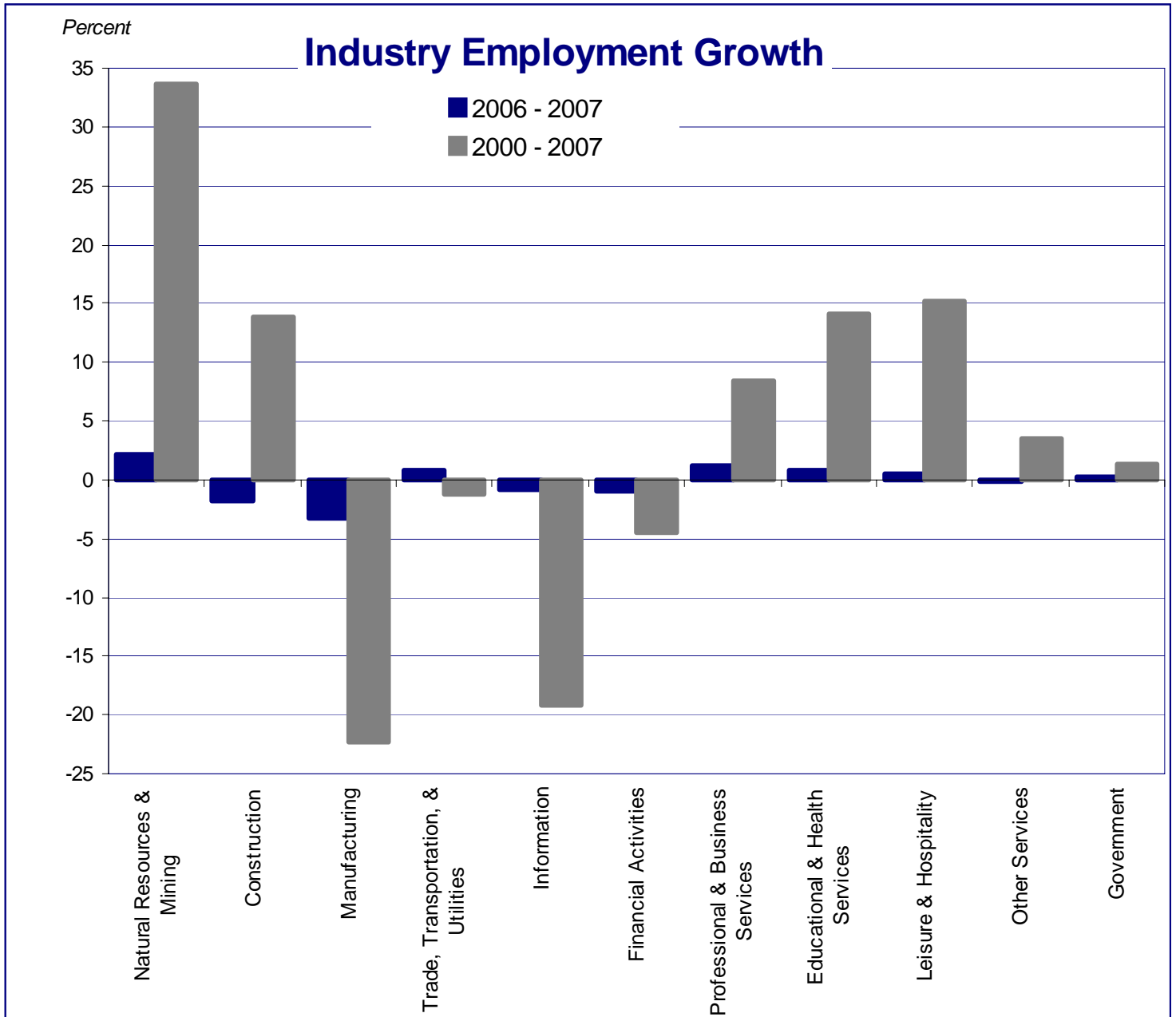


# West Virginia Economic Summary

A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY  
NOVEMBER 2008 DATA



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### Next Month:

Employment growth in the oil and gas industry outpaces projections

### **Economic Curves Ahead**

After the mild recession earlier this decade, West Virginia's economy rebounded with record setting numbers. The average unemployment rate for 2007 was 4.6 percent, the lowest on record, while the 3.7 percent rate in September 2008 was the lowest monthly unemployment rate on record. Averages for 2008 are not available at this writing, but the numbers are expected to be equally good. Unfortunately, the state is facing rising rates and higher unemployment in 2009.

The state has managed to maintain lower rates than the nation during the current recession for several reasons, one being the difference in the makeup of the economies themselves. West Virginia's economy is less reliant on manufacturing than many other states, and more reliant on coal mining, an industry currently booming. But the coal mining industry can be tenuous and subject to unexpected employment layoffs. Just what is in store for West Virginia's industries in 2009? A look at several industry sectors may provide some insight into what lies around the next curve.

Mining employment has grown steadily over the past several years, increasing 45 percent since 2000. The average employment of 28,700 in 2008 is the highest employment level in mining this decade. As mentioned previously, this can change abruptly, but currently the mining industry is driving the state's economy.

Construction employment reached a peak of 39,400 in 2006 but has declined by over four percent since then. According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, West Virginia building permits have declined nearly 22 percent between 2005 and 2007. Data for all months of 2008 will be available in early 2009, but it now appears that 2008 will have the lowest number of building permits in nearly a decade. Construction employment will rebound as the recession eases.

Manufacturing continues what seems an inevitable decline. Average employment for manufacturing in 2008 was 57,200. This is the lowest average employment for manufacturing in West Virginia on record. Since 2000, manufacturing employment has fallen by nearly 25 percent across the state. However, this appears to be a national trend and one with much more severe consequences in states such as Michigan and Ohio. Areas of manufacturing that have seen growth during the earlier part of this decade

are seeing slowing growth or declines. Taking particularly hard hits recently are chemical and wood products manufacturing. Is there any way to reverse this trend? Due to international competition, some manufacturing industries in this state are not likely to recover. The steel industry is a perfect example of this.

Within the service-providing sector, retail trade has suffered recently as well and will continue to take heat from the current recession. Retail trade averaged 89,900 in 2008, experiencing its first decline since 2003. This is the first time retail trade employment has averaged below 90,000 since 2005. Several national retailers closed up shop in the state or announced future closings in 2008 including Linens N Things, Value City, Circuit City and Goody's. Nationally, retail giant Macy's suffered from the economic downturn, but is not expected to close any stores in West Virginia at this time.

Among other service-providing industries, educational and health care-services continues to experience growth. Averaging just over 116,000 jobs in 2008, this sector has grown by over 16 percent since 2000. While employment in the health-care industry is expected to continue this trend, recent layoffs at some hospitals and medical centers within the state show the ability of the current recession to creep into all economic sectors. Despite this temporary setback, an aging population guarantees an expansion of health care industries within the state well into the future.

Leisure and hospitality has gained 10,600 jobs between 2000 and 2008, an increase of just over 17 percent. But this is a sector that currently appears to be on shaky ground. As consumers find themselves tightening their belts, less money will be spent on travel and leisure activities such as dining out and gambling. Recent layoffs have been announced at a casino, and more are likely to follow until the economy improves.

West Virginia has enjoyed two years of a strengthening economy, job growth, and some of the lowest unemployment rates on record. While job losses are anticipated in 2009, particularly within manufacturing, construction, and retail trade, a few core industries will experience growth.

As stated earlier, much of the state's economic strength lies within our energy sector, while the health sector remains a stable and important element of the mix as well. Among the 50 states, those currently maintaining a viable economy that includes a budget surplus are states that possess significant energy resources. Because of the importance these resources play in the economies of the nation and other states, the likelihood West Virginia will experience the severe job losses many states have endured so far may be diminished.

## AT A GLANCE

### Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 1,500 over the month of November 2008 to a level of 765,400. The goods-producing sector plunged 1,000, fueled by a seasonal loss of 900 in construction. Manufacturing declined 300, while natural resources and mining added 200 jobs. The service-providing sector climbed 2,500, led by a seasonal increase of 1,800 in trade, transportation, and utilities. Other gains included 1,000 in government, 500 in educational and health services, 300 in professional and business services, and 100 in information. Employment declines were led by a seasonal loss of 1,000 in leisure and hospitality. Other declines included 100 in financial activities and 100 in other services.

