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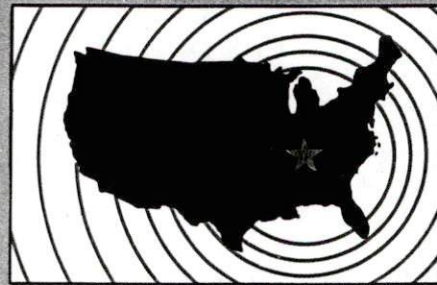
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SUMMARY OF...

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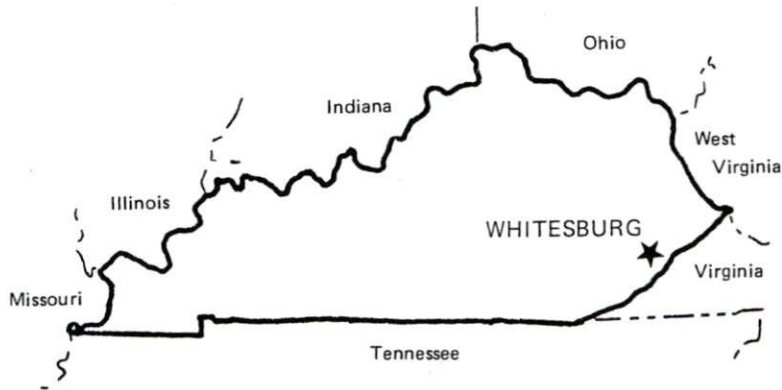
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1975: Whitesburg - 1,355
1976: Letcher County - 27,800; Labor Market Area - 187,900

WHITESBURG LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes Letcher, Harlan, Knott, Perry and Pike Counties

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1976:

	<u>Letcher County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	<u>7,455</u>	<u>60,834</u>
Employment	<u>6,795</u>	<u>56,835</u>
Agricultural	<u>16</u>	<u>346</u>
Nonagricultural	<u>6,779</u>	<u>56,489</u>
Unemployment	<u>660</u>	<u>3,999</u>
Rate of Unemployment (%)	<u>8.9</u>	<u>6.6</u>

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1975:

Letcher County	<u>\$4,695</u>
Labor Market Area Range	<u>\$2,828 - \$5,120</u>

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1976:

Letcher County	<u>1,790</u> Male	<u>2,980</u> Female
Labor Market Area	<u>9,130</u> Male*	<u>14,460</u> Female*

LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Coca-Cola Bottling Works	Soft drinks	27
Elmac Corporation, EMC Division	Machine shop, mining machinery and equipment	30
Green and Webb Lumber Company, Inc.	Lumber	51
Home Lumber Company	Lumber, ready mixed concrete	13
Kentucky-West Virginia Armature	Electrical machinery parts, coal conveyor system, portal personnel cars	70
Royal Crown Bottling Company, Inc.	Carbonated beverages	29

*The labor supply will be supplemented by the number of men and women in the adjoining Virginia county of Wise who are available for industrial jobs.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:

There are no labor unions representing manufacturing workers in Whitesburg.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: The Louisville and Nashville Railroad serves Whitesburg. Two freights stop weekly, switching facilities are available and a team track with space for five cars is available.

Highways: U.S. 119 and Kentucky 15, both "AAA" rated trucking highways, serve Whitesburg. Access to the Daniel Boone Parkway, an excellent two-lane toll road with passing lanes, is 39 miles northwest via Kentucky 15.

Road Distance in Miles:

Atlanta	<u>390</u>	Baltimore	<u>660</u>	Chicago	<u>503</u>
Detroit	<u>488</u>	New York	<u>832</u>	St. Louis	<u>486</u>

Truck: Five interstate motor carriers serve Whitesburg. Three of the carriers also provide intrastate service.

Water: Whitesburg is 85 miles from a point on the Kentucky River at Beattyville where a 6-foot navigation channel is maintained.

Air: The London-Corbin (Magee Field) Airport, about 95 miles distant, is the nearest commercial airport. It is served by Piedmont Airlines. The Whitesburg Municipal Airport has a 2,550-foot paved runway. A new Whitesburg Municipal Airport is now under construction and will be completed in the summer of 1978. It will have a 5,200-foot paved runway.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Kentucky Power Company provides electrical service to Whitesburg and parts of Letcher County. Cumberland Valley RECC also serves Letcher County.

Natural Gas: There is no natural gas service available in Whitesburg.

Other Fuels: There is one fuel oil distributor in Whitesburg. One propane dealer is located at Baxter, about 25 miles southwest of Whitesburg.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: The Whitesburg Municipal Water Works operates a 720,000 gpd water treatment plant. Source of raw water is the North Fork of Kentucky River. Average daily water consumption is 300,000 gallons and peak daily consumption is 325,000 gallons. Storage capacity is 262,000 gallons. Construction of a 300,000-gallon storage tank is underway. The tank will replace a 150,000-gallon tank which will be demolished during construction of a highway thereby increasing the storage capacity by 150,000 gallons.

Sewerage: The Whitesburg Sewage Treatment Plant has a design capacity of 500,000 gpd. Average daily flow is 240,000 gallons. Primary and secondary treatment is used.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: Whitesburg is served by a mayor elected for a 4-year term and 6 councilmen elected for 2-year terms.

County: Letcher County is served by a county judge/executive and 5 magistrates elected for 4-year terms.

TAXES:

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

	<u>Inside City of Whitesburg</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$1.266	\$0.926
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.150	0.150
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	1.401	1.061
4. Intangibles (accounts, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.250	0.250

EDUCATION: There are two public school systems in Letcher County - the Letcher County School System and the Jenkins Independent School District. Whitesburg is served by the Letcher County School System which has a total enrollment of 1,392 high school, 391 middle school, and 3,614 elementary students. The nearest state vocational-technical school is at Hazard, 34 miles away. The Letcher County Area Vocational Education Center is located at Whitesburg.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: The South Central Bell Telephone Company serves Whitesburg.

Telegraph: A Western Union toll-free number is available for telegrams, mailgrams and international messages.

Newspaper: The Mountain Eagle is a local weekly publication with a circulation of 7,000.

Radio Station: WICW AM and FM is located in Whitesburg.

Television: Cable service is available.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital is a 92-bed facility.

Churches: Four churches are located in Whitesburg. The denominations include Baptist, Church of God, Methodist and Presbyterian.

Financial Institutions: Whitesburg is served by The Bank of Whitesburg and The First Security Bank of Whitesburg.

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