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SUMMARY OF...

***INDUSTRIAL
RESOURCES***

CUMBERLAND

BENHAM

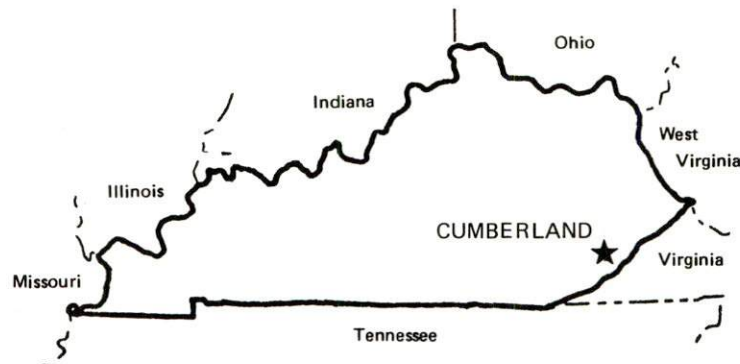
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SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
CUMBERLAND, BENHAM AND LYNCH, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1975: Cumberland - 3,725
Benham - 1,079
Lynch - 1,387
1976: Harlan County - 41,000; Labor Market Area - 145,100

CUMBERLAND, BENHAM AND LYNCH LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes Harlan, Bell, Leslie, Letcher and Perry Counties

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1977:

	<u>Harlan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	<u>12,763</u>	<u>47,884</u>
Employment	<u>11,971</u>	<u>44,745</u>
Agricultural	<u>55</u>	<u>352</u>
Nonagricultural	<u>11,916</u>	<u>44,393</u>
Unemployment	<u>792</u>	<u>3,139</u>
Rate of Unemployment (%)	<u>6.2</u>	<u>6.6</u>

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1976:

Harlan County	<u>\$5,016</u>
Labor Market Area Range	<u>\$3,321 - 5,250</u>

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1976:

Harlan County	<u>3,140</u> Male	<u>4,010</u> Female
Labor Market Area	<u>9,290</u> Male*	<u>12,210</u> Female*

LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Tri-City Printing Company, Cumberland	Newspaper	4

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers at Cumberland.

*The labor supply will be supplemented by the number of men and women in the adjoining counties of Lee and Wise in Virginia who are potentially available for industrial jobs.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company serves Cumberland, Benham and Lynch. Services include one freight stopping daily or as required; three northbound and three southbound mine runs daily; switching facilities; and team track space for 10 cars. The nearest piggyback facilities are at Williamsburg, Kentucky, 106 miles west of Cumberland.

Highways: Kentucky Highway 160 and U. S. Highway 119 serve the Harlan County Tri-City Area. Interstate 75 is 93 miles west of Cumberland via U. S. Highways 119 and 25-E.

Road Distance in Miles from Cumberland:

Atlanta	371	Baltimore	501	Chicago	530
Detroit	515	New York	697	St. Louis	513

Truck: Hogan Storage and Transfer Company and Smith's Transfer Corporation provide interstate motor transportation service to Cumberland, Benham and Lynch. Both interstate and intrastate service is provided by Overnite Transportation Company and United Trucking Service, Inc.

Air: Commercial air service is available at the Tri-City Airport near Kingsport, Tennessee, 65 miles southeast of Cumberland, and at the London-Corbin Airport near London, Kentucky, 102 miles northwest of Cumberland. Tucker-Guthrie Memorial Airport at Harlan, 23 miles from Cumberland, provides local airport services to the area. This airport has one paved, 2,700-foot runway.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Kentucky Utilities Company serves Cumberland, Lynch and parts of Harlan County. Benham is served by the Electric Plant Board of Benham. The source of power for both companies is Kentucky Utilities Company. Cumberland Valley RECC also serves Harlan County and the source of power is East Kentucky Power Cooperative.

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

Other Fuels: Three distributors of propane and five fuel oil distributors are located in Harlan, 23 miles from Cumberland.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: Cumberland is served by the Cumberland Municipal Water Works. The sources of raw water are Poor Fork Branch of the Cumberland River and two wells. The treatment plant capacity is 1,000,000 gallons per day, average daily consumption is 500,000 gallons and peak daily consumption is 600,000 gallons. Cumberland has a 900,000-gallon storage capacity. Benham is served by the City of Benham Water Works and the source of raw water is mine drainage. The treatment plant capacity is 350,000 gallons per day, average daily consumption is 165,000 gallons and peak daily consumption is 185,000 gallons. The storage capacity is 400,000 gallons. The company serving Lynch is the City of Lynch Water Works and the source of raw water is a 92,000,000-gallon reservoir. The treatment plant capacity is 2,000,000 gallons per day, average daily consumption is 600,000 gallons and peak daily consumption is 1,000,000 gallons. The storage capacity is 650,000 gallons.

Sewerage: The Cumberland Sewage Treatment Plant serves Cumberland and the design capacity of the treatment plant is 500,000 gallons per day. Average daily flow is 450,000 gallons and treatment is primary and secondary. The company serving Benham is the City of Benham Sewage Treatment Plant with a design capacity of 180,000 gallons per day. Average daily flow in Benham is 86,000 gallons and treatment is primary and secondary. Lynch is served by the City of Lynch Sewage Treatment Plant; the design capacity of the treatment plant is 1,400,000 gallons per day. Average daily flow in Lynch is 300,000 gallons and treatment is primary. Plans are being developed for combining the Benham and Lynch plants, and for improvements to the Cumberland Sewage Treatment Plant.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: Cumberland, Benham and Lynch are each served by a mayor elected to a 4-year term. Cumberland is served by 7 councilmen; Benham and Lynch are each served by 6 councilmen. Councilmen in all three communities are elected to 2-year terms.

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

TAXES:

Combined state and local property tax rates per \$100 valuation, 1977
(100% assessment)

	<u>Inside City of Cumberland</u>	<u>Inside City of Benham</u>	<u>Inside City of Lynch</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$1.375	\$1.255	\$1.898	\$0.805
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	1 510	1.390	2.033	0.940
4. Intangibles (accounts, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250

EDUCATION: There are three school systems operating in Harlan County. Students living in Cumberland and Benham attend Harlan County schools. The total number of students in the county system is 7,662 including 5,437 elementary, 350 middle school and 1,875 high school students. Students in Lynch attend the Lynch Independent Schools; total enrollment is 300, including 150 elementary and 150 high school students. The nearest state vocational school is Harlan State Vocational-Technical School at Harlan, 23 miles from Cumberland.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: Cumberland is served by Kentucky Telephone Company. South Central Bell provides service to Benham and Lynch.

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

Newspaper: The Tri-City News is published weekly in Cumberland and circulation is 3,400.

Radio Station: WCPM-AM broadcasts from Cumberland.

Television: Cable service is available in Cumberland, Benham and Lynch. Network programs are received from cities in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: The Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital is located 23 miles from Cumberland. Facilities at the hospital include 179 acute, 24 extended care and 26 intensive care beds.

Churches: There are approximately 23 churches in the Cumberland, Benham and Lynch area. Most major religious denominations are represented.

Financial Institutions: The Guaranty Deposit Bank is located in Cumberland.

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