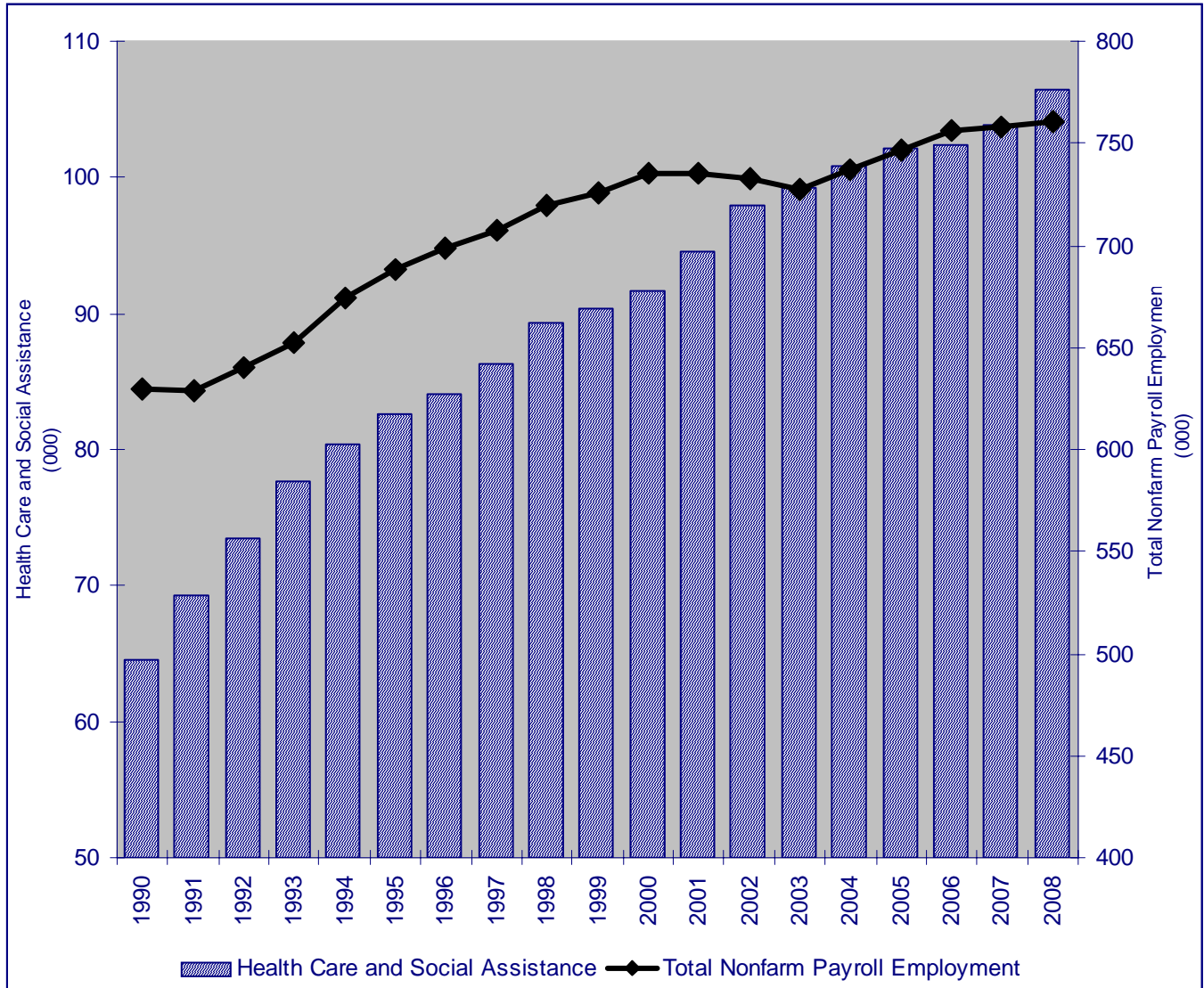


# West Virginia Economic Summary

A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY  
IN  
OCTOBER 2009

**Growth in Health Care and Social Assistance -  
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment  
1990 - 2008**



This graph illustrates the steady growth of health care and social assistance employment, even during recessions. While total nonfarm payroll employment dips or remains stagnant, health care employment continues to climb.

