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SUMMARY OF...

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

WICKLIFFE

LA CENTER

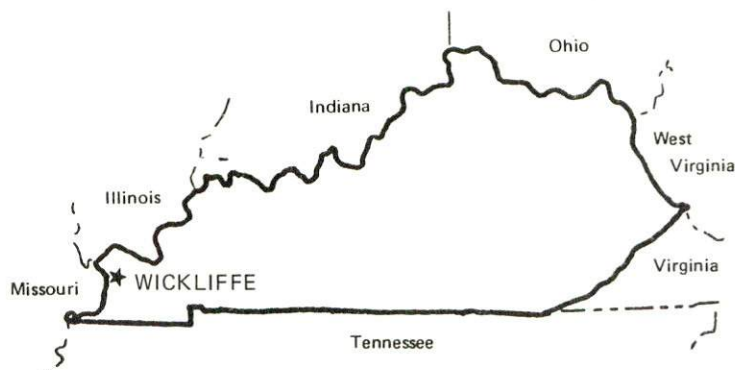
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SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
WICKLIFFE, LA CENTER AND BARLOW, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1976: Wickliffe - 1,047
La Center - 949
Barlow - 806

1978: Ballard County - 9,000; Labor Market Area: 111,100

WICKLIFFE, LA CENTER AND BARLOW LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes Ballard, Carlisle, Graves and McCracken Counties

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1978:

	<u>Ballard County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,255	54,013
Employment	4,072	51,194
Agricultural	432	1,869
Nonagricultural	3,640	49,325
Unemployment	183	2,819
Rate of Unemployment (%)	4.3	5.2

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1977:

Ballard County	\$5,190
Labor Market Area Range	\$4,732 - \$6,707

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1978:

Ballard County	372 Male	283 Female
Labor Market Area	3,786 Male	3,932 Female

BALLARD COUNTY MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
<u>Wickliffe</u>		
Advance-Yeoman	Newspaper, job printing	11
Bradford Corporation	Prefabricated metal pipe	35
Deena Products Company	Pottery lamp bases and novelties	78
Waldschmidt Lumber Company	Lumber	30
Westvaco Corporation	Business and printing papers, bleached chemical wood pulp	500
Wickliffe Skid Company	Wood skids and pallets	7
<u>La Center</u>		
Fireplace Builders and Supply, Inc.	Fireplace facings	11
<u>Kevil (10 or more employees)</u>		
Credence Speakers	Loud speakers, crossover components	13
Tele Service Company	Telephone reconditioning service	136

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:

Workers at Bradford Corporation are represented by the Plumbers and Steam Fitters; workers at Deena Products Company are represented by the Industrial Workers; and workers at Westvaco Corporation are represented by the Paperworkers.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: Illinois Central Gulf Railroad serves Wickliffe with two northbound and two southbound freights and two switchers daily; switching facilities; and team track for 25 cars. A branch line of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad serves La Center and Barlow. Freight service is provided as needed, and a team track for 10 cars and switching facilities are available. The nearest piggyback facilities are located at Paducah, 33 miles from Wickliffe.

Highways: Wickliffe is served by U.S. Highways 51/62 and 60. U.S. 60 passes through Barlow and La Center is located just off U.S. 60.

Road Distance in Miles from Wickliffe:

Atlanta	<u>417</u>	Baltimore	<u>842</u>	Chicago	<u>375</u>
Detroit	<u>604</u>	New York	<u>992</u>	St. Louis	<u>153</u>

Truck: Both interstate and intrastate motor carrier service is available to Wickliffe, La Center and Barlow.

Water: Wickliffe is located on the Mississippi River, providing excellent opportunity for low cost transportation of bulk materials.

Air: Barkley Field, 8 miles west of Paducah and 25 miles from Wickliffe, provides commercial airline service. Ozark Airlines, Air Kentucky (commuter) and Air Illinois (commuter) serve this field.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Wickliffe, La Center, Barlow and parts of Ballard County are served by Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company. The major portion of Ballard County is served by Jackson Purchase RECC.

Natural Gas: Commonwealth Service Corporation provides natural gas service to Wickliffe, La Center and Barlow. The source of supply is Trunkline Gas Company.

Other Fuels: Propane is available from two distributors in Barlow and one in La Center. Distillate fuel oil is available from one distributor in Barlow, one in La Center and one in Kevil. Additional supplies are available from distributors in Paducah, 33 miles from Wickliffe.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: Wickliffe is served by the Wickliffe Water Company and the source of raw water is a deep well. The treatment plant capacity is 468,000 gallons per day. Average daily consumption is 166,000 gallons and peak daily consumption is 229,000 gallons. Storage capacity is 250,000 gallons. La Center is served by the City of La Center Water Department and the source of raw water is wells. The treatment plant capacity is 200,000 gallons per day and average daily consumption is at capacity. The storage capacity is 75,000 gallons. Barlow is served by the Barlow Water Department. The source of raw water is 2 wells and the treatment plant capacity is 420,000 gallons per day. Average daily consumption is 90,000 gallons and peak daily consumption is 120,000 gallons. Storage capacity is 100,000 gallons.

Sewerage: Wickliffe Sewerage Company serves Wickliffe. A 30-acre lagoon type sewage treatment plant with a design capacity of 174,000 gallons per day is being constructed to serve the city. La Center is served by the City of La Center Sewerage Department and the design capacity of the present treatment plant is 160,000 gallons per day. Average daily flow is 100,000 gallons and treatment is secondary. The Barlow Sewerage Department presently operates a 50,000-gallon per day treatment plant. Average daily flow is at capacity and treatment is primary. A 201 Facilities Plan has been completed for La Center and Barlow and there are plans for the construction of a 360,000-gallon per day treatment plant which will serve La Center, Barlow and Kevil.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: Wickliffe and La Center are each governed by a mayor elected to a 4-year term and 6 councilmen elected to 2-year terms. Barlow is governed by a board of trustees. Five trustees are elected to 2-year terms and a chairman is selected from the group.

County: Ballard County is served by a county judge/executive and 5 magistrates elected to 4-year terms.

TAXES:

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

	<u>Inside City of Wickliffe</u>	<u>Inside City of La Center</u>	<u>Inside City of Barlow</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$1.072	\$1.241	\$1,094	\$0.752
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	1.243	1,412	1,265	0.923
4. Intangibles (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.250	0.250	0,250	0.250
5. Leaseholds in I.R. bond financed plants	0.015	0.015	0,015	0.015

EDUCATION: Ballard County is served by one public school system. Total enrollment in the Ballard County School System is 1,881 with 996 elementary, 301 middle school and 584 high school students. The nearest state vocational school is West Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School at Paducah, 33 miles from Wickliffe. Ballard County Area Vocational Education Center is located in Barlow.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., serves the area with standard services.

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

Newspaper: Advance-Yeoman is published weekly in Wickliffe. Current circulation is 3,400.

Television: Major networks are received without cable from Paducah, Kentucky; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and Harrisburg, Illinois.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: Western Baptist Hospital with 319 acute care beds and Lourdes Hospital with 266 acute care and 25 psychiatric beds are located in Paducah, 33 miles from Wickliffe. Southern Medical Center in Cairo, Illinois, 6 miles from Wickliffe, has 53 acute care beds.

Churches: A number of churches are located in Ballard County. Most major denominations are represented in the area.

Financial Institutions: Citizens State Bank with locations at Wickliffe and Barlow, The First National Bank of La Center, and The Kevil Bank serve the area.

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