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West Virginia's Largest Private Employers in March 2010

WorkForce West Virginia's list of the 100 largest private employers, compiled from data for the first quarter 2010, ranks retail giant Wal-Mart as the state's largest employer. Wal-Mart has maintained this position since 1998.

The list contains businesses with both single and multiple locations and ranks companies according to the number of employees. The data are extracted from the Quarterly Contributions Report for the first quarter of each year and are available to the public by the third quarter of each year.

West Virginia's top five largest private employers are Wal-Mart, West Virginia United Health System, Charleston Area Medical Center, Kroger, and American Electric Power, all unchanged from 2009.

Several employers in the top ten have shifted positions, and two employers not found in the top ten last year now make an appearance. These new additions are Res-Care, Inc. and Mylan Pharmaceuticals.

The top ten employers in total had 143 fewer employees in the past year, faring well when compared to the total for all private sector employment in the state which declined nearly 17,000 from the first quarter 2009 to the first quarter 2010. The sum employment of the top 100 employers declined by just over 4,400 from March 2009. Analysis of all private employers by size (also published on the website) indicated all size groups except the group employing 500 to 999 people lost both units and employment over the past year.

Just over one-half of employers on the top 100 list climbed in rank, while nearly a quarter of businesses descended in rank. Six employers not present on last year's top 100 made their appearance on this year's list.

This list was prepared from information provided by employers covered under the unemployment compensation insurance system, through the federal/state Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program conducted in West Virginia by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor and the Research, Information and Analysis Division of WorkForce West Virginia.

The lists for the state and counties for each year since 1999 and workforce investment areas since 2002 can be found on the website: www.workforcewv.org/lmi or by contacting the Research, Information and Analysis Division at 304.558.2660.

Change in rank from 2009				The 100 Largest Private Employers in West Virginia	Rank		
< down	+ new	= unchanged	^ up		2010	2009	2008
		=		Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.	1	1	1
		=		West Virginia United Health System	2	2	2
		=		Charleston Area Medical Center, Inc.	3	3	3
		=		Kroger	4	4	4
		=		American Electric Power	5	5	6
			^	Consolidation Coal Company	6	9	10
			^	Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	7	10	8
v				St. Mary's Hospital	8	7	9
			^	Res-Care, Inc.	9	13	18
			^	Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	10	11	15
			^	Cabell Huntington Hospital, Inc.	11	12	13
			^	Wheeling Hospital, Inc.	12	14	19
			^	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation of West Virginia	13	16	14
			^	Mentor Management, Inc. (Mentor Network, The)	14	20	22
		=		Verizon	15	15	12
			^	E I DuPont De Nemours & Company	16	17	16
			^	Rite Aid of West Virginia, Inc.	17	18	17
			^	Allegheny Energy Service Corporation	18	19	21
			^	West Virginia University Medical Co. (University Health Associates)	19	23	23
			^	Bob Evans Farms, Inc.	20	22	20
		=		Mountaineer Park, Inc.	21	21	11
			^	Alliant Techsystems, Inc.	22	25	30
			^	Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital	23	24	24
			^	Monongalia General Hospital, The	24	26	27
			^	West Virginia's Choice, Inc.	25	34	61
			^	K Mart Corporation	26	27	28
			^	Aker Construction, Inc.	27	97	
			^	DOLGENCORP, Inc. (Dollar General Stores)	28	38	45
			^	Herbert J Thomas Memorial Hospital Association	29	33	31
v				Greenbrier Hotel Corporation	30	8	5
v				BB&T Corporation	31	28	26
		=		PNGI Charles Town Gaming, Ltd.	32	32	29
v				GMRI, Inc.	33	29	55
			^	Go-Mart, Inc.	34	43	44
			^	Teletech Customer Care Management (West Virginia), Inc.	35	37	32
			^	Raleigh General Hospital, LLC	36	51	39
			^	Cracker Barrel Old Country Store	37	44	38
			^	Dominion Transmission, Inc.	38	39	42
			^	Spartan Mining Company	39	48	72
			^	Hobet Mining, LLC	40	46	52
v				Employee Resource Group, LLC	41	35	46
			^	Cabela's, Inc.	42	64	47
v				Toyota Motor Manufacturing, West Virginia, Inc.	43	41	37
			^	Elk Run Coal Company, Inc. (Black Castle Mining Company)	44	50	59
v				Alcan Rolled Products	45	36	36
v				Weirton Medical Center	46	42	34
v				Eastern Associated Coal Corporation	47	31	33
v				Heartland Employment Services, LLC	48	47	48
		=		United Parcel Service Inc. (WV District)	49	49	56
			^	Wheeling Island Gaming, Inc.	50	83	64

