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# Industrial Resources: Harlan County - Cumberland, Benham & Lynch

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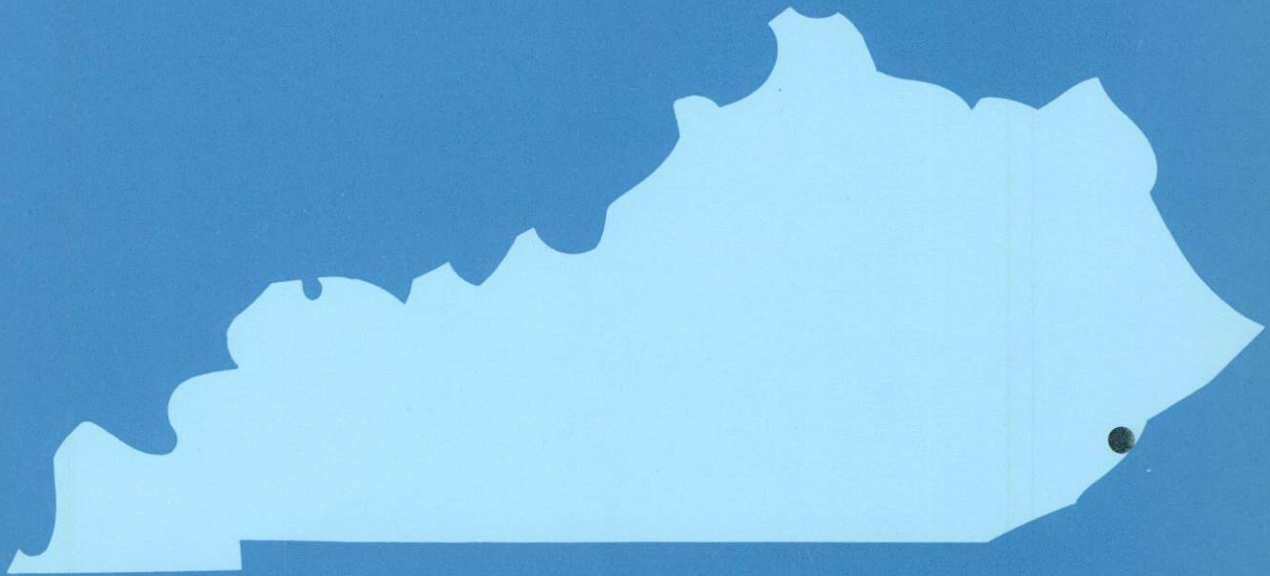
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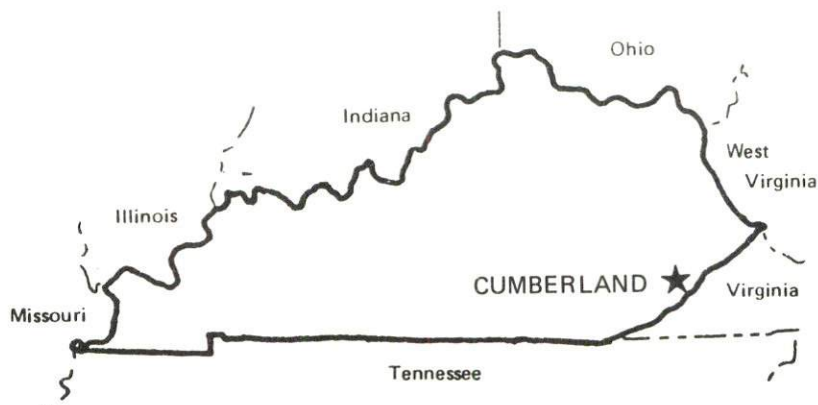
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of resources  
Cumberland,  
Benham  
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**SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES  
CUMBERLAND, BENHAM AND LYNCH, KENTUCKY**



**POPULATION:** 1980: Cumberland - 3,712  
Benham - 936  
Lynch - 1,614  
1980: Harlan County - 41,889; Labor Market Area - 155,551

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

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1982:**

	<u>Harlan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	13,257	51,284
Employment	10,991	43,332
Agricultural	41	273
Nonagricultural	10,950	43,059
Unemployment	2,266	7,952
Rate of Unemployment (%)	17.1	15.5

**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1981:**

Harlan County - \$7,492; Labor Market Area Range - \$5,260 - \$7,492

**ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1981:**

Harlan County - 4,639 Male, 3,851 Female; Labor Market Area\* - 15,347 Male, 13,688 Female

**LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANT (CUMBERLAND):**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Tri-City News	Newspaper	3

**LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:**

There are no labor unions representing manufacturing workers in Cumberland, Benham or Lynch.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Rail: The Seaboard System Railroad serves Cumberland, Benham and Lynch. Services include one northbound and one southbound freight daily, stopping as needed; three northbound and three southbound mine runs daily; switching facilities; and team track space for 10 cars. The nearest piggyback facilities are located in Kingsport, Tennessee, 64 miles southeast of 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.