Since November 2007, the number of payroll jobs in West Virginia has declined 500, the loss solely in the goods-producing sector. Losses included 2,400 in manufacturing and 600 in construction. Natural resources and mining added 2,500 jobs over the year. Employment in the service-providing sector was unchanged. Employment gains included 1,200 in education and health services, 800 in leisure and hospitality, 800 in other services, 800 in government, and 300 in professional and business services. Declines included 2,800 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 700 in financial activities, and 400 in information.

### Unemployment

The number of unemployed state residents rose 1,800 to 33,500 in November 2008. The corresponding unemployment rate climbed three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment has inched upward 100 since November 2007, when the rate was 4.1 percent and 33,400 were jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.6 percent in November, while the national rate climbed two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.7 percent, the highest unemployment rate in well over a decade.

### Hours and Earnings

Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$15.64 in November, up five cents from the previous month. Hourly earnings were up 73 cents over the year. Average weekly earnings decreased by \$1.39 in November to \$539.58, but were up \$25.18 from the previous November. Average weekly hours were down slightly over the month but unchanged over the year.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$539.58	\$540.97	\$514.40	34.5	34.7	34.5	\$15.64	\$15.59	\$14.91
Goods Producing	870.21	870.83	828.89	42.1	42.5	41.8	20.67	20.49	19.83
Natural Resources & Mining	1,049.51	1,055.15	1,002.54	46.5	47.0	46.5	22.57	22.45	21.56
Construction	816.57	831.60	777.55	38.7	40.0	38.8	21.10	20.79	20.04
Manufacturing	804.06	797.78	788.98	41.9	41.9	41.9	19.19	19.04	18.83
Durable Goods	775.74	758.62	768.18	42.0	41.5	42.0	18.47	18.28	18.29
Nondurable Goods	853.97	864.45	828.48	41.8	42.5	41.8	20.43	20.34	19.82
Private Service-Providing	456.07	456.49	436.22	32.6	32.7	32.7	13.99	13.96	13.34
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	481.87	481.87	462.18	35.8	35.8	35.8	13.46	13.46	12.91
Wholesale Trade	710.49	706.32	674.22	40.3	40.5	40.3	17.63	17.44	16.73
Retail Trade	360.68	356.85	349.89	32.7	32.5	32.7	11.03	10.98	10.70
Financial Activities	439.74	449.05	426.31	33.8	34.2	33.7	13.01	13.13	12.65
Finance & Insurance	461.65	473.93	448.12	35.0	35.5	34.9	13.19	13.35	12.84
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	375.72	372.67	365.42	30.3	30.2	30.3	12.40	12.34	12.06
Professional & Business Services	561.54	563.00	529.43	34.9	35.1	34.9	16.09	16.04	15.17
Health Care									
Health Care & Social Assistance	543.46	544.71	516.48	33.3	33.5	33.3	16.32	16.26	15.51
Leisure & Hospitality									
Accommodation & Food Service	210.41	214.65	199.55	26.5	26.5	26.5	7.94	8.10	7.53

## LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

	<i>Prelim. Nov 2008</i>	<i>Revised Oct 2008</i>	<i>Revised Nov 2007</i>	<i>Change From: Oct 2008    Nov 2007</i>	
<b>LABOR FORCE STATISTICS</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	804.1	809.7	809.2	-5.6	-5.1
Total Employment	770.6	778.0	775.8	-7.4	-5.2
Total Unemployment	33.5	31.7	33.4	1.8	0.1
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.9	4.1	xx	xx
<b>NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY</b>					
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	765.4	763.9	765.9	1.5	-0.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	616.8	616.3	618.1	0.5	-1.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	126.5	127.5	127.0	-1.0	-0.5
Natural Resources and Mining	31.4	31.2	28.9	0.2	2.5
Mining	29.9	29.7	27.9	0.2	2.0
Construction	38.9	39.8	39.5	-0.9	-0.6
Manufacturing	56.2	56.5	58.6	-0.3	-2.4
Durable Goods	35.1	35.3	36.9	-0.2	-1.8
Nondurable Goods	21.1	21.2	21.7	-0.1	-0.6
SERVICE-PROVIDING	638.9	636.4	638.9	2.5	0.0
Private Service-Providing	490.3	488.8	491.1	1.5	-0.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	143.0	141.2	145.8	1.8	-2.8
Wholesale Trade	25.3	24.9	25.3	0.4	0.0
Retail Trade	91.1	89.6	93.7	1.5	-2.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26.6	26.7	26.8	-0.1	-0.2
Information	11.2	11.1	11.6	0.1	-0.4
Financial Activities	29.1	29.2	29.8	-0.1	-0.7
Finance and Insurance	21.9	21.9	22.2	0.0	-0.3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.2	7.3	7.6	-0.1	-0.4
Professional and Business Services	61.5	61.2	61.2	0.3	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	24.7	24.5	24.3	0.2	0.4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	4.9	4.9	4.6	0.0	0.3
Administrative and Support and Waste					
Management and Remediation	31.9	31.8	32.3	0.1	-0.4
Educational and Health Services	117.7	117.2	116.5	0.5	1.2
Educational Services	11.3	11.2	11.3	0.1	0.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	106.4	106.0	105.2	0.4	1.2
Leisure and Hospitality	71.5	72.5	70.7	-1.0	0.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9.3	10.1	10.7	-0.8	-1.4
Accommodation and Food Service	62.2	62.4	60.0	-0.2	2.2
Other Services	56.3	56.4	55.5	-0.1	0.8
Government	148.6	147.6	147.8	1.0	0.8
Federal Government	22.7	22.8	22.6	-0.1	0.1
State Government	47.8	47.2	47.0	0.6	0.8
Local Government	78.1	77.6	78.2	0.5	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	xx	xx

