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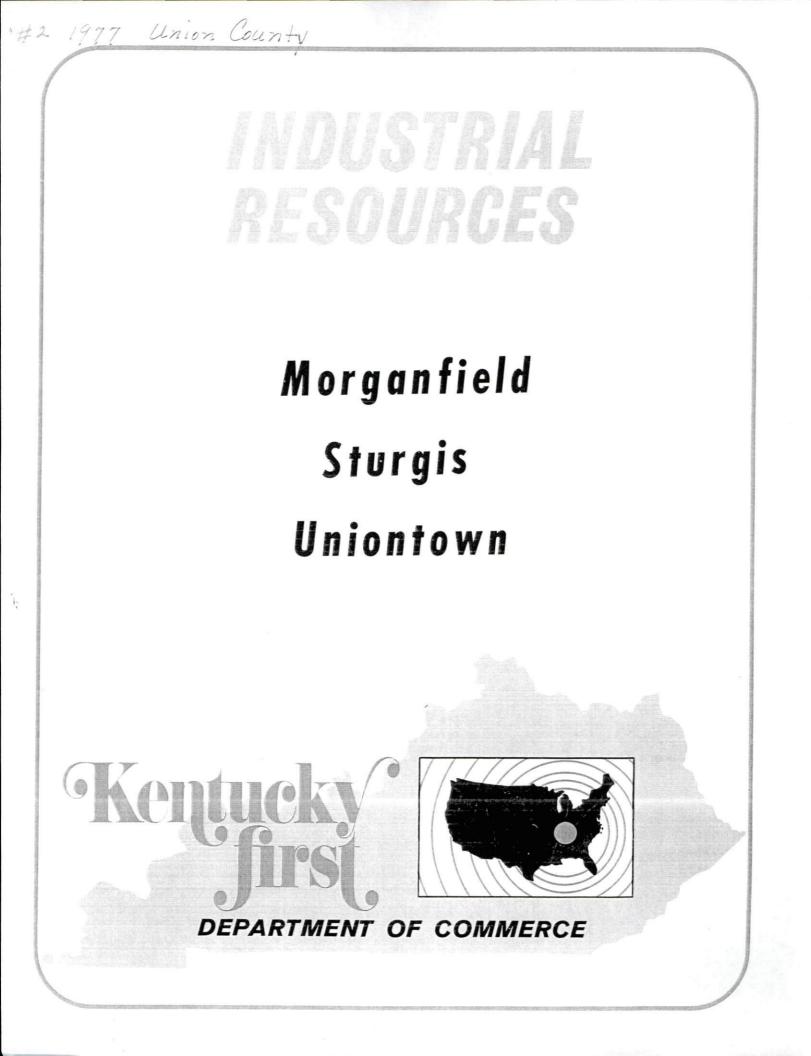
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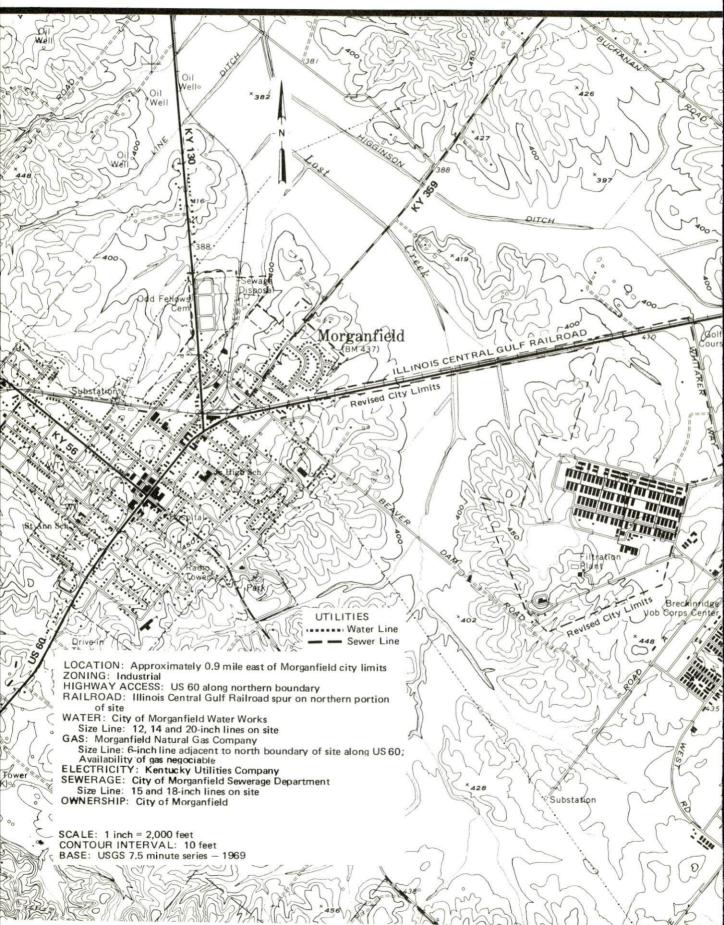
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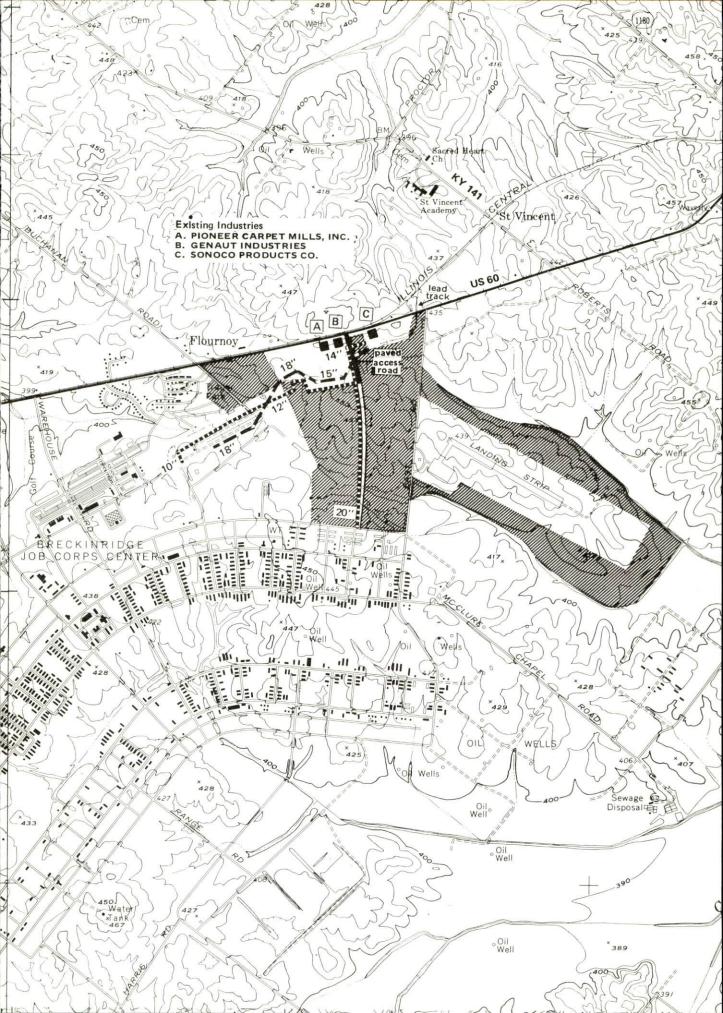
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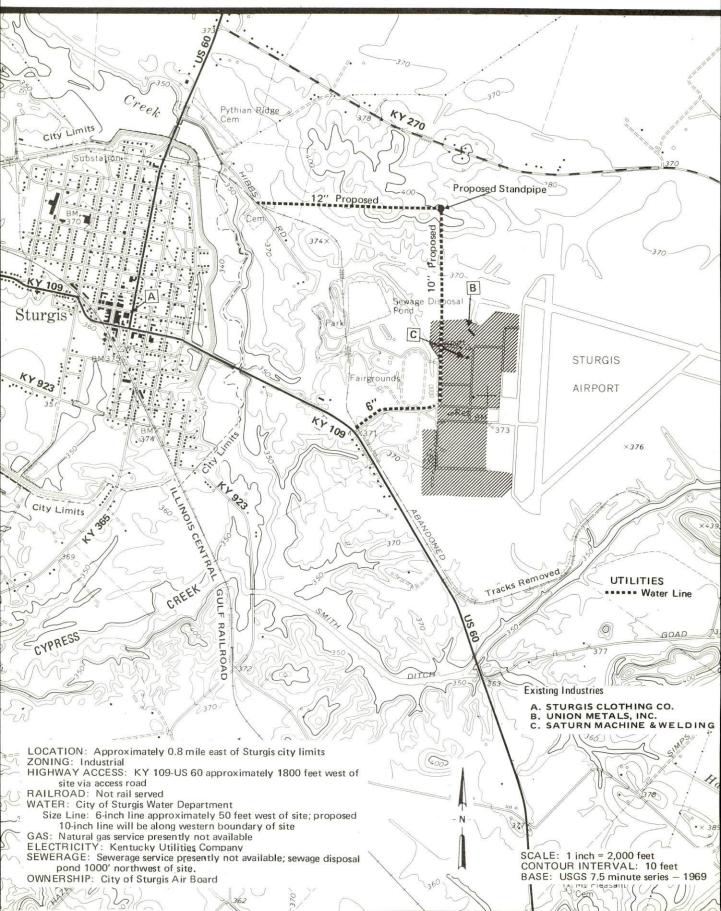
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STURGIS, KENTUCKY --- Site No. 176 -- 121 Acres

