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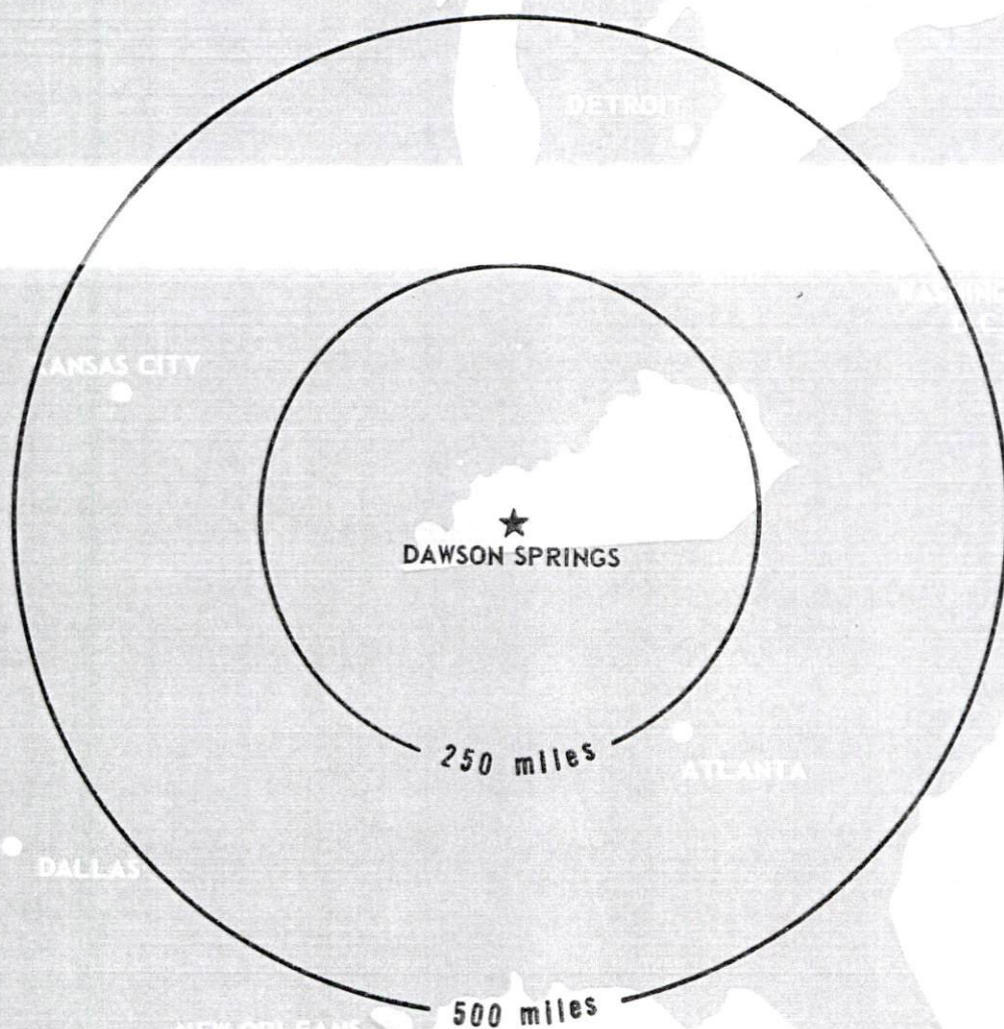
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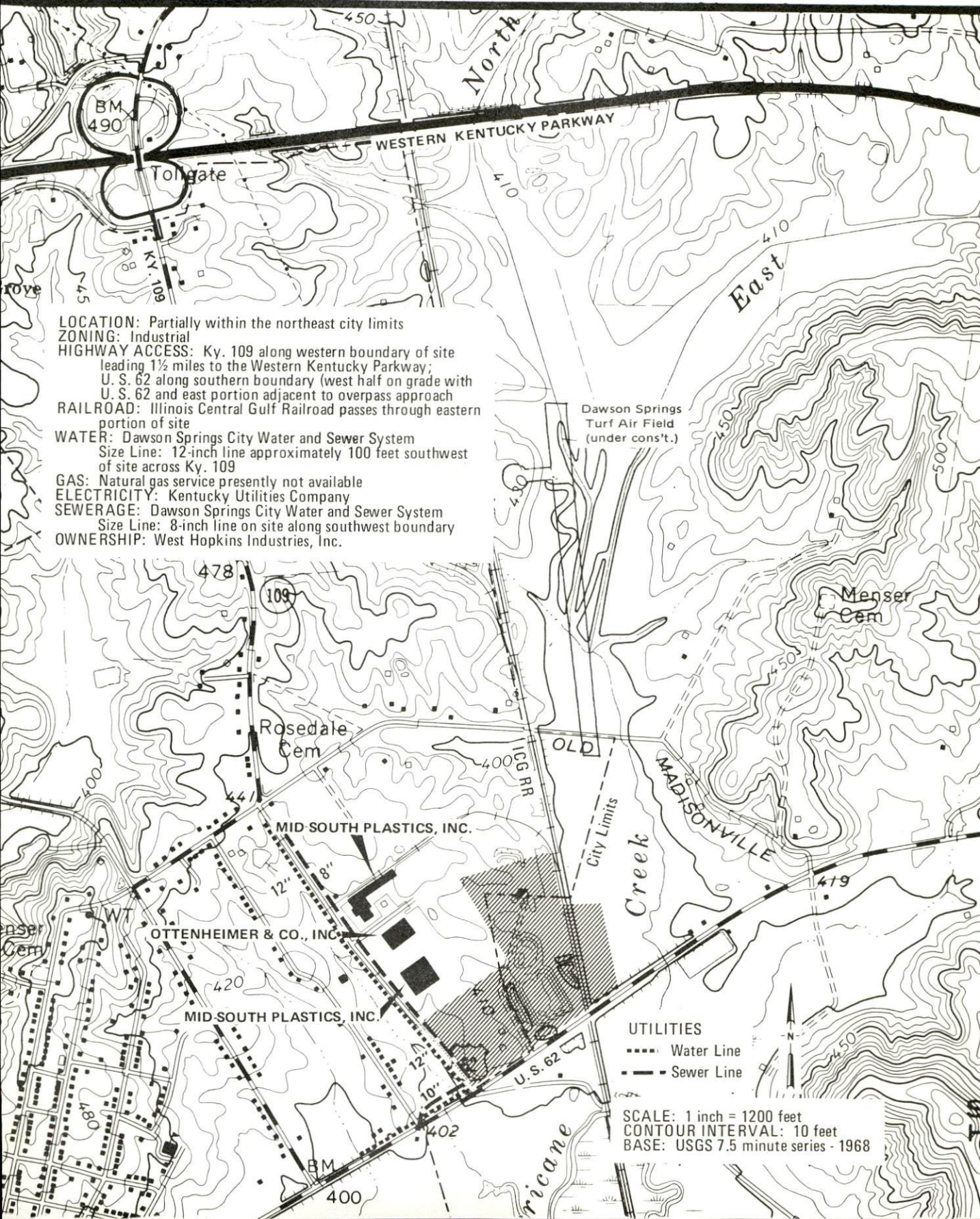
DAWSON SPRINGS KENTUCKY



