

McDowell County

County Seat: Welch

July 1, 2008 Estimate

22,707

Market Proximity	Miles
Charleston WV	114
Cincinnati OH	316
Charlotte NC	204
Roanoke VA	144
Pittsburgh PA	197
Washington DC	371

Income		
Total Personal Income (2006)*	\$465,436	
PerCapita Personal Income (2006)	\$19,898	
Household Income (2000)	Number	Percentage
Less than \$10,000	3,476	15%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1,576	7%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2,347	10%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,435	6%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,309	6%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	682	3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	197	1%
\$100,000 to \$149,000	67	0%
\$150,000 or more	107	0%
Median Household Income (1999)	\$16,931	

*Thousands of dollars

Housing (2000 Census)	
Total Housing Units	13,582
Occupied Housing Units	11,169
Owner Occupied	8,942
Renter Occupied	2,227
Total Vacant Units	2,413
For Sale Only	337
For Rent	430
Median Value	\$22,600
Median Rent Asked	\$180

Labor Force							
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Civilian Labor Force	6,980	6,830	6,440	6,430	6,970	6,950	7,210
Employment	6,310	6,030	5,820	5,920	6,470	6,460	6,790
Unemployment	680	790	630	510	500	490	420
Unemployment Rate	9.7	11.6	9.7	8.0	7.2	7.0	5.8

Demographics (2000 Census)	
Total Population 2000	27,329
Total Population 1990	35,233
Total Population 1980	49,899
Total Population 1970	50,666

Sex and Age	
Male	12,975
Female	14,354
Ages 14 and below	5,079
Ages 15 to 19	1,954
Ages 20 to 24	1,460
Ages 25 to 34	3,115
Ages 35 to 44	4,197
Ages 45 to 54	4,314
Ages 55 to 64	2,808
Ages 65 and older	4,402
Median Age	40.5

Race	
White	23,792
Black or African American	3,250
American Indian and Alaska Native	46
Asian	16
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific	2
Some other race	20
Two or more races	203

Households	
Total Households	11,169
Family Households	7,841
Non-Family Households	3,328
Persons 65 and Over, Living Alone	1,462
Average Household Size	2.42

Utilities					
Electricity:	Private:	3	Municipal:	0	
Water:	Private:	2	Municipal:	7	PSD: 2
Sewer:	Private:	0	Municipal:	4	PSD: 0
Combined Water & Sewer:	Private:	0	Municipal:	0	PSD: 0
Combined Electricity & Water:	Private:	1			
Water Associations & Authorities:		2			
Natural Gas:	3	Telephone Service:	3		

Industrial Sites and Buildings	Number:	Total Available:	Largest available:
Industrial Sites	0	Acres: 0	Site (acres): 0
Industrial Parks	0	Acres: 0	Parcel (acres): 0
Industrial Buildings	0	SF: 3	Bld (SF): 135

Employment and Wages	2008			2007		
	Emp.	Total Wages	Ann. Wage	Emp	Total Wages	Ann. Wage
<i>Annual Averages</i>						
Total, All Industries	5,810	215,071,850	37,018	5,379	172,900,651	32,144
Total, Private Sector	4,012	162,251,016	40,441	3,589	122,783,275	34,211
Natural Resources & Mining	1,513	99,197,723	65,564	1,178	69,469,518	58,972
Construction	126	8,834,489	70,115	44	2,175,481	49,443
Manufacturing	58	1,689,772	29,134	55	1,701,415	30,935
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,130	24,680,903	21,842	1,148	23,399,855	20,383
Wholesale Trade	34	969,683	28,520	34	1,005,773	29,582
Retail Trade	878	15,995,953	18,219	903	16,173,484	17,911
Information	91	3,614,183	39,716	88	3,364,198	38,230
Financial Activities	154	4,331,058	28,124	157	4,065,159	25,893
Professional & Business Services	205	6,193,393	30,212	172	4,972,349	28,909
Education & Health Services	455	9,736,222	21,398	485	10,083,727	20,791
Leisure & Hospitality	187	2,212,829	11,833	166	1,848,798	11,137
Government	1,798	52,820,834	29,378	1,789	50,117,376	28,014
Federal Government	75	2,419,529	32,260	74	2,409,895	32,566
State Government	488	15,237,542	31,224	482	14,662,677	30,420
Local Government	1,236	35,163,763	28,450	1,233	33,044,804	26,800