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Local Employment Dynamics

The recession of 2009 has sent employment numbers plummeting across the state and nation, but despite tough economic times, one industry in West Virginia has experienced continued employment growth. Health care and social assistance, a subset of educational and health services, has experienced growth ranging from minimal during some years (1998-1999, 2005-2006) to large bursts of employment during others (1990-1991, 2000-2001, 2007-2008). But, most importantly, this growth has remained consistent. This mirrors a national trend for the industry, where between 1990 and 2008 employment in health care and social assistance has grown just over 70 percent. The state is slightly behind the nation, with growth in this industry at just over 65 percent for the same period.

In 1990, employment in health services and social assistance stood at 64,500, ranking well below private sector industries such as total manufacturing and retail trade, and making up about one out of every ten jobs in the state. By 1995, health care and social assistance employment had risen to 82,600, (a growth rate of 28 percent) surpassing total manufacturing employment and narrowly trailing retail trade.

In 2001, total nonfarm payroll employment stumbled amidst a national recession and many industries suffered, including manufacturing, retail trade, and finance and insurance. Despite losses in other industries, growth continued in health care and social assistance. Between 2001 and 2003, the period that saw total nonfarm payroll employment struggling, employment in health care and social assistance rose five percent, while total nonfarm payroll employment as a whole was down just over one percent.

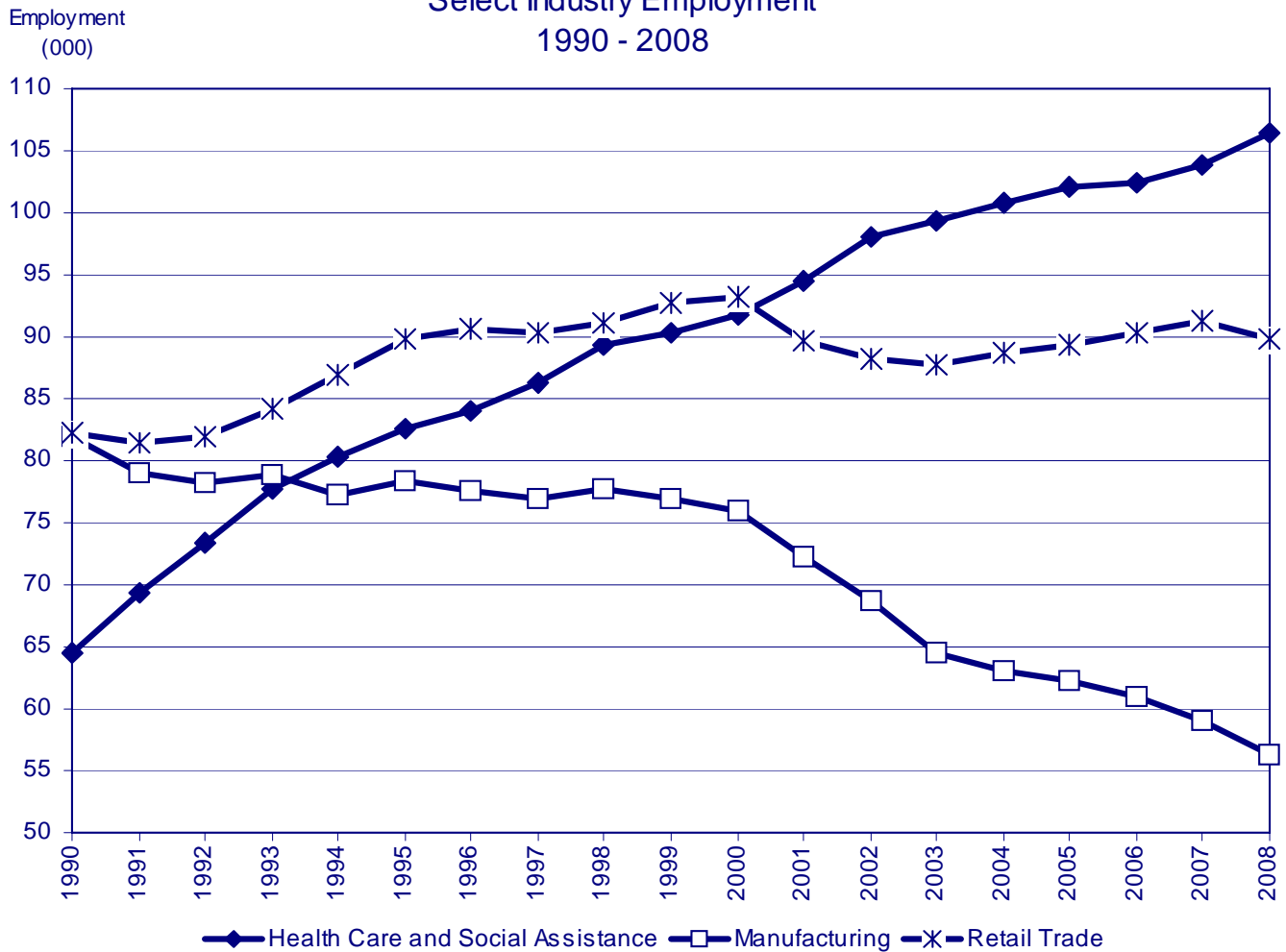
By 2008, employment in health care and social assistance stood at 106,500, the highest on record and an increase of 16 percent since 2000, well surpassing both total manufacturing and retail trade. Health care and social assistance has the largest employment for any single private sector industry in the state, making up 14 percent of total nonfarm payroll employment.