HOPKINS COUNTY, KENTUCKY

DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY --- Site No. 175 -- 41 Acres

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DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY

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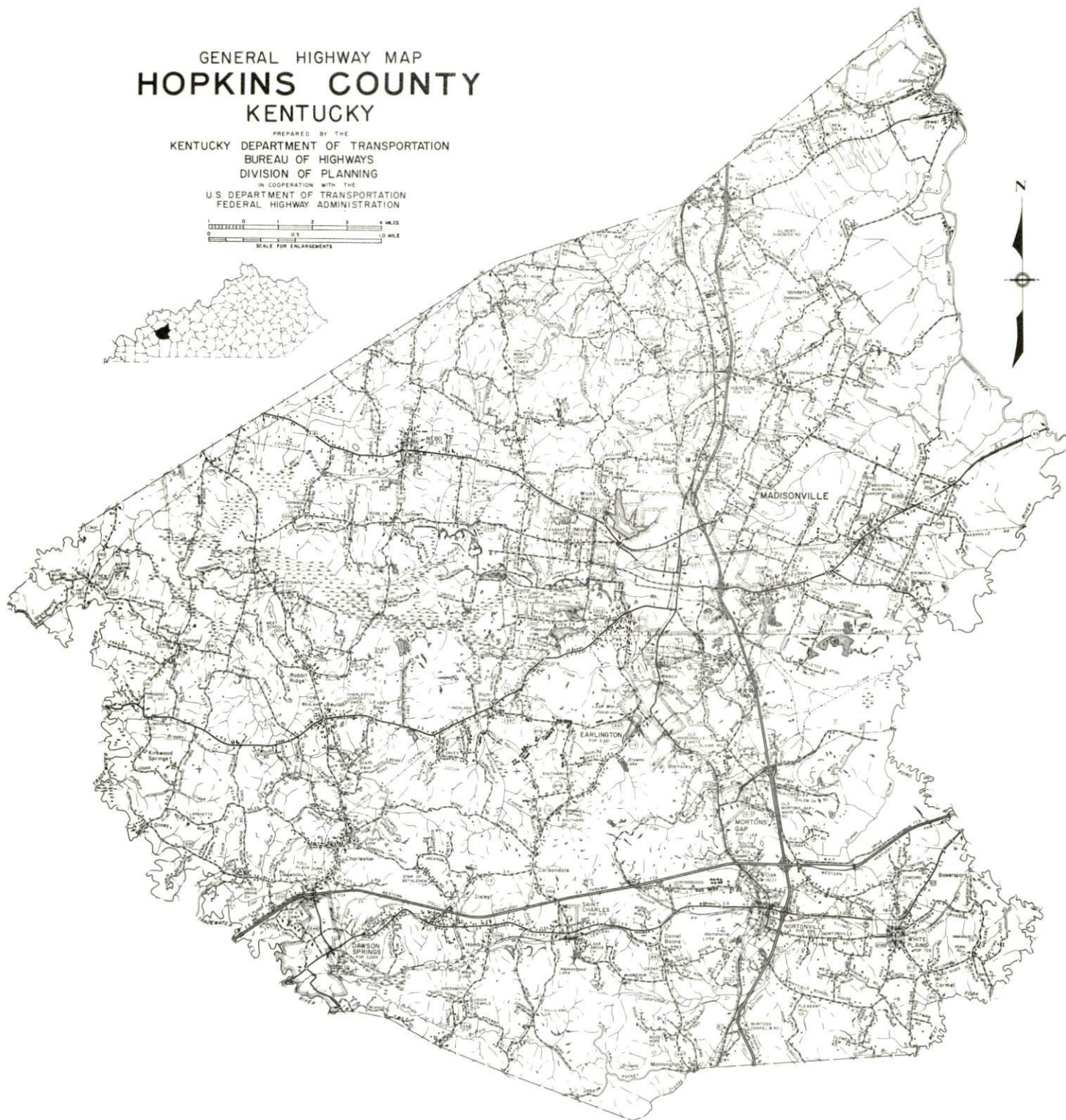
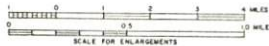
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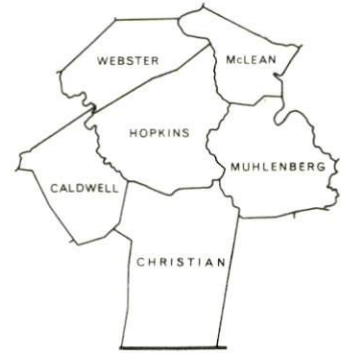
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
HOPKINS COUNTY
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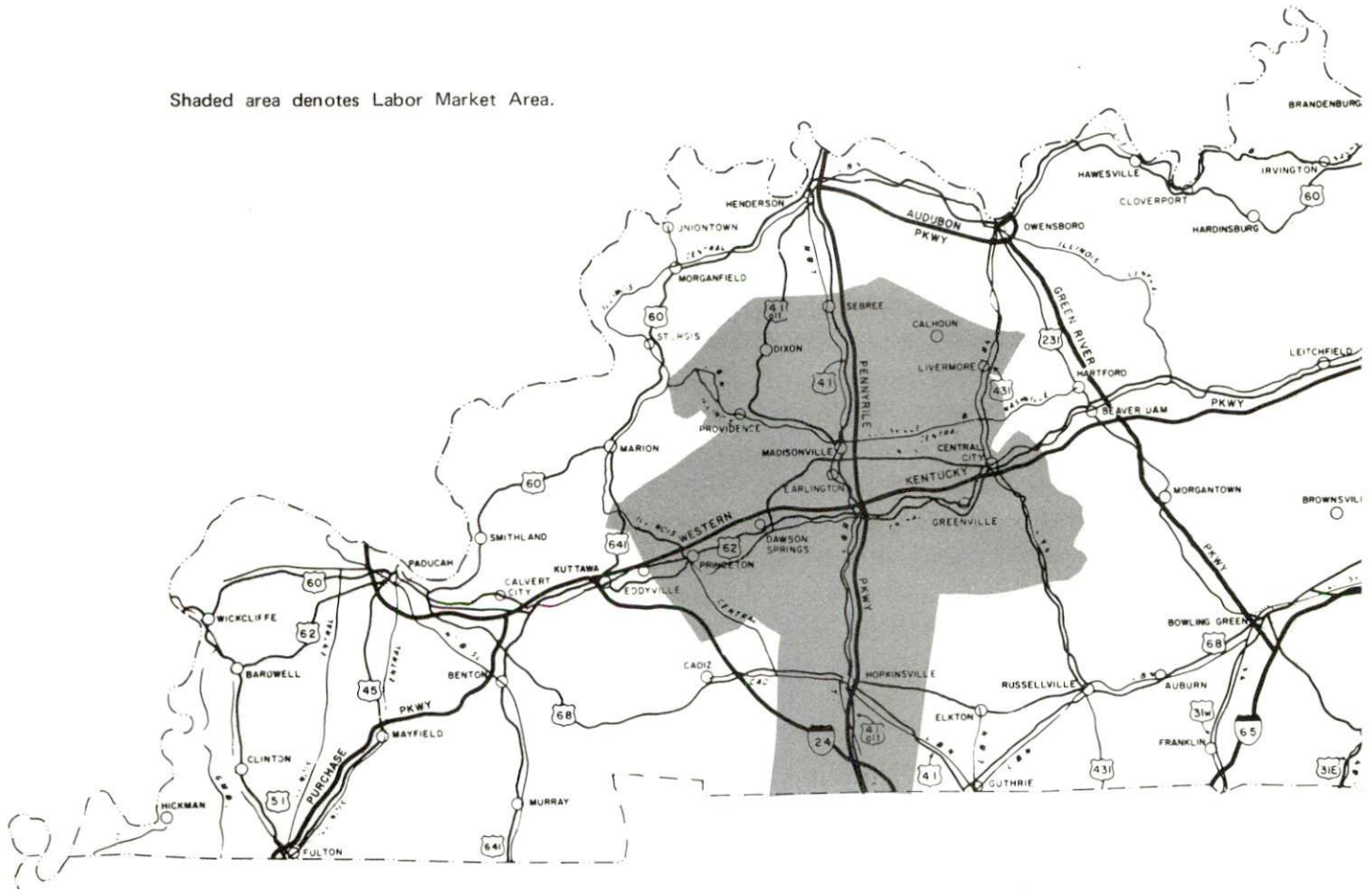
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DAWSON SPRINGS LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Dawson Springs is located on the southwestern border of Hopkins County in the Pennyryle Region of western Kentucky. The Western Kentucky Parkway forms the northern boundary of the city limits. Dawson Springs is 161 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky, 60 miles east of Paducah, Kentucky, and 100 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee. The 1970 population of Dawson Springs was 3,009.

