

West Virginia

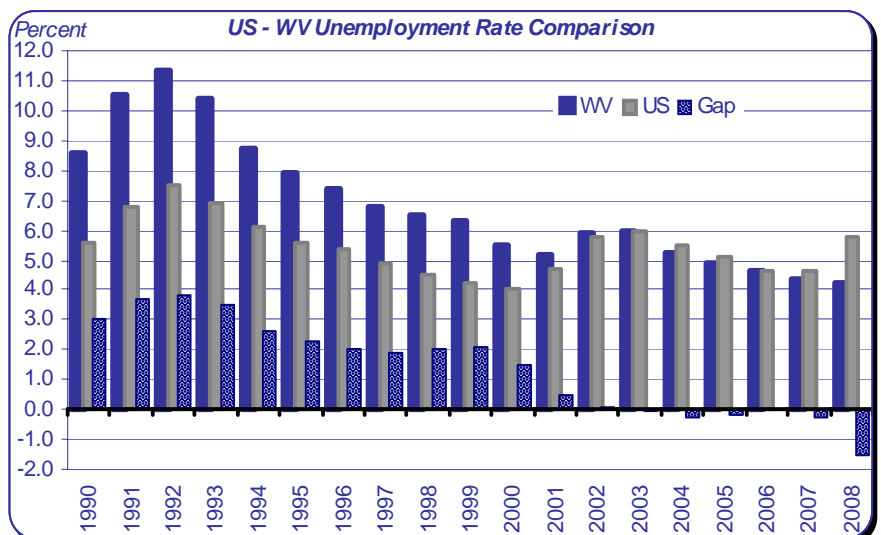
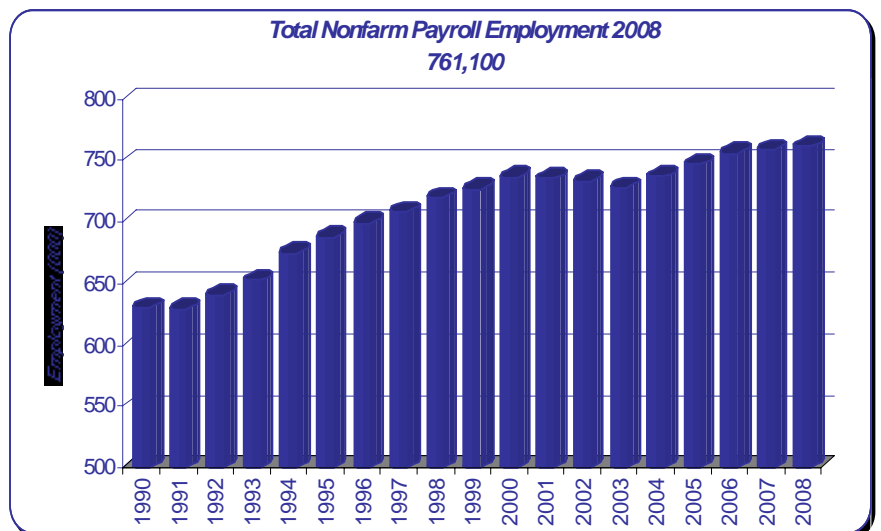
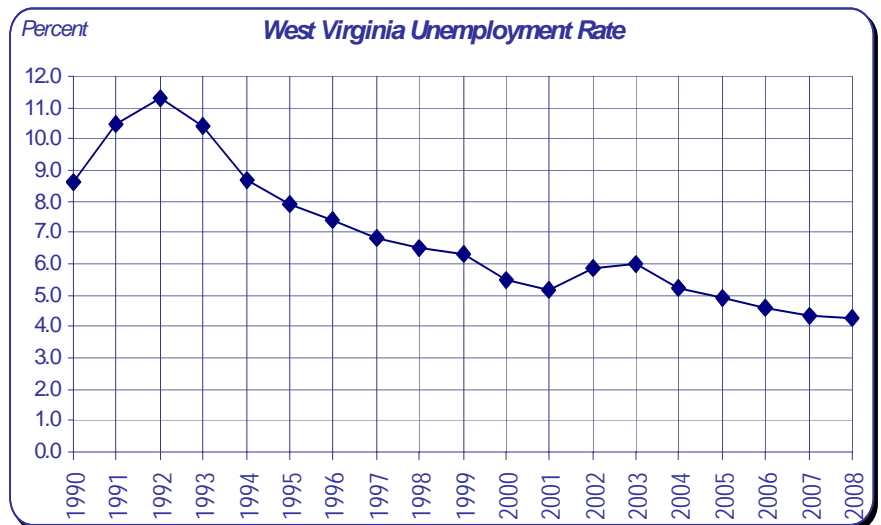
Annual Averages 2008

West Virginia recorded an annual average unemployment rate of 4.3 percent in 2008, unchanged from the 2007 rate. The average civilian labor force decreased by 7,000 persons to 806,000, with resident-based total employment falling by 6,000 to 772,000. Total unemployment fell by an average of 1,000 from a year ago.

