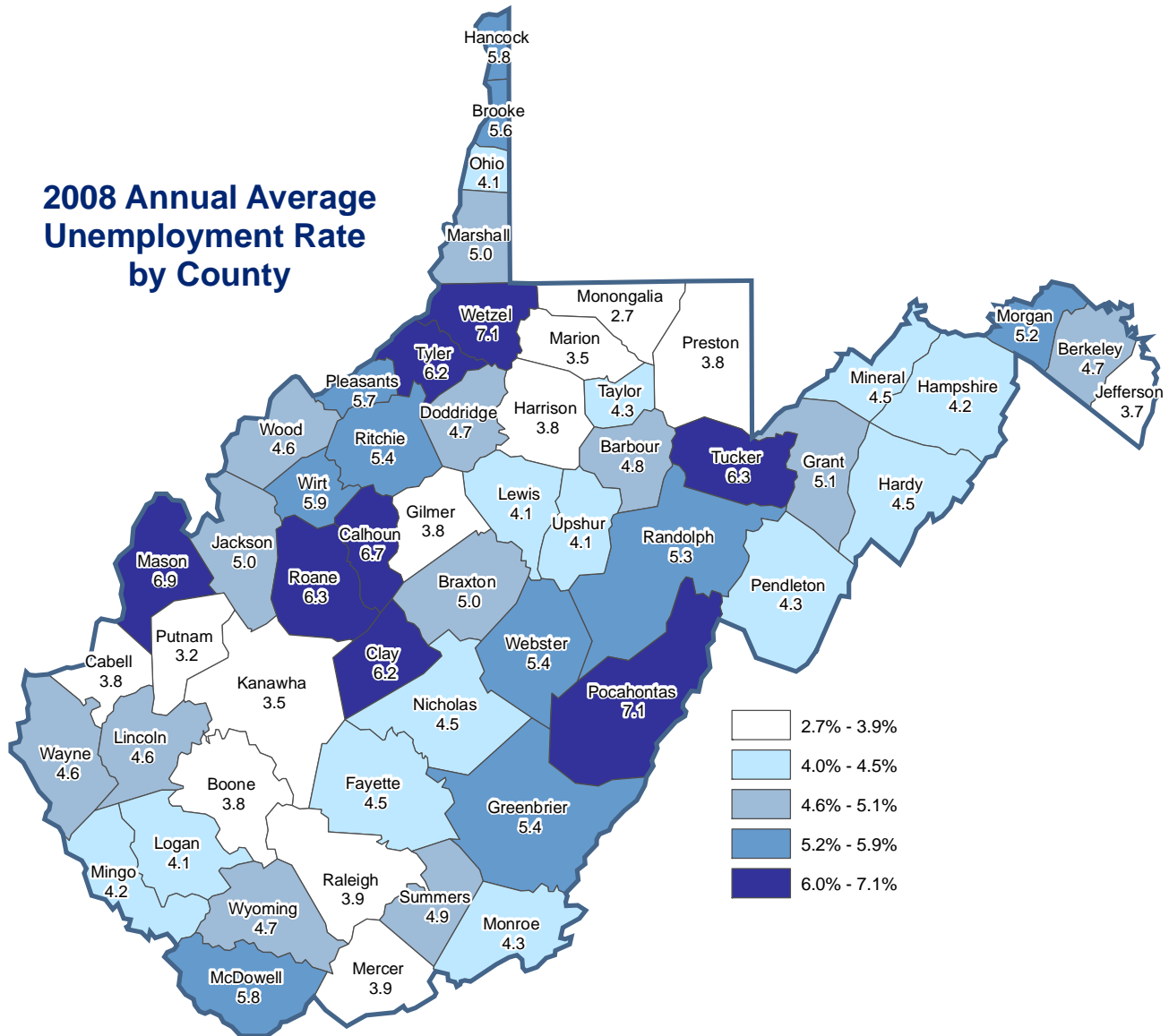


West Virginia Economic Summary

A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
IN
MARCH 2009

2008 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by County



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Civilian Labor Force Statistics, by County - Annual Averages

County	Civilian Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006
Barbour	6,690	6,750	6,770	6,370	6,400	6,410	320	350	360	4.8	5.2	5.4
Berkeley	45,550	46,120	45,570	43,400	44,330	43,780	2,140	1,790	1,790	4.7	3.9	3.9
Boone	9,400	9,480	9,470	9,040	9,050	9,060	360	420	420	3.8	4.5	4.4
Braxton	5,880	6,030	5,990	5,580	5,720	5,680	300	310	310	5.0	5.2	5.2
Brooke	11,060	10,970	11,010	10,440	10,350	10,250	620	620	760	5.6	5.6	6.9
Cabell	45,020	45,780	44,850	43,330	44,020	42,940	1,700	1,760	1,910	3.8	3.9	4.3
Calhoun	2,770	2,760	2,730	2,580	2,570	2,540	190	180	190	6.7	6.7	6.8
Clay	3,480	3,500	3,500	3,270	3,270	3,280	220	230	230	6.2	6.6	6.4
Doddridge	2,830	2,830	2,900	2,690	2,700	2,760	130	130	140	4.7	4.6	4.9
Fayette	17,980	18,180	18,120	17,160	17,240	17,170	810	940	960	4.5	5.1	5.3
Gilmer	3,090	3,110	3,120	2,970	3,000	2,990	120	120	140	3.8	3.8	4.4
Grant	5,240	5,320	5,160	4,970	5,060	4,860	270	260	290	5.1	5.0	5.6
Greenbrier	15,100	15,650	15,700	14,290	14,750	14,790	810	900	910	5.4	5.8	5.8
Hampshire	9,440	9,720	9,880	9,050	9,390	9,510	400	330	370	4.2	3.4	3.7
Hancock	14,620	14,450	14,620	13,780	13,660	13,580	850	790	1,040	5.8	5.4	7.1
Hardy	6,830	7,240	7,310	6,520	6,950	7,040	310	290	270	4.5	4.0	3.7
Harrison	30,730	30,850	30,950	29,550	29,600	29,600	1,180	1,240	1,360	3.8	4.0	4.4
Jackson	11,900	12,080	11,890	11,310	11,530	11,300	590	560	580	5.0	4.6	4.9
Jefferson	24,700	25,330	24,960	23,780	24,560	24,170	920	770	790	3.7	3.0	3.2
Kanawha	91,870	92,310	92,020	88,690	88,810	88,250	3,180	3,490	3,770	3.5	3.8	4.1
Lewis	7,350	7,390	7,400	7,050	7,030	7,040	300	360	360	4.1	4.8	4.8
Lincoln	7,980	8,040	8,000	7,610	7,620	7,540	370	410	460	4.6	5.2	5.7
Logan	13,100	12,910	12,960	12,570	12,280	12,370	530	640	590	4.1	4.9	4.5
McDowell	7,210	6,950	6,970	6,790	6,460	6,470	420	490	500	5.8	7.0	7.2
Marion	26,140	26,340	26,310	25,220	25,290	25,210	920	1,050	1,100	3.5	4.0	4.2
Marshall	14,830	14,900	15,090	14,090	14,150	14,280	740	750	810	5.0	5.0	5.3
Mason	10,010	10,370	10,520	9,310	9,690	9,830	690	680	690	6.9	6.5	6.5
Mercer	25,030	24,890	24,450	24,050	23,900	23,330	990	990	1,130	3.9	4.0	4.6
Mineral	13,420	13,430	13,520	12,810	12,830	12,880	600	600	640	4.5	4.5	4.7
Mingo	8,990	8,820	8,630	8,620	8,350	8,190	380	470	440	4.2	5.4	5.1
Monongalia	48,190	47,580	46,210	46,900	46,170	44,720	1,290	1,410	1,490	2.7	3.0	3.2
Monroe	5,860	5,970	5,970	5,610	5,710	5,670	260	270	310	4.3	4.4	5.1
Morgan	7,010	7,100	7,160	6,640	6,790	6,850	360	320	320	5.2	4.5	4.4
Nicholas	10,620	10,820	10,720	10,140	10,310	10,180	480	510	540	4.5	4.7	5.0
Ohio	21,070	21,150	21,090	20,220	20,300	20,150	860	840	940	4.1	4.0	4.5
Pendleton	3,690	3,820	3,870	3,540	3,690	3,720	160	130	150	4.3	3.5	4.0
Pleasants	3,130	3,170	3,190	2,950	3,000	3,030	180	170	170	5.7	5.4	5.2
Pocahontas	3,580	3,750	3,830	3,330	3,490	3,550	250	260	280	7.1	6.9	7.3
Preston	15,100	14,900	14,990	14,520	14,290	14,360	580	610	640	3.8	4.1	4.2
Putnam	27,430	27,550	27,300	26,540	26,580	26,250	890	970	1,050	3.2	3.5	3.8
Raleigh	32,550	32,830	32,970	31,280	31,460	31,570	1,270	1,380	1,400	3.9	4.2	4.2
Randolph	12,740	13,120	13,200	12,060	12,480	12,570	680	630	630	5.3	4.8	4.8
Ritchie	4,500	4,640	4,770	4,260	4,410	4,550	240	230	220	5.4	4.9	4.7
Roane	5,500	5,600	5,560	5,160	5,260	5,230	350	340	330	6.3	6.1	5.9
Summers	4,640	4,760	4,760	4,420	4,490	4,480	230	270	280	4.9	5.7	5.9
Taylor	6,930	6,960	7,020	6,630	6,640	6,680	300	320	350	4.3	4.6	4.9
Tucker	2,890	3,000	3,070	2,710	2,830	2,900	180	170	180	6.3	5.7	5.8
Tyler	3,590	3,680	3,680	3,370	3,460	3,430	220	220	250	6.2	5.9	6.7
Upshur	10,680	10,860	10,850	10,240	10,410	10,370	440	450	480	4.1	4.2	4.4
Wayne	17,540	17,800	17,750	16,740	17,010	16,850	800	790	900	4.6	4.4	5.1
Webster	3,270	3,380	3,440	3,100	3,200	3,260	180	180	190	5.4	5.4	5.4
Wetzel	6,280	6,320	6,370	5,840	5,910	5,880	440	410	490	7.1	6.5	7.7
Wirt	2,460	2,490	2,560	2,320	2,350	2,410	150	140	150	5.9	5.7	5.7
Wood	40,700	41,250	41,400	38,810	39,430	39,500	1,890	1,820	1,910	4.6	4.4	4.6
Wyoming	7,980	8,220	8,350	7,610	7,740	7,920	370	480	440	4.7	5.8	5.2
West Virginia	806,200	813,200	810,400	771,800	778,000	773,100	34,300	35,200	37,300	4.3	4.3	4.6