Throughout the first ten months of 2009, health services and social assistance has experienced almost continuous growth. While retail trade employment has declined about two percent and total manufacturing employment has declined nearly eight percent between January and October of this year, employment in health services and social assistance has grown just over three percent. The graph on the cover of this issue strongly reinforces the fact that health services and social assistance employment has been one of the very few bright spots in West Virginia's recession-weary economy.

Employment in health care and social assistance is certain to increase at both the state and national levels due to population growth and increased longevity of our citizens. The supply for health professionals has not kept pace, however. Shortages in nursing occupations remain a serious challenge for hospitals and clinics across the country even though many colleges and universities maintain full nursing classes as well as a waiting list of potential students.

Clearly, occupations in health care and social assistance will be in high demand for some time. Some careers in this field require extensive education and/or training; however, these jobs typically offer life sustaining wages and favorable benefits and for most who enter this field, the work is rewarding not only personally but professionally.

## Select Industry Employment 1990 - 2008



The above graph illustrates the rapid growth in health services and social assistance employment between 1990 and 2008. While not a phenomenon limited to West Virginia (national health care employment has actually outpaced state health care employment growth), this trend raises several pertinent points. Firstly, the days when goods-producing employment reigned supreme have long since departed. The service-providing sector contains the bulk of jobs across the country. Particular industries such as health care and social assistance continue to add jobs, while manufacturing employment plummets.

Secondly, health care employment is closely connected to population growth or decline, and as parts of our state are adding residents and as these residents are living longer, there is more of a demand for various types of health care and social assistance. The growth in the number of elderly in our state is driving the need for more health care professionals.

Lastly, the demand for health care workers and the constant developments in health care technology open up the field to numerous residents on the verge of choosing a career and for those who want or need to change careers. Many jobs within this industry require extensive training and education but are rewarding on both professional and financial levels.

## AT A GLANCE

### Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 4,500 over the month of October 2009 to a level of 747,400. The goods-producing sector added 100 jobs, where a gain of 800 in construction narrowly offset declines of 600 in mining and logging and 100 in manufacturing. The service-providing sector added 4,400 jobs, driven by a seasonal gain of 4,600 in government. Other employment gains included 1,000 in educational and health services, 700 in professional and business services, and 100 in financial activities. Employment declines included 1,700 in leisure and hospitality, 200 in other services, and 100 in information. Employment in trade, transportation, and utilities was unchanged over the month.

