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LAUREL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

LONDON, KENTUCKY

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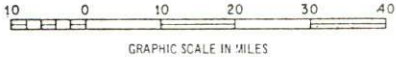
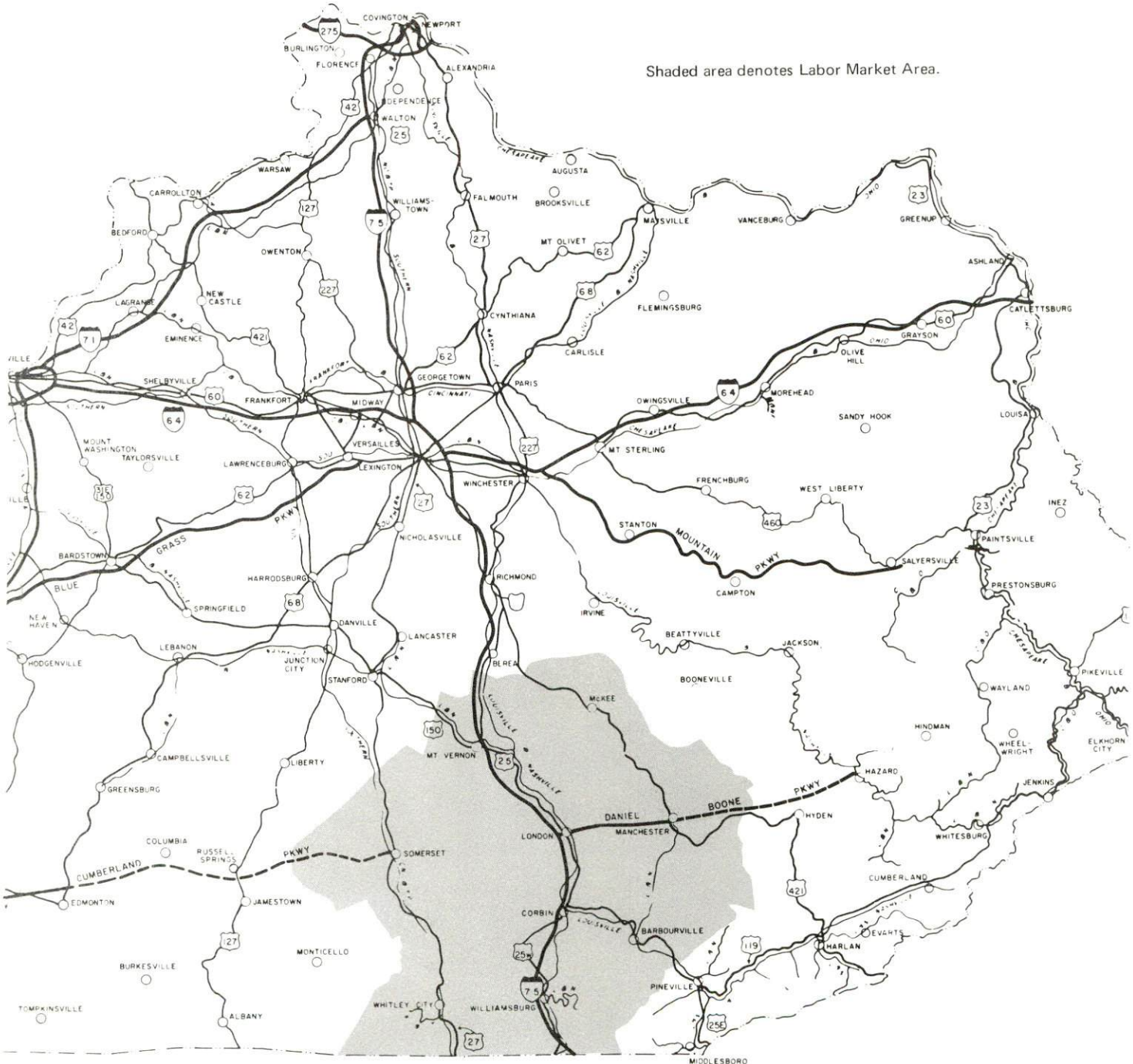
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LONDON LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LONDON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

London, the county seat of Laurel County, is situated in the Eastern Coal Fields, physiographic region of Kentucky. It is located 66 miles south of Lexington, 138 miles southeast of Louisville, 114 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee, and 144 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. The 1970 population of London was 4,337.

