/8-inch meter

First	2,000 gallons	\$ 8.00 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	3.50 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	2.50 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons

3/4-inch meter

First	3,000 gallons	\$11.50 (Minimum)
Next	2,000 gallons	3.50 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	2.50 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons

1-inch meter

First	5,000 gallons	\$18.50 (Minimum)
Next	5,000 gallons	2.50 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons

1 1/2-inch meter

First	10,000 gallons	\$31.00 (Minimum)
Next	40,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons

2-inch meter

First	16,000 gallons	\$38.50 (Minimum)
Next	34,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons

Tap-on charge:

5/8 x 3/4-inch meter	\$250
3/4-inch meter	300
1-inch meter	350
1 1/2-inch meter	500
2-inch meter	750

Surface water sources - Rockcastle River, Dix River  
Average discharge - Dix River near Danville, 466 cfs (37 years, USGS); Rockcastle River at Billows, 941 cfs (43 years, USGS)  
Expected ground water yield - 5 gpm or less over the entire county

#### Sewerage

Company serving Mt. Vernon - Mt. Vernon Water and Sewer Works\*  
P. O. Box 516  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456  
(606) 256-2879  
Design capacity - 200,000 gallons per day  
Average daily flow - 100,000 gallons  
Treatment - Primary and secondary  
Type treatment - Clarification, filtration, sedimentation, digester, drying beds  
Treated effluent discharged into - Town Branch to Renfro Creek  
Size of sanitary mains - 8 inches  
Size of storm mains - 36 inches  
Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill  
Tap-on charge: \$25

\*Step I of the 201 Facilities Plan is nearing completion.

## CLIMATE

### Rockcastle County

#### Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	55.2 degrees
Average annual 1978	53.0 degrees
Record highest, September, 1954 (34-year record)	103.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1963 (34-year record)	-21.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,729
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

#### Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	44.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall (34-year record)	16.70 inches
Total precipitation 1978	57.73 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (34-year record)	131
Mean number days thunderstorms (34-year record)	47

#### Prevailing Winds (17-year record)

South

#### Relative Humidity

1 a.m.	77 percent (14-year record)
7 a.m.	81 percent (15-year record)
1 p.m.	60 percent (15-year record)
7 p.m.	64 percent (15-year record)

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science  
Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1978.  
Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 council members - 2-year terms  
Budget 1979-80 - General Fund \$ 69,000  
                                    Water and Sewer Fund 243,270  
Fees and licenses - Occupational license fees range from \$5 to \$75  
per year; manufacturer or industry with less than 25 employees -  
\$25 per year

### County

Structure - County Judge/Executive - 4-year term;  
5 magistrates - 4-year terms  
Budget 1979-80 - General Fund \$159,040; Road Fund \$64,939

### Assessed Value of Property, 1979

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Mt. Vernon</u>	<u>Rockcastle County</u>
Real Estate and Tangibles	\$18,171,814	
Real Estate		\$63,728,945
Tangibles		21,238,560

### Property Taxes

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

Land and buildings are taxed by the state and may be taxed by local jurisdictions. The state rate is \$0.279 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories, pollution control equipment, and goods in the process of manufacture are not subject to local taxation. The state rate is \$0.15 per \$100.

Other tangible personal property owned by manufacturers (automobiles, trucks, finished goods, office furniture, office equipment) is taxed by the state at \$0.45 per \$100 and may be taxed by local jurisdictions.

Property stored in public warehouses in a transit status is not subject to local taxation. The state rate is only \$0.015 per \$100.

Intangible personal property located in Kentucky (money in hand, shares of stock, notes, bonds, accounts receivable, and other credits) is taxed by the state at \$0.25 per \$100, and is not subject to local taxation.

Private leaseholds in industrial facilities owned by cities or counties and financed by industrial revenue bonds are subject to a state tax of \$0.015 per \$100 of value (essentially the lessee's equity, adjusted for appreciation or depreciation). Local taxation is not permitted.

Combined State and Local Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1979\*  
(100% assessment)

	<u>Inside City of Mt. Vernon</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$0.7775	\$0.5775
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.1500	0.1500
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	0.9485	0.7485
4. Intangibles (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.2500	0.2500
5. Leaseholds in I. R. bond financed plants	0.0150	0.0150

Planning and Zoning

There is no planning and zoning commission in Rockcastle County at the present time.

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, National Fire Protection Association Standards of Safety (for buildings with an occupancy of less than 100 persons), Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code and applying to buildings with an occupancy of 100 or more persons)

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Mt. Vernon</u>	<u>Rockcastle County</u>
Total staff	4	4
Radio-patrol cars	4	1
<u>Fire</u>		
American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8	10
Volunteers	18	

\*Kentucky Department of Commerce.