Hopkins County, covering a land area of 553 square miles, had a 1970 population of 38,167. In 1973, the population of Hopkins County was estimated at 40,800.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Hopkins County in 1973 averaged 17,540 with agriculture providing 670 jobs; manufacturing 2,670; trade and services 4,930; government 2,350; and mining 1,700. Between March, 1964, and March, 1974, manufacturing employment increased by more than 260 percent, providing 2,175 new jobs. In addition, during 1974 four industries announced plans to locate in the county and two existing industries announced plans for expansion. Manufacturing employment is greatest in the machinery and apparel industries.

Per capita income in the county in 1972 was \$3,990. Between 1962 and 1972, per capita personal income in the county increased approximately 139 percent.

The Dawson Springs labor market area includes Hopkins County and the five surrounding counties. Total area employment in 1973 averaged 61,210 with agriculture providing 5,000 jobs; manufacturing 10,140; trade and services 15,600; government 8,710; and mining 4,850. Since 1964, manufacturing employment in the labor market area has increased 80 percent or 4,492 new jobs with sharpest gains in the electrical machinery and apparel industries. Substantial growth has also occurred in the nonelectrical machinery, fabricated metal products, and primary metals industries.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 7,610 men and 12,440 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 7,530 young men and 7,330 young women will become 18 years of age before 1981 and will be potentially available for work.

2. The local transportation capability is excellent. The Illinois Central Gulf Railroad provides Dawson Springs with a variety of services. Seven truck lines serve the city. Highway access is provided by U. S. 62 and by the Western Kentucky Parkway, which is a major east-west highway artery. The Pennyrile Parkway, a major north-south route, is only 14 miles away. A 3,100-foot turf airstrip capable of accommodating light aircraft is to be constructed at Dawson Springs with completion expected before the end of 1975. Small aircraft service is presently available 18 miles north-east of Dawson Springs. Commercial air service is available at Barkley Field, Paducah, 60 miles west of Dawson Springs.

