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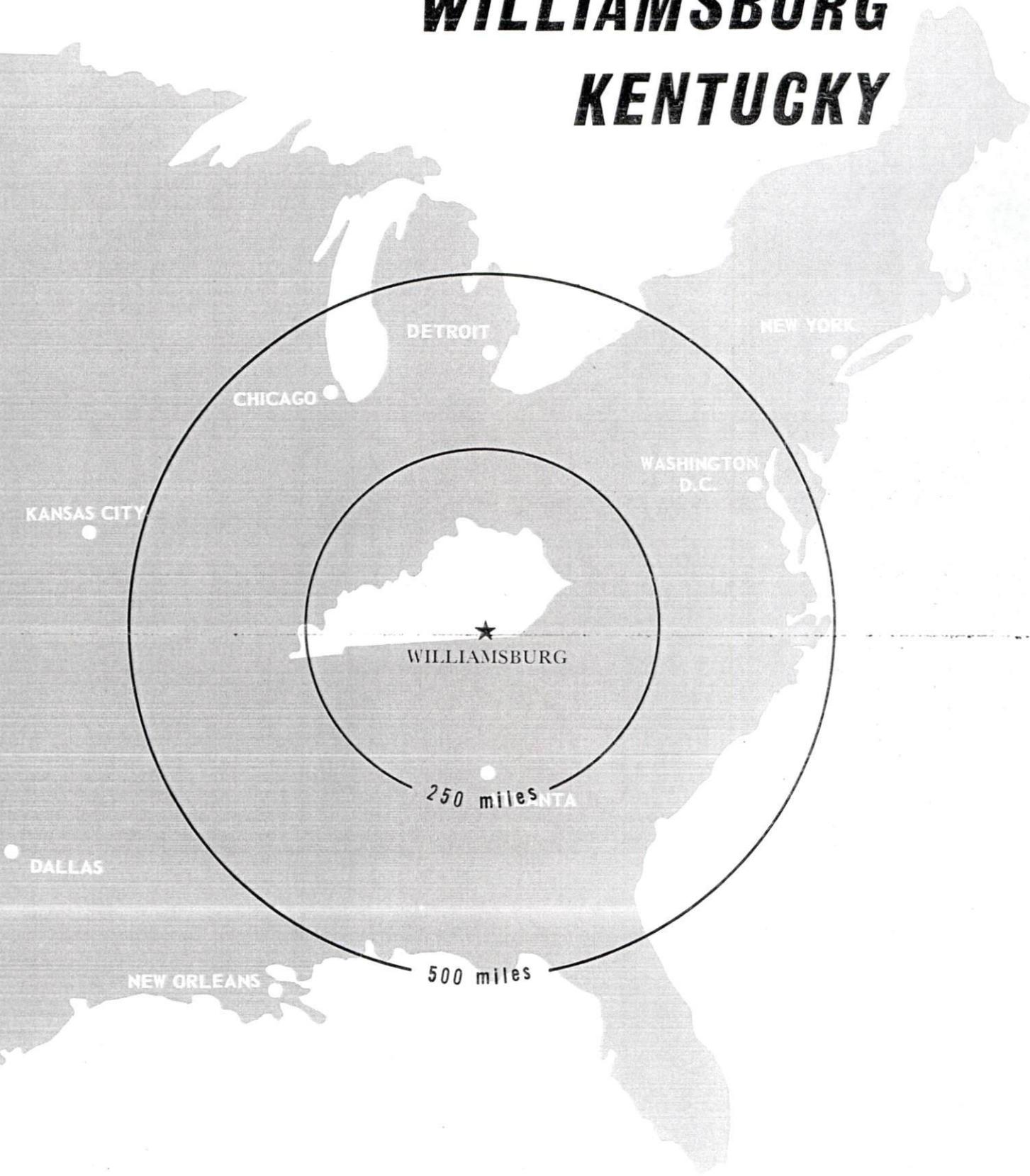
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# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