Data based on March 2008 benchmark.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, by County - Annual Averages

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods Producing			Service Providing		
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006
Barbour	3,940	3,890	3,900	600	540	530	3,340	3,350	3,370
Berkeley	30,340	30,420	30,610	3,510	4,040	4,460	26,830	26,380	26,150
Boone	9,220	8,850	9,110	4,210	3,960	4,120	5,010	4,890	4,990
Braxton	4,470	4,510	4,470	800	820	870	3,670	3,700	3,600
Brooke	9,300	9,310	9,390	2,380	2,440	2,430	6,920	6,870	6,960
Cabell	55,730	55,570	54,390	7,890	7,640	7,410	47,840	47,940	46,980
Calhoun	1,590	1,540	1,520	400	380	380	1,200	1,160	1,140
Clay	2,230	2,390	2,220	610	810	590	1,620	1,580	1,630
Doddridge	1,350	1,340	1,320	200	210	210	1,140	1,130	1,110
Fayette	13,640	13,490	13,400	2,000	1,820	1,630	11,640	11,670	11,770
Gilmer	2,370	2,350	2,340	540	530	530	1,830	1,810	1,810
Grant	4,330	4,220	3,950	1,340	1,240	1,030	2,990	2,980	2,920
Greenbrier	14,190	14,370	14,410	1,730	1,810	1,890	12,470	12,570	12,520
Hampshire	4,420	4,440	4,390	480	530	560	3,940	3,910	3,830
Hancock	12,570	12,360	12,560	3,100	3,430	3,770	9,470	8,930	8,790
Hardy	6,390	6,760	6,910	3,340	3,620	3,820	3,060	3,140	3,090
Harrison	34,850	34,430	34,530	4,530	4,600	4,810	30,320	29,830	29,720
Jackson	9,130	9,240	9,000	2,710	2,780	2,710	6,420	6,460	6,300
Jefferson	15,020	15,540	15,160	1,690	1,870	2,030	13,330	13,670	13,130
Kanawha	115,580	115,710	115,520	12,250	12,240	12,470	103,340	103,470	103,050
Lewis	6,400	6,270	6,300	1,120	1,030	1,130	5,290	5,240	5,170
Lincoln	3,540	3,540	3,610	810	820	880	2,740	2,720	2,740
Logan	12,360	11,900	12,070	2,680	2,360	2,520	9,680	9,530	9,550
McDowell	6,680	6,210	6,240	1,690	1,270	1,200	4,990	4,940	5,040
Marion	22,360	22,330	22,390	4,240	4,110	4,020	18,120	18,220	18,370
Marshall	11,490	11,650	11,900	3,050	3,060	3,240	8,440	8,590	8,660
Mason	7,090	7,120	7,250	870	1,000	1,270	6,230	6,120	5,970
Mercer	23,910	23,870	23,650	2,380	2,380	2,340	21,530	21,490	21,310
Mineral	8,180	7,940	7,810	2,230	2,140	1,970	5,950	5,790	5,840
Mingo	9,470	9,010	8,780	3,870	3,520	3,170	5,600	5,490	5,610
Monongalia	54,810	53,150	51,970	6,250	5,870	5,730	48,570	47,280	46,240
Monroe	2,520	2,490	2,450	630	610	590	1,890	1,880	1,860
Morgan	3,200	3,210	3,200	470	520	540	2,730	2,680	2,660
Nicholas	9,350	9,380	9,240	2,180	2,160	2,090	7,170	7,220	7,160
Ohio	31,950	31,030	30,720	2,490	2,610	2,960	29,470	28,420	27,760
Pendleton	1,930	1,950	1,990	190	200	210	1,740	1,740	1,780
Pleasants	3,270	3,490	3,360	930	1,180	1,090	2,340	2,310	2,270
Pocahontas	3,510	3,580	3,660	510	550	560	2,990	3,030	3,100
Preston	7,890	7,820	7,550	1,880	1,870	1,820	6,020	5,960	5,730
Putnam	21,440	20,260	19,490	5,490	5,180	4,850	15,950	15,080	14,640
Raleigh	33,540	33,400	33,650	4,570	4,500	4,820	28,970	28,900	28,830
Randolph	12,710	12,980	13,080	2,390	2,650	2,890	10,320	10,320	10,190
Ritchie	3,460	3,550	3,700	1,500	1,620	1,810	1,950	1,930	1,890
Roane	3,540	3,560	3,540	760	770	780	2,770	2,790	2,760
Summers	2,710	2,700	2,700	140	180	230	2,570	2,520	2,470
Taylor	3,190	3,240	3,300	380	420	480	2,800	2,820	2,830
Tucker	2,800	2,880	2,970	440	460	480	2,360	2,420	2,490
Tyler	2,700	2,750	2,700	770	790	770	1,930	1,960	1,930
Upshur	9,100	9,090	9,060	2,360	2,490	2,440	6,740	6,610	6,620
Wayne	10,350	10,360	10,350	1,900	1,870	1,830	8,450	8,490	8,520
Webster	2,560	2,560	2,640	730	770	820	1,830	1,790	1,820
Wetzel	5,190	5,190	5,240	560	550	520	4,630	4,640	4,720
Wirt	890	870	830	200	180	140	690	690	690
Wood	42,090	42,460	42,990	6,260	6,260	6,570	35,830	36,200	36,420
Wyoming	5,650	5,750	5,970	1,490	1,620	1,730	4,160	4,130	4,240
Statewide	761,100	758,300	756,000	125,500	126,500	128,400	635,600	631,800	627,600

All data have been revised to March 2008 benchmark.