3. Electric power is supplied to Dawson Springs by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Hopkins County is served electricity by the Green River Electric Corporation and the Henderson-Union RECC. Natural gas service is provided by the Western Kentucky Gas Company, whose source of supply is the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation. Two distributors of propane and four distributors of distillate fuel oil provide service to Dawson Springs.

4. Education is an important growth asset for Hopkins County. Three school systems operate within the county. Dawson Springs is served by the Dawson Springs Independent School District.

Three senior colleges and four community colleges are located within a 70-mile radius of Dawson Springs.

The nearest state vocational-technical school is located 18 miles northwest of Dawson Springs, and offers training in seventeen course areas. An area vocational education center, located 27 miles to the south-east, offers training in nine course areas.

Community Programs for Improvement

Transportation

The city has purchased the property of a private airstrip just east of town and is planning to construct a new 3,100-foot turf airstrip. Construction of the runway will begin in the summer of 1975 with completion expected before the end of the year. A new bridge on U. S. 62 east of town is under construction and due for completion by the summer of 1975.

Water-Sewerage

The City Water and Sewer System has applied for federal funds for the construction of a new water treatment plant. Application has also been made for funds for a "201 Facilities Plan," a study which is designed to determine what improvements need to be made to upgrade the sewerage system.

Education

In the Dawson Springs Independent School System, Phase Elective English, art, and vocational education have been added to the curriculum; a kindergarten program has been initiated; a guidance counselor has been added to the staff; and two portable classrooms have been added to the school. The state rating of the Dawson Springs High School has been advanced from basic to standard.

Additional classrooms have been constructed at four elementary schools in the Hopkins County School System.

Public Safety

The Dawson Springs Police Department has new radio communication equipment consisting of a base station and a four channel mobile unit. A new fire alert system has been installed by the Dawson Springs Fire Department.

Health

A new nursing home with 80 intermediate care beds opened in September, 1973. A personal care nursing home constructed a 32-bed intermediate care addition to its facilities.

Other

The new \$130,000 Dawson Springs municipal building was occupied in August of 1974. The building houses the mayor's office, the city courtroom, the water and sewer department, the city clerk's office, and the police and fire departments. The city is in the process of purchasing an existing building to be used by several other city departments.

A request has been made to have a branch of the Regional Library established at Dawson Springs.

The downtown business district has been improved by a face-lifting project on all the storefronts.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Dawson Springs and the surrounding area offer a wide variety of recreational facilities. The Dawson Springs Community Center provides year-round, supervised recreational programs and activities for all ages. The city parks, playgrounds, tennis courts, and baseball diamond are also available for public use.

Located just south of Dawson Springs is the Pennyrile State Forest - 15,200 acres of native pine and hardwood trees. Hiking trails and picnic areas are located throughout the forest. A wide variety of water sports may be enjoyed on the 857-acre Lake Beshear, which is located within the forest.

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, just 6 miles south of Dawson Springs, is a 435-acre park also located in Kentucky's largest state forest. The park has a resort lodge, cottages, and camping facilities. Recreational facilities and activities include a 55-acre lake, pool, beach, bathhouse, boat rentals, fishing, golf, horseback riding, hiking, picnicking, and supervised recreation.

Dawson Springs is located near two of the largest inland lakes in America, Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake, which include over 3,300 miles of shoreline. Several of the state's finest resort parks are located in this lakeland area and are within easy driving distance of Dawson Springs.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park is a 3,600-acre park which provides lodge and cottage accommodations and camping sites. Features of this park include an 18-hole golf course, pool and beach facilities, riding stables, hiking trails, picnic and playground areas, and boating and fishing facilities.

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, a 170,000-acre 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.

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, located on Kentucky Lake, is a 1,200-acre park with a village inn, cottages, and camping facilities. Other park features include a pool, beach, 18-hole golf course, playground and picnic area, horseback riding, fishing and boating, and an airport with a 4,000-foot lighted airstrip.

Kenlake State Resort Park, also located on Kentucky Lake, is an 1,800-acre park with hotel and cottage accommodations and sites for tent and trailer camping. The park facilities include a 9-hole golf course, tennis, pool and lake swimming, riding stables, and hiking trails. A boat dock, rental boats, and sailboats are also available.

Lake Malone State Park, 52 miles southeast of Dawson Springs, is comprised of 338 acres with camping facilities, a 692-acre lake, boat rentals, hiking trails, picnic shelter, and playground.

The Jefferson Davis Monument State Shrine, located 47 miles southeast of Dawson Springs, is the site of the farm on which the President of the Confederacy was born. The 351-foot obelisk, which houses a museum, is the fourth highest monument in the United States. An elevator ride to the top affords a magnificent view of the countryside.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS

Area	Population				Percent Change	
	1973*	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Dawson Springs	N. A.	3,009	3,002	2,374	+0.2	+26.5
Labor Market Area	173,600	157,451	159,825	152,450	-1.5	+ 4.8
Hopkins County	40,800	38,167	38,458	38,815	-0.8	- 0.9
Caldwell County	12,900	13,179	13,073	13,199	+0.8	- 1.0
Christian County	66,400	56,224	56,904	42,359	-1.2	+34.3
McLean County	10,000	9,062	9,355	10,021	-3.1	- 6.6
Muhlenberg County	29,500	27,537	27,791	32,501	-0.9	-14.5
Webster County	14,000	13,282	14,244	15,555	-6.8	- 8.4

*Provisional Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970, 1960, 1950. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-26, June 1973.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1973

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Hopkins County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	17,540	61,210
Agricultural	670	5,000
Nonagricultural	16,870	56,210
Manufacturing	2,670	10,140
Government	2,350	8,710
Trade and Services	4,929	15,598
Mining	1,696	4,853

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
MARCH 1974 AND 1964

Industry	Hopkins County			Labor Market Area		
	1974	1964	% Change	1974	1964	% Change
TOTAL	3,009	834	+ 260.8	10,071	5,579	+ 80.5
Food & Kindred Products	277	234	+ 18.4	605	624	- 3.0
Tobacco	1	1	0	143	165	- 13.3
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	554	350	+ 58.3	2,836	1,831	+ 54.9
Lumber, Furniture	116	79	+ 46.8	843	889	- 5.2
Printing & Publishing, Paper	60	42	+ 42.9	163	417	- 60.9
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal, Rubber	355	69	+ 414.5	529	233	+ 127.0
Stone, Clay & Glass	3	3	0	71	84	- 15.5
Primary Metals	8	32	- 75.0	613	32	+1815.6
Machinery, Metal Products, Equip.	1,624	21	+7633.3	4,014	1,301	+ 208.5
Other	11	3	+ 266.7	254	3	+8366.7

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, March, 1974, March, 1964.