## **WILLIAMSBURG KENTUCKY**



WHITLEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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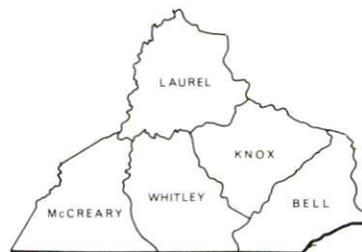
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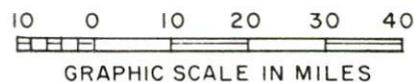
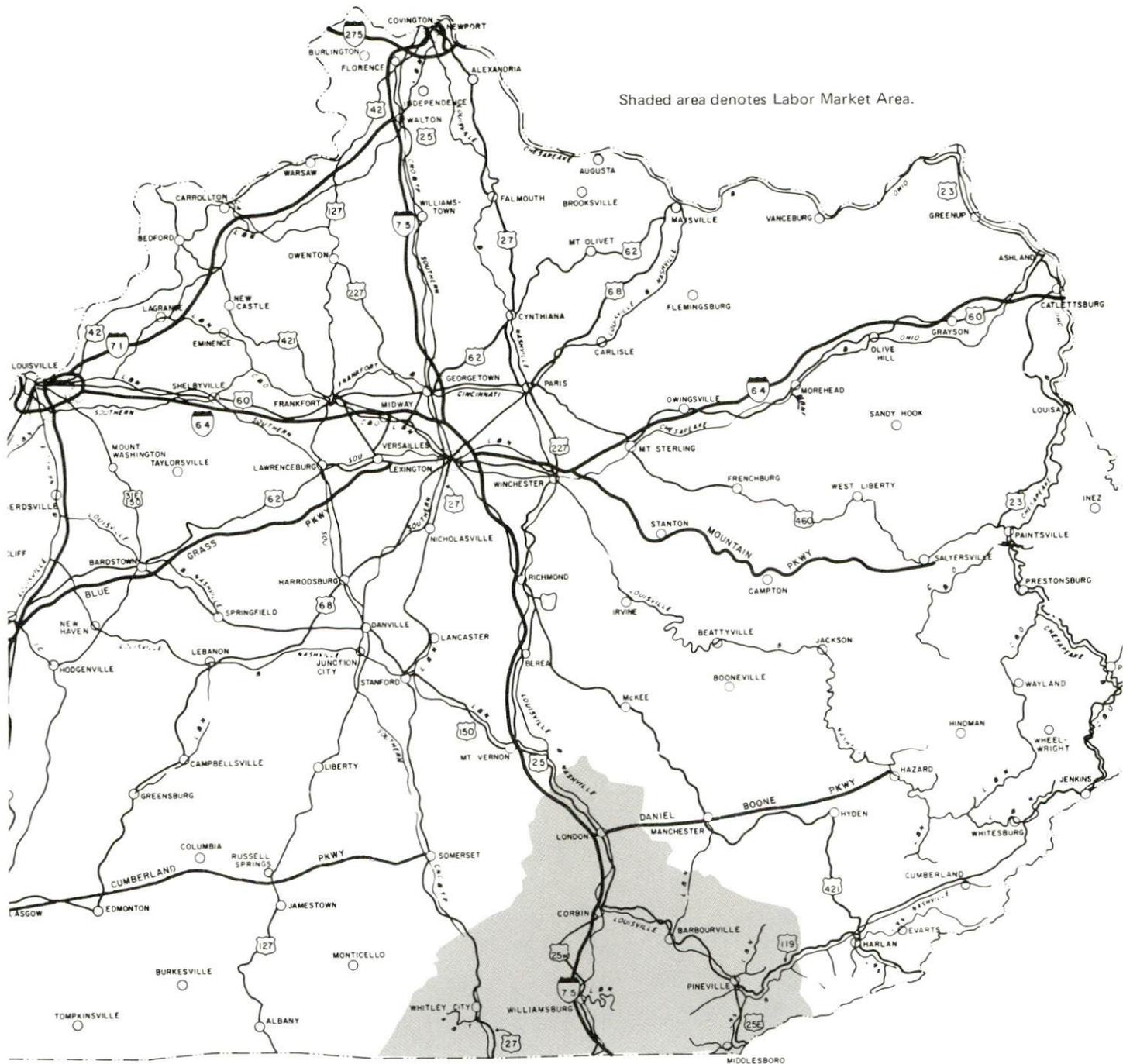
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# WILLIAMSBURG LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



## WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Williamsburg, the county seat of Whitley County, is located in the Eastern Coal Field physiographic region of Kentucky. It is 102 miles south of Lexington, 179 miles southeast of Louisville, and 68 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee. The 1970 population of Williamsburg was 3,687. In 1973, the population was estimated to be 3,842.

The 1970 population of Whitley County, which covers 459 square miles, was 24,145. The 1974 estimate of population was 26,900. The Kentucky-Tennessee state line forms the southern boundary of the county.