Since October 2008, the number of payroll jobs in West Virginia has plunged 22,300. The goods-producing sector plummeted 14,400, with losses of 6,100 in manufacturing, 4,800 in mining and logging, and 3,500 in construction. The service-providing sector declined 7,900, with losses of 7,400 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 1,900 in leisure and hospitality, 1,100 in financial activities, 600 in information, and 400 in other services. Employment gains included 1,600 in educational and health services, 1,200 in government, and 700 in professional and business services.

### Unemployment

The number of unemployed state residents declined 2,700 to 60,900 in October 2009. The corresponding unemployment rate fell three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment increased 30,900 from October 2008, when the rate was 3.7 percent and 30,000 were jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 8.9 to 8.5 percent in October, while the national rate climbed four-tenths of a percentage point to 10.2 percent, the highest in over 20 years.

### Hours and Earnings

Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$15.88 in October, up four cents from the previous month. Hourly earnings were up 28 cents over the year. Average weekly earnings rose by \$2.97 in October to \$549.45, and were up \$6.57 from the previous October. Average weekly hours were up slightly over the month but down over the year.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$549.45	\$546.48	\$542.88	34.6	34.5	34.8	\$15.88	\$15.84	\$15.60
Goods Producing	884.52	890.42	872.53	42.0	42.3	42.5	21.06	21.05	20.53
Mining and Logging	1,121.42	1,144.71	1,057.97	47.0	47.4	47.0	23.86	24.15	22.51
Construction	902.41	894.74	829.20	41.3	41.5	40.0	21.85	21.56	20.73
Manufacturing	730.88	742.25	797.54	39.7	40.1	41.8	18.41	18.51	19.08
Durable Goods	681.70	691.82	759.87	40.1	40.6	41.5	17.00	17.04	18.31
Nondurable Goods	816.02	827.51	866.15	39.1	39.2	42.5	20.87	21.11	20.38
Private Service-Providing	472.77	469.37	455.84	32.9	32.8	32.7	14.37	14.31	13.94
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	473.20	469.14	481.87	35.0	34.7	35.8	13.52	13.52	13.46
Wholesale Trade	700.40	695.60	707.94	40.0	39.5	40.5	17.51	17.61	17.48
Retail Trade	343.99	339.45	352.95	31.3	31.0	32.5	10.99	10.95	10.86
Financial Activities	478.86	474.72	444.94	34.6	34.5	34.2	13.84	13.76	13.01
Finance & Insurance	508.70	505.14	468.60	35.4	35.3	35.5	14.37	14.31	13.20
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	386.08	382.86	372.67	32.2	32.2	30.2	11.99	11.89	12.34
Professional & Business Services	620.12	617.69	572.92	37.2	37.3	35.3	16.67	16.56	16.23
Health Care									
Health Care & Social Assistance	544.46	552.05	545.33	33.3	33.6	33.6	16.35	16.43	16.23
Leisure & Hospitality									
Accommodation & Food Service	231.08	232.95	215.71	26.5	26.9	26.5	8.72	8.66	8.14

# LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

	<i>Prelim. Oct 2009</i>	<i>Revised Sep 2009</i>	<i>Revised Oct 2008</i>	<i>Change From: Sep Oct 2009 2008</i>	
<b>LABOR FORCE STATISTICS</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	789.5	791.4	802.2	-1.9	-12.7
Total Employment	728.6	727.7	772.3	0.9	-43.7
Total Unemployment	60.9	63.6	30.0	-2.7	30.9
Unemployment Rate	7.7	8.0	3.7	xx	xx
<b>NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL</b>	<b>747.4</b>	<b>742.9</b>	<b>769.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-22.3</b>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>	<b>596.6</b>	<b>596.7</b>	<b>620.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-23.5</b>
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>114.2</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-14.4</b>
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-4.8</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-6.1</b>
Durable Goods	30.3	30.6	34.7	-0.3	-4.4
Nondurable Goods	19.4	19.2	21.1	0.2	-1.7
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>633.1</b>	<b>628.7</b>	<b>641.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-7.9</b>
<b>Private Service-Providing</b>	<b>482.3</b>	<b>482.5</b>	<b>491.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-9.1</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>142.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
Wholesale Trade	23.6	23.5	24.8	0.1	-1.2
Retail Trade	85.2	85.1	89.9	0.1	-4.7
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26.1	26.3	27.6	-0.2	-1.5
<b>Information</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Finance and Insurance	21.4	21.2	22.1	0.2	-0.7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.2	7.3	7.6	-0.1	-0.4
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	24.8	24.3	24.5	0.5	0.3
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation	31.4	31.2	31.1	0.2	0.3
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Educational Services	10.2	9.8	11.3	0.4	-1.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	110.3	109.7	107.6	0.6	2.7
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	8.7	9.6	9.4	-0.9	-0.7
Accommodation and Food Service	62.5	63.3	63.7	-0.8	-1.2
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>150.8</b>	<b>146.2</b>	<b>149.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Federal Government	24.1	23.5	23.3	0.6	0.8
State Government	48.7	45.6	48.4	3.1	0.3
Local Government	78.0	77.1	77.9	0.9	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

March 2008 benchmark  
Data in thousands

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### LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally adjusted

Civilian Labor Force	804.4	804.3	805.5	798.5	794.1	792.7	795.0	793.4	790.3	788.7	788.0	791.6	789.6
Employment	770.0	769.8	769.6	756.8	746.5	739.1	734.0	726.4	718.8	718.8	718.1	721.4	722.4
Unemployment	34.4	34.6	35.9	41.8	47.6	53.5	61.0	67.0	71.6	69.9	69.9	70.2	67.2
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.2	6.0	6.8	7.7	8.4	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.5

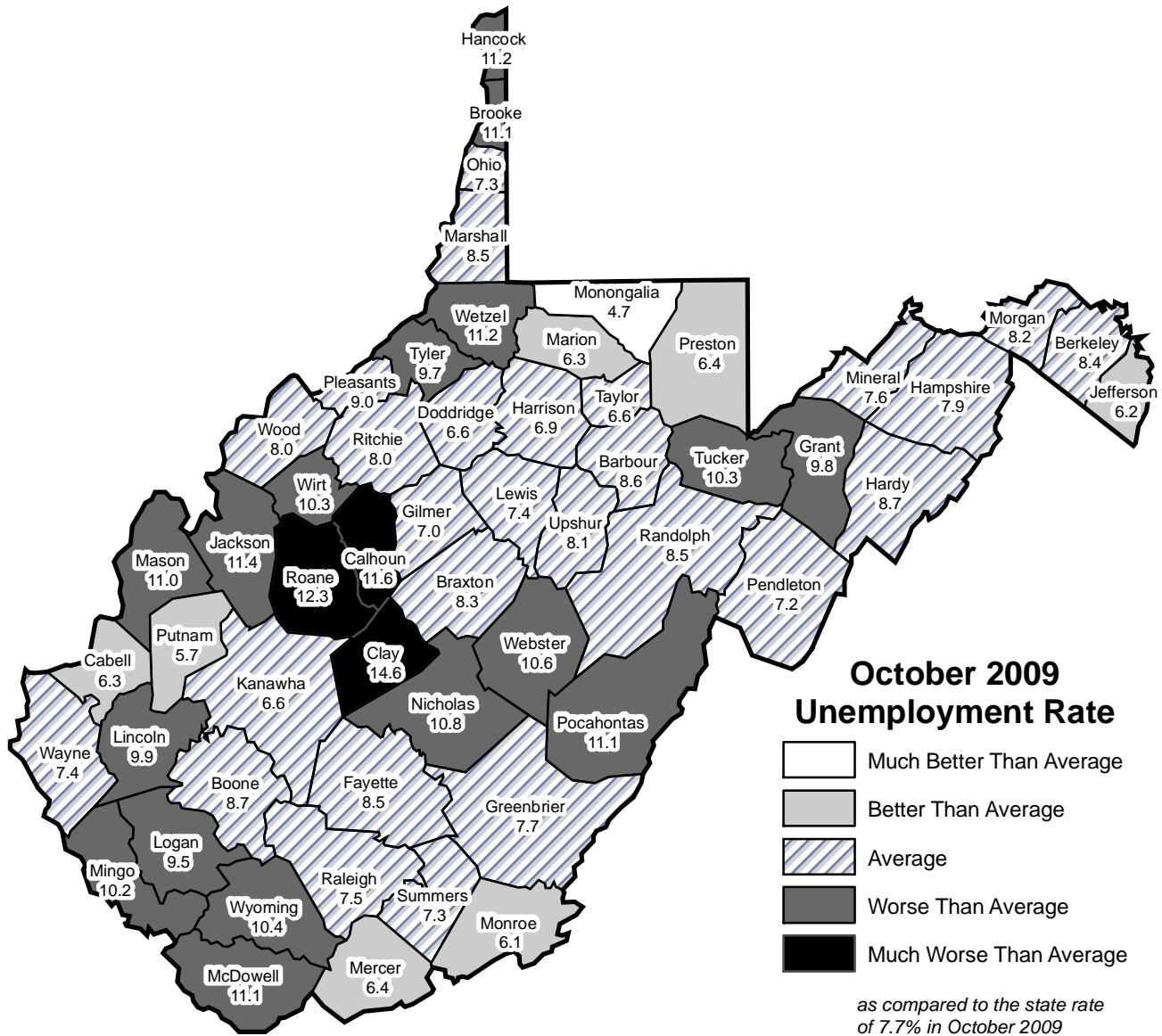
### NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - Seasonally Adjusted

TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	762.9	759.2	757.4	755.4	748.8	744.2	738.8	738.7	736.4	735.0	738.3	738.2	740.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	615.1	611.7	610.2	609.1	602.5	598.1	591.9	591.7	590.3	588.7	590.7	590.8	591.7
GOODS-PRODUCING	126.2	124.9	124.6	123.9	121.9	119.4	114.9	113.8	112.3	111.2	111.8	111.4	111.8
Mining & Logging	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.8	31.6	31.1	28.8	27.7	26.9	27.1	27.3	27.6	27.0
Construction	38.7	38.0	37.9	37.8	37.0	36.0	34.4	35.3	35.0	34.5	34.6	34.3	35.2
Manufacturing	55.7	55.1	54.8	54.3	53.3	52.3	51.7	50.8	50.4	49.6	49.9	49.5	49.6
Nondurable Goods	21.1	21.0	21.0	20.9	20.2	20.1	20.2	19.4	19.4	19.2	19.2	19.1	19.4
SERVICE-PROVIDING	636.7	634.3	632.8	631.5	626.9	624.8	623.9	624.9	624.1	623.8	626.5	626.8	628.9
Private Service-Providing	488.9	486.8	485.6	485.2	480.6	478.7	477.0	477.9	478.0	477.5	478.9	479.4	479.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	141.3	140.1	139.9	140.0	138.5	137.6	136.5	136.2	136.0	135.4	135.6	134.4	133.9
Wholesale Trade	24.8	25.0	25.1	24.8	24.0	23.6	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.4	23.7	23.5	23.6
Retail Trade	89.1	87.9	87.5	88.1	87.5	87.2	86.5	86.1	86.1	85.6	85.7	84.8	84.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	27.4	27.2	27.3	27.1	27.0	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.5	26.4	26.2	26.1	25.9
Financial Activities	29.7	29.4	29.5	29.1	28.7	28.5	28.3	28.3	28.2	28.2	28.3	28.5	28.6
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.2
Professional & Business Services	60.3	60.0	60.0	59.9	58.7	58.4	58.5	58.5	58.5	59.4	59.6	60.5	61.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.5	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.5	24.1	24.4	24.6	24.4	25.0
Administrative & Support & Waste Management	30.7	30.2	30.3	30.2	29.5	29.2	29.5	28.9	29.4	29.9	30.0	31.1	31.0
Educational & Health Service	117.8	117.7	117.1	117.6	116.8	117.2	117.7	117.9	118.6	117.9	118.9	119.5	119.5
Educational Services	10.4	10.3	10.0	10.3	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.7	10.6	9.7	9.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	107.4	107.4	107.1	107.3	107.1	107.5	108.0	108.1	108.3	107.2	108.3	109.8	110.1
Leisure & Hospitality	73.0	72.9	72.5	72.2	72.0	71.5	70.5	71.3	71.0	70.6	70.6	70.5	71.1
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.7
Accommodation & Food Service	63.6	63.6	63.4	63.1	63.1	62.8	62.0	62.8	62.7	62.3	62.2	62.1	62.4
Other Services	55.8	55.7	55.7	55.7	55.3	55.0	55.0	55.2	55.3	55.5	55.4	55.5	55.4
Government	147.8	147.5	147.2	146.3	146.3	146.1	146.9	147.0	146.1	146.3	147.6	147.4	149.0
Federal Government	23.3	23.0	23.1	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.4	23.7	23.4	23.4	23.5	23.5	24.1
State Government	46.8	46.8	46.9	46.4	46.1	45.9	46.2	46.3	45.3	45.7	46.4	46.1	47.1
Local Government	77.7	77.7	77.2	76.5	76.9	77.0	77.3	77.0	77.4	77.2	77.7	77.8	77.8

### METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009
Charleston	152.9	152.8	152.1	151.9	150.9	149.6	149.4	149.7	149.1	149.1	149.8	148.8	149.5
Huntington	119.7	119.2	118.6	119.1	118.6	118.4	117.6	117.9	118.2	117.2	117.6	116.3	115.7
Morgantown	64.4	63.7	63.0	62.9	63.1	63.2	62.3	62.6	62.9	62.8	63.0	62.5	64.3
Parkersburg	72.6	72.4	72.6	72.6	72.2	72.2	71.5	71.2	72.6	72.5	72.7	72.3	71.9
Wheeling	68.2	68.2	68.2	68.4	68.1	68.0	67.5	67.8	67.7	67.6	67.8	67.7	67.6

March 2008 benchmark  
Data in thousands



West Virginia's unemployment rate declined three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent in October 2009. Well over one-half of all 55 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 shrank considerably. This group contained Calhoun (11.6), Roane (12.3), and Clay (14.6).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average when compared to the state rate increased slightly. This group included Mercer (6.4), Preston (6.4), Cabell (6.3), Marion (6.3), Jefferson (6.2), Monroe (6.1), and Putnam (5.7). Once again, Monongalia (4.7) 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		
	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Barbour	6,660	6,700	6,710	6,090	6,090	6,440	570	610	270	8.6	9.1	4.1
Berkeley	44,140	44,510	44,950	40,460	40,760	42,840	3,690	3,750	2,110	8.4	8.4	4.7
Boone	9,300	9,350	9,340	8,490	8,490	9,030	810	860	310	8.7	9.2	3.3
Braxton	5,800	5,730	5,800	5,320	5,280	5,570	480	460	230	8.3	8.0	4.0
Brooke	10,820	10,800	11,050	9,620	9,630	10,470	1,200	1,180	580	11.1	10.9	5.2
Cabell	43,150	43,230	44,950	40,430	40,420	43,420	2,720	2,810	1,540	6.3	6.5	3.4
Calhoun	2,780	2,770	2,720	2,460	2,440	2,590	320	340	130	11.6	12.1	4.8
Clay	3,590	3,480	3,440	3,070	3,070	3,260	520	410	180	14.6	11.8	5.2
Doddridge	2,770	2,790	2,780	2,590	2,580	2,670	180	210	110	6.6	7.6	4.1
Fayette	17,790	18,280	18,210	16,270	16,740	17,570	1,520	1,540	650	8.5	8.4	3.6
Gilmer	3,010	2,970	3,020	2,800	2,780	2,920	210	190	90	7.0	6.5	3.1
Grant	5,020	5,100	5,300	4,530	4,540	5,090	490	560	220	9.8	10.9	4.1
Greenbrier	14,910	15,050	14,720	13,760	13,810	14,110	1,150	1,240	610	7.7	8.2	4.2
Hampshire	9,030	9,010	9,240	8,310	8,330	8,890	720	690	350	7.9	7.6	3.8
Hancock	14,290	14,390	14,570	12,690	12,700	13,820	1,600	1,680	760	11.2	11.7	5.2