DAWSON SPRINGS MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm (Establishment date)	Product	Employment			Organized
		Total	Male	Female	
R. H. Capp (1963)	Treated poles, posts, fencing	1	1	0	
The Dawson Springs Progress (1919)	Newspaper, job printing	4	2	2	
Vinise Menser Lumber Company (1951)	Rough lumber	15	15	0	
Mid South Plastics, Inc. (1965)	Custom injection molding	300	230	70	*
Ottenheimer and Company, Inc. (1947)	Washable service apparel	202	11	191	*
Terry Brothers Lumber Company (1947)	Lumber, building material	26	25	1	

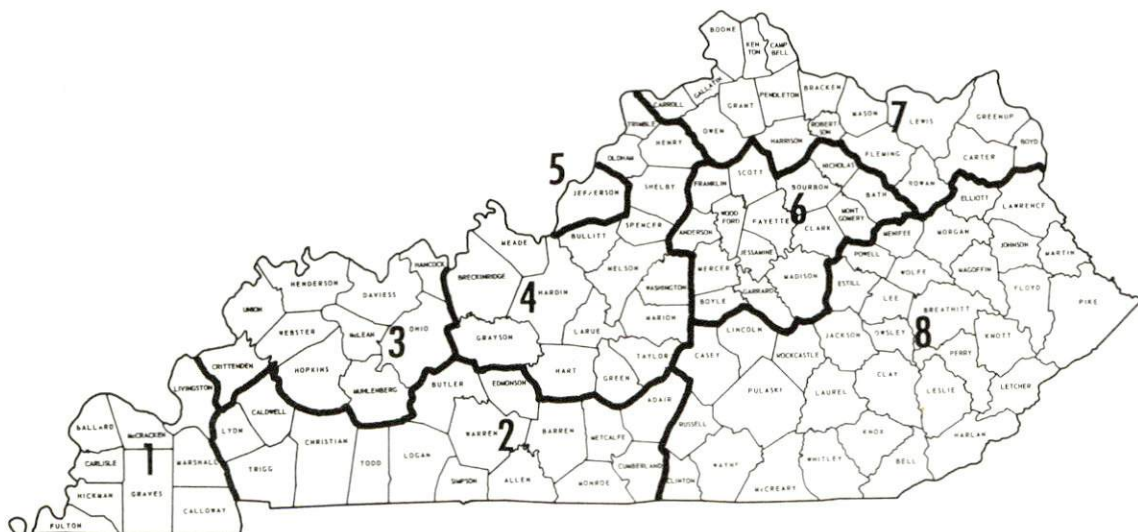
*See Labor Organizations, page 8.

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce, 1975 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers.

WAGES

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by 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 130 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for eight 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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing manufacturing workers at:</u>
United Steelworkers of America	Mid South Plastics, Inc.
Allied Garment Workers	Ottenheimer and Company, Inc.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY DAWSON SPRINGS LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Under-employed</u>	<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981</u>
Labor Market					
Area	7,610	2,610	2,140	2,860	7,526
Hopkins	920	0	460	460	1,930
Caldwell	900	390	340	170	562
Christian	3,350	1,320	490	1,540	2,655
McLean	380	70	190	120	406
Muhlenberg	990	270	370	350	1,342
Webster	1,070	560	290	220	631

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1973. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY DAWSON SPRINGS LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Under-employed</u>	<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981</u>
Labor Market					
Area	12,440	8,640	1,150	2,650	7,332
Hopkins	1,500	660	180	660	1,723
Caldwell	1,010	470	260	280	592
Christian	5,800	4,430	370	1,000	2,526
McLean	620	390	90	140	464
Muhlenberg	2,390	1,900	140	350	1,384
Webster	1,120	790	110	220	643

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1973. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Hopkins County	\$3,990	\$1,671	+138.8
Labor Market Area Range	\$2,939 - 3,952	\$1,223 - 1,797	N.A.
Kentucky	3,634	1,769	+105.4
U. S.	4,549	2,381	+ 91.1

Sources: Office of Development Services and Business Research, College of Economics, University of Kentucky, Kentucky Personal Income 1929/68. U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, Survey of Current Business, May, 1974, August, 1974.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Dawson Springs - Illinois Central Gulf Railroad

Services - Local freights operated as needed, four through freights daily, switch facilities, public team tracks for eight cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Princeton, 12 miles west of Dawson Springs

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

Director of Industrial Development
Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company
135 East 11th Place
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

A & H Truck Lines, Inc.	1111 East Louisiana Street Evansville, Indiana 47717
Harper Truck Service, Inc.	1266 North 8th Street Paducah, Kentucky 42002
McLean Trucking Company	P. O. Box 213 617 Waughtown Street Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27107
Schroder's Express, Inc.	1550 Perin Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45204
Skaggs Transfer, Inc.	2400 Ralph Avenue Louisville, Kentucky 40216
Tennessee Cartage Company, Inc.	1240 Antioch Pike Nashville, Tennessee 37202
United Trucking of Kentucky	332 Hood Avenue Lebanon, Kentucky 40033

Other Freight Services

Shipping Center

United Parcel Service

Madisonville, Kentucky

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	342	3	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,094	4
Birmingham, Ala	296	3	Louisville, Ky.	161	1
Chicago, Ill.	453	2	Nashville, Tenn.	100	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	262	2	New Orleans, La.	617	3
Cleveland, Ohio	506	2	New York, N. Y.	909	3
Detroit, Mich.	521	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	549	3
Knoxville, Tenn.	277	2	St. Louis, Mo.	249	1

Source: Delivery time only - Harper Truck Service, Inc., 1266 North 8th Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42002.