### The Economic Framework

The total number of Whitley County residents employed in 1974 averaged 7,320, including 130 in agriculture and 1,140 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 1,680 workers; trade and services firms employed 3,080; mining employed 540. Major industrial products are: industrial work clothing, government uniforms, mowers, shredders, roto-tillers, plastic components, and chaise lounges.

Total unemployment in Whitley County averaged 7.0 percent of the labor force in 1974.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1973 was \$2,896, an increase of 37.9 percent since 1969.

The Williamsburg labor market area includes Whitley County, the four adjoining counties, and Campbell and Claiborne counties in Tennessee. The total number of residents in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 42,800, including 1,510 in agriculture and 6,195 in government. Manufacturing employers in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area reported 7,260 workers; trade and services firms employed 10,510; mining reported 3,470.

### Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 11,990 men and 10,110 women available for jobs in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area. In addition, 6,350 young men and 6,045 young women in this area will become 18 years of age before 1981 and potentially available for work. The current labor supply would be supplemented by the number of men and women in the adjoining Tennessee counties who are available for industrial jobs.

2. Williamsburg is served by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The nearest piggyback facilities are located at Savoy, 1 mile south of Williamsburg. An Interstate 75 interchange is located approximately 1 mile west of Williamsburg. Williamsburg is served by six truck lines. Commercial air service is available at London, 29 miles away.

3. Electric power is provided in Williamsburg and parts of Whitley County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Cumberland Valley RECC also serves Whitley County. Williamsburg is served by Gas Service Company, Inc., whose supplier is the Cumberland Valley Pipeline Company. Williamsburg is served by one distributor of distillate fuel oil and two distributors of propane.

4. Two school systems operate in Whitley County - The Williamsburg Independent School District and The Whitley County School System. Williamsburg is also the home of Cumberland College, an accredited four-year, church-affiliated liberal arts college.

There are two universities, six senior colleges, one junior college and one community college within 85 miles of Williamsburg.

Vocational education is available at the Corbin Area Vocational Education Center, 18 miles away, which offers training in five areas. The Somerset State Vocational-Technical School is located in Somerset, 52 miles away, and offers 13 course areas.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION

<u>Area</u>	<u>1974*</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Nonwhite</u>
			<u>1970</u>
Williamsburg	3,842**	3,687	3.9
Labor Market Area	129,000	118,889	
Whitley County	26,900	24,145	0.7
Bell County	32,500	31,121	3.5
Knox County	25,700	23,689	1.7
Laurel County	30,100	27,386	1.0
McCreary County	13,800	12,548	1.6

\*Provisional Estimates.

\*\*1973 Population Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population 1970. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 562, June 1975; Series P-26, No. 120, June 1975.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1974

<u>Major Employment Group</u>	<u>Employment</u>	
	<u>Whitley County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	7,321	42,797
Agricultural	134	1,507
Nonagricultural	7,187	41,290
Manufacturing	1,676	7,260
Government	1,138	6,195
Trade and Services	3,082	10,507
Mining	542	3,468

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

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY  
SEPTEMBER 1974

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Whitley County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	1,922	7,568
Food & Kindred Products	188	1,069
Tobacco	1	3
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	985	2,862
Lumber, Furniture	328	912
Printing & Publishing, Paper	65	1,258
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal,		
Rubber	28	318
Stone, Clay & Glass	49	132
Machinery, Metal Products,		
Equipment	278	994
Other	0	20

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.

WILLIAMSBURG 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>	
Enterprise Plastics, Inc. (1973)	Plastic components	50	25	25	
Keller Furniture of Kentucky (1973)	Chaise lounge	30	15	15	*
Lambdin Jersey Farms Dairy (1951)	Milk	3	3	0	
Lion Uniform, Inc. (1959)	Industrial work clothing, government uniform clothing	265	25	240	
Roper Outdoor Products (1969)	Mowers, shredders, Roto-Tillers	118	80	38	
Royal Crown Bottling Company, Inc. (1935)	Soft drinks	17	15	2	
Whitley County Concrete and Supply Company, Inc. (1963)	Ready mixed concrete, concrete septic tanks	21	18	3	
Whitley Republican, Inc. (1908)	Newspaper, commercial printing	7	3	4	

\*See Labor Organizations below.