Worker Commuting Patterns - 2000	
Resides in County/ Works in County	4,311
Resides in County/ Works in another WV County	924
Resides in County/Works in another State	673
Resides in County/Works in another Country	12
Resides in another WV Co/Works in County	1,068
Resides in another State/Works in County	438
Net Commutation (in minus out)	-103

Top 10 Employers	
McDowell County Board of Education	
Welch Emergency Hospital	
McDowell County Commission	
Extra Energy, Inc.	
Superior Well Services, LTD	
Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC	
Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.	
XMV, Inc.	
Newhall Contracting, Inc.	
McDowell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Inc.	
March 2009	

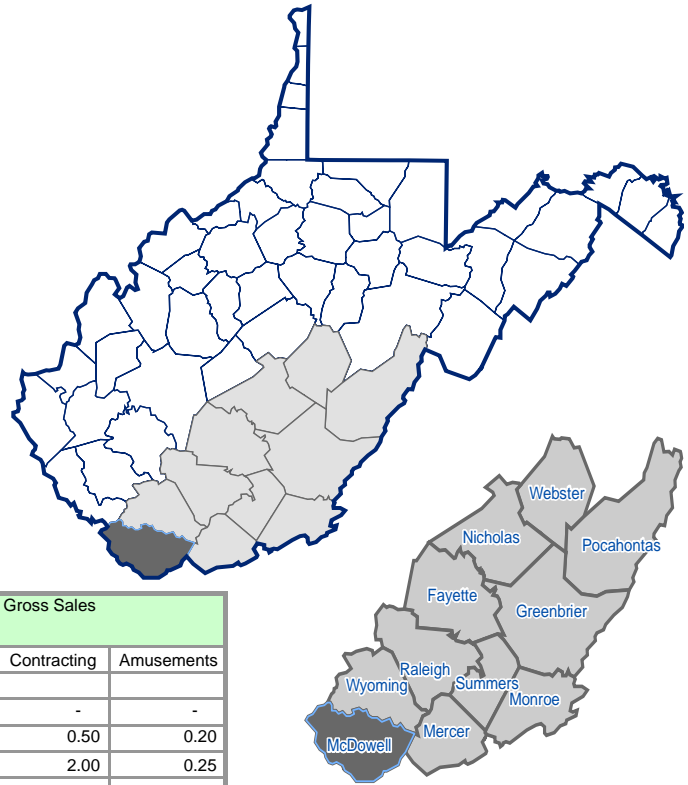
Financial Institutions	
Banks: including branches	3
Savings and Loans: including branches	6

Transportation					
Highway Service					
Interstates:	0				
US Routes:	52				
WV Routes:	16, 80, 83, 103, 161, 635				
Motor Freight Carriers					
Railroads	Daily/Other	Seasonal	As needed	Bus Service:	
Freight Carrier:	1	0	0	Local Public Transit:	1
Passenger Carrier:	0	0	0	Interstate:	0
Nearest Navigable River					
Kanawha (97 mi)					
Airports	General Aviation		Welch Municipal Airport, Welch, WV (3 mi)		
	Commercial Service		Mercer County Airport, Bluefield, WV (32 mi)		
	International		Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (206 mi)		

Public Schools		# Schools	Exemplary Schools	WESTEST % of Students Scoring at the Proficient Level		Colleges (within 50 miles)		Type	Ownership	Enrollment	City	County	Educational Attainment (2000 Census)		
Elementary	6	0	2008		So WV Comm & Tech College - Wyoming/McDowell Campus		2 yr.	Public	NA	Pineville	Wyoming				
Middle or Jr. High	2	0	Math	59	Reading	64	Bluefield State College	4 yr.	Public	2,648	Bluefield	Mercer	Total population 25 yrs old & over:	18,802	100.0
High Schools	3	0	Grade 3	59	Grade 4	64	Concord College	4 yr.	Public	3,050	Athens	Mercer	Less than High School Graduate	9,402	50.0
Vocational Schools	1	0	Grade 5	73	Grade 6	78		-	-	-	-	-	HS graduate (includes equiv)	6,221	33.1
Other	0	0	Grade 7	76	Grade 8	67		-	-	-	-	-	Some College No Degree	1,806	9.6
2008 Public High School Graduates	267		Grade 9	64	Grade 10	68		-	-	-	-	-	Associate Degree	313	1.7
% 12th graders enrolled in advanced placement courses	County	State	Grade 11	66	Grade 12	68							Bachelor's Degree	621	3.3
Average ACT Score	6.7	14.1	Grade 13	57	Grade 14	63							Advanced Degree	439	2.3
Average SAT Math Score	18.2	20.4	Grade 15	53	Grade 16	59									
Average SAT Verbal Score	630.0	511.0													
	540.0	523.0													

