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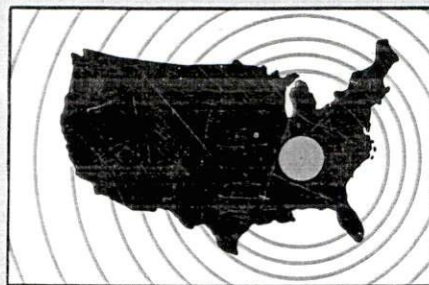
INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
CUMBERLAND, BENHAM AND LYNCH, KENTUCKY

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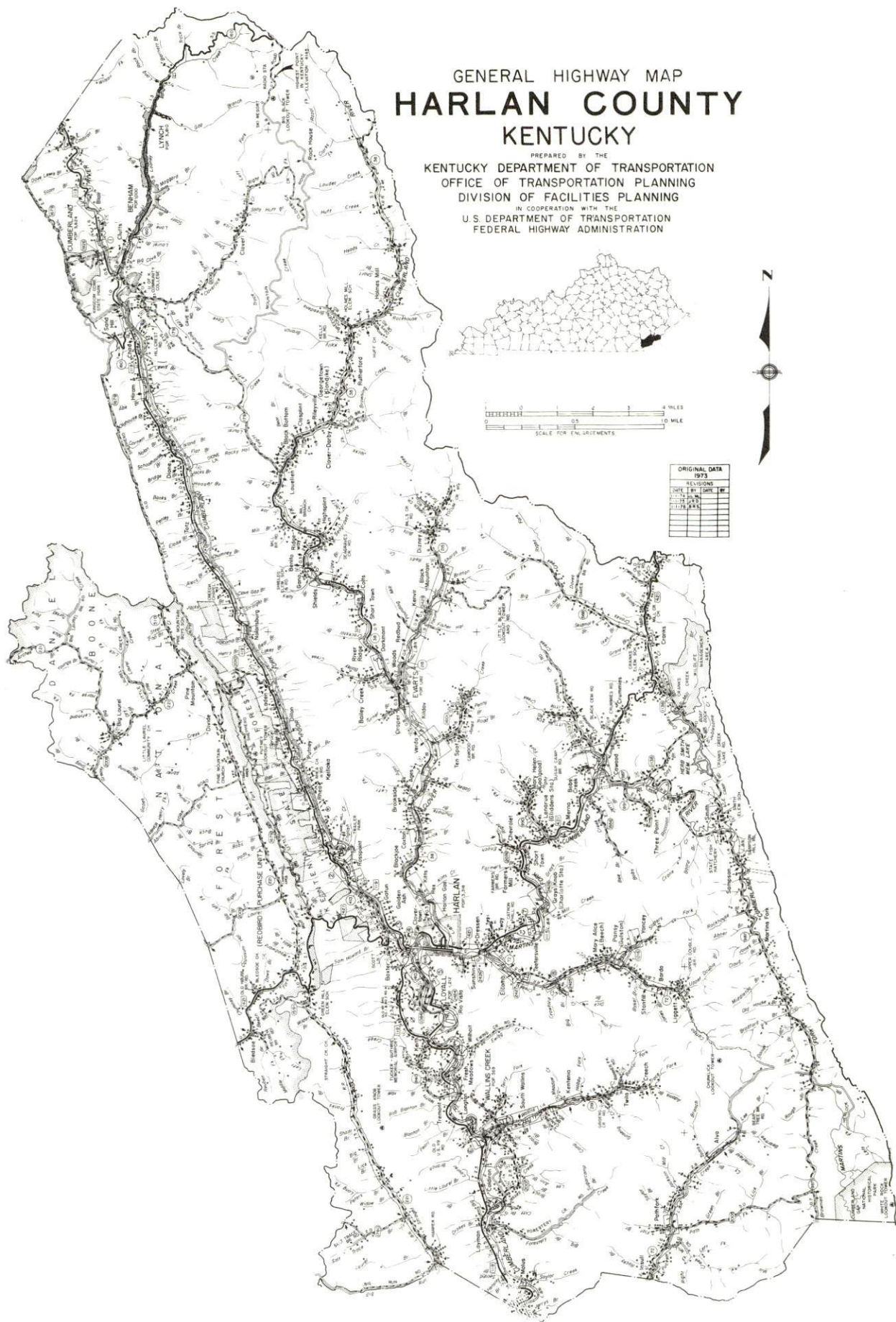
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP HARLAN COUNTY KENTUCKY

