

Preston County

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| County Seat: | Kingwood |
| July 1, 2008 Estimate | 30,285 |

| Market Proximity | Miles |
|------------------|-------|
| Charleston WV | 130 |
| Baltimore MD | 165 |
| Cleveland OH | 177 |
| Columbus OH | 179 |
| Pittsburgh PA | 69 |
| Washington DC | 149 |

| Income | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| Total Personal Income (2006)* | \$753,888 | | |
| PerCapita Personal Income (2006) | \$25,020 | | |
| Household Income 2000 | Number | Percentage | |
| Less than \$10,000 | 1,673 | 6% | |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999 | 1,316 | 4% | |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 2,208 | 7% | |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999 | 1,946 | 6% | |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999 | 2,063 | 7% | |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 1,543 | 5% | |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 462 | 2% | |
| \$100,000 to \$149,000 | 230 | 1% | |
| \$150,000 or more | 110 | 0% | |
| Median Household Income (1999) | \$27,927 | | |
| <i>*thousands of dollars</i> | | | |

| Housing (2000 Census) | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Total Housing Units | 13,444 |
| Occupied Housing Units | 11,544 |
| Owner Occupied | 9,585 |
| Renter Occupied | 1,959 |
| Total Vacant Units | 1,900 |
| For Sale Only | 198 |
| For Rent | 202 |
| Median Value | \$63,100 |
| Median Rent Asked | \$252 |

| Demographics (2000 Census) | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Total Population 2000 | 29,334 |
| Total Population 1990 | 29,037 |
| Total Population 1980 | 30,460 |
| Total Population 1970 | 25,455 |
| <i>Sex and Age</i> | |
| Male | 14,535 |
| Female | 14,799 |
| Ages 14 and below | 5,498 |
| Ages 15 to 19 | 2,199 |
| Ages 20 to 24 | 1,591 |
| Ages 25 to 34 | 3,622 |
| Ages 35 to 44 | 4,529 |
| Ages 45 to 54 | 4,431 |
| Ages 55 to 64 | 3,078 |
| Ages 65 and older | 4,386 |
| Median Age | 39.1 |
| <i>Race</i> | |
| White | 28,995 |
| Black or African American | 86 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 32 |
| Asian | 43 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific | 5 |
| Some other race | 14 |
| Two or more races | 159 |
| <i>Households</i> | |
| Total Households | 11,544 |
| Family Households | 8,353 |
| Non-Family Households | 3,191 |
| Persons 65 and Over, Living Alone | 1,347 |
| Average Household Size | 2.50 |

| Utilities | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Electricity: | Private: | 1 | Municipal: | 0 | |
| Water: | Private: | 1 | Municipal: | 8 | PSD: 3 |
| Sewer: | Private: | 1 | Municipal: | 7 | PSD: 1 |
| Combined Water & Sewer: | Private: | 0 | Municipal: | 0 | PSD: 0 |
| Combined Electricity & Water: | Private: | 0 | | | |
| Water Associations & Authorities: | | 2 | | | |
| Natural Gas: | 1 | Telephone Service: | 2 | Cellular: | Telegraph: |

| 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: 0 | Bld (SF): 0 |

| Labor Force | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 13,590 | 13,840 | 14,020 | 14,420 | 14,990 | 14,900 | 15,100 |
| Employment | 12,750 | 12,980 | 13,280 | 13,750 | 14,360 | 14,290 | 14,520 |
| Unemployment | 840 | 860 | 740 | 670 | 640 | 610 | 580 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.8 |

