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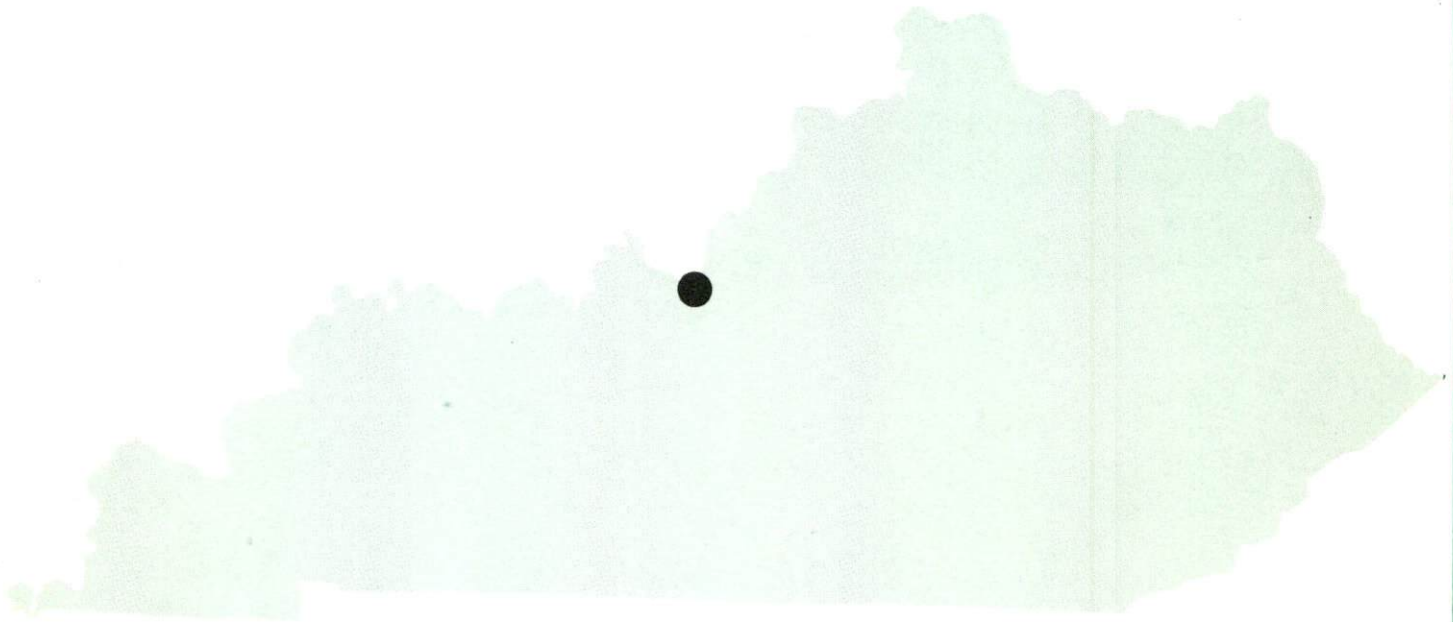
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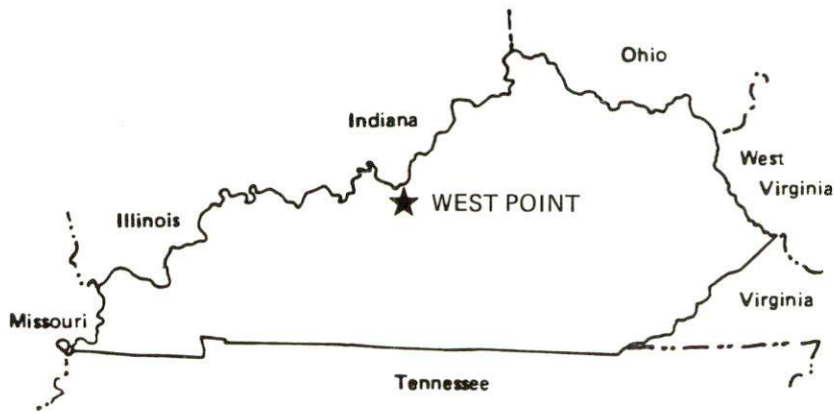
**A SUMMARY OF
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**SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
WEST POINT, KENTUCKY**



POPULATION: 1982: West Point - 1,378
1982: Hardin County - 86,800; Labor Market Area - 246,800

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

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1983:

	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	28,085	99,972
Employment	25,657	88,924
Agricultural	837	5,724
Nonagricultural	24,820	83,200
Unemployment	2,428	11,048
Rate of Unemployment (%)	8.6	11.1

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1982:

Hardin County - \$8,198; Labor Market Area Range - \$5,814 - \$8,198

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1983:

Hardin County - 8,265 Male, 5,839 Female; Labor Market Area - 18,869 Male, 18,262 Female

LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

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

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: West Point is served by the Seaboard System Railroad. Services include two northbound and two southbound through freights daily. The nearest piggyback facilities are available at Louisville, 20 miles northeast of West Point.

Highways: West Point is served directly by U.S. Highway 31W and U.S. 60, both are "AAA" rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways which provide easy access to five major highways: Interstate 65, Western Kentucky Parkway and Blue Grass Parkway in Elizabethtown, 29 miles south of West Point; and Interstate 64 and Interstate 71 in Louisville, 20 miles northeast of West Point.