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Union

Representing manufacturing workers at:

The Distillery, Rectifying,  
Wine and Allied Workers'  
International Union

Keller Furniture of Kentucky

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY  
WILLIAMSBURG LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current</u>			<u>Under- employed</u>	<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981</u>
Labor Market					
Area	11,990	7,690	2,260	2,040	6,351
Whitley	3,660	2,770	410	480	1,216
Bell	3,640	2,690	570	380	1,667
Knox	2,130	1,190	470	470	1,201
Laurel	1,310	300	560	450	1,492
McCreary	1,250	740	250	260	775

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  
WILLIAMSBURG LABOR MARKET AREA

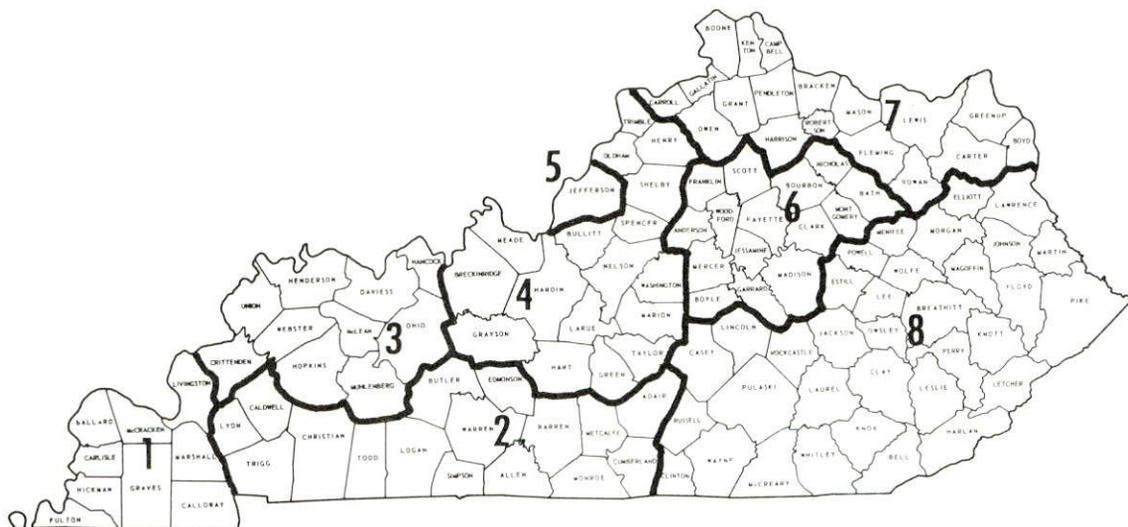
<u>Area</u>	<u>Current</u>			<u>Under- employed</u>	<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981</u>
Labor Market					
Area	10,110	7,830	570	1,710	6,045
Whitley	2,620	2,060	110	450	1,067
Bell	3,010	2,480	120	410	1,608
Knox	1,780	1,310	130	340	1,242
Laurel	1,680	1,120	150	410	1,434
McCreary	1,020	860	60	100	694

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

## 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

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Whitley County	\$2,896	\$2,100	+37.9
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$2,896 - 1,743	\$2,100 - 990	N.A.
Kentucky	4,050	2,894	+39.9
U. S.	5,041	3,733	+35.1

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, Survey of Current Business, August, 1974. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, April, 1975.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Line serving Williamsburg - Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company  
Services - Local freight stopping twice weekly; siding space for 5 cars;  
team track; piggyback facilities available in Savoy, Kentucky, 1 mile  
away

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

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

### Highways

Interstate 75, the major route between Lexington and Knoxville, Tennessee, runs north-south through the middle of Whitley County. Running roughly parallel to the interstate is U. S. 25 W, which also connects Lexington and Knoxville. Both of these roads, which are major truck routes, have been rated by the Kentucky Department of Highways as having a 73,280 pound gross load limit. State route 26, which connects Williamsburg and Corbin, is rated as having a 62,000 pound gross load limit. Other major roads in the county are state route 92, which connects Williamsburg with Pineville to the east and Whitley City and Monticello to the west, and state route 90, which connects two U. S. highways and also serves as the road to Cumberland Falls State Park. Both of these latter two roads have been rated as having a 44,000 pound gross load limit.