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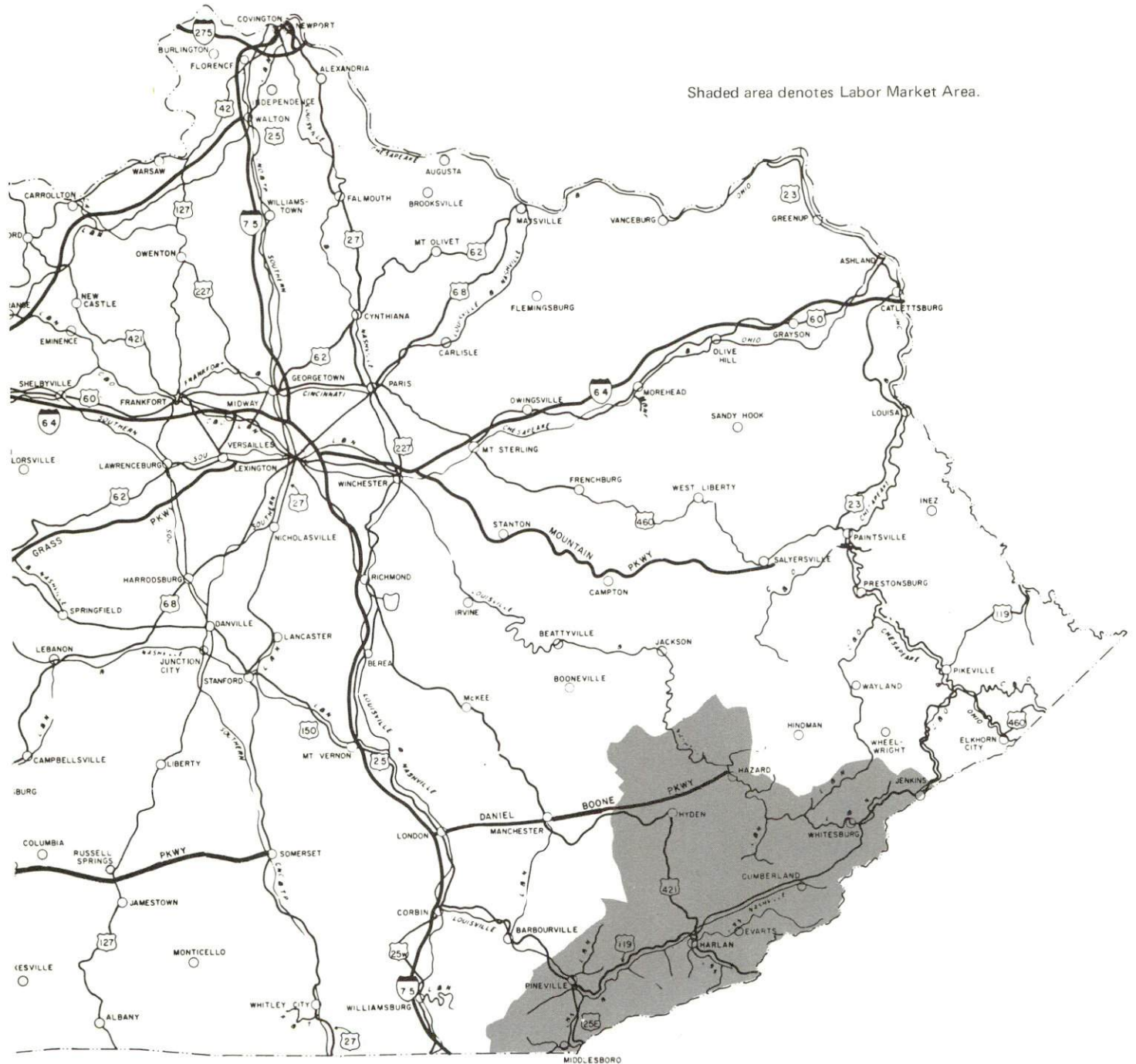
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CUMBERLAND, BENHAM AND LYNCH LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



CUMBERLAND, BENHAM AND LYNCH, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Cumberland, the largest city in Harlan County and home of Southeast Community College, is located in the northeastern part of the county. Cumberland is 240 miles from Louisville, Kentucky, 193 miles from Knoxville, Tennessee, and 246 miles from Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1973, Cumberland had an estimated population of 3,717.

The cities of Benham and Lynch are also located in the northeastern part of Harlan County. Benham had an estimated population of 977 in 1973. Lynch had an estimated 1973 population of 1,425.

Harlan County, with a land area of 469 square miles, is located in the heart of the Cumberland Mountains. Virginia forms the eastern boundary of the county. Harlan County had a 1975 estimated population of 39,800. In 1975, Harlan County was the third largest coal-producing county in Kentucky.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Harlan County residents employed in 1974 averaged 10,090, including 50 in agriculture and 1,780 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 450 workers; trade and services firms employed 3,220; mining employed 3,350. Major industrial products are: fluid milk products, electric coils and motor windings, and lumber and wood products.

Total unemployment in Harlan County averaged 6.1 percent of the labor force in 1975.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1974 was \$3,592, an increase of 56.9 percent since 1970.

The Cumberland, Benham and Lynch labor market area includes Harlan, the four adjoining Kentucky counties, and Lee and Wise Counties in Virginia. The total number of residents in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 38,670, including 340 in agriculture and 6,610 in government. Manufacturing employers in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area reported 2,330 workers; trade and services firms employed 10,660; mining reported 9,070.

