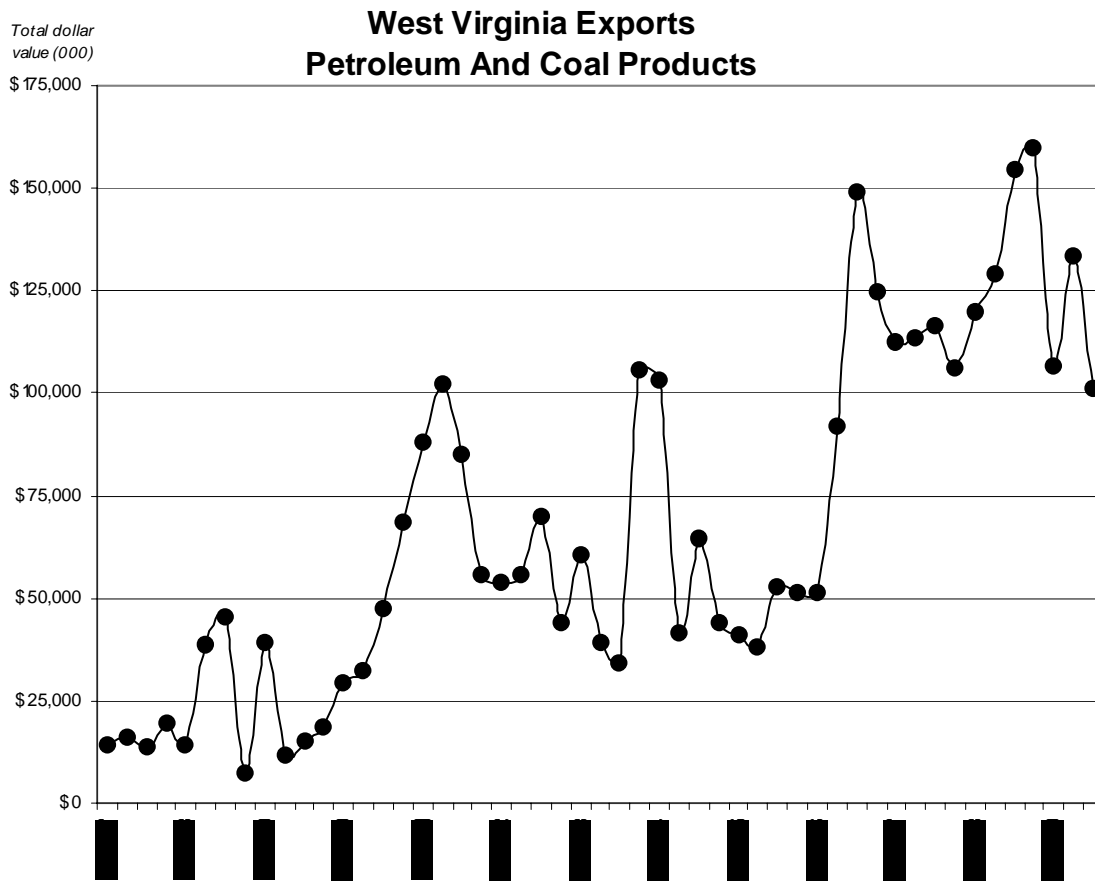


West Virginia Economic Summary

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West Virginia Coal Production and Employment

Effects of the national and global recession continue to stymie any significant recovery in the West Virginia coal industry. Economic pressures from lower electrical usage throughout the country and a shrinking steel demand have led to further reductions in coal production and employment. Coal stocks have reached levels not seen for more than two decades; however, existing supply contracts have softened the blow of falling coal prices. Although the demand for metallurgical coal from China and India has provided a temporary respite from the shrinking worldwide market, coal producers have often chosen to reduce shifts or close mines until the demand for coal increases.



Source: WISER Trade from US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division

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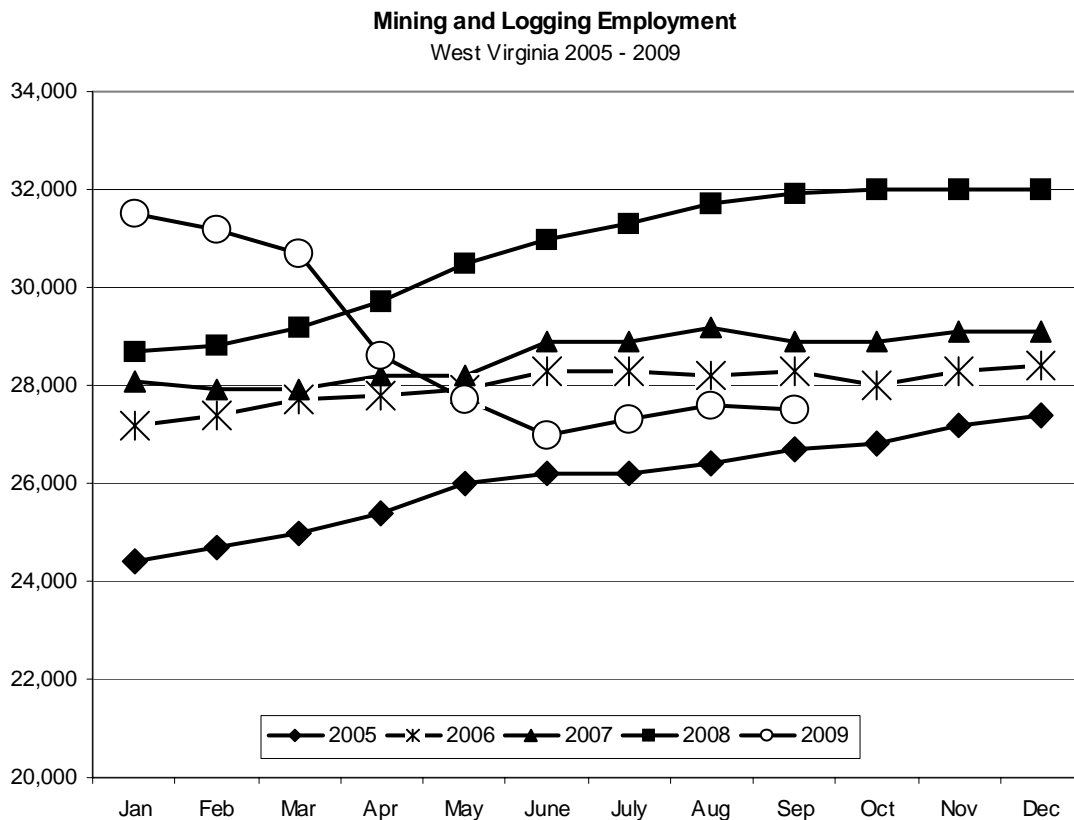
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The coal mining employment graph for 2005 to current (Figure 1) provides an indication of an expanding coal industry during the past three years of this period and the shrinking production and subsequent job losses during the current year. The outlook for recovery in the industry may be mixed, at least in the near term. While job losses early in 2009 were significant and frequent, that trend slowed noticeably during the summer months. Calls to return to work and the hiring of additional miners in the Charleston area have occurred in recent weeks, but not to the extent that would return employment levels to their peak in 2008.

Restoring employment to previous levels will depend on how quickly worldwide demand for coal improves, and current indicators point to a slow recovery likely extending out twenty-four months or more. Consumption of coal has fallen at a faster pace than production, causing stocks of coal by utilities and others to grow to their highest levels in more than twenty years. Another mild winter in West Virginia and throughout the country will not reduce the high levels of supply and will only continue to inhibit employment growth.

The value of coal as an export commodity cannot be overstated. During 2008 for example, demand for West Virginia coal in foreign markets was significant, exceeding 150 percent over the 2007 totals. Contributing to this explosion was a weaker dollar and the supply disruption of other coal producing nations. This growth in exports pushed the state growth export rate to exceed the national. Coal exports for 2009, however, have fallen below the levels of 2008. All commodity exports in the state including chemicals, transportation equipment, primary metals and coal are down from the previous year, but remain ahead of the national trend.

Figure 1



Clearly, the resurgence of coal and the recovery of the state economy will depend greatly on the behavior of the national and world economies. Most indications point to a slow recovery beginning mid 2010 and likely continuing for twenty-four to thirty-six months before returning to pre-recession highs.