AT A GLANCE

Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 2,900 over the month of March 2009 to a level of 738,400. The goods-producing sector slipped 600, where declines of 800 in manufacturing and 400 in mining and logging overpowered a gain of 600 in construction. The service-providing sector added 3,500 jobs, with gains of 1,900 in government, 700 in educational and health services, 600 in leisure and hospitality, 200 in trade, transportation, and utilities, and 200 in professional and business services. Information slipped 100, while employment in both other services and financial activities was unchanged over the month.

Since March 2008, the number of payroll jobs in West Virginia has plummeted 16,500. The goods-producing sector has fallen 5,300, where losses of 4,600 in manufacturing and 2,300 in construction have overpowered a gain of 1,600 in mining and logging. The service-providing sector fell 11,200, with losses of 5,800 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 2,300 in professional and business services, 1,700 in leisure and hospitality, 1,200 in financial activities, 800 in other services, and 700 in information. Over-the-year gains included 1,100 in educational and health services and 200 in government.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed state residents rose 2,100 to 60,400 in March 2009, with the corresponding unemployment rate climbing three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment has risen 22,600 since March 2008, when the rate was 4.7 percent and 37,800 were jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate jumped nine-tenths of a percentage point to 6.9 percent, while the national rate climbed four-tenths of a percentage point to 805 percent.

Hours and Earnings

Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$15.63 in March, up nine cents from the previous month. Hourly earnings were up 56 cents over the year. Average weekly earnings rose \$1.51 in March to \$532.98, and were up \$16.08 from the previous March. Average weekly hours were down over the month as well as over the year.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$532.98	\$531.47	\$516.90	34.1	34.2	34.3	\$15.63	\$15.54	\$15.07
Goods Producing	867.68	863.05	837.25	42.1	42.1	41.8	20.61	20.50	20.03
Mining and Logging	1,069.82	1,061.73	1,040.54	47.4	47.0	47.6	22.57	22.59	21.86
Construction	834.24	808.47	771.54	39.5	39.0	38.5	21.12	20.73	20.04
Manufacturing	765.72	772.19	779.67	40.6	40.9	41.1	18.86	18.88	18.97
Durable Goods	738.89	748.60	753.55	40.8	41.2	41.2	18.11	18.17	18.29
Nondurable Goods	809.63	811.24	824.57	40.2	40.3	40.8	20.14	20.13	20.21
Private Service-Providing	453.70	453.60	439.40	32.2	32.4	32.5	14.09	14.00	13.52
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	471.92	466.41	472.06	34.7	34.6	35.6	13.60	13.48	13.26
Wholesale Trade	694.02	683.65	671.27	39.5	39.2	40.1	17.57	17.44	16.74
Retail Trade	348.06	341.48	356.27	31.3	31.3	32.3	11.12	10.91	11.03
Financial Activities	454.92	450.22	425.52	34.0	33.8	33.4	13.38	13.32	12.74
Finance & Insurance	483.26	482.55	446.17	35.3	35.3	34.4	13.69	13.67	12.97
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	370.83	356.36	363.89	30.1	29.5	30.4	12.32	12.08	11.97
Professional & Business Services	581.96	575.75	543.23	35.1	35.0	34.8	16.58	16.45	15.61
Health Care									
Health Care & Social Assistance	537.46	533.86	520.93	33.3	33.2	33.5	16.14	16.08	15.55
Leisure & Hospitality									
Accommodation & Food Service	228.96	226.19	195.31	27.0	26.8	25.8	8.48	8.44	7.57

LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

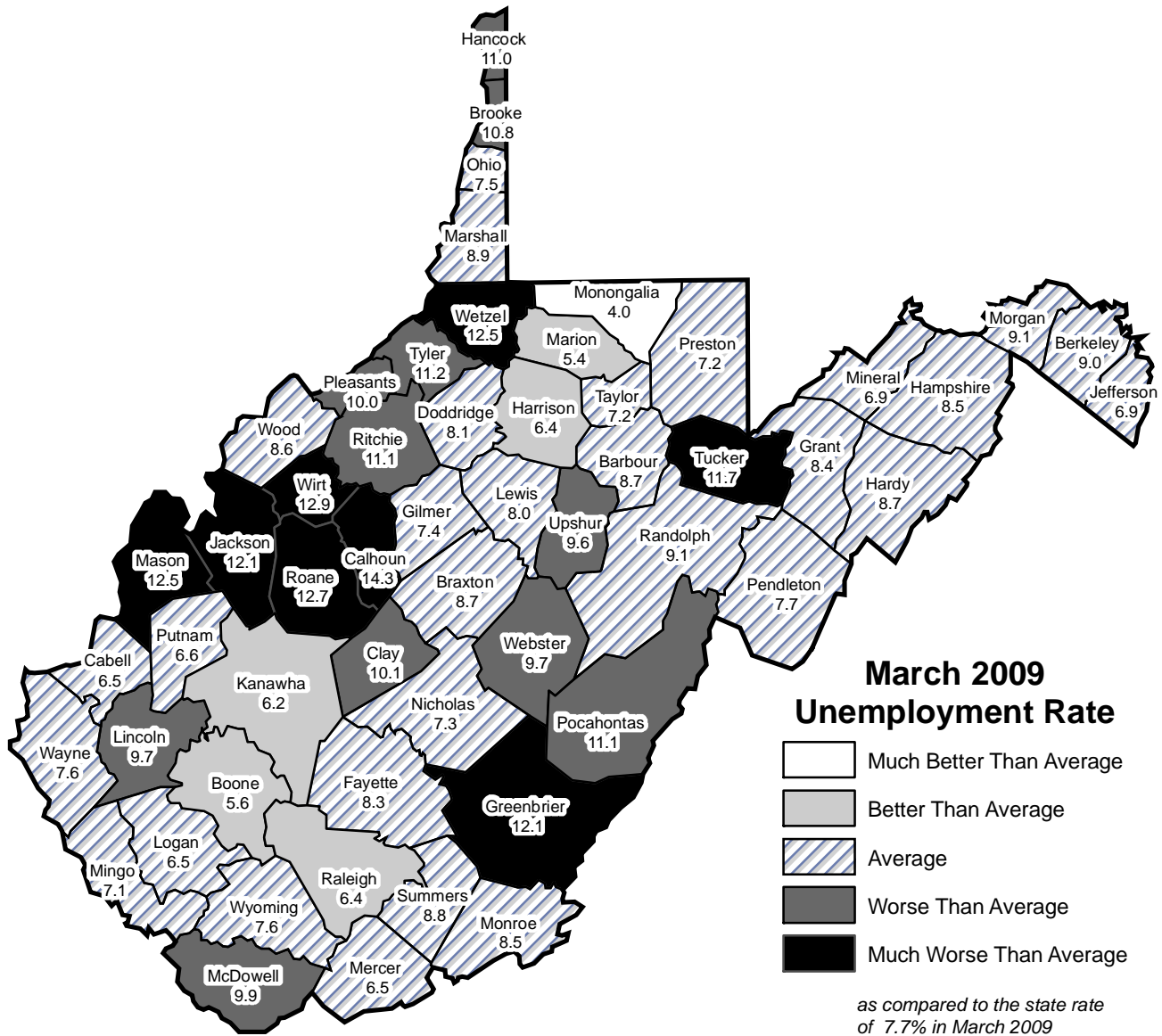
	<i>Prelim. Mar 2009</i>	<i>Revised Feb 2009</i>	<i>Revised Mar 2008</i>	<i>Change From: Feb Mar 2009 2008</i>	
LABOR FORCE STATISTICS					
Civilian Labor Force	785.2	788.3	801.0	-3.1	-15.8
Total Employment	724.8	730.0	763.2	-5.2	-38.4
Total Unemployment	60.4	58.3	37.8	2.1	22.6
Unemployment Rate	7.7	7.4	4.7	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	738.4	735.5	754.9	2.9	-16.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	590.3	589.3	607.0	1.0	-16.7
GOODS-PRODUCING	115.8	116.4	121.1	-0.6	-5.3
Mining and Logging	30.8	31.2	29.2	-0.4	1.6
Construction	33.0	32.4	35.3	0.6	-2.3
Manufacturing	52.0	52.8	56.6	-0.8	-4.6
Durable Goods	32.0	32.8	35.5	-0.8	-3.5
Nondurable Goods	20.0	20.0	21.1	0.0	-1.1
SERVICE-PROVIDING	622.6	619.1	633.8	3.5	-11.2
Private Service-Providing	474.5	472.9	485.9	1.6	-11.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	135.7	135.5	141.5	0.2	-5.8
Wholesale Trade	23.5	23.7	24.6	-0.2	-1.1
Retail Trade	85.6	85.1	90.1	0.5	-4.5
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26.6	26.7	26.8	-0.1	-0.2
Information	10.5	10.6	11.2	-0.1	-0.7
Financial Activities	28.5	28.5	29.7	0.0	-1.2
Finance and Insurance	21.4	21.4	22.4	0.0	-1.0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.1	7.1	7.3	0.0	-0.2
Professional and Business Services	58.1	57.9	60.4	0.2	-2.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	24.1	24.0	24.9	0.1	-0.8
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	28.8	30.6	0.1	-1.7
Educational and Health Services	117.6	116.9	116.5	0.7	1.1
Educational Services	10.3	10.2	10.8	0.1	-0.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	107.3	106.7	105.7	0.6	1.6
Leisure and Hospitality	69.2	68.6	70.9	0.6	-1.7
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	7.6	7.6	7.9	0.0	-0.3
Accommodation and Food Service	61.6	61.0	63.0	0.6	-1.4
Other Services	54.9	54.9	55.7	0.0	-0.8
Government	148.1	146.2	147.9	1.9	0.2
Federal Government	23.0	23.1	22.6	-0.1	0.4
State Government	47.6	46.3	47.7	1.3	-0.1
Local Government	77.5	76.8	77.6	0.7	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