Air

Nearest Local

Location: Madisonville Municipal Airport
 Runways: Madisonville, 18 miles from Dawson Springs
 1 paved
 Length: 4,200 feet
 Traffic
 Control: Wind tee and sock
 Lighting: Runway lighting sunset to sunrise, rotating beacon
 Services: 80-87 and 100 octane, flight training and charter --
 single-multi-engine, major and minor repairs,
 auto rentals

Air Freight

Service: Chartered air freight services must be arranged.

The City of Dawson Springs purchased the property of a private airstrip just east of town and is planning to construct a new 3,100-foot turf airstrip. Construction of the runway will begin in the summer of 1975 with completion expected before the end of the year.

Nearest Commercials

	Barkley Field*	Outlaw Field
Location:	Paducah, Kentucky, 60 miles from Dawson Springs	Clarksville, Tennessee, 50 miles from Dawson Springs
Runways:	2 paved	2 paved
Length:	6,500 feet, 4,000 feet	4,100 feet, 5,000 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind tee, ILS System, control tower	Approved instrument approach
Lighting:	Beacon, boundary, obstruction, runway lights and runway end identification lights, approach lighting system	Beacon, runway (hours of darkness)
Services:	Delta and Ozark Airlines, 80 and 100 octane, JA-1 fuel, taxi, limousine, U-Drive-It, storage, major A & E repairs, restaurant	Ozark and Aerie Airlines, fuel-80/87, 100/130, and jet fuel, major repairs, hangars, tie-downs, charter, flight instruction, weather information, car rentals, snack bar, vending machine, rest rooms
Air Freight		
Service:	Air Freight accepted on a space-available basis	Air freight accepted on a space-available basis

Bus

Continental Trailways

Taxi

Two companies, 24-hour, radio-dispatched service

Rental Services

Complete car, truck, and trailer rentals, available 18 miles from Dawson Springs.

*Proposed - A runway in the southwestern portion of the air field is to be extended by 2,600 feet. The runway will require edge lighting and additions of transformers.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Dawson Springs - Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
Total generating capacity - 1,735,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Utilities Company
100 Arcadia Avenue
Dawson Springs, Kentucky 42408

Company serving Hopkins County - Green River Electric Corporation
Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Total generating capacity - 540,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Green River Electric Corporation
3111 Fairview Drive
P. O. Box 1389
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

Company serving Hopkins County - Henderson-Union RECC
Source of power - Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Total generating capacity - 540,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Henderson-Union RECC
P. O. Box 18
Henderson, Kentucky 42420

Natural Gas

Company serving Dawson Springs - Western Kentucky Gas Company
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
Size of transmission mains - 26 inches (supplier); 4 inches (distributor)
Distribution mains - 4 and 2 inches
Distribution pressure - 20 psi
Btu content - 1,008 per cubic foot
Specific gravity - .60

For rates and supplies contact:

Western Kentucky Gas Company
311 West Seventh Street
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Home Gas and Heating Company (Skelgas)
108 Arcadia Avenue, Dawson Springs

Texgas Corporation
Outer North Main, Madisonville

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Fuel Oil - Freddie Gunn, distributor
708 South Main Street, Madisonville

Dugger's Sunoco (bulk plant)
Hanson Road, Madisonville

Gulf Heating Oil - Larry Osting, distributor
Garrett Street, Princeton

Standard Oil Company (bulk plant)
181 Murray Street, Madisonville

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

Low sulphur content coal - available in Eastern Kentucky.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Dawson Springs - Dawson Springs City Water & Sewer System*

Source - 6 wells

Treatment plant capacity - 720,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 503,607 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 535,000 gallons

Type treatment - Settled, chlorinated, filtered

Storage capacity - 600,000 gallons

Size lines - 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, and 2 inches

Average pressure - 45 psi

Average temperature - 55 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	133 cubic feet	\$2.40 (Minimum)
134-	250 cubic feet	3.36
251-	450 cubic feet	4.26
Next	150 cubic feet	.96 per 100 cubic feet
Next	700 cubic feet	.90 per 100 cubic feet
Next	2,000 cubic feet	.78 per 100 cubic feet
Next	3,000 cubic feet	.66 per 100 cubic feet
Next	3,000 cubic feet	.60 per 100 cubic feet
All over	9,300 cubic feet	.48 per 100 cubic feet

Tap-on charge: 3/4- or 1-inch meter - \$150

All over 1-inch meter - \$ 50 plus actual cost of
material and labor

*The City Water and Sewer System has applied for federal funds for the construction of a new water treatment plant. Presently the raw water supply is limited. The new water treatment plant would have Lake Beshear as its source of supply which would provide an adequate source of water for future industrial growth.