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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

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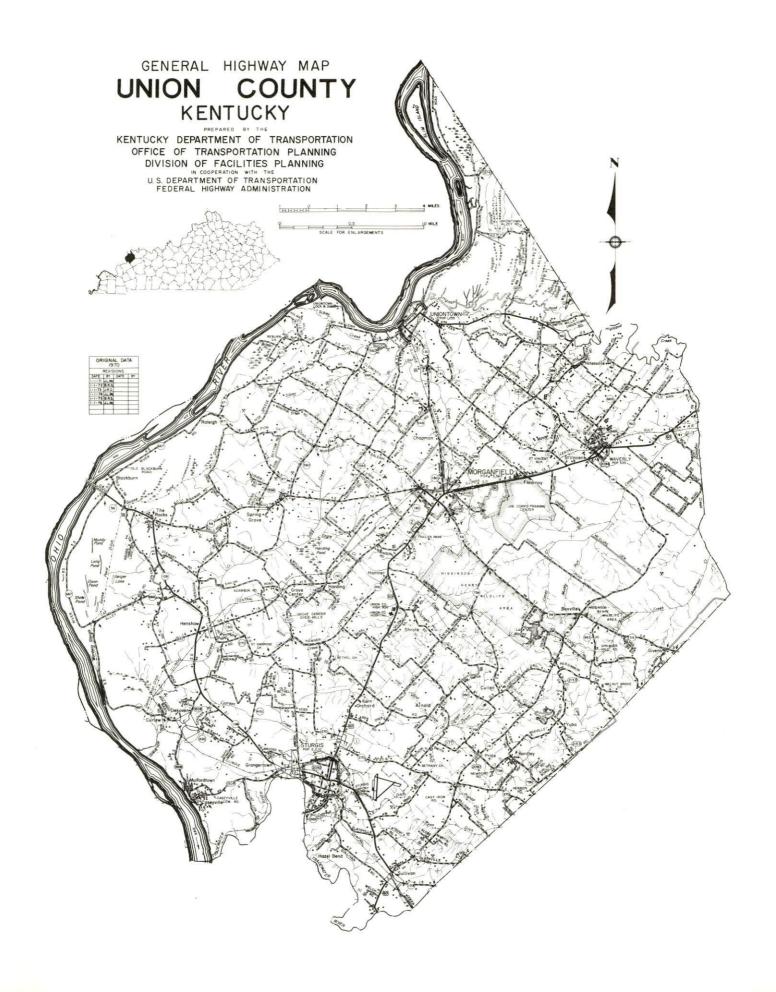
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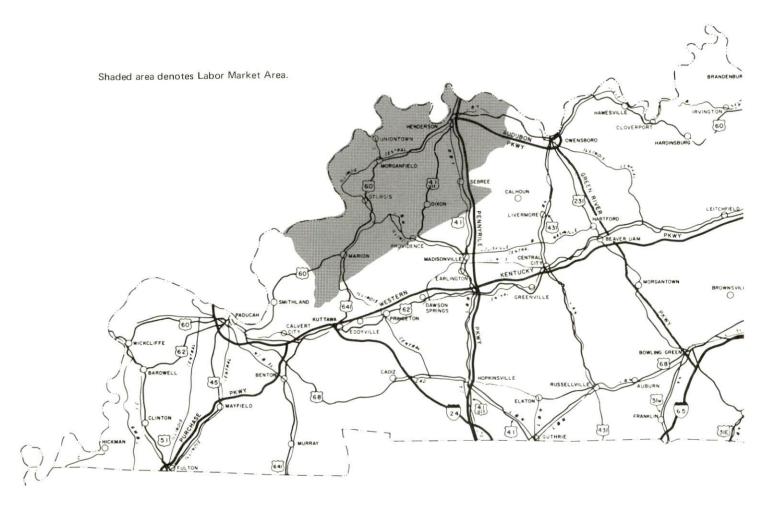
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MORGANFIELD, STURGIS & UNIONTOWN LABOR MARKET AREA





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MORGANFIELD, STURGIS AND UNIONTOWN, KENTUCKY -A RESOURCE PROFILE

Morganfield is located in the central portion of Union County and serves as the county seat. The city is 177 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky; 163 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee; 178 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri and 33 miles southwest of Evansville, Indiana. In 1973, the estimated population of Morganfield was 3,382.

Sturgis is located 11 miles southwest of Morganfield near the southern boundary of the county. In 1973, Sturgis had an estimated population of 2,232.

Uniontown, 6 miles north of Morganfield, is located on the Ohio River in northern Union County. Uniontown had a 1973 estimated population of 1,258.

Union County covers 340 square miles of territory in the Western Coal Field Region of northwestern Kentucky. The Ohio River borders the county on the north and the west. The 1975 county population was estimated to be 16,400.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Union County residents employed in 1974 averaged 6,670, including 750 in agriculture and 930 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 680 workers; trade and services firms employed 1,640; mining employed 1,980. Major industrial products are: automotive parts, men's clothing, and baseball caps.

Total unemployment in Union County averaged 2.9 percent of the labor force in 1974.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1974 was \$4,379, an increase of 44.7 percent since 1970.

The Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown labor market area includes Union County, the three adjoining Kentucky counties, Posey County in Indiana, and Gallatin and Hardin Counties in Illinois. The total number of residents in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 30, 190, including 2, 470 in agriculture and 3,650 in government. Manufacturing employers in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area reported 5,560 workers; trade and services firms employed 7,110; mining reported 2,490.