March 2008 benchmark
Data in thousands

	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008	Aug 2008	Sept 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally adjusted													
Civilian Labor Force	807.8	808.0	807.3	806.4	804.8	804.2	804.8	804.4	804.3	805.5	798.5	794.1	793.7
Employment	773.6	772.9	772.3	771.7	771.2	770.7	770.4	770.0	769.8	769.6	756.8	746.5	739.1
Unemployment	34.2	35.1	35.1	34.7	33.6	33.4	34.5	34.4	34.6	35.9	41.8	47.6	54.6
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.2	6.0	6.9

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - Seasonally Adjusted													
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	760.7	761.1	762.2	758.4	762.9	763.1	763.7	762.9	759.2	757.4	755.4	748.8	744.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	614.7	614.9	614.6	613.5	616.0	616.0	616.1	615.1	611.7	610.2	609.1	602.5	598.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	124.7	125.5	125.4	125.2	126.2	126.9	127.2	126.2	124.9	124.6	123.9	121.9	119.5
Mining & Logging	29.6	29.9	30.5	30.7	31.0	31.5	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.8	31.6	31.2
Construction	38.1	38.5	38.1	37.9	38.9	39.3	39.7	38.7	38.0	37.9	37.8	37.0	36.0
Manufacturing	57.0	57.1	56.8	56.6	56.3	56.1	55.8	55.7	55.1	54.8	54.3	53.3	52.3
Nondurable Goods	21.3	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.0	20.9	20.8	21.1	21.0	21.0	20.9	20.2	20.2
SERVICE-PROVIDING	636.0	635.6	636.8	633.2	636.7	636.2	636.5	636.7	634.3	632.8	631.5	626.9	624.6
Private Service-Providing	490.0	489.4	489.2	488.3	489.8	489.1	488.9	488.9	486.8	485.6	485.2	480.6	478.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	142.9	142.4	141.9	142.1	142.5	142.2	142.0	141.3	140.1	139.9	140.0	138.5	137.7
Wholesale Trade	24.7	24.6	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	25.0	25.1	24.8	24.0	23.6
Retail Trade	91.1	90.4	89.9	90.0	90.1	89.9	89.7	89.1	87.9	87.5	88.1	87.5	87.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	27.1	27.4	27.2	27.3	27.6	27.5	27.5	27.4	27.2	27.3	27.1	27.0	26.8
Financial Activities	29.9	29.9	29.8	29.7	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.7	29.4	29.5	29.1	28.7	28.6
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1
Professional & Business Services	61.0	60.9	61.0	60.7	60.8	60.5	60.4	60.3	60.0	60.0	59.9	58.7	58.4
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	24.7	24.6	24.8	24.7	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.5	24.0	24.0
Administrative & Support & Waste Management	31.3	31.3	31.3	31.1	31.0	30.8	30.7	30.7	30.2	30.3	30.2	29.5	29.2
Educational & Health Service	116.2	116.2	116.4	116.8	117.1	117.2	117.4	117.8	117.7	117.1	117.6	116.8	117.2
Educational Services	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.0	10.3	9.7	9.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	105.9	105.9	106.0	106.3	106.6	106.8	106.9	107.4	107.4	107.1	107.3	107.1	107.5
Leisure & Hospitality	73.1	73.0	72.9	72.0	72.7	72.5	72.7	73.0	72.9	72.5	72.2	72.0	71.2
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.7
Accommodation & Food Service	64.1	63.9	64.0	63.3	63.9	63.6	63.8	63.6	63.6	63.4	63.1	63.1	62.5
Other Services	55.7	55.8	56.0	55.8	55.9	55.9	55.7	55.8	55.7	55.7	55.7	55.3	55.0
Government	146.0	146.2	147.6	144.9	146.9	147.1	147.6	147.8	147.5	147.2	146.3	146.3	146.0
Federal Government	22.7	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.1	23.3	23.0	23.1	23.4	23.3	23.1
State Government	46.1	46.3	47.5	44.3	46.7	46.5	47.0	46.8	46.8	46.9	46.4	46.1	45.9
Local Government	77.2	77.1	77.2	77.8	77.2	77.5	77.5	77.7	77.7	77.2	76.5	76.9	77.0

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Seasonally Adjusted													
Charleston	151.3	151.5	151.2	151.4	152.2	152.3	152.5	152.9	152.8	152.1	151.9	150.9	150.3
Huntington	119.6	118.9	119.3	118.7	119.4	119.9	119.6	119.7	119.2	118.6	119.1	118.6	118.5
Morgantown	62.3	62.2	63.0	62.4	62.7	62.5	63.4	64.4	63.7	63.0	62.9	63.1	62.9
Parkersburg	72.8	73.0	72.8	73.0	72.8	72.5	72.5	72.6	72.4	72.6	72.6	72.2	72.2
Wheeling	68.4	67.9	68.1	68.2	68.5	68.5	68.3	68.2	68.2	68.2	68.4	68.1	67.9



