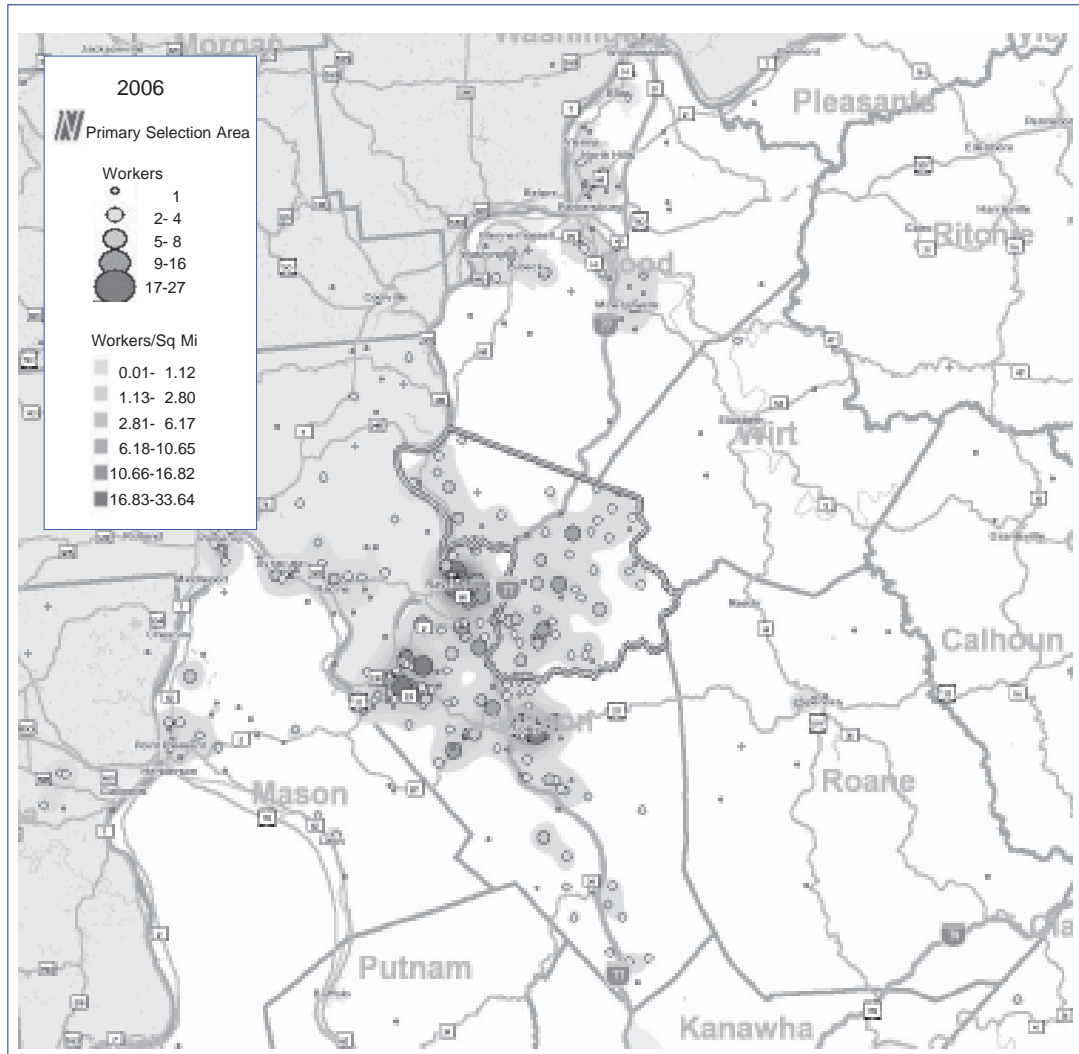


West Virginia Economic Summary

A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
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The above map is part of a labor shed report from the US Census Bureau's On The Map showing where workers in the vicinity of Century Aluminum commute from. Locations with high concentration of workers are represented by the large circles.

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2008 Annual Average Statistics
for West Virginia's Counties

In February of this year, Century Aluminum, located in Jackson County, announced that it would be closing its doors. The closure results in a layoff of approximately 650 employees. Similar events are occurring across the country, providing an opportunity to demonstrate the usefulness of the U.S. Census Bureau's online "**On the Map**" (OTM) analysis tool. OTM is a product of the Census Bureau's Local Employer-Household Dynamic (LEHD) program, where employment data is combined with Census data to provide a better understanding of the dynamics of the U.S. labor market. The tool may be accessed at <http://lehdmap3.did.census.gov/themap3/>

Using OTM to analyze the possible effects of the Century Aluminum plant closing helps us understand the local economy, the types of workers in the area (age, earnings, etc.), and where workers live. Two types of reports are immediately available with OTM. The first is the worker profile. OTM allows us to look at data down to the Census tract. By selecting the Census tract in which the plant is located, we learn that there were approximately 2,889 jobs located there in 2006. As expected, about 2,000 (69.2%) of these jobs are in the manufacturing industry. People who work in this area tend to earn a high wage. Approximately 1,927 (66.7%) earned more than \$3,400 per month in 2006. We also learn that the vast majority of workers are between the age of 31 and 54 (See Table 1).

Table 1.

	2006	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs		
Total Primary Jobs	2,889	100.0%
Jobs by Worker Age		
Age 30 or younger	339	11.7%
Age 31 to 54	2,081	72.0%
Age 55 or older	469	16.2%
Jobs by Earnings Paid		
\$1,200 per month or less	258	8.9%
\$1,201 to \$3,400 per month	704	24.4%
More than \$3,400 per month	1,927	66.7%

We can see that those directly affected by the layoff are mostly middle-aged high-income workers. This has ramifications in terms of helping to identify potential difficulties in finding comparable re-employment and meeting training needs.

The second report that can be generated is a labor shed report. Table 2 tells us where employees who work in this area are commuting from. According to this report, 10 percent of these workers live in the town of Ravenswood. Approximately 1,360 (47.1%) reside in Jackson County. Conversely, this indicates that the majority of people who work in this area live outside of Jackson County. This means that the effects of the layoff will be felt in several adjacent counties, particularly Wood and Mason Counties in West Virginia as well as Meigs County, Ohio. These four counties comprise 77 percent of the workforce employed within the Census tract where Century Aluminum is based.

Table 2.

	2006	
	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs		
Total primary jobs	2,889	100.0%
Job counts in cities/towns where workers live		
Ravenswood, West Virginia	290	10.0%
Ripley, West Virginia	135	4.7%
Parkersburg, West Virginia	129	4.5%
Point Pleasant, West Virginia	44	1.5%
New Haven, West Virginia	36	1.2%
Vienna, West Virginia	35	1.2%
Mason, West Virginia	27	0.9%
Marietta, Ohio	20	0.7%
Belpre, Ohio	19	0.7%
Pomeroy, Ohio	17	0.6%
All Other Locations	2,137	74.0%
Job counts in counties where workers live		
Jackson Co., West Virginia	1,360	47.1%
Wood Co., West Virginia	368	12.7%
Mason Co., West Virginia	273	9.4%
Meigs Co., Ohio	226	7.8%
Gallia Co., Ohio	92	3.2%
Roane Co., West Virginia	90	3.1%
Washington Co., Ohio	77	2.7%
Kanawha Co., West Virginia	69	2.4%
Putnam Co., West Virginia	43	1.5%
Athens Co., Ohio	31	1.1%
All Other Locations	260	9.0%
Job counts in states where workers live		
West Virginia	2,400	83.1%
Ohio	479	16.6%
Maryland	10	0.3%
All Other Locations	0	0.0%

On The Map is a valuable tool for analyzing local labor market conditions. While the current version of OTM has clearly demonstrated its usefulness, the next version of OTM will provide even more tools. Scheduled for release from the Census Bureau later this year, version 4 will include: (1) expanding data years to include 2007 and 2008, covering a total of seven years (2002-2008); (2) the ability to save, share, and reload analyses; (3) the ability to export map overlays for use in popular mapping programs such as ArcView and Google Earth, and (4) the ability to customize selection areas by specifying latitude and longitude or by importing external geographic data from programs such as ArcView. Future versions starting in 2010 will include additional demographic data such as ethnicity and educational attainment.