Resources for Growth

1. Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 2,320 men and 2,590 women available for industrial jobs in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area. In addition, 3,560 young men and 3,620 young women in this area will become 18 years of age by 1982 and potentially available for work. The current labor supply would be supplemented by the number of men and women in the adjoining Indiana and Illinois counties who are available for industrial jobs.

2. Transportation - The Illinois Central Gulf Railroad provides Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown with a variety of services. Highway access to Union County is provided by U. S. Highway 60 which feeds into the Pennyrile and Audubon Parkways, 23 miles northeast of Morganfield. Access to the Western Kentucky Parkway is available 48 miles south of Sturgis via U. S. 60 and U. S. 641. Four truck lines serve Morganfield and three truck lines serve Sturgis and Uniontown. The Sturgis Airport has three paved 5,000-foot runways which can accommodate jet aircraft. The Morganfield Airport has a 2,700-foot paved runway which can accommodate light aircraft. Commercial air service is available at the Evansville Dress Memorial Airport, 37 miles from Morganfield. Union County's location on the Ohio River affords the county water transportation capabilities.

3. Utilities and Fuel - Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown, and portions of Union County are served electric power by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Union County is also served by the Henderson-Union RECC. The Morganfield Natural Gas System and the Sturgis Gas Company are supplied by the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation. Natural gas service is not available in Uniontown. There are five distributors of propane and five distributors of distillate fuel oil serving Union County.

4. Education - Union County is served by one public school system. In addition, two parochial elementary schools are located in the county. There are two universities, two senior colleges, and two community colleges located within 55 miles of Morganfield. The Union County Area Vocational Education Center is located midway between Morganfield and Sturgis and offers five courses. The Madisonville State Vocational-Technical School, 46 miles from Morganfield, provides training in sixteen course areas, and the Daviess County State Vocational-Technical School, 53 miles distant, offers seventeen courses.

POPULATION				
			Percent Nonwhite	
Area	1975*	1970	1970	
Morganfield	3,382**	3,563	14.6	
Sturgis	2,232**	2,210	9.0	
Uniontown	1,258**	1,255	7.9	
Labor Market Area	76,400	73,688		
Union County	16,400	15,882	18.0	
Crittenden County	9,000	8,493	1.2	
Henderson County	36,900	36,031	8.4	
Webster County	14,100	13,282	7.1	

*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. 75-17, May 1976.

	Employment by Place of Residence				
	of	Workers			
Major Employment Group	Union County	Labor Market Area			
Total Employment	6,670	30,188			
Agriculture	747	2,466			
Government	932	3,649			
	Employment by Location of Jobs				
	Union County	Labor Market Area			
Manufacturing	678	5,562			
Trade and Services	1,643	7,114			
Mining	1,976	2,489			

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1974

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

Industry	Union County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	419	4,226
TOTAL Food & Kindred Products	20	71
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	80	519
Lumber, Furniture	36	582
Printing & Publishing, Paper	23	373
Chemicals, Petroleum &		
Coal, Rubber	0	516
Stone, Clay & Glass	7	71
Primary Metals	0	884
Machinery, Metal Products,		
Equipment	253	1,139
Other	0	71

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY MARCH 1975

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, March, 1975.

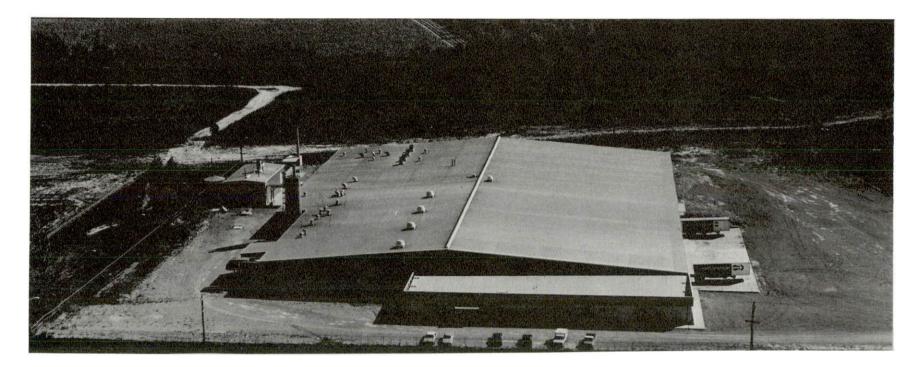
MORGANFIELD, STURGIS AND UNIONTOWN MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

		E	mploy	ment	
Firm (Establishment date)	Product	Total	Male	Female	Organized
Morganfield					
Barrons Processed	Meat processing,				
Meats (1960)	ground beef,				
	pork sausage	11	11	0	
Custom Feed Mills					
(1950)	Feed	3	2	1	
Ferrocraft Division of Dart Industries, Inc. (1948)	Wire display equipment, plastic letters,				
	metal advertisin displays	35	30	5	
Genaut Industries (1973) Movac Corporation (1955)	Automotive parts Vacuum metalizin sputtering, me- tallic spray	100 g,			
	coating	85	30	55	*
Morganfield Ice	Connect.				
Company (1918)	Ice	3	2	1	
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Firm (Establishment date) Product		mploy Male		Organized		
Morganfield Ready							
Mix (1975)	Concrete	4	3	1			
Munford Publishing	Newspaper, job						
Company (1924)	printing	8	5	3			
Pioneer Carpets,	C						
Inc. (1976)	Carpets	15					
SONOCO Products	D (1)	1 -					
Company (1973)	Paper tubing	17	16	1			
Union Tractor	D	0	0	1			
Company, Inc. (1964)	Fertilizer	9	8	1			
Sturgis							
Agrico Chemical	Fertilizer,						
Company (1950)	chemicals	4	4	0			
Calmon Publishing	Newspaper,						
Company (1885)	job printing	6	2	4			
Circle-O Farm Center	Fertilizer liquid						
(1974)	and dry mix	4	3	1			
Morris E. Duncan							
Sawmill	Lumber	7	7	0			
Genes Ag Supply							
(1968)	Fertilizer	6	5	1			
Morgan Concrete &							
Materials Company	Ready mixed						
(1964)	concrete	8	7	1			
Saturn Machine &	General steel fab-	-					
Welding (1964)	rication, hopper						
	conveyors, meta						
	concrete forms	11	10	1			
Sturgis Clothing		-					
Company (1947)	Men's clothing	199	10	189			
Sturgis Milling	- 1	2	-	12			
Company (1948)	Feed	6	5	1			
Union Metals, Inc.	Structural steel						
(1973)	fabrication, she	et					
	metal, steel	1 /	1.5	,			
Uniontown	tanks	16	15	1			
Kentucky Cap Manu-	Kentucky Cap Manu- Baseball						
facturing Company (1968		108	7	101	*		
*See Labor Organizations		.(

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



PIONEER CARPETS, INC. - MORGANFIELD

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Union

Representing manufacturing workers at:

Laborers International Union of North America

Mo-Vac Corporation

United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers

Kentucky Cap Manufacturing Company

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY

MORGANFIELD, STURGIS AND UNIONTOWN LABOR MARKET AREA						
	Current Future					
		Not in		Under-	Reaching 18 yrs.	
Area	Total	Labor Force	Unemployed	employed	of age before 1982	
Labor Man	rket					
Area	2,320	100	1,050	1,170	3,558	
Union	500	0	140	360	722	
Crittenden	280	0	140	140	357	
Henderson	1,060	0	610	450	1,899	
Webster	480	100	160	220	580	
Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor						
Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of						
Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.						

