

West Virginia Economic Summary

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West Virginia Demand Occupations 2006 - 2016

This is the first part of a series on demand occupations that will include data for all seven workforce investment areas. Special data releases may create interruptions in the series, but all seven areas will be featured by year's end.

The following list contains occupations considered to be in high demand, where significant amounts of annual openings and growth are expected. Statistically, these occupations are in the highest quintile for both Total Annual Openings and Annual Growth Rate. Due to confidentiality constraints, employment and wage numbers are not displayed. The majority of these occupations require vocational or on-the-job training, and include many service-related jobs such as security guards and fast-food workers. Just over half of the occupations are found within medical and social services, and include registered nurses, medical assistants and substance abuse workers. Less than half of these occupations require an associate degree or higher and include such jobs as computer system analysts and computer software engineers. For a complete list of all demand occupations, visit our website at www.workforcewv.org/lmi.

SOC	SOC Title	Minimum Education/Training Required
15-1031	Computer Software Engineers, Applications	Bachelor's degree
15-1051	Computer Systems Analysts	Bachelor's degree
15-1081	Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	Bachelor's degree
21-1022	Medical & Public Health Social Workers	Bachelor's degree
21-1023	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	Master's degree
21-1093	Social & Human Service Assistants	Moderate-term on-the-job training
23-2011	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	Associate degree
29-1051	Pharmacists	First professional degree
29-1111	Registered Nurses	Associate degree
29-1123	Physical Therapists	Master's degree
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	Associate degree
29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	Postsecondary vocational training
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	Moderate-term on-the-job training
31-1011	Home Health Aides	Short-term on-the-job training
31-9091	Dental Assistants	Moderate-term on-the-job training
31-9092	Medical Assistants	Moderate-term on-the-job training
33-3012	Correctional Officers & Jailers	Moderate-term on-the-job training
33-9032	Security Guards	Short-term on-the-job training
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, inc Fast Food	Short-term on-the-job training
39-9021	Personal & Home Care Aides	Short-term on-the-job training
41-2021	Counter & Rental Clerks	Short-term on-the-job training
43-3011	Bill & Account Collectors	Short-term on-the-job training
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	Moderate-term on-the-job training

Demand Occupations 2006 - 2016

West Virginia Industry Projections (Growth) 2006 - 2016

NAICS	Industry Title	Estimated 2006 Employment	Projected 2016 Employment	Annual Growth Rate	Numeric Change
Growth industries (top 25)	621 Ambulatory Health Care Services	32,696	41,533	2.42	8,837
	713 Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	9,917	12,409	2.27	2,492
	523 Securities, Commodity Contracts, & Other Financial Investments	887	1,109	2.26	222
	493 Warehousing & Storage	1,678	2,072	2.13	394
	336 Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	5,217	6,263	1.84	1,046
	211 Oil & Gas Extraction	2,237	2,682	1.83	445
	541 Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	24,589	29,165	1.72	4,576
	561 Administrative & Support Services	29,117	33,966	1.55	4,849
	518 Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals, & Data Prg	978	1,132	1.47	154
	551 Management of Companies & Enterprises	4,076	4,685	1.40	609
	722 Food Services & Drinking Places	50,266	57,113	1.29	6,847
	213 Support Activities for Mining	4,932	5,606	1.29	674
	622 Hospitals	46,583	52,631	1.23	6,048
	532 Rental & Leasing Services	2,988	3,364	1.19	376
	488 Support Activities for Transportation	1,522	1,692	1.06	170
	425 Wholesale Electronic Markets & Agents & Brokers	3,272	3,629	1.04	357
	115 Support Activities for Agriculture & Forestry	200	221	1.00	21
	623 Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	17,480	19,294	0.99	1,814
	721 Accommodation	9,563	10,498	0.94	935
	811 Repair & Maintenance	7,552	8,226	0.86	674
	531 Real Estate	4,538	4,940	0.85	402
	624 Social Assistance	13,774	14,901	0.79	1,127
	444 Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	7,698	8,321	0.78	623
	424 Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	8,308	8,946	0.74	638
	423 Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	13,449	14,418	0.70	969

The above occupations are ranked by highest growth rate. These occupations are found throughout varying sectors of employment, although most are service-related. This reflects the national trend of climbing service-providing employment and declining goods-producing employment, particularly within manufacturing.

Two sectors that contain several growing occupations are leisure and hospitality and educational and health services. Between 2003 and 2008, educational and health services employment grew by 7.7 percent in West Virginia. Health services employment has shown consistent growth even during times of recession. Growth in health care and social assistance is connected to the aging population. Also, constant developments in medical technology open up possibilities for employment growth within the sector.

Leisure and hospitality employment rose 9.7 percent between 2003 and 2008 in West Virginia. The opening of casinos has done much to increase employment in the leisure and hospitality sector. Between 2003 and 2008, employment in amusements, gambling, and recreation has grown over 32 percent. Occupations related to accommodation and food services and drinking places are expected to show high growth rate as well.

One goods-producing occupation expected to experience growth through 2016 is oil and gas extraction. Employment in oil and gas extraction in the state has grown by nearly 52 percent between 2003 and 2008.

West Virginia Industry Projections (Decline) 2006 - 2016

NAICS	Industry Title	Estimated 2006 Employment	Projected 2016 Employment	Annual Growth Rate	Numeric Change
315	Apparel Manufacturing	156	72	-7.44	-84
323	Printing & Related Support Activities	1,730	1,317	-2.69	-413
331	Primary Metal Manufacturing	6,376	4,942	-2.52	-1,434
814	Private Households	1,160	938	-2.10	-222
335	Electrical Equipment, Appliance, & Component Manufacturing	829	675	-2.03	-154
322	Paper Manufacturing	724	601	-1.84	-123
325	Chemical Manufacturing	10,162	8,631	-1.62	-1,531
327	Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	3,975	3,442	-1.43	-533
333	Machinery Manufacturing	2,047	1,776	-1.41	-271
332	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	6,492	5,641	-1.40	-851
312	Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing	418	367	-1.29	-51
326	Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	4,285	3,857	-1.05	-428
515	Broadcasting (exc Internet)	1,751	1,582	-1.01	-169
448	Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	5,740	5,194	-0.99	-546
447	Gasoline Stations	9,222	8,405	-0.92	-817
486	Pipeline Transportation	1,370	1,262	-0.82	-108
324	Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	1,037	959	-0.78	-78
442	Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	2,394	2,237	-0.68	-157
453	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,629	4,329	-0.67	-300
522	Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	11,548	10,793	-0.67	-755
812	Personal & Laundry Services	5,666	5,302	-0.66	-364
113	Forestry & Logging	1,175	1,101	-0.65	-74
481	Air Transportation	349	327	-0.65	-22
339	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	1,540	1,471	-0.46	-69
484	Truck Transportation	8,754	8,416	-0.39	-338

Declining industries (top 25)

The above occupations are ranked by declining growth rate. The majority of these occupations are found within the manufacturing sector and reflect the large number of production jobs being outsourced to other nations. Between 2003 and 2008, manufacturing employment in West Virginia declined over 12 percent.

One of the hardest hit manufacturing industries in the United States has been apparel manufacturing, which has lost tens of thousands of jobs to Central and South America and Southeast Asia. Between 2003 and 2008, apparel manufacturing employment in the United States fell by nearly 36 percent. Other manufacturing sectors projecting large occupational declines within West Virginia include primary metals; electrical equipment, appliance, and components; paper; chemicals; nonmetallic mineral products; machinery; and fabricated metal products.

Chemical and primary metal manufacturing in the state have suffered sharp declines over the past several years. Between 2003 and 2008, West Virginia has lost over 14 percent of chemical manufacturing jobs and approximately 25 percent of primary metal manufacturing jobs.

Some retail trade occupations are declining as well due to harsher economic conditions and the accessibility of similar items online. Both furniture and clothing stores face stiff competition from internet and mail order companies.

AT A GLANCE

Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 5,400 over the month of December 2009 to a level of 742,600. The goods-producing sector fell 2,900, fueled largely by a seasonal loss of 2,000 in construction. Other losses included 500 in manufacturing and 400 in mining and logging. The service-providing sector declined 2,500, with losses of 1,200 in professional and business services, 500 in educational and health services, 500 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 200 in leisure and hospitality, 100 in other services, and 100 in government. Financial activities added 100 jobs while employment in information was unchanged over the month.