The state unemployment rate climbed three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent in March 2009. Over one-half of all 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 increased slightly in March. This group included Tucker (11.7), Jackson (12.1), Greenbrier (12.1), Wetzel (12.5), Mason (12.5), Roane (12.7), Wirt (12.9), and Calhoun (14.3).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average when compared to the state rate also rose slightly. This group included Harrison (6.4), Raleigh (6.4), Kanawha (6.2), Boone (5.6), and Marion (5.4). Monongalia (4.0) 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		
	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Barbour	6,720	6,840	6,770	6,130	6,220	6,390	580	630	380	8.7	9.2	5.6
Berkeley	44,280	44,560	45,300	40,290	40,500	43,290	3,990	4,060	2,010	9.0	9.1	4.4
Boone	8,990	8,990	9,310	8,490	8,530	8,910	500	460	400	5.6	5.1	4.3
Braxton	5,680	5,720	5,850	5,180	5,220	5,460	490	500	390	8.7	8.7	6.6
Brooke	10,850	10,920	10,890	9,680	9,790	10,230	1,170	1,120	660	10.8	10.3	6.1
Cabell	43,770	43,930	44,940	40,940	41,100	43,230	2,830	2,830	1,710	6.5	6.5	3.8
Calhoun	2,830	2,820	2,790	2,420	2,430	2,550	410	380	240	14.3	13.6	8.7
Clay	3,410	3,420	3,490	3,070	3,080	3,220	350	340	270	10.1	10.0	7.6
Doddridge	2,740	2,780	2,830	2,520	2,540	2,660	220	240	180	8.1	8.7	6.2
Fayette	17,190	17,230	17,480	15,760	15,900	16,520	1,430	1,340	960	8.3	7.7	5.5
Gilmer	2,970	3,000	3,140	2,750	2,800	3,000	220	200	140	7.4	6.7	4.4
Grant	5,050	5,150	5,210	4,620	4,670	4,910	430	480	300	8.4	9.4	5.7
Greenbrier	14,640	14,730	15,030	12,870	13,040	13,960	1,770	1,700	1,070	12.1	11.5	7.1
Hampshire	9,030	9,080	9,420	8,260	8,310	9,000	770	770	430	8.5	8.5	4.5
Hancock	14,350	14,510	14,350	12,780	12,920	13,490	1,580	1,590	860	11.0	11.0	6.0
Hardy	6,570	6,590	6,950	5,990	6,030	6,590	570	560	370	8.7	8.5	5.3
Harrison	29,560	29,690	30,460	27,660	27,870	29,130	1,900	1,820	1,330	6.4	6.1	4.4
Jackson	11,390	11,830	11,830	10,010	10,770	11,140	1,370	1,050	680	12.1	8.9	5.8
Jefferson	23,860	23,850	24,780	22,210	22,240	23,890	1,650	1,610	890	6.9	6.7	3.6
Kanawha	88,710	88,540	90,960	83,240	83,680	87,430	5,470	4,860	3,530	6.2	5.5	3.9
Lewis	7,210	7,260	7,150	6,640	6,700	6,790	570	560	350	8.0	7.7	5.0
Lincoln	7,910	7,880	7,920	7,140	7,180	7,500	770	700	420	9.7	8.9	5.3
Logan	12,970	13,050	12,730	12,130	12,330	12,130	840	720	600	6.5	5.5	4.7
McDowell	7,350	7,420	7,090	6,630	6,630	6,640	730	790	450	9.9	10.6	6.4
Marion	25,360	25,390	26,020	23,980	24,090	24,930	1,380	1,290	1,100	5.4	5.1	4.2
Marshall	14,520	14,550	14,770	13,220	13,270	13,940	1,300	1,270	830	8.9	8.8	5.6
Mason	9,950	9,910	9,970	8,710	8,830	9,320	1,240	1,080	650	12.5	10.9	6.5
Mercer	24,510	24,370	25,160	22,920	22,870	24,070	1,580	1,500	1,100	6.5	6.2	4.4
Mineral	12,910	13,220	13,410	12,020	12,210	12,750	890	1,010	660	6.9	7.7	4.9
Mingo	8,890	8,840	8,810	8,260	8,300	8,400	630	530	410	7.1	6.0	4.7
Monongalia	46,770	46,780	47,980	44,890	45,080	46,510	1,880	1,700	1,470	4.0	3.6	3.1
Monroe	5,730	5,760	5,830	5,240	5,290	5,520	490	470	300	8.5	8.2	5.2
Morgan	6,780	6,830	6,980	6,170	6,200	6,630	620	630	350	9.1	9.2	5.0
Nicholas	10,330	10,450	10,490	9,570	9,730	9,940	750	720	550	7.3	6.9	5.2
Ohio	20,500	20,540	20,890	18,970	19,040	19,990	1,530	1,500	900	7.5	7.3	4.3
Pendleton	3,540	3,550	3,720	3,260	3,290	3,540	270	260	180	7.7	7.4	4.8
Pleasants	3,080	3,110	3,110	2,770	2,780	2,910	310	330	190	10.0	10.7	6.2
Pocahontas	3,630	3,740	3,790	3,230	3,370	3,550	400	370	240	11.1	9.9	6.3
Preston	14,980	15,050	15,070	13,890	13,950	14,400	1,090	1,100	670	7.2	7.3	4.4
Putnam	26,670	26,670	27,150	24,910	25,040	26,170	1,750	1,630	980	6.6	6.1	3.6
Raleigh	31,870	32,080	32,080	29,830	30,160	30,660	2,040	1,920	1,420	6.4	6.0	4.4
Randolph	12,260	12,530	12,730	11,150	11,230	12,020	1,110	1,300	710	9.1	10.4	5.6
Ritchie	4,510	4,520	4,470	4,010	4,000	4,150	500	520	320	11.1	11.4	7.2
Roane	5,510	5,490	5,520	4,810	4,860	5,100	700	630	420	12.7	11.5	7.6
Summers	4,460	4,460	4,530	4,070	4,100	4,250	390	370	280	8.8	8.2	6.3
Taylor	6,690	6,740	6,870	6,210	6,250	6,540	480	490	330	7.2	7.2	4.8
Tucker	2,880	2,950	3,010	2,550	2,620	2,810	340	330	190	11.7	11.1	6.4
Tyler	3,540	3,540	3,620	3,150	3,110	3,350	400	430	270	11.2	12.2	7.4
Upshur	10,370	10,680	10,660	9,370	9,700	10,160	1,000	990	500	9.6	9.2	4.7
Wayne	17,110	17,220	17,580	15,820	15,880	16,700	1,300	1,350	880	7.6	7.8	5.0
Webster	3,210	3,170	3,280	2,900	2,900	3,070	310	270	210	9.7	8.5	6.3
Wetzel	6,460	6,230	6,280	5,650	5,430	5,750	800	800	530	12.5	12.9	8.4
Wirt	2,500	2,470	2,440	2,170	2,180	2,290	320	300	150	12.9	11.9	6.2
Wood	39,830	39,720	40,250	36,400	36,500	38,310	3,440	3,220	1,940	8.6	8.1	4.8
Wyoming	7,850	7,950	7,840	7,250	7,290	7,430	600	670	420	7.6	8.4	5.3
Statewide	785,200	788,300	801,000	724,800	730,000	763,200	60,400	58,300	37,800	7.7	7.4	4.7