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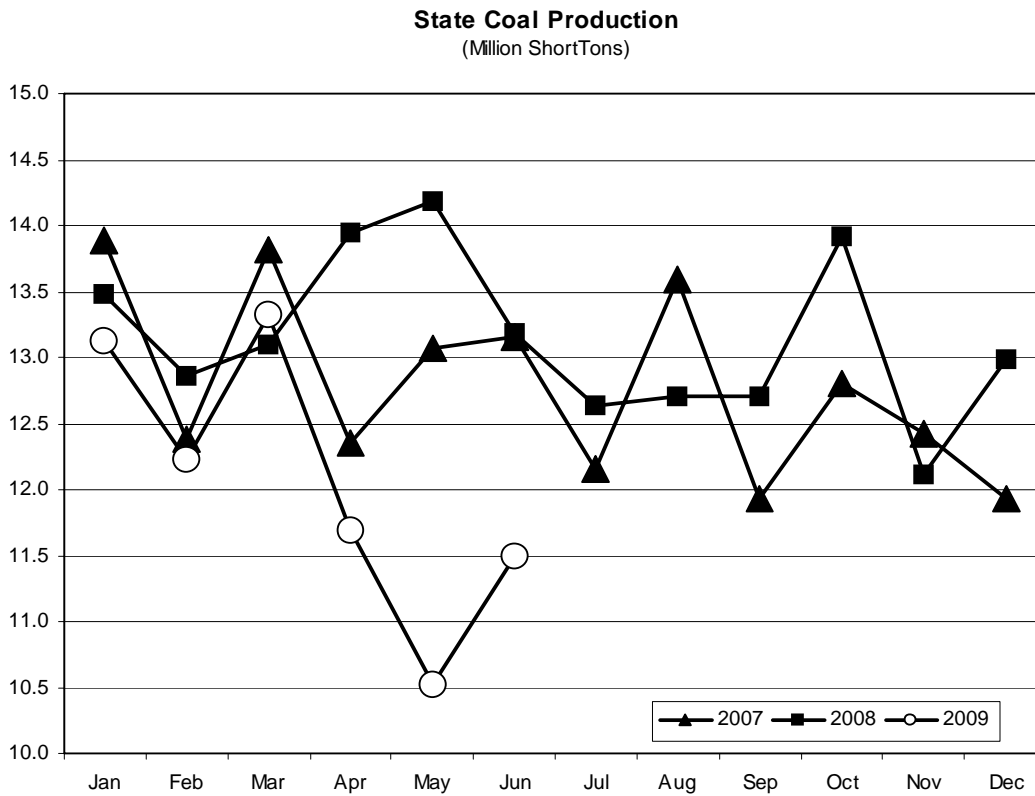


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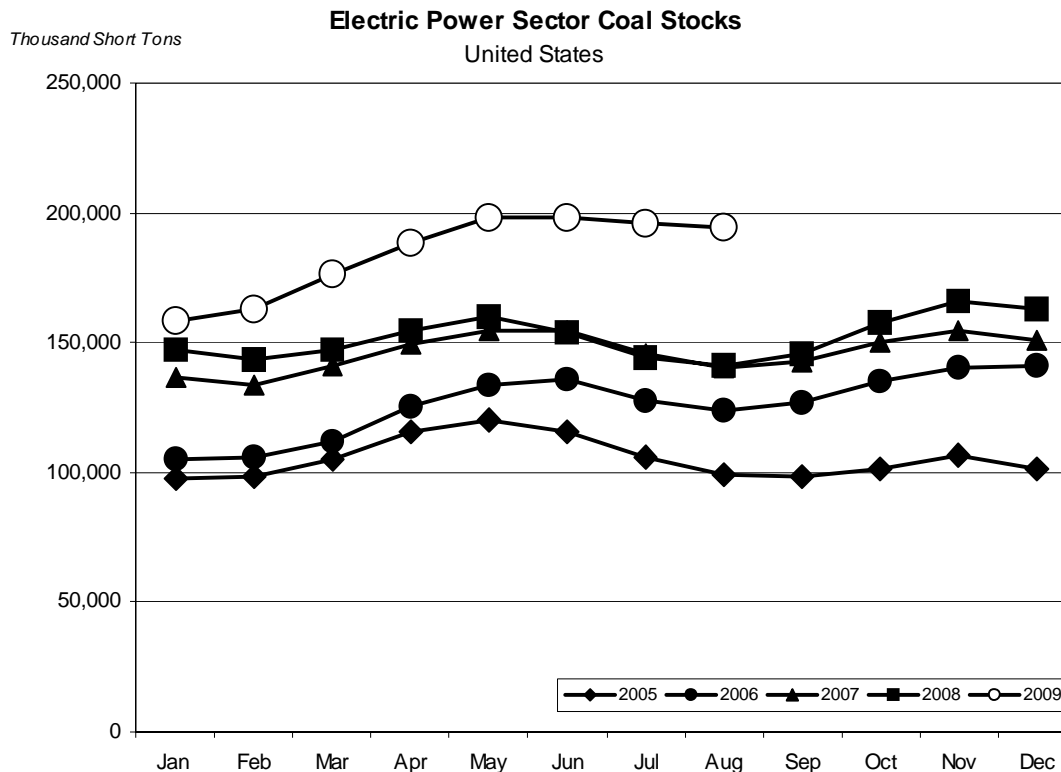


Figure 2 and 3 source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), US Department of Energy

AT A GLANCE

Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 1,800 over the month of September 2009 to a level of 740,800. The goods-producing sector declined 800, with losses of 400 in manufacturing, 300 in construction, and 100 in mining and logging. The service-providing sector added 2,600 jobs, fueled largely by seasonal gains of 2,900 in government and 1,900 in educational and health services. Other employment gains included 400 in professional and business services, 100 in other services, and 100 in financial activities. Employment declines included 1,900 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 800 in leisure and hospitality, and 100 in information.

Since September 2008, the number of payroll jobs in West Virginia has fallen 27,400. The goods-producing sector plunged 15,900, with losses of 6,400 in manufacturing, 5,100 in construction, and 4,400 in mining and logging. The service-providing sector declined 11,500, with losses of 7,900 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,900 in leisure and hospitality, 1,200 in financial activities, 800 in government, 700 in information, 300 in other services, and 200 in professional and business services. Educational and health services added 1,500 jobs over the year.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed state residents declined 3,500 to 64,200 in September 2009. The corresponding unemployment rate fell four-tenths of a percentage point to 8.1 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment has risen 35,200 from September 2008, when the rate was 3.6 percent and 29,000 were jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 8.9 percent in September, while the national rate inched upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 9.8 percent.

Hours and Earnings

Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$15.87 in September, up eight cents from the previous month. Hourly earnings were up 32 cents over the year. Average weekly earnings rose \$1.19 in September to \$549.10, and were up \$9.51 from the previous September. Average weekly hours were down slightly over the month as well as over the year.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$549.10	\$547.91	\$539.59	34.6	34.7	34.7	\$15.87	\$15.79	\$15.55
Goods Producing	896.33	903.94	864.19	42.5	42.8	42.3	21.09	21.12	20.43
Mining and Logging	1,156.31	1,148.61	1,062.58	47.9	48.2	47.5	24.14	23.83	22.37
Construction	900.30	928.98	816.07	41.7	42.4	39.5	21.59	21.91	20.66
Manufacturing	742.00	743.60	787.67	40.0	40.0	41.5	18.55	18.59	18.98
Durable Goods	698.22	701.87	754.37	40.5	40.5	41.2	17.24	17.33	18.31
Nondurable Goods	816.41	815.36	846.30	39.1	39.2	42.0	20.88	20.80	20.15
Private Service-Providing	470.02	467.18	456.25	32.8	32.9	32.8	14.33	14.20	13.91
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	469.45	466.37	483.21	34.8	34.7	35.9	13.49	13.44	13.46
Wholesale Trade	703.44	697.57	691.60	39.9	39.5	40.0	17.63	17.66	17.29
Retail Trade	337.74	335.27	358.72	30.9	30.9	32.7	10.93	10.85	10.97
Financial Activities	478.17	480.59	439.68	34.7	34.8	33.9	13.78	13.81	12.97
Finance & Insurance	509.43	512.65	458.94	35.5	35.7	34.9	14.35	14.36	13.15
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	382.11	384.15	381.62	32.3	32.2	30.9	11.83	11.93	12.35
Professional & Business Services	615.12	627.75	581.94	37.1	37.5	35.9	16.58	16.74	16.21
Health Care									
Health Care & Social Assistance	556.01	549.36	538.41	33.8	33.6	33.4	16.45	16.35	16.12
Leisure & Hospitality									
Accommodation & Food Service	231.34	237.78	210.65	26.9	27.3	26.2	8.60	8.71	8.04

