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RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

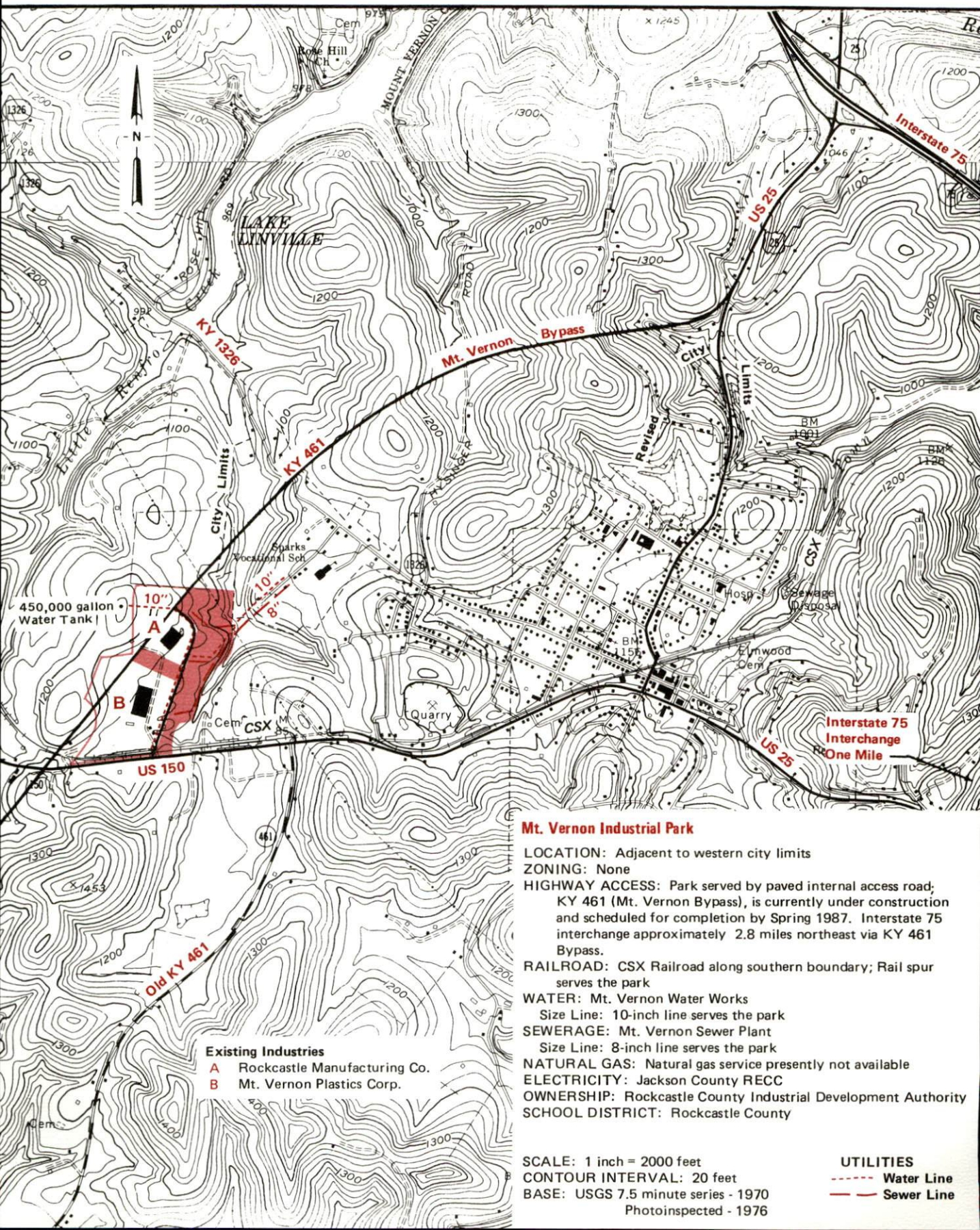
Mt. Vernon



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MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY --- Site 186 --- 32.5 Acres

For more information contact the Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Industrial Development & Marketing Division, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 (502-564-7140).



Mt. Vernon Industrial Park

LOCATION: Adjacent to western city limits

ZONING: None

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Park served by paved internal access road; KY 461 (Mt. Vernon Bypass), is currently under construction and scheduled for completion by Spring 1987. Interstate 75 interchange approximately 2.8 miles northeast via KY 461 Bypass.

RAILROAD: CSX Railroad along southern boundary; Rail spur serves the park

WATER: Mt. Vernon Water Works

Size Line: 10-inch line serves the park

SEWERAGE: Mt. Vernon Sewer Plant

Size Line: 8-inch line serves the park

NATURAL GAS: Natural gas service presently not available

ELECTRICITY: Jackson County RECC

OWNERSHIP: Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority

SCHOOL DISTRICT: Rockcastle County

SCALE: 1 inch = 2000 feet

CONTOUR INTERVAL: 20 feet

BASE: USGS 7.5 minute series - 1970

Photoinspected - 1976

UTILITIES

--- Water Line

--- Sewer Line

Existing Industries

A Rockcastle Manufacturing Co.

B Mt. Vernon Plastics Corp.

RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

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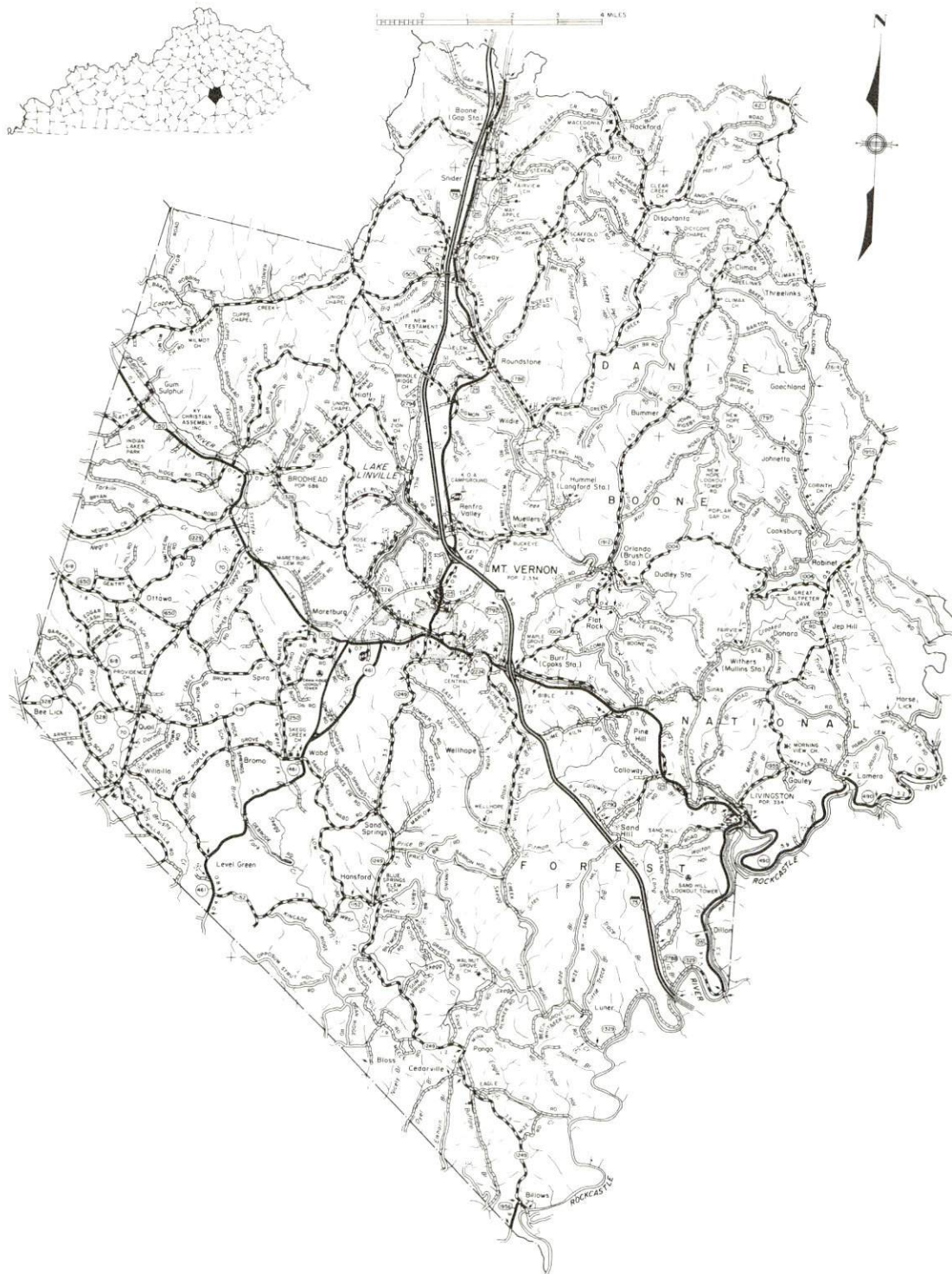
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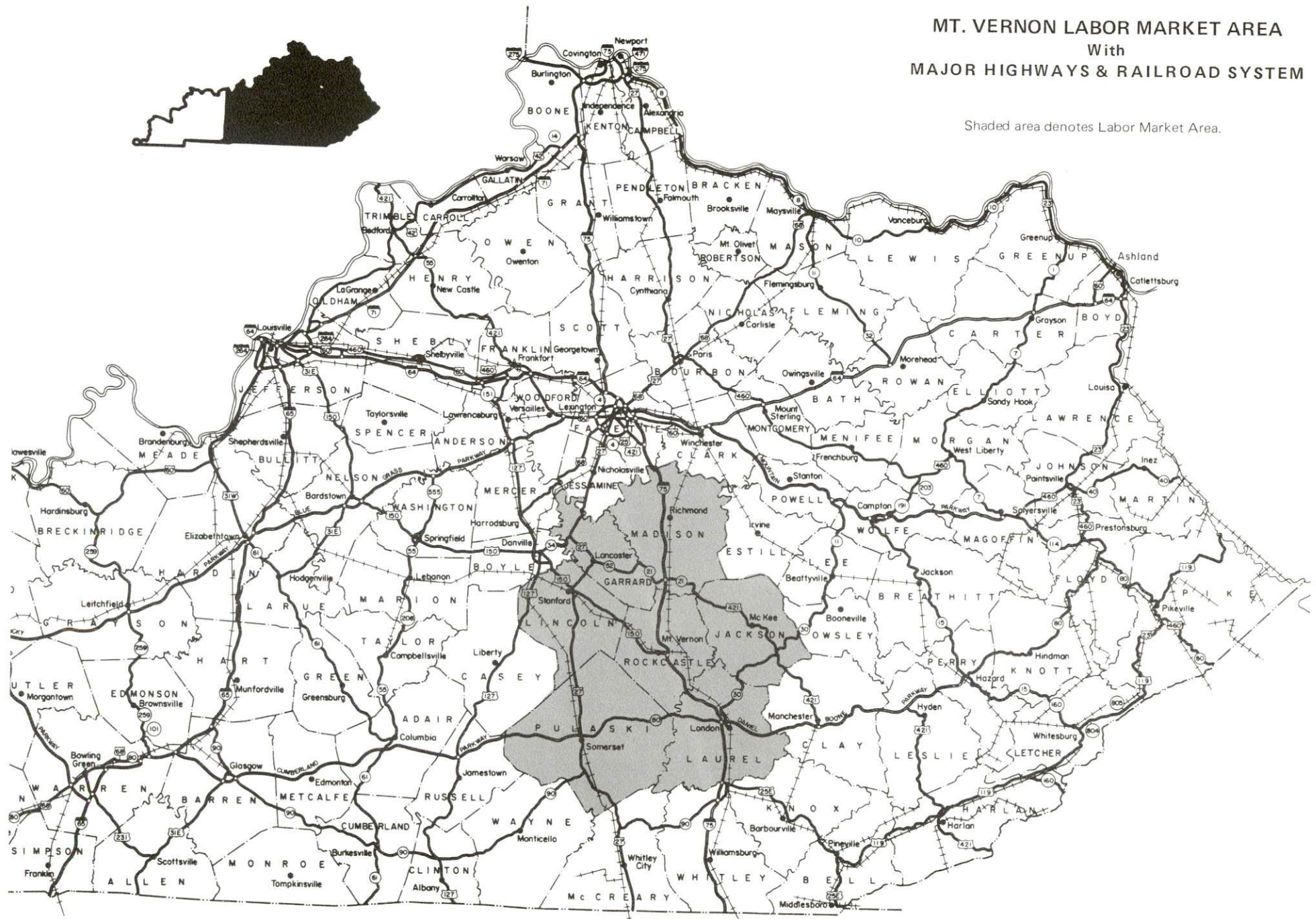
1986 EDITION
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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MT. VERNON LABOR MARKET AREA With MAJOR HIGHWAYS & RAILROAD SYSTEM

Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Mt. Vernon, the county seat of Rockcastle County, is located in east central Kentucky. Mt. Vernon is 54 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky; 118 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 126 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky. In 1984, Mt. Vernon had an estimated population of 2,549.

Rockcastle County, with a land area of 318 square miles, has a terrain which is considered generally hilly. In 1984, Rockcastle County had an estimated population of 14,531.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Rockcastle County residents employed in 1985 averaged 6,380. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 485 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 400 jobs; 430 people were employed in service occupations; and state and local government accounted for 480 employees.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 13,361 men and 16,228 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1986 through 1990, 8,300 young men and 7,580 young women in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Rail service is provided to Mt. Vernon by CSX Transportation. Mt. Vernon is served directly by Interstate 75 and U.S. Highways 25 and 150. The Daniel Boone Parkway is 22 miles southeast, while the Cumberland Parkway is 26 miles southwest. Ten trucking companies serve Mt. Vernon with interstate and intrastate service. The London-Corbin Airport, 25 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon, has one paved 6,000-foot runway. Bluegrass Airport, 59 miles north of Mt. Vernon, is the nearest commercial airline service.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County by the Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Rockcastle County is also provided electric power by the Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, which is supplied by the East Kentucky Power Cooperative. Natural gas service is presently not available in Rockcastle County. One distributor of propane and seven distributors of distillate fuel oil serve Mt. Vernon.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County by the Rockcastle County School System. Three universities, six senior colleges, and two community colleges are located within 54 miles of Mt. Vernon. Vocational training is provided by the Rockcastle County Area Education Center, located in Mt. Vernon, and the Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School, located in London, 22 miles southeast.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Mt. Vernon Labor Market Area includes Rockcastle County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Lincoln, Madison and Pulaski.

POPULATION				
Area	1984*	1980	1970	Percent Nonwhite 1980
Mt. Vernon	2,549	2,334	1,639	0.2
Labor Market Area	201,937	194,012	153,780	N/A
Rockcastle County	14,531	13,973	12,305	0.3
Garrard County	11,292	10,853	9,457	5.5
Jackson County	12,473	11,996	10,005	0.1
Laurel County	41,606	38,982	27,386	1.0
Lincoln County	19,162	19,053	16,663	4.2
Madison County	54,396	53,352	42,730	6.8
Pulaski County	48,477	45,803	35,234	1.5

* Population estimates.

Note: The 1980 city counts of population by race are provisional.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1980 Census of Population and Housing, March 1981; 1980 Census of Population, Number of Inhabitants. University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, Population Unit, October 1985; Kentucky Population Research Notes, Issue Number One, May 1985.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS				
Area	1990	1995	2000	2010
Labor Market Area	212,329	220,760	227,331	236,830
Rockcastle County	15,098	15,561	15,898	16,259
Garrard County	11,849	12,252	12,543	12,899
Jackson County	12,882	13,246	13,570	14,052
Laurel County	45,956	49,501	52,404	57,299
Lincoln County	19,831	20,392	20,810	21,324
Madison County	54,156	54,005	53,820	52,894
Pulaski County	52,557	55,803	58,286	62,103

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, Population Research Unit, How Many Kentuckians: Population Forecasts, 1980-2020, the 1986 Edition, Spring 1986.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1985

	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	6,382	89,640
Employment	5,590	80,210
Unemployment	792	9,430
Rate of Unemployment (%)	12.4	10.5

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1985.

SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT,
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1985

	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	1,989	51,084
Manufacturing	485	12,722
Wholesale & Retail Trade	402	13,897
Services	430	8,114
State/Local Government	484	9,334
Contract Construction	47	2,328
Mining & Quarrying	16	788

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1985.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Rockcastle County	\$ 4,232	\$ 5,924	40.0
Labor Market Area Range	\$3,933 - 6,361	\$5,548 - 9,079	N/A
Kentucky	7,644	10,232	33.9
U. S.	9,494	12,772	34.5

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Kentucky Economic Information System, June 1986.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
MT. VERNON LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current				Future
	Total Male	Unemployed	Under-employed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1986 thru 1990
Labor Market					
Area*	13,361	5,995	5,130	2,236	8,302
Rockcastle	991	504	375	112	675
Garrard	905	353	285	267	429
Jackson	1,408	522	353	533	594
Laurel	2,502	1,156	942	404	1,884
Lincoln	1,452	824	366	262	864
Madison	2,717	903	1,814	0	1,919
Pulaski	3,386	1,733	995	658	1,937

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
MT. VERNON LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current				Future
	Total Female	Unemployed	Under-employed	Not in Labor Force	Becoming 18 years of age 1986 thru 1990
Labor Market					
Area*	16,228	3,435	5,216	7,577	7,576
Rockcastle	1,145	288	181	676	585
Garrard	1,009	223	196	590	373
Jackson	1,498	191	173	1,134	518
Laurel	3,781	678	859	2,244	1,636
Lincoln	1,755	383	359	1,013	774
Madison	3,277	844	2,433	0	1,814
Pulaski	3,763	828	1,015	1,920	1,876

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work;
Underemployed - persons employed but working only 14 to 26 weeks per year;
Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally).

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1985. Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1986 thru 1990.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY,
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1985

	<u>Rockcastle County</u>	<u>Garrard County</u>	<u>Jackson County</u>	<u>Laurel County</u>
All Industries	\$196.01	\$205.20	\$244.51	\$286.17
Mining & Quarrying	382.98	*	330.56	437.28
Contract Construction	150.58	247.69	228.76	403.66
Manufacturing	187.39	204.82	187.96	304.80
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	237.30	328.36	311.93	384.87
Wholesale & Retail Trade	150.98	137.67	181.11	229.06
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	209.88	275.51	*	276.17
Services	189.64	212.48	211.72	221.71
State/Local Government	245.70	220.87	243.71	318.73
Other	*	161.46	*	208.24
	<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>Madison County</u>	<u>Pulaski County</u>	
All Industries	\$214.48	\$271.60	\$269.12	
Mining & Quarrying	0	*	350.83	
Contract Construction	183.26	274.23	207.88	
Manufacturing	217.45	390.48	321.48	
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	463.78	295.76	365.96	
Wholesale & Retail Trade	152.11	178.76	187.45	
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	244.48	308.09	316.20	
Services	194.28	233.50	253.56	
State/Local Government	252.63	322.16	285.67	
Other	116.59	153.48	178.38	

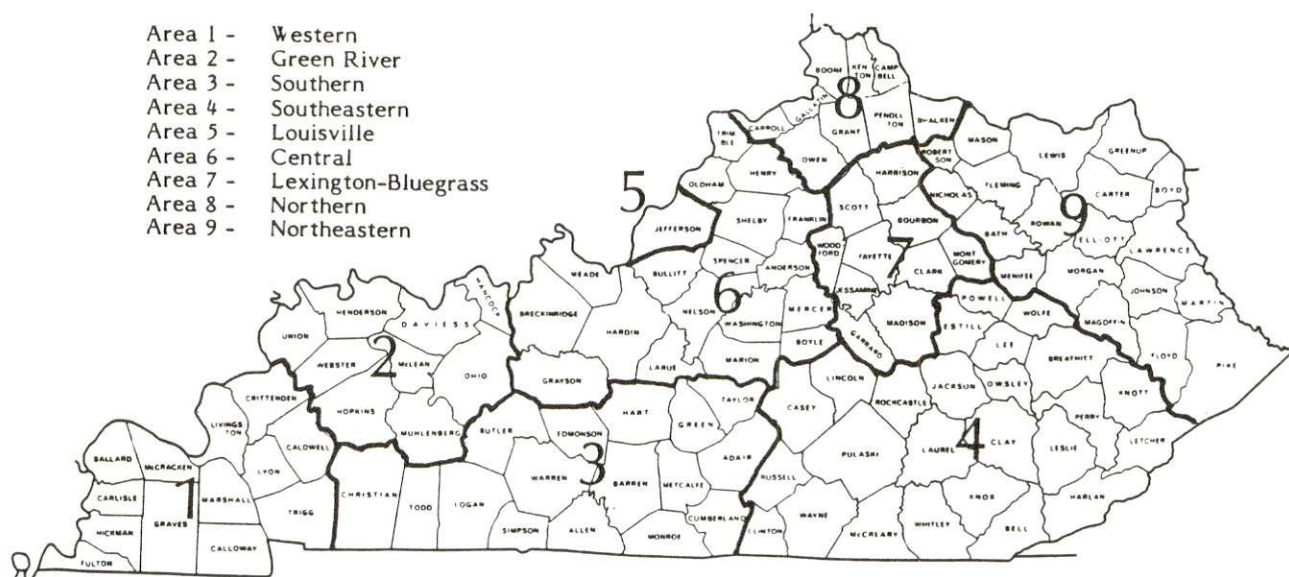
* Not disclosed.

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes the salaries and wages of all persons working for that type business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1985.