Since December 2008, the number of payroll jobs in West Virginia has fallen 19,100. The goods-producing sector declined 11,700, with losses of 5,100 in manufacturing, 5,000 in mining and logging, and 1,600 in construction. The service-providing sector fell 7,400, with losses of 7,000 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,800 in leisure and hospitality, 1,000 in financial activities, 800 in other services, and 500 in information. Employment gains included 2,000 in educational and health services, 1,400 in government, and 300 in professional and business services.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed state residents rose 5,300 to 67,400 in December 2009. The corresponding unemployment rate climbed seven-tenths of a percentage point to 8.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment has increased 32,700 since December 2008, when the rate was 4.4 percent and 34,700 jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed seven-tenths of a percentage point to 9.1 percent, while the national rate remained at 10.0 percent.

Hours and Earnings

Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$15.95 in December, up five cents from the previous month. Hourly earnings were up 34 cents over the year. Average weekly earnings increased by 14 cents in December to \$551.87, but were up \$11.76 from the previous December. Average weekly hours were down slightly over the month but unchanged over the year.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$551.87	\$551.73	\$540.11	34.6	34.7	34.6	\$15.95	\$15.90	\$15.61
Goods Producing	882.00	894.22	875.08	42.0	42.4	42.5	21.00	21.09	20.59
Mining and Logging	1,157.76	1,159.69	1,072.55	48.0	48.1	47.5	24.12	24.11	22.58
Construction	884.23	911.33	815.19	41.3	41.9	39.4	21.41	21.75	20.69
Manufacturing	726.77	730.36	793.90	39.2	39.5	41.5	18.54	18.49	19.13
Durable Goods	680.33	681.60	771.96	39.6	40.0	42.0	17.18	17.04	18.38
Nondurable Goods	807.28	812.70	831.08	38.7	38.7	40.6	20.86	21.00	20.47
Private Service-Providing	478.83	473.10	457.47	33.0	32.9	32.7	14.51	14.38	13.99
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	478.37	469.75	483.93	35.2	34.9	35.9	13.59	13.46	13.48
Wholesale Trade	707.83	699.34	700.95	39.9	39.6	40.1	17.74	17.66	17.48
Retail Trade	351.39	343.36	360.36	31.6	31.3	33.0	11.12	10.97	10.92
Financial Activities	483.02	479.55	440.55	34.7	34.7	33.4	13.92	13.82	13.19
Finance & Insurance	513.30	509.41	464.37	35.4	35.4	34.5	14.50	14.39	13.46
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	389.03	383.40	371.16	32.5	32.3	30.2	11.97	11.87	12.29
Professional & Business Services	626.08	627.95	578.44	37.4	37.4	35.4	16.74	16.79	16.34
Health Care									
Health Care & Social Assistance	563.14	558.77	537.18	33.5	33.6	33.2	16.81	16.63	16.18
Leisure & Hospitality									
Accommodation & Food Service	227.11	225.78	217.83	26.5	26.5	26.5	8.57	8.52	8.22

LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

	<i>Prelim. Dec 2009</i>	<i>Revised Nov 2009</i>	<i>Revised Dec 2008</i>	<i>Change From: Nov Dec 2009 2008</i>	
LABOR FORCE STATISTICS					
Civilian Labor Force	780.5	789.0	792.7	-8.5	-12.2
Total Employment	713.1	726.9	758.0	-13.8	-44.9
Total Unemployment	67.4	62.1	34.7	5.3	32.7
Unemployment Rate	8.6	7.9	4.4	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	742.6	748.0	761.7	-5.4	-19.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	591.8	597.1	612.3	-5.3	-20.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	112.1	115.0	123.8	-2.9	-11.7
Mining and Logging	27.0	27.4	32.0	-0.4	-5.0
Construction	35.5	37.5	37.1	-2.0	-1.6
Manufacturing	49.6	50.1	54.7	-0.5	-5.1
Durable Goods	30.1	30.5	33.8	-0.4	-3.7
Nondurable Goods	19.5	19.6	20.9	-0.1	-1.4
SERVICE-PROVIDING	630.5	633.0	637.9	-2.5	-7.4
Private Service-Providing	479.7	482.1	488.5	-2.4	-8.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	135.9	136.4	142.9	-0.5	-7.0
Wholesale Trade	23.5	23.6	25.2	-0.1	-1.7
Retail Trade	86.6	86.7	90.4	-0.1	-3.8
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	25.8	26.1	27.3	-0.3	-1.5
Information	10.4	10.4	10.9	0.0	-0.5
Financial Activities	28.5	28.4	29.5	0.1	-1.0
Finance and Insurance	21.2	21.2	22.0	0.0	-0.8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.3	7.2	7.5	0.1	-0.2
Professional and Business Services	60.4	61.6	60.1	-1.2	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	24.6	25.1	24.6	-0.5	0.0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation	30.7	31.4	30.5	-0.7	0.2
Educational and Health Services	120.2	120.7	118.2	-0.5	2.0
Educational Services	9.9	10.3	10.5	-0.4	-0.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	110.3	110.4	107.7	-0.1	2.6
Leisure and Hospitality	69.4	69.6	71.2	-0.2	-1.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	7.7	7.8	8.0	-0.1	-0.3
Accommodation and Food Service	61.7	61.8	63.2	-0.1	-1.5
Other Services	54.9	55.0	55.7	-0.1	-0.8
Government	150.8	150.9	149.4	-0.1	1.4
Federal Government	23.4	23.4	23.2	0.0	0.2
State Government	48.8	48.9	48.4	-0.1	0.4
Local Government	78.6	78.6	77.8	0.0	0.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

March 2008 benchmark
Data in thousands

Dec 2008 **Jan 2009** **Feb 2009** **Mar 2009** **Apr 2009** **May 2009** **June 2009** **July 2009** **Aug 2009** **Sep 2009** **Oct 2009** **Nov 2009** **Dec 2009**

LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally adjusted

Civilian Labor Force	805.5	798.5	794.1	792.7	795.0	793.4	790.3	788.7	788.0	791.6	789.6	790.0	786.5
Employment	769.6	756.8	746.5	739.1	734.0	726.4	718.8	718.8	718.1	721.4	722.3	723.9	714.9
Unemployment	35.9	41.8	47.6	53.5	61.0	67.0	71.6	69.9	69.9	70.2	67.3	66.1	71.6
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.2	6.0	6.8	7.7	8.4	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.5	8.4	9.1

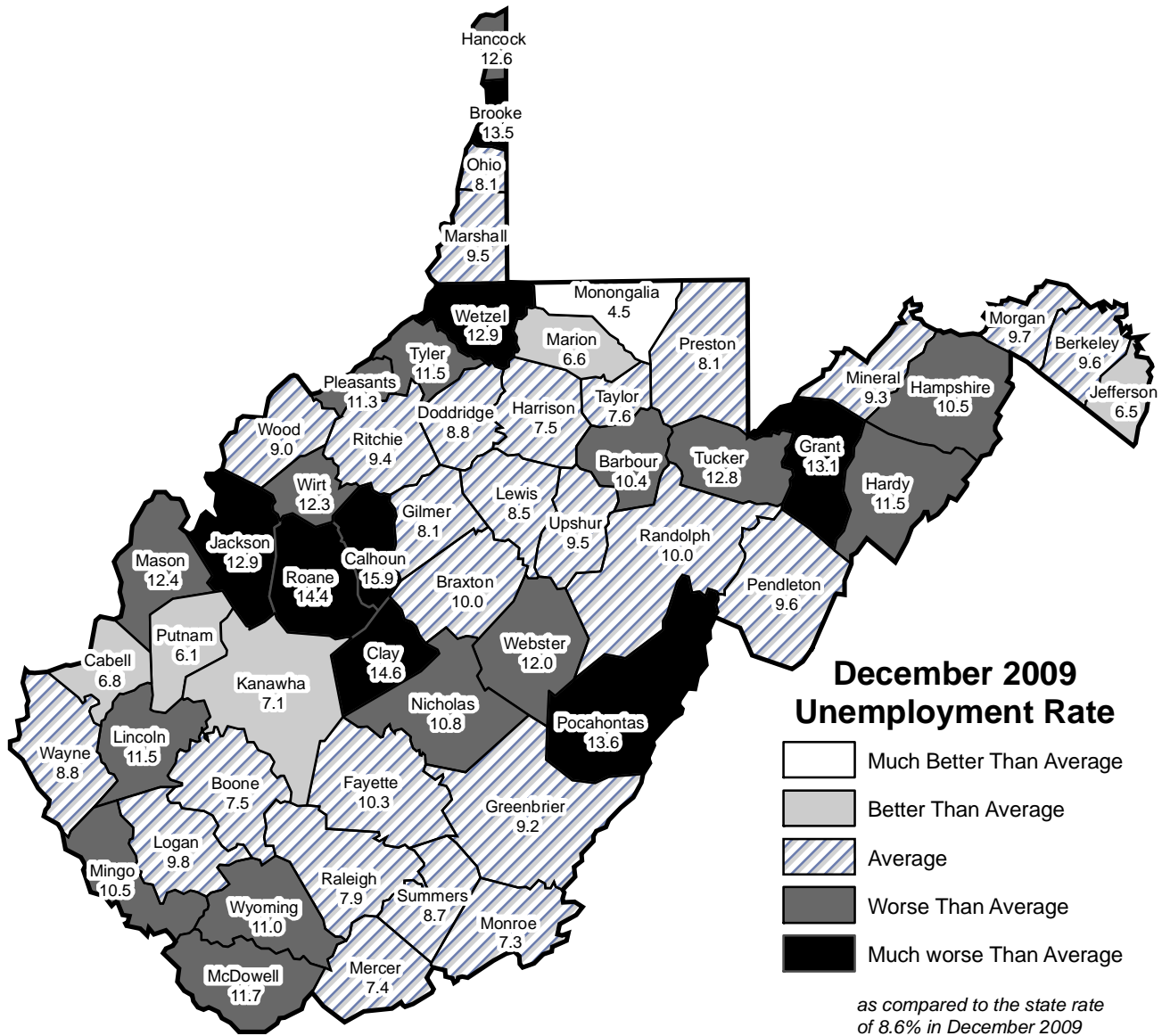
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - Seasonally Adjusted

TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	757.4	755.4	748.8	744.2	738.8	738.7	736.4	735.0	738.3	738.2	740.3	741.7	738.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	610.2	609.1	602.5	598.1	591.9	591.7	590.3	588.7	590.7	590.8	591.8	593.5	589.8
GOODS-PRODUCING	124.6	123.9	121.9	119.4	114.9	113.8	112.3	111.2	111.8	111.4	112.2	113.8	112.9
Mining & Logging	31.9	31.8	31.6	31.1	28.8	27.7	26.9	27.1	27.3	27.6	27.3	27.2	26.9
Construction	37.9	37.8	37.0	36.0	34.4	35.3	35.0	34.5	34.6	34.3	35.3	36.5	36.3
Manufacturing	54.8	54.3	53.3	52.3	51.7	50.8	50.4	49.6	49.9	49.5	49.6	50.1	49.7
Nondurable Goods	21.0	20.9	20.2	20.1	20.2	19.4	19.4	19.2	19.2	19.1	19.4	19.6	19.6
SERVICE-PROVIDING	632.8	631.5	626.9	624.8	623.9	624.9	624.1	623.8	626.5	626.8	628.1	627.9	625.6
Private Service-Providing	485.6	485.2	480.6	478.7	477.0	477.9	478.0	477.5	478.9	479.4	479.6	479.7	476.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	139.9	140.0	138.5	137.6	136.5	136.2	136.0	135.4	135.6	134.4	134.0	133.8	133.0
Wholesale Trade	25.1	24.8	24.0	23.6	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.7	23.5	23.7	23.5	23.4
Retail Trade	87.5	88.1	87.5	87.2	86.5	86.1	86.1	85.6	85.7	84.8	84.4	84.4	83.8
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	27.3	27.1	27.0	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.5	26.4	26.2	26.1	25.9	25.9	25.8
Financial Activities	29.5	29.1	28.7	28.5	28.3	28.3	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.3
Professional & Business Services	60.0	59.9	58.7	58.4	58.5	58.5	58.5	59.4	59.6	60.5	61.1	61.6	60.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	24.8	24.5	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.5	24.1	24.4	24.6	24.4	25.0	25.2	24.8
Administrative & Support & Waste Management	30.3	30.2	29.5	29.2	29.5	28.9	29.4	29.9	30.0	31.1	31.1	31.3	30.6
Educational & Health Service	117.1	117.6	116.8	117.2	117.7	117.9	118.6	117.9	118.9	119.5	119.5	119.2	119.1
Educational Services	10.0	10.3	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.7	10.6	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	107.1	107.3	107.1	107.5	108.0	108.1	108.3	107.2	108.3	109.8	110.1	109.8	109.7
Leisure & Hospitality	72.5	72.2	72.0	71.5	70.5	71.3	71.0	70.6	70.6	70.5	70.8	71.1	70.7
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.8	8.8
Accommodation & Food Service	63.4	63.1	63.1	62.8	62.0	62.8	62.7	62.3	62.2	62.1	62.2	62.3	61.9
Other Services	55.7	55.7	55.3	55.0	55.0	55.2	55.3	55.5	55.4	55.5	55.3	55.1	54.9
Government	147.2	146.3	146.3	146.1	146.9	147.0	146.1	146.3	147.6	147.4	148.5	148.2	148.7
Federal Government	23.1	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.4	23.7	23.4	23.4	23.5	23.5	23.8	23.3	23.3
State Government	46.9	46.4	46.1	45.9	46.2	46.3	45.3	45.7	46.4	46.1	47.0	47.0	47.3
Local Government	77.2	76.5	76.9	77.0	77.3	77.0	77.4	77.2	77.7	77.8	77.7	77.9	78.1

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Seasonally Adjusted

	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009
Charleston	152.1	151.9	150.9	149.6	149.4	149.7	149.1	149.1	149.8	148.8	150.0	150.2	150.1
Huntington	118.6	119.1	118.6	118.4	117.6	117.9	118.2	117.2	117.6	116.3	116.1	115.6	115.7
Morgantown	63.0	62.9	63.1	63.2	62.3	62.6	62.9	62.8	63.0	62.5	64.3	64.0	63.6
Parkersburg	72.6	72.6	72.2	72.2	71.5	71.2	72.6	72.5	72.7	72.3	71.5	71.2	71.3
Wheeling	68.2	68.4	68.1	68.0	67.5	67.8	67.7	67.6	67.8	67.7	67.5	67.5	67.7