Highways: Kentucky Highway 160 and U.S. Highway 119 serve the Cumberland, Benham and Lynch area. The nearest access to the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multilane toll road, is 59 miles north of Cumberland. Interstate 75, a major north-south highway, is 90 miles west of Cumberland.

Road Distance in Miles from Cumberland:

Atlanta	355	Baltimore	589	Chicago	527
Detroit	512	New York	761	St. Louis	510

Truck: Four common carriers have authority to serve Cumberland. Three companies provide interstate and intrastate service and one company provides interstate service only. Benham and Lynch are each served by two common carriers. One carrier provides interstate and intrastate service and one carrier provides interstate service only.

Air: The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Tri-City Airport, 73 miles southeast of Cumberland, near Kingsport, Tennessee. The airport is served by Piedmont, USAir, Atlantic Southeast, and Tennessee Airways. Tucker-Guthrie Memorial Airport near Harlan, 22 miles southwest of Cumberland, has one paved, 2,700-foot runway.

**UTILITIES:**

Electricity: Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company, serves most of Cumberland, Lynch and a major portion of Harlan County. Cumberland Valley RECC serves a small portion of Cumberland and northern Harlan County. Cumberland Valley RECC is supplied by East Kentucky Power Cooperative. Benham is served by the Benham Power Board which is supplied by Kentucky Utilities Company.

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

Other Fuels: One bulk plant distributor of propane located in Baxter, Kentucky, approximately 20 miles west of Cumberland, serves the tri-city area. One distributor of distillate fuel oil is located in Cumberland and five other fuel oil distributors are located in Harlan County.

**WATER AND SEWERAGE:**

Water:\* Cumberland is served by Cumberland Municipal Water Works. The sources of raw water are Poor Fork of the Cumberland River and one well. The treatment plant capacity is 850,000 gpd, average daily consumption is 728,000 gallons, and peak daily consumption has been 1,041,000 gallons. Local storage capacity is 900,000 gallons. Cumberland Municipal Water Works plans to expand the treatment plant capacity to 1,500,00 gpd and add 300,000 gallons of storage. Benham is served by Benham Water Works. The source of raw water is mine drainage. The treatment plant capacity is 300,000 gpd, average daily consumption is 147,000 gallons, and peak daily consumption has been 216,000 gallons. Local storage capacity is 500,000 gallons. Lynch is served by the Lynch Water Plant. The source of raw water is a reservoir. The treatment plant capacity is 1,200,000 gpd, average daily consumption is 547,000 gallons, and peak daily consumption has been 828,000 gallons. Local storage capacity is 592,000 gallons.

Sewerage: The Cumberland Sewerage Plant serves Cumberland. The design capacity is 500,000 gpd, the average daily flow is 300,000 gallons and the treatment is secondary. The Benham Water Works serves Benham. The design capacity is 180,000 gpd, the average daily flow is 100,000 gallons and the treatment is secondary. The Lynch Sewerage Plant serves Lynch. The design capacity is 1,400,000 gpd, the average daily flow is 500,000 gallons and the treatment is secondary.

**GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:**

City: Cumberland, Benham and Lynch are each served by a mayor elected to a four-year term. Cumberland has seven council members; Benham and Lynch have six council members each. All council members are elected to two-year terms.

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

\* Kentucky Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

**TAXES:**

Combined state and local property tax rates per \$100 valuation, 1982  
(100% assessment)

	<u>Inside City of Cumberland</u>	<u>Inside City of Benham</u>	<u>Inside City of Lynch</u>	<u>Unincorporated Harlan County</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$ 1.0449	\$ 0.9749	\$ 0.5849	\$ 0.5849
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	0.9603	0.9603	0.9603	0.9603
4. Intangibles (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500
5. Leaseholds in I. R. bond financed plants	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150

**EDUCATION:** The Harlan County School System serves Cumberland, Benham and Lynch. Total enrollment in the Harlan County School System is 7,623 with 5,148 elementary students and 2,475 high school students. The nearest state vocational-technical school is the Harlan State Vocational-Technical School in Harlan, 22 miles southwest of Cumberland. The nearest area vocational education center is the Letcher County Area Vocational Education Center in Whitesburg, 24 miles northeast of Cumberland. Southeast Community College, a unit of the University of Kentucky's Community College System located at Cumberland, had a Fall 1982 enrollment of 624.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Telephone:** Cumberland is served by Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky. Benham and Lynch are served by South Central Bell.

**Telegraph:** A toll-free number (800-325-5100) is available for sending mailgrams, international and telegraph messages.

**Newspaper:** The Tri-City News is published weekly in Cumberland with a circulation of 3,000.

**Radio Station:** WCPM-AM broadcasts from Cumberland.

**Television:** Cumberland, Benham and Lynch each have cable television service. All major networks are received.

**OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:**

**Hospitals:** The Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital is located in Harlan, 22 miles southwest of Cumberland. The hospital maintains 179 beds.

**Churches:** Approximately 12 churches are located within Cumberland, Benham and Lynch. Most major religious denominations are represented in the area.

**Financial Institutions:** The Guaranty Bank and the Middlesboro Federal Savings and Loan Association are located in Cumberland and provide financial services to the tri-city area.

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