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Dixie Ohio Express, Inc.	P. O. Box 750 Akron, Ohio 44309
Eldridge Truck Line	North Highway 27 Somerset, Kentucky 42501
Mason and Dixon Lines, Inc.	Eastman Road Kingsport, Tennessee 37664
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	P. O. Box 1000 Staunton, Virginia 24401
<u>Other Freight Services</u>	<u>Nearest Shipping Center</u>
United Parcel Service*	London, Kentucky, 31 miles away

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL**		Highway Miles	Time TL**
Atlanta, Ga.	261	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,292	5
Birmingham, Ala.	322	2	Louisville, Ky.	179	1
Chicago, Ill.	471	2	Nashville, Tenn.	245	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	184	1	New Orleans, La.	664	3
Cleveland, Ohio	431	2	New York, N. Y.	829	3
Detroit, Mich.	443	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	488	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	68	1	St. Louis, Mo.	442	2

\*For regular scheduled pickups or for occasional pickups, arrangements must be made with the Louisville office of UPS.

\*\*Truck transit time from Corbin, Kentucky, 18 miles north of Williamsburg via Interstate 75, provided by United Trucking Service, Inc., Route 7, Box 367, Corbin, Kentucky 40701.

Air

	<u>Nearest Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
	Cumberland Falls Airport	London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field)
Location:	5 miles north of Williamsburg	London, 29 miles from Williamsburg
Runways:	1 paved	1 paved
Length:	2,500 feet	6,000 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind sock	Wind sock
Lighting:	None	Beacon, runway and obstruction lights
Services:	Fuel-80 octane, tie down	Piedmont Airlines, 80 and 100 octane fuel, JP-A-50, taxi, car rental, weather, flight training, charter and ambulance service, vending machines
Air Freight Service:		Accepted on a space available basis

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Lines  
Trailways Bus Lines  
Corbin-Williamsburg Bus Lines

Taxi

Four taxi companies, 24-hour service

Rental Services

U-Haul trailers

## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

Company serving Williamsburg and part of Whitley County - Kentucky  
Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 1,615,500 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Utilities Company  
120 South Limestone  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507  
(606) 225-1461

Company serving Whitley County - Cumberland Valley RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 496,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Cumberland Valley RECC  
Gray, Kentucky 40734  
(606) 528-2677

### Natural Gas

Company serving Williamsburg - Gas Service Company, Inc.

Source of supply - Cumberland Valley Pipeline Company

Size of transmission mains - 6 inches (supplier); 6 inches (distributor)

Distribution mains - 4 and 2 inches

Distribution pressure - 18 psi

Btu content - 1100 per cubic foot; Specific gravity - .70

For rates and supplies contact:

Gas Service Company of Williamsburg  
221 North Third Street  
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769  
(606) 549-1244

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Rains Gas and Appliance, Cumberland Falls Road, Williamsburg,  
Kentucky 40769

Home Gas Service, South Thrid Street, Williamsburg,  
Kentucky 40769

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Renfro Oil Company (Ashland Oil), Fifth Street, Williamsburg,  
Kentucky 40769

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available locally.

## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Water

Company serving Williamsburg - City of Williamsburg  
Director of Public Works  
City Hall  
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769  
(606) 549-3300

Source - Cumberland River  
Treatment plant capacity - 550,000 gpd\*  
Average daily consumption - 550,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 550,000 gallons  
Type treatment - Lime, alum and chlorine  
Storage capacity - 825,000 gallons  
Size lines - 12, 10, 8, 6 and 4 inches  
Average pressure - 70 psi  
Average temperature - 65 degrees F.

### MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

	<u>Inside city limits</u>
1,000 - 2,000 gallons	\$2.50 (Minimum)
3,000 - 5,000 gallons	1.15 per M gallons
6,000 - 15,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons
16,000 - 25,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
26,000 - 35,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons
36,000 - 45,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
All over 45,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons

	<u>Outside city limits</u>
1,000 - 2,000 gallons	\$3.50 (Minimum)
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$1.00

Tap-on charge: \$100

\*Approximately \$1.5 million has been allocated for a new water treatment plant.

Name of water district - Whitley County Water District  
North Second Street  
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769  
(606) 549-3683

Area served - North portion and south portion of Whitley County  
Date when water district began operating - 1964  
Source of supply of treated water - City of Williamsburg and City of  
Corbin

Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 20,000 gallons

Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 30,000 gallons

Storage capacity - 33,400 gallons

Average pressure - 70 psi

Average temperature - 60 degrees F.