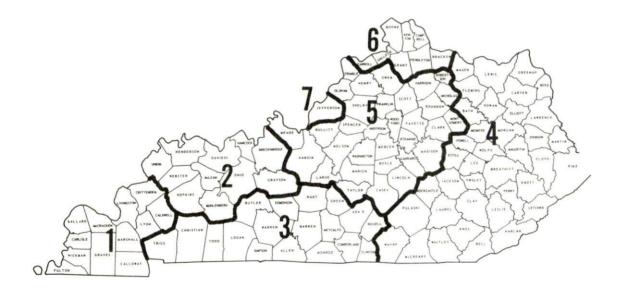
ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY MORGANFIELD, STURGIS AND UNIONTOWN LABOR MARKET AREA

		(Current		Future
		Not in		Under-	Reaching 18 yrs.
Area	Total	Labor Force	Unemployed	employed	of age before 1982
Labor Mar	·ket				
Area	2,590	660	480	1,450	3,624
Union	420	0	60	360	739
Crittenden	220	0	70	150	377
Henderson	1,000	0	280	720	1,927
Webster	950	660	70	220	581
Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor					
Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of					
Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.					

WAGES

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 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 127 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for seven 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 PERS	ONAL INCOME	
Area	1974	1970	Percent Change
Union County	\$4,379	\$3,027	44.7
Labor Market A	rea		
Range	\$3,597 - 4,772	\$2,499 - 3,307	N.A.
Kentucky	4,442	3,112	42.7
U. S.	5,448	3,966	37.4
Sources: U. S.	Department of Commer	ce, Bureau of Economic	c Analysis,

Survey of Current Business, August 1975. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, March 1976.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

- Line serving Morganfield Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Services - One northbound and one southbound freight stops six days a week; switching facilities; team track space for 25 cars; siding space for 40 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Evansville, Indiana, 33 miles northeast, and Princeton, Kentucky, 53 miles south of Morganfield
- Line serving Sturgis Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Services - One northbound and one southbound freight stops six days a week; switching facilities; team track with space for 25 cars; siding space for 25 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Evansville, Indiana, 44 miles northeast, and Princeton, Kentucky, 42 miles south of Sturgis
- Line serving Uniontown Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Services - One southbound freight six days a week; switching facilities; team track with space for 25 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Evansville, Indiana, 39 miles northeast, and Princeton, Kentucky, 59 miles south of Uniontown

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

Manager of Industrial Development Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company 112 North 4th Street St. Louis, Missouri 63102 (314) 241-9400

Highways

Highway access to Union County is provided by U. S. Highway 60 which serves Morganfield and Sturgis. Uniontown is served by Kentucky Route 130 which connects with U. S. 60 six miles to the south at Morganfield. Access to the Pennyrile and Audubon Parkways is available 23 miles northeast of Morganfield via U. S. 60. Access to the Western Kentucky Parkway is available 48 miles south of Sturgis via U. S. 60 and U. S. 641.

Truck Service

Company

Morganfield

A & H Truck Line, Inc.

Harper Truck Service, Inc.

McLean Trucking Company

T.I.M.E. - DC, Inc.

Sturgis

A & H Truck Line, Inc. Harper Truck Service, Inc. McLean Trucking Company

Uniontown

A & H Truck Line, Inc. Harper Truck Service, Inc. McLean Trucking Company

Other Freight Services

United Parcel Service*

Home Office

1111 East Louisiana Street Evansville, Indiana 47717
1266 North 8th Street Paducah, Kentucky 42002
617 Waughtown Street Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107
P. O. Box 2550

Lubbock, Texas 79408

1111 East Louisiana Street Evansville, Indiana 47717
1266 North 8th Street Paducah, Kentucky 42002
617 Waughtown Street Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107

1111 East Louisiana Street Evansville, Indiana 47717
1266 North 8th Street Paducah, Kentucky 42002
617 Waughtown Street Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107

Nearest Shipping Center

Madisonville, 46 miles from Morganfield; Owensboro, 53 miles from Morganfield

^{*}For regular scheduled pickups or for occasional pickups, arrangements must be made with the Louisville office of U. P. S.

	I	Delivery			Delivery
	Highway	Time		Highway	Time
City	Miles	TL	City	Miles	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	405	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,023	4
Birmingham, Ala.	359	2	Louisville. Ky.	177	1
Chicago, Ill.	385	1	Nashville, Tenn.	163	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	278	1	New Orleans, La.	680	2
Cleveland, Ohio	525	2	New York, N. Y.	925	3
Detroit, Mich.	537	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	568	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	340	2	St. Louis, Mo.	178	1

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

Source: Delivery Time Only - A & H Truck Lines, Inc., 1111 East

Louisiana Street, Evansville, Indiana 47717.

Air

Local

	Sturgis Airport	Morganfield Airport
Location:	l mile southeast of	4 miles east of Morganfield
	Sturgis	
Runways:	3 paved	l paved
Length:	5,000 feet each	2,700 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind sock, tetrahedron	Wind tee
Lighting:	Runways 18-36 MIRL and VASI, rotating beacon, sunset to	Low intensity, dusk to dawn
	sunrise	
Services:	100 octane, taxi, charter, flight training, tie down, hangars	None
Air Freight		
Service:	Chartered air freight services must be arranged	

Nearest Commercial

	Evansville Dress Memorial Airport
Location:	4 miles northeast of Evansville, Indiana, and
	37 miles from Morganfield
Runways:	3 paved
Length:	8,027 feet; 5,084 feet; 2,968 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Approved instrument approach,
	UNICOM: 123.0
Lighting:	Beacon, runway lights (hours of darkness)
Services:	Eastern, Delta, and Allegheny Airlines;
	80-87, 100-130, jet fuel; minor repairs;
	hangars and tie downs; charter; weather
	information; taxi, car rentals, and
	limousine; restaurant
Air Freight	
Service:	Air freight terminal regularly serviced
	by freight carrying airlines

Air Kentucky Airlines provides commuter air service to Bowling Green, Frankfort, Louisville, Lexington, Cincinnati and Nashville from the Owensboro-Daviess County Airport, 53 miles from Morganfield.

Bus - Morganfield and Sturgis - Greyhound Bus Lines

- Taxi Morganfield Two companies, 24-hour service Sturgis - One company, 24-hour service
- Rental Services Morganfield and Sturgis Car, truck, and trailer rentals
- Water Uniontown is located on the Ohio River, while Morganfield and Sturgis are in close proximity to the river. This location affords the county with water transportation capabilities.

The Uniontown Locks and Dam, a U. S. Army Corps of Engineers project, is now in operation on the Ohio River approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles downstream from Uniontown. It replaces existing obsolete locks and dams and provides a minimum channel depth of 9 feet.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown and portions of Union County - Kentucky Utilities Company Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company Total generating capacity - 1,615,500 KW For industrial rates contact:

> Industrial Development Division Kentucky Utilities Company 120 South Limestone Street Lexington, Kentucky 40507 (606) 255-1461

Company serving Union County - Henderson-Union RECC Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation Total generating capacity - 590,000 KW For industrial rates contact:

> Henderson-Union RECC P. O. Box 18 Henderson, Kentucky 42420 (502) 826-3991

Natural Gas

Company serving Morganfield - City of Morganfield Natural Gas System Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation Size of transmission mains - 36 inches (supplier); 6 inches (distributor) Distribution mains - 1 to 4 inches Distribution pressure - 40 psi Btu content - 1,013 per cubic foot Specific gravity - .589 For rates and supplies contact:

> City Administrator 130 East Main Street Morganfield, Kentucky 42437 (502) 389-2525

Company serving Sturgis - City of Sturgis, Kentucky, Gas Company Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation Size of transmission mains - 26 inches (supplier); 4 and 6 inches (distributor) Distribution mains - 2, 3, 4, and 6 inches Distribution pressure - 18 psi Btu content - 1,007 per cubic foot Specific gravity - .585 For rates and supplies contact:

> City Clerk, City Hall 106 West 6th Street Sturgis, Kentucky 42459 (502) 333-2166

There is no natural gas service in Uniontown.