Resources for Growth

1. Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 10,430 men and 11,890 women available for industrial jobs in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area. In addition, 7,130 young men and 6,870 young women in this area will become 18 years of age by 1982 and potentially available for work. The current labor supply would be supplemented by the number of men and women in the adjoining Virginia counties who are available for industrial jobs.

2. Transportation - Cumberland, Benham and Lynch are served by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. U. S. Highway 119 (part of the Appalachian Highway System) and Kentucky Highway 160 serve the Harlan County Tri-City Area. New U. S. Highway 119 is being constructed from Harlan to Cumberland. Six trucking companies serve the area. The nearest small craft airport, Tucker-Guthrie Memorial Airport, is located at Harlan, 23 miles west of Cumberland. The nearest commercial airport is in London, 102 miles west of Cumberland.

3. Utilities and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Cumberland, Lynch, and Harlan County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Benham is served by the Electric Plant Board of Benham. The remainder of Harlan County is served by the Cumberland Valley RECC. Natural gas service is not available in Harlan County. However, there are three propane and six distillate fuel oil distributors serving the area. Low sulphur content coal is available locally.

4. Education - Three public school systems - The Harlan County School System and the Harlan and Lynch Independent School Districts - operate within Harlan County.

Cumberland is the location of Southeast Community College, part of the University of Kentucky Community College System. The college, which began operating in 1960, had an enrollment of 338 in the fall of 1975. In addition, one university, three senior colleges, one community college and one junior college are located within 80 miles of Cumberland.

The nearest state vocational school is located in Harlan, 23 miles from Cumberland, and offers 12 fields of study.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION

<u>Area</u>	<u>1975*</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Nonwhite</u>
			<u>1970</u>
Cumberland	3,717**	3,380	9.0
Benham	977**	1,000	16.4
Lynch	1,425**	1,517	N.A.
Labor Market Area	139,700	129,538	N.A.
Harlan County	39,800	37,370	6.4
Bell County	32,800	31,121	3.5
Leslie County	12,500	11,623	--
Letcher County	26,600	23,165	2.0
Perry County	28,000	26,259	2.9

*Provisional Estimates.

**1973 Population Estimates.

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-25, No. 562, June 1975; Series P-26, No. 75-17, May 1976.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1974

<u>Major Employment Group</u>	<u>Employment by Place of Residence of Workers</u>	
	<u>Harlan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total Employment	10,093	38,666
Agriculture	52	344
Government	1,776	6,609
	<u>Employment by Location of Jobs</u>	
	<u>Harlan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Manufacturing	446	2,327
Trade and Services	3,219	10,658
Mining	3,350	9,066

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations; Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, Annual Report.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1975

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Harlan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	378	1,700
Food & Kindred Products	90	329
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	307
Lumber, Furniture	97	301
Printing & Publishing, Paper	36	97
Chemicals, Petroleum &		
Coal, Rubber	0	121
Stone, Clay & Glass	5	67
Primary Metals	0	44
Machinery, Metal Products,		
Equipment	150	434

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, September, 1975.

CUMBERLAND MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

		EMPLOYMENT		
		Employment		
<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tri-City Printing Company (1929)	Newspaper, job printing	4	1	3

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers at Cumberland.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
CUMBERLAND, BENHAM AND LYNCH LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current				Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under- employed	Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1982
Labor Market					
Area	10,430	6,980	1,880	1,570	7,133
Harlan	3,930	2,870	440	620	1,943
Bell	2,160	1,290	490	380	1,647
Leslie	320	0	240	80	775
Letcher	2,110	1,650	300	160	1,326
Perry	1,910	1,170	410	330	1,442

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
CUMBERLAND, BENHAM AND LYNCH LABOR MARKET AREA

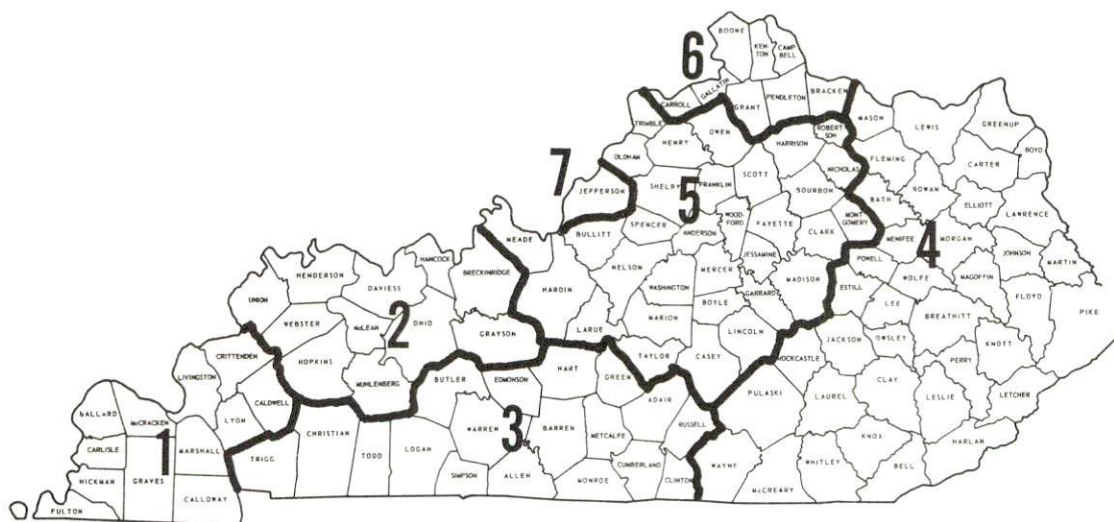
Area	Current				Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under- employed	Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1982
Labor Market					
Area	11,890	10,020	470	1,400	6,867
Harlan	4,080	3,520	110	450	1,882
Bell	2,560	1,990	170	400	1,606
Leslie	390	280	50	60	713
Letcher	2,820	2,570	60	190	1,240
Perry	2,040	1,660	80	300	1,426