Laurel County, which covers 446 square miles, had a 1970 population of 27,386. In 1973, population of the county was estimated at 28,800.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Laurel County averaged 9,450 in 1973 with agriculture providing 940 jobs, manufacturing 2,150, government 1,270, and trade and services 2,330. Since 1964, manufacturing employment in the county has increased nearly 285 percent or 2,132 jobs. Major industrial products are worsted and synthetic yarn, synthetic tops, bakery products, gift wrapping paper, napkins, and ribbon.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1972 was \$2,244, or \$1,390 below the Kentucky average. Between 1962 and 1972, per capita personal income in the county increased by 115.4 percent.

The London labor market area includes Laurel and its seven surrounding counties. In 1973, employment in the labor market area averaged 49,550 with agriculture providing 4,870 jobs, manufacturing 8,740, government 8,590, and trade and services 12,510. Since 1964, manufacturing employment has increased 141.5 percent or 5,944 jobs, with sharpest gains in the textiles, paper, furniture, and non-electrical machinery industries.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 14,830 men and 13,540 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition 8,830 young men and 8,450 young women will be 18 years of age before 1981 and potentially available for work.

2. London is served by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The nearest piggyback service is located at Williamsburg, 31 miles away. An Interstate 75 interchange is located 2 miles west of London. In addition, the Daniel Boone Parkway is approximately 2 miles north of London. London is served by eight truck lines. Also, United Parcel Service and REA Express both have shipping centers in London. Commercial air service is available at the London-Corbin Magee Field Airport, 3 miles south of London.

3. Electricity for London and Laurel County is provided by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Laurel County is also served by Jackson County RECC. Natural gas service is provided by Gas Service Company, Inc., in London, and by Peoples Gas Company of Kentucky in portions of Laurel County. There are seven propane and butane distributors and seven distillate fuel oil distributors in the London area. Low sulphur content coal is available in Laurel County.

4. Two school systems, the Laurel County School System and the East Bernstadt Independent District, operate within the county.

Sue Bennett Junior College is located in London. This coeducational institution was established in 1897 and is affiliated with the Methodist Church. Also, within 60 miles of London are a state university, four senior colleges, and two community colleges.

The nearest state vocational-technical school is located in Somerset, 35 miles away. The Laurel County Area Vocational Education Center is located in London and offers classes in five course areas.

Community Programs for Improvement

Recently Completed

Two new manufacturing plants, Micro Devices Corporation and Safran Printing Corporation, are now producing thermal cutoffs and business forms, respectively, and employing 100 people each.

London has six new businesses, and two businesses recently expanded their building facilities.

A new Ramada Inn has been constructed.

The City of London Utility Commission erected two 500,000 gallon water storage tanks. It also installed approximately 2 miles of 12-inch water lines and 1 mile of 10-inch sanitary mains.

Community protection improvements include the purchase of two new 1,000 gpm pumper fire engines, plans to establish two new county volunteer fire departments, and the construction of a new jail and jailer's quarters.

The Pentecostal Church of London now holds services in new facilities.

Planned and Underway

The Laurel County School System is currently building dressing rooms and physical education facilities at the high school. Construction of

a new junior high school is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 1976. Plans also include the construction of a \$2.3 million addition to the area vocational education center.

The London-Corbin Magee Field Airport is in the process of acquiring 160 acres of land for the purpose of improving their facilities. Plans include: a new terminal building, clear zones for an instrument landing system, a flight service station, relocation of existing operations, increased ramp space, and a full parallel taxi route. Construction on the flight service station is already underway.

Construction has begun on a highway that will connect London and the Cumberland Parkway at Somerset. A bypass, circling the southern half of London, is planned for the future.

London is resurfacing the old city streets and constructing new sidewalks.

One basketball and two tennis courts with lights are presently under construction. In addition, London is leasing a 42-acre section of Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park to build a baseball-softball park and fairgrounds area.

The community plans to remodel the old jail and create a combination art center and museum.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, approximately 2 miles south of London, is an 815-acre park, located on the site where the Boone Trace and Wilderness Road pioneer trails converge. In addition to a reproduced pioneer settlement, the park offers a pool, bathhouse, hiking trails, horseback riding, shuffleboard, picnic area, and playground.

London is located near the edge of the Daniel Boone National Forest, a vast timberland which runs from the northeastern part of the state south across the state. This beautiful area encompasses hundreds of natural and historical attractions. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy scenic hiking trails, special hunting preserves, and mountain streams teeming with a variety of fish.

Laurel River Lake, 10 miles southwest, is a 4,200-acre lake in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Although the facilities are not fully developed, the lake does offer swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, and camping.

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, approximately 20 miles southwest, is located in the Daniel Boone National Forest and envelopes 1,720 acres. It is famous for Cumberland Falls, where the Cumberland River drops 68 feet over a rock precipice. One of the only two moonbows in the world is visible here in the full phase of the moon. The park offers accommodation facilities, camping, fishing swimming, hiking, horseback riding, playground, and dance pavilion.

Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine, 35 miles south of London, is the site of the cabin built by Dr. Walker, who led the first documented expedition through Cumberland Gap. This 12-acre park contains a replica of the cabin and also has a playground and picnic shelter.

General Burnside State Park, 41 miles southwest of London, is a 400-acre park on Lake Cumberland. This resort park has a bathhouse, beach, dock, fishing, 18-hole golf course, picnic area, camping facilities, and a playground.

Pine Mountain State Resort Park, 49 miles southeast of London near Pineville, is a 2,500-acre park located in the Kentucky Ridge State Forest. This park is the scene of the Mountain Laurel Festival in the spring and the summer drama, The Book of Job. Other park features are swimming, hiking, horseback riding, shuffleboard, picnicking, playground, golf, and camping.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS

Area	Population				Percent Change	
	1973*	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
London	N/A	4,337	4,035	3,426	+ 7.5	+17.8
Labor Market						
Area	175,400	163,793	166,599	193,400	- 1.7	-13.9
Laurel County	28,800	27,386	24,901	25,797	+10.0	- 3.5
Clay County	19,400	18,481	20,748	23,116	-10.9	-10.2
Jackson County	10,200	10,005	10,677	13,101	- 6.3	-18.5
Knox County	26,100	23,689	25,258	30,409	- 6.2	-16.9
McCreary County	13,400	12,548	12,463	16,660	+ 0.7	-25.2
Pulaski County	38,500	35,234	34,403	38,452	+ 2.4	-10.5
Rockcastle County	12,600	12,305	12,334	13,925	- 0.2	-11.4
Whitley County	26,400	24,145	25,815	31,940	- 6.5	-19.2

*Provisional Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970, 1960, 1950. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-26, June 1973.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1973

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Laurel County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	9,450	49,550
Agricultural	940	4,870
Nonagricultural	8,510	44,680
Manufacturing	2,150	8,740
Government	1,270	8,590
Trade and Services	2,332	12,506

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1974 AND 1964

Industry	Laurel County			Labor Market Area		
	1974	1964	%Change	1974	1964	%Change
TOTAL	2,881	749	+ 284.6	10,144	4,200	+ 141.5
Food & Kindred						
Products	693	305	+ 127.2	1,209	626	+ 93.1
Tobacco	0	0	--	3	4	- 25.0
Apparel, Textiles,						
Leather	627	158	+ 296.8	2,847	1,285	+ 121.6
Lumber, Furniture	222	201	+ 10.4	2,339	1,225	+ 90.9
Printing & Publishing,						
Paper	1,144*	14	+8071.4	1,296	98	+1222.4
Chemicals, Petroleum						
& Coal, Rubber	59	29	+ 103.4	563	211	+ 166.8
Stone, Clay & Glass	35	41	- 14.6	589	378	+ 55.8
Machinery, Metal						
Products, Equip.	100	1	+9900.0	1,218	354	+ 244.1
Other	1	0	--	80	19	+ 321.1

*Includes employment at American Greetings Corporation, located north of Corbin in southern Laurel County.

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, September, 1974, September, 1964.

LONDON MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm (Establishment date)	Product	Employment			
		Total	Male	Female	Organized
Adams Construction Corporation (1967)	Bituminous concrete	20	20	0	
Avalon Cheese Company (1964)	Cheese, dried whey	16	11	5	
CRF Machine and Tool Company (1973)	Dies, jigs, and fixtures	15	13	2	
Caron Spinning Company (1963)	Worsted and synthetic yarn, synthetic tops	600	240	360	
Chaney Lumber Company, Inc. (1940)	Rough and dressed lumber	30	29	1	
Chappel's Dairy Division (1956)	Fluid milk, ice cream mix	44	37	7	

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>			
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Organized</u>
Cumberland Forest Products Company, Inc. (1952)	Veneer, plywood, wood chips	30	22	8	
Dairymen, Inc.	Fluid milk	13	12	1	
Griffin Pie Company, Inc. (1953)	Bakery products	260	150	110	
KW Battery	Battery chargers and protectors	19	14	5	
Kentucky Concrete Pipe Company, Inc. (1965)	Concrete pipe, precast manholes	15	14	1	*
Kerns Bakery, Inc. (1948)	Bakery products	375			
Laminated Timbers, Inc. (1960)	Laminated struc- tural members	14	12	2	
OP Link Handle Company, Inc. (1960)	Handle blanks, chips, sawdust, hickory wood	15	15	0	
London Bucket Company, Inc. (1931)	Fabricated sheet metal products, fabricated steel bar joists	22	18	4	
London Church Furniture, Inc. (1967)	Church furniture	25	25	0	
London-Clay Ready Mix, Inc. (1950)	Ready mixed con- crete, precast concrete special- ties	20	18	2	
London Diesel Service (1959)	Machine shop	37	37	0	
Micro Devices Corporation (1973)	Thermal cutoffs	100	17	83	
Phoenix Manufacturing, Inc. (1972)	Non-woven fabrics, fiber filters	85	80	5	
Safran Printing Company (1974)	Business forms	100			
The Sentinel Echo, Inc. (1873)	Newspaper, job printing	18	13	5	