Size lines - 6 and 3 inches

Rates -

With Meters

First 6,000 gallons \$6.30 (Minimum)

All over 6,000 gallons .90 per M gallons

Without Meters (flat rates)

\$4.00 per month and \$6.00 per month

Tap-on charge: Residence - \$100, Business - \$500

Surface water sources - Cumberland River; Laurel River and Laurel  
River Reservoir

Average discharge - 2,765 cfs at Cumberland River at Williamsburg,  
Kentucky (24-year record)

Expected ground water yield - 50 to 200 gpm in eastern three-fourths of  
county; 5 to 50 gpm in western one-fourth of county

Sewerage

Company serving Williamsburg - City of Williamsburg  
Director of Public Works  
City Hall  
Williamsburg, Kentucky 40769  
(606) 549-3300

Design capacity - 500,000 gpd

Average daily flow - 350,000 gallons

Treatment - Primary and secondary

Type treatment - Trickle filter, clarifier, drying beds

Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River

Size of sanitary mains - 12, 10, 8, and 6 inches

Size of storm mains - 24 and 30 inches

Rates -

One-half of monthly water bill.

Tap-on charge: \$100

## CLIMATE

### Whitley 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 snowfall (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

#### Relative Humidity (14-year record)

1 A.M.	78%
7 A.M.	84%
1 P.M.	58%
7 P.M.	62%

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1974. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms  
Budget, June 30, 1975 - General Fund \$214,488.61  
Water and Sewer Fund 199,700.06 (cash receipts - water sales)  
Fees and licenses - Annual privilege licenses vary from \$5 to \$100;  
automobile tax - \$8.50 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 3 magistrates - 4-year terms  
Budget 1974-75 - General Fund \$160,700; Road Fund \$64,500

Assessed Value of Property, 1975

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Williamsburg</u>	<u>Whitley County</u>
Real Estate	\$18,438,965	\$95,654,825
Tangibles	4,817,202	42,617,165

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, 1975\*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Williamsburg</u>	<u>Whitley County</u>
County	\$ .205	\$ .205
School	.398	.332
City	.400	

Special (not county wide): \$ .03 fire protection

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Williamsburg and Whitley County Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - All areas

Subdivision regulations enforced - City and 5 miles beyond city limits

Local codes enforced - 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>Williamsburg</u>	<u>Whitley County</u>
Total staff	8	3
Radio-patrol cars	2	5

Fire

American Insurance

Association Fire Rating 8

Full-time staff 4

Volunteers 15 13

Rescue Service

Tri-County Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 37

Equipment - 2 ambulances, utility truck, 2 boats, 3 motors, dragging equipment, trailer equipped with a kitchen, 1 trailer with a portable light plant, and 2-way radio equipment

Personnel training - The Tri-County Rescue Squad requires all members to be certified in Advance First Aid. All personnel are trained in cardiac resuscitation, civil defense communications, fire fighting, search and rescue, and traffic control procedures

\*Kentucky Department of Revenue.

Williamsburg Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 25

Equipment - 2 boats and 2 motors, 1 jeep, 1 mini-jeep, 1 station wagon, 1 van used for carrying oxygen and first aid supplies, 1 panel truck, 1 portable generator, 15 fire extinguishers, dragging equipment

Personnel training - The Williamsburg Rescue Squad is a member of the Kentucky Association of Rescue Squads and the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads. All members of the squad are trained in First Aid, fire fighting and cardiac resuscitation

Solid Wastes

Williamsburg

Type service	Municipal
Fee charged:	
residential	\$3 per month
business	\$5 to \$12 per month
industrial	\$50 per month
Collection frequency:	
residential	One to two times weekly
business	Daily
industrial	Daily
Trash pickup	When needed
Disposal method	Sanitary landfill

Private collection service is available to residents of the county.

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	<u>Williamsburg</u>	<u>Whitley County</u>
Total Enrollment		
(Fall, 1974)	767	4,025
Elementary	325	2,262
Junior High		738
High School	442	1,025
Student-Teacher Ratio		
Elementary	22-1	20-1
Junior High	23-1	18-1
High School	21-1	20-1
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Percent High School Graduates to College	67.9	23.0
Expenditures Per Pupil (1973-74)	\$539.55	\$552.10
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1974	\$130,000	\$1,526,000

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1974)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Berea College	Berea	64 miles	1,411	Baccalaureate
Centre College	Danville	85 miles	796	Baccalaureate
Cumberland College	Williamsburg		1,777	Baccalaureate
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	78 miles	12,571	Masters, Ph. D.*
Johnson Bible College	Knoxville, Tennessee	68 miles	332**	Baccalaureate
Knoxville College	Knoxville, Tennessee	68 miles	764**	Baccalaureate
Somerset Community College	Somerset	52 miles	661	Associate
Sue Bennett Junior College	London	31 miles	175	Associate
Union College	Barbourville	36 miles	928	Masters
University of Tennessee	Knoxville, Tennessee	68 miles	26,767**	Ph. D.