### Rescue Service

Tri-City and Rockcastle County Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 10 active, 8 inactive

Equipment - 1 van, 1 jeep, 1 1/4 ton jeep truck, 1 6 x 6 vehicle,  
3 boats, dragging equipment, personnel carrier, 2 power generators,  
1 port-a-power, rappelling gear, and oxygen

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

Rockcastle County provides a free sanitation service to residents of Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County. Refuse may be disposed of at collection points which are located throughout the county. The county provides pick-up service at these points with disposal at a sanitary landfill.



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

### Rockcastle County

Total Enrollment (February 1980)	3,215
Elementary	2,285
High School	930
Student-Teacher Ratio	21-1
Elementary	21-1
High School	23-1
Percent High School Graduates to College	34.8
Expenditures Per Pupil (1978-79)	\$936.28
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1979	\$2,985,000*

\*Includes refunding issue of \$1,490,000.

## Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1979)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Berea College	Berea (17)	1,434	Baccalaureate
Sue Bennett College	London (22)	250	Associate
Somerset Community College	Somerset (26)	894	Associate
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (30)	13,668	Masters, Specialist*
Centre College	Danville (36)	766	Baccalaureate
Union College	Barbourville (49)	894	Masters, Specialist
Cumberland College	Williamsburg (49)	2,073	Baccalaureate
Asbury College	Wilmore (55)	1,248	Baccalaureate
Lexington Technical Institute	Lexington (56)	2,074	Associate
Transylvania University	Lexington (56)	810	Masters**
University of Kentucky	Lexington (56)	22,899	Doctorate, M.D., D.M.D., J.D.

\*Joint doctoral degree programs are offered in cooperation with the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and cooperative doctoral degree programs are offered with Michigan State University and the University of Maryland.

\*\*Courses in the masters degree program are taught on the Transylvania campus by faculty members of Xavier University of Cincinnati. The degree is issued by Xavier University.

## Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>
	Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School
Location	London
Miles Distant	22
Curriculum	Consumer and Home Economics Commercial Foods Consumer and Family Life Skills Health and Personal Services Occupations Cosmetology Medical Assistant Industrial Education Air Conditioning and Heating Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Electricity Machine Shop Masonry Welding Learning Resource Center

	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
	Rockcastle County Area Vocational Education Center
Location	Mt. Vernon
Curriculum	Business and Office Accounting-Jr. Management Clerical Secretarial Industrial Education Auto Mechanics Industrial Electricity Radio and TV Repair Welding

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.



## HEALTH

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 7  
Dentists - 5

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Rockcastle County Hospital, Inc.	Mt. Vernon	26 acute; 32 skilled nursing

General hospital facilities - Operating room, emergency room, delivery room, X-ray room, laboratory, nursery, EKG, coronary facilities, fluoroscopy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, nuclear medicine (diagnostic), hospital based medical clinic

Medical staff - 7 doctors, 13 registered nurses, 7 graduate licensed practical nurses; consulting staff - 3 pathologists, 1 radiologist, 1 cardiologist, 1 respiratory therapist, 1 physical therapist, 1 psychiatrist

### Other Medical Facilities

Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center

### Ambulance Service

Name - Rockcastle County Ambulance Service  
Staff - 9 full-time employees, 8 of which are emergency medical technicians  
Service - 24-hour, county-wide service  
Equipment - 4 conforming ambulances

### Public Health

Facility - Rockcastle County Health Department  
Staff - 1 health environmentalist, 1 community health worker, 2 community health nurses, and 3 clerks

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Communications

Telephone - Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky and FS  
Communications, a private telephone service out  
of Lexington  
Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union  
Services - Toll-free telephone number\*

Postal - U.S. Post Office  
Class - Second  
Mail received - Once daily  
Mail dispatched - Once daily

Newspapers - Mt. Vernon Signal  
Weekly and circulation - 4,600  
Other papers  
received from - Louisville, Lexington and Somerset, Kentucky

Radio - WRVK - Renfro Valley  
Stations  
received from - Louisville, Lexington, Somerset, Richmond,  
Berea, and London, Kentucky

Television -  
Cable service  
Reception from - Somerset, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky;  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Kentucky Educational  
Television - Richmond-Lexington transmitter - Channel 46  
Somerset transmitter - Channel 29

### Library Services

Public library - Rockcastle County Public Library  
Size collection - 26,299 volumes  
Circulation, 1978-79 - 62,600  
Services - Magazines; films; film strips; projectors and screens;  
records; pictures; copy machine; audiovisual equipment and film;  
bookmobile (to the door service for shut-ins); children's story  
hour; special classes for preschool children, kindergarten  
children, and handicapped groups; arts and crafts classes; and  
art show

\*The Bank of Mt. Vernon transfers funds for Western Union.

### Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 13

Denominations - Catholic  
Christian  
Church of Christ  
Church of God  
Holiness  
Jehovah's Witnesses  
Methodist  
Pentecostal  
Southern Baptist

Nearest Synagogues - Lexington, 56 miles north of Mt. Vernon

Congregations - Adath Israel (reform)  
Ohavey Zion (traditional)

### Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
The Bank of Mt. Vernon	\$30,099,151.69	\$27,447,777.49	12/31/79

### Hotels and Motels

#### Rockcastle County

Total number - 22  
Total rooms - 350

### Clubs and Organizations

#### Rockcastle County

Adult Volunteers  
American Red Cross  
Archery Club  
Bowling Club  
Boy Scouts  
Cancer Society  
Candy Stripers  
Civil Air Patrol  
Daughters of the American  
Revolution (DAR)  
Eastern Star  
Fish and Game Club  
Future Farmers of America (FFA)  
Future Homemakers of  
America (FHA)  
Garden Club  
Girl Scouts  
Heart Association

Homemakers Club  
Jaycees  
Kiwanis  
Lions Club  
Little League baseball  
March of Dimes  
Masonic Lodge  
Medical Society  
Mt. Vernon Business & Professional  
Association  
Pony League baseball  
Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce  
Rockcastle County Industrial  
Development Authority  
Rockcastle Improvement Council, Inc.  
Saddle Club  
Softball League  
Woman's Club



## RECREATION

### Local

Mt. Vernon offers supervised recreational programs during the summer months. Facilities available to the public in the Mt. Vernon area include playgrounds, picnic areas, a tennis court, baseball diamonds, a football field, basketball courts, and softball fields. In the summer months, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, softball and basketball leagues are coordinated by the playground directors.

A new park, which will contain a playground, tennis courts, softball and baseball fields, and camping and picnicking facilities, is under construction at Lake Linville. More recreational facilities will be added in the future.

Rockcastle County has a country club which provides a swimming pool, a golf course and tennis courts for public use.

The Renfro Valley Barn Dance, 2 miles from Mt. Vernon, features two separate show barns with two separate shows at each barn every Saturday night. This world-famous country music show and broadcast has been a continuous series since 1939. An additional 90 acres have been purchased and plans are being made to develop this property to add to the present settlement.

Great Saltpetre Cave, only a few miles from Mt. Vernon, was discovered in 1798. The cave extends through a mountain spur, with an entrance at each side of the mountain. Saltpetre Cave played an important part in the early defense of America. Much of the gunpowder used was made from saltpetre produced in this cave. Camping, fishing, and picnicking are also available on this 450-acre estate.

### Area (Within 40 miles)

Berea, 17 miles north of Mt. Vernon, is the home of Berea College, one of America's most unusual institutions of higher learning. Boone Tavern, "Wilderness Road" drama at Indian Fort Theatre, Student Craft Industries and the Mountain Folk Festival are among a few of the many attractions to be found in this area of the Cumberland foothills near the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park is an 815-acre park located 25 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon. Boone's Trace, a pioneer trail blazed by Daniel Boone in 1775, and Wilderness Road, a wagon trail dating from 1795, pass through the park. Features of the park include the Mountain Life Museum which is a reproduced pioneer settlement and McHargue's Mill which has one of the world's largest millstone collections. The park has facilities for camping, swimming, hiking, picnicking, and horseback riding.

General Burnside State Park, 35 miles southwest of Mt. Vernon, is a 400-acre island in Lake Cumberland made accessible by a causeway. The park offers a camping area, an Olympic-size pool, and a variety of recreational facilities including an 18-hole golf course.

Lake Cumberland, a 50,000-acre lake with over 1,200 miles of shoreline, is a top scenic and fishing lake in the state.

Many primitive camping sites and picnic areas are contained in the Daniel Boone National Forest which covers over a half million acres. This vast timberland encompasses hundreds of natural and historical attractions. This area provides ample opportunities for fishing, boating, and hiking.

Four state shrines of historical interest are located within 40 miles of Mt. Vernon. William Whitley House State Shrine is the site of the first brick house west of the Alleghenies, built 1787-94. Issac Shelby State Shrine is the burial site of Kentucky's first governor who served from 1792-96. Constitution Square State Shrine is an authentic reproduction of Kentucky's first courthouse square where the first state constitution was written. White Hall State Shrine is the restored home of Cassius Marcellus Clay, the early abolitionist leader and politician.



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Rockcastle Multi-County Industrial Park consisting of 11 sites is nearing completion. The water and sewer lines are in service and an internal access road will be paved by the spring of 1981. Funding has been received for a 300,000-gallon water storage tank at the industrial park, but officials hope to soon gain additional funding in order to build a 450,000-gallon tank. Officials are also attempting to get financing for a rail line into the industrial park.