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Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar	Feb	Mar
	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008
Barbour	4,040	4,050	3,980	590	580	570	3,460	3,470	3,410
Berkeley	29,280	29,270	30,720	2,950	3,070	3,590	26,340	26,190	27,130
Boone	9,480	9,440	8,970	4,330	4,320	4,110	5,150	5,120	4,860
Braxton	4,370	4,360	4,370	680	690	750	3,690	3,670	3,620
Brooke	9,310	9,320	9,210	2,210	2,210	2,330	7,100	7,110	6,880
Cabell	55,630	55,470	55,700	7,520	7,820	7,660	48,110	47,650	48,030
Calhoun	1,570	1,570	1,570	340	350	380	1,230	1,220	1,190
Clay	2,160	2,160	2,200	510	510	610	1,660	1,650	1,590
Doddridge	1,350	1,350	1,340	190	190	200	1,160	1,150	1,130
Fayette	12,930	12,900	12,950	1,980	1,990	1,880	10,960	10,920	11,060
Gilmer	2,310	2,330	2,410	480	500	520	1,830	1,830	1,890
Grant	4,270	4,280	4,240	1,310	1,310	1,230	2,960	2,970	3,000
Greenbrier	13,420	13,480	13,790	1,610	1,640	1,720	11,810	11,840	12,070
Hampshire	4,300	4,290	4,290	420	430	490	3,880	3,860	3,800
Hancock	12,150	12,190	12,410	3,070	3,090	3,050	9,090	9,100	9,360
Hardy	6,190	6,170	6,460	3,210	3,220	3,360	2,980	2,950	3,100
Harrison	34,340	34,250	34,340	4,410	4,360	4,280	29,940	29,880	30,060
Jackson	8,280	9,080	9,010	1,870	2,590	2,650	6,410	6,490	6,360
Jefferson	14,720	14,520	15,220	1,590	1,560	1,760	13,130	12,960	13,460
Kanawha	113,510	112,460	114,760	11,750	11,230	11,670	101,760	101,220	103,100
Lewis	6,370	6,360	6,130	1,130	1,100	990	5,240	5,250	5,140
Lincoln	3,550	3,540	3,500	820	820	790	2,730	2,720	2,710
Logan	12,570	12,680	11,900	2,850	2,840	2,400	9,720	9,840	9,500
McDowell	6,890	6,820	6,510	1,840	1,810	1,510	5,050	5,020	4,990
Marion	22,320	22,170	22,160	4,040	4,030	4,250	18,280	18,150	17,910
Marshall	11,470	11,380	11,400	3,000	3,020	2,990	8,470	8,370	8,410
Mason	7,030	7,080	7,100	830	850	880	6,200	6,230	6,210
Mercer	23,780	23,400	24,030	2,260	2,220	2,300	21,520	21,180	21,730
Mineral	8,370	8,340	8,070	2,370	2,350	2,170	6,000	5,990	5,900
Mingo	9,570	9,500	9,250	3,710	3,750	3,770	5,860	5,760	5,480
Monongalia	55,490	55,140	54,580	6,230	6,090	6,030	49,260	49,060	48,550
Monroe	2,540	2,540	2,490	610	610	630	1,930	1,920	1,860
Morgan	3,130	3,130	3,160	440	440	490	2,690	2,690	2,670
Nicholas	9,310	9,400	9,180	2,260	2,250	2,080	7,050	7,150	7,100
Ohio	31,210	31,110	31,690	2,370	2,340	2,430	28,840	28,760	29,260
Pendleton	1,880	1,880	1,910	160	160	190	1,720	1,720	1,720
Pleasants	3,190	3,170	3,310	850	840	990	2,340	2,330	2,320
Pocahontas	3,630	3,780	3,760	480	480	500	3,150	3,290	3,270
Preston	7,610	7,540	7,730	1,560	1,580	1,760	6,050	5,960	5,970
Putnam	20,840	21,280	20,830	5,040	5,550	5,030	15,800	15,730	15,800
Raleigh	33,640	33,700	33,010	4,660	4,740	4,230	28,990	28,960	28,780
Randolph	12,320	12,250	12,640	2,100	2,100	2,380	10,220	10,160	10,260
Ritchie	3,450	3,400	3,350	1,490	1,470	1,420	1,960	1,930	1,930
Roane	3,510	3,490	3,500	710	710	710	2,800	2,790	2,790
Summers	2,610	2,610	2,580	140	140	130	2,480	2,470	2,460
Taylor	2,950	2,930	3,150	170	180	390	2,780	2,750	2,760
Tucker	2,780	2,850	2,930	370	390	410	2,400	2,450	2,520
Tyler	2,610	2,590	2,700	760	760	750	1,850	1,830	1,950
Upshur	8,740	9,010	9,040	2,020	2,300	2,330	6,720	6,710	6,710
Wayne	10,420	10,430	10,210	1,970	1,950	1,820	8,440	8,490	8,390
Webster	2,560	2,530	2,520	750	750	690	1,810	1,780	1,830
Wetzel	5,340	5,000	5,100	810	500	440	4,530	4,500	4,660
Wirt	920	920	860	210	210	190	710	710	670
Wood	41,950	41,740	41,600	6,090	6,190	6,030	35,860	35,550	35,570
Wyoming	5,660	5,630	5,510	1,480	1,480	1,340	4,180	4,150	4,170
Statewide	738,400	735,500	754,900	115,800	116,400	121,100	622,600	619,100	633,800

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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>Mar 2009</i>	<i>Feb 2009</i>	<i>Mar 2008</i>
Civilian Labor Force	135.7	135.5	138.8
Total Employment	126.8	127.5	133.2
Total Unemployment	8.8	8.0	5.6
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.9	4.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	<i>Mar 2009</i>	<i>Feb 2009</i>	<i>Mar 2008</i>
Total Nonfarm	149.5	148.7	150.3
Total Private	121.8	121.2	122.6
Goods Producing	22.4	22.4	22.3
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	16.5	16.5	16.0
Manufacturing	5.9	5.9	6.3
Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.3
Nondurable Goods	2.8	2.8	3.0
Service-Providing	127.1	126.3	128.0
Private Service-Providing	99.4	98.8	100.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	27.9	27.9	28.5
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.7	5.8
Retail Trade	15.5	15.5	16.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.7	6.7	6.5
Information	2.7	2.7	2.8
Financial Activities	8.1	8.0	8.1
Professional & Business Services	14.3	14.2	15.1
Educational & Health Service	22.6	22.5	22.1
Leisure & Hospitality	12.1	11.9	12.0
Other Services	11.7	11.6	11.7
Government	27.7	27.5	27.7
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.7
State Government	11.8	11.7	11.8
Local Government	13.3	13.2	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, 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>Mar 2009</i>	<i>Feb 2009</i>	<i>Mar 2008</i>
Civilian Labor Force	131.4	131.4	132.3
Total Employment	121.4	121.5	125.8
Total Unemployment	10.1	9.8	6.5
Unemployment Rate	7.7	7.5	4.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	<i>Mar 2009</i>	<i>Feb 2009</i>	<i>Mar 2008</i>
Total Nonfarm	118.3	117.5	119.4
Total Private	97.7	97.2	98.9
Goods Producing	16.7	16.7	16.8
Manufacturing	8.8	8.9	9.9
Service-Providing	101.6	100.8	102.6
Private Service-Providing	81.0	80.5	82.1
Retail Trade	15.2	15.1	15.8
Professional & Business Services	9.9	9.9	10.7
Educational & Health Service	24.1	24.0	23.1
Leisure & Hospitality	10.6	10.4	11.0
Government	20.6	20.3	20.5
Federal Government	3.1	3.1	2.9
State Government	5.7	5.5	5.8
Local Government	11.8	11.7	11.8
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>	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Civilian Labor Force	61.8	61.8	63.0
Total Employment	58.8	59.0	60.9
Total Unemployment	3.0	2.8	2.1
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.5	3.4

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Total Nonfarm	63.1	62.7	62.4
Total Private	45.3	44.9	44.8
Goods Producing	7.8	7.7	7.8
Manufacturing	4.0	4.0	4.1
Service-Providing	55.3	55.0	54.6
Private Service-Providing	37.5	37.2	37.0
Retail Trade	6.7	6.6	6.8
Professional & Business Services	4.5	4.5	4.6
Educational & Health Service	12.5	12.5	12.1
Leisure & Hospitality	6.6	6.5	5.9
Government	17.8	17.8	17.6
Federal Government	1.9	1.9	1.9
State Government	11.7	11.7	11.6
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>	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Civilian Labor Force	78.7	78.7	78.8
Total Employment	71.5	71.6	74.6
Total Unemployment	7.2	7.1	4.2
Unemployment Rate	9.1	9.1	5.3

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Total Nonfarm	71.6	71.0	72.0
Total Private	60.5	60.0	61.1
Goods Producing	13.1	13.1	13.3
Manufacturing	8.0	8.1	8.3
Service-Providing	58.5	57.9	58.7
Private Service-Providing	47.4	46.9	47.8
Educational and Health Service	12.7	12.6	12.5
Government	11.1	11.0	10.9
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5
State Government	1.7	1.7	1.6
Local Government	6.9	6.8	6.8
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>	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Civilian Labor Force	68.1	68.3	68.9
Total Employment	62.3	62.4	65.0
Total Unemployment	5.8	5.9	3.9
Unemployment Rate	8.5	8.7	5.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Total Nonfarm	67.1	66.7	67.7
Total Private	56.6	56.5	57.2
Goods Producing	8.7	8.8	8.8
Manufacturing	3.9	3.9	4.2
Service-Providing	58.4	57.9	58.9
Private Service-Providing	47.9	47.7	48.4
Educational & Health Service	13.1	13.0	13.1
Government	10.5	10.2	10.5
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.4	2.2	2.3
Local Government	7.4	7.3	7.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Statistical Areas