March 2007 benchmark  
Data in thousands



# LABOR FORCE DATA BY STATES

State*	November 2008				October 2008			
	Civilian Labor Force	Unemp.	Rate	Rank	Civilian Labor Force	Unemp.	Rate	Rank
Alabama	2,164.7	131.5	6.1	24	2,172.0	120.5	5.5	30
Alaska	360.4	26.3	7.3	10	360.5	26.1	7.2	9
Arizona	3,146.1	198.7	6.3	22	3,149.7	191.6	6.1	21
Arkansas	1,379.3	78.6	5.7	30	1,385.4	74.6	5.4	32
California	18,579.3	1,562.2	8.4	3	18,581.8	1,530.3	8.2	3
Colorado	2,749.2	160.8	5.8	29	2,753.3	155.9	5.7	25
Connecticut	1,902.3	126.3	6.6	19	1,910.7	125.0	6.5	17
Delaware	445.5	25.1	5.6	34	447.7	23.9	5.3	33
District of Columbia	328.7	26.3	8.0	6	329.6	24.2	7.3	6
Florida	9,311.1	679.9	7.3	10	9,365.6	658.7	7.0	13
Georgia	4,890.6	365.2	7.5	9	4,894.4	338.6	6.9	15
Hawaii	660.4	32.7	4.9	38	665.3	30.4	4.6	40
Idaho	760.7	43.3	5.7	30	759.6	40.2	5.3	33
Illinois	6,641.5	486.1	7.3	10	6,642.4	481.9	7.3	6
Indiana	3,245.8	230.2	7.1	15	3,246.5	207.8	6.4	19
Iowa	1,679.0	72.3	4.3	44	1,682.6	73.9	4.4	42
Kansas	1,503.8	74.1	4.9	38	1,501.7	73.4	4.9	37
Kentucky	2,036.5	142.5	7.0	16	2,045.1	138.9	6.8	16
Louisiana	2,051.3	109.6	5.3	36	2,062.0	114.5	5.6	28
Maine	711.3	44.8	6.3	22	710.9	40.3	5.7	25
Maryland	2,995.5	157.8	5.3	36	3,000.8	148.4	4.9	37
Massachusetts	3,422.8	203.0	5.9	28	3,423.0	186.9	5.5	30
Michigan	4,911.8	472.5	9.6	1	4,930.3	456.8	9.3	1
Minnesota	2,947.8	188.9	6.4	20	2,942.1	174.5	5.9	23
Mississippi	1,309.9	94.5	7.2	14	1,316.8	94.5	7.2	9
Missouri	3,017.4	202.8	6.7	18	3,028.2	196.7	6.5	17
Montana	505.4	25.0	4.9	38	507.0	24.4	4.8	39
Nebraska	998.5	36.5	3.7	47	999.2	36.5	3.7	47
Nevada	1,417.8	113.9	8.0	6	1,416.9	108.6	7.7	5
New Hampshire	743.0	31.7	4.3	44	744.4	30.5	4.1	46
New Jersey	4,520.7	275.1	6.1	24	4,552.7	273.9	6.0	22
New Mexico	960.5	41.7	4.3	44	961.6	41.7	4.3	44
New York	9,623.7	583.5	6.1	24	9,660.2	548.3	5.7	25
North Carolina	4,565.7	359.3	7.9	8	4,588.5	323.5	7.1	12
North Dakota	371.4	12.2	3.3	50	372.1	12.7	3.4	49
Ohio	5,972.7	434.8	7.3	10	5,989.2	435.0	7.3	6
Oklahoma	1,770.5	82.4	4.7	42	1,769.8	76.8	4.3	44
Oregon	1,978.0	160.2	8.1	5	1,970.9	142.6	7.2	9
Pennsylvania	6,413.9	394.3	6.1	24	6,447.0	372.3	5.8	24
Rhode Island	570.2	53.1	9.3	2	570.5	52.9	9.3	1
South Carolina	2,171.4	182.9	8.4	3	2,169.8	171.4	7.9	4
South Dakota	446.0	15.1	3.4	49	447.0	14.5	3.2	51
Tennessee	3,029.1	210.3	6.9	17	3,045.9	211.8	7.0	13
Texas	11,849.3	675.2	5.7	30	11,815.2	656.7	5.6	28
Utah	1,382.6	51.2	3.7	47	1,384.0	48.6	3.5	48
Vermont	357.0	20.2	5.7	30	356.3	18.6	5.2	35
Virginia	4,151.7	198.4	4.8	41	4,150.7	183.4	4.4	42
Washington	3,519.8	224.6	6.4	20	3,515.6	221.0	6.3	20
West Virginia	805.7	37.1	4.6	43	810.1	37.4	4.6	40
Wisconsin	3,091.1	174.0	5.6	34	3,089.0	159.0	5.1	36
Wyoming	293.4	9.2	3.2	51	293.8	9.7	3.3	50
United States	154,616.0	10,331.0	6.7	xx	155,038.0	10,080.0	6.5	xx

Seasonally adjusted data. In thousands.

\*Includes District of Columbia

## West Virginia - Trends in the Labor Market

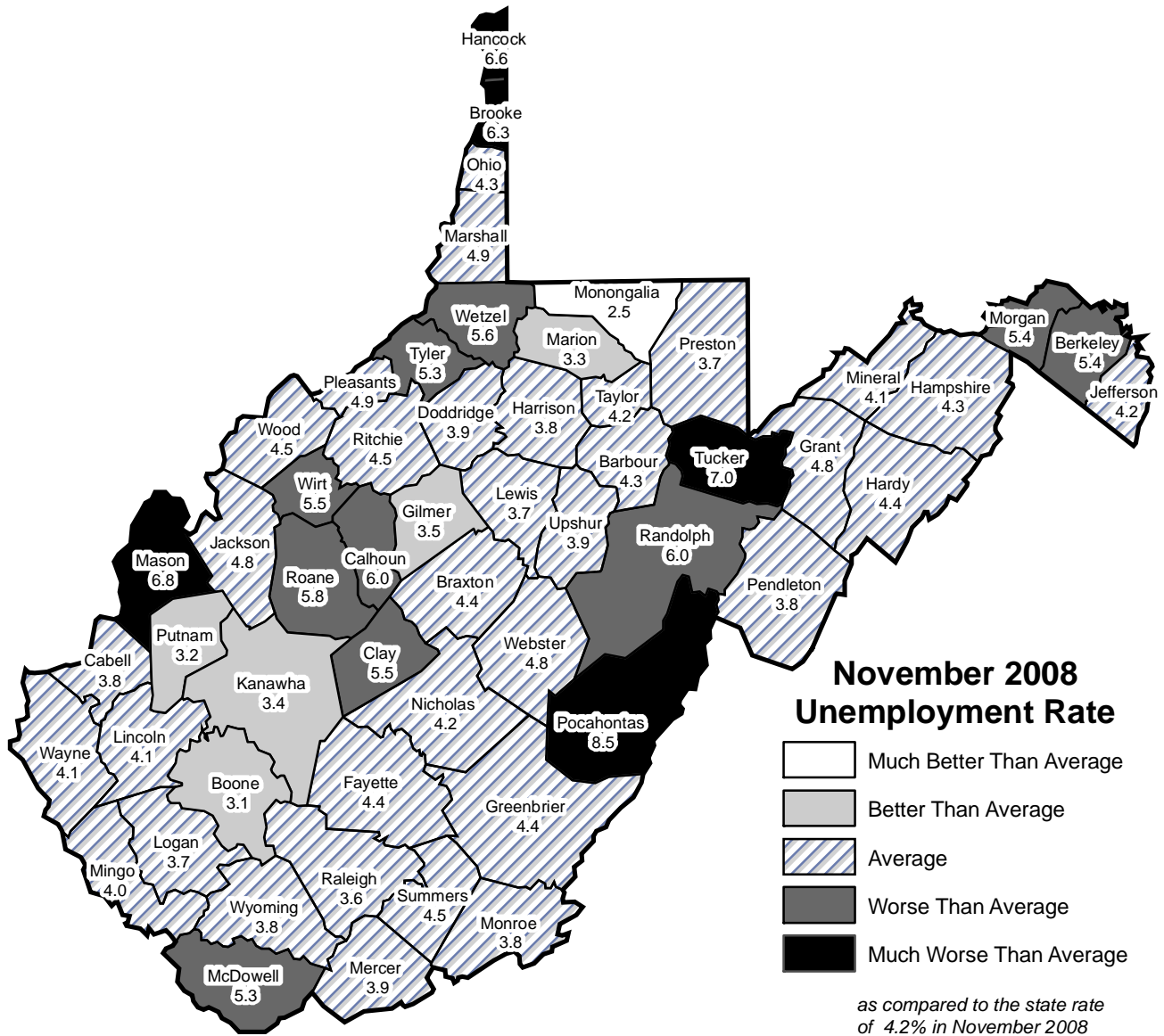
<b>Trends in the Labor Market</b>	<i>Nov 2008</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>	<i>Nov 2007</i>
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	41.9	41.9	41.9
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	1,902	1,914	1,987
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$804.06	\$797.78	\$788.98
Average Weekly Hours in Mining	47.5	48.0	47.5
Average Weekly Earnings in Mining Coal Production (tons)	\$1,119.10 12,545	\$1,125.60 14,418	\$1,045.00 12,623

### Unemployment Compensation Selected Claims Activities

Initial Claims	7,025	6,135	7,368
Weeks Claimed	59,504	47,903	49,680
Benefits Paid	10,923,263	8,710,816	9,049,176
Weeks Compensated	47,408	38,086	38,675
Average Weekly Payment	230	229	234
Trust Fund Balance	250,746,956	246,177,513	251,954,519
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.0	1.7	1.6
Seasonally Adjusted	2.4	2.2	1.9

## United States

<b>Selected National Data</b>	<i>Nov 2008</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>	<i>Nov 2007</i>
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	6.5	6.1	4.5
Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	6.5	4.7
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	212.4	216.6	210.2
1967 Base	636.3	648.8	629.6
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	172.1	177.3	171.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$619.41	\$612.53	\$594.13
Average Weekly Hours	33.7	33.6	33.7
Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.38	\$18.23	\$17.63



The state unemployment rate climbed three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent in November 2008. The majority of counties reported increasing unemployment rates as well. The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate dropped slightly in November. This group included Brooke (6.3), Hancock (6.6), Mason (6.8), Tucker (7.0), and Pocahontas (8.5).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average was unchanged in November. This group included Gilmer (3.5), Kanawha (3.4), Marion (3.3), Putnam (3.2), and Boone (3.1). Only one county, Monongalia (2.5), reported an unemployment rate considered much better than average when compared to the state rate.