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 are 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 are compiled for over 127 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for nine geographical areas 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 Economic Development, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Associated Industries of Kentucky Area Wage Surveys

EXISTING INDUSTRY

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Labor Unions</u>
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Mt. Vernon					
The Kentucky Stone Company (1936)	Agricultural lime, crushed stone	23	22	1	Steelworkers*
Long-Airdox Engineering (1982)	Equipment for coal industry, steel fabrication, bulk material belt conveyor systems	47	45	2	
Mt. Vernon Plastics Corporation (1980)	Plastic bowls, caps, containers	210	50	160	
The Mt. Vernon Signal (1887)	Newspaper	6	2	4	
Rockcastle Manufacturing Company (1979)	Men's uniform pants	172	17	155	
Stewart Fertilizer Service, Inc. (1962)	Fertilizer	15	12	3	
Brodhead					
Albright Feed & Supply (1959)	Feed, fertilizer	6	5	1	
Renfro Valley					
Renfro Valley Folks, Inc. (1942)	Newspaper	3	0	3	

*See Labor Organizations below.

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Development, 1986 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers; Division of Research and Planning

RECENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Booneway Farms, Mt. Vernon Plastics Corporation and Rockcastle Manufacturing Company all completed expansions in 1985. A total of 152 new jobs were created.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO	The Kentucky Stone Company

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Mt. Vernon</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Mt. Vernon	-
Electric Motor Repair	Somerset	26
Grinding, Precision & Tool	Richmond	30
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond	30
Industrial Equipment & Supplies	Lexington	54
Industrial Gases	London	22
	Somerset	26
Industrial Waste Removal	Somerset	26
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Mt. Vernon	-
Metal Finishers	Richmond	30
Metal Service Centers	Lexington	54
Millwrights	Nicholasville	49
	Lexington	54
Public Warehouse Facilities	Lexington	54

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Development, Kentucky Directory of Selected Industrial Services, 1985; Division of Research and Planning.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving **Mt. Vernon** - CSX Transportation

Services - Branch line; one freight stops daily; team track space for 10 cars; siding space for 90 cars; nearest piggyback facilities are operated by Southern Railway System at Danville, 36 miles northwest

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority completed construction of a 2,400-foot rail spur from the CSX Transportation line to the Rockcastle Multi-County Industrial Park in 1985.

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

Manager of Industrial Development
CSX Transportation
P.O. Box 2157
Louisville, Kentucky 40201
(502) 587-5228

Highways

Mt. Vernon is served by Interstate 75 and U.S. Highways 25 and 150, all "AAA" rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Also serving Mt. Vernon is Kentucky 461, a "AA" rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. The Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is 22 miles southeast via Interstate 75. The Cumberland Parkway, also a multi-lane toll road, is located 26 miles southwest via Kentucky Highways 461 and 80.

Construction of Kentucky 461 Bypass around Mt. Vernon is under way. The bypass, which will connect U.S. 25, one mile west of Interstate 75, to Kentucky 461, one mile south of Mt. Vernon, will be completed in Spring 1987.

Kentucky 461 from Mt. Vernon to Kentucky 80, 9 miles east of Somerset, is in the process of being upgraded to include passing lanes.

Truck Service

ANR Freight System, Inc.*
ARA/Smith's*
Bailey's Express, Inc.*
Bestway Express, Inc.*
Lawrenceburg Transfer
Company, Inc.*

Manning Motor Express, Inc.*
Middlewest Freightways, Inc.*
Overnite Transportation Company*
Suburban Motor Freight, Inc.*
Yellow Freight System, Inc.*

* Interstate and intrastate.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1986.

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM
MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time TL	City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	311	2-3	Los Angeles, Ca.	2,234	4-5
Baltimore, Md.	595	2-3	Louisville, Ky.	126	1
Birmingham, Ala.	372	2	Nashville, Tenn.	197	1
Chicago, Ill.	406	1-2	New Orleans, La.	714	2-3
Cincinnati, Ohio	132	1	New York, N. Y.	757	2-3
Cleveland, Ohio	371	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	397	2
Detroit, Mich.	391	2	St. Louis, Mo.	389	1
Knoxville, Tenn.	118	1			

Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

Sources: Rand McNally Road Atlas, 1979. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1985.
Delivery time - Middlewest Freightways, Inc., 800 National Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

Air

Local

Location: London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field)
3 miles south-southeast of London, Kentucky;
25 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon

Runways: 1 paved
Length: 6,000 feet

Traffic Control: Wind sock and FSS advisory service on 123.6

Lighting: Beacon, runway and obstruction lights, REIL, VASI

Services: Fuel - 100 octane and Jet-A; minor A & P repairs; tie downs;
aircraft rental, weather, flight training, charter and
ambulance service, vending machines, taxi, car rentals

Air Freight Service: Air carriers accept air freight on a space available basis

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Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Bluegrass Airport 5 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 59 miles north of Mt. Vernon
Runways:	2 paved
Length:	7,000 feet; 3,500 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Tower
Lighting:	Approach lighting system, beacon, runways and obstructions lighted, VASI
Services:	Delta, Piedmont, United, USAir, Allegheny Commuter, Piedmont Commuter, Eastern Metro, Comair, American Eagle; fuel - 100LL and jet-A; hangars, tie-downs; major A & P repairs; major Avionics repairs; APU, charter, flight instruction, oxygen, plane rentals, survival equipment; taxi, limousine, car rentals, courtesy car, weather information; restaurant, snack bar
Air Freight	
Service:	Air freight terminal

Air Express Service

Several major companies offer air express services in Kentucky. These companies provide a quick means of shipping small to medium-sized packages expeditiously.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving **Mt. Vernon and parts of Rockcastle County** - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
Kentucky Utilities Company
One Quality Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-1461

Company serving **a major portion of Rockcastle County** - Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division
East Kentucky Power Cooperative
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Jackson County RECC
Highway 421 South
P. O. Box 307
McKee, Kentucky 40447
(606) 287-7161

Natural Gas

Natural gas service is presently not available in Rockcastle County.