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.

WAGES

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 seven 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>1974</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Harlan County	\$3,592	\$2,289	56.9
Labor Market Area Range	\$2,298 - 4,040	\$1,288 - 2,448	N.A.
Kentucky	4,442	3,112	42.7
U. S.	5,448	3,966	37.4

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Survey of Current Business, August 1975. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, March 1976.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Cumberland, Benham and Lynch - Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company

Services - One freight stops daily or as required; 3 northbound and 3 southbound mine runs daily; switching facilities; team track for 10 cars. Nearest piggyback facilities are at Williamsburg, 94 miles distant

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

Manager of Industrial Development
Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company
908 West Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky 40203
(502) 587-5000.

Highways

The Harlan County Tri-City Area is served by Kentucky Highway 160 and U. S. Highway 119, part of the Appalachian Highway System. New U. S. Highway 119 is being constructed between Harlan and Cumberland. The highway will be two lanes except for a four-lane bypass through Cumberland. Eventually the highway will be extended to Whitesburg, 24 miles from Cumberland.

Interstate 75 is 94 miles west of Cumberland via U. S. Highways 119 and 25-E.

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Hogan Storage and Transfer Company (Irregular)	721 East Fourth Avenue Williamson, West Virginia 25661
Mason and Dixon Lines, Inc.	P. O. Box 969 Kingsport, Tennessee 37662
Point Express, Inc.	P. O. Box 418 Columbus, Ohio 43216
Skyline Transportation, Inc.	131 Quincy Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee 37917
Smith's Transfer Corporation	P. O. Box 1000 Staunton, Virginia 24401
United Trucking Service, Inc.	3047 Lonyo Road Detroit, Michigan 48209

Other Freight Services

Nearest Shipping Center

United Parcel Service

Cornettsville, 17 miles north

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	386	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,348	7
Birmingham, Ala.	447	2	Louisville, Ky.	240	1
Chicago, Ill.	532	2	Nashville, Tenn.	308	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	246	1	New Orleans, La.	789	3
Cleveland, Ohio	493	2	New York, N. Y.	905	3
Detroit, Mich.	505	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	536	3
Knoxville, Tenn.	193	1	St. Louis, Mo.	503	2

Source: Delivery Time Only - United Trucking Service, Inc., 3047 Lonyo Road, Detroit, Michigan 48209

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
	Tucker-Guthrie Memorial Airport	London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field)
Location:	Harlan, 23 miles distant	London, 102 miles distant
Runways:	1 paved	1 paved
Length:	2,700 feet*	6,000 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind sock	Wind sock, FSS advisory service
Lighting:	None	Beacon, runway and obstruction lights
Services:	100 octane, charter, taxi and tie down	Piedmont Airlines, 100 octane, JP-A-50, taxi, car rental, weather, flight training, charter and ambulance service
Air Freight		
Service:	Chartered air freight service must be arranged	Freight is accepted on a space available basis

Bus - Harlan Bus Lines

Taxi - Four cab companies serve the Cumberland, Benham and Lynch area.

*Land is being leveled for extension of the runway.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Cumberland, Lynch and parts of Harlan County -
Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 1,615,500 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division
Kentucky Utilities Company
120 South Limestone Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-1461

Company serving Benham - Electric Plant Board of Benham

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 1,615,500 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Electric Plant Board of Benham
Benham, Kentucky 40807
(606) 848-5506

Company serving Harlan County - Cumberland Valley RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 496,000 KW

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
Gray, Kentucky 40734
(606) 528-2677

Natural Gas

Cumberland, Benham and Lynch do not have natural gas service.