Micropolitan Statistical Areas	<i>Prelim Mar 2009</i>	<i>Rev Feb 2009</i>	<i>Rev Mar 2008</i>
Beckley-Oak Hill CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	49.1	49.3	49.6
Total Employment	45.6	46.1	47.2
Total Unemployment	3.5	3.3	2.4
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.6	4.8
Beckley MCSA <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	31.9	32.1	32.1
Total Employment	29.8	30.2	30.7
Total Unemployment	2.0	1.9	1.4
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.0	4.4
Oak Hill MCSA <i>Fayette County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	17.2	17.2	17.5
Total Employment	15.8	15.9	16.5
Total Unemployment	1.4	1.3	1.0
Unemployment Rate	8.3	7.7	5.5
Bluefield MCSA <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	45.9	45.3	46.2
Total Employment	42.7	42.4	44.1
Total Unemployment	3.2	2.9	2.0
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.5	4.3
Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	64.3	64.6	66.2
Total Employment	60.4	60.8	63.2
Total Unemployment	4.0	3.8	2.9
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.0	4.4
Fairmont MCSA <i>Marion County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	25.4	25.4	26.0
Total Employment	24.0	24.1	24.9
Total Unemployment	1.4	1.3	1.1
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.1	4.2
Clarksburg MCSA <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	39.0	39.2	40.2
Total Employment	36.4	36.7	38.3
Total Unemployment	2.6	2.6	1.8
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.5	4.6
Point Pleasant MCSA <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	24.0	24.1	24.2
Total Employment	21.4	21.6	22.6
Total Unemployment	2.6	2.4	1.6
Unemployment Rate	10.7	10.1	6.6

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 Mar 2009</i>	<i>Rev Feb 2009</i>	<i>Rev Mar 2008</i>
Steubenville-Weirton MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	57.6	58.2	57.6
Total Employment	51.6	52.0	53.9
Total Unemployment	6.1	6.2	3.7
Unemployment Rate	10.5	10.6	6.4
Cumberland MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	48.5	49.1	49.1
Total Employment	44.2	44.6	46.4
Total Unemployment	4.3	4.5	2.8
Unemployment Rate	8.9	9.2	5.7
Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington			
Civilian Labor Force	3,001.2	3,007.5	3,012.3
Total Employment	2,823.6	2,824.5	2,914.2
Total Unemployment	177.6	183.0	98.1
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.1	3.3
Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	119.5	119.2	120.8
Total Employment	107.7	107.8	114.8
Total Unemployment	11.8	11.5	6.0
Unemployment Rate	9.9	9.6	4.9
Winchester MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	64.2	64.0	64.6
Total Employment	58.4	58.4	62.0
Total Unemployment	5.8	5.6	2.6
Unemployment Rate	9.1	8.7	4.0

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 2

March 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 300
- Goods-producing sector down 900
- Service-providing sector up 500
- Total unemployment up 400
- Unemployment rate up three-tenths of a percentage point to 6.8 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 1,600
- Goods-producing sector up 600
- Service-providing sector up 1,000
- Total unemployment up 3,200
- Unemployment rate up two and six tenths of a percentage point from 4.2 percent

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	126.3	126.6	128.4
Employment	117.7	118.4	123.0
Unemployment	8.6	8.2	5.4
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.5	4.2
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	122.0	122.3	120.4
Total Private	101.2	102.0	100.1
Goods-Producing	26.2	27.1	25.6
Mining & Logging	9.9	9.9	9.3
Construction	7.5	8.3	7.2
Manufacturing	8.8	8.9	9.1
Service-Providing	95.8	95.3	94.8
Private Service-Providing	75.0	74.9	74.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.9	23.9	24.2
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.6	4.5
Retail Trade	13.6	13.6	14.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.6	5.6	5.7
Information	1.5	1.6	1.6
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.9
Professional & Business Services	10.3	10.3	10.5
Educational & Health Services	17.5	17.6	17.0
Leisure & Hospitality	10.3	10.0	9.8
Other Services	7.6	7.7	7.7
Government	20.8	20.3	20.2
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.7
State	5.9	5.5	5.7
Local	12.0	12.0	11.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 3

March 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 1,000
- Goods-producing sector up 500
- Service-providing sector up 600
- Total unemployment up 600
- Unemployment rate up seven-tenths of a percentage point to 6.2 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,300
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector down 1,300
- Total unemployment up 2,000
- Unemployment rate up two and three-tenths of a percentage point from 3.9 percent

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	88.7	88.5	91.0
Employment	83.2	83.7	87.4
Unemployment	5.5	4.9	3.5
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.5	3.9
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	113.5	112.5	114.8
Total Private	91.4	90.5	92.7
Goods-Producing	11.7	11.2	11.7
Mining & Logging	3.1	3.2	3.0
Construction	4.9	4.4	4.7
Manufacturing	3.7	3.7	4.0
Service-Providing	101.8	101.2	103.1
Private Service-Providing	79.7	79.3	81.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20.1	20.2	20.8
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	4.1
Retail Trade	12.0	12.1	12.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.2	4.2	4.0
Information	2.2	2.2	2.3
Financial Activities	6.8	6.8	7.0
Professional & Business Services	11.7	11.6	12.6
Educational & Health Services	19.7	19.6	19.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.9	9.8	9.8
Other Services	9.3	9.1	9.3
Government	22.1	21.9	22.1
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.4
State	11.1	11.0	11.1
Local	8.7	8.6	8.6
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 4

March 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 500
- Goods-producing sector down 800
- Service-providing sector up 300
- Total unemployment up 700
- Unemployment rate up one percentage point to 10.4 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 400
- Goods-producing sector down 1,000
- Service-providing sector up 600
- Total unemployment up 3,700
- Unemployment rate up four and six-tenths of a percentage point from 5.8 percent

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	83.0	83.3	83.9
Employment	74.4	75.4	79.0
Unemployment	8.6	7.9	4.9
Unemployment Rate	10.4	9.4	5.8
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.1	72.6	72.5
Total Private	58.8	59.4	59.6
Goods-Producing	12.9	13.7	13.9
Mining & Logging	1.9	1.9	1.9
Construction	3.6	3.8	3.7
Manufacturing	7.4	8.1	8.3
Service-Providing	59.2	58.9	58.6
Private Service-Providing	45.9	45.7	45.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	15.3	15.1	15.3
Wholesale Trade	1.7	1.7	1.7
Retail Trade	10.1	10.0	10.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.4
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1
Financial Activities	3.0	3.0	3.0
Professional & Business Services	3.6	3.6	3.9
Educational & Health Services	10.7	10.7	10.7
Leisure & Hospitality	6.8	6.8	6.3
Other Services	5.4	5.4	5.4
Government	13.3	13.2	12.9
Federal	2.5	2.6	2.6
State	2.5	2.4	2.4
Local	8.3	8.2	7.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 5

March 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 500
- Goods-producing sector up 300
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment up 100
- Unemployment rate unchanged at 9.6 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 400
- Goods-producing sector up 200
- Service-providing sector down 600
- Total unemployment up 2,700
- Unemployment rate up three and nine-tenths of a percentage point from 5.7 percent

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	70.2	70.3	70.8
Employment	63.5	63.6	66.7
Unemployment	6.8	6.7	4.1
Unemployment Rate	9.6	9.6	5.7
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.1	71.6	72.5
Total Private	61.6	61.3	62.1
Goods-Producing	12.2	11.9	12.0
Mining & Logging	1.4	1.4	1.3
Construction	2.4	2.1	2.0
Manufacturing	8.4	8.5	8.7
Service-Providing	59.9	59.7	60.5
Private Service-Providing	49.4	49.4	50.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	11.3	11.2	11.6
Wholesale Trade	2.1	2.1	2.3
Retail Trade	7.3	7.3	7.5
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	5.5	5.6	5.8
Educational & Health Services	13.3	13.3	12.9
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	9.1	9.7
Other Services	6.8	6.8	6.8
Government	10.5	10.3	10.5
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	2.0	1.9	1.9
Local	7.8	7.7	7.9
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 6

March 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 400
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 500
- Total unemployment up 100
- Unemployment rate up one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.5 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 200
- Goods-producing sector down 800
- Service-providing sector up 1,100
- Total unemployment up 3,600
- Unemployment rate up two and two-tenths of a percentage point from 4.3 percent