The Rockcastle Manufacturing Company located in the Rockcastle Multi-County Industrial Park in 1979. The plant currently employs about 70 people and is expected to expand during 1980 and employ 250 people. The company, which makes men's uniforms, is expected to produce over 18,000 uniforms per week when operating at full capacity.

A preliminary study is under way which will provide recommendations for upgrading the Mt. Vernon Water Works' treatment plant.

Step I of the 201 Facilities Plan is nearing completion at the Mt. Vernon Water and Sewer Works. Officials hope to soon begin Step II or the design phase of the 201 Facilities Plan.

The Western Rockcastle County Water Association has applied for a grant with the Farmers Home Administration to extend water lines in parts of Rockcastle, Lincoln, and Pulaski Counties. If the grant is approved, about 500 customers will be added to the water district.

Approximately nine miles of water lines have been added in northern Rockcastle County by the Northern Rockcastle Water District. The project, which was completed in the summer of 1979, cost approximately \$282,000 and added about 70 customers. More lines will be added in the northern part of the county in the spring of 1980 which will add approximately 35 additional customers.

Mt. Vernon city officials have applied for an Urban Development Action Grant Certificate. If the city receives certification, city officials are then permitted to apply for available funds. The Urban Development Action Grant provides assistance to cities in alleviating physical and economic deterioration through economic development and neighborhood revitalization.

City officials are also applying for funds to upgrade the Mt. Vernon sewer system.

Rockcastle County school officials hope to soon receive funding to improve facilities at two elementary schools. If funding is available, about twelve classrooms, a new kitchen, and a cafeteria will be built at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School and four classrooms and showers and dressing rooms for the athletic program will be built at the Roundstone Elementary School.



A three-bay school bus garage at the Rockcastle County High School was completed in 1979 at a cost of \$115,000. The old school bus garage has been renovated for storage and a maintenance shop.

A new sewer system has been installed at the Roundstone Elementary School at a cost of \$44,450. The system will provide for the necessary expansion of the school.

Rockcastle County school officials are currently working with officials of the Kentucky Department of Education to expand the program for gifted students in the elementary and high schools during the 1980-81 school year.

The roof of the Rockcastle County High School has been replaced with a Trocal roof, a new roofing material designed in Europe. The \$114,000 roof is not affected by changing weather conditions.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court has purchased 31 acres of land near Brodhead to develop a recreational complex. A building for senior citizens has been completed on the site to house the activities of the Rockcastle County Senior Citizens Club. Other facilities which have been completed include a horse show ring with bleachers, a softball field, a basketball court and a 460-seat grandstand with an exhibition hall underneath.

An 18-acre park at Lake Linville was dedicated in October 1979. Currently the park contains tennis courts, basketball courts, playground equipment, a picnic area and a shelter house. Plans indicate that a lighted softball field and a horseback riding ring will be added soon.

Lunch for senior citizens, a nutritional and social services program for the elderly which was started in Mt. Vernon in 1973, was expanded to Brodhead in December 1979.

A 32-unit housing project for the elderly is due to be completed in June 1980 at an estimated cost of \$700,000.

A 1,000-gallon per minute pumper was purchased for the Mt. Vernon Fire Department in 1979 at a cost of \$55,000.

The Family Life Center in Mt. Vernon, a part of the Christian Appalachian Project, officially opened in 1979. Services include retreats, seminars, and monthly youth meetings. Plans include family communication workshops and family counseling, marriage enrichment programs, a group home for young teenage boys, an emergency shelter for temporary housing for needy persons, and a spouse abuse center. The 110-acre facility also includes picnic and recreation areas. It is anticipated that more than \$1.2 million will be spent in developing the center.

The Rockcastle County Hospital, Inc., opened a 32-bed skilled nursing wing in January 1980. The existing facility was also renovated which provided an expanded emergency room and laboratory, a dietary department, a cafeteria, and a newly remodeled nursery. Other departments and services which have been included in this expansion are respiratory therapy, physical therapy, hydrotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and audiology services, a surgical department, and the radiology department which received new equipment. The expansion and renovation project cost an estimated \$2.23 million.

Two physicians and two dentists established practices in Mt. Vernon in 1979.

Continuing education for hospital employees has increased. Education has included seminars, cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses and Eastern Kentucky University extension courses.

Commercial development in 1979 included a new restaurant, a new barber shop, a heating and cooling business, an auto dealership, and a wood furniture manufacturer. A downtown building has been remodeled for office space and a new office building is planned for downtown. An auto parts store has moved into a new building on the edge of town.

A new club, the Mt. Vernon Business and Professional Association, has been formed to promote Mt. Vernon. Over 50 merchants and professionals have joined.

The Candy Strippers and Adult Volunteers have been initiated to provide help at the Rockcastle County Hospital.