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down <	new +	unchanged =	up ^		2010	2009	2008
			^	J C Penney Company, Inc.	51	63	49
			^	Asplundh Tree Expert Company	52	65	62
			^	Simonton Building Products, Inc.	53	70	41
			^	Little General Store, Inc.	54	61	71
v				Highmark West Virginia, Inc. (Mountain State Blue Cross and Blue Shield)	55	53	50
v				Ohio Valley Medical Center, Inc.	56	55	60
		=		Wesbanco Bank, Inc.	57	57	57
			^	Gino's/Tudors Biscuit World	58	71	76
			^	Homer Laughlin China Company, The	59	90	
v				Huntington Alloys Corporation	60	54	53
v				ArcelorMittal Weirton, Inc.	61	45	35
v				Acordia/Wells Fargo Third Party Administrator, Inc.	62	58	43
v				Food Lion, LLC	63	59	65
			^	Gabriel Brothers, Inc.	64	69	78
			^	United National Bank	65	66	66
			^	Bluefield Regional Medical Center, Inc.	66	68	68
		=		Sears, Roebuck and Company	67	67	58
			^	Pretera Center for Mental Health Services	68	74	84
			^	McDonalds Restaurants of West Virginia, Inc.	69	72	75
			^	Advance Stores Company, Inc.	70	75	81
			^	Snowshoe Mountain, Inc.	71	77	69
			^	Appalachian Regional Healthcare	72	76	70
v				Alex Energy, Inc. (Intrepid Mining Company)	73	62	81
v				GC Services Limited Partnership	74	30	25
			^	TRG Customer Solutions	75	96	
			^	City National Bank of Charleston	76	79	85
			^	Sunhealth Specialty Services, Inc.	77	82	74
			^	St. Joseph's Healthcare System (St. Joseph's Hospital)	78	87	77
			^	DirectTV Customer Service, Inc.	79	99	
			^	Charleston Hospital, Inc. (Saint Francis Hospital)	80	94	90
			^	Pleasant Valley Hospital, Inc.	81	85	82
			^	Universal Cable Holdings/Suddenlink	82	89	95
v				Quad/Graphics, Inc.	83	78	53
		=		Alcon Research, Ltd	84	84	87
			^	Mountain State University, Inc.	85	93	86
			^	Logan General Hospital, LLC	86	95	99
v				Owner's Solution, Inc. (Personnel Management Company)	87	73	73
v				Echosphere, LLC	88	81	
v				Davis Memorial Hospital	89	85	79
	+			Capital Area Services Company, Inc. (CASCI)	90		
	+			Target Corporation	91		
		=		Armstrong Hardwood Flooring Company	92	92	67
v				Babcock & Wilcox Construction Company, Inc.	93	56	88
	+			University Physicians & Surgeons	94		
	+			Wendy's International, Inc.	95		100
	+			OS Restaurant Services, Inc. (Outback Steakhouse)	96		
	+			Speedway Superamerica, LLC	97		
v				American Woodmark Corporation	98	60	51
v				Racing Corporation of West Virginia	99	98	
v				Global Contact Services, LLC	100	91	89