# Labor Force Data by County

	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Rate		
	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Barbour	6,770	6,800	6,860	6,480	6,510	6,550	290	290	300	4.3	4.3	4.4
Berkeley	46,040	46,130	45,220	43,540	43,900	43,410	2,500	2,230	1,810	5.4	4.8	4.0
Boone	9,210	9,370	9,370	8,930	9,040	8,970	280	320	400	3.1	3.4	4.3
Braxton	5,920	5,940	6,030	5,660	5,700	5,740	260	250	290	4.4	4.1	4.8
Brooke	10,610	10,680	10,890	9,940	10,070	10,260	670	610	620	6.3	5.7	5.7
Cabell	44,780	44,980	45,420	43,080	43,360	43,730	1,700	1,620	1,690	3.8	3.6	3.7
Calhoun	2,780	2,810	2,710	2,620	2,670	2,550	170	140	160	6.0	4.9	5.9
Clay	3,420	3,460	3,460	3,230	3,270	3,240	190	190	220	5.5	5.4	6.2
Doddridge	2,850	2,880	2,840	2,740	2,760	2,730	110	120	100	3.9	4.2	3.7
Fayette	17,830	18,400	17,970	17,050	17,710	17,000	780	690	970	4.4	3.7	5.4
Gilmer	3,020	3,040	3,140	2,910	2,940	3,040	110	100	100	3.5	3.3	3.2
Grant	5,140	5,240	5,420	4,890	5,020	5,200	250	230	220	4.8	4.3	4.0
Greenbrier	15,600	15,700	15,550	14,920	15,050	14,810	680	650	740	4.4	4.1	4.7
Hampshire	9,810	9,880	9,930	9,390	9,510	9,580	420	370	350	4.3	3.8	3.6
Hancock	14,100	14,140	14,400	13,170	13,340	13,600	930	800	800	6.6	5.7	5.6
Hardy	7,000	7,020	7,190	6,690	6,740	6,910	310	280	290	4.4	4.0	4.0
Harrison	30,590	30,720	30,510	29,430	29,630	29,340	1,160	1,090	1,160	3.8	3.5	3.8
Jackson	11,790	11,870	11,950	11,220	11,330	11,440	570	540	510	4.8	4.5	4.2
Jefferson	25,230	25,330	25,160	24,180	24,340	24,390	1,050	1,000	770	4.2	3.9	3.0
Kanawha	90,030	91,130	90,660	87,000	88,140	87,380	3,030	2,990	3,280	3.4	3.3	3.6
Lewis	7,280	7,390	7,360	7,010	7,130	7,070	270	260	290	3.7	3.5	3.9
Lincoln	7,750	7,850	7,800	7,430	7,530	7,470	320	320	340	4.1	4.1	4.3
Logan	12,570	12,710	12,760	12,100	12,220	12,100	470	490	660	3.7	3.8	5.1
McDowell	7,010	7,110	7,060	6,640	6,720	6,570	370	390	490	5.3	5.5	6.9
Marion	26,250	26,480	26,390	25,400	25,640	25,410	860	840	970	3.3	3.2	3.7
Marshall	15,020	15,070	14,930	14,280	14,400	14,190	730	670	740	4.9	4.5	4.9
Mason	10,040	10,040	10,270	9,360	9,430	9,670	690	610	600	6.8	6.1	5.9
Mercer	24,200	24,460	24,540	23,260	23,530	23,580	940	930	950	3.9	3.8	3.9
Mineral	13,620	13,690	13,490	13,070	13,170	12,940	550	530	550	4.1	3.8	4.0
Mingo	8,390	8,480	8,560	8,050	8,130	8,120	340	360	440	4.0	4.2	5.2
Monongalia	48,040	48,550	48,090	46,870	47,290	46,740	1,180	1,250	1,350	2.5	2.6	2.8
Monroe	5,970	5,990	5,950	5,740	5,770	5,700	230	220	250	3.8	3.7	4.2
Morgan	7,200	7,200	7,120	6,810	6,870	6,790	390	340	330	5.4	4.7	4.6
Nicholas	10,810	10,890	10,900	10,350	10,450	10,410	460	440	490	4.2	4.1	4.5
Ohio	21,060	21,180	20,820	20,160	20,330	20,020	910	850	800	4.3	4.0	3.8
Pendleton	3,950	3,930	3,850	3,800	3,790	3,700	150	140	150	3.8	3.7	3.8
Pleasants	3,180	3,170	3,250	3,020	3,030	3,100	160	140	160	4.9	4.5	4.8
Pocahontas	3,570	3,540	3,550	3,270	3,330	3,270	310	220	290	8.5	6.1	8.0
Preston	15,630	15,670	15,520	15,040	15,180	15,010	580	490	510	3.7	3.1	3.3
Putnam	26,740	27,020	26,850	25,880	26,220	25,990	860	810	860	3.2	3.0	3.2
Raleigh	32,000	32,430	32,560	30,860	31,300	31,210	1,140	1,130	1,350	3.6	3.5	4.1
Randolph	12,500	12,550	12,880	11,750	11,890	12,260	750	660	630	6.0	5.3	4.9
Ritchie	4,580	4,540	4,700	4,380	4,360	4,520	210	180	190	4.5	4.0	3.9
Roane	5,450	5,440	5,500	5,130	5,160	5,150	320	280	340	5.8	5.1	6.3
Summers	4,830	4,860	4,790	4,610	4,670	4,530	220	200	270	4.5	4.0	5.5
Taylor	6,930	6,960	6,890	6,640	6,680	6,620	290	280	270	4.2	4.0	4.0
Tucker	2,930	2,910	2,930	2,730	2,760	2,780	210	150	150	7.0	5.3	5.0
Tyler	3,750	3,720	3,690	3,550	3,530	3,500	200	190	190	5.3	5.1	5.1
Upshur	10,690	10,750	10,870	10,270	10,320	10,470	420	430	400	3.9	4.0	3.7
Wayne	17,640	17,730	17,970	16,910	17,020	17,160	730	720	800	4.1	4.0	4.5
Webster	3,340	3,310	3,390	3,180	3,150	3,200	160	160	190	4.8	5.0	5.6
Wetzel	6,880	6,580	6,360	6,490	6,220	6,010	390	360	360	5.6	5.4	5.6
Wirt	2,550	2,540	2,600	2,410	2,420	2,470	140	130	130	5.5	4.9	5.0
Wood	41,280	41,280	42,240	39,400	39,540	40,450	1,880	1,740	1,790	4.5	4.2	4.2
Wyoming	8,010	8,120	8,170	7,710	7,800	7,720	310	320	450	3.8	4.0	5.5
Statewide	804,100	809,700	809,200	770,600	778,000	775,800	33,500	31,700	33,400	4.2	3.9	4.1