Data Sources:

US Census Bureau, LED Origin-Destination Data Base (2nd Quarter 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006)

AT A GLANCE

Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 2,700 over the month of February 2009 to a level of 736,500. The goods-producing sector contained the entire loss. Declines included 1,400 in construction, 800 in manufacturing, and 500 in mining and logging. The service-providing sector exhibited no change, with seasonal gains of 2,700 in government and 500 in educational and health services offsetting losses of 2,400 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 300 in leisure and hospitality, 200 in other services, 200 in professional and business services, and 100 in information. Employment in financial activities was unchanged over the month.

Since February 2008, the number of payroll jobs in West Virginia has fallen 14,100, with losses of 3,300 in the goods-producing sector and 10,800 in the service-providing sector. Over-the-year losses included 5,200 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 3,700 in manufacturing, 2,200 in professional and business services, 1,800 in construction, 1,500 in leisure and hospitality, 1,000 in financial activities, 700 in information, 600 in other services, and 200 in government. Employment gains included 2,200 in mining and logging and 600 in educational and health services.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed state residents rose 10,200 to 58,900 in February 2009. The corresponding unemployment rate jumped from 6.2 to 7.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment has risen 18,200 since February 2008, when the rate was 5.1 percent and 40,700 were jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed eight-tenths of a percentage point to 6.0 percent in February, while the national rate rose five-tenths of a percentage point to 8.1 percent.

Hours and Earnings

Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$15.55 in February, up two cents from the previous month. Hourly earnings were up 51 cents over the year. Average weekly earnings increased by 69 cents in February to \$530.26, but were up \$18.90 from the previous February. Average weekly hours were unchanged over the month and up only slightly over the year.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$530.26	\$529.57	\$511.36	34.1	34.1	34.0	\$15.55	\$15.53	\$15.04
Goods Producing	855.73	849.51	827.10	41.5	41.5	41.5	20.62	20.47	19.93
Mining and Logging	1,066.34	1,051.60	1,017.36	47.1	46.8	47.1	22.64	22.47	21.60
Construction	783.43	764.70	767.60	37.2	36.8	38.0	21.06	20.78	20.20
Manufacturing	773.16	779.09	775.56	40.8	41.2	41.1	18.95	18.91	18.87
Durable Goods	753.55	762.01	752.24	41.2	41.8	41.4	18.29	18.23	18.17
Nondurable Goods	806.41	812.44	814.87	40.1	40.4	40.4	20.11	20.11	20.17
Private Service-Providing	452.95	451.55	435.34	32.4	32.3	32.2	13.98	13.98	13.52
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	466.06	469.80	459.28	34.6	34.8	34.9	13.47	13.50	13.16
Wholesale Trade	681.69	679.95	665.46	39.2	39.1	39.8	17.39	17.39	16.72
Retail Trade	340.39	348.55	346.34	31.2	31.6	31.6	10.91	11.03	10.96
Financial Activities	449.22	448.88	422.03	33.7	33.7	33.1	13.33	13.32	12.75
Finance & Insurance	481.18	478.10	441.25	35.2	35.0	34.1	13.67	13.66	12.94
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	355.74	358.75	369.05	29.4	29.6	30.5	12.10	12.12	12.10
Professional & Business Services	577.85	567.24	533.47	35.0	34.8	33.7	16.51	16.30	15.83
Health Care									
Health Care & Social Assistance	534.85	531.59	516.03	33.2	33.1	33.4	16.11	16.06	15.45
Leisure & Hospitality									
Accommodation & Food Service	227.88	223.17	206.66	27.0	26.6	26.7	8.44	8.39	7.74

LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

	<i>Prelim. Feb 2009</i>	<i>Revised Jan 2009</i>	<i>Revised Feb 2008</i>	<i>Change From: Jan Feb 2009 2008</i>	
LABOR FORCE STATISTICS					
Civilian Labor Force	789.2	788.1	801.1	1.1	-11.9
Total Employment	730.3	739.4	760.4	-9.1	-30.1
Total Unemployment	58.9	48.7	40.7	10.2	18.2
Unemployment Rate	7.5	6.2	5.1	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	736.5	739.2	750.6	-2.7	-14.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	590.2	595.6	604.1	-5.4	-13.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	116.5	119.2	119.8	-2.7	-3.3
Mining and Logging	31.0	31.5	28.8	-0.5	2.2
Construction	32.4	33.8	34.2	-1.4	-1.8
Manufacturing	53.1	53.9	56.8	-0.8	-3.7
Durable Goods	32.9	33.2	35.7	-0.3	-2.8
Nondurable Goods	20.2	20.7	21.1	-0.5	-0.9
SERVICE-PROVIDING	620.0	620.0	630.8	0.0	-10.8
Private Service-Providing	473.7	476.4	484.3	-2.7	-10.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	135.6	138.0	140.8	-2.4	-5.2
Wholesale Trade	23.8	24.4	24.5	-0.6	-0.7
Retail Trade	85.1	86.9	89.4	-1.8	-4.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26.7	26.7	26.9	0.0	-0.2
Information	10.6	10.7	11.3	-0.1	-0.7
Financial Activities	28.8	28.8	29.8	0.0	-1.0
Finance and Insurance	21.6	21.6	22.4	0.0	-0.8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Professional and Business Services	58.2	58.4	60.4	-0.2	-2.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	24.2	24.4	25.2	-0.2	-1.0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	0.2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation	28.9	28.9	30.3	0.0	-1.4
Educational and Health Services	117.2	116.7	116.6	0.5	0.6
Educational Services	10.3	9.7	11.2	0.6	-0.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	106.9	107.0	105.4	-0.1	1.5
Leisure and Hospitality	68.4	68.7	69.9	-0.3	-1.5
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	7.6	7.6	8.1	0.0	-0.5
Accommodation and Food Service	60.8	61.1	61.8	-0.3	-1.0
Other Services	54.9	55.1	55.5	-0.2	-0.6
Government	146.3	143.6	146.5	2.7	-0.2
Federal Government	23.2	23.2	22.5	0.0	0.7
State Government	46.3	43.8	46.8	2.5	-0.5
Local Government	76.8	76.6	77.2	0.2	-0.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

March 2008 benchmark
Data in thousands

	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008	Aug 2008	Sept 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009
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LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally adjusted

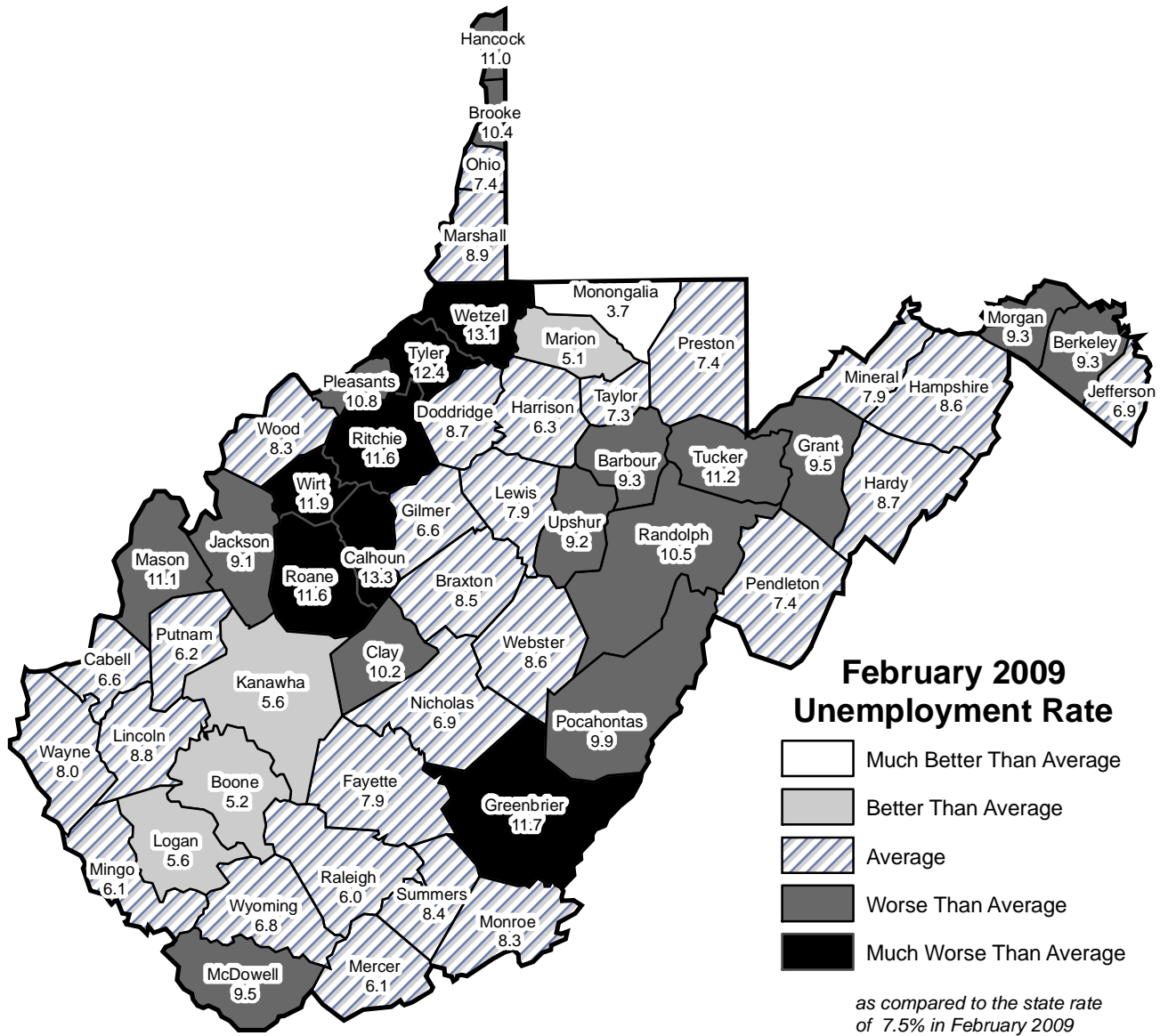
Civilian Labor Force	808.1	807.8	808.0	807.3	806.4	804.8	804.2	804.8	804.4	804.3	805.5	798.5	794.9
Employment	774.4	773.6	772.9	772.3	771.7	771.2	770.7	770.4	770.0	769.8	769.6	756.8	746.8
Unemployment	33.7	34.2	35.1	35.1	34.7	33.6	33.4	34.5	34.4	34.6	35.9	41.8	48.1
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.2	6.0