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	174.2	175.4	178.5
Employment	162.9	164.3	170.8
Unemployment	11.3	11.2	7.7
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.4	4.3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	165.0	164.6	164.8
Total Private	124.2	123.9	124.6
Goods-Producing	24.0	24.1	24.8
Mining & Logging	5.8	5.8	5.6
Construction	7.5	7.3	7.5
Manufacturing	10.7	11.0	11.7
Service-Providing	141.0	140.5	139.9
Private Service-Providing	100.2	99.9	99.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.3	28.1	28.8
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.9
Retail Trade	19.1	19.0	19.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.4	5.4	5.3
Information	1.9	1.9	1.9
Financial Activities	4.8	4.8	4.9
Professional & Business Services	11.3	11.2	11.5
Educational & Health Services	27.8	27.8	27.3
Leisure & Hospitality	15.4	15.3	14.5
Other Services	10.7	10.7	10.9
Government	40.8	40.6	40.2
Federal	6.9	6.9	6.7
State	17.5	17.4	17.3
Local	16.4	16.3	16.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 7

March 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 200
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Total unemployment down 200
- Unemployment rate down one-tenth of a percentage point to 8.2 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 2000
- Goods-producing sector down 900
- Service-providing sector down 1,100
- Total unemployment up 4,000
- Unemployment rate up three and seven-tenths of a percentage point from 4.5 percent

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	112.0	112.8	115.8
Employment	102.8	103.4	110.6
Unemployment	9.2	9.4	5.2
Unemployment Rate	8.2	8.3	4.5
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.1	71.9	74.1
Total Private	53.6	53.4	56.0
Goods-Producing	12.4	12.5	13.3
Mining & Logging	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	3.2	3.3	3.8
Manufacturing	8.6	8.6	8.8
Service-Providing	59.7	59.3	60.8
Private Service-Providing	41.2	40.8	42.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.5	12.3	13.4
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.6	1.7
Retail Trade	8.7	8.5	9.5
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.3
Information	1.9	1.9	2.1
Financial Activities	2.5	2.5	2.6
Professional & Business Services	4.2	4.2	4.4
Educational & Health Services	8.1	8.1	7.9
Leisure & Hospitality	7.8	7.8	8.1
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.2
Government	18.5	18.5	18.0
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.5
State	3.3	3.3	3.3
Local	10.4	10.4	10.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

In thousands, Not Seasonally Adjusted. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Occupational Profile

Medical and Public Health Social Workers are projected to have a strong job outlook through 2016. Expected job openings will average approximately 44 per year, 22 of which will be new job growth. The average annual growth rate is projected to be 1.93% per year, just over three times the growth rate for all occupations combined (.61%). Education and training for medical and public health social workers typically requires a bachelor's degree and in many circumstances requires a graduate degree.

"Hospitals continue to limit the length of patient stays, so the demand for social workers in hospitals will grow more slowly than in other areas. But hospitals are releasing patients earlier than in the past, so social worker employment in home health care services is growing. However, the expanding senior population is an even larger factor. Employment opportunities for social workers with backgrounds in gerontology should be good in the growing numbers of assisted-living and senior-living communities. The expanding senior population also will spur demand for social workers in nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and hospices. However, in these settings other types of workers are often being given tasks that were previously done by social workers"

Table 1 - Growth

Area	Annual Openings	Growth Rate
WIA 1	6	1.75%
WIA 2	7	2.09%
WIA 3	10	1.95%
WIA 4	3	0.87%
WIA 5	3	1.73%
WIA 6	8	2.10%
WIA 7	4	2.28%

Table 2 - Wage History

	This Occupation *		Compared to all Occupations *		Difference
2008	\$18.58 3.0%		\$12.74 2.6%		\$5.84
2007	\$18.03 3.5%		\$12.41 3.2%		\$5.62
2006	\$17.42 4.0%		\$12.02 3.1%		\$5.40
2005	\$16.75 2.8%		\$11.65 2.4%		\$5.10
2004	\$16.28 3.1%		\$11.37 2.7%		\$4.91
2003	\$15.78 3.0%		\$11.07 3.0%		\$4.71
2002	\$15.31 2.3%		\$10.74 2.5%		\$4.57
2001	\$14.96		\$10.47		\$4.49

* %Change

Table 3 - Top Employing Industries

	Employment	%
Education & Health Services	720	96.0%
Professional & Business Services	20	2.6%
Other Services	10	1.3%

Table 4 - Best Paying Industries

	Employment	Median Wage
Professional & Business Services	20	\$18.75
Education & Health Services	720	\$18.69
Public Administration		\$12.94
Other Services	10	\$10.78

Table 5 - Top Areas by This Occupation

Highest Employment			Highest Pay		
Area	Median Wage	Employment	Area	Median Wage	Employment
WIA 6	\$18.90	190	WIA 4	\$21.26	70
WIA 2	\$17.64	120	WIA 3	\$19.37	70
WIA 1	\$17.26	100	WIA 6	\$18.90	190
WIA 5	\$17.96	80	WIA 7	\$18.28	60
WIA 3	\$19.37	70	WIA 5	\$17.96	80
WIA 4	\$21.26	70	WIA 2	\$17.64	120
WIA 7	\$18.28	60	WIA 1	\$17.26	100

State Economic Indicators

Trends in the Labor Market

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	40.6	40.9	41.1
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	1,693	1,730	1,874
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$765.72	\$772.19	\$779.67
Coal Production (tons)	13,201	12,106	13,159

Unemployment Compensation Selected Claims Activities

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Initial Claims	8,736	10,498	5,113
Weeks Claimed	144,190	121,046	84,497
Benefits Paid	\$32,221,513	\$24,919,542	\$16,242,732
Weeks Compensated	124,601	100,162	68,912
Average Weekly Payment	\$258.60	\$248.79	\$235.70
Trust Fund Balance	\$171,681,778	\$200,485,732	\$212,945,135
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.5	4.4	2.4
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	3.2	2.0

Labor Force Data by States

State*	March 2009		February 2009		State*	March 2009		February 2009	
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Alabama	9.0	18	8.4	17	Montana	6.1	41	6.0	39
Alaska	8.5	20	7.9	22	Nebraska	4.6	49	4.3	49
Arizona	7.8	25	7.4	28	Nevada	10.4	7	10.0	7
Arkansas	6.5	39	6.4	38	New Hampshire	6.2	40	5.7	42
California	11.2	4	10.6	5	New Jersey	8.3	22	8.2	20
Colorado	7.5	30	7.2	31	New Mexico	5.9	43	5.4	45
Connecticut	7.5	30	7.4	28	New York	7.8	25	7.8	23
Delaware	7.7	29	7.3	30	North Carolina	10.8	5	10.7	3
District of Columbia	9.8	9	9.9	8	North Dakota	4.2	51	4.3	49
Florida	9.7	11	9.6	9	Ohio	9.7	11	9.5	10
Georgia	9.2	15	9.2	13	Oklahoma	5.9	43	5.5	44
Hawaii	7.1	33	6.5	36	Oregon	12.1	2	10.7	3
Idaho	7.0	34	6.7	34	Pennsylvania	7.8	25	7.5	27
Illinois	9.1	17	8.6	16	Rhode Island	10.5	6	10.5	6
Indiana	10.0	8	9.4	11	South Carolina	11.4	3	10.9	2
Iowa	5.2	46	4.9	47	South Dakota	4.9	48	4.6	48
Kansas	6.1	41	5.9	41	Tennessee	9.6	13	9.0	15
Kentucky	9.8	9	9.3	12	Texas	6.7	38	6.5	36
Louisiana	5.8	45	5.7	42	Utah	5.2	46	5.1	46
Maine	8.1	24	7.8	23	Vermont	7.2	32	7.1	32
Maryland	6.9	35	6.8	33	Virginia	6.8	37	6.6	35
Massachusetts	7.8	25	7.7	26	Washington	9.2	15	8.3	18
Michigan	12.6	1	12.0	1	West Virginia	6.9	35	6.0	39
Minnesota	8.2	23	8.0	21	Wisconsin	8.5	20	7.8	23
Mississippi	9.4	14	9.1	14	Wyoming	4.5	50	3.9	51
Missouri	8.7	19	8.3	18	United States	8.5	xx	8.1	xx

Seasonally adjusted data. In thousands.

*Includes District of Columbia

Selected National Data

	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	9.0	8.9	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted	8.5	8.1	5.1
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	212.7	212.2	213.5
1967 Base	637.2	635.6	639.6
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	168.9	170.1	175.4
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$616.19	\$616.52	\$607.39
Average Weekly Hours	33.2	33.2	33.8
Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.56	\$18.57	\$17.97

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