Quality of Life

Law Enforcement		Recreational/Leisure Facilities	
Sheriff's Department	Welch	State Forests	1
State Police Detachments	Welch	State Parks	0
Total Sworn Police Officers (all jurisdictions)	44	Wildlife Management Areas	3
Fire Protection		Public Hiking Trails (miles)	3.0
Number of Fire Departments*	16	Public Fishing and Boating Lakes	2
Emergency Medical Services*		Recreational Rivers (boating/rafting)	0
Number of Emergency Medical Services Responders	4	Museums/Art Galleries	1
Number of EMTs and Paramedics (inc. fire departments)	77	Golf Courses	Private: 1 Public: 0
<i>*Note: Some fire departments also provide emergency medical services</i>			
Health Care		National Forests	0
Hospitals	1 # Beds: 124	National Park and Recreation Areas	0
Licensed Nursing Homes	2 # Beds: 179	Major Private Areas (List):	
Doctors	28	Amphitheaters/Performing Arts Centers	0
Dentists	3	Civic/Convention Centers	0
Child Care		Pro/Semi-pro Sports teams	0
Licensed Day Care Centers	8	Regional Shopping Centers/Malls/Outlets within 25 miles	1
Libraries	5 Total Volumes: 148,566	Major Private Recreation/Resort Areas	0
Climate		Long-Term Precipitation (inches):	
Temperature (Degrees F) Mean Annual Average:	53	Jan:	2.94 Annual: 40.2
January Averages: Low: 20 High: 43		July:	4.27
July Averages: Low: 61 High: 85		Mean Annual Snowfall Range (inches):	25 - 35



Taxes	Property Tax Levy Rates per \$100 Assessed Value (Assessment Ratio = 60% of Fair Market Value)						Municipal Business & Occupation Tax Rates per \$1 Gross Sales							
	State, County & School Board		Municipal Levy		Total Levy		Retail	Wholesale	Manuf.	Rentals	Services	Contracting	Amusements	
	Class II	Class III & IV	Class II	Class IV	Class II	Class IV								
Anawalt	115.96	231.92	25.00	50.00	140.96	281.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bradshaw	115.96	231.92	25.00	50.00	140.96	281.92	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.36	0.30	0.50	0.20	
Davy	115.96	231.92	25.00	50.00	140.96	281.92	0.20	0.08	0.17	0.38	0.50	2.00	0.25	
Gary	115.96	231.92	25.00	50.00	140.96	281.92	0.50	0.15	-	1.00	1.00	2.00	0.15	
laeger	115.96	231.92	18.44	36.88	134.40	268.80	0.50	0.15	0.30	1.00	1.00	2.00	0.50	
Keystone	115.96	231.92	25.00	50.00	140.96	281.92	0.50	0.15	0.30	1.00	1.00	2.00	0.50	
Kimball	115.96	231.92	25.00	50.00	140.96	281.92	0.15	0.07	0.10	0.30	0.30	0.50	0.20	
Northfork	115.96	231.92	19.12	38.24	135.08	270.16	0.23	0.09	-	0.65	0.46	0.94	0.31	
War	115.96	231.92	25.00	50.00	140.96	281.92	0.50	0.15	0.30	1.00	1.00	2.00	0.50	
Welch	115.96	231.92	37.50	75.00	153.46	306.92	0.42	0.15	0.25	0.76	0.76	1.26	0.50	

McDowell County is included in Workforce Investment Area 1