Benchmark March 2008

LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

	<i>Prelim. Sep 2009</i>	<i>Revised Aug 2009</i>	<i>Revised Sep 2008</i>	<i>Change From: Aug Sep 2009 2008</i>	
LABOR FORCE STATISTICS					
Civilian Labor Force	791.5	793.4	803.9	-1.9	-12.4
Total Employment	727.3	725.7	774.8	1.6	-47.5
Total Unemployment	64.2	67.7	29.0	-3.5	35.2
Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.5	3.6	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	740.8	739.0	768.2	1.8	-27.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	594.7	595.8	621.3	-1.1	-26.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	113.8	114.6	129.7	-0.8	-15.9
Mining and Logging	27.5	27.6	31.9	-0.1	-4.4
Construction	36.5	36.8	41.6	-0.3	-5.1
Manufacturing	49.8	50.2	56.2	-0.4	-6.4
Durable Goods	30.6	30.8	35.2	-0.2	-4.6
Nondurable Goods	19.2	19.4	21.0	-0.2	-1.8
SERVICE-PROVIDING	627.0	624.4	638.5	2.6	-11.5
Private Service-Providing	480.9	481.2	491.6	-0.3	-10.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	134.0	135.9	141.9	-1.9	-7.9
Wholesale Trade	23.3	23.7	24.8	-0.4	-1.5
Retail Trade	84.4	85.9	89.4	-1.5	-5.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26.3	26.3	27.7	0.0	-1.4
Information	10.4	10.5	11.1	-0.1	-0.7
Financial Activities	28.4	28.3	29.6	0.1	-1.2
Finance and Insurance	21.2	21.1	22.0	0.1	-0.8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.2	7.2	7.6	0.0	-0.4
Professional and Business Services	60.3	59.9	60.5	0.4	-0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	24.3	24.7	24.4	-0.4	-0.1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Administrative and Support and Waste					
Management and Remediation	30.9	30.1	31.1	0.8	-0.2
Educational and Health Services	119.3	117.4	117.8	1.9	1.5
Educational Services	9.7	9.2	10.5	0.5	-0.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	109.6	108.2	107.3	1.4	2.3
Leisure and Hospitality	73.0	73.8	74.9	-0.8	-1.9
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9.5	10.0	10.0	-0.5	-0.5
Accommodation and Food Service	63.5	63.8	64.9	-0.3	-1.4
Other Services	55.5	55.4	55.8	0.1	-0.3
Government	146.1	143.2	146.9	2.9	-0.8
Federal Government	23.4	23.6	23.1	-0.2	0.3
State Government	45.6	43.8	46.7	1.8	-1.1
Local Government	77.1	75.8	77.1	1.3	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

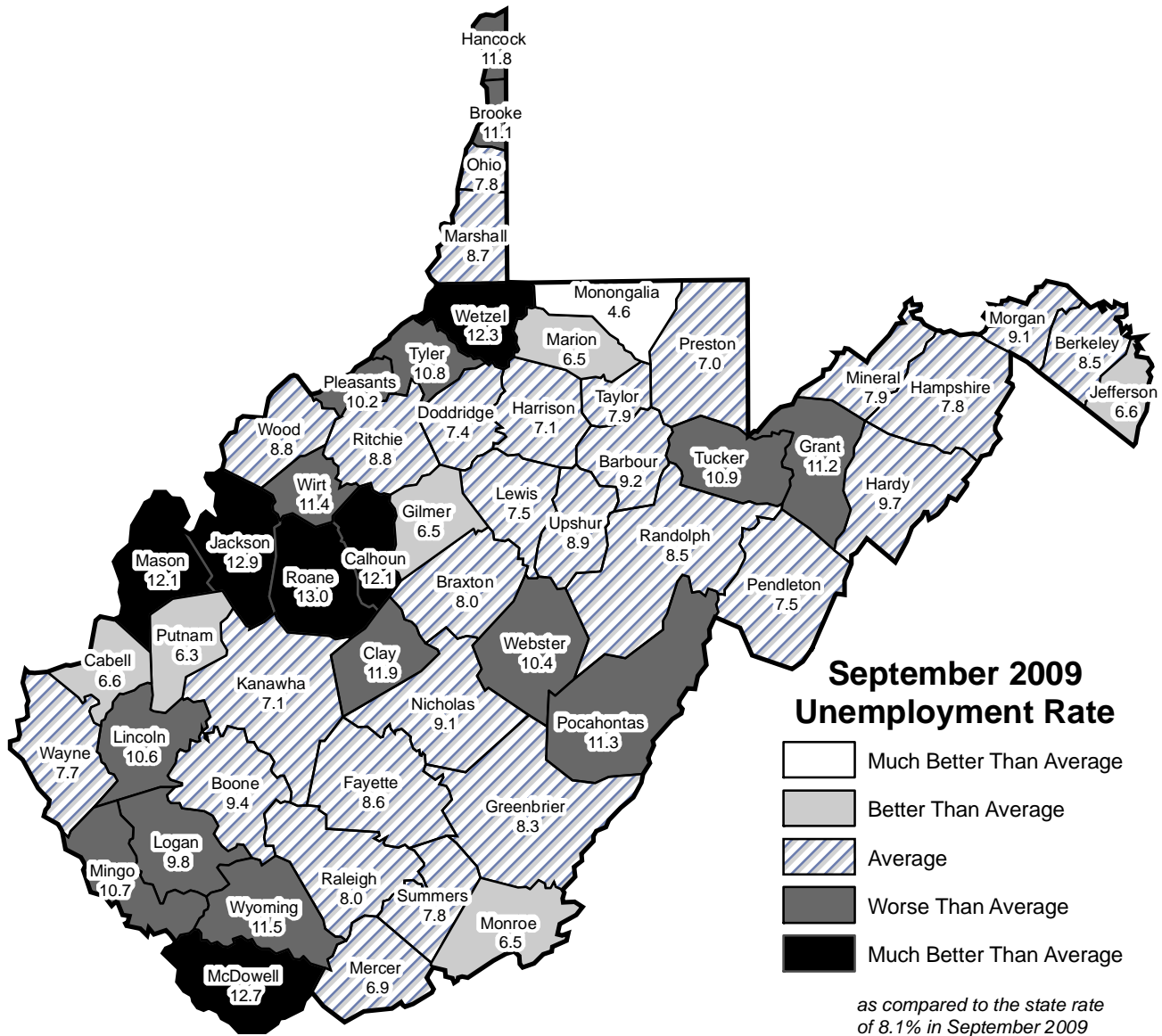
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	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009
LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally adjusted													
Civilian Labor Force	804.8	804.4	804.3	805.5	798.5	794.1	792.7	795.0	793.4	790.3	788.7	788.0	791.7
Employment	770.4	770.0	769.8	769.6	756.8	746.5	739.1	734.0	726.4	718.8	718.8	718.1	720.9
Unemployment	34.5	34.4	34.6	35.9	41.8	47.6	53.5	61.0	67.0	71.6	69.9	69.9	70.8
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.2	6.0	6.8	7.7	8.4	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.9

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - Seasonally Adjusted													
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	763.7	762.9	759.2	757.4	755.4	748.8	744.2	738.8	738.7	736.4	735.0	738.3	736.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	616.1	615.1	611.7	610.2	609.1	602.5	598.1	591.9	591.7	590.3	588.7	590.7	588.8
GOODS-PRODUCING	127.2	126.2	124.9	124.6	123.9	121.9	119.4	114.9	113.8	112.3	111.2	111.8	111.0
Mining & Logging	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.8	31.6	31.1	28.8	27.7	26.9	27.1	27.3	27.3
Construction	39.7	38.7	38.0	37.9	37.8	37.0	36.0	34.4	35.3	35.0	34.5	34.6	34.2
Manufacturing	55.8	55.7	55.1	54.8	54.3	53.3	52.3	51.7	50.8	50.4	49.6	49.9	49.5
Nondurable Goods	20.8	21.1	21.0	21.0	20.9	20.2	20.1	20.2	19.4	19.4	19.2	19.2	19.1
SERVICE-PROVIDING	636.5	636.7	634.3	632.8	631.5	626.9	624.8	623.9	624.9	624.1	623.8	626.5	625.1
Private Service-Providing	488.9	488.9	486.8	485.6	485.2	480.6	478.7	477.0	477.9	478.0	477.5	478.9	477.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	142.0	141.3	140.1	139.9	140.0	138.5	137.6	136.5	136.2	136.0	135.4	135.6	133.5
Wholesale Trade	24.8	24.8	25.0	25.1	24.8	24.0	23.6	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.7	23.3
Retail Trade	89.7	89.1	87.9	87.5	88.1	87.5	87.2	86.5	86.1	86.1	85.6	85.7	84.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	27.5	27.4	27.2	27.3	27.1	27.0	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.5	26.4	26.2	26.1
Financial Activities	29.6	29.7	29.4	29.5	29.1	28.7	28.5	28.3	28.3	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.2
Professional & Business Services	60.4	60.3	60.0	60.0	59.9	58.7	58.4	58.5	58.5	58.5	59.4	59.6	60.2
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	24.8	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.5	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.5	24.1	24.4	24.6	24.4
Administrative & Support & Waste Management	30.7	30.7	30.2	30.3	30.2	29.5	29.2	29.5	28.9	29.4	29.9	30.0	30.8
Educational & Health Service	117.4	117.8	117.7	117.1	117.6	116.8	117.2	117.7	117.9	118.6	117.9	118.9	119.3
Educational Services	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.0	10.3	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.7	10.6	9.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	106.9	107.4	107.4	107.1	107.3	107.1	107.5	108.0	108.1	108.3	107.2	108.3	109.7
Leisure & Hospitality	72.7	73.0	72.9	72.5	72.2	72.0	71.5	70.5	71.3	71.0	70.6	70.6	70.6
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	8.9	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.3
Accommodation & Food Service	63.8	63.6	63.6	63.4	63.1	63.1	62.8	62.0	62.8	62.7	62.3	62.2	62.3
Other Services	55.7	55.8	55.7	55.7	55.7	55.3	55.0	55.0	55.2	55.3	55.5	55.4	55.4
Government	147.6	147.8	147.5	147.2	146.3	146.3	146.1	146.9	147.0	146.1	146.3	147.6	147.3
Federal Government	23.1	23.3	23.0	23.1	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.4	23.7	23.4	23.4	23.5	23.4
State Government	47.0	46.8	46.8	46.9	46.4	46.1	45.9	46.2	46.3	45.3	45.7	46.4	46.1
Local Government	77.5	77.7	77.7	77.2	76.5	76.9	77.0	77.3	77.0	77.4	77.2	77.7	77.8