Annual average total nonfarm payroll employment in West Virginia increased by 2,800 jobs during 2008. Good-producing sector employment declined by 1,000, primarily in manufacturing (-2,700). Mining and logging increased by 2,100, while construction fell by 500 jobs. Annual average service-providing sector employment grew by 3,800 with increases in education and health service (+2,800), leisure and hospitality (+1,100), and government (+1,400). Trade, transportation and utilities lost 1,400 over the year.

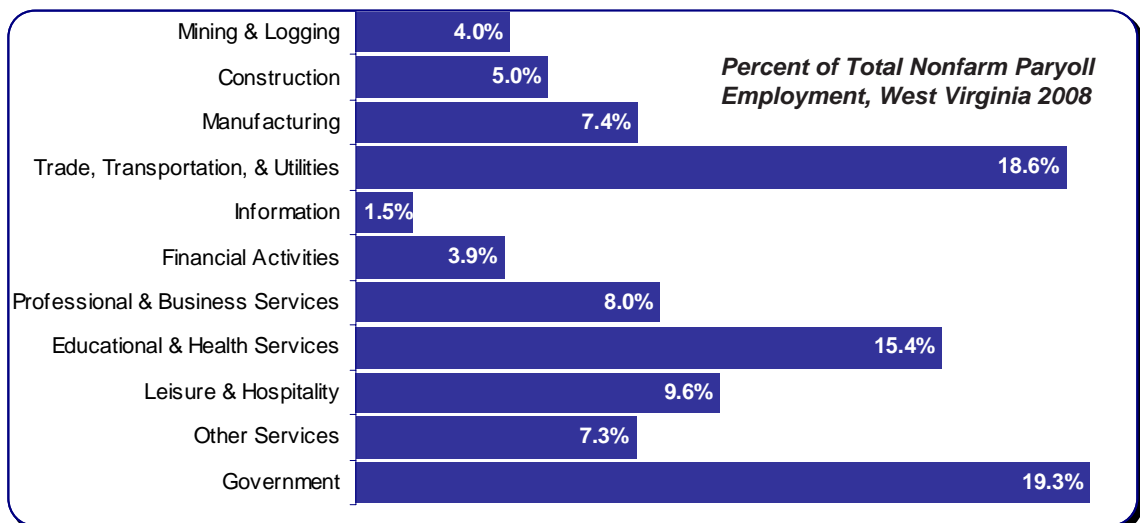
In the 1990's West Virginia's unemployment rate was consistently higher than that of the United States. However, by 2003 the rates were the same. The year 2004 saw a reversal with the state's rate falling below the national rate. By 2008, the gap had widened by 1.5%.

Detailed annual average nonfarm payroll employment, labor force and hours and earnings data for the state can be found on our website in the Employment and Earnings Trends.



2008 Annual Average Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry*

	2008	2007	2006	Change From:	
				2007	2006
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	761.1	758.3	756.0	2.8	5.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	614.4	613.0	611.3	1.4	3.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	125.5	126.5	128.4	-1.0	-2.9
Mining and Logging	30.7	28.6	28.0	2.1	2.7
Construction	38.4	38.9	39.4	-0.5	-1.0
Manufacturing	56.3	59.0	61.0	-2.7	-4.7
Durable Goods	35.2	37.1	38.4	-1.9	-3.2
Nondurable Goods	21.1	21.9	22.6	-0.8	-1.5
SERVICE-PROVIDING	635.6	631.8	627.6	3.8	8.0
Private Service-Providing	488.9	486.5	482.9	2.4	6.0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	141.9	143.3	141.8	-1.4	0.1
Wholesale Trade	24.8	25.1	24.9	-0.3	-0.1
Retail Trade	89.8	91.3	90.4	-1.5	-0.6
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	27.3	26.9	26.5	0.4	0.8
Information	11.2	11.4	11.5	-0.2	-0.3
Financial Activities	29.7	29.9	30.1	-0.2	-0.4
Finance and Insurance	22.2	22.3	22.6	-0.1	-0.4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.5	7.6	7.5	-0.1	0.0
Professional and Business Services	60.6	60.7	59.9	-0.1	0.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	24.7	24.4	24.5	0.3	0.2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.0	4.7	4.2	0.3	0.8
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation	30.9	31.7	31.2	-0.8	-0.3
Educational and Health Services	116.9	114.1	113.0	2.8	3.9
Educational Services	10.4	10.3	10.6	0.1	-0.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	106.5	103.8	102.4	2.7	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	72.8	71.7	71.0	1.1	1.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9.0	10.2	11.1	-1.2	-2.1
Accommodation and Food Service	63.8	61.5	59.9	2.3	3.9
Other Services	55.8	55.5	55.7	0.3	0.1
Government	146.7	145.3	144.7	1.4	2.0
Federal Government	22.9	22.6	22.1	0.3	0.8
State Government	46.4	46.0	46.2	0.4	0.2
Local Government	77.4	76.7	76.4	0.7	1.0