| Employment and Wages | 2008 | | | 2007 | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| | Emp. | Total Wages | Ann. Wage | Emp | Total Wages | Ann. Wage |
| <i>Annual Averages</i> | | | | | | |
| Total, All Industries | 7,298 | 235,922,936 | 32,327 | 7,288 | 219,149,197 | 30,070 |
| Total, Private Sector | 5,100 | 153,234,332 | 30,046 | 5,152 | 142,186,343 | 27,598 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 414 | 26,062,100 | 62,952 | 397 | 22,664,939 | 57,091 |
| Construction | 682 | 26,097,096 | 38,266 | 627 | 21,096,965 | 33,647 |
| Manufacturing | 781 | 24,821,397 | 31,782 | 856 | 25,666,717 | 29,984 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 1,340 | 36,017,111 | 26,878 | 1,335 | 33,051,846 | 24,758 |
| Wholesale Trade | 122 | 3,360,135 | 27,542 | 132 | 3,456,837 | 26,188 |
| Retail Trade | 899 | 17,050,780 | 18,966 | 874 | 15,047,699 | 17,217 |
| Information | 74 | 2,208,299 | 29,842 | 81 | 2,304,930 | 28,456 |
| Financial Activities | 262 | 6,655,374 | 25,402 | 270 | 6,774,587 | 25,091 |
| Professional & Business Services | 264 | 7,288,836 | 27,609 | 275 | 7,207,318 | 26,208 |
| Education & Health Services | 682 | 16,225,488 | 23,791 | 696 | 15,948,693 | 22,915 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 458 | 4,896,863 | 10,692 | 480 | 4,872,763 | 10,152 |
| Government | 2,198 | 82,688,604 | 37,620 | 2,137 | 76,962,854 | 36,014 |
| Federal Government | 588 | 34,160,485 | 58,096 | 564 | 31,257,273 | 55,421 |
| State Government | 397 | 11,428,668 | 28,788 | 386 | 10,875,894 | 28,176 |
| Local Government | 1,213 | 37,099,451 | 30,585 | 1,187 | 34,829,687 | 29,343 |

| Worker Commuting Patterns - 2000 | |
|---|--------|
| Resides in County/ Works in County | 6,483 |
| Resides in County/ Works in another WV County | 3,965 |
| Resides in County/Works in another State | 1,415 |
| Resides in County/Works in another Country | 6 |
| Resides in another WV Co/Works in County | 963 |
| Resides in another State/Works in County | 518 |
| Net Commutation (in minus out) | -3,905 |

| Financial Institutions | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Banks: including branches | 11 |
| Savings and Loans: including branches | 0 |

| Top 10 Employers | |
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| Preston County Board of Education | |
| Department of Justice | |
| Kingwood Mining Company, LLC | |
| Preston Memorial Hospital | |
| CW Wright Construction Company, Inc. | |
| Wal-Mart Associates, Inc. | |
| Hopemont State Hospital | |
| Matthews International (WV) Corporation | |
| Heartland Employment Services, Inc. | |
| Superior Reedsville Filtration, LLC | |
| <i>March 2009</i> | |

| Transportation | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|--|-----------------------|
| Highway Service | | | | |
| Interstates: | I-68 | | | |
| US Routes: | 50, 219 | | | |
| WV Routes: | 7, 24, 26, 72, 92 | | | |
| Motor Freight Carriers | | | | |
| 4 | | | | |
| Railroads | | | | |
| | Daily/Other | Seasonal | As needed | Bus Service: |
| Freight Carrier: | 1 | 0 | 0 | Local Public Transit: |
| Passenger Carrier: | 0 | 0 | 0 | Interstate: |
| | 0 | | | |
| Nearest Navigable River | | | | |
| Monogahela (24 mi) | | | | |
| Airports | | | | |
| | General Aviation | | Morgantown Municipal Airport, Morgantown, WV (22 mi) | |
| | Commercial Service | | Morgantown Municipal Airport, Morgantown, WV (22 mi) | |
| | International | | Pittsburgh International Airport (106 mi) | |