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Seasonally Adjusted													
Charleston	152.5	152.9	152.8	152.1	151.9	150.9	149.6	149.4	149.7	149.1	149.1	149.8	149.6
Huntington	119.6	119.7	119.2	118.6	119.1	118.6	118.4	117.6	117.9	118.2	117.2	117.6	117.2
Morgantown	63.4	64.4	63.7	63.0	62.9	63.1	63.2	62.3	62.6	62.9	62.8	63.0	62.9
Parkersburg	72.5	72.6	72.4	72.6	72.6	72.2	72.2	71.5	71.2	72.6	72.5	72.7	72.8
Wheeling	68.3	68.2	68.2	68.2	68.4	68.1	68.0	67.5	67.8	67.7	67.6	67.8	67.6

March 2008 benchmark
Data in thousands



West Virginia's unemployment rate declined four-tenths of a percentage point to 8.1 percent in September 2009. Nearly all counties reported declining unemployment rates as well. The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate was unchanged. This group included Mason (12.1), Calhoun (12.1), Wetzel (12.3), McDowell (12.7), Jackson (12.9), and Roane (13.0).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average when compared to the state rate declined slightly. This group included Cabell (6.6), Jefferson (6.6), Gilmer (6.5), Marion (6.5), Monroe (6.5), and Putnam (6.3). Once again, Monongalia (4.6) 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		
	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Barbour	6,680	6,510	6,610	6,060	5,910	6,340	610	600	270	9.2	9.1	4.0
Berkeley	44,480	44,060	44,890	40,700	40,240	43,070	3,780	3,820	1,820	8.5	8.7	4.1
Boone	9,390	9,470	9,380	8,510	8,540	9,070	880	930	310	9.4	9.8	3.3
Braxton	5,730	5,870	5,800	5,270	5,380	5,590	460	490	220	8.0	8.4	3.7
Brooke	10,750	10,900	11,090	9,560	9,590	10,580	1,190	1,310	510	11.1	12.0	4.6
Cabell	43,460	43,640	44,900	40,610	40,400	43,360	2,850	3,240	1,540	6.6	7.4	3.4
Calhoun	2,760	2,790	2,730	2,430	2,420	2,610	330	370	120	12.1	13.2	4.4
Clay	3,490	3,520	3,430	3,080	3,090	3,280	420	430	160	11.9	12.2	4.5
Doddridge	2,780	2,800	2,780	2,580	2,570	2,680	210	230	110	7.4	8.2	3.8
Fayette	18,050	18,210	18,370	16,500	16,590	17,720	1,550	1,620	640	8.6	8.9	3.5
Gilmer	2,970	3,010	3,090	2,770	2,790	2,990	190	220	100	6.5	7.3	3.1
Grant	5,080	5,190	5,340	4,510	4,580	5,130	570	620	210	11.2	11.8	3.9
Greenbrier	15,040	15,240	14,900	13,790	13,970	14,330	1,260	1,260	570	8.3	8.3	3.8
Hampshire	9,020	8,960	9,280	8,310	8,260	8,980	700	700	300	7.8	7.8	3.2
Hancock	14,300	14,440	14,700	12,610	12,650	13,960	1,690	1,790	740	11.8	12.4	5.0
Hardy	6,410	6,510	6,720	5,790	5,850	6,480	630	660	240	9.7	10.2	3.6
Harrison	30,440	30,430	30,370	28,270	28,210	29,350	2,170	2,220	1,020	7.1	7.3	3.3
Jackson	11,420	11,560	11,770	9,950	10,060	11,310	1,470	1,510	460	12.9	13.0	3.9
Jefferson	24,060	23,860	24,450	22,470	22,200	23,620	1,590	1,660	830	6.6	7.0	3.4
Kanawha	89,880	90,230	91,790	83,510	83,780	88,960	6,370	6,450	2,830	7.1	7.1	3.1
Lewis	7,310	7,410	7,450	6,760	6,780	7,210	550	630	250	7.5	8.5	3.3
Lincoln	8,010	8,050	7,930	7,170	7,190	7,630	850	860	290	10.6	10.7	3.7
Logan	13,270	13,320	13,340	11,960	12,040	12,880	1,300	1,280	460	9.8	9.6	3.5
McDowell	7,380	7,310	7,230	6,450	6,290	6,860	940	1,020	370	12.7	14.0	5.0
Marion	25,520	25,530	26,070	23,870	23,770	25,280	1,650	1,760	800	6.5	6.9	3.0
Marshall	14,590	14,810	14,700	13,330	13,400	14,070	1,260	1,410	630	8.7	9.5	4.3
Mason	10,100	10,200	9,800	8,880	8,850	9,220	1,220	1,360	580	12.1	13.3	5.9
Mercer	24,730	24,450	24,810	23,020	22,710	24,010	1,710	1,740	800	6.9	7.1	3.2
Mineral	13,360	12,740	13,230	12,300	11,710	12,760	1,060	1,040	460	7.9	8.1	3.5
Mingo	8,640	8,830	9,090	7,710	7,830	8,760	930	1,010	330	10.7	11.4	3.6
Monongalia	47,630	46,600	49,000	45,410	44,320	47,810	2,210	2,290	1,190	4.6	4.9	2.4
Monroe	5,810	5,780	5,880	5,430	5,370	5,670	380	410	210	6.5	7.1	3.6
Morgan	6,860	6,780	6,920	6,230	6,160	6,590	630	620	330	9.1	9.1	4.7
Nicholas	10,530	10,780	10,600	9,560	9,780	10,200	960	990	400	9.1	9.2	3.8
Ohio	20,730	20,940	20,940	19,120	19,220	20,180	1,610	1,730	770	7.8	8.2	3.7
Pendleton	3,550	3,650	3,660	3,280	3,350	3,540	270	300	130	7.5	8.2	3.4
Pleasants	3,120	3,180	3,100	2,810	2,800	2,950	320	370	160	10.2	11.8	5.0
Pocahontas	3,350	3,510	3,420	2,980	3,090	3,230	380	420	190	11.3	11.8	5.6
Preston	15,110	14,800	15,270	14,060	13,720	14,800	1,060	1,090	470	7.0	7.3	3.1
Putnam	26,680	26,910	27,380	25,000	25,070	26,620	1,680	1,840	750	6.3	6.8	2.8
Raleigh	31,900	32,280	32,740	29,350	29,530	31,630	2,550	2,750	1,110	8.0	8.5	3.4
Randolph	12,100	12,290	12,590	11,080	11,170	12,010	1,030	1,130	580	8.5	9.2	4.6
Ritchie	4,340	4,420	4,450	3,960	4,000	4,270	380	420	180	8.8	9.5	4.1
Roane	5,430	5,540	5,390	4,730	4,870	5,140	710	680	250	13.0	12.2	4.6
Summers	4,590	4,670	4,670	4,230	4,280	4,480	360	390	180	7.8	8.3	3.9
Taylor	6,890	6,910	6,850	6,340	6,330	6,590	540	580	260	7.9	8.4	3.9
Tucker	2,860	2,940	2,790	2,550	2,600	2,630	310	340	150	10.9	11.4	5.5
Tyler	3,500	3,590	3,530	3,120	3,180	3,350	380	410	180	10.8	11.3	5.1
Upshur	10,130	10,260	10,780	9,230	9,310	10,400	900	950	380	8.9	9.3	3.5
Wayne	17,000	17,050	17,380	15,690	15,610	16,750	1,310	1,440	630	7.7	8.4	3.6
Webster	3,250	3,310	3,270	2,910	2,940	3,120	340	370	150	10.4	11.1	4.4
Wetzel	6,040	6,170	6,180	5,300	5,370	5,800	750	800	380	12.3	13.0	6.1
Wirt	2,490	2,490	2,430	2,200	2,200	2,320	280	290	120	11.4	11.5	4.8
Wood	40,460	40,710	40,430	36,890	36,860	38,780	3,570	3,860	1,650	8.8	9.5	4.1
Wyoming	8,020	8,030	8,230	7,100	7,000	7,910	930	1,030	320	11.5	12.8	3.8