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - Seasonally Adjusted

TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	763.3	760.7	761.1	762.2	758.4	762.9	763.1	763.7	762.9	759.2	757.4	755.4	749.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	617.2	614.7	614.9	614.6	613.5	616.0	616.0	616.1	615.1	611.7	610.2	609.1	603.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	125.4	124.7	125.5	125.4	125.2	126.2	126.9	127.2	126.2	124.9	124.6	123.9	122.0
Mining & Logging	29.3	29.6	29.9	30.5	30.7	31.0	31.5	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.8	31.4
Construction	38.7	38.1	38.5	38.1	37.9	38.9	39.3	39.7	38.7	38.0	37.9	37.8	37.0
Manufacturing	57.4	57.0	57.1	56.8	56.6	56.3	56.1	55.8	55.7	55.1	54.8	54.3	53.6
Nondurable Goods	21.3	21.3	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.0	20.9	20.8	21.1	21.0	21.0	20.9	20.4
SERVICE-PROVIDING	637.9	636.0	635.6	636.8	633.2	636.7	636.2	636.5	636.7	634.3	632.8	631.5	627.8
Private Service-Providing	491.8	490.0	489.4	489.2	488.3	489.8	489.1	488.9	488.9	486.8	485.6	485.2	481.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	143.4	142.9	142.4	141.9	142.1	142.5	142.2	142.0	141.3	140.1	139.9	140.0	138.6
Wholesale Trade	24.7	24.7	24.6	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	25.0	25.1	24.8	24.1
Retail Trade	91.4	91.1	90.4	89.9	90.0	90.1	89.9	89.7	89.1	87.9	87.5	88.1	87.5
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	27.3	27.1	27.4	27.2	27.3	27.6	27.5	27.5	27.4	27.2	27.3	27.1	27.0
Financial Activities	30.1	29.9	29.9	29.8	29.7	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.7	29.4	29.5	29.1	29.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.4
Professional & Business Services	61.4	61.0	60.9	61.0	60.7	60.8	60.5	60.4	60.3	60.0	60.0	59.9	59.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.8	24.7	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.5	24.2
Administrative & Support & Waste Management	31.5	31.3	31.3	31.3	31.1	31.0	30.8	30.7	30.7	30.2	30.3	30.2	29.6
Educational & Health Service	116.5	116.2	116.2	116.4	116.8	117.1	117.2	117.4	117.8	117.7	117.1	117.6	117.1
Educational Services	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.0	10.3	9.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	105.9	105.9	105.9	106.0	106.3	106.6	106.8	106.9	107.4	107.4	107.1	107.3	107.3
Leisure & Hospitality	73.2	73.1	73.0	72.9	72.0	72.7	72.5	72.7	73.0	72.9	72.5	72.2	71.8
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9.2	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.1	8.9
Accommodation & Food Service	64.0	64.1	63.9	64.0	63.3	63.9	63.6	63.8	63.6	63.6	63.4	63.1	62.9
Other Services	55.9	55.7	55.8	56.0	55.8	55.9	55.9	55.7	55.8	55.7	55.7	55.7	55.3
Government	146.1	146.0	146.2	147.6	144.9	146.9	147.1	147.6	147.8	147.5	147.2	146.3	146.4
Federal Government	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.1	23.3	23.0	23.1	23.4	23.4
State Government	46.3	46.1	46.3	47.5	44.3	46.7	46.5	47.0	46.8	46.8	46.9	46.4	46.1
Local Government	77.1	77.2	77.1	77.2	77.8	77.2	77.5	77.5	77.7	77.7	77.2	76.5	76.9

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Seasonally Adjusted

Charleston	152.1	151.3	151.5	151.2	151.4	152.2	152.3	152.5	152.9	152.8	152.1	151.9	151.0
Huntington	119.8	119.6	118.9	119.3	118.7	119.4	119.9	119.6	119.7	119.2	118.6	119.1	117.8
Morgantown	62.1	62.3	62.2	63.0	62.4	62.7	62.5	63.4	64.4	63.7	63.0	62.9	63.2
Parkersburg	73.1	72.8	73.0	72.8	73.0	72.8	72.5	72.5	72.6	72.4	72.6	72.6	71.8
Wheeling	68.2	68.4	67.9	68.1	68.2	68.5	68.5	68.3	68.2	68.2	68.2	68.4	67.8