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Ashland Petroleum Company
Lawnvale, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

Doan's Bottled Gas Company
Clovertown, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

L. P. Gas Company
Baxter Street, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Petroleum Company
Lawnvale, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

Gulf Products Company
Baxter Street, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

Richards' Oil Company
Baxter Street, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

Service Oil Company
Cawood, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

Standard Oil Company
East River Street, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

Testoil Company
Fresh Meadows, Harlan, Kentucky 40831

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available locally.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Cumberland - Cumberland Municipal Water Works
U. S. Highway 119
Cumberland, Kentucky 40823
(606) 589-4024

Source - Poor Fork Branch of the Cumberland River*

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

Average daily consumption - 500,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 600,000 gallons

Type treatment - Sedimentation, filtration, flocculation, chlorination,
fluoridation

Storage capacity - 900,000 gallons

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

Average pressure - 80 psi

Average temperature - 70 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

2,000 gallons	\$ 3.29
10,000 gallons	9.45
20,000 gallons	15.36
30,000 gallons	21.33
40,000 gallons	26.58
50,000 gallons	31.83
Over 50,000 gallons	.44 per M gallons

Tap-on Fee - \$110

*A test well for an additional water supply is being drilled.

Company serving Benham - City of Benham Water Works*
P. O. Box 38
Benham, Kentucky 40807
(606) 848-2914

Source - Mine drainage
Treatment plant capacity - 600,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 360,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 420,000 gallons
Type treatment - Aeration, coagulation, sedimentation, filtration,
chlorination, fluoridation
Storage capacity - 548,000 gallons
Size lines - 8, 6, 4, and 2 inches
Average temperature - 55 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL
AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS

Residential	\$ 7 (flat rate)
Commercial	55 (flat rate)

Tap-on charge: None

*Planned improvements include: construction of a 300,000-gallon per day water treatment plant, erection of a 300,000- and 7,000-gallon water storage tank, installation of new water distribution lines, and the tapping of another mine reservoir.

Company serving Lynch - City of Lynch
P. O. Box 667
Lynch, Kentucky 40855
(606) 848-2282

Source - Reservoir (92,000,000-gallon capacity)
Treatment plant capacity - 2,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 600,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 1,000,000 gallons
Type treatment - Aeration, sedimentation, filtration, chlorination,
fluoridation
Storage capacity - 650,000 gallons
Size lines - 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 inches
Average pressure - 80 psi
Average temperature - 60 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE
AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	5,000 gallons	\$5.50 Minimum
Next	2,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	3,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons
Over	30,000 gallons	.45 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: None

Surface water sources - Cumberland River
Average discharge - Cumberland River near Harlan, 693 cfs (35 years, USGS); Poor Fork of Cumberland River at Cumberland, 145 cfs (35 years, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - 5 to 50 gpm along two bands running east-west on the northern and southern boundaries; 50 to 200 gpm in the remainder of the county

Sewerage

Company serving Cumberland - Cumberland Sewage Treatment Plant*
River Road
Cumberland, Kentucky 40823
(606) 589-4022

Design capacity - 500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 490,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Clarifier, drying beds, trickling filter
Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River
Size of sanitary mains - 10 inches; Size of storm mains - 15 inches
Rates - 85 percent of monthly water bill
Tap-on charge: \$110

Company serving Benham - City of Benham
P. O. Box 38
Benham, Kentucky 40807
(606) 848-5506

Design capacity - 180,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 86,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Clarifier, drying beds and trickling filter
Treated effluent discharged into - Looney Creek
Size of sanitary mains - 10 inches
Rates - Residential - \$ 3.00 per month (flat rate)
Commercial - 11.68 per month (flat rate)
Tap-on charge: None

Company serving Lynch - City of Lynch
P. O. Box 667
Lynch, Kentucky 40855
(606) 848-2873

Design capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 300,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Grit removal, settling, aeration, digestion, drying
beds, trickling filter, recirculation, chlorination
Treated effluent discharged into - Looney Creek
Size of sanitary mains - 12 inches
Size of storm mains - Flumes to creek 3 to 8 feet wide
Rates - \$5.50 per month for residences and businesses
Tap-on charge: None

*A 201 Facilities Plan for the Tri-City Area is underway.

CLIMATE

Harlan County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	56.1 degrees
Average annual 1975	57.3 degrees
Record highest, September, 1975 (14-year record)	96.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1966 (14-year record)	-15.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,306
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	41.47 inches
Mean annual snowfall (39-year record)	15.70 inches
Total precipitation 1975	47.05 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	134
Average number days thunderstorms (32-year record)	46

Prevailing Winds (9-year record)

West-southwest

Relative Humidity (14-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	58 percent
7 p.m.	64 percent

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services
Administration, Climatological Data, 1975. Station of record:
Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Cumberland

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 7 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1975 - General Fund \$244,907

Water and Sewer Fund 181,707

Fees and licenses - Annual business licenses vary from \$2.50 to \$200; auto sticker, \$5 annually; wholesale trucks up to 2 tons, \$57 annually

Benham

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1975 - General Fund \$ 41,603

Water and Sewer Fund 67,147

City Electric Fund 123,750

Fees and licenses - Auto stickers - \$5 annually; business and professional fees and licenses range from \$1.25 to \$200 annually

Lynch

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1976 - General Fund \$ 46,550

Water and Sewer Fund 117,000

Fees and licenses - Business fees and licenses range from \$7.50 to \$100 annually; unloading licenses, \$10 annually; auto sticker, \$5 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 5 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1975-76 - General Fund \$325,310; Road Fund \$41,250

Assessed Value of Property, 1975

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Cumberland</u>	<u>Benham</u>	<u>Harlan County</u>
Real Estate and			
Tangibles	\$11,016,316		
Real Estate		\$1,401,151	\$81,401,777 (1976)
Tangibles			88,737,164 (1976)

Property Taxes

Land and buildings are taxed by the state and may be taxed by local jurisdictions. The state rate is \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Tangible personal property owned by manufacturers (automobiles, trucks, finished goods, office furniture, office equipment) is taxed by the state at \$0.15 per \$100 and may be taxed by local jurisdictions.