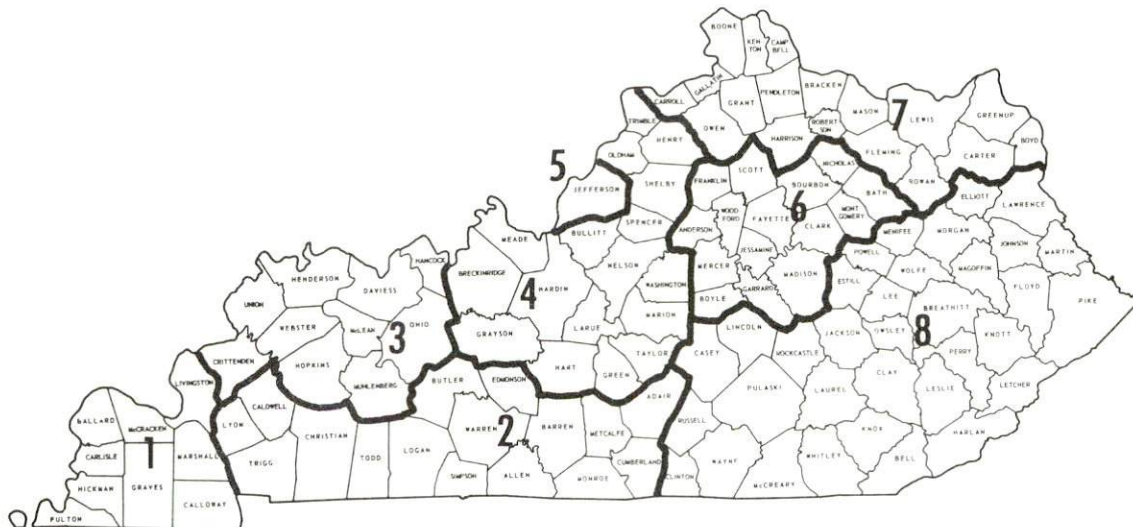
*See Labor Organizations, page 9

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce, 1975 Kentucky Directory of
Manufacturers.

WAGES

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by 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 130 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for eight 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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing manufacturing workers at:</u>
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Ware- housemen, and Helpers	Kentucky Concrete Pipe Company, Inc.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY LONDON LABOR MARKET AREA

	Current			Future	
		Not in		Under-	Reaching 18 yrs.
<u>Area</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>employed</u>	<u>of age before 1981</u>
Labor Market					
Area	14,830	8,680	3,270	2,880	8,831
Laurel	1,310	300	560	450	1,492
Clay	2,400	1,680	390	330	1,134
Jackson	830	400	280	150	543
Knox	2,130	1,190	470	470	1,201
McCreary	1,250	740	250	260	775
Pulaski	1,990	860	590	540	1,804
Rockcastle	1,260	740	320	200	666
Whitley	3,660	2,770	410	480	1,216

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY LONDON LABOR MARKET AREA

	Current			Future	
		Not in		Under-	Reaching 18 yrs.
<u>Area</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>employed</u>	<u>of age before 1981</u>
Labor Market					
Area	13,540	10,280	880	2,380	8,447
Laurel	1,680	1,120	150	410	1,434
Clay	1,910	1,650	110	150	1,204
Jackson	820	590	80	150	545
Knox	1,780	1,310	130	340	1,242
McCreary	1,020	860	60	100	694
Pulaski	2,620	1,870	150	600	1,633
Rockcastle	1,090	820	90	180	628
Whitley	2,620	2,060	110	450	1,067

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>%Change</u>
Laurel County	\$2,244	\$1,042	+115.4
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$1,428 - 2,778	\$664 - 1,144	N. A.
Kentucky	3,634	1,769	+105.4
U. S.	4,549	2,381	+ 91.1

Sources: Office of Development Services and Business Research, College of Economics, University of Kentucky, Kentucky Personal Income 1929/68. U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, Survey of Current Business, May, 1974, August, 1974.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving London - Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company

Services - 1 northbound and 2 southbound freights stop daily; 12 northbound and 12 southbound through freights daily; switching facilities; team track for ten cars; siding space for 20 cars; nearest piggyback facilities are at Williamsburg, 31 miles south, and Richmond, 51 miles north