The state unemployment rate jumped from 6.2 to 7.5 percent in February 2009. All of the 55 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 declined in February. This group included Roane (11.6), Ritchie (11.6), Greenbrier (11.7), Wirt (11.9), Tyler (12.4), Wetzel (13.1), and Calhoun (13.3).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average shrank considerably. This group included Kanawha (5.6), Logan (5.6), Boone (5.2), and Marion (5.1). Monongalia (3.7) was the sole county recording 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		
	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Barbour	6,840	6,400	6,850	6,200	5,930	6,400	640	470	450	9.3	7.3	6.6
Berkeley	44,830	44,430	45,320	40,680	40,970	43,270	4,160	3,450	2,050	9.3	7.8	4.5
Boone	9,000	9,030	9,310	8,540	8,680	8,880	460	350	430	5.2	3.9	4.6
Braxton	5,730	5,800	5,860	5,240	5,340	5,420	490	460	440	8.5	7.9	7.6
Brooke	10,980	10,860	10,940	9,840	9,920	10,250	1,140	950	690	10.4	8.7	6.3
Cabell	43,720	44,020	44,770	40,840	41,710	42,880	2,880	2,310	1,890	6.6	5.3	4.2
Calhoun	2,820	2,780	2,830	2,450	2,450	2,550	380	330	280	13.3	12.0	9.9
Clay	3,430	3,440	3,510	3,090	3,140	3,210	350	300	300	10.2	8.7	8.6
Doddridge	2,780	2,760	2,840	2,530	2,580	2,660	240	180	180	8.7	6.4	6.4
Fayette	17,260	17,140	17,450	15,900	16,030	16,380	1,360	1,110	1,070	7.9	6.5	6.1
Gilmer	2,980	2,970	3,070	2,790	2,800	2,940	200	170	130	6.6	5.7	4.3
Grant	5,170	5,180	5,270	4,680	4,720	4,910	490	470	360	9.5	9.0	6.8
Greenbrier	14,780	14,790	15,190	13,050	13,370	14,040	1,730	1,420	1,150	11.7	9.6	7.6
Hampshire	9,110	9,120	9,400	8,330	8,460	8,970	780	650	440	8.6	7.1	4.6
Hancock	14,590	14,410	14,410	12,980	13,080	13,530	1,610	1,330	880	11.0	9.2	6.1
Hardy	6,610	6,600	7,040	6,030	6,100	6,640	570	500	400	8.7	7.5	5.7
Harrison	29,640	29,910	30,600	27,790	28,330	29,190	1,850	1,580	1,400	6.3	5.3	4.6
Jackson	11,880	11,910	11,900	10,800	11,000	11,110	1,080	910	790	9.1	7.6	6.7
Jefferson	23,900	23,670	24,650	22,260	22,290	23,770	1,640	1,370	870	6.9	5.8	3.5
Kanawha	88,680	89,310	90,860	83,740	85,140	87,080	4,940	4,160	3,780	5.6	4.7	4.2
Lewis	7,270	7,210	7,180	6,700	6,770	6,780	570	440	400	7.9	6.2	5.6
Lincoln	7,880	7,840	7,940	7,190	7,310	7,470	690	530	470	8.8	6.8	5.9
Logan	13,060	13,080	12,660	12,320	12,540	12,030	740	540	640	5.6	4.1	5.0
McDowell	7,300	7,370	7,030	6,610	6,770	6,550	690	600	480	9.5	8.1	6.8
Marion	25,430	25,250	26,030	24,130	24,130	24,920	1,300	1,130	1,110	5.1	4.5	4.2
Marshall	14,520	14,550	14,690	13,230	13,460	13,820	1,290	1,090	880	8.9	7.5	6.0
Mason	9,900	9,890	10,130	8,800	8,920	9,280	1,100	960	850	11.1	9.8	8.4
Mercer	24,310	24,550	24,950	22,820	23,250	23,850	1,490	1,300	1,100	6.1	5.3	4.4
Mineral	13,250	13,100	13,450	12,210	12,230	12,700	1,050	880	750	7.9	6.7	5.5
Mingo	8,860	8,880	8,760	8,320	8,470	8,320	540	410	440	6.1	4.6	5.0
Monongalia	46,890	46,080	47,630	45,160	44,660	46,170	1,730	1,430	1,470	3.7	3.1	3.1
Monroe	5,760	5,790	5,840	5,280	5,390	5,520	480	400	320	8.3	6.8	5.5
Morgan	6,870	6,770	7,000	6,230	6,270	6,620	640	500	380	9.3	7.4	5.4
Nicholas	10,490	10,480	10,450	9,760	9,850	9,860	730	630	590	6.9	6.0	5.7
Ohio	20,500	20,560	20,740	18,970	19,310	19,820	1,520	1,250	920	7.4	6.1	4.4
Pendleton	3,560	3,570	3,810	3,290	3,340	3,600	260	230	200	7.4	6.3	5.3
Pleasants	3,100	3,090	3,120	2,760	2,830	2,890	340	260	220	10.8	8.5	7.1
Pocahontas	3,740	3,830	3,940	3,370	3,490	3,700	370	330	240	9.9	8.7	6.1
Preston	15,100	14,790	15,050	13,980	13,820	14,290	1,120	970	760	7.4	6.6	5.0
Putnam	26,710	26,830	27,150	25,060	25,480	26,060	1,650	1,350	1,080	6.2	5.0	4.0
Raleigh	32,250	32,380	32,010	30,310	30,780	30,500	1,940	1,610	1,510	6.0	5.0	4.7
Randolph	12,590	12,420	12,860	11,260	11,460	12,100	1,330	950	760	10.5	7.7	5.9
Ritchie	4,570	4,480	4,520	4,040	4,120	4,170	530	360	350	11.6	7.9	7.8
Roane	5,500	5,520	5,560	4,860	4,970	5,060	640	550	500	11.6	9.9	8.9
Summers	4,440	4,490	4,590	4,070	4,170	4,270	370	320	310	8.4	7.1	6.8
Taylor	6,730	6,750	6,900	6,240	6,360	6,550	490	400	350	7.3	5.9	5.1
Tucker	2,970	2,980	3,070	2,640	2,670	2,850	330	310	220	11.2	10.5	7.1
Tyler	3,550	3,560	3,670	3,110	3,170	3,360	440	390	310	12.4	11.0	8.5
Upshur	10,680	10,400	10,710	9,700	9,730	10,180	980	670	530	9.2	6.4	5.0
Wayne	17,150	17,240	17,520	15,780	16,110	16,570	1,370	1,130	960	8.0	6.6	5.5
Webster	3,170	3,200	3,270	2,900	2,960	3,080	270	240	200	8.6	7.5	6.0
Wetzel	6,250	6,180	6,290	5,440	5,490	5,700	820	690	590	13.1	11.2	9.4
Wirt	2,460	2,450	2,460	2,170	2,220	2,270	290	230	190	11.9	9.4	7.8
Wood	39,600	39,960	40,250	36,320	37,180	38,060	3,290	2,780	2,190	8.3	7.0	5.4
Wyoming	8,110	8,080	7,820	7,560	7,660	7,390	550	420	430	6.8	5.2	5.5
Statewide	789,200	788,100	801,100	730,300	739,400	760,400	58,900	48,700	40,700	7.5	6.2	5.1

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Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Feb	Jan	Feb	Feb	Jan	Feb	Feb	Jan	Feb
	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008
Barbour	4,040	3,730	3,960	580	580	530	3,460	3,160	3,430
Berkeley	29,280	29,390	30,550	3,070	3,080	3,540	26,210	26,310	27,010
Boone	9,440	9,470	8,840	4,340	4,340	4,020	5,100	5,140	4,820
Braxton	4,370	4,370	4,320	700	710	740	3,670	3,660	3,570
Brooke	8,860	8,950	9,570	2,210	2,250	2,350	6,650	6,700	7,220
Cabell	55,520	55,850	55,100	7,830	7,790	7,450	47,690	48,060	47,650
Calhoun	1,580	1,550	1,550	360	340	370	1,220	1,220	1,180
Clay	2,160	2,160	2,190	510	510	600	1,650	1,650	1,590
Doddridge	1,340	1,360	1,340	190	190	200	1,150	1,160	1,140
Fayette	12,880	12,760	12,710	1,980	1,990	1,830	10,900	10,780	10,890
Gilmer	2,320	2,300	2,330	500	490	510	1,820	1,810	1,830
Grant	4,300	4,270	4,170	1,320	1,300	1,190	2,970	2,970	2,980
Greenbrier	13,480	13,670	13,710	1,630	1,620	1,690	11,850	12,050	12,020
Hampshire	4,300	4,270	4,260	430	440	480	3,870	3,840	3,780
Hancock	12,090	12,010	12,460	3,080	3,080	3,170	9,000	8,940	9,290
Hardy	6,170	6,170	6,440	3,220	3,210	3,420	2,950	2,950	3,010
Harrison	34,110	34,350	34,330	4,350	4,400	4,330	29,760	29,950	30,000
Jackson	9,110	9,160	8,950	2,600	2,690	2,650	6,520	6,470	6,300
Jefferson	14,530	14,270	14,940	1,560	1,490	1,740	12,970	12,790	13,200
Kanawha	112,490	112,710	114,410	11,260	11,610	11,630	101,230	101,110	102,780
Lewis	6,350	6,330	6,090	1,100	1,100	960	5,250	5,240	5,140
Lincoln	3,530	3,540	3,470	820	820	760	2,710	2,720	2,720
Logan	12,660	12,730	11,780	2,840	2,860	2,370	9,820	9,870	9,410
McDowell	6,780	6,850	6,420	1,780	1,830	1,500	5,000	5,020	4,920
Marion	22,210	21,890	22,180	4,010	4,080	4,230	18,200	17,810	17,960
Marshall	11,370	11,370	11,230	3,020	3,050	2,910	8,360	8,330	8,330
Mason	7,000	7,090	6,980	850	850	840	6,140	6,230	6,140
Mercer	23,420	23,640	23,830	2,260	2,280	2,290	21,160	21,360	21,540
Mineral	8,330	8,160	7,990	2,350	2,290	2,180	5,980	5,870	5,810
Mingo	9,520	9,580	9,120	3,770	3,830	3,680	5,760	5,740	5,440
Monongalia	55,260	53,500	54,140	6,230	6,250	5,830	49,040	47,250	48,310
Monroe	2,530	2,560	2,460	610	620	620	1,920	1,940	1,830
Morgan	3,130	3,140	3,140	440	450	480	2,690	2,690	2,660
Nicholas	9,430	9,400	9,050	2,240	2,250	2,050	7,190	7,140	7,000
Ohio	31,100	31,220	31,570	2,340	2,360	2,400	28,760	28,860	29,170
Pendleton	1,890	1,890	1,910	160	180	190	1,730	1,720	1,720
Pleasants	3,160	3,160	3,250	850	830	940	2,320	2,330	2,310
Pocahontas	3,770	3,870	3,890	480	480	500	3,290	3,390	3,390
Preston	7,490	7,650	7,640	1,580	1,670	1,710	5,900	5,990	5,930
Putnam	21,330	21,440	20,810	5,570	5,630	4,990	15,760	15,810	15,830
Raleigh	33,850	33,960	32,830	4,870	4,720	4,220	28,980	29,230	28,610
Randolph	12,290	12,350	12,640	2,120	2,160	2,430	10,170	10,190	10,220
Ritchie	3,440	3,450	3,380	1,470	1,470	1,450	1,970	1,980	1,930
Roane	3,490	3,500	3,450	700	720	690	2,790	2,790	2,760
Summers	2,580	2,610	2,590	140	140	130	2,440	2,470	2,460
Taylor	2,920	3,110	3,080	170	310	380	2,750	2,790	2,700
Tucker	2,860	2,850	2,950	390	380	410	2,470	2,470	2,540
Tyler	2,590	2,610	2,700	760	760	750	1,830	1,850	1,950
Upshur	9,020	8,910	8,960	2,300	2,290	2,270	6,720	6,620	6,690
Wayne	10,390	10,440	10,170	1,940	1,950	1,790	8,450	8,500	8,380
Webster	2,520	2,550	2,470	750	750	710	1,770	1,800	1,760
Wetzel	5,010	4,990	5,030	500	460	440	4,520	4,530	4,590
Wirt	920	920	850	210	210	190	710	710	660
Wood	41,630	41,740	41,380	6,110	6,180	5,960	35,520	35,560	35,420
Wyoming	5,940	5,930	5,440	1,780	1,780	1,320	4,160	4,150	4,130
Statewide	736,500	739,200	750,600	116,500	119,200	119,800	620,000	620,000	630,800