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Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Barbour	3,970	3,790	3,910	610	610	640	3,360	3,170	3,280
Berkeley	29,390	29,420	30,340	2,930	2,950	3,500	26,460	26,470	26,850
Boone	9,130	9,130	9,470	3,890	3,860	4,330	5,240	5,270	5,140
Braxton	4,470	4,510	4,500	780	790	810	3,690	3,720	3,690
Brooke	8,440	8,450	9,160	2,060	2,060	2,400	6,380	6,380	6,760
Cabell	54,970	54,930	55,630	7,250	7,170	8,180	47,710	47,770	47,450
Calhoun	1,580	1,550	1,620	420	390	400	1,160	1,160	1,220
Clay	2,040	2,020	2,340	440	420	690	1,600	1,600	1,660
Doddridge	1,340	1,360	1,350	190	200	210	1,150	1,160	1,140
Fayette	13,910	13,980	14,420	1,740	1,940	2,080	12,170	12,030	12,340
Gilmer	2,320	2,310	2,390	490	510	560	1,840	1,800	1,840
Grant	4,160	4,150	4,530	1,220	1,200	1,520	2,950	2,950	3,020
Greenbrier	14,440	14,550	14,300	1,710	1,710	1,730	12,730	12,840	12,580
Hampshire	4,360	4,310	4,410	460	460	460	3,900	3,860	3,940
Hancock	12,320	12,330	12,620	3,100	3,100	3,090	9,220	9,230	9,530
Hardy	5,870	5,890	6,350	2,980	2,980	3,300	2,890	2,910	3,050
Harrison	35,320	35,300	34,750	4,730	4,750	4,580	30,590	30,560	30,170
Jackson	8,190	8,250	9,150	1,860	1,830	2,740	6,320	6,420	6,410
Jefferson	14,850	14,480	14,990	1,720	1,720	1,650	13,130	12,770	13,340
Kanawha	114,680	115,000	116,000	12,970	13,110	12,800	101,720	101,890	103,200
Lewis	6,520	6,490	6,610	1,040	1,050	1,190	5,480	5,440	5,420
Lincoln	3,370	3,360	3,570	830	830	840	2,530	2,530	2,730
Logan	12,430	12,500	12,760	2,810	2,820	2,920	9,630	9,680	9,840
McDowell	6,680	6,460	6,820	1,750	1,750	1,850	4,930	4,710	4,970
Marion	22,020	22,000	22,460	3,840	3,850	4,190	18,180	18,140	18,260
Marshall	11,440	11,440	11,530	2,990	2,980	3,060	8,440	8,460	8,480
Mason	7,310	7,340	7,150	1,070	1,080	890	6,240	6,260	6,260
Mercer	23,730	23,600	23,830	2,330	2,330	2,450	21,400	21,270	21,380
Mineral	8,430	8,420	8,240	2,430	2,470	2,220	6,000	5,950	6,020
Mingo	8,710	8,840	9,680	3,140	3,140	3,990	5,570	5,700	5,700
Monongalia	56,780	54,770	56,320	6,330	6,330	6,390	50,450	48,450	49,930
Monroe	2,630	2,520	2,570	630	620	620	2,000	1,900	1,940
Morgan	3,190	3,220	3,250	420	420	450	2,780	2,800	2,790
Nicholas	9,250	9,430	9,380	2,160	2,180	2,260	7,090	7,260	7,120
Ohio	31,480	31,310	31,890	2,380	2,440	2,520	29,100	28,870	29,370
Pendleton	1,900	1,900	1,910	160	160	180	1,740	1,750	1,730
Pleasants	3,000	2,970	3,210	800	810	890	2,200	2,160	2,320
Pocahontas	3,290	3,340	3,360	480	480	520	2,810	2,860	2,850
Preston	7,130	7,120	7,930	1,250	1,250	1,940	5,880	5,870	5,990
Putnam	20,830	20,730	21,760	4,880	4,760	5,790	15,950	15,960	15,970
Raleigh	32,950	33,130	34,010	4,930	4,800	4,850	28,020	28,330	29,160
Randolph	12,270	12,250	12,700	2,170	2,150	2,340	10,110	10,100	10,360
Ritchie	3,380	3,380	3,500	1,470	1,500	1,540	1,910	1,880	1,960
Roane	3,430	3,510	3,550	670	730	810	2,760	2,780	2,740
Summers	2,740	2,740	2,760	140	140	150	2,600	2,600	2,610
Taylor	2,880	2,840	3,190	190	190	370	2,690	2,650	2,820
Tucker	2,780	2,820	2,710	420	430	440	2,360	2,390	2,270
Tyler	2,640	2,680	2,680	790	800	770	1,850	1,880	1,910
Upshur	8,520	8,540	9,310	2,000	2,030	2,380	6,510	6,510	6,930
Wayne	10,550	10,530	10,450	1,840	1,810	1,950	8,710	8,730	8,490
Webster	2,550	2,510	2,590	740	740	760	1,810	1,760	1,830
Wetzel	4,880	4,930	5,160	270	290	560	4,610	4,640	4,610
Wirt	910	900	910	200	200	210	710	700	690
Wood	42,640	41,330	42,080	6,430	6,550	6,460	36,220	34,780	35,620
Wyoming	5,560	5,390	5,970	1,190	1,190	1,800	4,370	4,200	4,180
Statewide	740,800	739,000	768,200	113,800	114,600	129,700	627,000	624,400	638,500

March 2008 benchmark

Population and Per Capita Income by County

	<u>2000 Census</u>	<u>Population Estimated July 1, 2008</u>	<u>Change from 2000 to July 1, 2008 Estimate</u>		<u>Per capita Personal Income 2006</u>
			<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
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>	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	137.5	138.2	139.9
Total Employment	127.3	127.7	135.6
Total Unemployment	10.2	10.5	4.3
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.6	3.1