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# Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Nov	Oct	Nov	Nov	Oct	Nov	Nov	Oct	Nov
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007
Barbour	4,040	4,020	4,070	580	570	560	3,460	3,450	3,510
Berkeley	29,030	29,230	30,560	3,750	3,790	4,010	25,280	25,430	26,550
Boone	8,870	8,970	8,840	4,010	4,090	3,980	4,860	4,880	4,850
Braxton	4,550	4,550	4,580	840	840	840	3,710	3,710	3,750
Brooke	10,360	10,430	10,020	2,430	2,530	2,480	7,930	7,890	7,530
Cabell	56,620	56,110	56,690	7,810	7,740	7,610	48,820	48,370	49,080
Calhoun	1,640	1,680	1,560	430	440	390	1,210	1,240	1,170
Clay	2,330	2,290	2,280	670	670	700	1,660	1,620	1,590
Doddridge	1,370	1,360	1,350	200	200	190	1,170	1,160	1,160
Fayette	13,720	14,400	13,470	1,800	1,810	1,820	11,920	12,590	11,660
Gilmer	2,320	2,330	2,410	490	500	540	1,830	1,830	1,880
Grant	4,130	4,270	4,460	1,180	1,300	1,440	2,950	2,960	3,030
Greenbrier	14,900	15,010	14,640	1,750	1,790	1,800	13,150	13,220	12,840
Hampshire	4,340	4,360	4,390	470	480	510	3,870	3,880	3,870
Hancock	12,940	12,950	12,630	3,490	3,480	3,420	9,450	9,470	9,210
Hardy	6,560	6,600	6,760	3,290	3,300	3,570	3,270	3,310	3,190
Harrison	35,130	35,080	34,650	4,820	4,820	4,600	30,310	30,260	30,050
Jackson	9,150	9,150	9,300	2,740	2,750	2,770	6,410	6,400	6,520
Jefferson	15,540	15,600	15,670	1,720	1,710	1,840	13,820	13,890	13,830
Kanawha	116,220	116,480	115,170	13,340	13,540	12,170	102,880	102,950	103,010
Lewis	6,400	6,480	6,410	1,080	1,090	1,050	5,320	5,390	5,360
Lincoln	3,540	3,570	3,500	780	790	800	2,760	2,780	2,700
Logan	12,050	12,020	11,930	2,490	2,470	2,280	9,560	9,550	9,650
McDowell	6,590	6,610	6,420	1,380	1,380	1,370	5,210	5,230	5,050
Marion	22,870	22,820	22,750	4,230	4,250	4,010	18,640	18,580	18,740
Marshall	11,370	11,360	11,290	2,990	2,990	2,950	8,380	8,370	8,350
Mason	7,230	7,220	7,310	1,110	1,130	1,180	6,110	6,090	6,130
Mercer	23,920	23,900	24,090	2,400	2,410	2,430	21,520	21,490	21,660
Mineral	8,330	8,300	8,210	2,300	2,250	2,190	6,040	6,050	6,020
Mingo	8,810	8,790	8,830	3,410	3,380	3,280	5,390	5,410	5,550
Monongalia	55,920	55,650	55,230	6,370	6,330	6,040	49,540	49,320	49,200
Monroe	2,530	2,540	2,480	660	660	630	1,880	1,880	1,850
Morgan	3,230	3,240	3,270	490	490	510	2,740	2,760	2,760
Nicholas	9,670	9,640	9,660	2,230	2,250	2,210	7,430	7,390	7,450
Ohio	32,290	31,890	31,720	2,660	2,650	2,580	29,640	29,240	29,140
Pendleton	2,060	2,060	1,950	210	210	200	1,850	1,850	1,750
Pleasants	3,090	3,080	3,880	770	780	1,490	2,320	2,300	2,390
Pocahontas	3,350	3,430	3,330	540	540	550	2,810	2,880	2,780
Preston	8,240	8,210	8,200	1,940	1,950	1,880	6,310	6,260	6,320
Putnam	20,010	19,970	20,500	4,590	4,580	5,290	15,420	15,380	15,210
Raleigh	33,580	33,570	33,620	4,710	4,690	4,490	28,870	28,870	29,130
Randolph	12,420	12,460	12,920	2,290	2,330	2,650	10,130	10,130	10,270
Ritchie	3,570	3,530	3,670	1,520	1,500	1,640	2,050	2,030	2,030
Roane	3,510	3,520	3,490	710	720	720	2,800	2,800	2,770
Summers	2,890	2,900	2,780	190	190	170	2,700	2,700	2,610
Taylor	3,280	3,280	3,290	390	390	410	2,900	2,890	2,880
Tucker	2,840	2,850	2,870	450	450	460	2,380	2,400	2,410
Tyler	2,800	2,800	2,800	790	790	810	2,010	2,010	2,000
Upshur	9,160	9,180	9,290	2,310	2,340	2,520	6,850	6,840	6,770
Wayne	10,160	10,160	10,360	1,760	1,760	1,800	8,400	8,400	8,560
Webster	2,560	2,550	2,560	760	760	760	1,800	1,780	1,800
Wetzel	6,050	5,640	5,370	1,360	970	700	4,690	4,660	4,670
Wirt	900	910	880	200	190	190	700	720	690
Wood	42,770	42,630	43,460	6,320	6,370	6,700	36,450	36,260	36,760
Wyoming	5,850	5,890	5,820	1,720	1,730	1,680	4,130	4,160	4,140
Statewide	765,400	763,900	765,900	126,500	127,500	127,000	638,900	636,400	638,900

March 2007 benchmark

# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area:	Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln and Putnam counties in West Virginia
Total Population July 1, 2007:	303,950
Population 16 years and Over (based on 2000 census):	248,410
Per capita Personal Income 2006:	\$33,010

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Civilian Labor Force	137.2	138.8	138.1
Total Employment	132.5	134.2	133.1
Total Unemployment	4.7	4.6	5.1
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	3.7

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Total Nonfarm	151.0	151.1	150.4
Total Private	123.5	123.5	122.8
Goods Producing	23.4	23.6	23.0
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	17.4	17.6	16.8
Manufacturing	6.0	6.0	6.2
Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.3
Nondurable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.9
Service-Providing	127.6	127.5	127.4
Private Service-Providing	100.1	99.9	99.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.5	28.7	29.3
Wholesale Trade	5.8	5.9	6.1
Retail Trade	16.1	16.2	16.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.6
Information	2.7	2.7	2.9
Financial Activities	8.2	8.2	8.3
Professional & Business Services	15.0	14.9	14.4
Educational & Health Service	22.2	22.0	21.6
Leisure & Hospitality	12.0	11.9	11.8
Other Services	11.5	11.5	11.5
Government	27.5	27.6	27.6
Federal Government	2.6	2.7	2.8
State Government	11.7	11.8	11.6
Local Government	13.2	13.1	13.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Huntington-Ashland Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area:	Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia; Lawrence County in Ohio; Greenup and Boyd counties in Kentucky
Total Population July 1, 2007: .....	284,026
Population 16 years and Over (based on 2000 census): .....	232,229
Per capita Personal Income 2006: .....	\$27,145

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Civilian Labor Force	133.1	133.1	134.7
Total Employment	126.7	126.8	129.0
Total Unemployment	6.4	6.2	5.7
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.7	4.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Total Nonfarm	121.6	120.9	122.5
Total Private	100.5	100.1	101.4
Goods Producing	17.0	17.0	17.4
Manufacturing	9.8	9.9	10.0
Service-Providing	104.6	103.9	105.1
Private Service-Providing	83.5	83.1	84.0
Retail Trade	16.3	16.0	16.7
Professional & Business Services	11.1	10.9	11.3
Educational & Health Service	23.5	23.4	22.9
Leisure & Hospitality	10.6	10.8	11.0
Government	21.1	20.8	21.1
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.9
State Government	6.6	6.3	6.5
Local Government	11.6	11.6	11.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Morgantown Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area: Monongalia and Preston counties in West Virginia  
 Washington County in Ohio  
 Total Population July 1, 2007: ..... 117,770  
 Population 16 years and Over  
 (based on 2000 census): ..... 92,050  
 Per capita Personal Income 2006: ..... \$30,011

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Civilian Labor Force	63.7	64.2	63.6
Total Employment	61.9	62.5	61.7
Total Unemployment	1.8	1.7	1.9
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.7	2.9