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Population and Per Capita Income by County

	2000 Census	Population Estimated July 1, 2008	Change from 2000 to July 1, 2008 Estimate		Per capita Personal Income 2006
			Number	Percent	
Barbour	15,557	15,600	43	0.3	\$22,653
Berkeley	75,905	102,044	26,139	34.4	28,085
Boone	25,535	24,977	-558	-2.2	23,495
Braxton	14,702	14,700	-2	0.0	20,293
Brooke	25,447	23,520	-1,927	-7.6	26,997
Cabell	96,785	94,631	-2,154	-2.2	29,580
Calhoun	7,582	7,212	-370	-4.9	19,753
Clay	10,330	10,075	-255	-2.5	18,110
Doddridge	7,403	7,201	-202	-2.7	20,737
Fayette	47,579	46,341	-1,238	-2.6	23,930
Gilmer	7,160	6,873	-287	-4.0	23,665
Grant	11,299	12,047	748	6.6	25,150
Greenbrier	34,453	34,567	114	0.3	27,465
Hampshire	20,202	22,574	2,372	11.7	22,320
Hancock	32,667	30,008	-2,659	-8.1	27,770
Hardy	12,669	13,591	922	7.3	23,626
Harrison	68,651	68,853	202	0.3	31,333
Jackson	28,000	28,157	157	0.6	24,424
Jefferson	42,190	51,615	9,425	22.3	33,990
Kanawha	200,076	191,018	-9,058	-4.5	36,879
Lewis	16,919	17,281	362	2.1	25,604
Lincoln	22,108	22,386	278	1.3	20,445
Logan	37,710	35,525	-2,185	-5.8	27,302
McDowell	27,329	22,707	-4,622	-16.9	19,898
Marion	56,598	56,496	-102	-0.2	28,738
Marshall	35,519	32,766	-2,753	-7.8	27,458
Mason	25,959	25,678	-281	-1.1	23,825
Mercer	62,980	61,500	-1,480	-2.3	27,231
Mineral	27,078	26,795	-283	-1.0	25,795
Mingo	28,253	26,352	-1,901	-6.7	25,150
Monongalia	81,867	88,221	6,354	7.8	31,742
Monroe	13,194	13,739	545	4.1	22,131
Morgan	14,943	16,325	1,382	9.2	32,510
Nicholas	26,562	26,137	-425	-1.6	24,432
Ohio	47,433	44,106	-3,327	-7.0	34,901
Pendleton	8,196	7,582	-614	-7.5	26,081
Pleasants	7,514	7,150	-364	-4.8	28,215
Pocahontas	9,131	8,472	-659	-7.2	25,926
Preston	29,334	30,285	951	3.2	25,020
Putnam	51,586	55,488	3,902	7.6	31,674
Raleigh	79,220	79,357	137	0.2	28,828
Randolph	28,262	28,264	2	0.0	27,671
Ritchie	10,343	10,308	-35	-0.3	25,207
Roane	15,443	15,169	-274	-1.8	21,163
Summers	14,388	13,017	-1,371	-9.5	20,383
Taylor	16,089	16,158	69	0.4	22,780
Tucker	7,321	6,877	-444	-6.1	25,416
Tyler	9,592	8,841	-751	-7.8	22,061
Upshur	23,404	23,582	178	0.8	23,223
Wayne	42,903	41,082	-1,821	-4.2	23,412
Webster	9,719	9,394	-325	-3.3	20,298
Wetzel	17,693	16,329	-1,364	-7.7	26,039
Wirt	5,873	5,757	-116	-2.0	18,717
Wood	87,982	86,204	-1,778	-2.0	28,900
Wyoming	25,708	23,534	-2,174	-8.5	23,462
West Virginia	1,808,345	1814468	6,123	0.3	\$28,206
United States	281,424,602	304,059,724	22,635,122	8.0	\$36,714

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

Demographics:

Area:	Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln and Putnam counties in West Virginia
Total Population July 1, 2008:	303,944
Population 16 years and Over (based on 2000 census):	248,410
Per capita Personal Income 2006:	\$33,010

Labor Force:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Feb 2009</i>	<i>Jan 2009</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
Civilian Labor Force	135.7	136.4	138.8
Total Employment	127.6	129.7	132.7
Total Unemployment	8.1	6.7	6.1
Unemployment Rate	6.0	4.9	4.4

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	<i>Feb 2009</i>	<i>Jan 2009</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
Total Nonfarm	148.8	149.4	149.6
Total Private	121.3	121.8	122.0
Goods Producing	22.5	22.9	22.0
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	16.5	16.9	15.7
Manufacturing	6.0	6.0	6.3
Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.2
Nondurable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.1
Service-Providing	126.3	126.5	127.6
Private Service-Providing	98.8	98.9	100.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.1	28.2	28.5
Wholesale Trade	5.8	5.8	5.8
Retail Trade	15.7	15.7	16.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.6	6.7	6.6
Information	2.7	2.7	2.8
Financial Activities	8.0	8.0	8.1
Professional & Business Services	14.2	14.3	15.1
Educational & Health Service	22.5	22.4	22.1
Leisure & Hospitality	11.7	11.7	11.8
Other Services	11.6	11.6	11.6
Government	27.5	27.6	27.6
Federal Government	2.6	2.7	2.7
State Government	11.7	11.7	11.8
Local Government	13.2	13.2	13.1
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, 2008:	284,234
Population 16 years and Over (based on 2000 census):	232,229
Per capita Personal Income 2006:	\$27,145