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Total Nonfarm	150.1	150.3	153.0
Total Private	123.6	123.7	125.9
Goods Producing	23.0	23.0	24.4
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	17.3	17.3	18.3
Manufacturing	5.7	5.7	6.1
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.2
Nondurable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.9
Service-Providing	127.1	127.3	128.6
Private Service-Providing	100.6	100.7	101.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.3	28.4	28.8
Wholesale Trade	5.8	5.8	5.9
Retail Trade	15.9	16.0	16.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.8
Information	2.6	2.6	2.7
Financial Activities	8.0	8.0	8.1
Professional & Business Services	14.5	14.6	15.2
Educational & Health Service	23.1	23.0	22.4
Leisure & Hospitality	12.5	12.5	12.6
Other Services	11.6	11.6	11.7
Government	26.5	26.6	27.1
Federal Government	2.4	2.5	2.6
State Government	11.4	11.5	11.6
Local Government	12.7	12.6	12.9
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>	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	131.0	131.4	132.8
Total Employment	120.6	120.2	126.4
Total Unemployment	10.3	11.2	6.3
Unemployment Rate	7.9	8.6	4.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Total Nonfarm	117.4	116.6	120.0
Total Private	97.7	97.7	100.5
Goods Producing	15.9	15.9	18.2
Manufacturing	8.6	8.5	10.0
Service-Providing	101.5	100.7	101.8
Private Service-Providing	81.8	81.8	82.3
Retail Trade	15.1	15.3	15.9
Professional & Business Services	10.0	10.0	10.2
Educational & Health Service	24.5	24.3	23.9
Leisure & Hospitality	11.3	11.3	11.3
Government	19.7	18.9	19.5
Federal Government	3.2	3.2	3.1
State Government	5.0	4.7	4.9
Local Government	11.5	11.0	11.5
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>	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	62.7	61.4	64.3
Total Employment	59.5	58.0	62.6
Total Unemployment	3.3	3.4	1.7
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.5	2.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Total Nonfarm	63.9	62.0	64.3
Total Private	46.0	45.9	46.3
Goods Producing	7.6	7.6	8.3
Manufacturing	3.8	3.8	4.1
Service-Providing	56.3	54.4	56.0
Private Service-Providing	38.4	38.3	38.0
Retail Trade	6.7	6.7	6.8
Professional & Business Services	4.7	4.7	4.6
Educational & Health Service	12.7	12.7	12.4
Leisure & Hospitality	6.9	6.9	6.7
Government	17.9	16.1	18.0
Federal Government	1.9	1.9	1.9
State Government	11.8	10.2	11.9
Local Government	4.2	4.0	4.2
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>	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	79.7	80.4	79.1
Total Employment	72.4	72.6	75.3
Total Unemployment	7.3	7.8	3.7
Unemployment Rate	9.2	9.7	4.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Total Nonfarm	72.7	72.4	73.0
Total Private	61.9	62.0	62.2
Goods Producing	12.9	12.9	14.1
Manufacturing	7.8	7.8	8.5
Service-Providing	59.8	59.5	58.9
Private Service-Providing	49.0	49.1	48.1
Educational and Health Service	12.7	12.7	12.7
Government	10.8	10.4	10.8
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5
State Government	1.6	1.4	1.6
Local Government	6.7	6.5	6.7
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>	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	68.6	69.7	68.7
Total Employment	62.7	63.3	65.4
Total Unemployment	5.9	6.4	3.3
Unemployment Rate	8.6	9.2	4.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Total Nonfarm	67.9	68.1	68.3
Total Private	57.5	57.6	58.0
Goods Producing	8.6	8.7	9.4
Manufacturing	3.9	3.9	4.1
Service-Providing	59.3	59.4	58.9
Private Service-Providing	48.9	48.9	48.6
Educational & Health Service	13.2	13.1	13.2
Government	10.4	10.5	10.3
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.2	2.1	2.2
Local Government	7.5	7.7	7.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Statistical Areas

Micropolitan Statistical Areas

	<i>Prelim Sep 2009</i>	<i>Rev Aug 2009</i>	<i>Rev Sep 2008</i>
Beckley-Oak Hill CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	49.9	50.5	51.1
Total Employment	45.8	46.1	49.3
Total Unemployment	4.1	4.4	1.8
Unemployment Rate	8.2	8.6	3.4
Beckley MCSA <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	31.9	32.3	32.7
Total Employment	29.3	29.5	31.6
Total Unemployment	2.6	2.7	1.1
Unemployment Rate	8.0	8.5	3.4
Oak Hill MCSA <i>Fayette County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	18.0	18.2	18.4
Total Employment	16.5	16.6	17.7
Total Unemployment	1.5	1.6	0.6
Unemployment Rate	8.6	8.9	3.5
Bluefield MCSA <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	46.1	45.9	45.7
Total Employment	42.7	42.4	43.9
Total Unemployment	3.4	3.5	1.8
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.7	4.0
Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	65.6	65.7	66.1
Total Employment	61.1	60.9	63.9
Total Unemployment	4.6	4.8	2.2
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.3	3.3
Fairmont MCSA <i>Marion County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	25.5	25.5	26.1
Total Employment	23.9	23.8	25.3
Total Unemployment	1.7	1.8	0.8
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.9	3.0
Clarksburg MCSA <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	40.1	40.1	40.0
Total Employment	37.2	37.1	38.6
Total Unemployment	2.9	3.0	1.4
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.5	3.5
Point Pleasant MCSA <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	24.4	24.6	23.8
Total Employment	21.8	21.8	22.3
Total Unemployment	2.6	2.7	1.5
Unemployment Rate	10.6	11.1	6.3

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.

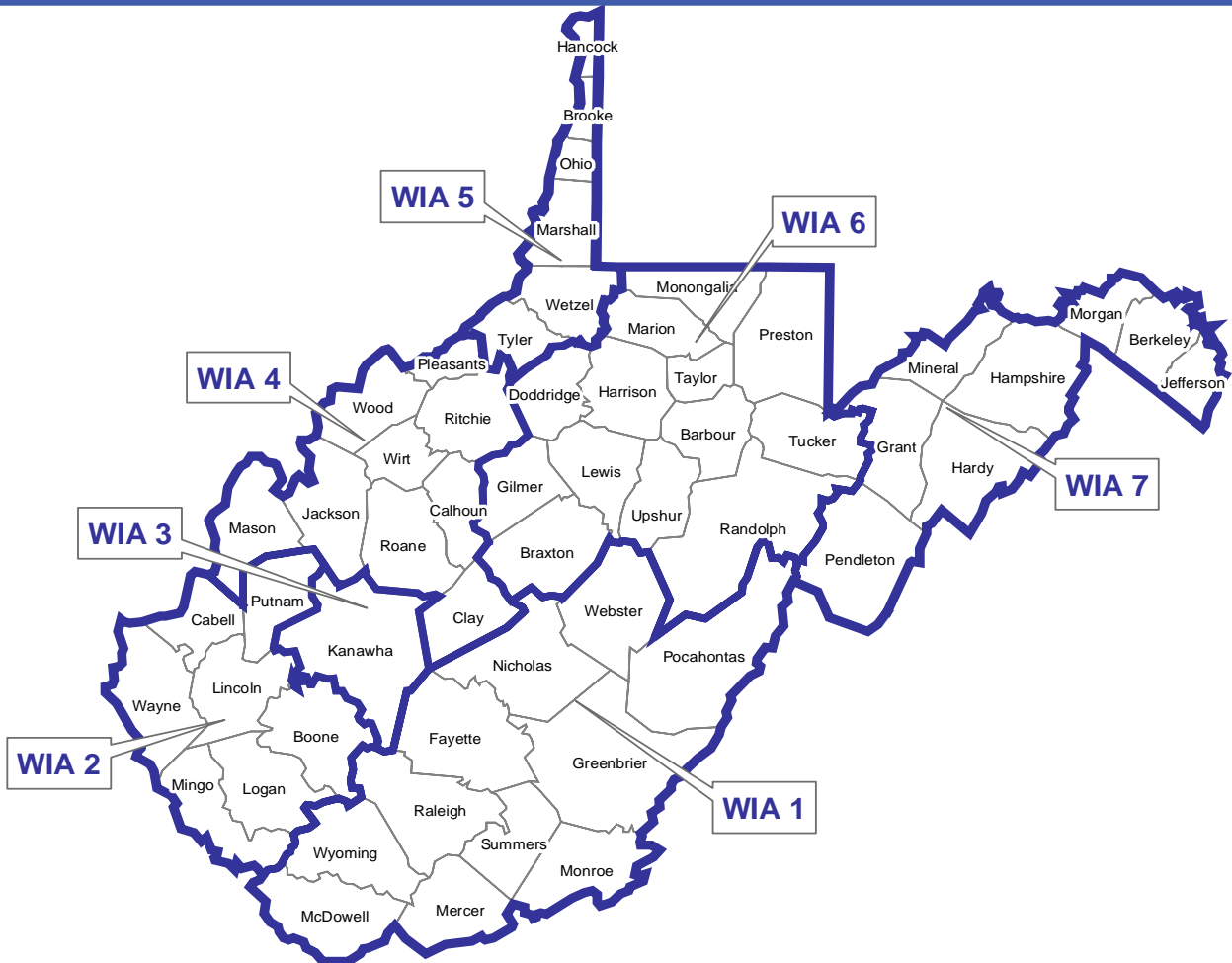
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MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area
 CSA Combined Micropolitan Statistical Area
 MCSA Micropolitan Statistical Area