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

Manager of Industrial Development
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company
908 West Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky 40201

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Detherage Freight Line	Box 728 Somerset, Kentucky 42501
Great Lakes Express	Saginaw, Michigan
Mason and Dixon Lines, Inc.	Eastman Road Kingsport, Tennessee 37664
McDuffee Motor Freight, Inc. (United Trucking)	332 High School Avenue Lebanon, Kentucky 40033
McLean Truck Company	617 Waughtown Street Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107
O.K. Trucking Company	1810 South Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45204
Overnite Transportation Company	1100 Commerce Road Richmond, Virginia 23209
Smith's Transportation Corporation of Virginia	Box 1,000 Staunton, Virginia 24401

Other Freight Services

Nearest Shipping Center

United Parcel Service	London
REA Express	London

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	307	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,246	5
Birmingham, Ala.	368	2	Louisville, Ky.	138	1
Chicago, Ill.	430	2	Nashville, Tenn.	206	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	144	1	New Orleans, La.	710	3
Cleveland, Ohio	391	2	New York, N. Y.	803	3
Detroit, Mich.	403	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	434	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	114	1	St. Louis, Mo.	401	2

Source: Delivery Time Only - United Trucking Service, Inc., Box 367,
Corbin, Kentucky 40701

Air

Nearest Commercial

London-Corbin Magee Field Airport

Location: 3 miles south of London

Runways: 1 paved

Length: 6,000 feet

Traffic

Control: Wind sock, class 4 flight service station that renders
complete weather and airport advice, 24 hours daily

Lighting: Beacon, runway and obstruction lights

Services: Piedmont Airlines, 80 and 100 octane, taxi, weather,
flight training, charter and ambulance service, vending
machines

Air Freight

Service: Freight accepted on a space available basis

Bus - Southern Greyhound Bus Lines
Trailways Bus Line

Taxi - Two taxi companies, 24-hour service

Rental Services - Car and truck rentals available

*The airport is in the process of acquiring 160 acres of land for the purpose
of improving their facilities.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving London and Laurel County - Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
Total generating capacity - 1,735,000 KW
For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Utilities Company
120 South Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Company serving Laurel County - Jackson County RECC
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Total generating capacity - 548,000 KW
For industrial rates contact:

Jackson County RECC
McKee, Kentucky 40447

Natural Gas

Company serving London - Gas Service Company, Inc.
Source of supply - The Wiser Oil Company
Size of transmission mains - 6 inch (supplier); 2 to 8 inches (distributor)
Distribution mains - 2 to 8 inches
Distribution pressure - 22 psi
Btu content - 1,170 per cubic foot; Specific gravity - .75
For rates and supplies contact:

Gas Service Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 975
Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965

Company serving portions of Laurel County - Peoples Gas Company of Kentucky
Source of supply - Wiser Oil Company and Columbia Gas Transmission Company
Size of transmission mains - 2 to 8 inches (supplier); 2 to 8 inches (distributor)
Distribution mains - 6 to 8 inches
Distribution pressure - 15 to 30 psi
Btu content - 1,000-1,100 per cubic foot; Specific gravity - .65
For rates and supplies contact:

Peoples Gas Company of Kentucky
513 South Main
Corbin, Kentucky 40701

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Casteel Hardware Company, East Bernstadt, Kentucky 40729
Cundari Gas Company, Main Street, London, Kentucky 40741
Empiregas, Inc., of Corbin, London Highway, Corbin, Kentucky 40701
Hodges Gas Company, 119 East Fourth, London, Kentucky 40741
Lewis LP Gas, Inc., Route 9, London, Kentucky 40741
Morgan Gas and Appliance, Camp Ground Road, Corbin, Kentucky 40701
Williams Energy Company, Camp Ground Road, Corbin, Kentucky 40701

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Petroleum Company, Route 6, London, Kentucky 40741
Curry Oil Company, South Dixie Highway, London, Kentucky 40741
Helton's Oil Company, Barbourville Highway, Corbin, Kentucky 40701
Massey Exxon Oil, North Main, London, Kentucky 40741
Ormsby Oil Company, Inc., US 25 South, London, Kentucky 40741
Standard Oil Company, Plant E, London, Kentucky 40741
Texaco, Inc., Route 1, Corbin, Kentucky 40701

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available in Laurel County

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving London - City of London Utility Commission

Source - Reservoir

Treatment plant capacity - 1,500,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 800,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 960,000 gallons

Type treatment - Coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, chlorination, and fluoridation

Storage capacity - 2,000,000 gallons

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

Average pressure - 70 psi

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

5/8 inch meter*

First	2,000 gallons	\$3.50 Minimum
Next	4,000 gallons	.84 per M gallons
Next	14,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
Next	80,000 gallons	.56 per M gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	.42 per M gallons
Next	800,000 gallons	.35 per M gallons
Over	1,000,000 gallons	.28 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$100 for 5/8- and 3/4-inch meters
\$200 for 1-inch meters and larger

*The rates for larger meters are the same, except for the minimum charges which are: \$4.90 for 3/4-inch meter; \$7.70 for 1-inch meter; \$14.00 for 1 1/2-inch meter; \$23.10 for 2-inch meter; \$45.50 for 3-inch meter; \$70.00 for 4-inch meter; and \$138.60 for 6-inch meter.