Labor Force:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Feb 2009</i>	<i>Jan 2009</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
Civilian Labor Force	130.6	131.6	131.2
Total Employment	120.8	122.5	124.3
Total Unemployment	9.8	9.1	6.9
Unemployment Rate	7.5	6.9	5.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	<i>Feb 2009</i>	<i>Jan 2009</i>	<i>Feb 2008</i>
Total Nonfarm	116.7	117.7	118.3
Total Private	96.4	97.1	98.1
Goods Producing	16.0	16.3	16.4
Manufacturing	8.8	8.9	9.9
Service-Providing	100.7	101.4	101.9
Private Service-Providing	80.4	80.8	81.7
Retail Trade	15.1	15.4	15.7
Professional & Business Services	9.9	9.9	10.7
Educational & Health Service	24.1	24.0	23.1
Leisure & Hospitality	10.2	10.4	10.7
Government	20.3	20.6	20.2
Federal Government	3.1	3.1	2.9
State Government	5.5	5.7	5.6
Local Government	11.7	11.8	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
 Total Population July 1, 2008: 118,506
 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>	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Civilian Labor Force	62.0	60.9	62.7
Total Employment	59.1	58.5	60.5
Total Unemployment	2.9	2.4	2.2
Unemployment Rate	4.6	3.9	3.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Total Nonfarm	62.8	61.2	61.8
Total Private	45.0	45.2	44.4
Goods Producing	7.8	7.9	7.5
Manufacturing	4.0	4.0	4.1
Service-Providing	55.0	53.3	54.3
Private Service-Providing	37.2	37.3	36.9
Retail Trade	6.6	6.7	6.8
Professional & Business Services	4.5	4.5	4.5
Educational & Health Service	12.6	12.5	12.2
Leisure & Hospitality	6.5	6.4	5.8
Government	17.8	16.0	17.4
Federal Government	1.9	1.9	1.9
State Government	11.7	9.9	11.4
Local Government	4.2	4.2	4.1
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, 2008: 160,678
 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>	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Civilian Labor Force	78.4	78.8	78.5
Total Employment	71.2	72.5	73.9
Total Unemployment	7.2	6.4	4.6
Unemployment Rate	9.2	8.1	5.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Total Nonfarm	70.6	71.4	71.4
Total Private	59.6	60.5	60.4
Goods Producing	13.1	13.3	13.0
Manufacturing	8.2	8.2	8.3
Service-Providing	57.5	58.1	58.4
Private Service-Providing	46.5	47.2	47.4
Educational and Health Service	12.7	12.6	12.4
Government	11.0	10.9	11.0
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5
State Government	1.6	1.5	1.6
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, 2008: 144,847
 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>	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Civilian Labor Force	68.2	68.3	68.2
Total Employment	62.2	62.9	64.2
Total Unemployment	6.0	5.4	4.0
Unemployment Rate	8.8	7.9	5.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Total Nonfarm	66.4	66.8	67.0
Total Private	56.0	56.7	56.7
Goods Producing	8.8	8.9	8.5
Manufacturing	4.0	4.0	4.2
Service-Providing	57.6	57.9	58.5
Private Service-Providing	47.2	47.8	48.2
Educational & Health Service	13.2	13.0	13.0
Government	10.4	10.1	10.3
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.5	2.1	2.2
Local Government	7.2	7.3	7.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Statistical Areas

Micropolitan Statistical Areas	<i>Prelim Feb 2009</i>	<i>Rev Jan 2009</i>	<i>Rev Feb 2008</i>
Beckley-Oak Hill CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	49.5	49.5	49.5
Total Employment	46.2	46.8	46.9
Total Unemployment	3.3	2.7	2.6
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.5	5.2
Beckley MCSA <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	32.2	32.4	32.0
Total Employment	30.3	30.8	30.5
Total Unemployment	1.9	1.6	1.5
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.0	4.7
Oak Hill MCSA <i>Fayette County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	17.3	17.1	17.4
Total Employment	15.9	16.0	16.4
Total Unemployment	1.4	1.1	1.1
Unemployment Rate	7.9	6.5	6.1
Bluefield MCSA <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	45.2	45.4	45.7
Total Employment	42.3	42.9	43.7
Total Unemployment	2.9	2.6	2.0
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.6	4.4
Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	64.6	64.7	66.4
Total Employment	60.7	61.4	63.3
Total Unemployment	3.9	3.3	3.0
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.1	4.6
Fairmont MCSA <i>Marion County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	25.4	25.3	26.0
Total Employment	24.1	24.1	24.9
Total Unemployment	1.3	1.1	1.1
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.5	4.2
Clarksburg MCSA <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	39.1	39.4	40.3
Total Employment	36.6	37.3	38.4
Total Unemployment	2.6	2.2	1.9
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.5	4.8
Point Pleasant MCSA <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	24.0	23.9	24.3
Total Employment	21.6	21.7	22.4
Total Unemployment	2.4	2.2	1.8
Unemployment Rate	10.2	9.2	7.6

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 2008 benchmark.

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

Metropolitan Statistical Areas that include West Virginia Counties	<i>Prelim Feb 2009</i>	<i>Rev Jan 2009</i>	<i>Rev Feb 2008</i>
Steubenville-Weirton MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	58.5	58.0	57.4
Total Employment	52.2	52.3	53.7
Total Unemployment	6.2	5.7	3.7
Unemployment Rate	10.6	9.9	6.4
Cumberland MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	49.0	48.9	49.1
Total Employment	44.5	44.6	46.2
Total Unemployment	4.5	4.2	2.9
Unemployment Rate	9.1	8.6	5.9
Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington			
Civilian Labor Force	3,006.2	3,001.7	2,992.9
Total Employment	2,823.5	2,834.4	2,897.1
Total Unemployment	182.7	167.3	95.9
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.6	3.2
Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	119.6	119.2	120.8
Total Employment	108.1	109.0	114.8
Total Unemployment	11.5	10.2	6.0
Unemployment Rate	9.7	8.5	5.0
Winchester MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	64.4	63.8	64.3
Total Employment	58.5	58.9	61.7
Total Unemployment	5.9	4.9	2.6
Unemployment Rate	9.2	7.7	4.0

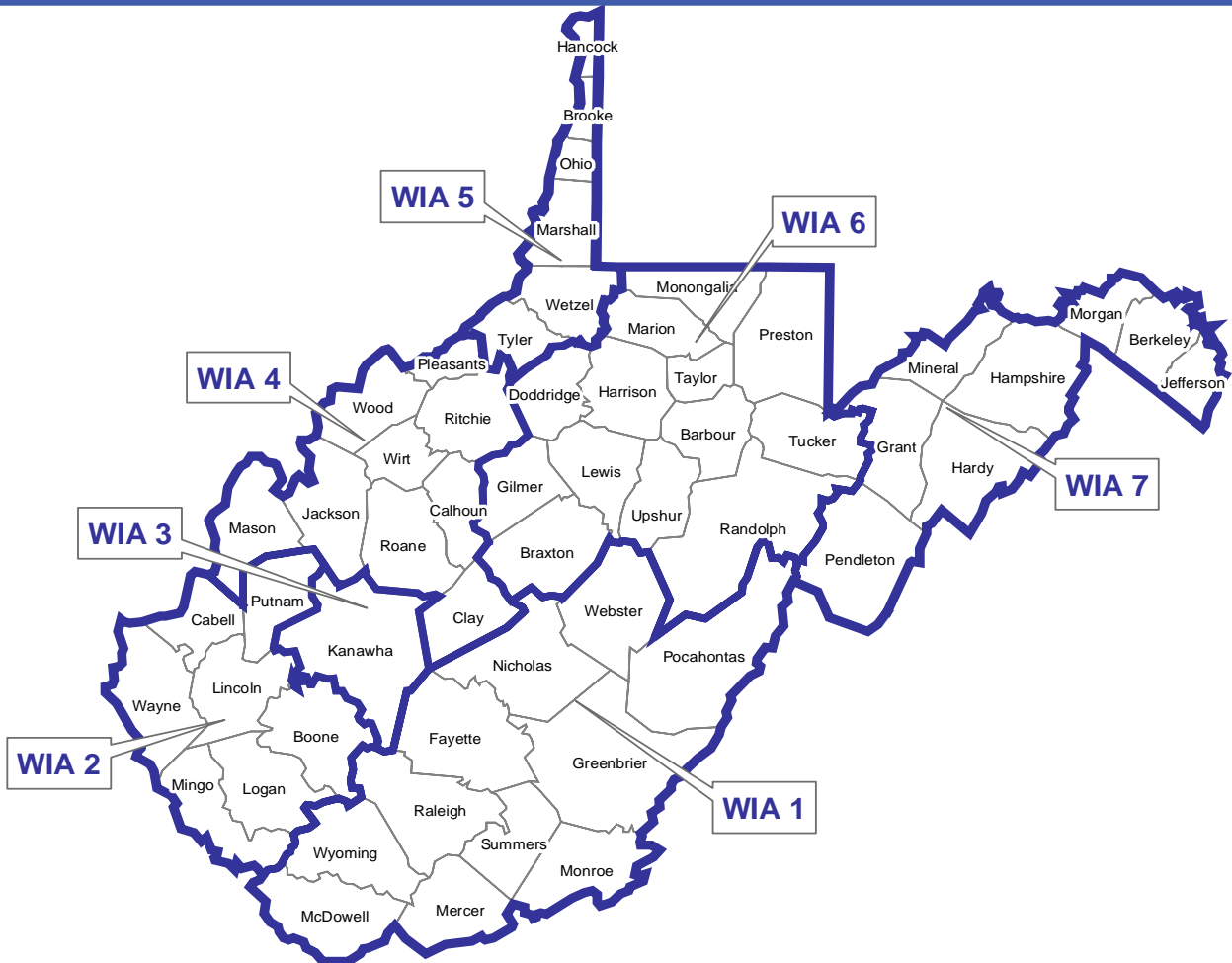
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Workforce Investment Area 1