Other Fuels

Propane

Parsons Gas and Appliance
Service, Inc.
Route 3
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

Fuel oils

Ammons Oil Company
305 Jefferson Street
P. O. Box 29
Berea, Kentucky 40403

Curry Oil Company, Inc.
450 South Main
London, Kentucky 40741

DeBoard Oil Company
West Main
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

High Speed Oil Company
Route 6, Box 73
London, Kentucky 40741

J & L Equipment Company, Inc.
Williams Street
P. O. Box 306
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

Ormsby Oil and Industrial
Supply, Inc.
413 South Main
London, Kentucky 40741

Paul R. Wilson Oil Company
P. O. Box 58
U.S. 25 South
London, Kentucky 40741

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available in Kentucky.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Mt. Vernon** - Mt. Vernon Water Works*
P. O. Box 516
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456
(606) 256-2879

Source - Lake Linville

Treatment plant capacity - 1,400,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 800,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 1,400,000 gallons

Treatment processes - Rapid mix, coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, chlorination, fluoridation

Storage capacity - 1,144,000 gallons including clear well

Size lines - 1 to 12 inches

Water pressure - 35 to 248 psi

MONTHLY WATER RATES

Inside City Limits

First	2,000 gallons	\$4.50 (Minimum)
Next	8,000 gallons	1.35 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	.95 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.45 per M gallons
All over	200,000 gallons	.35 per M gallons

Outside City Limits

First	2,000 gallons	\$6.00 (Minimum)
Next	8,000 gallons	1.65 per M gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	1.30 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	1.20 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.45 per M gallons
All over	200,000 gallons	.84 per M gallons

Cost to any future water customer with usage of 1,500,000 gallons per month will be negotiated at the time.

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* Mt. Vernon Water Works has plans to build a new 600,000-gallon storage tank in 1987.

<u>Minimum Charges</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
3/4-inch meter	\$ 4.50	\$ 6.00
1-inch meter	7.50	11.25
1 1/2-inch meter	14.00	21.00
2-inch meter	23.10	34.65
3-inch meter	45.50	68.25
4-inch meter	70.00	105.00
6-inch meter	138.60	207.90

Tap-on charge:

\$100 inside city

\$150 outside city

Sewerage

Company serving **Mt. Vernon** - Mt. Vernon Sewer Department*

P. O. Box 516

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

Design capacity - 200,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow - 200,000 gallons

Type of treatment - Primary and secondary

Treatment processes - Primary sedimentation, trickling filter, secondary sedimentation, chlorination, anaerobic digester, sludge drying beds

Treated effluent discharged into - Town Branch

Size of sanitary mains - 8 inches

Size of storm mains - 36 inches

Monthly rates - 50% of monthly water bill

Tap-on charge: \$100

* The Mt. Vernon Sewer Department is currently undergoing a \$1.9 million expansion of its sewerage treatment plant. The expansion, which will increase the design capacity of the plant to 676,000 gallons per day, will be completed in March 1987.

CLIMATE

Rockcastle County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	54.90 degrees
Average annual 1984	55.30 degrees
Record highest, August 1983 (40-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1963 (40-year record)	-21.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,814
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	45.68 inches
Mean annual snowfall (29-year record)	16.30 inches
Total precipitation 1984	42.27 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (40-year record)	130.80
Mean number days thunderstorms (40-year record)	46.00

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

South

Relative Humidity

1 a.m.	77 percent (20-year record)
7 a.m.	81 percent (21-year record)
1 p.m.	60 percent (21-year record)
7 p.m.	64 percent (21-year record)

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1984. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Mt. Vernon is served by a mayor and six council members. Rockcastle County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates.

Planning and Zoning

There is no planning and zoning commission in Rockcastle County at the present time, but mandatory state codes are enforced.

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Local Fees and Licenses

The city of Mt. Vernon levies an occupational license fee that varies from \$2 to \$75 per year, depending on the type of business.

State and Local Property Taxes

All property in Kentucky, except items exempted by the state constitution, is taxed by the state. Property which also may be taxed by local jurisdictions includes land and buildings, finished goods inventories, automobiles, trucks, office furniture and office equipment. Local taxing jurisdictions in Kentucky include counties, cities, and school districts.

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

COMBINED STATE AND LOCAL RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1985

	<u>Mt. Vernon</u>	<u>Unincorporated Rockcastle County</u>
Land and Buildings	\$ 0.693	\$ 0.528
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	0.150
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	0.150
Inventories		
Raw materials	0.001*	0.001*
Goods in Process	0.001*	0.001*
Finished Goods	0.466*	0.301*
Automobiles and Trucks	0.9077	0.7427
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.915	0.750
Intangibles (Accounts receivable, money in hand, stock, notes, bonds)	0.250**	0.250**
Goods Stored in Public Warehouses in Transit		
Status	0.001*	0.001*
Private Leaseholds in Industrial Revenue Bond Financed Facilities	0.015	0.015

* Includes 1986 state rate.

** Accounts receivable are taxed at 85 percent of face value, for an effective rate of \$0.2125 per \$100 valuation.

Safety

Police	Mt. Vernon	Rockcastle County
Total staff	6	5
Radio-patrol cars	3	1
Fire*		
Insurance Services Office, Public Protection Classification	6	10
Volunteers	20	**

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse collection and disposal to Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County must be arranged through private contractors.

* Includes copyrighted material of ISO Commercial Risk Services, Inc., with its permission.