Name of water district - West Laurel Water Association
 Area served - Western Laurel County
 Date when water district began operating - 1973
 Source of supply of treated water - Wood Creek Water District
 Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 96,700 gallons
 Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 200,000 gallons
 Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons
 Average pressure - 50 psi
 Size lines - 2 to 8 inches
 Rates -

First	1,000 gallons	\$6.00 (Minimum Bill)
Next	2,000 gallons	2.00 per M gallons
Next	2,000 gallons	1.60 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
All over	10,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$200

Name of water district - Wood Creek Water District
 Area served - Northern Laurel County
 Date when water district began operating - 1969
 Source of raw water - Wood Creek Lake
 Capacity of treatment plant - 750,000 gallons per day
 Type of treatment - Coagulation, sedimentation, chlorination, filtration, disinfection
 Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 343,000 gallons
 Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 550,000 gallons
 Storage capacity - 400,000 gallons
 Average pressure - 55 psi
 Average temperature - 64 degrees F.
 Size lines - 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 10 inches
 Rates -

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.50 (Minimum Bill)
Next	1,500 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	1,500 gallons	.80 per M gallons
Next	2,500 gallons	.70 per M gallons
All over	7,500 gallons	.60 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$200

Name of water district - East Laurel Water District
 Area served - Eastern Laurel County
 Date when water district began operating - 1968
 Source of supply of treated water - Laurel Water District #2
 Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 66,700 gallons
 Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 110,000 gallons
 Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons
 Average pressure - 60 psi
 Size lines - 2 to 6 inches
 Rates -

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.50 (Minimum Bill)
Next	1,500 gallons	1.98 per M gallons
Next	1,500 gallons	1.60 per M gallons
All over	5,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$200

Name of water district - Laurel Water District #2
 Area served - Southern Laurel County
 Date when water district began operating - 1964
 Source of supply of treated water - Small amount of water purchased from
 the City of London Utility Commission
 Source of raw water - Laurel River
 Capacity of treatment plant - 500,000 gallons per day
 Type of treatment - Coagulation, sedimentation, chlorination, filtration,
 disinfection
 Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 325,000 gallons
 Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 375,000 gallons
 Storage capacity - 325,000 gallons
 Average pressure - 70 psi
 Size lines - 2 to 14 inches
 Rates -

First	1,000 gallons	\$5.50 (Minimum Bill)
Next	1,000 gallons	2.25 per M gallons
Next	1,000 gallons	2.00 per M gallons
Next	2,000 gallons	1.80 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons
All over	10,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$200

Surface water sources - Laurel and Rockcastle Rivers

Average discharge - Rockcastle River at Billows, Kentucky - 907 cfs

(38-year record); Laurel River at Municipal Dam near Corbin, Kentucky - 7,880 cfs (maximum discharge)

Expected ground water yield - 50 to 200 gpm in southeastern half of county;

5 to 50 gpm in band running in a northeastern-southwestern direction;

5 gpm or less in northwestern portion of county

Sewerage

Company serving London - City of London Utility Commission

Design capacity - 1,000,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow - 750,000 gallons; Treatment - Primary and secondary

Type treatment - Clarifier, drying beds, and tank hauling of liquid sludge

Treated effluent discharged into - Whitley Branch

Size of sanitary mains - 8, 10, and 15 inches

Rates - 50 percent of the monthly water bill

Tap-on charge: \$100

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

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

Budget 1973-74 - General Fund \$347,592.05

Water and Sewer Fund 332,500.00

Fees and licenses - Automobile sticker - \$10 annually; business license - \$5 to \$250 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 6 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1974-75 - General Fund \$235,800; Road Fund \$39,400

Assessed Value of Property, 1974

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>London</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
Real Estate and Tangibles	\$27,686,180	
Real Estate		\$128,226,760
Tangibles		35,370,560
Public Service		19,416,161

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 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, 1974*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>London</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
County	.1730	.173
School	.3710	.371
City	.2705	

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - London-Laurel County Planning Commission

Zoning enforced - City only

Subdivision regulations enforced - City and 5 miles beyond city limits

Local codes enforced - Housing and building

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>London</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
Total staff	14	5
Radio-patrol cars	3	2

Fire

American Insurance

Association Fire Rating 7

Stations 1 4**

Volunteers 22 70

Equipment:

1,000 gpm pumpers 2 1

750 gpm pumpers 1 2

500 gpm pumpers 3

350 gpm pumpers 2

Other 2 station wagons One 2,400 gallon tanker
and one 1,600 gallon
tanker

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1974.