February 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 600
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector down 600
- Total unemployment up 1,600
- Unemployment rate up one and three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.6 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 1,800
- Goods-producing sector up 1,700
- Service-providing sector up 100
- Total unemployment up 2,600
- Unemployment rate up two percentage points from 5.6 percent

Labor Force Data

	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Civilian Labor Force	131.6	132.1	132.5
Employment	121.6	123.7	125.1
Unemployment	10.0	8.4	7.4
Unemployment Rate	7.6	6.3	5.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment

	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Total Nonfarm Payroll	117.2	117.8	115.4
Total Private	93.6	94.1	91.7
Goods-Producing	18.5	18.5	16.8
Mining & Logging	8.0	8.1	6.8
Construction	4.5	4.4	4.1
Manufacturing	6.0	6.0	6.0
Service-Providing	98.7	99.3	98.6
Private Service-Providing	75.1	75.6	74.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.1	23.3	23.1
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5
Retail Trade	15.8	15.9	16.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.8	3.8	3.6
Information	1.3	1.3	1.4
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	4.0
Professional & Business Services	6.9	6.9	6.8
Educational & Health Services	17.4	17.5	17.2
Leisure & Hospitality	12.5	12.7	12.6
Other Services	10.1	10.1	9.9
Government	23.5	23.7	23.7
Federal	2.9	3.0	3.0
State	5.5	5.7	5.7
Local	15.1	15.1	15.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

In thousands, not seasonally adjusted. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Workforce Investment Area 2

February 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 700
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 500
- Total unemployment up 1,700
- Unemployment rate up one and four-tenths of a percentage point to 6.6 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 3,100
- Goods-producing sector up 2,000
- Service-providing sector up 1,100
- Total unemployment up 2,400
- Unemployment rate up two percentage points from 4.6 percent

	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	126.4	126.9	128.1
Employment	118.1	120.3	122.2
Unemployment	8.3	6.6	5.9
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.2	4.6
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	122.4	123.1	119.3
Total Private	102.1	102.4	99.3
Goods-Producing	27.1	27.2	25.1
Mining & Logging	9.9	10.0	9.1
Construction	8.3	8.3	6.9
Manufacturing	8.9	9.0	9.1
Service-Providing	95.3	95.8	94.2
Private Service-Providing	75.0	75.2	74.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.8	24.0	24.2
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.7	4.5
Retail Trade	13.6	13.7	13.9
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.6	5.6	5.8
Information	1.6	1.6	1.6
Financial Activities	3.8	3.9	3.9
Professional & Business Services	10.4	10.4	10.5
Educational & Health Services	17.6	17.6	16.9
Leisure & Hospitality	10.1	10.0	9.6
Other Services	7.7	7.7	7.6
Government	20.3	20.7	20.0
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.7
State	5.5	5.8	5.5
Local	11.9	12.0	11.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 3

February 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 200
- Goods-producing sector down 300
- Service-providing sector up 100
- Total unemployment up 700
- Unemployment rate up nine-tenths of a percentage point to 5.6 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,900
- Goods-producing sector down 300
- Service-providing sector down 1,600
- Total unemployment up 1,100
- Unemployment rate up one and four-tenths of a percentage point from 4.2 percent

	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	88.7	89.3	90.9
Employment	83.7	85.1	87.1
Unemployment	4.9	4.2	3.8
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.7	4.2
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	112.5	112.7	114.4
Total Private	90.5	90.8	92.3
Goods-Producing	11.3	11.6	11.6
Mining & Logging	3.2	3.1	3.0
Construction	4.3	4.7	4.6
Manufacturing	3.8	3.8	4.0
Service-Providing	101.2	101.1	102.8
Private Service-Providing	79.2	79.2	80.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20.4	20.5	20.7
Wholesale Trade	4.0	4.0	4.1
Retail Trade	12.2	12.3	12.5
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.2	4.2	4.0
Information	2.2	2.2	2.3
Financial Activities	6.8	6.8	6.9
Professional & Business Services	11.6	11.6	12.7
Educational & Health Services	19.6	19.5	19.3
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	9.5	9.7
Other Services	9.1	9.1	9.2
Government	22.0	21.9	22.1
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.4
State	11.1	11.0	11.2
Local	8.6	8.5	8.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 4

February 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 200
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 100
- Total unemployment up 1,300
- Unemployment rate up one and six-tenths of a percentage point to 9.6 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 500
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 500
- Total unemployment up 2,300
- Unemployment rate up two and nine-tenths of a percentage point from 6.7 percent

	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	83.3	83.5	84.3
Employment	75.3	76.8	78.6
Unemployment	8.0	6.7	5.7
Unemployment Rate	9.6	8.0	6.7
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.5	72.7	72.0
Total Private	59.3	59.6	59.1
Goods-Producing	13.7	13.8	13.7
Mining & Logging	1.9	1.9	1.9
Construction	3.7	3.7	3.5
Manufacturing	8.1	8.2	8.3
Service-Providing	58.8	58.9	58.3
Private Service-Providing	45.6	45.9	45.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	15.0	15.2	15.4
Wholesale Trade	1.7	1.7	1.7
Retail Trade	9.9	10.1	10.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.5	3.4	3.4
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1
Financial Activities	3.0	3.1	3.0
Professional & Business Services	3.6	3.6	3.8
Educational & Health Services	10.7	10.8	10.6
Leisure & Hospitality	6.7	6.7	6.2
Other Services	5.4	5.4	5.4
Government	13.2	13.1	12.9
Federal	2.6	2.5	2.6
State	2.5	2.3	2.4
Local	8.2	8.3	7.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 5

February 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 200
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 100
- Total unemployment up 1,100
- Unemployment rate up one and six-tenths of a percentage point to 9.7 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,600
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 1,500
- Total unemployment up 2,500
- Unemployment rate up three and seven-tenths of a percentage point from 6.0 percent

	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	70.4	70.1	70.7
Employment	63.6	64.4	66.5
Unemployment	6.8	5.7	4.3
Unemployment Rate	9.7	8.1	6.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	71.0	71.2	72.6
Total Private	60.8	61.1	62.2
Goods-Producing	11.9	12.0	12.0
Mining & Logging	1.4	1.4	1.2
Construction	2.1	2.1	2.0
Manufacturing	8.5	8.5	8.8
Service-Providing	59.1	59.2	60.6
Private Service-Providing	48.9	49.1	50.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	11.2	11.3	11.6
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.3	2.3
Retail Trade	7.3	7.3	7.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1.8	1.8	1.7
Information	0.6	0.6	0.6
Financial Activities	2.7	2.7	2.8
Professional & Business Services	5.6	5.6	5.7
Educational & Health Services	12.8	12.8	13.1
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	9.2	9.6
Other Services	6.8	6.8	6.7
Government	10.2	10.1	10.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	1.9	1.7	1.9
Local	7.6	7.7	7.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 6

February 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 1,900
- Goods-producing sector down 400
- Service-providing sector up 2,200
- Total unemployment up 2,100
- Unemployment rate up one and one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.4 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 600
- Goods-producing sector down 300
- Service-providing sector up 900
- Total unemployment up 3,100
- Unemployment rate up one and eight-tenths of a percentage point from 4.6 percent

