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# Industrial Resources: Hardin County - West Point

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**SUMMARY OF...**

***INDUSTRIAL  
RESOURCES***

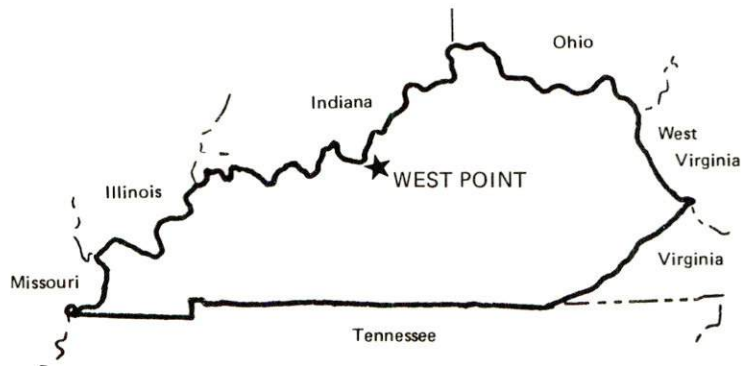
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SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES  
WEST POINT, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1975: West Point - 1,964  
1976: Hardin County - 80,200; Labor Market Area - 218,600

WEST POINT LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes Hardin, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Grayson, Hart, Larue, Meade and Nelson Counties

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1977:

	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	<u>23,791</u>	<u>82,028</u>
Employment	<u>22,605</u>	<u>77,848</u>
Agricultural	<u>1,137</u>	<u>7,802</u>
Nonagricultural	<u>21,468</u>	<u>70,046</u>
Unemployment	<u>1,186</u>	<u>4,182</u>
Rate of Unemployment (%)	<u>5.0</u>	<u>5.1</u>

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1975:

Hardin County	<u>\$5,867</u>
Labor Market Area Range	<u>\$3,310 - \$5,867</u>

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1976:

Hardin County	<u>3,750</u> Male	<u>6,470</u> Female
Labor Market Area	<u>8,500</u> Male	<u>11,080</u> Female

MAJOR LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

There are no manufacturing plants located in West Point at the present time.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: The Louisville and Nashville Railroad serves West Point with two northbound and two southbound through freights daily. Some siding space is available on this line. The nearest Louisville and Nashville Railroad piggyback facilities are at Louisville, 20 miles away. West Point is also served by the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. Services include one local freight six days a week; two northbound and two southbound through freights daily; switching facilities; and siding space for approximately 15 cars. The nearest Illinois Central Gulf Railroad piggyback facilities are at Louisville, 20 miles distant.



Highways: U.S. Highway 31W provides easy access to Louisville, 20 miles north of West Point. Three major highways - Interstates 64, 65 and 71 - converge at Louisville. In addition, interchanges of Interstate 65 and the Western Kentucky Parkway can be reached at Elizabethtown, 25 miles south of West Point via U.S. Highway 31W.

Road Distance in Miles:

Atlanta	<u>395</u>	Baltimore	<u>618</u>	Chicago	<u>312</u>
Detroit	<u>380</u>	New York	<u>768</u>	St. Louis	<u>283</u>

Truck: Two trucking companies provide general transport service to West Point and three additional companies are available for interstate hauling only. Southbound only freight service is provided by two other truck lines.

Water: West Point is located on the Ohio River and is only 20 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky, where port facilities are available.

Air: The nearest commercial airport is Standiford Field, at Louisville, 20 miles north of West Point. TWA, American, Eastern, Delta, Piedmont, Ozark, Allegheny and Air Kentucky (commuter) Airlines serve this field. Ben Floyd Airport, 21 miles south of West Point, has a 2,800-foot paved runway.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: West Point and a small portion of Hardin County is served by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company. Hardin County is also served by Nolin RECC and Kentucky Utilities Company.

Natural Gas: Louisville Gas and Electric Company provides natural gas to West Point. The source of supply is the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation.

Other Fuels: Industrial supplies of propane and distillate fuel oil are available from distributors in Louisville, 20 miles from West Point. Distillate fuel oil is also available in Elizabethtown, 25 miles away.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: West Point Water Department serves the city. The source of raw water is two deep wells and the treatment plant capacity is 276,000 gallons per day. The average daily consumption is 150,000 gallons and peak daily consumption is 170,000 gallons. West Point's storage capacity is 50,000 gallons.

Sewerage: West Point Sewer Department serves the community. The design capacity of the treatment plant is 300,000 gallons per day. The average daily flow is 90,000 gallons and treatment is primary. West Point is scheduled to receive 201 Facilities funds for upgrading the sewerage system in 1978.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: West Point is served by a mayor elected to a 4-year term and 6 councilmen elected to 2-year terms.

County: Hardin County is served by a county judge/executive and 8 magistrates elected to 4-year terms.

TAXES:

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

	<u>Inside City of West Point</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$1.299	\$0.608
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.150	0.150
3. Finished goods, office equip- ment, vehicles, other tangibles	1.434	0.743
4. Intangibles (accounts, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.250	0.250

EDUCATION: The West Point Independent School District includes 200 elementary students and the Hardin County Schools have a total of 10,300 students. There are 5,350 elementary, 2,250 junior high and 2,700 high school students in the Hardin County System. Elizabethtown State Vocational-Technical School, 25 miles distant, and Jefferson State Vocational-Technical School at Jeffersontown, 30 miles away, provide vocational training opportunities.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: South Central Bell provides standard services through the Louisville exchange.

Telegraph: A Western Union office is located at Fort Knox and a toll-free number is provided for sending messages.

Television: Major networks are received through Louisville without cable.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: Excellent medical facilities are available in Louisville, 20 miles from West Point. Hardin Memorial Hospital is at Elizabethtown, 25 miles away, and facilities include 166 beds.

Churches: West Point has five churches. The denominations represented are Baptist, Methodist, Catholic and Christian.

Financial Institutions: The West Point Bank is located in the community.

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