March 2008 benchmark
Data in thousands



West Virginia's unemployment rate climbed seven-tenths of a percentage point to 8.6 percent in December 2009. Nearly every county reported an increasing unemployment rate as well. The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate rose in December. This group included Wetzel (12.9), Jackson (12.9), Grant (13.1), Brooke (13.5), Pocahontas (13.6), Roane (14.4), Clay (14.6), and Calhoun (15.9).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average when compared to the state rate was unchanged in December. This group contained Kanawha (7.1), Cabell (6.8), Marion (6.6), Jefferson (6.5), and Putnam (6.1). Once again, Monongalia (4.5) 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		
	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Barbour	6,690	6,690	6,740	5,990	6,090	6,400	690	610	330	10.4	9.1	4.9
Berkeley	43,830	44,250	44,680	39,630	40,350	42,120	4,190	3,900	2,560	9.6	8.8	5.7
Boone	9,030	9,220	9,110	8,350	8,490	8,860	680	730	260	7.5	7.9	2.8
Braxton	5,730	5,740	5,780	5,150	5,250	5,470	570	490	310	10.0	8.5	5.3
Brooke	10,700	10,870	10,820	9,260	9,550	10,100	1,450	1,310	710	13.5	12.1	6.6
Cabell	42,640	43,200	44,210	39,740	40,470	42,600	2,890	2,730	1,620	6.8	6.3	3.7
Calhoun	2,870	2,830	2,770	2,410	2,480	2,550	460	350	220	15.9	12.3	7.8
Clay	3,530	3,530	3,420	3,020	3,070	3,200	520	460	220	14.6	13.1	6.3
Doddridge	2,800	2,800	2,740	2,550	2,590	2,640	250	210	100	8.8	7.6	3.8
Fayette	17,760	18,090	17,540	15,930	16,440	16,720	1,830	1,650	820	10.3	9.1	4.6
Gilmer	3,010	3,010	2,950	2,760	2,790	2,840	240	220	120	8.1	7.2	3.9
Grant	5,010	4,990	5,180	4,350	4,460	4,840	660	540	340	13.1	10.7	6.6
Greenbrier	14,550	14,700	14,660	13,210	13,520	13,840	1,340	1,180	820	9.2	8.1	5.6
Hampshire	9,080	9,090	9,140	8,120	8,300	8,680	960	800	460	10.5	8.8	5.1
Hancock	13,980	14,250	14,340	12,210	12,610	13,330	1,760	1,650	1,010	12.6	11.6	7.0
Hardy	6,310	6,360	6,580	5,590	5,720	6,220	720	640	360	11.5	10.1	5.5
Harrison	30,270	30,540	30,080	28,020	28,420	28,950	2,260	2,120	1,130	7.5	6.9	3.7
Jackson	11,210	11,360	11,680	9,760	10,030	11,080	1,450	1,330	610	12.9	11.7	5.2
Jefferson	23,700	24,020	24,080	22,150	22,540	23,010	1,550	1,470	1,070	6.5	6.1	4.5
Kanawha	88,220	89,210	89,840	81,930	83,310	86,880	6,290	5,900	2,960	7.1	6.6	3.3
Lewis	7,270	7,250	7,220	6,650	6,690	6,910	620	560	310	8.5	7.7	4.3
Lincoln	7,950	7,930	7,810	7,030	7,150	7,460	920	780	350	11.5	9.8	4.5
Logan	12,810	13,030	13,100	11,560	11,790	12,660	1,260	1,240	440	9.8	9.5	3.3
McDowell	7,260	7,320	7,180	6,410	6,490	6,820	850	830	370	11.7	11.3	5.1
Marion	25,290	25,660	25,760	23,610	24,060	24,960	1,680	1,600	810	6.6	6.2	3.1
Marshall	14,510	14,630	14,670	13,130	13,360	13,870	1,380	1,270	800	9.5	8.7	5.5
Mason	9,920	10,010	9,730	8,690	8,820	9,030	1,230	1,190	710	12.4	11.9	7.2
Mercer	24,510	24,700	24,680	22,710	23,100	23,760	1,810	1,600	930	7.4	6.5	3.7
Mineral	13,230	13,340	13,200	12,000	12,260	12,530	1,230	1,070	680	9.3	8.1	5.1
Mingo	8,460	8,560	8,940	7,570	7,690	8,630	890	870	310	10.5	10.1	3.4
Monongalia	47,130	48,160	47,790	45,000	46,080	46,760	2,120	2,080	1,030	4.5	4.3	2.2
Monroe	5,630	5,690	5,780	5,210	5,330	5,510	410	360	260	7.3	6.4	4.6
Morgan	6,710	6,750	6,830	6,070	6,180	6,450	650	570	380	9.7	8.5	5.6
Nicholas	10,440	10,610	10,470	9,310	9,540	10,020	1,130	1,070	450	10.8	10.1	4.3
Ohio	20,500	20,720	20,820	18,830	19,160	19,900	1,670	1,550	920	8.1	7.5	4.4
Pendleton	3,510	3,510	3,590	3,180	3,250	3,420	340	270	170	9.6	7.6	4.7
Pleasants	3,080	3,100	3,090	2,730	2,780	2,910	350	310	170	11.3	10.0	5.6
Pocahontas	3,280	3,360	3,820	2,840	2,900	3,560	450	460	250	13.6	13.7	6.6
Preston	15,150	15,270	15,120	13,930	14,270	14,470	1,220	1,000	650	8.1	6.6	4.3
Putnam	26,120	26,470	26,920	24,520	24,940	26,000	1,600	1,530	920	6.1	5.8	3.4
Raleigh	31,760	32,090	31,860	29,240	29,690	30,720	2,520	2,410	1,140	7.9	7.5	3.6
Randolph	11,960	12,100	12,470	10,770	11,000	11,700	1,200	1,100	760	10.0	9.1	6.1
Ritchie	4,250	4,280	4,370	3,850	3,930	4,150	400	340	220	9.4	8.0	5.1
Roane	5,330	5,320	5,450	4,560	4,620	5,060	770	700	390	14.4	13.2	7.1
Summers	4,520	4,560	4,510	4,130	4,230	4,280	390	330	230	8.7	7.3	5.1
Taylor	6,800	6,830	6,800	6,290	6,380	6,500	520	460	300	7.6	6.7	4.5
Tucker	2,840	2,790	2,860	2,480	2,480	2,630	360	310	230	12.8	11.1	8.0
Tyler	3,450	3,450	3,490	3,050	3,110	3,270	400	340	220	11.5	9.8	6.3
Upshur	10,230	10,290	10,690	9,260	9,420	10,200	970	870	490	9.5	8.4	4.6
Wayne	16,830	16,960	17,260	15,350	15,640	16,460	1,480	1,330	810	8.8	7.8	4.7
Webster	3,100	3,170	3,180	2,720	2,830	3,020	370	340	160	12.0	10.8	4.9
Wetzel	5,970	6,000	6,200	5,200	5,310	5,720	770	690	480	12.9	11.4	7.7
Wirt	2,440	2,430	2,420	2,140	2,190	2,290	300	240	140	12.3	10.0	5.7
Wood	39,460	39,910	40,240	35,910	36,620	38,310	3,550	3,300	1,940	9.0	8.3	4.8
Wyoming	7,940	8,050	8,050	7,070	7,180	7,740	870	880	310	11.0	10.9	3.9

Statewide 780,500 789,000 792,700
 713,100 726,900 758,000
 67,400 62,100 34,700
 8.6 7.9 4.4
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Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec
	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008
Barbour	4,010	4,000	4,080	600	600	610	3,410	3,400	3,480
Berkeley	29,560	29,520	29,770	2,790	2,790	3,280	26,770	26,730	26,490
Boone	9,180	9,100	9,460	3,880	3,870	4,330	5,300	5,240	5,130
Braxton	4,470	4,490	4,480	750	770	800	3,720	3,730	3,680
Brooke	8,580	8,740	9,540	2,030	2,180	2,310	6,550	6,560	7,230
Cabell	55,770	55,640	56,620	7,260	7,260	7,960	48,510	48,380	48,660
Calhoun	1,630	1,660	1,620	430	440	390	1,200	1,220	1,230
Clay	2,030	2,030	2,160	440	440	510	1,590	1,590	1,660
Doddridge	1,330	1,330	1,350	160	170	190	1,170	1,160	1,160
Fayette	13,570	13,910	13,570	1,690	1,960	2,020	11,870	11,940	11,550
Gilmer	2,380	2,360	2,310	490	500	500	1,890	1,860	1,810
Grant	4,130	4,150	4,350	1,190	1,210	1,380	2,950	2,940	2,970
Greenbrier	14,200	14,280	14,090	1,670	1,700	1,690	12,530	12,590	12,400
Hampshire	4,250	4,370	4,340	450	450	450	3,800	3,920	3,890
Hancock	12,350	12,480	12,410	3,130	3,110	3,120	9,230	9,370	9,300
Hardy	5,840	5,870	6,210	2,880	2,920	3,240	2,960	2,950	2,970
Harrison	35,850	35,740	34,930	4,710	4,670	4,560	31,140	31,070	30,370
Jackson	8,210	8,330	9,150	1,730	1,830	2,700	6,480	6,510	6,440
Jefferson	15,100	15,110	14,770	1,700	1,700	1,530	13,400	13,400	13,250
Kanawha	114,320	114,580	115,340	11,980	12,200	12,070	102,340	102,380	103,270
Lewis	6,540	6,440	6,410	990	1,000	1,170	5,550	5,440	5,240
Lincoln	3,250	3,340	3,590	790	770	820	2,460	2,570	2,770
Logan	12,190	12,250	12,810	2,570	2,560	2,900	9,620	9,690	9,910
McDowell	6,780	6,770	6,870	1,760	1,760	1,850	5,020	5,010	5,020
Marion	22,180	22,240	22,630	3,710	3,720	4,100	18,470	18,520	18,530
Marshall	11,370	11,450	11,470	2,890	2,930	3,060	8,480	8,520	8,410
Mason	7,410	7,330	7,090	1,060	1,090	850	6,350	6,240	6,250
Mercer	24,200	24,160	24,170	2,370	2,420	2,380	21,820	21,740	21,790
Mineral	8,620	8,620	8,310	2,450	2,430	2,250	6,170	6,190	6,050
Mingo	8,760	8,740	9,720	3,060	3,060	3,920	5,700	5,680	5,800
Monongalia	57,450	57,940	56,210	6,100	6,250	6,360	51,350	51,690	49,860
Monroe	2,570	2,570	2,530	620	620	620	1,950	1,960	1,920
Morgan	3,160	3,170	3,170	430	430	450	2,730	2,740	2,720
Nicholas	9,240	9,290	9,480	2,130	2,150	2,240	7,110	7,140	7,240
Ohio	32,200	32,070	32,560	2,350	2,360	2,510	29,860	29,710	30,050
Pendleton	1,900	1,900	1,900	160	160	180	1,740	1,750	1,720
Pleasants	3,020	3,010	3,200	800	800	850	2,220	2,210	2,360
Pocahontas	3,230	3,240	3,890	480	480	510	2,760	2,750	3,380
Preston	7,290	7,310	7,950	1,270	1,240	1,890	6,020	6,070	6,070
Putnam	21,480	21,320	21,700	5,320	5,310	5,770	16,160	16,020	15,930
Raleigh	33,590	33,500	33,700	5,010	5,020	4,750	28,580	28,480	28,950
Randolph	12,200	12,260	12,560	2,080	2,130	2,200	10,120	10,130	10,360
Ritchie	3,350	3,380	3,420	1,460	1,460	1,480	1,890	1,920	1,940
Roane	3,340	3,330	3,550	550	550	750	2,800	2,790	2,810
Summers	2,730	2,760	2,680	140	140	150	2,590	2,610	2,540
Taylor	2,910	2,920	3,180	190	190	350	2,730	2,740	2,830
Tucker	2,770	2,710	2,780	420	430	410	2,350	2,280	2,370
Tyler	2,650	2,640	2,660	770	780	760	1,880	1,870	1,900
Upshur	8,820	8,830	9,330	1,990	2,000	2,350	6,830	6,830	6,980
Wayne	10,300	10,310	10,450	1,770	1,780	1,940	8,530	8,540	8,510
Webster	2,440	2,500	2,550	700	700	750	1,750	1,790	1,800
Wetzel	4,890	4,920	5,210	270	260	590	4,630	4,660	4,620
Wirt	880	890	920	190	200	210	680	690	720
Wood	42,800	42,640	42,680	6,610	6,550	6,370	36,190	36,090	36,310
Wyoming	5,680	5,670	5,960	1,280	1,270	1,770	4,400	4,400	4,190
Statewide	742,600	748,000	761,700	112,100	115,000	123,800	630,500	633,000	637,900