Labor Force Data	Feb	Jan	Feb
	2009	2009	2008
Civilian Labor Force	175.6	173.7	178.7
Employment	164.4	164.6	170.5
Unemployment	11.3	9.2	8.2
Unemployment Rate	6.4	5.3	4.6
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	164.6	162.7	164.0
Total Private	124.0	124.5	124.1
Goods-Producing	24.2	24.6	24.5
Mining & Logging	5.8	5.9	5.6
Construction	7.4	7.5	7.2
Manufacturing	11.0	11.2	11.7
Service-Providing	140.3	138.1	139.4
Private Service-Providing	99.7	99.8	99.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.1	28.3	28.6
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.8
Retail Trade	19.0	19.2	19.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.4	5.4	5.3
Information	1.9	1.9	2.0
Financial Activities	4.7	4.8	4.9
Professional & Business Services	11.2	11.3	11.5
Educational & Health Services	27.8	27.5	27.5
Leisure & Hospitality	15.4	15.3	14.2
Other Services	10.6	10.7	10.9
Government	40.6	38.2	39.9
Federal	6.9	6.9	6.7
State	17.3	15.1	17.1
Local	16.3	16.2	16.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 7

February 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 300
- Goods-producing sector up 100
- Service-providing sector up 300
- Total unemployment up 1,600
- Unemployment rate up one and three-tenths of a percentage point to 8.5 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,500
- Goods-producing sector down 700
- Service-providing sector down 800
- Total unemployment up 4,200
- Unemployment rate up three and eight-tenths of a percentage point from 4.7 percent

Labor Force Data	Feb	Jan	Feb
	2009	2009	2008
Civilian Labor Force	113.3	112.4	115.9
Employment	103.7	104.4	110.5
Unemployment	9.6	8.0	5.4
Unemployment Rate	8.5	7.2	4.7
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	71.9	71.6	73.4
Total Private	53.4	53.4	55.5
Goods-Producing	12.5	12.4	13.2
Mining & Logging	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	3.3	3.2	3.7
Manufacturing	8.6	8.6	8.9
Service-Providing	59.4	59.1	60.2
Private Service-Providing	40.8	41.0	42.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.3	12.4	13.2
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.6	1.7
Retail Trade	8.5	8.5	9.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.3
Information	1.9	1.9	2.2
Financial Activities	2.5	2.5	2.6
Professional & Business Services	4.2	4.2	4.5
Educational & Health Services	8.1	8.1	7.9
Leisure & Hospitality	7.7	7.8	7.8
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.2
Government	18.5	18.1	17.9
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.5
State	3.3	3.0	3.2
Local	10.4	10.3	10.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Occupational Profile

Medical Assistants are projected to have an excellent job outlook through 2016. Expected job openings will average approximately 99 per year, 72 of which will be new job growth. The average annual growth rate is projected to be 2.89% per year, more than four times the growth rate for all occupations combined (.61%). Education and training for Medical Assistants typically requires one or two years of work-related experience and most require formal vocational education or higher.

“As the health care industry expands because of technological advances in medicine and the growth and aging of the population, there will be an increased need for all health care workers. Increasing use of medical assistants in the rapidly growing health care industry will further stimulate job growth.

Helping to drive job growth is the increasing number of group practices, clinics, and other health care facilities that need a high proportion of support personnel, particularly medical assistants who can handle both administrative and clinical duties. In addition, medical assistants work primarily in outpatient settings, a rapidly growing sector of the health care industry.”¹

¹ Occupational Outlook Handbook, US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 1 - Growth

Area	Annual Openings	Growth Rate
WIA 1	21	3.25%
WIA 2	21	3.25%
WIA 3	23	3.16%
WIA 4	7	2.72%
WIA 5	7	3.02%
WIA 6	20	2.79%
WIA 7	5	3.06%

Table 2 - Wage History

	This Occupation	*	Compared to all Occupations	*	Difference
2008 Q3	\$10.52	2.4%	\$12.69	2.3%	-\$2.17
2007	\$10.27	4.0%	\$12.40	3.3%	-\$2.13
2006	\$9.87	2.9%	\$12.00	3.1%	-\$2.13
2005	\$9.59	2.1%	\$11.63	2.4%	-\$2.04
2004	\$9.39	1.8%	\$11.35	2.6%	-\$1.96
2003	\$9.22	2.4%	\$11.06	3.1%	-\$1.84
2002	\$9.00	2.3%	\$10.72	2.4%	-\$1.72
2001	\$8.79		\$10.46		-\$1.67

* %Change

Table 3 - Top Employing Industries

	Employment	%
Education & Health Services	2,220	97.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	40	1.7%

Table 4 - Best Paying Industries

	Employment	Median Wage
Public Administration		\$10.67
Education & Health Services	2,220	\$10.52
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	40	\$17.16

Table 5 - Top Areas by This Occupation

Highest Employment			Highest Pay		
Area	Median Wage	Employment	Area	Median Wage	Employment
WIA 6	\$10.78	440	WIA 5	\$11.04	180
WIA 1	\$9.52	380	WIA 3	\$11.00	370
WIA 3	\$11.00	370	WIA 7	\$10.88	120
WIA 2	\$10.72	350	WIA 6	\$10.78	440
WIA 4	\$9.58	190	WIA 2	\$10.72	350
WIA 5	\$11.04	180	WIA 4	\$9.58	190
WIA 7	\$10.88	120	WIA 1	\$9.52	380

State Economic Indicators

Trends in the Labor Market

	Feb-09	Jan-09	Feb-08
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	40.8	41.2	41.1
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	1,733	1,791	1,900
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$773.16	\$779.09	\$775.56
Coal Production (tons)	12,106	13,001	12,930

Unemployment Compensation Selected Claims Activities

	Feb-09	Jan-09	Feb-08
Initial Claims	10,498	14,793	6,073
Weeks Claimed	121,046	116,230	77,348
Benefits Paid	\$24,919,542	\$21,992,220	\$14,963,923
Weeks Compensated	100,162	91,366	63,094
Average Weekly Payment	\$248.79	\$240.70	\$237.17
Trust Fund Balance	\$200,485,732	\$213,900,756	\$225,535,623
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.4	4.0	2.7
Seasonally Adjusted	3.2	2.9	2.0

Unemployment Rate by State*	February 2009		January 2009		State*	February 2009		January 2009	
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Alabama	8.4	17	7.8	17	Montana	6.0	39	5.6	40
Alaska	8.0	22	7.8	17	Nebraska	4.2	50	4.3	49
Arizona	7.4	28	7.0	26	Nevada	10.1	7	9.4	7
Arkansas	6.6	35	6.4	34	New Hampshire	5.3	45	5.2	41
California	10.5	5	10.1	4	New Jersey	8.2	20	7.3	24
Colorado	7.2	31	6.6	32	New Mexico	5.4	44	5.1	43
Connecticut	7.4	28	7.3	24	New York	7.8	24	7.0	26
Delaware	7.4	28	6.7	31	North Carolina	10.7	4	9.7	6
District of Columbia	9.9	8	9.2	9	North Dakota	4.3	49	4.2	50
Florida	9.4	9	8.8	10	Ohio	9.4	9	8.8	10
Georgia	9.3	12	8.5	15	Oklahoma	5.5	43	5.0	45
Hawaii	6.5	37	6.1	37	Oregon	10.8	3	9.8	5
Idaho	6.8	33	6.5	33	Pennsylvania	7.5	27	7.0	26
Illinois	8.6	16	7.8	17	Rhode Island	10.5	5	10.3	2
Indiana	9.4	9	9.3	8	South Carolina	11.0	2	10.3	2
Iowa	4.9	47	4.8	46	South Dakota	4.6	48	4.4	48
Kansas	5.9	41	5.8	39	Tennessee	9.1	14	8.6	14
Kentucky	9.2	13	8.8	10	Texas	6.5	37	6.4	34
Louisiana	5.7	42	5.1	43	Utah	5.1	46	4.6	47
Maine	8.0	22	7.7	21	Vermont	7.0	32	6.8	30
Maryland	6.7	34	6.2	36	Virginia	6.6	35	6.0	38
Massachusetts	7.8	24	7.4	23	Washington	8.4	17	7.8	17
Michigan	12.0	1	11.6	1	West Virginia	6.0	39	5.2	41
Minnesota	8.1	21	7.5	22	Wisconsin	7.7	26	7.0	26
Mississippi	9.1	14	8.7	13	Wyoming	3.9	51	3.7	51
Missouri	8.3	19	8.1	16	United States	8.1	xx	7.6	xx

Seasonally adjusted data. In thousands.

*Includes District of Columbia

Selected National Data

	Feb-09	Jan-09	Feb-08
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	8.9	8.5	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted	8.1	7.6	4.8
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	212.2	211.1	211.7
1967 Base	635.6	632.5	634.1
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	170.1	170.3	172.2
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$617.72	\$607.99	\$596.52
Average Weekly Hours	33.3	32.9	33.4
Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.55	\$18.48	\$17.86

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