Metropolitan Statistical Areas that include West Virginia Counties

	<i>Prelim Sep 2009</i>	<i>Rev Aug 2009</i>	<i>Rev Sep 2008</i>	
Steubenville-Weirton MSA				
Civilian Labor Force	57.9	58.9	58.9	Includes Brooke and Hancock Counties, WV and Jefferson County, OH. Data courtesy of Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.
Total Employment	50.8	51.3	55.5	
Total Unemployment	7.1	7.6	3.4	
Unemployment Rate	12.2	12.9	5.8	
Cumberland MSA				
Civilian Labor Force	48.7	47.0	48.4	Includes Mineral County, WV and Allegany County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.
Total Employment	45.0	43.1	45.9	
Total Unemployment	3.7	3.9	2.4	
Unemployment Rate	7.6	8.2	5.1	
Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington				
Civilian Labor Force	2,997.4	3,030.3	3,016.5	Includes Washington, DC, portions of Virginia and Maryland, and Jefferson County, WV. Data courtesy of District of Columbia Department of Employment Services.
Total Employment	2,812.0	2,848.6	2,897.9	
Total Unemployment	185.4	181.7	118.5	
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.0	3.9	
Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA				
Civilian Labor Force	119.3	118.9	119.4	Includes Morgan and Berkeley Counties, WV and Washington County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.
Total Employment	108.5	107.8	113.3	
Total Unemployment	10.8	11.1	6.1	
Unemployment Rate	9.0	9.3	5.1	
Winchester MSA				
Civilian Labor Force	63.3	63.6	64.2	Includes Hampshire County, WV and Frederick County and Winchester City, VA. Data courtesy of Virginia Employment Commission.
Total Employment	58.5	58.8	61.4	
Total Unemployment	4.8	4.8	2.8	
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.6	4.3	



Workforce Investment Area 1

September 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 100
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 100
- Total unemployment down 700
- Unemployment rate down five-tenths of a percentage points to 8.5 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 2,300
- Goods-producing sector down 1,300
- Service-providing sector down 1,100
- Total unemployment up 6,400
- Unemployment rate up four and eight-tenths percentage points from 3.7 percent

Labor Force Data

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	132.6	133.6	134.1
Employment	121.3	121.6	129.2
Unemployment	11.3	12.0	4.9
Unemployment Rate	8.5	9.0	3.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	117.7	117.6	120.0
Total Private	93.4	93.8	96.2
Goods-Producing	17.8	17.9	19.1
Mining & Logging	7.1	7.3	8.1
Construction	4.8	4.7	4.8
Manufacturing	5.9	5.9	6.1
Service-Providing	99.9	99.8	101.0
Private Service-Providing	75.6	75.9	77.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.1	23.2	23.7
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5
Retail Trade	15.9	15.9	16.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.8	3.8	3.8
Information	1.3	1.3	1.3
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.9
Professional & Business Services	6.6	6.7	7.0
Educational & Health Services	17.9	17.7	17.4
Leisure & Hospitality	12.7	13.1	13.6
Other Services	10.1	10.1	10.2
Government	24.3	23.9	23.8
Federal	3.1	3.1	3.0
State	6.0	5.9	5.7
Local	15.3	14.9	15.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 2

September 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment unchanged
- Goods-producing sector up 200
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Total unemployment down 800
- Unemployment rate down six-tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 3,300
- Goods-producing sector down 3,400
- Service-providing sector unchanged
- Total unemployment up 5,500
- Unemployment rate up four and four-tenths percentage points from 3.3 percent

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	126.5	127.3	129.4
Employment	116.7	116.7	125.1
Unemployment	9.8	10.6	4.3
Unemployment Rate	7.7	8.3	3.3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	120.0	120.0	123.3
Total Private	100.3	100.2	103.6
Goods-Producing	24.6	24.4	28.0
Mining & Logging	9.4	9.4	10.1
Construction	6.6	6.4	8.8
Manufacturing	8.7	8.6	9.1
Service-Providing	95.3	95.6	95.3
Private Service-Providing	75.6	75.8	75.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	24.2	24.4	24.3
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.8	4.7
Retail Trade	14.0	14.1	14.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.6	5.6	5.7
Information	1.4	1.4	1.5
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.9
Professional & Business Services	10.1	10.0	10.5
Educational & Health Services	18.0	18.0	17.5
Leisure & Hospitality	10.2	10.3	10.2
Other Services	7.9	8.0	7.7
Government	19.7	19.8	19.7
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.9
State	5.1	5.1	5.1
Local	11.5	11.6	11.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 3

September 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 300
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 200
- Total unemployment down 100
- Unemployment rate unchanged at 7.1 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,300
- Goods-producing sector up 200
- Service-providing sector down 1,500
- Total unemployment up 3,600
- Unemployment rate up four percentage points from 3.1 percent

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	89.9	90.2	91.8
Employment	83.5	83.8	89.0
Unemployment	6.4	6.5	2.8
Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.1	3.1
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	114.7	115.0	116.0
Total Private	93.5	93.8	94.4
Goods-Producing	13.0	13.1	12.8
Mining & Logging	2.8	2.8	3.3
Construction	6.6	6.7	5.6
Manufacturing	3.5	3.6	3.9
Service-Providing	101.7	101.9	103.2
Private Service-Providing	80.6	80.6	81.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20.4	20.5	20.9
Wholesale Trade	4.0	4.0	4.1
Retail Trade	12.3	12.4	12.5
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.2	4.1	4.3
Information	2.2	2.2	2.3
Financial Activities	6.8	6.8	6.9
Professional & Business Services	11.8	11.9	12.5
Educational & Health Services	20.1	20.0	19.5
Leisure & Hospitality	10.2	10.2	10.4
Other Services	9.1	9.1	9.3
Government	21.1	21.2	21.6
Federal	2.1	2.2	2.3
State	10.8	10.9	10.9
Local	8.3	8.2	8.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 4

September 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 1,300
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 1,400
- Total unemployment down 600
- Unemployment rate down six-tenths of a percentage point to 10.4 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,000
- Goods-producing sector down 1,200
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment up 5,000
- Unemployment rate up six percentage points from 4.4 percent

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	83.6	84.4	83.5
Employment	74.9	75.0	79.9
Unemployment	8.7	9.3	3.7
Unemployment Rate	10.4	11.0	4.4
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.5	71.2	73.5
Total Private	58.7	58.9	60.5
Goods-Producing	13.4	13.5	14.6
Mining & Logging	1.8	1.9	2.1
Construction	4.4	4.5	4.2
Manufacturing	7.2	7.1	8.3
Service-Providing	59.1	57.7	58.9
Private Service-Providing	45.3	45.4	45.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14.8	14.9	15.2
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.5	1.7
Retail Trade	10.0	10.1	10.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.5
Information	1.0	1.0	1.1
Financial Activities	3.0	3.0	3.1
Professional & Business Services	3.7	3.6	3.7
Educational & Health Services	10.8	10.7	10.7
Leisure & Hospitality	7.0	7.2	6.7
Other Services	4.9	4.9	5.4
Government	13.8	12.3	13.0
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.6
State	2.2	2.2	2.5
Local	9.0	7.6	8.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 5

September 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 100
- Goods-producing down 100
- Service-providing sector up 100
- Total unemployment down 500
- Unemployment rate down seven-tenths of a percentage point to 9.8 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,800
- Goods-producing sector down 800
- Service-providing sector down 1,000
- Total unemployment up 3,700
- Unemployment rate up five and three-tenths percentage points from 4.5 percent

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	69.9	70.8	71.1
Employment	63.0	63.4	67.9
Unemployment	6.9	7.4	3.2
Unemployment Rate	9.8	10.5	4.5
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	71.2	71.1	73.0
Total Private	60.5	60.6	62.7
Goods-Producing	11.6	11.7	12.4
Mining & Logging	1.3	1.3	1.4
Construction	2.0	2.0	2.3
Manufacturing	8.3	8.3	8.7
Service-Providing	59.6	59.5	60.6
Private Service-Providing	48.9	48.9	50.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	11.4	11.3	11.6
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.1	2.3
Retail Trade	7.4	7.4	7.5
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1.8	1.8	1.8
Information	0.6	0.6	0.6
Financial Activities	2.8	2.8	2.8
Professional & Business Services	5.5	5.6	5.6
Educational & Health Services	12.5	12.5	12.9
Leisure & Hospitality	9.3	9.3	9.8
Other Services	6.8	6.8	6.9
Government	10.7	10.5	10.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	1.8	1.7	1.8
Local	8.2	8.1	7.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 6

September 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 2,200
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 2,300
- Total unemployment down 600
- Unemployment rate down three-tenths of a percentage point to 6.8 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,800
- Goods-producing sector down 2,000
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment up 6,100
- Unemployment rate up three and six-tenths of a percentage point from 3.2 percent

Labor Force Data

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	176.1	175.3	179.5
Employment	164.3	162.9	173.7
Unemployment	11.9	12.5	5.8
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.1	3.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	166.3	164.1	168.1
Total Private	125.3	125.1	127.6
Goods-Producing	24.0	24.1	26.0
Mining & Logging	5.1	5.1	6.1
Construction	8.6	8.6	8.5
Manufacturing	10.4	10.4	11.5
Service-Providing	142.3	140.0	142.1
Private Service-Providing	101.3	101.0	101.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.6	28.5	29.1
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.9
Retail Trade	19.3	19.2	19.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.4	5.4	5.5
Information	1.9	1.9	1.9
Financial Activities	4.8	4.8	4.9
Professional & Business Services	11.4	11.5	11.4
Educational & Health Services	27.7	27.4	27.6
Leisure & Hospitality	16.0	16.0	15.7
Other Services	11.0	10.9	11.0
Government	41.0	39.0	40.5
Federal	7.0	7.0	6.8
State	17.6	15.7	17.5
Local	16.3	16.2	16.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 7