Name of water district - South Hopkins Water District
 Area served - A portion of Hopkins and Caldwell Counties
 Date when water district began operating - July 1969
 Source of supply of treated water - Dawson Springs City Water & Sewer System
 Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 121,056 gallons
 Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 150,800 gallons
 Storage capacity - 450,000 gallons
 Average pressure - 120 psi
 Size lines - 8, 6, 4, 3, and 2 inches

Monthly Rates -

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.00
Next	8,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
Next	30,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$200

Surface water sources - Tradewater River and Lake Beshear
 Average discharge - Tradewater River at Olney 324 cfs (34 years, USGS)
 Expected ground water yield - 50 to 200 gpm in southern and western part of county; 5 to 50 gpm in bands running east-west in central part of county; 5 gpm or less in remainder of county

Sewerage

Company serving Dawson Springs - Dawson Springs City Water & Sewer System*
 Design capacity - 320,000 gpd
 Average daily flow - 290,000 gallons; Treatment - Primary and secondary
 Type treatment - Primary and secondary clarifier, sludge digester, drying beds
 Treated effluent discharged into - Tradewater River
 Size of sanitary mains - 12, 10, 8, 6, and 4 inches
 Size of storm mains - 24 and 12 inches
 Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill

Tap-on charge: 4- or 6-inch service - \$150
 All over 6-inch service - \$ 50 plus actual cost of material and labor

*An application has been made for funds for a study to determine what improvements need to be made to upgrade the sewerage system.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1975 - General Fund	\$180,300
Water and Sewer Fund	158,130

Fees and licenses - Occupational license taxes - one percent on wages, one percent on net profits (\$50 minimum - \$200 maximum annually); business license fee - \$35 to \$200 annually for special limited occupations; unloading fee - \$25 annually; city auto sticker - \$10 per year

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 7 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1974-75 - General Fund	\$674,492
Road Fund	417,780

Assessed Value of Property, 1974-75

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Dawson Springs</u>	<u>Hopkins County</u>
Real Estate	\$9,621,417	\$246,560,743
Tangibles	5,079,026	80,277,743
Public Service	1,862,484	59,389,729

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, 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.

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1974*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Dawson Springs</u>	<u>Hopkins County</u>
County	\$.168	\$.168
School	.900	.668
City	.260	

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Hopkins County Planning Commission

Zoning - Not presently enforced in the city of Dawson Springs

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)

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Dawson Springs</u>	<u>Hopkins County</u>
Total staff	3 full time 1 part time	7
Radio-patrol cars	2	5
Other equipment	Radio-base station, walkie-talkie	2 walkie-talkies

Fire

American Insurance

Association Fire Rating 8

Volunteers 20

Equipment:

750 gpm pumpers 2

Other Panel truck,
250 gpm portable
pump, portable
generator

Rescue Service

Hopkins County Radio and Rescue Association, Inc.

Number of volunteers - 39

Equipment - Ambulance, 2 boats, dragging equipment, grappling hooks, search lights, and power plant

Personnel training - First aid, artificial respiration, dragging operations, and radio communications

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1974.

Sanitation

Dawson Springs

Type service	Municipal	Private
Fee charged:		
residential	\$2 per month	
business		By contract
Collection frequency:		
residential	Weekly	
business		By contract
Trash pickup	Weekly	By contract
Disposal method	Sanitary landfill	Sanitary landfill

Industrial service:

Inside city limits - A city owned sanitary landfill is available at no charge to industrial plants for the disposal of refuse.

Outside city limits - Customers from the county using the city-owned sanitary landfill pay a fee of \$1.00 to \$6.00, depending on volume.

Hopkins County provides a free sanitation service to residents of the county. Refuse may be disposed of at collection points which are located throughout the county. The county provides pickup service at these points with disposal at the county sanitary landfill.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Dawson Springs Independent</u>	<u>Hopkins County</u>
Total Enrollment (1974)	646	8,010
Elementary	355	4,734
Junior High		935
Middle School		535
High School	291	1,806
Student-Teacher Ratio	22-1	21-1
Elementary	23-1	23-1
Junior High		20-1
Middle School		22-1
High School	20-1	17-1
Accreditation		Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1)
Percent High School Graduates to College	32.4	31.0
Expenditures Per Pupil (1973-74)	\$498.71	\$591.42
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1974	\$517,000	\$4,122,000

Vocational Schools

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.

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
	Madisonville State Vocational-Technical School	Christian County Area Vocational Education Center
Location	Madisonville	Hopkinsville
Miles Distant	18	27
Curriculum	Certified Lab Assistant Health Careers Inhalation Respiratory Therapy Medical Secretary Practical Nursing Radiologic Technology Surgical Technician Learning Lab Electronics (Communications) Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry-Building Trades Drafting Electricity Machine Shop Mine Maintenance Welding	Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Auto Body Repair Carpentry-Building Trades Drafting Electricity Machine Shop Masonry Welding

The Madisonville State Vocational-Technical School participates in a federally funded Comprehensive Educational Training program offering mine electrician training to individuals chosen by the employment service office. The Christian County Area Vocational Education Center offers environmental aide training under this same program.

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 70 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1974)</u>	
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	476	Associate
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville	950	Associate
Henderson Community College	Henderson	639	Associate
Paducah Community College	Paducah	1,001	Associate
Murray State University	Murray	7,106	Masters, Ph. D.*
Brescia College	Owensboro	845	Baccalaureate
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	688	Baccalaureate

*Cooperative Program with the University of Kentucky, Lexington for a Ph. D. in education only.

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Hopkins County Hospital, Inc.	Madisonville	272

General hospital facilities - Emergency service, operating suites, recovery room, intensive care, coronary care, inhalation therapy, physical therapy, laboratory, radiology, nuclear medicine, obstetrics, home health, ECG, EEG, EMG, psychiatric unit, pharmacy, family practice residency program, association with Pennyriple Area Health Education System

Medical staff - 62 physicians, 650 professional and support personnel

Other - Outwood State Hospital and School

Ambulance Service

Private service

Staff - 6 (Drivers and attendants with Red Cross First Aid certification)

Service - 24-hour, 7 days a week

Equipment - 3 ambulances

Nursing Homes

<u>Number</u>	<u>Type and Number of Beds</u>
2	112 intermediate care; 72 personal care

Public Health

Facility - Hopkins County Health Department

Staff - Health officer (part time), 3 registered nurses, 3 health environmentalists, 3 clerk-typists

Services - Family planning; communicable disease control, immunizations screening tests for anemias, diabetes, hearing and vision; school health services for first graders; referrals for prenatal and postpartum care; dental services, and mental health care; environmental health services; vital statistics; participant in Kentucky Medical Assistance Program

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company
Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union
Services - Telephone

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class - Second
Mail received - Once daily
Mail dispatched - Once daily