* The Rockcastle County Volunteer Fire Department is operated by members of the Mt. Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston city fire departments.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Rockcastle County*

Total Enrollment (April, 1986)	2,986
Kindergarten	221
Elementary	1,899
High School	866
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1984-85)	20-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1984-85)	25.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1984-85)	\$1,737.20

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Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1985)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Berea College	Berea (17)	1,566	Baccalaureate
Sue Bennett College	London (22)	403	Associate
Somerset Community College	Somerset (26)	1,161	Associate
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond (30)	12,229	Masters, Specialist*
Centre College	Danville (36)	804	Baccalaureate
Cumberland College	Williamsburg (49)	2,094	Masters
Union College	Barbourville (49)	910	Masters, Specialist
Lexington Community College	Lexington (54)	2,538	Associate
Transylvania University	Lexington (54)	856	Baccalaureate**
University of Kentucky	Lexington (54)	20,895	Doctorate, M.D., D.M.D., J.D.
Asbury College	Wilmore (55)	980	Baccalaureate

* Joint doctoral degree programs are offered in cooperation with the University of Kentucky, Lexington. The degrees are issued by the University of Kentucky.

** Courses in a masters degree program are taught on the Transylvania campus by faculty members of Xavier University of Cincinnati. The degree is issued by Xavier University.

Vocational Training

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is the primary source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

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.

Nearest State School

Laurel County State Vocational-Technical School
London, 22 miles distant

Consumer & Home Economics	Drafting (with CAD/CAM)
Commercial Foods	Electricity
Consumer & Family Life Skills	Machine Shop
Health & Personal Services Occupations	Masonry
Cosmetology	Plant Maintenance
Medical Assistant	Welding
Industrial Education	Learning Resource Center
Air Conditioning & Heating	Computer Literacy
Auto Body Repair	Academic Remediation
Auto Mechanics	GED Testing & Study
Carpentry	

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Nearest Area Education Center

Rockcastle County Area Vocational Education Center
Mt. Vernon

Business & Office

Accounting-Jr. Management

Clerical

Secretarial

Industrial Education

Auto Mechanics

Industrial Electricity

Radio & TV Repair

Welding

HEALTH

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5
Dentists - 5

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Rockcastle County Hospital, Inc.	Mt. Vernon	57
Medical staff - 5 doctors, 38 registered and licensed practical nurses		

Other Medical Facilities

Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center
Home Health Services
Rockcastle County Health Center, Cumberland Valley District

Ambulance

Name - Rockcastle Ambulance Service
Staff - 10 emergency medical technicians

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone -	Continental Telephone Company and CEDCO, Inc.
Telegraph -	Western Union Toll-free number, 1-800-325-6000
Newspaper - Weekly and circulation -	Mt. Vernon Signal 5,500
Radio -	WRVK-AM (Renfro Valley)
Television - Airwave reception from -	Campbellsville, Danville, Lexington, Louisville and Somerset, Kentucky
Cable service - Educational television -	Wilcop Cable TV The Kentucky Educational Television (K.E.T.) network is available statewide

Library Services

Public library - Rockcastle County Public Library
Size collection - 28,494 volumes
Circulation, 1984-85 - 27,319

Religious Institutions

Denominations -	Baptist Catholic Christian Church of Christ Church of God Holiness Jehovah's Witnesses Methodist Pentecostal
Nearest Synagogues - Congregations -	Lexington, Kentucky, 54 miles north Adath Israel (reform) Ohavey Zion (traditional)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
The Bank of Mt. Vernon	\$40,539,340.28	\$36,135,406.19	12/31/85
Citizens Bank (Brodhead)	25,557,138.49	22,805,734.70	12/31/85

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 22
Total rooms - 400

RECREATION

Local

Mt. Vernon offers supervised recreational programs during the summer months. Volleyball, horseshoe pitching, softball and basketball leagues are coordinated by the playground directors. Facilities available to the public include playgrounds, picnic areas, a tennis court, baseball diamonds, a football field, basketball courts and softball fields.

Lake Linville Park offers a playground, tennis courts, softball and baseball fields, camping and picnicking facilities.

Cedar Rapids Country Club provides a swimming pool, a golf course, and tennis courts.

The Renfro Valley Barn Dance, 2 miles from Mt. Vernon, features two separate show barns with two separate shows at each barn every Saturday night. This world-famous country music show and broadcast has been a continuous series since 1939.

Great Saltpetre Cave, only a few miles from Mt. Vernon, was discovered in 1798. The cave extends through a mountain spur, with an entrance to each side of the mountain. Saltpetre Cave played an important part in the early defense of America. Much of the gunpowder used was made from saltpetre produced in this cave. Camping, fishing, and picnicking are also available on the 450-acre estate.

The Daniel Boone National Forest, which lies within Rockcastle County, covers 640,000 acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

Area (Within 60 miles)

Berea, 17 miles north of Mt. Vernon, is the home of Berea College, one of America's most unusual institutions of higher learning. Boone Tavern, "Wilderness Road" drama at Indian Fort Theatre, Student Craft Industries and the Mountain Folk Festival are among a few of the many attractions to be found in this area of the Cumberland foothills near the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Wood Creek Lake, located 20 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon, is a popular fishing area in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, 24 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon at London, is an 815-acre park located where the Boone Trace and Wilderness Road pioneer trails converge. In addition to a reproduced pioneer settlement, the park offers a pool, a bathhouse, hiking trails, horseback riding, shuffleboard, 200 campsites, a picnic area, a playground, and an amphitheater.

Isaac Shelby State Shrine, 31 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon near Danville, is the burial site of Kentucky's first governor and one of the Commonwealth's foremost statesmen.

Lake Cumberland is located 34 miles southwest of Mt. Vernon. This 50,000-acre lake, with over 1,200 miles of rugged shoreline, is one of the country's top scenic and fishing lakes.