September 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 300
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Total unemployment down 200
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point to 8.2 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,900
- Goods-producing sector down 1000
- Service-providing sector down 900
- Total unemployment up 4,900
- Unemployment rate up four and four-tenths percentage points from 3.8 percent

Labor Force Data

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	112.8	111.7	114.5
Employment	103.6	102.3	110.2
Unemployment	9.2	9.4	4.3
Unemployment Rate	8.2	8.4	3.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.1	71.8	74.0
Total Private	53.6	53.8	55.8
Goods-Producing	12.3	12.4	13.3
Mining & Logging	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	3.2	3.2	4.1
Manufacturing	8.5	8.5	8.5
Service-Providing	59.8	59.4	60.7
Private Service-Providing	41.3	41.5	42.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.2	12.3	12.8
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.6	1.6
Retail Trade	8.5	8.5	8.9
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.3
Information	1.9	1.9	2.2
Financial Activities	2.5	2.5	2.5
Professional & Business Services	4.3	4.3	4.4
Educational & Health Services	8.2	8.1	8.1
Leisure & Hospitality	8.0	8.2	8.4
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.2
Government	18.5	18.0	18.2
Federal	5.0	5.0	4.9
State	3.2	2.9	3.2
Local	10.3	10.1	10.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Occupational Profile

Bill and Account Collectors are projected to have a strong job outlook through 2016. Expected job openings will average approximately 87 per year, 53 of which will come from new job growth. The average annual growth rate is projected to be 2.16% per year, nearly four times the growth rate for all occupations combined (.61%). Education and training for Bill and Account Collectors typically requires a high school diploma and anywhere from a few months to 12 months of working with experienced employees.

"Cash flow is becoming increasingly important to companies, which are now placing greater emphasis on collecting unpaid debts sooner. Thus, the workload for collectors is expected to continue to increase as they seek to collect not only debts that are relatively old, but also ones that are more recent. In addition, as more companies in a wide range of industries get involved in lending money and issuing credit cards, they will need to hire collectors because debt levels will likely continue to rise.

Hospitals and physicians' offices are two of the fastest growing industries requiring collectors. With insurance reimbursements not keeping up with cost increases, the health care industry is seeking to recover more money from patients. Government agencies also are making more use of collectors to collect on everything from parking tickets to child-support payments and past-due taxes. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has begun outsourcing the collection of overdue Federal taxes to third-party collection agencies, adding to the need for workers in this occupation." ¹

¹ Occupational Outlook Handbook, US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Area	Annual Openings	Growth Rate
WIA 1	7	1.81%
WIA 2	16	2.91%
WIA 3	9	1.93%
WIA 4	3	2.02%
WIA 5	7	1.57%
WIA 6	15	1.55%
WIA 7	5	1.59%

	This Occupation *	Compared to all Occupations *	Difference
2009 Q2	\$12.15 1.2%	\$12.82 0.6%	-\$0.67
2008	\$12.00 2.8%	\$12.74 2.6%	-\$0.74
2007	\$11.67 3.2%	\$12.41 3.2%	-\$0.74
2006	\$11.30 3.2%	\$12.02 3.2%	-\$0.72
2005	\$10.94 2.5%	\$11.64 2.4%	-\$0.70
2004	\$10.67 2.9%	\$11.36 2.6%	-\$0.69
2003	\$10.36 2.5%	\$11.07 3.0%	-\$0.71
2002	\$10.10 3.2%	\$10.74 2.5%	-\$0.64
2001	\$9.78	\$10.47	-\$0.69

* %Change

	Employment	%
Professional & Business Services	1,190	59.2%
Education & Health Services	520	25.8%
Financial Activities	170	8.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	110	5.4%
Manufacturing	10	0.5%
Information	10	0.5%

	Employment	Median Wage
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	110	\$13.65
Information	10	\$13.10
Manufacturing	10	\$12.33
Financial Activities	170	\$12.25
Education & Health Services	520	\$12.12
Professional & Business Services	1,190	\$12.05
Other Services		\$11.19
Public Administration		\$9.24

Highest Employment			Highest Pay		
Arrea	Median Wage	Employment	Arrea	Median Wage	Employment
WIA 2	\$12.19	1,240	WIA 4	\$13.17	60
WIA 6	\$11.91	320	WIA 7	\$13.15	100
WIA 3	\$12.21	310	WIA 5	\$12.66	160
WIA 1	\$11.68	180	WIA 3	\$12.21	310
WIA 5	\$12.66	160	WIA 2	\$12.19	1,240
WIA 7	\$13.15	100	WIA 6	\$11.91	320
WIA 4	\$13.17	60	WIA 1	\$11.68	180

State Economic Indicators

West Virginia

Trends in the Labor Market

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	40.0	40.0	41.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	1,580	1,600	1,892
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$742.00	\$743.60	\$787.67
Coal Production (tons)	12,110,340	12,079,705	13,373,986

Unemployment Compensation Selected Claims Activities

	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Initial Claims	8,061	8,025	4,422
Weeks Claimed	110,514	138,550	51,961
Benefits Paid	\$25,633,146	\$32,586,062	\$10,094,542
Weeks Compensated	94,580	120,062	43,231
Average Weekly Payment	\$271.02	\$271.41	\$233.50
Trust Fund Balance	\$167,375,049	\$184,315,931	\$249,994,403
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.7	4.1	1.6
Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	4.7	2.1

Labor Force Data by States

State*	Sep 2009		Aug 2009		State*	Sep 2009		Aug 2009	
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Alabama	10.7	11	10.3	13	Montana	6.7	43	6.6	45
Alaska	8.4	28	8.1	29	Nebraska	4.9	49	5.0	49
Arizona	9.1	22	9.1	20	Nevada	13.3	2	13.2	2
Arkansas	7.1	39	7.1	38	New Hampshire	7.2	36	7.0	41
California	12.2	4	12.3	4	New Jersey	9.8	16	9.6	18
Colorado	7.0	40	7.3	36	New Mexico	7.7	33	7.4	35
Connecticut	8.4	28	8.1	29	New York	8.9	23	8.9	23
Delaware	8.3	30	8.0	31	North Carolina	10.8	10	10.8	9
District of Columbia	11.4	7	11.1	8	North Dakota	4.2	51	4.3	51
Florida	11.0	8	10.8	9	Ohio	10.1	14	10.8	9
Georgia	10.1	14	10.1	14	Oklahoma	6.7	43	6.8	42
Hawaii	7.2	36	7.1	38	Oregon	11.5	6	12.0	5
Idaho	8.8	25	8.9	23	Pennsylvania	8.8	25	8.7	27
Illinois	10.5	12	10.0	15	Rhode Island	13.0	3	12.8	3
Indiana	9.6	17	9.9	16	South Carolina	11.6	5	11.4	6
Iowa	6.7	43	6.7	44	South Dakota	4.8	50	4.9	50
Kansas	6.9	41	7.2	37	Tennessee	10.5	12	10.7	12
Kentucky	10.9	9	11.2	7	Texas	8.2	32	8.0	31
Louisiana	7.4	34	7.8	34	Utah	6.2	48	6.0	48
Maine	8.5	27	8.6	28	Vermont	6.7	43	6.8	42
Maryland	7.2	36	7.1	38	Virginia	6.7	43	6.6	45
Massachusetts	9.3	19	9.1	20	Washington	9.3	19	9.0	22
Michigan	15.3	1	15.2	1	West Virginia	8.9	23	8.9	23
Minnesota	7.3	35	8.0	31	Wisconsin	8.3	30	8.8	26
Mississippi	9.2	21	9.7	17	Wyoming	6.8	42	6.6	45
Missouri	9.5	18	9.5	19	United States	9.8	xx	9.7	xx

Seasonally adjusted data. In thousands.

*Includes District of Columbia

Selected National Data

United States	Sep 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2008
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Not Seasonally Adjusted	9.5	9.6	6.0
Seasonally Adjusted	9.8	9.7	6.2
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	216.0	215.8	218.8
1967 Base	646.9	646.5	655.4
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	173.4	174.3	182.0
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$614.57	\$624.96	\$613.20
Average Weekly Hours	32.9	33.6	33.6
Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.68	\$18.60	\$18.25

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