Newspapers - Dawson Springs Progress
Weekly and circulation - 3,900
Other papers received from - Louisville, Madisonville, Hopkinsville,
and Paducah, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana

Radio -
Stations received from - Louisville, Madisonville, Hopkinsville,
Paducah, Owensboro, and Bowling Green, Kentucky; Nashville,
Tennessee; Evansville, Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio; New Orleans,
Louisiana

Television -
Cable service
Reception from - Paducah and Bowling Green, Kentucky; Nashville,
Tennessee; Harrisburg, Illinois; Cape Girardeau, Missouri;
Evansville, Indiana
Kentucky Educational Television - Madisonville transmitter - Channel 35

Library Services

Bookmobile service is presently available to Dawson Springs. A request has been made to the Hopkins County-Madisonville Library Board which was then forwarded to the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives to consider opening a branch of the Regional Library at Dawson Springs. The city has set aside 25,000 square feet of space in an existing building to house the branch library if approval is granted.

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 14

Denominations - Apostolic Holiness, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, General Baptist, Gospel Assembly, Methodist, Pentecostal, Primitive Baptist, Southern Baptist

Nearest synagogues - Hopkinsville, 27 miles away
Congregations - Adath Israel (reform)

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Commercial Bank of Dawson	\$11, 959, 608. 31	\$10, 973, 313. 30	12/31/74

<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hopkins County	\$28, 520, 074. 16	\$25, 687, 288. 98	12/31/74

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 1
Total units - 16

Additional accommodations are available at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park, 6 miles south of Dawson Springs.

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Rotary

Fraternal - American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Masonic Lodge, Modern Woodmen of the World, VFW, Woodmen of the World

Women's - Business and Professional Women's Club, Eastern Star, Homemakers, Younger Woman's Club

Youth - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Explorers, Little League baseball and softball, YMCA

Other - Dawson Springs Saddle Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Dawson Springs Community Center

Parks - 2

Playgrounds - 3

Tennis courts - 6

Baseball diamond - 1

Lake Beshear, located just south of Dawson Springs in the Pennyrile State Forest, covers a surface area of 857 acres and provides an excellent site for all types of water sports. A public boat dock is also available.

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, 6 miles south of Dawson Springs, offers a 55-acre lake, swimming pool, beach, bathhouse, 9-hole golf course, riding stables, hiking trails, picnic areas, and supervised recreation.

Tourist Attractions

Mineral wells and springs

Cultural Events

Community Chorus presents several concerts annually

Area (Within 55 miles)

Lake Barkley

Lake Barkley State Resort Park

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

Kentucky Lake

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park

Kenlake State Resort Park

Lake Malone State Park

Jefferson Davis Monument State Shrine

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture*

	<u>Hopkins County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	353,792	1,735,104
Percent of area in farm land	48.2	62.7
Number of farms	890	6,287
Average size of farms (acres)	191.5	173.1
1969 value of all farm products	\$6,227,699	\$49,040,816
Value per farm	6,997	7,800
Total crop sales	3,133,929	22,540,658
Total livestock & livestock products	3,045,908	26,152,305
1973 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.) (est.)	173,000	6,848,000
Corn for grain (bu.) (est.)	1,903,200	11,514,900
Cattle and calves (number)	22,100	174,900
Hogs and pigs (number) (preliminary)	22,400	145,100
Milk production, 1972 (lbs.)	6,500,000	46,170,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal and petroleum
Other mineral resources	Clays
Acres of commercial forest land	165,600
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, hickory, sweet gum, ash, yellow poplar, soft maple

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1969. U. S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics, 1973.

Climate*

Hopkins 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)

South-southwest

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services
Administration, Climatological Data, 1974. Station of Record:
Evansville, Indiana.

HISTORY

Hopkins County lies in the Audubon-Pennyrile region of Western Kentucky. Pond River, a tributary of Green River, flows along its eastern boundary and Tradewater River flows along the western border. Green River, which is navigable, touches the county's northeastern corner. The county's 553 square miles of territory varies from flat in the river bottoms, to rolling and hilly. There are extensive deposits of coal and petroleum, and over 45 percent of the land area is forested.

Hopkins became Kentucky's forty-ninth county in 1806, its territory taken from Henderson County. It was named for General Samuel Hopkins, a native of Virginia who settled on the Green River in Kentucky. A distinguished Revolutionary War veteran, Hopkins served several terms in the State Legislature and one term in the U. S. Congress.

Madisonville, the county seat, was named for President James Madison. Located in the center of a plateau between the Pond and Tradewater Rivers, the town was built on land donated by Daniel McGary and Solomon Silkwood. Incorporated in 1810, the city grew steadily to a 1970 population of 15,332.

Earlington, to the south of Madisonville, had a 1970 population of 2,321; Dawson Springs, on the county's southwestern border, had 3,009; and Morton's Gap, in the southern part of the county, had 1,169.

In 1810, four years after its founding, Hopkins County had a population of 2,964. This climbed to an all-time high of 38,815 in 1950, and has since leveled off at 38,458 in 1960 and 38,167 in 1970.

Agriculture accounted for 670 of the county's 17,540 employed in 1973, with corn, burley tobacco, cattle, hogs, and milk the principal products. Manufacturing employment increased from 834 in 1964 to 3,009 in 1974. Largest of the county's firms are: General Electric Company, which makes fluorescent lamp ballasts; the Enro Shirt Company, Inc., making dress and sport shirts; York Division of Borg-Warner Corporation, which produces air conditioning systems and furnaces; and Mid South Plastics, Inc., a manufacturer of custom injection molding. Hopkins County ranks high among the producers of coal and petroleum in the state.

Highway access into the county is excellent, with the Pennyrile Parkway intersecting the county from north to south and the Western Kentucky Parkway running from east to west.

Important citizens in Hopkins County history have included William R. Weir, who served in the State House of Representatives during the formative years of the country's history, John B. Laffoon who helped guide the state during the pre-Civil War period with outstanding work in the legislature, and Ruby Laffoon, who was elected Governor in 1931.