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Total Nonfarm	64.1	63.9	63.4
Total Private	45.9	45.8	45.4
Goods Producing	8.3	8.3	7.9
Manufacturing	4.2	4.2	4.1
Service-Providing	55.8	55.6	55.5
Private Service-Providing	37.6	37.5	37.5
Retail Trade	7.0	7.0	7.4
Professional & Business Services	4.7	4.7	4.4
Educational & Health Service	12.5	12.4	12.1
Leisure & Hospitality	6.3	6.4	6.0
Government	18.2	18.1	18.0
Federal Government	1.8	1.8	1.9
State Government	12.1	12.0	11.8
Local Government	4.3	4.3	4.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area: Pleasants, Wirt, Wood counties in West Virginia  
 Washington County in Ohio  
 Total Population July 1, 2007: ..... 160,656  
 Population 16 years and Over  
 (based on 2000 census): ..... 130,971  
 Per capita Personal Income 2006: ..... \$28,285

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Civilian Labor Force	80.5	80.4	82.1
Total Employment	76.5	76.6	78.6
Total Unemployment	4.0	3.8	3.5
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.7	4.3

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Total Nonfarm	74.9	74.3	76.3
Total Private	63.8	63.2	65.2
Goods Producing	14.4	14.4	15.4
Manufacturing	8.3	8.4	8.7
Service-Providing	60.5	59.9	60.9
Private Service-Providing	49.4	48.8	49.8
Educational and Health Service	12.6	12.5	12.6
Government	11.1	11.1	11.1
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5
State Government	1.7	1.7	1.7
Local Government	6.9	6.9	6.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Wheeling Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area: Marshall and Ohio counties in West Virginia  
 Belmont County in Ohio  
 Total Population July 1, 2007: ..... 145,454  
 Population 16 years and Over  
 (based on 2000 census): ..... 123,919  
 Per capita Personal Income 2006: ..... \$29,253

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Civilian Labor Force	69.4	69.8	68.5
Total Employment	65.7	66.1	65.3
Total Unemployment	3.7	3.7	3.1
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.3	4.6

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Total Nonfarm	69.5	69.3	68.4
Total Private	58.7	58.5	57.7
Goods Producing	9.4	9.5	9.3
Manufacturing	4.4	4.4	4.4
Service-Providing	60.1	59.8	59.1
Private Service-Providing	49.3	49.0	48.4
Educational & Health Service	13.3	13.2	13.0
Government	10.8	10.8	10.7
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.4	2.4	2.3
Local Government	7.7	7.7	7.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

# Statistical Areas

<b>Micropolitan Statistical Areas</b>	<i>Prelim Nov 2008</i>	<i>Rev Oct 2008</i>	<i>Rev Nov 2007</i>
<b>Beckley-Oak Hill CSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	49.8	50.8	50.5
Total Employment	47.9	49.0	48.2
Total Unemployment	1.9	1.8	2.3
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.6	4.6
<b>Beckley MCSA</b> <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	32.0	32.4	32.6
Total Employment	30.9	31.3	31.2
Total Unemployment	1.1	1.1	1.4
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	4.1
<b>Oak Hill MCSA</b> <i>Fayette County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	17.8	18.4	18.0
Total Employment	17.0	17.7	17.0
Total Unemployment	0.8	0.7	1.0
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.7	5.4
<b>Bluefield MCSA</b> <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	44.6	45.0	45.2
Total Employment	42.8	43.2	43.3
Total Unemployment	1.8	1.8	1.9
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.1	4.3
<b>Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	66.6	67.0	66.6
Total Employment	64.2	64.7	64.1
Total Unemployment	2.4	2.3	2.5
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	3.8
<b>Fairmont MCSA</b> <i>Marion County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	26.3	26.5	26.4
Total Employment	25.4	25.6	25.4
Total Unemployment	0.9	0.8	1.0
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.2	3.7
<b>Clarksburg MCSA</b> <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	40.4	40.6	40.2
Total Employment	38.8	39.1	38.7
Total Unemployment	1.6	1.5	1.5
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.7	3.8
<b>Point Pleasant MCSA</b> <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	24.3	24.3	24.9
Total Employment	22.7	22.8	23.5
Total Unemployment	1.6	1.5	1.4
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.2	5.7

The areas listed are the names of the labor market areas composed of the indicated counties.

Data are for the labor market areas, not the cities proper.

Labor market areas have been redefined in accordance with the 2000 Census data.

Data in thousands.

March 2007 benchmark.

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area  
 CSA Combined Micropolitan Statistical Area  
 MCSA Micropolitan Statistical Area

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas that include West Virginia Counties</b>	<i>Prelim Nov 2008</i>	<i>Rev Oct 2008</i>	<i>Rev Nov 2007</i>
<b>Steubenville-Weirton MSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	56.4	57.1	57.1
Total Employment	52.2	52.7	53.9
Total Unemployment	4.2	4.4	3.2
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.7	5.7
<b>Cumberland MSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	49.3	49.4	48.7
Total Employment	46.6	46.8	46.6
Total Unemployment	2.7	2.6	2.1
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.3	4.3
<b>Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	3,014.0	3,025.6	2,991.2
Total Employment	2,882.2	2,901.0	2,902.5
Total Unemployment	131.8	124.6	88.7
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.1	3.0
<b>Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	122.4	122.5	120.4
Total Employment	114.9	115.6	115.5
Total Unemployment	7.5	6.9	4.8
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.6	4.0
<b>Winchester MSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	66.5	66.5	66.0
Total Employment	63.1	63.7	64.0
Total Unemployment	3.4	2.8	2.0
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.2	3.0

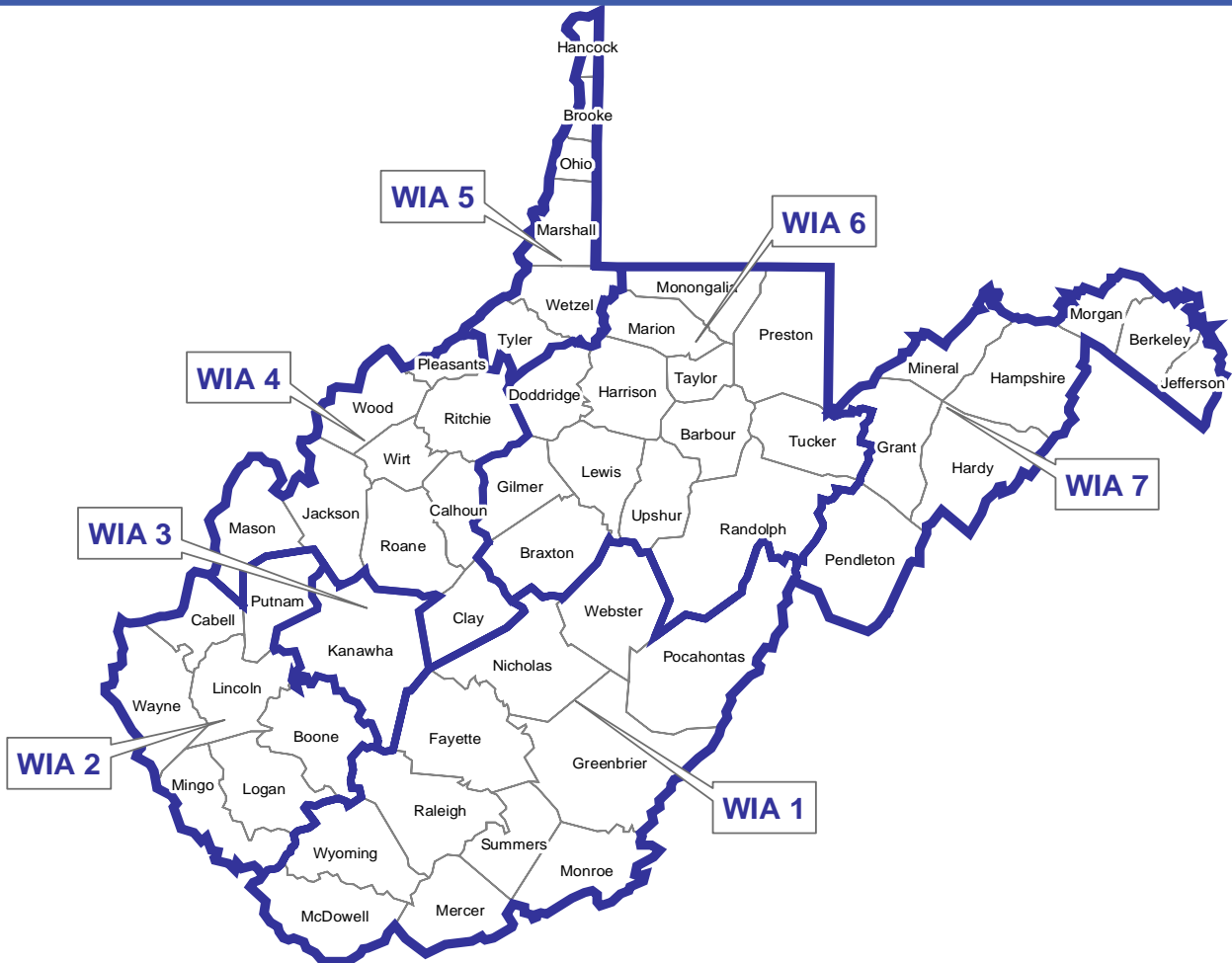
Includes Brooke and Hancock Counties, WV and Jefferson County, OH. Data courtesy of Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.