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Union Propane Gas Company, Highway 60 W, Morganfield

Pargas of Sturgis, South Main Street, Sturgis

Western Kentucky LP-Gas Company, Highway 109, Sturgis

Lin-Gas, Inc., 2270 South Green Street, Henderson

Texgas Corporation, 1641 Madison Street, Henderson

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Shelton Foeman Gulf Distributor, Highway 60 N, Morganfield

Sun Oil Company-DX Division, 409 North Court St., Morganfield

Arco Heating Oil - Hayes Oil Company, Highway 109, Sturgis

Tradewater Oil Company - Marathon Oil, 5th St., Sturgis

Standard Oil Company (Bulk Plant), 181 Murray St., Madisonville

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

Low sulphur content coal - Available in Kentucky.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Morganfield - City of Morganfield Water Works* 130 East Main Street Morganfield, Kentucky 42437 (502) 389-2525

Source - Ohio River

Treatment plant capacity - 4,000,000 gpd Average daily consumption - 1,300,000 gallons Peak daily consumption - 1,600,000 gallons Type of treatment - Alum, lime, carbon, chlorine, fluoride Storage capacity - 2,900,000 gallons Size lines - 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, and 24 inches Average pressure - 50 psi Average temperature - 41.6 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons or less	s \$3.40 (Minimum)
Next	1,000 gallons	1.43 per M gallons
Next	2,000 gallons	1.30 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.97 per M gallons
Next	35,000 gallons	.66 per M gallons
Next	450,000 gallons	.44 per M gallons
Next	1,500,000 gallons	.41 per M gallons
All over	2,000,000 gallons	.38 per M gallons

All customers outside city limits - 50 percent additional charge except for large or preferred customers using over 2,000,000 gallons per month.

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^{*}The water treatment facilities have been improved by the installation of new chemical feeders, operating valves, two aeration units, and two turbine pumps in the collector wells. In addition, new and enlarged lines have been installed in town.

Meter Size	Tap-on Charge	
5/8-inch	\$ 200	
3/4-inch	300	
l-inch	500	
1 1/2-inch	1,000	
2-inch	1,500	
3-inch	3,000	
4-inch	4,500	
6-inch	5,500	
Over 6-inch	Contract with city	

Tap-on charges do not include the cost of meters and assembly.

Company serving Sturgis - City of Sturgis Water Department* City Hall 206 West 6th Street Sturgis, Kentucky 42459 (502) 333-2166 Source - Wells Treatment plant capacity - 648,000 gpd Average daily consumption - 300,000 gallons Peak daily consumption - 450,000 gallons Type treatment - Aeration, filtration, chlorination Storage capacity - 125,000 gallons Size lines - 6, 8, 10 inches Average pressure - 50 psi Average temperature - 60 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

$5/8 \ge 3/4$ -inch meter

First	l,000 gallons	\$4.00 (Minimum)	
Next	4,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons	
Next	5,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons	
Next	40,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons	
All over	50,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons	
l-inch meter	\$20.00 for first	20,000 gallons (Minimum)	
$l\frac{1}{2}$ -inch meter	40.00 for first	40,000 gallons (Minimum)	
2-inch meter	64.00 for first	64,000 gallons (Minimum)	
(Balance of usage at appropriate level in			
schedule above)			

Large Industrial Users Over 1,000,000 gallons per month

Contractual minimum usage at \$0.50 per M gallons and \$0.60 per M gallons thereafter

Tap-on charge: \$125

^{*}Bids are being advertised for the construction of a 1,200,000 gallon per day water treatment plant with a 500,000-gallon clearwell that will provide gravity flow to the distribution system.

Company serving Uniontown - City of Uniontown Water Works* P. O. Box 548 Uniontown, Kentucky 42461 (502) 822-4233

Source - Ohio River

Treatment plant capacity - 450,000 gpd Average daily consumption - 150,000 gallons Peak daily consumption - 250,000 gallons Type treatment - Mechanical, chemical, filtration, disinfection Storage capacity - 100,000 gallons Size lines - 4, 6, and 8 inches Average pressure - 60 psi Average temperature - 60 degrees F.

> MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

In City

First	2,500 gallons	\$4.00 (Minimum)
Next	2,500 to 5,000 gallons	
Next	5,000 to 10,000 gallons	
Next	10,000 to 20,000 gallons	
Next	20,000 to 30,000 gallons	
Next	30,000 to 40,000 gallons	
Next	40,000 to 80,000 gallons	.50 per M gallons
All over	80,000 gallons	.35 per M gallons

Out of City

50 percent additional charge

Tap-on charge: \$200

^{*}The water system has been improved by the installation of chemical feeding equipment, laboratory equipment, a raw water intake structure, master meters, and additional 6- and 8-inch lines.

Name of water district - Union County Water District* c/o Morganfield National Bank 201 West Main Street Morganfield, Kentucky 42437 (502) 389-1515

Area served - All of Union County except incorporated municipalities Source of supply of treated water - City of Morganfield Water Works Average amount of water used in a 30-day period - 8,000,000 gallons Storage capacity - 100,000 gallons

Average pressure - 40 to 50 psi

Size lines - 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 inches

MONTHLY FEES

5/8-inch meter

2,000 gallons 5,000 gallons 10,000 gallons 15,000 gallons	\$ 6.00 15.00 28.75 41.25		
20,000 gallons	53.75		
25,000 gallons	66.25		
25,100 to 50,000 gallons	66.25 plus \$.22 per	
			over 25,000
50,100 to 100,000 gallons	121.25 plus	.19 per	100 gallons
			over 50,000
100,100 to 200,000 gallons	216.25 plus	.165 per	100 gallons
			over 100,000
200,100 to 300,000 gallons	381.25 plus	.14 per	100 gallons
			over 200,000
Over 300,000 gallons	521.25 plus	.ll per	100 gallons
			over 300,000

(Contd.)

^{*}Approximately 30 miles of water line have been extended to new service areas in the county.

MINIMUM MONTHLY

5/8-inch meter	\$ 6.00
3/4-inch meter	14.00
l -inch meter	25.00
1 1/2-inch meter	55.00
2 -inch meter	95.00
2 1/2-inch meter	135.00
3 -inch meter	165.00
4 -inch meter	275.00
6 -inch meter	330.00

NOTE: Sales tax to be added

Tap-on charge: \$260 (Road crossing - \$360)

Surface water sources - Ohio River and Tradewater River Average discharge - Ohio River at Evansville, Indiana, 133,300 cfs (34 years, USGS); Tradewater River at Olney, Kentucky 329 cfs (35 years, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along Ohio River; 50-200 gpm along Tradewater River; 5 to 50 gpm in a belt stretching northwest-southeast through county; 5 gpm or less in remainder of county

Sewerage

Company serving Morganfield - City of Morganfield Sewerage Department* 130 East Main Street Morganfield, Kentucky 42437 (507) 389-2525 Design capacity - 3,500,000 gpd Average daily flow - 1,000,000 gallons Treatment - Secondary Type treatment - Extended aeration, clarifier, drying beds Treated effluent discharged into - Casey Creek Size of sanitary mains - 6, 8, 10, 12, 18 and 48 inches Size of storm mains - 18, 24, and 30 inches Rates - First 2,000 gallons of water used \$1.46 (Minimum) All over 2,000 gallons .258 per M gallons Tap-on charge: \$100

^{*}Renovation of the sewage treatment plant has been completed and a 201 Facilities Plan to determine further improvements needed in the sewerage system is now underway.