Road Distance in Miles:

Atlanta	402	Baltimore	618	Chicago	312
Detroit	380	New York	768	St. Louis	283

Truck: Sixteen common carriers have authority to serve West Point with interstate and/or intrastate service.

Water: West Point is located on the Ohio River where a nine-foot navigation channel is maintained along the entire Ohio River. West Point is only 20 miles southwest of Louisville, Kentucky, where the Louisville and Jefferson County Riverport Authority has been designated as a Foreign Trade Zone and offers complete U.S. Customs services for imports or exports.

Air: The nearest commercial airport is Standiford Field at Louisville, 20 miles northeast of West Point. Airlines serving the airport are: Delta, Eastern, Ozark, Piedmont, TWA, United, USAir, Allegheny Commuter, Comair, and Florida Express. The Elizabethtown Municipal Airport, 25 miles south of West Point, has a 5,000-foot paved runway.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: West Point and the northern portion of Hardin County are served by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company. Hardin County is served by Nolin RECC, whose source of power is East Kentucky Power Cooperative, and Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company.

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

Other Fuels: Propane and distillate fuel oil are available from distributors in Louisville, 20 miles from West Point. Also, propane and distillate fuel oil distributors are available from Elizabethtown, 25 miles south.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: The West Point Water Department serves the city. The source of raw water is two deep wells and the treatment plant capacity is 360,000 gallons per day. The average daily consumption is 160,000 gallons. The storage capacity is 55,000 gallons.

Sewerage: The West Point Sewer Department serves the community. The design capacity of the treatment plant is 200,000 gallons per day, average daily flow is 87,000 gallons, and treatment is secondary.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: West Point is served by a mayor elected to a four-year term and six council member elected to two-year terms.

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

TAXES: Combined state and local property tax rates per \$100 valuation, 1984 (100% assessment)

	<u>Inside City of West Point and Within the West Point School District</u>	<u>Inside City of West Point and Within the Hardin County School District</u>	<u>Unincorporated Hardin County</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$1.0886	\$1.1776	\$0.7776
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.1500	0.1500	0.1500
3. Finished goods, office equipment, other tangibles	1.3606	1.5046	1.1046
4. Intangibles (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500
5. Leaseholds in I.R. bond financed plants	0.0150	0.0150	0.0150

EDUCATION: The West Point Independent School total enrollment as of Spring 1984 was 240 kindergarten through eighth grade. The Hardin County School System total enrollment as of Spring 1984 was 10,056 students, including 5,135 elementary, 2,131 junior high, and 2,790 high school students. Vocational training is available at the Elizabethtown State Vocational-Technical School, 25 miles south, and the Bullitt County Area Vocational Center in Shepherdsville, approximately 14 miles east of West Point.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: South Central Bell provides telephone service.

Telegraph: Western Union provides a toll-free number, 1-800-325-5100, for sending messages. A Western Union office is located at Fort Knox, approximately 5 miles south of West Point.

Newspaper: Hardin County is served by two newspapers. The Sentinel is published weekly in Radcliff with a circulation of 4,200 and the News-Enterprise is published daily in Elizabethtown, with a circulation of approximately 16,400.

Radio Station: There are five radio stations in Hardin County: WIEL-AM, WKMO-FM and WQXE-FM, all located in Elizabethtown; and WSAC-AM/WWKK-FM at Fort Knox.

Television: Cable service is available in West Point. Major networks are received from Louisville.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: The Hardin Memorial Hospital, located in Elizabethtown, 25 miles south, maintains 197 acute care and 9 psychiatric care beds. In addition, 16 hospitals are located in Louisville, including Humana Southeast, located approximately 15 miles northeast of West Point.

Churches: The following denominations are represented in West Point: Baptist, Methodist, Catholic and Christian.

Financial Institutions: The West Point Bank serves the community. Additional banking, savings and loan associations are available in Hardin County.

RECREATION:

Louisville, 20 miles northeast of West Point, provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The most noted recreational event in Louisville is the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. The "Run for the Roses" is the oldest continuously held horse race in the United States. Other attractions include: Kentucky Center for the Arts, Macauley Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Louisville Children's Theatre, the Louisville Bach Society, the Louisville Orchestra, the Louisville Ballet, the Kentucky Opera Association, several museums, the Louisville Zoological Gardens, University of Louisville sporting events, rock concerts, and the "Belle of Louisville" sternwheeler.

E. P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, approximately 25 miles northeast of West Point, is located near Louisville. Recreational facilities include an outdoor Olympic-size pool, a bathhouse, 12 lighted tennis courts, a picnic area, an archery range, and soccer fields. Planned recreation and a playground are offered year-round. Indoor facilities are available for basketball, volleyball, exercise classes, dance classes and various other events.

Bernheim Forest Arboretum and Nature Center, located approximately 25 miles east of West Point, is a privately endowed 10,000-acre forest and wildlife refuge. The area contains over 1,400 labeled varieties of plants, trees and shrubs; ornamental gardens; a museum; nature trails and waterfowl ponds.

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