Includes Mineral County, WV and Allegany County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.

Includes Washington, DC, portions of Virginia and Maryland, and Jefferson County, WV. Data courtesy of District of Columbia Department of Employment Services.

Includes Morgan and Berkeley Counties, WV and Washington County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.

Includes Hampshire County, WV and Frederick County and Winchester City, VA. Data courtesy of Virginia Employment Commission.



## Workforce Investment Area 1

### November 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 800
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 800
- Unemployment rate up two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 700
- Goods-producing sector up 200
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Unemployment rate down six-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent

### Labor Force Data

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Civilian Labor Force	133.2	134.8	134.4
Employment	127.6	129.5	128.0
Unemployment	5.6	5.4	6.4
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.0	4.8

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Total Nonfarm Payroll	119.6	120.4	118.9
Total Private	94.6	95.4	94.0
Goods-Producing	18.1	18.2	17.9
Natural Resources & Mining	7.2	7.2	6.9
Construction	4.8	4.9	4.8
Manufacturing	6.1	6.1	6.2
Service-Providing	101.4	102.2	101.0
Private Service-Providing	76.4	77.1	76.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.9	23.9	24.2
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5
Retail Trade	16.7	16.7	17.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.7	3.7	3.7
Information	1.4	1.4	1.4
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.8
Professional & Business Services	7.4	7.3	7.1
Educational & Health Services	17.2	17.1	17.0
Leisure & Hospitality	12.7	13.5	12.5
Other Services	10.1	10.1	10.1
Government	25.0	25.1	24.9
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9
State	6.3	6.3	6.3
Local	15.7	15.7	15.7

### Labor-Management Dispute Status

Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1
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*In thousands, not seasonally adjusted. Numbers may not add due to rounding.*

## Workforce Investment Area 2

### November 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 500
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Unemployment rate up one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.7 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 500
- Goods-producing sector down 300
- Service-providing sector down 400
- Total unemployment down 500
- Unemployment rate down three-tenths of a percentage point to 3.7 percent

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	127.1	128.2	128.7
Employment	122.4	123.5	123.5
Unemployment	4.7	4.6	5.2
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.6	4.0
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	120.1	119.6	120.6
Total Private	99.1	98.8	100.1
Goods-Producing	24.8	24.8	25.1
Natural Resources & Mining	9.3	9.3	8.9
Construction	6.5	6.4	7.2
Manufacturing	9.0	9.0	8.9
Service-Providing	95.2	94.8	95.6
Private Service-Providing	74.3	74.0	75.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	24.4	24.3	24.3
Wholesale Trade	4.4	4.4	4.4
Retail Trade	14.3	14.2	14.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.7	5.7	5.7
Information	1.5	1.5	1.6
Financial Activities	3.6	3.6	3.8
Professional & Business Services	10.1	10.0	10.9
Educational & Health Services	17.0	16.9	16.8
Leisure & Hospitality	10.2	10.2	10.1
Other Services	7.5	7.5	7.6
Government	20.9	20.8	20.5
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.7
State	5.9	5.7	5.9
Local	12.3	12.3	12.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 3

### November 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 300
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector unchanged
- Unemployment rate up one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.4 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 100
- Goods-producing sector up 1,100
- Service-providing sector down 100
- Total unemployment down 300
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.4 percent

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	90.0	91.1	90.7
Employment	87.0	88.1	87.4
Unemployment	3.0	3.0	3.3
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	3.6
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	116.2	116.5	115.2
Total Private	94.4	94.5	93.4
Goods-Producing	13.3	13.5	12.2
Natural Resources & Mining	3.6	3.6	3.1
Construction	6.0	6.2	5.2
Manufacturing	3.8	3.8	3.9
Service-Providing	102.9	102.9	103.0
Private Service-Providing	81.0	81.0	81.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20.8	20.9	21.8
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.5
Retail Trade	12.5	12.6	13.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.1	4.1	4.1
Information	2.2	2.2	2.4
Financial Activities	7.1	7.1	7.2
Professional & Business Services	12.8	12.7	12.2
Educational & Health Services	19.4	19.2	18.9
Leisure & Hospitality	9.7	9.6	9.7
Other Services	9.1	9.1	9.1
Government	21.8	22.0	21.8
Federal	2.3	2.4	2.4
State	11.0	11.1	10.9
Local	8.5	8.4	8.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 4

### November 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 200
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 300
- Total unemployment up 400
- Unemployment rate up one-half of a percentage point to 5.1 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,600
- Goods-producing sector down 1,300
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Total unemployment up 200
- Unemployment rate up four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.1 percent

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	85.1	85.2	86.7
Employment	80.8	81.2	82.6
Unemployment	4.3	3.9	4.1
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.6	4.7
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	74.2	74.0	75.8
Total Private	60.6	60.5	62.6
Goods-Producing	14.5	14.5	15.8
Natural Resources & Mining	2.0	2.0	1.9
Construction	4.1	4.1	5.1
Manufacturing	8.4	8.5	8.8
Service-Providing	59.7	59.4	60.0
Private Service-Providing	46.1	45.9	46.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	15.5	15.4	16.0
Wholesale Trade	1.7	1.7	1.8
Retail Trade	10.4	10.2	10.9
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.4
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1
Financial Activities	3.2	3.2	3.2
Professional & Business Services	4.0	4.0	3.9
Educational & Health Services	10.6	10.5	10.6
Leisure & Hospitality	6.1	6.1	6.4
Other Services	5.5	5.5	5.6
Government	13.6	13.5	13.2
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6
State	2.5	2.5	2.5
Local	8.5	8.4	8.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 5

### November 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 700
- Goods-producing sector up 300
- Service-providing sector up 500
- Total unemployment up 300
- Unemployment rate up four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 2,000
- Goods-producing sector up 800
- Service-providing sector up 1,200
- Total unemployment up 300
- Unemployment rate up four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	71.4	71.4	71.1
Employment	67.6	67.9	67.6
Unemployment	3.8	3.5	3.5
Unemployment Rate	5.3	4.9	4.9
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	75.8	75.1	73.8
Total Private	64.9	64.3	63.2
Goods-Producing	13.7	13.4	12.9
Natural Resources & Mining	1.2	1.2	1.2
Construction	3.4	3.0	2.6
Manufacturing	9.2	9.3	9.2
Service-Providing	62.1	61.6	60.9
Private Service-Providing	51.2	50.8	50.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.3	11.9	12.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.4	2.7
Retail Trade	7.6	7.6	7.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1.8	1.8	1.8
Information	0.6	0.6	0.6
Financial Activities	2.6	2.6	2.7
Professional & Business Services	5.3	5.3	5.3
Educational & Health Services	13.9	13.8	13.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8	9.8	9.4
Other Services	6.9	6.9	6.9
Government	10.9	10.8	10.6
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	2.0	1.9	1.9
Local	8.2	8.2	8.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 6

### November 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 200
- Goods-producing sector employment down 100
- Service-providing sector up 300
- Total unemployment up 300
- Unemployment rate up two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.6 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 500
- Goods-producing sector up 300
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment unchanged
- Unemployment rate unchanged at 3.6 percent