Company serving Sturgis - City of Sturgis Sewerage Department* City Hall 206 West 6th Street Sturgis, Kentucky 42459 (502) 333-2166

Design capacity - 300,000 gpd Average daily flow - 100,000 - 140,000 gallons Treatment - Primary and secondary Type treatment - Aeration ditch followed by polishing pond Treated effluent discharged into - Cypress Creek Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 10 inches Size of storm mains - 15, 24, and 34 inches Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill Tap-on charge: \$75

Company serving Uniontown - City of Uniontown Sewerage Department** P. O. Box 769 Uniontown, Kentucky 42461 (502) 822-4233

Design population - 1,600

Average daily flow - 80,000 gallons

Treatment - Lagoon

Type treatment - Three-stage lagoon

Treated effluent discharged into - Lost Creek then to Ohio River

Size of sanitary mains - 8 inches

Size of storm mains - 6, 8, 12, and 36 inches

Rates - 75 percent of monthly water bill for in city; 50 percent additional charge for out of city

Tap-on charge: \$400

^{*}A 201 Facilities Plan to determine what improvements are needed to upgrade the sewerage system is underway.

^{**}There are plans to add drying beds and a 43,000-gallon sedimentation basin to the treatment facilities.

CLIMATE

Union County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	56.0 degrees
Average annual 1974	56.6 degrees
Record highest, July, 1966 (14-year record)	104.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1963 (14-year record)	-18.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,629
(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)	41.88 inches
Mean annual snowfall (34-year record)	13.00 inches
Total precipitation 1974	43.27 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(34-year record)	115
Average number days thunderstorms (34-year record)	46

Prevailing Winds (14-year record)

Southsouthwest

Relative Humidity (13-year record)

Midnight	79 percent
6 a.m.	81 percent
Noon	59 percent
6 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, <u>Climatological Data</u>, 1974. Station of record: Evansville, Indiana.







LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Morganfield

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms Budget 1976 - General Fund \$196,983 Water and Sewer Fund 297,672 City Gas System 454,155 Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses range from \$5 to \$60 annually

Sturgis

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms Budget 1975 - General Fund \$109,596 Water and Sewer Fund 116,218 City Gas System 213,232 Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses range from \$5 to \$75 annually

Uniontown

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms Budget 1975 - General Fund \$ 33,500 Water and Sewer Fund 87,800 Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses - \$15 annually; city vehicle license - varies from \$5 to \$10 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 6 magistrates - 4-year terms Budget 1975-76 - General Fund \$396,209; Road Fund \$154,982

Assessed Value of Property, 1975

Classes of Property	Morganfield	Sturgis	Uniontown	Union County
Real Estate and Tangibles	\$20,000,000		\$4,000,000)
Real Estate		\$7,362,882		\$135,843,305
Tangibles		3,109,695		50,945,074

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.

Taxing Jurisdiction	Morganfield	Sturgis	Uniontown	Union County
County	\$.150	\$.150	\$.150	\$.150
School	. 596	. 596	. 596	. 596
City	. 600	. 520	. 400	
Special (not co	UK	perative Exte County Extens e Protection -		

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1975*

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Joint City-County Planning Commission of Union County Zoning enforced - In the cities of Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown

and Waverly

Subdivision regulations enforced - In all areas

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

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)

^{*}Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1975.

Safety

Police	Morganfield	Sturgis	Uniontown	Union County
Total staff	7	4	2 full-time 2 part-time	4
Radio-patrol car	s 2	2	1	3
Fire				
American Insura Association	nce			
Fire Rating	6	7	8	
Full-time staff	6	3		
Volunteers	20	20	18	18

Rescue Service

Union County Rescue Squad: Number of volunteers - 22 Equipment - Rescue vehicle and life saving equipment Personnel training - Emergency Medical Technician training, First Aid

Solid Waste

	Morganfield	- Sturgis	Uniontown
Type service Fee charged:	Municipal	Municipal	Municipal
residential	\$2.50 monthly	\$2 monthly	\$3 monthly
business	\$3.00 to \$125	\$3 to \$100	\$4.50 monthly
	monthly	monthly	(minimum)
industrial	\$6.25 to \$125	\$5 to \$200	\$4.50 monthly
	monthly	monthly	(minimum)
Collection frequency: residential	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
business	Daily to weekly	As needed	As needed
industrial	Daily to weekly	As needed	As needed
Trash pickup	Twice annually	Same as above	Same as above
Disposal method	Landfill	Landfill	Landfill

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Union County
Total Enrollment (March, Elementary Junior High High School	1976) 2,935 1,404 848 683
Student-Teacher Ratio Elementary Junior High High School	21 to 1 25 to 1 19 to 1 18 to 1
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Percent High School Graduates to College Expenditures Per Pupil	35.5
(1974-75) Bonded Indebtedness,	\$762.56
June 30, 1975	\$1,574,000
Nonpublic Schools	
Total Enrollment Elementary	330 330
Student-Teacher Ratio Elementary	21 to 1 21 to 1

Area Colleges and Universities

Name	Location (Miles distant)*	Enrollment Fall, 1975	Highest Degree Conferred
Henderson Community College	Henderson (23)	672	Associate
Indiana State University (Evansville Campus)	Evansville, Indiana (33)	2,945	Academic and Professional
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana (33)	5,169	Academic and Professional
Madisonville Community	indiana (55)	5,109	Professional
College	Madisonville (46)	624	Associate
Brescia College Kentucky Wesleyan	Owensboro (53)	928	Baccalaureate
College	Owensboro (53)	708	Baccalaureate

Vocational Schools

Nearest State Schools

	nville State ional-Technical l	Daviess County State Vocational-Technical School
Location Madiso		Owensboro
Miles Distant 46 from	n Morganfield	53 from Morganfield
Curriculum Health	and Personal	Clerical
Servie	ce	Secretarial
Certifie	ed Lab Assistant	Child Care Services
Health	Careers	Food Services
Medica	l Secretary	Marketing and Distributive
Practic	al Nursing	Education
Respira	atory Therapy	Cosmetology
Surgica	l Technician	Industrial Education
Industr	ial Education	Air Conditioning and
	Body Repair	Refrigeration
Auto	Mechanics	Auto Body Repair
Carp	pentry	Auto Mechanics
Draf	0)	Building Maintenance
Elec	tronics	Diesel Mechanics
	mmunications)	Drafting
	strial Electricity	Electronics (Industrial)
	nine Shop	Graphic Arts (Printing)
	ng Maintenance	Instrumentation
	chanics	Masonry
Weld	ing	Welding

*Mileage from Morganfield.

Nearest Area Education Center

	Union County Area Vocational Education Center
Location	Midway between Morganfield and Sturgis
Curriculum	Health and Personal Services
	Industrial Education
	Auto Mechanics
	Carpentry
	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.