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

\*\*1973-74 enrollment.

## Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
	Somerset State Vocational- Technical School*	Corbin Area Vocational Education Center
Location	Somerset	Corbin
Miles Distant	52	18
Curriculum	Data Processing Clerical Secretarial Marketing and Distributive Education Health Careers Learning Lab Electronics (Technology) Aircraft Maintenance Technology Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Drafting Graphic Arts Machine Shop	Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Drafting Electricity 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.

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\*The Somerset State Vocational-Technical School participates in a federally funded Comprehensive Educational Training program offering Auto Body Repair, Secretarial Training, Business Education, Diesel Mechanics, Machinist, and Welding to individuals chosen by the employment service office for training in these areas.

## HEALTH

### Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 2  
Dentists - 3

### Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Southeastern Kentucky Baptist Hospital	Corbin, 18 miles from Williamsburg	139

General hospital facilities - 4 operating rooms, 2 delivery rooms, X-ray and emergency treatment facilities, laboratory, blood bank, OBGYN, surgical suite, EKG, recovery room, nursery, and pediatrics ward

Medical staff - 22 doctors, 25 registered nurses, 20 licensed practical nurses, 5 medical technologists, 3 X-ray technicians, 4 surgical technicians, 2 radiologists, 3 anesthetists, 1 physical therapist, 1 respiratory therapist, and 2 pathologists

### Ambulance Service

Two funeral homes provide ambulance service in Williamsburg.

### Public Health

Facility - The Whitley County Health Department

Staff - Full-time: 7 registered nurses, 1 licensed practical nurse, 2 health service aides, 2 health environmentalists, 1 administrator

Part-time: 1 practical nurse, 1 health service aide

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company  
Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union  
Services - Standard

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

Newspapers - Whitley Republican  
Weekly and circulation - 3,700  
Other papers received from - Louisville, Lexington and Corbin,  
Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee

Radio - WEZJ-AM  
Stations received from - Corbin and Lexington, Kentucky; Knoxville,  
Tennessee

Television -  
Cable Service  
Reception from - Knoxville, Tennessee; Lexington, Kentucky; Asheville,  
North Carolina  
Kentucky Educational Television - Channel 19, Somerset transmitter

### Library Services

Public library - Whitley County Public Library  
Size collection - 31,694 volumes  
Circulation, 1974-75 - 54,759 library; 96,332 bookmobile  
Services - Community room, films, records, art, story hour,  
bookmobile, inter-library loan

Private library - Norman Perkins Hagan Memorial Library, Cumberland  
College  
Size collection - 73,000 volumes  
Special collections - Appalachia collection  
Services - Photo-copy machine, microfilm, microfiche, reader-printer

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 8

Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ,  
Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist

Nearest Synagogues - Knoxville, Tennessee - 68 miles

Congregations - Heska Amune Congregation (orthodox); Temple  
Bethel (reform)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Bank of Williamsburg	\$21,589,255.94	\$19,343,899.81	6/30/75
Farmers National Bank	32,875,105.07	29,407,988.33	6/30/75

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 8

Total units - 500

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Optimist

Fraternal - Masons, IOOF, American Legion, VFW, Disabled American  
Veterans, Shriners

Women's - Woman's Club, Younger Woman's Club, Business and  
Professional Women, Eastern Star, DAR

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

Other - Williamsburg Ministerial Association, Williamsburg Bass Club

## RECREATION

### Local

Public recreation facilities in Williamsburg include a park with swimming pool, playground, tennis courts and baseball field. The American Legion football and baseball fields are also available for public use. Private recreation facilities include a country club with golf course and swimming pool, and one indoor and one outdoor movie theater.

Among events of interest are the annual Water Festival and the Whitley County Fair, which is held at the end of each summer. Cultural events include a concert series and college theater.

### Area (Within 45 miles)

Sixteen miles from Williamsburg lies Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. At the falls the waters of the Cumberland River fall sixty-two feet over a precipice of solid rock, just below a fifty-foot rapids. The falls has gained world renown for its remarkable moonbow, one of two in the world. Facilities and recreational activities at the park include a lodge, restaurant, campsites, cottages, swimming pool, fishing, hiking, picnic area and playground.