#### Labor Force Data

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Civilian Labor Force	179.4	180.6	180.3
Employment	172.9	174.4	173.8
Unemployment	6.5	6.2	6.5
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.4	3.6

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	168.5	168.3	168.0
Total Private	127.4	127.3	127.3
Goods-Producing	26.0	26.1	25.7
Natural Resources & Mining	5.9	6.0	5.6
Construction	8.1	8.1	7.8
Manufacturing	11.9	12.0	12.4
Service-Providing	142.5	142.2	142.3
Private Service-Providing	101.4	101.2	101.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.8	28.7	29.4
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.9
Retail Trade	20.0	20.0	20.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.0	4.9	5.0
Information	1.9	1.9	2.0
Financial Activities	4.9	4.9	5.0
Professional & Business Services	12.0	12.0	11.6
Educational & Health Services	27.8	27.6	27.4
Leisure & Hospitality	15.3	15.5	15.2
Other Services	10.7	10.6	11.0
Government	41.1	41.0	40.7
Federal	6.9	6.9	6.8
State	17.9	17.8	17.6
Local	16.3	16.3	16.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 7

### November 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 500
- Goods-producing sector employment down 100
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Total unemployment up 500
- Unemployment rate up one-half of a percentage point to 4.8 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 2,100
- Goods-producing sector down 900
- Service-providing sector down 1,200
- Total unemployment up 1,100
- Unemployment rate up one percentage point to 4.8

#### Labor Force Data

	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
Civilian Labor Force	118.0	118.4	117.4
Employment	112.4	113.3	112.9
Unemployment	5.6	5.1	4.5
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.3	3.8

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	73.2	73.7	75.3
Total Private	54.9	55.3	57.4
Goods-Producing	13.4	13.5	14.3
Natural Resources & Mining	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	3.4	3.6	4.3
Manufacturing	9.3	9.2	9.3
Service-Providing	59.8	60.1	61.0
Private Service-Providing	41.5	41.8	43.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.0	12.2	13.4
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.5	1.7
Retail Trade	8.2	8.4	9.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.3
Information	2.1	2.2	2.3
Financial Activities	2.5	2.5	2.5
Professional & Business Services	4.4	4.4	4.5
Educational & Health Services	8.1	8.1	7.9
Leisure & Hospitality	8.1	8.3	8.3
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.1
Government	18.3	18.3	17.9
Federal	4.6	4.6	4.5
State	3.4	3.4	3.3
Local	10.4	10.3	10.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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# Occupational Profile

Correctional Officers and Jailers are projected to have an excellent job outlook through 2016. Expected job openings will average approximately 121 per year, 60 of which will be new job growth. The average annual growth rate is projected to be 2.52% per year, just over four times the growth rate for all occupations combined (.61%). Education and training for Correctional Officers and Jailers typically requires one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers.

"Increasing demand for correctional officers will stem from population growth and rising rates of incarceration. Mandatory sentencing guidelines calling for longer sentences and reduced parole for inmates are a primary reason for historically increasing incarceration rates. Some States are reconsidering mandatory sentencing guidelines because of budgetary constraints, court decisions, and doubts about their effectiveness. Additionally, the Supreme Court recently ruled to make Federal sentencing guidelines voluntary, rather than mandatory, for judges. It is unclear how many States will change their sentencing policies and how long it will be before any changes affect the prison population. Nevertheless, these developments could moderate future increases in the prison population and cause employment of correctional officers to grow more slowly than they have in the past."

**Table 1 - Growth**

Area	Annual Openings	Growth Rate
WIA 1	24	2.82%
WIA 2	8	2.01%
WIA 3	11	2.68%
WIA 4	n/a	n/a
WIA 5	6	2.10%
WIA 6	45	2.72%
WIA 7	17	1.79%

**Table 2 - Wage History**

	This Occupation	*	Compared to all Occupations	*	Difference
2008 Q3	\$12.55	2.4%	\$12.69	2.3%	-\$0.14
2007	\$12.25	4.0%	\$12.40	3.3%	-\$0.15
2006	\$11.77	2.8%	\$12.00	3.1%	-\$0.23
2005	\$11.44	2.1%	\$11.63	2.4%	-\$0.19
2004	\$11.20	1.9%	\$11.35	2.6%	-\$0.15
2003	\$10.99	2.3%	\$11.06	3.1%	-\$0.07
2002	\$10.74	2.3%	\$10.72	2.4%	\$0.02
2001	\$10.49		\$10.46		\$0.03

\* %Change

**Table 3 - Top Employing Industries**

	Employment	%
Public Administration	2,610	100.0%

**Table 4 - Best Paying Industries**

	Employment	Median Wage
Public Administration	2,610	\$12.55

**Table 5 - Top Areas by This Occupation**

Highest Employment			Highest Pay		
Arrea	Median Wage	Employment	Arrea	Median Wage	Employment
WIA 6	\$22.08	1,500	WIA 6	\$22.08	1,500
WIA 1	\$15.87	610	WIA 1	\$15.87	610
WIA 7	\$11.72	420	WIA 2	\$11.92	330
WIA 2	\$11.92	330	WIA 5	\$11.81	270
WIA 3	n/a	620	WIA 7	\$11.72	420
WIA 5	\$11.81	270			

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office	street address	city & zip	phone
Beckley	200 Value City Center	Beckley 25801	304-256-6792
Charleston	1321 Plaza East	Charleston 25325	558-0342
Clarksburg	321 W. Main Street	Clarksburg 26302	627-2125
Elkins	1 Pleasant Avenue	Elkins 26241	637-0255
Fairmont	109 Adams Street	Fairmont 26555	363-0654
Huntington	2699 Park Avenue	Huntington 25704	528-5525
Logan	214 Dingess Street	Logan 25601-1860	792-7010
Martinsburg	Auto Parts Place	Martinsburg 25403	267-0030
Mercer County	195 Davis Street	Princeton 24740	487-2248
Morgantown	304 Scott Avenue	Morgantown 26505	285-3120
New Martinsville	257 North State Route 2	NMartinsville 26155	455-0902
Parkersburg	300 Lakeview Center	Parkersburg 26102	420-4525
Point Pleasant	225 Sixth Street	Point Pleasant 25550	675-0857
Putnam	#19 Putnam Village	Hurricane 25569	757-7270
South Branch	1929 State Road 55E	Moorefield 26836	538-3176
Summersville	812 Northside Dr	Summersville 26651	872-0820
Weirton	100 Municipal Plaza	Weirton 26062	794-2000
Welch	110 Park Avenue	Welch 24801	436-3131
Wheeling	1275 Warwood Avenue	Wheeling 26003	238-1045
Williamson	120 W First Avenue	Williamson 25661	235-6012

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office	street address	city & zip	phone
Beckley	200 Value City Center	Beckley 25801	304-256-6792
Charleston	1321 Plaza East	Charleston 25330	558-0291
Clarksburg	321 W. Main Street	Clarksburg 26302	627-2120
Elkins	1 Pleasant Avenue	Elkins 26241	637-0257
Fairmont	109 Adams Street	Fairmont 26554	363-0654
Huntington	2699 Park Avenue	Huntington 25704	528-5538
Logan	212 Dingess Street	Logan 25601	792-7020
Martinsburg	891 Auto Parts Place	Martinsburg 25403	267-0030
Mercer County	195 Davis Street	Princeton 24740	425-1896
Morgantown	304 Scott Avenue	Morgantown 26505	285-3124
New Martinsville	257 North State Route 2	N Martinsville 26155	455-0902
Parkersburg	300 Lakeview Center	Parkersburg 26102	420-4625
Point Pleasant	225 Sixth Street	Point Pleasant 25550	675-0857
South Branch	EastTech College Rt. 55	Moorefield 26836	538-3176
Summersville	812 Northside Drive	Summersville 26651	872-0820
Weirton	100 Municipal Plaza	Weirton 26062	794-2000
Welch	110 Park Ave	Welch 24801	436-3131
Wheeling	1275 Warwood Avenue	Wheeling 26003	238-1035
Williamson	120 W 1st Avenue	Williamson 25661	235-6017

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