General Burnside State Park, 35 miles southwest of Mt. Vernon, is Kentucky's only island state park. Rising out of Lake Cumberland and surrounded by beautiful Kentucky mountains, the park offers excellent fishing, an 18-hole golf course which is open year-round, a picnic area, a 161-site camping area for tents and recreational vehicles, a marina on the mainland near the park, and recreation.

Constitution Square State Shrine, 36 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon in Danville, is a reproduction of Kentucky's first courthouse square, including the original 1792 post office which was the first in the west.

Laurel River Lake, 37 miles south of Mt. Vernon near Corbin, is a 4,200-acre lake located in the Daniel Boone National Forest offering a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

White Hall State Shrine, 38 miles north of Mt. Vernon near Richmond, one of the grand estate houses of post-Civil War Kentucky, is the Italianate mansion of Cassius Marcellus Clay, the early abolitionist and politician. Kentucky handcrafts are sold in the White Hall gift shop, only a short walk from the mansion.

The spirit of Daniel Boone and his pioneers is reborn at **Fort Boonesborough State Park** in Boonesboro, 45 miles northeast of Mt. Vernon. In the re-created fort, pioneer crafts of the eighteenth century are demonstrated by using functioning antiques from the frontier era. Cabins are furnished as they would have been in the days of Boone and documentary films are presented which depict the struggle of the first Kentuckians to make the Kentucky wilderness a home. A gift shop within the fort offers for sale all the handcrafted items made at the fort. Other recreational facilities and activities of the park include the finest sand beach on the Kentucky River with a modern bathhouse and a modern camping area with 187 sites.

Old Fort Harrod State Park, 45 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon is a 28-acre park in Harrodsburg that features a full-scale reproduction of the original Fort Harrod. The park also contains the log cabin where Abraham Lincoln's parents were wed, the Mansion Museum which houses mementos associated with the great periods of Kentucky history, a pioneer cemetery, and a federal monument dedicated to pioneers. The "Legend of Daniel Boone" and "Lincoln" are two excellent outdoor dramas which are performed at the Old Fort Amphitheater during the summer months.

Perryville Battlefield State Shrine, 49 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon near Perryville, is the site of the largest Civil War battle in Kentucky. A museum, a picnic area, and a playground are located on the grounds.

Herrington Lake, 52 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon near Danville and Harrodsburg, was developed by the Kentucky Utilities Company in 1925. Dix River Dam near Pleasant Hill is located on the 3,600-acre lake. Fishing, boating, and swimming can all be enjoyed on the lake. Camping and fishing facilities are available near Danville and Harrodsburg.

Pleasant Hill, a restored Shaker Village located 52 miles northwest of Mt. Vernon, is a National Historic Landmark. Over 20 buildings and grounds have been restored to display unique Shaker skills in furniture making, crafts, and architecture. Dining rooms, lodging, craft shops, and seasonal festivals and plays are offered.

Lexington, 54 miles north of Mt. Vernon, offers a variety of cultural, sporting, and recreational activities. Thoroughbred and harness racing is presented at Keeneland Race Course and the Red Mile Harness Track during several meets each year. The University of Kentucky and Transylvania University offer a number of sporting events. The University of Kentucky basketball games are held at Rupp Arena, the world's largest basketball arena. Other attractions include Lexington Philharmonic concerts, Lexington Children's Theatre, and plays performed by Broadway touring companies, all held in the recently renovated Opera House.

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is located 56 miles south of Mt. Vernon near Corbin in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The park is famous for Cumberland Falls which drops 68 feet over a rock precipice and shows one of only two known "moonbows" in the world at full moon. The park offers 53 lodge rooms, woodland suites, 27 cottages, camping, fishing, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis, backpacking, shuffleboard, planned recreation, a playground, and an amphitheater.

The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 57 miles south of Mt. Vernon near Whitley City, is being developed as an outdoor recreation area by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the National Park Service. The area lies along the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River in Kentucky and Tennessee and encompasses some of the state's most rugged and scenic terrain. Recreational opportunities in the "National Area" include hiking, camping, horseback riding and picnicking, whitewater rafting, canoeing and kayaking trips. The Big South Fork Scenic Railway offers a chance to see part of the rugged Cumberland River area by rail. The train operates on a regular schedule between Stearns and the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area near the historic Blue Heron Coal Tipple, a distance of about 5 miles each direction.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority completed construction of a 2,400-foot rail spur from the CSX Transportation line to the Rockcastle Multi-County Industrial Park in 1985.

Booneway Farms, Mt. Vernon Plastics Corporation and Rockcastle Manufacturing Company all announced expansions in 1985. A total of 152 new jobs will be created.

Extension of sewer service to the areas of Fairground Hill, Owens Subdivision and old U.S. 25 was completed in June 1986.

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A downtown revitalization program has recently been started in Mt. Vernon.

Under Way

The Mt. Vernon Sewer Department is currently undergoing a \$1.9 million expansion of its sewerage treatment plant. The expansion, which will increase the design capacity of the plant to 676,000 gallons per day, will be completed in March 1987.

Construction of Kentucky 461 Bypass around Mt. Vernon is under way. The bypass, which will connect U.S. 25, one mile west of Interstate 75, to Kentucky 461, one mile south of Mt. Vernon, will be completed in Spring 1987.

Kentucky 461 from Mt. Vernon to Kentucky 80, 9 miles east of Somerset, is in the process of being upgraded to include passing lanes.

Planned

Mt. Vernon Water Works plans to build a new 600,000-gallon storage tank in 1987.

The Rockcastle County School System plans to build a new 900-student elementary school at Mt. Vernon in 1988.

A 23-unit apartment complex is in the planning stages.