| Public Schools | # Schools | Exemplary Schools 2007-08 | WESTEST % of Students Scoring at the Proficient Level | | | Colleges (within 50 miles) | Type | Ownership | Enrollment | City | County | Educational Attainment (2000 Census) | | |
|---|-----------|---------------------------|---|----|------|----------------------------|------|-----------|------------|------|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | | | 2008 | | Math | | | | | | | Reading | Alderson-Broaddus College | 4 yr. |
| Elementary | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Middle or Jr. High | 6 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| High Schools | 1 | 0 | Grade 3 | 78 | 79 | | | | | | | | | |
| Vocational Schools | 0 | 0 | Grade 4 | 80 | 83 | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 0 | 0 | Grade 5 | 80 | 75 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 Public High School Graduates | | 313 | Grade 6 | 78 | 78 | | | | | | | | | |
| % 12th graders enrolled in advanced placement courses | County | State | Grade 7 | 78 | 78 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average ACT Score | 7.7 | 14.1 | Grade 8 | 79 | 78 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average SAT Math Score | 20.5 | 20.4 | Grade 10 | 65 | 71 | | | | | | | | | |
| Average SAT Verbal Score | 554.0 | 511.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 506.0 | 523.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Quality of Life | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Law Enforcement | | Recreational/Leisure Facilities | |
| Sheriff's Department | Kingwood | State Forests | 1 |
| State Police Detachments | Kingwood | State Parks | 1 |
| Total Sworn Police Officers (all jurisdictions) | 31 | Wildlife Management Areas | 3 |
| Fire Protection | | Public Hiking Trails | 79.0 |
| Number of Fire Departments* | 12 | Public Fishing and Boating Lakes | 1 |
| Emergency Medical Services* | | Recreational Rivers (boating/rafting) | 1 |
| Number of Emergency Medical Services Responders | 10 | Museums/Art Galleries | 1 |
| Number of EMTs and Paramedics (inc. fire departments) | 137 | Golf Courses | Private: 2 Public: 1 |
| <i>*Note: Some fire departments also provide emergency medical services</i> | | | |
| Health Care | | National Forests | 1 |
| Hospitals | 1 # Beds: 25 | National Park and Recreation Areas | 0 |
| Licensed Nursing Homes | 2 # Beds: 218 | Major Private Areas (List): | |
| Doctors | 20 | Amphitheaters/Performing Arts Centers | 0 |
| Dentists | 6 | Civic/Convention Centers | 1 |
| Child Care | | Pro/Semi-pro Sports teams | 0 |
| Licensed Day Care Centers | 8 | Regional Shopping Centers/Malls/Outlets within 25 miles | 3 |
| Libraries | 2 Total Volumes: 88,452 | Major Private Recreation/Resort Areas | 1 |
| Climate | | | |
| Temperature (Degrees F) Mean Annual Average: | | 48 | Heating Degree Days: 6,067 |
| January Averages: Low: 16 High: 35 | | Cooling Degree Days: 462 | |
| July Averages: Low: 57 High: 80 | | Long-Term Precipitation (inches): | |
| | | Jan: 3.28 | Annual: 46.6 |
| | | July: 4.96 | |
| | | Mean Annual Snowfall Range (inches): 50-130 | |



| 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 | | | | | | | | |
| Albright | 67.34 | 134.68 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 92.34 | 184.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Brandonville | 67.34 | 134.68 | 17.12 | 34.24 | 84.46 | 168.92 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Bruceton Mills | 67.34 | 134.68 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 92.34 | 184.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Kingwood | 67.34 | 134.68 | 37.50 | 75.00 | 104.84 | 209.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Mason | 67.34 | 134.68 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 92.34 | 184.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Newburg | 67.34 | 134.68 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 92.34 | 184.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Reedsville | 67.34 | 134.68 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 92.34 | 184.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Rowlesburg | 67.34 | 134.68 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 92.34 | 184.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Terra Alta | 67.34 | 134.68 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 92.34 | 184.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Tunnelton | 67.34 | 134.68 | 25.00 | 50.00 | 92.34 | 184.68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |

Preston County is included in Workforce Investment Area 6