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

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

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

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1975*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Cumberland</u>	<u>Benham</u>	<u>Lynch</u>	<u>Harlan County</u>
County	\$.249	\$.249	\$.249	\$.249
School	.536	.536	1.601	.536
City	.570	.400	none	

Special (not county-wide): \$.010 per acre (soil conservation)

Planning and Zoning

At the present time, there is no planning and zoning organization serving the Harlan County Tri-City Area.

Mandatory state codes enforced - Plumbing, National Fire Protection Association Code, National Building Code (for major buildings and residential construction containing more than 12 bedrooms per building)

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Cumberland</u>	<u>Benham</u>	<u>Lynch</u>	<u>Harlan County</u>
Total staff	5	2	2	4
Radio-patrol cars	2	1	1	4

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1975.

<u>Fire</u>	<u>Cumberland</u>	<u>Benham</u>	<u>Lynch</u>
American Insurance Association Fire			
Rating	7	6	7
Full-time staff	3		
Volunteers	15	15	13

Ambulance and Rescue Service

Tri-City Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 64

Equipment - Three ambulances, utility truck, 4 generators, 2 boats and motors, and other standard rescue equipment

Service - 24-hour service to the area

Personnel training - Advanced first aid, mine rescue

Solid Waste

	<u>Cumberland</u>	<u>Benham</u>	<u>Lynch</u>
Type service	Municipal	Private	Municipal
Fee charged:			
residential	\$3 monthly	\$2.25 monthly	\$3 monthly
business	Contract	\$18 monthly	Contract
industrial	Contract		Contract
Collection frequency:			
residential	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
business	Contract	Three times weekly	Daily
industrial	Contract		Daily
Trash pickup	On request	On request	Weekly
Disposal method	Sanitary landfill	Sanitary landfill	Sanitary landfill

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Lynch Independent</u>	<u>Harlan County</u>
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1975)	400	7,759
Elementary	150	5,629
High School	250	2,130
Student-Teacher Ratio	15-1	22-1
Elementary	14-1	24-1
High School	15-1	20-1
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Percent High School Graduates to College	78.8	33.5
Expenditures Per Pupil (1974-75)	\$1,313.46	\$600.02
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1975	0	\$4,016,000*

Nonpublic Schools

Total Enrollment	169
Elementary	169
Student-Teacher Ratio	28-1
Elementary	28-1

*Includes advance refunding issue - \$620,000.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles from Cumberland)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1975)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Alice Lloyd Junior College	Pippa Passes (56)	222	Associate
Southeast Com- munity College	Cumberland	338	Associate
Hazard Community College	Hazard (58)	229	Associate
Pikeville College	Pikeville (77)	664	Baccalaureate
Union College	Barbourville (74)	958	Masters
University of Virginia	Wise, Virginia (32)	1,096	B.A., B.S.
Virginia Intermont College	Bristol, Virginia (80)	535	A.A., B.A.

Vocational School

Nearest State School

Location	Harlan State Vocational-Technical School
Miles Distant	Harlan
Curriculum	23
	Child Care Services
	Food Services
	Industrial Education
	Air Conditioning and Heating
	Auto Body Repair
	Auto Mechanics
	Carpentry
	Drafting
	Electronics (Technology)
	Industrial Electricity
	Machine Shop
	Mining Maintenance Mechanics
	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 - 6
Dentists - 1

Hospitals

<u>Nearest General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital	Harlan, 23 miles from Cumberland	179 (including a 50-bed extended care section)

General hospital facilities - Pathology, radiology, physical therapy and rehabilitation, X-ray, operating, laboratory, emergency rooms, intensive and coronary care, school for professional nurses, home health nursing program, laboratory technicians school and school of anesthesia for nurses

Medical staff - 32 active medical staff, 6 consulting staff, 5 courtesy staff, 4 dental courtesy staff, 7 registered technologists for X-ray, 16 laboratory technicians, 63 registered nurses, 91 licensed practical nurses, 58 aides

Other Medical Facilities

A new \$1.5 million primary care center is being constructed in the Tri-City Area. The facility will contain 7 holding beds, 27 intermediate care beds and 55 long term care beds, and provide 24-hour emergency care and full ambulatory care.