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park is located approximately 25 miles from Williamsburg, just a few miles south of London. Facilities include a pool, picnic area and playground; recreational activities are camping, hiking and horseback riding. Featured at this park is the Mountain Life Museum, a reproduction of a pioneer settlement.

Near Barbourville, 36 miles away, is the Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine. Dr. Walker, a physician and surveyor, led the first documented expedition through Cumberland Gap and built a cabin here in April, 1750. Today a replica cabin stands on the original site. Picnic and playground facilities are available.

Pine Mountain State Resort Park is located near Pineville, 38 miles away. This park features a lodge and restaurant, and is the site of the Mountain Laurel Festival and the summer drama, The Book of Job. Other facilities and activities include camping, picnicking, golf, hiking, swimming, fishing, and horseback riding.

General Burnside State Park is located 44 miles from Williamsburg on Chandler Island in Lake Cumberland. This park, named for a famous Union general who made his headquarters in the area during the Civil War, offers camping, picnicking, golf, fishing and swimming.

## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

### Recent:

Business expansion continues in Williamsburg. In the recent past, five new businesses have been started in the area and approximately fifteen existing businesses have renovated or expanded.

Housing construction also continues to be active. From twenty to fifty new homes have been constructed in various subdivisions of the city. A thirteen-unit apartment complex has been finished and is now occupied. Twenty units of low-income housing have also been completed.

Recent improvements in the downtown area include the repavement of major streets, and new sidewalks, curbs and guttering. Two new city parking lots have been added and a municipal park developed along the Cumberland River.

### Underway:

Projects underway include the construction of a downtown plaza with space for offices and stores, and a new bridge over the Cumberland River. Blueprints are now being drawn up for a new shopping center; land for this project has been purchased and is being prepared. Land is also being cleared for a new bank building. In addition, Cumberland College is building a new nursing dorm and the city and county are jointly developing a new park.

### Planned:

A new water treatment plant is being planned for Williamsburg. Approximately \$1.5 million has already been allocated for this project.

Money has also been appropriated for a new armory, with construction to begin next year.

The Whitley County School System plans to construct tennis courts, softball fields and possibly a swimming pool on the Whitley County High School campus.

## HISTORY

Whitley County is located in the southeastern portion of Kentucky and covers 459 square miles. Its southern boundary is formed by the Tennessee line. It is drained by the Cumberland River, which flows from east to west across the county, and its tributaries. The county's northern boundary is formed by the Laurel River and Laurel River Reservoir. An area noted for its unusual natural beauty, the land surface is mountainous and broken but there is much fertile soil in the valleys. A major portion of the area is included in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

The founders of Whitley County included John F. Sharp and Brinton Litton, both of whom served as representatives from the county in the State Assembly during its formative years. Whitley became the state's fifty-ninth county in 1818 when it was formed from the then western part of Knox County. It was named in honor of Colonel William Whitley, a renowned Indian fighter and soldier. One of the state's distinguished citizens, Whitley built the oldest brick house west of the Alleghenies in Lincoln County.

Williamsburg, the county seat, lies near the center of the county and had a population of 3,687 in 1970. It is the home of Cumberland College, a church-affiliated four-year liberal arts institution, which in 1974 had a total enrollment of 1,777. Corbin, the largest population center in the area, lies in the northeastern corner of the county. An important economic center, Corbin had a population of 7,317 in 1970.

In 1818, two years after its founding, Whitley County had a population of 2,340. This grew steadily until the 1840's when there was a rapid expansion due to the area's agricultural and timber resources. By 1950 the population had reached 31,940. Although there was a significant decline the next decade to 25,815 in 1960, industrial growth had cut the rate of decline by two-thirds by 1970, for a total of 24,145. In 1974, population of the county was estimated at 26,900.

Whitley County produces a significant amount of bituminous coal. The Corbin Railroad yards serve as a junction point for branch roads into the coal fields of eastern Kentucky.

There were 7,320 Whitley County residents employed in 1974. Agriculture accounted for 130 of these jobs. Manufacturing employment in the county reached 1,680, with the greatest concentration of production in apparels, lumber and furniture, and machinery and metal products.

Williamsburg's largest companies are Lion Uniform, Inc., which produces industrial work clothing and government uniform clothing, and Roper Outdoor Products, a maker of mowers, shredders and Roto-tillers.

One of the most famous residents of Whitley County was Julia Marcum, who aided the underground railroad prior to the Civil War and later fought for the Union. By a special act of Congress in 1884 she was made the only woman to be granted a soldier's pension by the government.