The Breckinridge Job Corps Center near Morganfield can provide industrial training courses upon request.

HEALTH

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 9 Dentists - 6

Hospitals

General Hospital	Location	Beds	
Union County Hospital	Midway between		
	Morganfield and Sturgis	54	

General hospital facilities - Laboratory, X-ray, obstetrics, emergency room, intensive care, coronary unit, major and minor operating room, recovery room, inhalation and physical therapy room, satellite of Coal Miners Respiratory Clinic at Greenville

Medical staff - 5 physicians, 1 internist, 1 general surgeon, 12 registered nurses, 14 licensed practical nurses, cardiologist, radiologist, pathologist, urologist, opthamologist

Other Medical Facilities

Union County Mental Health Clinic Trover Clinic Union County Medical Clinic Welborn & Welker Clinic

Ambulance Service

Name - Holder Ambulance Service

Staff - 6 Emergency Medical Technicians (4 stationed in Morganfield
 and 2 stationed in Sturgis)

Service - 24-hour, county-wide

Equipment - 4 ambulances (2 located in Morganfield, 1 in Sturgis and 1 in Uniontown)

Nursing Homes

Number of Homes

Number and Type of Beds

3

71 personal care 36 intermediate care 24 extended care

Public Health

Facility - Union County Health Department

Staff - Health environmentalist, 2 registered nurses, home health care nurse, community health worker, administrative assistant, clerk

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Serving Morganfield and Sturgis - South Central Bell Serving Uniontown - Uniontown Telephone Company

Telegraph - Serving Morganfield - Western Union Services - Standard

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - Morganfield - First; Sturgis - Second; Uniontown - Third Mail received - Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown - Once daily Mail dispatched - Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown - Once daily

Newspapers -

Weekly and circulation - Morganfield - The Union County Advocate -4,900 Weekly and circulation - Sturgis - The Sturgis News - 3,000 Other papers received from - Henderson and Louisville, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana

Radio - Serving Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown - WMSK AM-FM
Stations received from - Henderson, Louisville, Madisonville,
Owensboro, and Paducah, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana; Chicago,
Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri

Television - Serving Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown Reception from - Paducah, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana; Harrisburg, Illinois

Educational Television - Serving Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown Reception from - Madisonville, Kentucky - Channel 35; Evansville, Indiana - Channel 9

Library Services

Public library - Union County Public Library, Morganfield
Size collection - 34,780 volumes (branch libraries included)
Circulation, 1975 - 79,837 (branch libraries and bookmobile included)
Services - Magazines, newspapers, art, records, record player, film projector, story hour, microfilm reader-printer, copy machine, bookmobile, service to shut-ins, inter-library loan service

Branch library - Sturgis Public Library Services - Magazines, newspapers, records, record player, interlibrary loan service

Branch library - Uniontown Public Library Services - Magazines, records, record player, inter-library loan service

Religious Institutions

	Morganfield	Sturgis	Uniontown
Number of churches	- 8	15	6
Denominations -	Baptist	Apostolic	Baptist
	Catholic	Tabernacle	Catholic
	Christian	Catholic	Christian
	Church of Christ	Christian	Methodist
	Church of God	Church of	Pentecostal
	Episcopal	Christ	
	Methodist	Church of God	
	Presbyterian	Cumberland	
		Presbyterian	
		First Baptist	
		General Baptis	t
		Methodist	
		Missionary Bap	otist
		Presbyterian	
		Sturgis Baptist	
		Church of God	of
		Prophecy	
Nearest Synagogue	Henderson		

Nearest Synagogue - Henderson Congregation - Adath Israel (reform)

Financial Institutions

Banks	Assets	Deposits	Statement Date
Morganfield			
Morganfield National Bank Union Bank & Trust Company	\$28,151,742.19 21,747,284.25		12/31/75 12/31/75
Sturgis			
Farmers State Bank	18,124,502.55	16,516,040.24	12/31/75
Savings and Loan Association	Assets	Shared Accounts	Statement Date
Union County First Federal Savings and Loan Association	\$32,932,543.67	\$30,433,746.22	12/31/75
Hotels and Motels			
	Morganfield	Sturgis	
Total number Total units	2 40	3 34	
Clubs and Organizations			
Morganfield			

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Key Club, Lions, Ministerial Association, P.T.A., Red Cross, Welcome Wagon, Business and Professional Women's Club

Fraternal - American Legion, IOOF, Knights of Columbus, Masonic Lodge

Women's - American Legion Auxiliary, Eastern Star, Homemakers

Youth - Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, FBLA, FFA, FHA, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Little League football, baseball, basketball, Pony League baseball, VICA (vocational school)

Sturgis

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Business and Professional Women's Club

Fraternal - American Legion, IOOF, Masonic Lodge

Women's - Eastern Star, Woman's Club

Youth - Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, 4-H, FBLA, FFA, FHA, Little League baseball, basketball, football, Teen Center, VICA (vocational school)

Other - Union County Flying Club

Uniontown

Fraternal - IOOF, Knights of Columbus, Masonic Lodge, VFW

Women's - Eastern Star, Homemakers, Rebekah

Youth - Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, FBLA, FFA, FHA, Girl Scouts, Little League baseball and football, Pony League baseball, VICA (vocational school)

RECREATION

Local

Union County provides a wide range of recreational opportunities for all ages. Public recreation facilities which are available in Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown include city parks, playgrounds, tennis courts, baseball and softball diamonds, and football fields. In addition, both Morganfield and Sturgis have a municipal swimming pool, and there is a Youth Center at Sturgis. All three cities sponsor supervised recreational programs during the summer months.

The Breckinridge Golf and Country Club at Morganfield features a clubhouse and dining room, a 9-hole golf course, a swimming pool, and two tennis courts. Other private facilities in the county include a roller skating rink, bowling lanes, an indoor movie theater, and a drivein theater.

Union County's location on the Ohio River affords the opportunity for a variety of water sports. A public boat dock which is being constructed at Uniontown will enhance the facilities available to water sport enthusiasts.

Special events featured during the year include the Union County Fair, Trade Day, and the Corn Festival.

Moffitt Recreation Area, 12 miles southeast of Morganfield, is a unique and beautiful area consisting of 136 acres of hills and woods and a 50-acre lake. Facilities are available for camping, picnicking, hiking, swimming, boating and fishing.

Area (Within 85 miles)

John James Audubon State Park at Henderson, 23 miles from Morganfield, is a 645-acre park where the famed naturalist gathered material for his paintings, "The Birds of America." The Audubon Memorial Museum and Nature Museum contains Kentucky's greatest exhibit of original Audubon prints. Other park features include cottages and camping sites, a 28-acre recreation lake, a 12-acre nature preserve lake, picnic shelters, playgrounds, hiking trails, a 9-hole golf course, and supervised recreation. Midwest Harness Raceway, across from the park, features night harness racing. James C. Ellis Park and Thoroughbred Race Track, located on the north bank of the Ohio between Henderson, Kentucky, and Evansville, Indiana, provides two months of racing during the summer.

Union County is located near two of the largest inland lakes in America, Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley, which include over 3,300 miles of shoreline. This lakeland area offers numerous recreational facilities for water sports, fishing, boating, camping, and hunting.

Located around this lakeland area are three of the state's finest resort parks - Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Kenlake State Resort Park, and Lake Barkley State Resort Park. All three parks offer the following facilities:

> Lakeside locations Lodge, cottage and camping accommodations Dining rooms, picnic area, and gift shops Golf, swimming, fishing, boat rentals, horseback riding, tennis, playgrounds, and planned recreation

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, a 170,000acre woodland formed into a peninsula by Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley, is a major area for outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental learning. There are facilities for fishing, boating, hiking, swimming, hunting, and camping.