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care home	1	30

Public Health

Facility - Harlan County Health Department (main office in Harlan; branch office in Benham)

Staff - Harlan office - administrator, 2 registered nurses, 2 sanitarians, 2 clerks, stenographer, state TB control nurse (coordinator of five counties); Benham office - registered nurse, clerk

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Cumberland - Kentucky Telephone Company
Benham and Lynch - South Central Bell Telephone Company
Services - Standard

Nearest Telegraph - Western Union Telegraph Company (Harlan)

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - Cumberland and Lynch - Second; Benham - Third

Mail received - Cumberland, Benham and Lynch - Twice daily

Mail dispatched - Cumberland, Benham and Lynch - Twice daily

Newspapers - Cumberland Tri-City News

Weekly and circulation - 3,000

Other papers received from - Cumberland - Harlan, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee; exchange programs with other cities; Benham and Lynch - Cumberland, Harlan, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee

Radio - Cumberland - WCPM-AM

Stations received from - Pikeville, Prestonburg, Harlan, and Whitesburg, Kentucky

Television -

Cable service - Cumberland, Benham and Lynch

Reception from - Lexington and Hazard, Kentucky; Knoxville, Johnson City and Kingsport, Tennessee; Asheville, North Carolina; Huntington, West Virginia

Kentucky Educational Television - Pikeville transmitter, Channel 22

Library Services

Public library - Rebecca Caudill Public Library (Harlan Public Library Extension), Cumberland

Size collection - 8,976 volumes

Circulation, 1975-76 - 35,251

Services - Bookmobile service to Benham, book station at Lynch, story hour, scheduled special programs for children, magazines, books, records, pictures, audio visual equipment, references, services for the blind and handicapped, an assembly and meeting room

Private library - Southeast Community College, Cumberland
 Size collection - 27,226 volumes
 Services - Library services available to residents of Tri-City Area

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 23
 Denominations - Methodist, Missionary Baptist, Regular Baptist,
 Christian, Nazarene, Church of God, Jehovah's Witnesses, Pente-
 costal, Catholic, Church of Christ, AME Zion, Latter-Day Saints

Nearest synagogues - Lexington, 170 miles from Cumberland
 Congregations - Adath Israel (reform); Ohavey Zion (traditional)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
The Guaranty Deposit Bank	\$15,149,904.95	\$13,460,210.50	6/30/76

Hotels and Motels

Cumberland, Benham and Lynch Area

Total number	3
Total units	62

Clubs and Organizations

Cumberland, Benham and Lynch Area

Business and Civic - Tri-City Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Lions,
 PTA

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, American Legion, FOP, VFW

Women's - Eastern Star, Woman's Club, Younger Woman's Club, Home-
 makers, VFW Auxiliary, Lonesome Pine Garden Club, Rebekah Lodge

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Little League,
 Babe Ruth League, FFA, FTA, FHA, FBLA

Other - Rod and Gun Club

RECREATION

Local

The Tri-City Area is situated in the Cumberland Mountains, an area of great natural beauty. Black Mountain, Kentucky's highest peak, is located just south of Cumberland. Plans are being made to build a Kentucky Coal Mine Museum on this mountain. The Lonesome Pine Ski Area, Kentucky's only ski resort, is near Lynch. Little Shepherd Trail, which follows the path of John Fox, Jr.'s famous "Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," affords the traveler a majestic view. The Kingdom Come State Park, near Cumberland, is the midway point of this trail that winds along Pine Mountain from Harlan to Whitesburg. In addition to the many hiking trails, the park provides a three-acre fishing lake, picnic and playground areas and primitive campsites. The Kingdom Come Swappin' Meetin', a three-day festival of mountain folk art exhibits, music concerts, story telling, dancing, hymn singing and drama, is held each year at Southeast Community College in Cumberland.

Public recreational facilities in the Tri-City Area include two parks, ten tennis courts, one football field, four baseball diamonds and one basketball court. The city of Cumberland is in the process of acquiring land for a new park. In addition, there are two private country clubs, golf courses and swimming pools in the area.

Area (Within 80 miles)

Lilley Cornett Woods, approximately 20 miles north of Cumberland, is a 554-acre forest that is preserved completely in its untamed state.

Pine Mountain State Resort Park is 56 miles from Cumberland. It consists of 2,500 acres in the Kentucky Ridge State Forest, 15 miles from Cumberland Gap. Park accommodations include a lodge, complete with a dining room, pool and gift shop, cottages and camping. The park features swimming, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, shuffleboard, picnic areas, playground, 9-hole and miniature golf courses, pro shop, and Ray Harm Room in the lodge with prints of his paintings. The Laurel Cove Amphitheatre is the scene of "The Book of Job," an outdoor drama, and the Mountain Laurel Festival.

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park is 69 miles from Cumberland. It is the largest national historical park in the United States. The park lies in three states, where Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee meet at Tri-State Peak. Park headquarters contains a museum of frontier days. Pinnacle Mountain is 1,800 feet above the valley, and a scenic highway leads from the building to the summit where several states can be viewed.

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park is 78 miles from Cumberland in Buckhorn. It consists of 750 acres on 1,250-acre Buckhorn Lake in the scenic mountains, and is one of the newest resort parks. Park accommodations include a lodge with a dining room, and camping. The park offers fishing, swimming, beach, bathhouse, picnic shelter, playground, boat rentals, launching, boat dock with a restaurant, 40 open slips, 20 covered slips, a 40-foot levy, and a fishing pier.