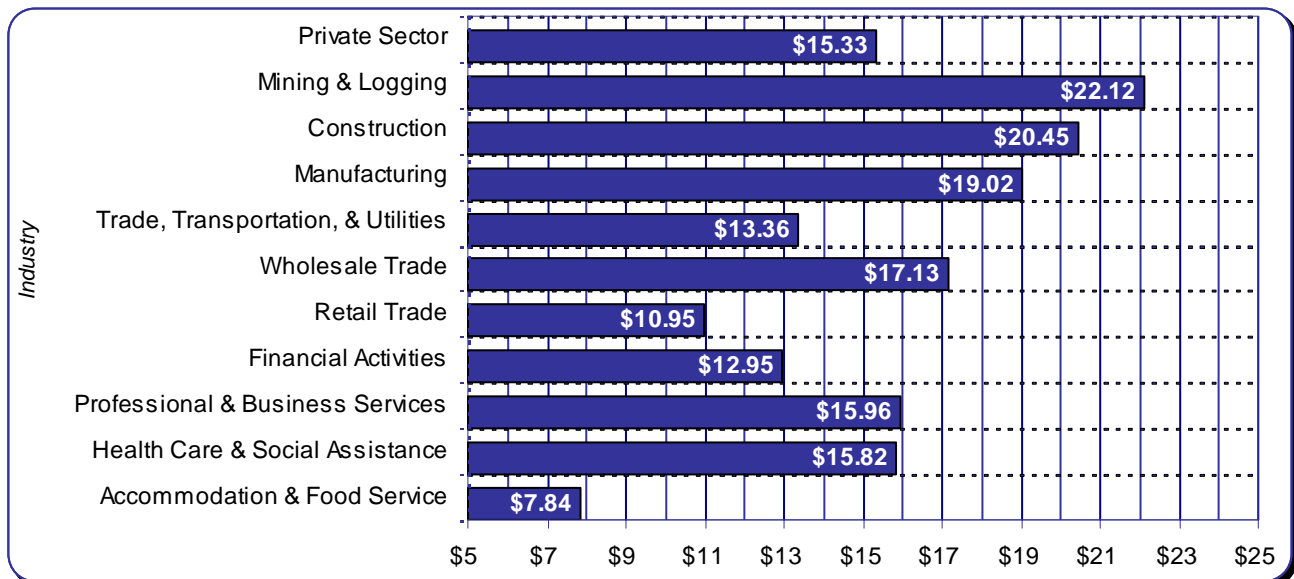


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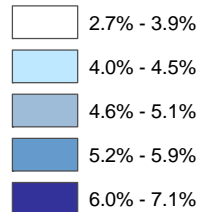
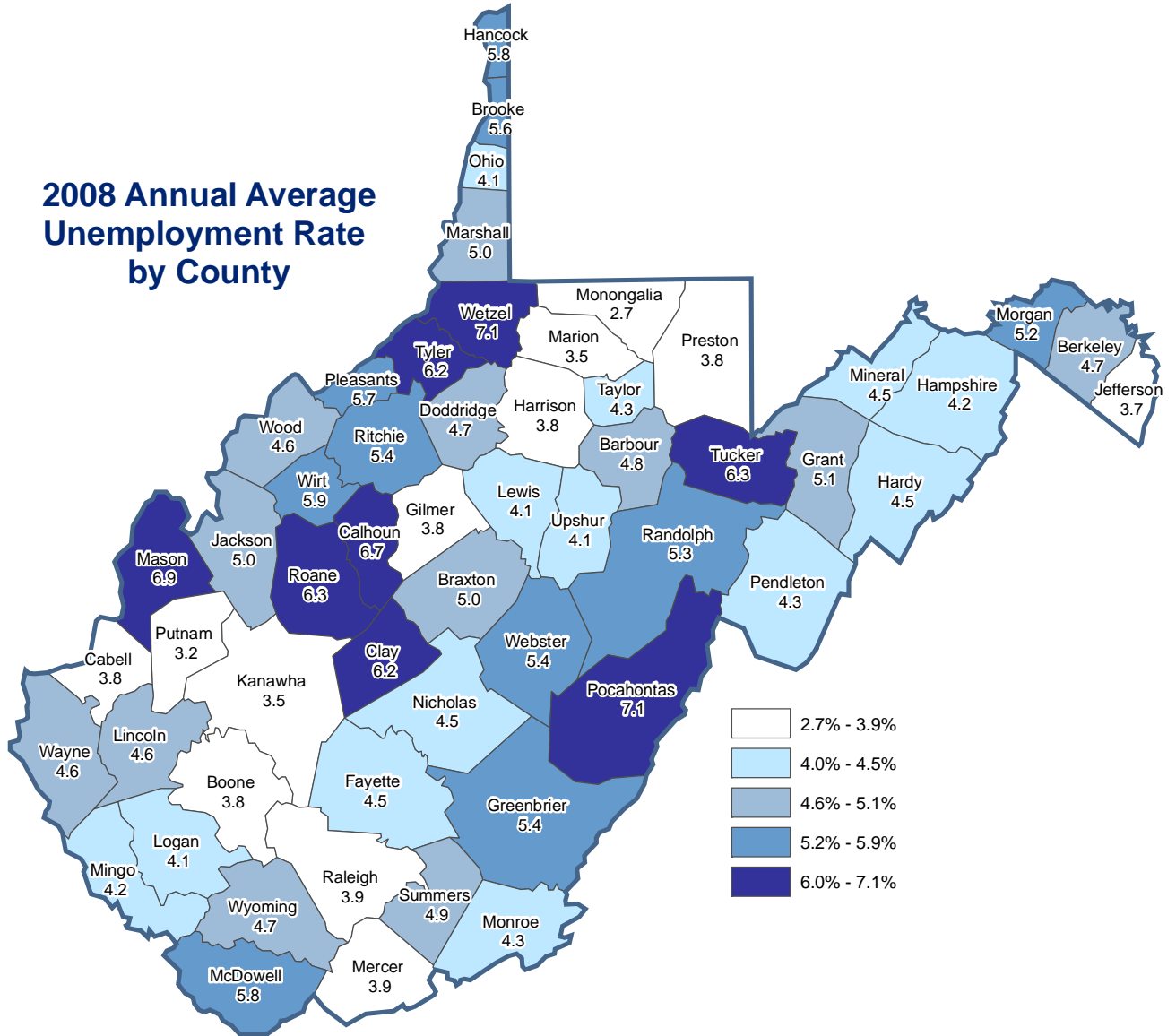
2008 Annual Average Hours & Earnings

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006
Total Private	\$528.89	\$507.15	\$484.70	34.5	34.5	34.4	\$15.33	\$14.70	\$14.09
Goods Producing	853.37	813.15	774.79	42.1	41.7	41.7	20.27	19.50	18.58
Mining & Logging	1,037.43	998.03	962.72	46.9	46.9	47.1	22.12	21.28	20.44
Construction	805.73	772.62	734.70	39.4	39.5	39.5	20.45	19.56	18.60
Manufacturing	785.53	772.72	738.86	41.3	41.3	41.3	19.02	18.71	17.89
Durable Goods	758.03	748.51	719.61	41.4	41.4	41.5	18.31	18.08	17.34
Non-Durable Goods	835.95	817.41	775.56	41.2	41.2	41.1	20.29	19.84	18.87
Private Service Providing	447.60	431.64	413.69	32.6	32.7	32.6	13.73	13.20	12.69
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	476.95	458.75	446.96	35.7	35.7	35.7	13.36	12.85	12.52
Wholesale Trade	688.63	663.30	652.03	40.2	40.2	40.1	17.13	16.50	16.26
Retail Trade	355.88	342.88	329.23	32.5	32.5	32.5	10.95	10.55	10.13
Financial Activities	435.12	423.02	407.23	33.6	33.6	33.6	12.95	12.59	12.12
Finance & Insurance	455.68	441.26	423.32	34.6	34.5	34.5	13.17	12.79	12.27
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	377.29	369.56	361.77	30.9	30.9	31.0	12.21	11.96	11.67
Professional & Business Services	561.79	532.22	496.31	35.2	35.2	35.1	15.96	15.12	14.14
Health Care & Social Assistance	528.39	507.68	491.65	33.4	33.4	33.4	15.82	15.20	14.72
Leisure & Hospitality									
Accommodation & Food Service	206.98	200.64	192.46	26.4	26.4	26.4	7.84	7.60	7.29

Average Hourly Earnings, Production and Nonsupervisory Workers - 2008



2008 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by County



Labor Force Data by County

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

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

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