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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 2007
			Number	Percent	
Barbour	15,557	15,600	43	0.3	\$23,252
Berkeley	75,905	102,044	26,139	34.4	29,146
Boone	25,535	24,977	-558	-2.2	24,292
Braxton	14,702	14,700	-2	0.0	21,174
Brooke	25,447	23,520	-1,927	-7.6	27,993
Cabell	96,785	94,631	-2,154	-2.2	30,646
Calhoun	7,582	7,212	-370	-4.9	20,507
Clay	10,330	10,075	-255	-2.5	19,133
Doddridge	7,403	7,201	-202	-2.7	20,793
Fayette	47,579	46,341	-1,238	-2.6	24,351
Gilmer	7,160	6,873	-287	-4.0	24,392
Grant	11,299	12,047	748	6.6	27,013
Greenbrier	34,453	34,567	114	0.3	28,533
Hampshire	20,202	22,574	2,372	11.7	22,849
Hancock	32,667	30,008	-2,659	-8.1	29,002
Hardy	12,669	13,591	922	7.3	24,127
Harrison	68,651	68,853	202	0.3	32,627
Jackson	28,000	28,157	157	0.6	25,479
Jefferson	42,190	51,615	9,425	22.3	35,701
Kanawha	200,076	191,018	-9,058	-4.5	39,337
Lewis	16,919	17,281	362	2.1	26,963
Lincoln	22,108	22,386	278	1.3	21,162
Logan	37,710	35,525	-2,185	-5.8	27,554
McDowell	27,329	22,707	-4,622	-16.9	20,344
Marion	56,598	56,496	-102	-0.2	29,849
Marshall	35,519	32,766	-2,753	-7.8	28,181
Mason	25,959	25,678	-281	-1.1	24,254
Mercer	62,980	61,500	-1,480	-2.3	27,898
Mineral	27,078	26,795	-283	-1.0	26,868
Mingo	28,253	26,352	-1,901	-6.7	25,793
Monongalia	81,867	88,221	6,354	7.8	33,408
Monroe	13,194	13,739	545	4.1	22,269
Morgan	14,943	16,325	1,382	9.2	33,788
Nicholas	26,562	26,137	-425	-1.6	26,030
Ohio	47,433	44,106	-3,327	-7.0	36,328
Pendleton	8,196	7,582	-614	-7.5	27,366
Pleasants	7,514	7,150	-364	-4.8	29,757
Pocahontas	9,131	8,472	-659	-7.2	26,358
Preston	29,334	30,285	951	3.2	25,753
Putnam	51,586	55,488	3,902	7.6	33,505
Raleigh	79,220	79,357	137	0.2	29,658
Randolph	28,262	28,264	2	0.0	28,217
Ritchie	10,343	10,308	-35	-0.3	25,815
Roane	15,443	15,169	-274	-1.8	22,104
Summers	14,388	13,017	-1,371	-9.5	21,273
Taylor	16,089	16,158	69	0.4	23,634
Tucker	7,321	6,877	-444	-6.1	25,963
Tyler	9,592	8,841	-751	-7.8	22,732
Upshur	23,404	23,582	178	0.8	24,507
Wayne	42,903	41,082	-1,821	-4.2	24,893
Webster	9,719	9,394	-325	-3.3	20,870
Wetzel	17,693	16,329	-1,364	-7.7	27,472
Wirt	5,873	5,757	-116	-2.0	19,165
Wood	87,982	86,204	-1,778	-2.0	29,872
Wyoming	25,708	23,534	-2,174	-8.5	24,030
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 2008: \$36,799

Labor Force:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Dec 2009</i>	<i>Nov 2009</i>	<i>Dec 2008</i>
Civilian Labor Force	134.8	136.4	137.1
Total Employment	124.8	127.0	132.4
Total Unemployment	10.0	9.4	4.7
Unemployment Rate	7.4	6.9	3.4

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	<i>Dec 2009</i>	<i>Nov 2009</i>	<i>Dec 2008</i>
Total Nonfarm	150.3	150.3	152.3
Total Private	123.0	123.1	124.6
Goods Producing	22.4	22.6	23.5
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	16.8	17.0	17.4
Manufacturing	5.6	5.6	6.1
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.2
Nondurable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.9
Service-Providing	127.9	127.7	128.8
Private Service-Providing	100.6	100.5	101.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.5	28.3	29.0
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.6	5.8
Retail Trade	16.2	16.2	16.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.6	6.5	6.8
Information	2.6	2.6	2.7
Financial Activities	7.9	7.9	8.1
Professional & Business Services	14.2	14.3	14.8
Educational & Health Service	23.4	23.4	22.6
Leisure & Hospitality	12.4	12.4	12.2
Other Services	11.6	11.6	11.7
Government	27.3	27.2	27.7
Federal Government	2.3	2.3	2.7
State Government	11.8	11.7	11.8
Local Government	13.2	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 2008: \$29,784

Labor Force:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Dec 2009</i>	<i>Nov 2009</i>	<i>Dec 2008</i>
Civilian Labor Force	128.9	130.0	132.2
Total Employment	118.8	120.2	124.9
Total Unemployment	10.1	9.8	7.3
Unemployment Rate	7.8	7.5	5.5

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	<i>Dec 2009</i>	<i>Nov 2009</i>	<i>Dec 2008</i>
Total Nonfarm	117.2	117.4	120.1
Total Private	96.2	96.6	99.2
Goods Producing	15.4	15.9	16.9
Manufacturing	8.4	8.5	9.0
Service-Providing	101.8	101.5	103.2
Private Service-Providing	80.8	80.7	82.3
Retail Trade	15.4	15.4	16.0
Professional & Business Services	9.3	9.4	10.2
Educational & Health Service	24.4	24.4	24.2
Leisure & Hospitality	10.7	10.7	10.8
Government	21.0	20.8	20.9
Federal Government	3.2	3.3	3.1
State Government	6.0	5.7	6.0
Local Government	11.8	11.8	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 2008: \$33,154

Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Civilian Labor Force	62.3	63.4	62.9
Total Employment	58.9	60.3	61.2
Total Unemployment	3.3	3.1	1.7
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.9	2.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Total Nonfarm	64.7	65.2	64.1
Total Private	46.0	46.5	46.3
Goods Producing	7.4	7.5	8.2
Manufacturing	3.8	3.8	4.1
Service-Providing	57.3	57.7	55.9
Private Service-Providing	38.6	39.0	38.1
Retail Trade	6.6	6.7	6.9
Professional & Business Services	4.8	4.8	4.6
Educational & Health Service	12.8	12.8	12.7
Leisure & Hospitality	6.8	6.9	6.7
Government	18.7	18.7	17.8
Federal Government	1.9	1.9	1.8
State Government	12.5	12.5	11.7
Local Government	4.3	4.3	4.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

Demographics:

Area: Pleasants, Wirt, Wood counties in West Virginia
 Washington County in Ohio
 Total Population July 1, 2008: 160,678
 Population 16 years and Over
 (based on 2000 census): 130,971
 Per capita Personal Income 2008: \$30,504

Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Civilian Labor Force	78.2	78.7	79.1
Total Employment	70.7	71.8	74.7
Total Unemployment	7.5	6.9	4.3
Unemployment Rate	9.6	8.8	5.5

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Total Nonfarm	72.2	72.4	73.5
Total Private	61.2	61.3	62.2
Goods Producing	12.8	12.9	13.8
Manufacturing	7.6	7.7	8.3
Service-Providing	59.4	59.5	59.7
Private Service-Providing	48.4	48.4	48.4
Educational and Health Service	12.9	12.9	12.7
Government	11.0	11.1	11.3
Federal Government	2.4	2.5	2.5
State Government	1.7	1.7	1.7
Local Government	6.9	6.9	7.1
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 2008: \$32,003

Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Civilian Labor Force	68.5	68.9	68.9
Total Employment	62.0	62.8	64.8
Total Unemployment	6.5	6.1	4.1
Unemployment Rate	9.5	8.8	5.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Total Nonfarm	68.3	68.3	68.8
Total Private	57.4	57.4	58.2
Goods Producing	8.4	8.5	9.2
Manufacturing	3.8	3.8	4.0
Service-Providing	59.9	59.8	59.6
Private Service-Providing	49.0	48.9	49.0
Educational & Health Service	13.3	13.3	13.3
Government	10.9	10.9	10.6
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.5	2.5	2.4
Local Government	7.7	7.7	7.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Statistical Areas

Micropolitan Statistical Areas	<i>Prelim Dec 2009</i>	<i>Rev Nov 2009</i>	<i>Rev Dec 2008</i>
Beckley-Oak Hill CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	49.5	50.2	49.4
Total Employment	45.2	46.1	47.4
Total Unemployment	4.3	4.1	2.0
Unemployment Rate	8.8	8.1	4.0
Beckley MCSA <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	31.8	32.1	31.9
Total Employment	29.2	29.7	30.7
Total Unemployment	2.5	2.4	1.1
Unemployment Rate	7.9	7.5	3.6
Oak Hill MCSA <i>Fayette County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	17.8	18.1	17.5
Total Employment	15.9	16.4	16.7
Total Unemployment	1.8	1.6	0.8
Unemployment Rate	10.3	9.1	4.6
Bluefield MCSA <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	45.6	46.0	45.6
Total Employment	42.4	42.9	43.7
Total Unemployment	3.2	3.1	1.8
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.7	4.1
Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	65.2	65.8	65.4
Total Employment	60.5	61.4	63.0
Total Unemployment	4.7	4.4	2.3
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.7	3.6
Fairmont MCSA <i>Marion County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	25.3	25.7	25.8
Total Employment	23.6	24.1	25.0
Total Unemployment	1.7	1.6	0.8
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.2	3.1
Clarksburg MCSA <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	39.9	40.2	39.6
Total Employment	36.9	37.4	38.1
Total Unemployment	3.0	2.8	1.5
Unemployment Rate	7.6	6.9	3.9
Point Pleasant MCSA <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	24.1	24.1	23.6
Total Employment	21.4	21.6	22.0
Total Unemployment	2.7	2.5	1.7
Unemployment Rate	11.2	10.3	7.0

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 Dec 2009</i>	<i>Rev Nov 2009</i>	<i>Rev Dec 2008</i>
Steubenville-Weirton MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	57.3	58.2	53.3
Total Employment	49.5	50.8	57.8
Total Unemployment	7.8	7.4	4.4
Unemployment Rate	13.6	12.7	7.7
Cumberland MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	48.6	48.9	48.5
Total Employment	44.2	44.8	45.4
Total Unemployment	4.3	4.1	3.1
Unemployment Rate	8.9	8.3	6.5
Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington			
Civilian Labor Force	2,994.1	3,010.0	3,010.6
Total Employment	2,809.5	2,827.7	2,869.9
Total Unemployment	184.6	182.4	140.7
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.1	4.7
Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	117.6	118.3	119.3
Total Employment	106.2	107.4	111.3
Total Unemployment	11.4	10.9	8.0
Unemployment Rate	9.7	9.2	6.7
Winchester MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	62.7	63.3	64.2
Total Employment	57.8	58.6	60.1
Total Unemployment	4.8	4.7	4.1
Unemployment Rate	7.7	7.5	6.3

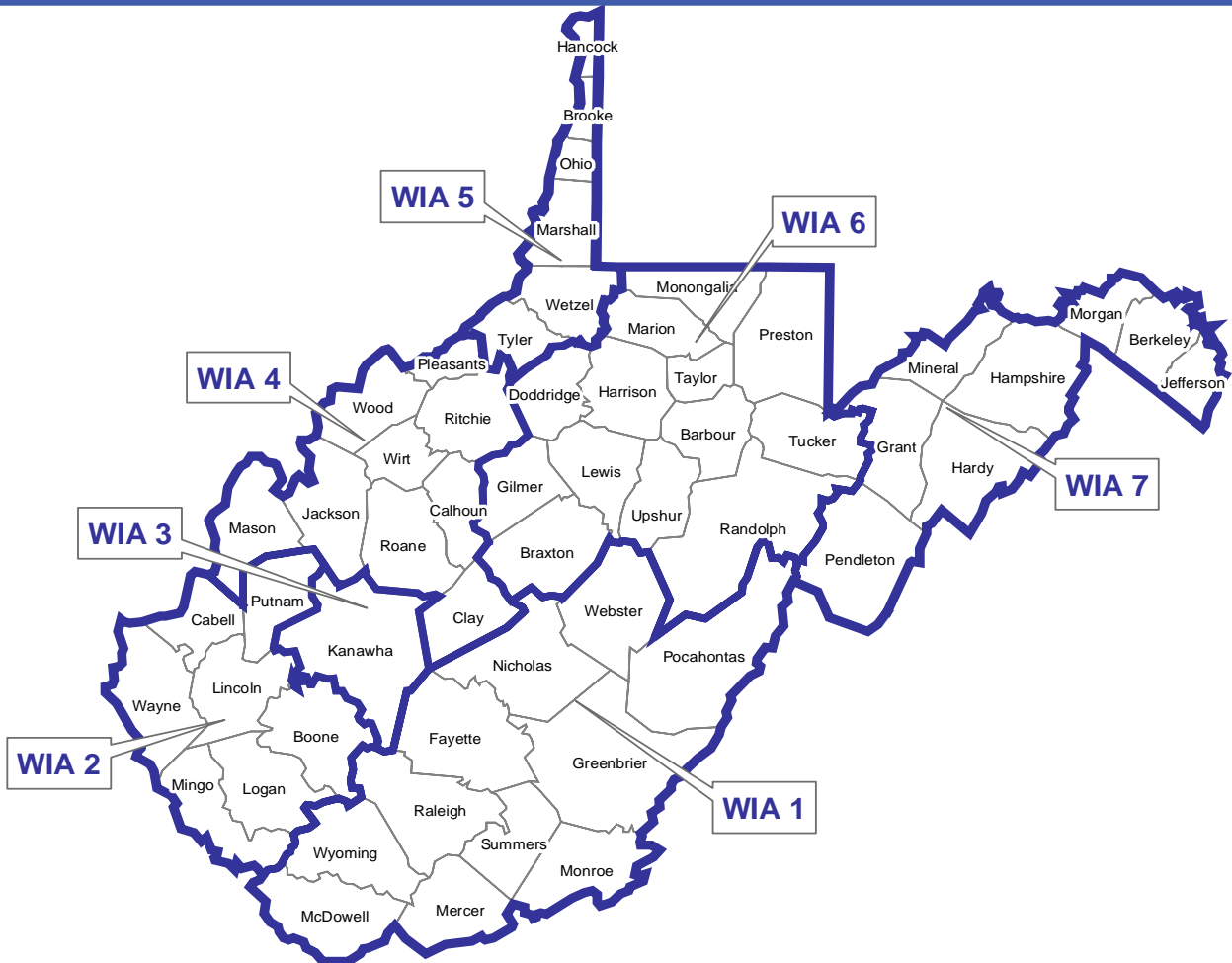
Includes Brooke and Hancock Counties, WV and Jefferson County, OH. Data courtesy of Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.