**Efforts are being made to establish two additional fire stations.

Rescue Service

London-Laurel County Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 43

Equipment - 2 vans, 2 station wagons, utility truck, 4 boats, dragging equipment

Personnel training - Advanced first aid, fire school, Civil Defense, Emergency Medical Technician

Sanitation

London

Type service	Municipal
Fee charged:	
residential	\$2.00 per pickup
business	\$2.00 per pickup
industrial	\$2.00 per pickup
Collection frequency:	
residential	Weekly
business	Contract
industrial	Negotiated
Trash pickup	6 days a week
Disposal method	Landfill

Manufacturers outside the city limits may negotiate with the city for solid waste disposal service.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>East Bernstadt Independent</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
Total Enrollment (Fall 1974)	356	6,252
Elementary	253	3,230
Junior High	103	1,770
High School		1,252
Student-Teacher Ratio	25-1	23-1
Elementary	23-1	22-1
Junior High	29-1	24-1
High School		21-1
Percent High School Graduates to College		38.9
Expenditures Per Pupil (1973-74)	\$474.43	\$532.62
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1974	\$52,000	\$3,164,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
	Somerset State Vocational-Technical School*	Laurel County Area Vocational Education Center**
Location	Somerset	London
Miles Distant	35	
Curriculum	Data Processing Clerical Secretarial Marketing and Distribu- tive Education Health Careers Learning Lab Electronics (Technology) Aircraft Maintenance Technology Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Drafting Graphic Arts Machine Shop	Air Conditioning and Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Electricity

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.

*The Somerset State Vocational-Technical School participates in a federally funded Comprehensive Education Training program offering auto body repair, secretarial training, business education, diesel mechanics, machinist, and welding to individuals chosen by the employment service offices for training in these areas.

**Construction is scheduled to begin soon on a \$2.3 million addition to the existing facilities.

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 60 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1974)</u>	
Berea College	Berea	1,411	Baccalaureate
Centre College	Danville	796	Baccalaureate
Cumberland College	Williamsburg	1,777	Baccalaureate
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	12,571	Masters, Ph. D.
Hazard Community College	Hazard	223	Associate
Somerset Community College	Somerset	661	Associate
Sue Bennett Junior College	London	175	Associate
Union College	Barbourville	928	Masters

*Cooperative program with the University of Kentucky, Lexington, for a Ph. D. in education only.

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Marymount Hospital	London	51

General hospital facilities - 2 operating rooms, nursery, X-ray equipment, laboratory, delivery room, orthopedic room, emergency room, outpatient clinic, pharmacy, recovery room, pediatrics, physical therapy, inhalation therapy

Medical staff - 7 general practitioners, 2 surgeons, 9 registered nurses, 17 licensed practical nurses, radiologist, pathologist

Ambulance Service

Ambulance service is provided by the local funeral homes.

Nursing Homes

One nursing home containing 28 personal care beds, 50 extended care beds and 25 extended care beds is located in London.

Public Health

Facility - Laurel County Health Department

Staff - 2 sanitarians, 2 registered nurses, county health worker, clerk typist, administrator

Services - Immunization clinics; family planning clinic; cancer screening; preschool clinic; blood screening tests; heart clinic; examinations of teachers, bus drivers, and food handlers; observation and referral; vital statistics; and a full environmental sanitation program.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Kentucky Telephone Company
Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union

Postal - U.S. Post Office

Class -	First
Mail received -	2 times daily
Mail dispatched -	2 times daily

Newspapers - The Sentinel Echo

Weekly and circulation - 7,873

Other papers

received from -	Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee
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Radio - WFTG AM-FM

Stations received from -	Corbin, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee
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Television -

Cable service

Reception from -	Lexington, Kentucky; Knoxville, Johnson City, Kingsport, and Bristol, Tennessee; Ashville, North Carolina
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Kentucky Educational

Television	Somerset transmitter, Channel 29
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Library Services

Public library - Laurel County Public Library

Size collection - 33,000 volumes

Circulation, 1973-74 - 137,894

Services - Bookmobile, art workshop, story time, puppet shows, plays, film programs, community social club, community room, movie night

Private library - Minerva Daniel Library (Sue Bennett Junior College)