Breaks Interstate Park in Elkhorn City is 63 miles from Cumberland. The park consists of 2,700 acres on the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River at the Kentucky-Virginia line. It was a unique undertaking by two states, on the rim of the largest river canyon east of the Mississippi. Through the 5-mile cut, palisades rise 1,000 feet above the river bed; midway through the cut is the Towers, 1,600 feet high. Twelve-acre Laurel Lake, caves, hidden springs, and a Visitor's Center with nature exhibits are other features. Activities include riding, hiking, fishing, stables, picnic areas, playground and Olympic-size lodge swimming pool. The motor lodge has 30 rooms and campsites nearby. Rhododendron Lodge dining room has a magnificent view of the canyon.

A dam is being constructed on Martin's Fork of the Cumberland River approximately 25 miles from Cumberland. Eventually the reservoir will provide an excellent locale for fishing, boating, swimming and camping.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent:

1. The Lynch Independent School District established a learning disability center for grades 7 through 12. The interiors of the elementary and high school buildings have been remodeled.
2. The Harlan County School System has completed four additional rooms at Cawood Elementary School and renovated the old portion of the building. Eight classrooms, a cafeteria and library were added at Cumberland High School. In addition, the football stadium and dressing rooms have been remodeled. Coal severance tax revenue is being used to improve the school playgrounds.
3. Southeast Community College is now offering technological degrees in mid-management, mining and reclamation.
4. A new post office building and a new fire station have been constructed in Lynch.
5. Seven new businesses have recently opened in the Tri-City Area.
6. A warehouse and office building has been constructed by a wholesale distributor.

Underway:

1. New U. S. Highway 119 is being constructed from Cumberland to Harlan. The highway will be two lanes except for a four-lane bypass through Cumberland. Eventually the highway will be extended to Whitesburg.
2. A new \$1.5 million primary care center is being constructed. The facility will contain 7 holding beds, 27 intermediate care beds and 55 long term care beds, and provide 24-hour emergency care and full ambulatory care.

3. The Cumberland Municipal Water Works is drilling a test well in an attempt to obtain an additional water source. Also, a 300,000-gallon water storage tank has been completed.
4. Construction has begun on a 60-unit housing development.
5. A dam is being constructed on Martin's Fork of the Cumberland River to provide flood control for the area.

Planned

1. A 201 Facilities Plan for the Tri-City Area is underway.
2. The City of Benham Water Works plans to construct a 300,000-gallon per day water treatment plant, erect two water storage tanks with a total capacity of 307,000 gallons, install new water distribution lines, and tap an additional mine reservoir.
3. Plans for a Kentucky Coal Mine Museum on Black Mountain are being formulated.
4. A national Boy Scout trail is planned.

HISTORY

Harlan County lies at the southeastern edge of Kentucky on the Virginia border. In the heart of the Cumberland Mountains, the county has the highest elevation in the state, 4,150 feet on Big Black Mountain in its northeastern part. There are no natural breaks in the mountains between Harlan and Virginia, and the terrain is rugged and mountainous. The Cumberland River runs the entire length of the county in a south-westerly direction. The soil is fertile in the valleys, but the mountain-sides are too steep for cultivation. Over 90 percent of the land area is forested and there are large deposits of coal.

The early pioneers in Harlan County were mostly Revolutionary War veterans who had been paid with tracts of land. Samuel Howard, his family and friends, were the first settlers in 1796. George Brittain, an early settler and veteran of the War of 1812 turned politician, was largely responsible for the establishment of the county. In 1819, Harlan became Kentucky's sixtieth county, named for Major Silas Harlan, a Virginian who came to Kentucky in 1774 and took part in many battles with the Indians. Having built a fort at Harlan's Station, Harlan accompanied George Rogers Clark on the Illinois Campaign.

The first county seat was Mount Pleasant, a town named by early Indian fighters. In 1812 it was incorporated under the name of Harlan. Located at the confluence of three forks of the Cumberland River, Harlan remained a backwoods village for more than a century, until the Louisville and Nashville Railroad came in 1911 and made the town an important lumber and shipping point. In 1973, Harlan had an estimated population of 3,377.

Cumberland, in the northeastern part of the county, is the largest town in the county. It had an estimated population of 3,717 in 1973.

In 1820, a year after its founding, Harlan County had a population of 1,961. This grew rapidly after the railroad came, to 71,751 in 1950. There has been a significant decline since then to 51,107 in 1960, and 37,370 in 1970. However, estimates for 1975 show that Harlan County has reversed this trend with a population of 39,800.

The total number of Harlan County residents employed in 1974 averaged 10,090, including 50 in agriculture and 1,780 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 450 workers; trade and services firms employed 3,220; mining employed 3,350. Largest of the county's firms are National Electric Coil Division and Chappell's Dairy, Inc., in Harlan and Georgia Pacific Corporation in Evarts.

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