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

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

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

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



Workforce Investment Area 1

December 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 400
- Goods-producing sector down 300
- Service-providing sector unchanged
- Total unemployment up 900
- Unemployment rate up seven-tenths of a percentage points to 9.1 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,300
- Goods-producing sector down 800
- Service-providing sector down 400
- Total unemployment up 6,300
- Unemployment rate up four and seven-tenths percentage points from 4.4 percent

Labor Force Data

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Civilian Labor Force	130.7	132.3	131.7
Employment	118.8	121.2	126.0
Unemployment	12.0	11.1	5.7
Unemployment Rate	9.1	8.4	4.4

Nonfarm Payroll Employment

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Total Nonfarm Payroll	118.2	118.6	119.5
Total Private	93.0	93.5	95.1
Goods-Producing	17.9	18.2	18.7
Mining & Logging	7.2	7.4	8.1
Construction	4.9	5.0	4.6
Manufacturing	5.8	5.8	6.1
Service-Providing	100.4	100.4	100.8
Private Service-Providing	75.2	75.2	76.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.2	23.2	23.7
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.6
Retail Trade	16.1	16.1	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	18.0	17.9	17.5
Leisure & Hospitality	12.2	12.2	12.8
Other Services	10.1	10.1	10.2
Government	25.2	25.2	24.4
Federal	3.1	3.0	3.0
State	6.4	6.4	6.1
Local	15.7	15.7	15.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

Workforce Investment Area 2

December 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 200
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment up 500
- Unemployment rate up four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.8 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 3,400
- Goods-producing sector down 3,000
- Service-providing sector down 400
- Total unemployment up 5,000
- Unemployment rate up four and one-tenth percentage points from 3.7 percent

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	123.8	125.4	127.4
Employment	114.1	116.2	122.7
Unemployment	9.7	9.2	4.7
Unemployment Rate	7.8	7.4	3.7
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	120.9	120.7	124.3
Total Private	100.1	100.0	103.4
Goods-Producing	24.6	24.6	27.6
Mining & Logging	9.0	9.0	10.1
Construction	7.1	7.1	8.6
Manufacturing	8.5	8.5	9.0
Service-Providing	96.3	96.1	96.7
Private Service-Providing	75.5	75.4	75.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	24.4	24.3	24.3
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.6	4.7
Retail Trade	14.2	14.2	14.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.6	5.5	5.6
Information	1.4	1.4	1.5
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.9
Professional & Business Services	10.1	10.1	10.6
Educational & Health Services	18.2	18.2	17.6
Leisure & Hospitality	9.7	9.8	10.1
Other Services	8.0	7.9	7.7
Government	20.8	20.7	21.0
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.9
State	5.6	5.5	6.0
Local	12.1	12.0	12.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 3

December 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 300
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector down 100
- Total unemployment up 400
- Unemployment rate up one-half of a percentage point to 7.0 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,000
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 1,000
- Total unemployment up 3,300
- Unemployment rate up three and eight-tenths percentage points from 3.3 percent

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	88.2	89.2	89.8
Employment	81.9	83.3	86.9
Unemployment	6.3	5.9	3.0
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.6	3.3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	114.3	114.6	115.3
Total Private	92.6	92.8	93.3
Goods-Producing	12.0	12.2	12.1
Mining & Logging	2.5	2.5	3.3
Construction	6.1	6.3	5.0
Manufacturing	3.4	3.4	3.8
Service-Providing	102.3	102.4	103.3
Private Service-Providing	80.6	80.6	81.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20.6	20.5	21.1
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.8	4.0
Retail Trade	12.6	12.6	12.8
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.1	4.1	4.3
Information	2.2	2.2	2.3
Financial Activities	6.7	6.7	6.9
Professional & Business Services	11.5	11.6	12.1
Educational & Health Services	20.3	20.3	19.6
Leisure & Hospitality	10.3	10.2	10.0
Other Services	9.1	9.1	9.2
Government	21.7	21.8	22.1
Federal	1.9	1.9	2.3
State	11.1	11.1	11.2
Local	8.7	8.7	8.6
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 4

December 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll up 100
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 100
- Total unemployment up 800
- Unemployment rate up one and one-tenth percentage points to 11.0 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,100
- Goods-producing sector down 800
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Total unemployment up 4,400
- Unemployment rate up five and five-tenths percentage points from 5.5 percent

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	82.1	82.8	83.2
Employment	73.1	74.5	78.6
Unemployment	9.0	8.2	4.6
Unemployment Rate	11.0	9.9	5.5
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.7	72.6	73.8
Total Private	59.2	59.2	60.5
Goods-Producing	13.3	13.4	14.1
Mining & Logging	1.7	1.7	1.9
Construction	4.5	4.6	4.0
Manufacturing	7.1	7.1	8.2
Service-Providing	59.4	59.3	59.7
Private Service-Providing	46.0	45.8	46.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	15.5	15.5	15.7
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.5	1.6
Retail Trade	10.5	10.5	10.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.5
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1
Financial Activities	3.0	3.0	3.1
Professional & Business Services	3.7	3.7	3.7
Educational & Health Services	11.0	10.9	10.8
Leisure & Hospitality	6.8	6.9	6.7
Other Services	4.9	4.9	5.4
Government	13.4	13.4	13.3
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.6
State	2.5	2.5	2.5
Local	8.4	8.4	8.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 5

December 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 300
- Goods-producing down 200
- Service-providing sector down 100
- Total unemployment up 600
- Unemployment rate up one percentage point to 10.7 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,900
- Goods-producing sector down 1,000
- Service-providing sector down 900
- Total unemployment up 3,300
- Unemployment rate up four and eight-tenths percentage points from 5.9 percent

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	69.1	69.9	70.3
Employment	61.7	63.1	66.2
Unemployment	7.4	6.8	4.1
Unemployment Rate	10.7	9.7	5.9
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.0	72.3	73.9
Total Private	61.0	61.3	63.2
Goods-Producing	11.4	11.6	12.4
Mining & Logging	1.3	1.3	1.4
Construction	1.8	1.9	2.4
Manufacturing	8.3	8.4	8.6
Service-Providing	60.6	60.7	61.5
Private Service-Providing	49.6	49.7	50.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	11.9	11.9	11.9
Wholesale Trade	2.4	2.5	2.6
Retail Trade	7.6	7.6	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	5.4	5.5	5.7
Educational & Health Services	12.6	12.7	13.4
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	9.4	9.5
Other Services	6.8	6.9	6.9
Government	11.0	11.0	10.7
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	2.0	2.1	2.0
Local	8.3	8.2	7.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 6

December 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 400
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector down 200
- Total unemployment up 1,1000
- Unemployment rate up seven-tenths of a percentage point to 7.3 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment unchanged
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment up 6,100
- Unemployment rate up three and six-tenths percentage points from 3.7 percent

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	175.2	177.1	177.0
Employment	162.5	165.5	170.4
Unemployment	12.7	11.6	6.6
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.6	3.7
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	168.2	168.6	168.2
Total Private	125.9	126.3	127.4
Goods-Producing	23.5	23.7	25.5
Mining & Logging	5.1	5.1	6.1
Construction	8.0	8.2	8.2
Manufacturing	10.3	10.4	11.2
Service-Providing	144.7	144.9	142.7
Private Service-Providing	102.5	102.7	101.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	29.3	29.3	29.1
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.8
Retail Trade	19.3	19.4	19.8
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.1	6.0	5.4
Information	1.9	1.9	1.9
Financial Activities	4.7	4.8	4.8
Professional & Business Services	11.5	11.5	11.5
Educational & Health Services	28.3	28.2	28.1
Leisure & Hospitality	15.7	15.8	15.7
Other Services	11.1	11.1	10.9
Government	42.3	42.2	40.8
Federal	7.1	7.1	6.9
State	18.5	18.5	17.4
Local	16.6	16.6	16.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 7