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, located 44 miles southeast of Sturgis, is comprised of 435 acres with a resort lodge, cottages, and camping facilities. The park's features include a 55-acre lake, swimming, boating, golfing, horseback riding, hiking, and picnic and playground areas.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Morganfield

In 1974, Morganfield was enrolled in the All-Kentucky City "Hall of Fame" due to the city's continued outstanding achievement in community development.

Three new industries have begun operations - Genaut Industries, an automotive parts manufacturer, Sonoco Products Company, a manufacturer of paper tubing, and Pioneer Carpets, Inc., a carpet manufacturer.

The City of Morganfield Water Works improved its water treatment facilities by the installation of new chemical feeders, operating valves, two aeration units, and two turbine pumps in collector wells. In addition, new and enlarged water lines have been installed in town.

The City of Morganfield Sewerage Department has completed the renovation of the sewage treatment plant and a 201 Facilities Plan is now underway to determine further improvements needed in the sewerage system. In addition, an 18-inch sewer line has been extended to the industrial park.

Improvements completed at the Morganfield Airport include the resurfacing of the runway and apron; the installation of runway lights, a rotating beacon, and a lighted wind tee; and the construction of a turn around.

Many merchants participated in a renovation program for the downtown business district.

All major city streets have been resurfaced and West Main Street has been widened with new sidewalks and gutters installed.

The Morganfield Municipal Building was completely remodeled in 1975.

The Union Bank & Turst Company constructed a branch bank with three drive-in windows and walk-in service.

The upgrading and construction of additional recreational facilities at three city parks will be completed in 1976. Several new subdivisions are in the process of being developed.

Sturgis

Two new industries have begun operations - Union Metals, Inc., steel fabrication processors, and Circle-O Farms, a manufacturer of fertilizer.

The Sturgis Airport Board has completed a Comprehensive Plan of the airport which designates 125 acres for the development of a multicounty industrial site. Union County has allocated \$77,000 for the extension of water and sewer lines to the site and there are plans to submit an application for funds from the Kentucky Industrial Development Finance Authority to develop this site.

Improvements completed at the Sturgis Airport include the lighting of one runway; the installation of a rotating beacon, a non-directional beacon with instrument approach, and a VASI navigation aide system; and the construction of ten hangars. There are plans to construct ten additional hangars and an administration building.

Bids are being advertised for the construction of a 1,200,000 gallon per day water treatment plant with a 500,000-gallon clearwell that will provide gravity flow to the distribution system.

A 201 Facilities Plan is underway to determine improvements needed in the community sewerage system.

The Kentucky Utilities Company added 2,500 KVA to an existing substation in the city.

Numerous storefronts in the downtown business district have been renovated.

A 56-unit apartment complex has been constructed.

The Sturgis Community Rest Home added eight beds and a dining/recreation room to its facilities.

The First Presbyterian Church has built a classroom and recreation building.

A 1,000-gpm pumper has been ordered for the Sturgis Fire Department.

The Farmers State Bank opened a new drive-in branch bank.

The Morganfield National Bank announced plans to build a branch bank in the Sturgis trade area with construction to begin in August, 1976.

Recreational improvements include the development of a new city park with baseball and football fields, tennis courts, a concession stand, and bleachers; construction of two lighted tennis courts by the Kiwanis Club; and renovation of the municipal swimming pool.

Uniontown

The City of Uniontown Water Works has improved the water system by the installation of chemical feeding equipment, laboratory equipment, and raw water intake structure. Additional 6-inch and 8-inch lines have been laid and master meters have been installed.

The City of Uniontown Sewerage Department has completed the construction of a three stage lagoon treatment system. In addition, there are plans to add drying beds and a 43,000-gallon sedimentation basin.

The Morganfield National Bank and the Union Bank and Trust Company have opened new branch banks in Uniontown.

A new fire station has been constructed for the Uniontown-Union County Fire Department and a new 750-gpm pumper has been purchased.

The Uniontown Locks and Dam are now in operation.

Improvements underway at the Uniontown City Park include the construction of a new football field and tennis courts and the addition of new playground equipment.

Construction is underway on a public boat dock on the Ohio River.

Union County

The Union County Courthouse has been completely renovated and a new \$320,000 county jail has been built.

The Union County Water District extended approximately 30 miles of water line to new service areas.

County-wide subdivision regulations were adopted and put into effect by the Joint City-County Planning Commission of Union County.

The fire alarm systems at all Union County Schools have been upgraded.

The Union County School System plans to institute a vocational mining program.

Substandard bridges are being replaced at several locations throughout the county.

The Union County Rescue Squad has been organized and staffed with 22 volunteers.

There are plans to implement a county-wide solid waste collection system.

A new county-wide ambulance service has gone into operation.

HISTORY

Union County, the fifty-fifth county established in Kentucky, dates from 1811. Its territory was taken from Henderson County. Later it gave up lands to help form Webster County (1860). Highland Creek forms a portion of its eastern boundary; Tradewater River flows along its southern side; and the Ohio skirts its entire western and northern edges for a distance of 41 miles. It lies across the Ohio River from the mouth of the Wabash, hence it has a common boundary with Illinois and Indiana.

The first settlers came to Union County in 1805 from other areas in Kentucky and from Virginia and North Carolina. They were lured by the abundance of natural resources, fertile lands, and the ease by which land claims could be obtained. They also were attracted to the area because of its mild climate and comparative safety from the Indians who usually bypassed it on their hunting expeditions, and who, by the beginning of the nineteenth century, were moving westward as a result of defeats and treaties at the hands of the whites. The first town established was Morganfield, the county seat, whose site was chosen in 1811 on land that belonged to Presley O'Bannon. The survey was made by James Townsend. James Holloway built the first brick house, and Aquilla Doris taught the first school, a short term session paid for by subscription in 1813, in a log house built for that purpose. Saint Vincent's Academy, a boarding school for girls, was erected in 1820. This was one of the first institutions of its kind in the state and is still in use.

It is believed that Union County was named because of the overwhelming sentiment on the part of its citizens for division of Henderson County, the parent county. In 1850, the population of Union County was 9,012 and by 1900 had reached its peak of 21,326. The population then steadily declined to a low of 14,537 in 1960. Then it rose to 15,882 in 1970 and was estimated to be 16,400 in 1975. The 1973 estimated population of Morganfield was 3,382, Sturgis 2,232, and Uniontown 1,258.

The total number of Union County residents employed in 1974 averaged 6,670, including 750 in agriculture and 930 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 680 workers; trade and services firms employed 1,640; mining employed 1,980. Largest of the county's industrial firms are Genaut Industries, which produces automotive parts; Sturgis Clothing Company, which make men's clothing; and Kentucky Cap Manufacturing Company, which makes baseball caps. Union County natives of note have included:

Ormsby McKnight Mitchell has been called the "Pioneer Astronomer of America" by some because of his establishment of the Harvard University Observatory and the Naval Observatory at Washington. The Cincinnati Observatory, later named the Mitchell Observatory, was built in his honor.

Charles John O'Malley was known as the "Farmer Poet" of Kentucky.

Nancy Huston Banks had a wide reputation as a writer. Among her novels were Stairs of Sand and The Little Hills.

Earle C. Clements served as Governor of Kentucky from 1947 to 1950. He resigned from the Governorship to become United States Senator in 1950.