Size collection - 28,000 volumes

Special collections - 10,800

Services - Magazines, records, newspapers, photo copying machine

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 14

Denominations Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Christian,
Methodist, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian,
Seventh Day Adventist

Nearest Synagogues - Lexington

66 miles distant

Congregations Adath Israel (reform)
Ohavey Zion (traditional)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Cumberland Valley National Bank & Trust Company	\$50,266,728.27	\$45,921,435.20	June 30, 1974
First National Bank	25,089,913.88	22,813,356.81	December 31, 1974

<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
London Federal Savings and Loan Association	\$ 8,968,961.52	\$ 8,310,014.05	December 31, 1974

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 15

Total units - 432

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - London-Laurel County Development Association,
Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees

Fraternal - American Legion, VFW, Masons, Moose Lodge

Women's - Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club, DAR, Business and
Professional Women's Club, Garden Club

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H Club, FFA, FHA,
Little League baseball and football, Conservation Club

Other - Ministerial Association, Fish and Game Club, Saddle Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program -	Yes
Playgrounds -	2
Swimming pool	1
Baseball diamonds -	3
Football fields -	4

Private Recreation Facilities

Country club -	1
Golf course -	1
Swimming pools -	2
Movie theaters -	1 indoor, 2 outdoor
Tennis courts -	4

Cultural Events

Southeast Kentucky Fine Arts Association

Area (Within 50 miles)

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
Daniel Boone National Forest
Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine
General Burnside State Park
Laurel River Lake
Levi Jackson State Park
Pine Mountain State Resort Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture*

	<u>Laurel County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	285,248	2,220,992
Percent of area in farm land	41.5	37.9
Number of farms	1,706	9,233
Average size of farms (acres)	69.3	91.2
1969 value of all farm products	\$ 5,496,587	\$ 27,631,040
Value per farm	3,221	2,993
Total crop sales	2,229,307	12,469,570
Total livestock & livestock products	3,237,068	14,922,881
1973 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.) (est.)	3,440,000	16,081,000
Corn for grain (bu.) (est.)	304,000	2,363,200
Cattle and calves (number)	24,900	147,700
Hogs and pigs (number) (Preliminary)	1,900	26,700
Milk production, 1972 (lbs.)	25,560,000	136,860,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal, limestone, petroleum
Other mineral resources	Natural gas
Acres of commercial forest land	187,800
Most abundant tree species	White oak, yellow pine, red oak, yellow poplar, hickory, hemlock, soft maple

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1969. U. S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics, 1973.

Climate*

Laurel County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	59.7 degrees
Average annual 1974	60.1 degrees
Record highest, August, 1968 (14-year record)	99.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1966 (14-year record)	- 9.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	3,478
(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)	46.18 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (32-year record)	12.80 inches
Total precipitation 1974	59.33 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (32-year record)	128
Average number days thunderstorms (32-year record)	48

Prevailing winds (14-year record)	Northeast
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*U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1974. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

HISTORY

Laurel County, covering 446 miles, is situated in the Eastern Coal Fields Region of southeastern Kentucky. Its surface is elevated and generally rolling with some rugged hills and high ridges. A considerable portion of the county's area is covered by the Daniel Boone National Forest. The Laurel River runs through the southern part of the county and forms a boundary line with Whitley County. The county is named for the beautiful mountain laurel which grows abundantly along the banks of its streams.

Artifacts discovered in the area indicate the presence of prehistoric Indians, and recently Cherokee Indians from North Carolina's reservations have tried to establish claims in the northern part of the county. Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road ran through the area, and Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park commemorates the deaths of some early pioneers.

Laurel became Kentucky's eightieth county in 1825. Its first settlement was in London, now the county seat. London was built on land donated by descendants of General Levi Jackson, a Revolutionary War veteran. Its courthouse, since replaced by a modern structure, was built astride the Wilderness Road. Sue Bennett College, a junior institution established by Methodist in 1896, presently has an enrollment of approximately 200.

The earliest recorded population figure for Laurel County was 2,206 for 1830. The county's population grew steadily to a 1950 figure of 25,797. Although there was a decline to 24,901 in 1960, by 1970 the population had climbed to 27,386. The 1970 population of London was 4,337.

Agriculture in 1973 accounted for 940 of the county's 9,540 jobs. Major agricultural products were burley tobacco, corn, cattle, hogs, and milk. Manufacturing jobs were up nearly 285 percent from 749 in 1964 to 2,881 in 1974. Food products, textiles, and paper are the principal products. Largest of London's numerous industrial plants are: Kerns Bakery, Inc., Caron Spinning Company, and Griffin Pie Company, Inc. American Greetings Corporation, located in southern Laurel County, is the county's largest manufacturing plant.