December 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 200
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 100
- Total unemployment up 1,000
- Unemployment rate up one percentage point to 9.2 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 300
- Goods-producing sector down 800
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Total unemployment up 4,300
- Unemployment rate up three and nine-tenths percentage points from 5.3 percent

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	111.4	112.3	113.3
Employment	101.1	103.1	107.3
Unemployment	10.3	9.3	6.0
Unemployment Rate	9.2	8.2	5.3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.5	72.7	72.8
Total Private	53.6	53.7	54.2
Goods-Producing	12.0	12.1	12.8
Mining & Logging	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	3.1	3.0	3.5
Manufacturing	8.3	8.4	8.6
Service-Providing	60.5	60.6	60.1
Private Service-Providing	41.5	41.6	41.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.5	12.6	12.6
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.5	1.6
Retail Trade	8.7	8.8	8.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.3
Information	1.8	1.8	2.0
Financial Activities	2.5	2.5	2.5
Professional & Business Services	4.4	4.3	4.2
Educational & Health Services	8.2	8.2	8.0
Leisure & Hospitality	7.9	7.9	7.9
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.2
Government	19.0	19.0	18.6
Federal	5.0	5.0	4.9
State	3.6	3.5	3.3
Local	10.4	10.5	10.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Occupational Profile

Computer Software Engineers (Applications) are projected to have a strong job outlook through 2016. Expected job openings will average approximately 42 per year, 32 of which will come from new job growth. The average annual growth rate is projected to be 4.02% per year, over six times the growth rate for all occupations combined (.61 %). Education and training for Computer Software Engineers (Applications) typically requires a bachelor's degree or higher plus several years of work-related experience.

"Demand for computer software engineers will increase as computer networking continues to grow. For example, expanding Internet technologies have spurred demand for computer software engineers who can develop Internet, intranet, and World Wide Web applications. Likewise, electronic data-processing systems in business, telecommunications, healthcare, government, and other settings continue to become more sophisticated and complex. Implementing, safeguarding, and updating computer systems and resolving problems will fuel the demand for growing numbers of systems software engineers."¹

¹Occupational Outlook Handbook, US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 1 - Growth

Area	Annual Openings	Growth Rate
WIA 1	3	3.15%
WIA 2	4	3.01%
WIA 3	3	2.68%
WIA 4	na	na
WIA 5	3	3.36%
WIA 6	14	2.97%
WIA 7	10	3.86%

Table 2 - Wage History

	This Occupation *	Compared to all Occupations *	Difference
2009 Q3	\$34.05 1.0%	\$12.88 1.1%	\$21.17
2008	\$33.69 3.0%	\$12.74 2.6%	\$20.95
2007	\$32.68 3.4%	\$12.41 3.2%	\$20.27
2006	\$31.59 4.0%	\$12.02 3.1%	\$19.57
2005	\$30.37 2.8%	\$11.65 2.4%	\$18.72
2004	\$29.52 3.1%	\$11.37 2.7%	\$18.15
2003	\$28.61 3.0%	\$11.07 3.0%	\$17.54
2002	\$27.76 2.3%	\$10.74 2.5%	\$17.02
2001	\$27.12	\$10.47	\$16.65

* %Change

Table 3 - Top Employing Industries

Industry	Employment	%
Professional & Business Services	430	68.2%
Information	60	9.5%
Manufacturing	50	7.9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	40	6.3%
Financial Activities	20	3.1%
Education & Health Services	10	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	10	1.5%
Public Administration	10	1.5%

Table 4 - Best Paying Industries

Industry	Employment	Median Wage
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	40	\$38.43
Education & Health Services	10	\$37.23
Manufacturing	50	\$34.21
Professional & Business Services	430	\$33.88
Information	60	\$33.37
Other Services		\$32.30
Financial Activities	20	\$30.94
Public Administration	10	\$26.88
Leisure & Hospitality	10	\$16.73

Table 5 - Top Areas by This Occupation

Highest Employment			Highest Pay		
Area	Median Wage	Employment	Area	Median Wage	Employment
WIA 6	\$34.93	260	WIA 3	\$36.19	80
WIA 7	\$34.62	180	WIA 6	\$34.93	260
WIA 5	\$31.82	90	WIA 7	\$34.62	180
WIA 3	\$36.19	80	WIA 2	\$33.52	60
WIA 2	\$33.52	60	WIA 5	\$31.82	90
WIA 1	\$21.54	40	WIA 1	\$21.54	40

State Economic Indicators

West Virginia

Trends in the Labor Market

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	39.2	39.5	41.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	1,548	1,576	1,830
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$726.77	\$730.36	\$793.90
Coal Production (tons)	12,593,898	11,655,613	13,443,262

Unemployment Compensation Selected Claims Activities

	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Initial Claims	14,079	8,755	13,878
Weeks Claimed	123,004	117,760	98,379
Benefits Paid	\$25,359,280	\$25,656,162	\$18,101,638
Weeks Compensated	100,871	99,388	76,455
Average Weekly Payment	\$251.40	\$258.14	\$236.76
Trust Fund Balance	\$123,858,507	\$148,264,941	\$232,319,248
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.0	3.6	3.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.4	4.4	2.7

Labor Force Data by States

State*	Dec 2009		Nov 2009		State*	Dec 2009		Nov 2009	
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Alabama	11.0	10	10.5	13	Montana	6.7	44	6.4	45
Alaska	8.8	29	8.4	27	Nebraska	4.7	49	4.6	50
Arizona	9.1	22	8.9	22	Nevada	13.0	2	12.3	4
Arkansas	7.7	34	7.4	34	New Hampshire	7.0	40	6.7	41
California	12.4	5	12.4	3	New Jersey	10.1	17	9.7	17
Colorado	7.5	35	6.9	39	New Mexico	8.3	31	7.8	33
Connecticut	8.9	27	8.2	29	New York	9.0	25	8.6	24
Delaware	9.0	25	8.6	24	North Carolina	11.2	8	10.7	9
District of Columbia	12.1	6	11.8	6	North Dakota	4.4	51	4.1	51
Florida	11.8	7	11.5	7	Ohio	10.9	12	10.6	11
Georgia	10.3	16	10.1	15	Oklahoma	6.6	46	7.1	38
Hawaii	6.9	41	6.8	40	Oregon	11.0	10	10.7	9
Idaho	9.1	22	9.1	20	Pennsylvania	8.9	27	8.5	26
Illinois	11.1	9	10.9	8	Rhode Island	12.9	3	12.7	2
Indiana	9.9	18	9.6	18	South Carolina	12.6	4	12.3	4
Iowa	6.6	46	6.7	41	South Dakota	4.7	49	4.9	49
Kansas	6.6	46	6.4	45	Tennessee	10.9	12	10.2	14
Kentucky	10.7	14	10.6	11	Texas	8.3	31	8.0	31
Louisiana	7.5	35	6.7	41	Utah	6.7	44	6.3	48
Maine	8.3	31	8.0	31	Vermont	6.9	41	6.4	45
Maryland	7.5	35	7.3	36	Virginia	6.9	41	6.6	44
Massachusetts	9.4	21	8.7	23	Washington	9.5	20	9.0	21
Michigan	14.6	1	14.7	1	West Virginia	9.1	22	8.4	27
Minnesota	7.4	39	7.4	34	Wisconsin	8.7	30	8.2	29
Mississippi	10.6	15	9.8	16	Wyoming	7.5	35	7.2	37
Missouri	9.6	19	9.4	19	United States	10.0	xx	10.0	xx

Seasonally adjusted data. In thousands.

*Includes District of Columbia

Selected National Data

United States	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Not Seasonally Adjusted	9.7	9.4	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted	10.0	10.0	7.4
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	215.9	216.3	210.2
1967 Base	646.9	648.0	629.8
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	176.2	176.2	168.8
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$622.48	\$631.48	\$610.88
Average Weekly Hours	33.1	33.5	33.2
Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.82	\$18.85	\$18.40

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