Hardy	6,400	6,410	6,610	5,840	5,850	6,340	560	570	260	8.7	8.8	4.0
Harrison	30,530	30,460	30,330	28,410	28,310	29,300	2,120	2,150	1,030	6.9	7.1	3.4
Jackson	11,330	11,480	11,750	10,040	10,020	11,250	1,290	1,460	510	11.4	12.7	4.3
Jefferson	24,090	24,130	24,360	22,600	22,550	23,420	1,490	1,580	940	6.2	6.6	3.9
Kanawha	89,230	89,630	91,440	83,310	83,300	88,610	5,920	6,330	2,830	6.6	7.1	3.1
Lewis	7,390	7,330	7,370	6,840	6,780	7,120	550	550	240	7.4	7.5	3.3
Lincoln	7,940	7,990	7,910	7,150	7,150	7,600	790	840	300	9.9	10.5	3.8
Logan	13,010	13,280	13,300	11,780	12,000	12,850	1,240	1,290	460	9.5	9.7	3.4
McDowell	7,270	7,360	7,270	6,470	6,430	6,910	810	930	360	11.1	12.6	5.0
Marion	25,710	25,530	26,210	24,090	23,900	25,410	1,620	1,640	800	6.3	6.4	3.0
Marshall	14,630	14,640	14,710	13,390	13,390	14,080	1,240	1,250	630	8.5	8.5	4.3
Mason	9,980	10,110	9,730	8,880	8,900	9,150	1,100	1,220	580	11.0	12.0	5.9
Mercer	24,780	24,650	24,930	23,200	22,970	24,050	1,580	1,680	880	6.4	6.8	3.5
Mineral	13,290	13,340	13,340	12,280	12,290	12,840	1,010	1,050	500	7.6	7.9	3.7
Mingo	8,560	8,680	9,080	7,680	7,760	8,740	880	920	340	10.2	10.6	3.7
Monongalia	48,410	47,460	49,300	46,140	45,270	48,080	2,270	2,200	1,210	4.7	4.6	2.5
Monroe	5,760	5,790	5,840	5,410	5,420	5,630	350	380	210	6.1	6.5	3.6
Morgan	6,750	6,870	6,870	6,190	6,240	6,560	560	630	320	8.2	9.1	4.6
Nicholas	10,710	10,520	10,600	9,560	9,570	10,190	1,150	950	420	10.8	9.1	3.9
Ohio	20,730	20,810	21,010	19,210	19,200	20,200	1,520	1,600	810	7.3	7.7	3.8
Pendleton	3,560	3,550	3,600	3,300	3,290	3,470	260	270	130	7.2	7.5	3.7
Pleasants	3,080	3,110	3,080	2,800	2,790	2,940	280	320	140	9.0	10.2	4.5
Pocahontas	3,320	3,370	3,320	2,950	2,990	3,120	370	370	200	11.1	11.1	6.1
Preston	15,270	15,050	15,340	14,280	14,010	14,880	980	1,040	460	6.4	6.9	3.0
Putnam	26,460	26,610	27,290	24,930	24,930	26,520	1,520	1,680	760	5.7	6.3	2.8
Raleigh	31,930	31,930	32,430	29,530	29,400	31,360	2,400	2,530	1,070	7.5	7.9	3.3
Randolph	12,080	12,130	12,460	11,040	11,110	11,840	1,030	1,020	630	8.5	8.4	5.0
Ritchie	4,310	4,350	4,420	3,970	3,960	4,250	350	390	170	8.0	8.9	3.8
Roane	5,340	5,450	5,420	4,680	4,740	5,160	660	710	260	12.3	13.0	4.9
Summers	4,610	4,620	4,610	4,280	4,270	4,430	340	350	180	7.3	7.6	4.0
Taylor	6,830	6,880	6,840	6,370	6,350	6,570	450	530	260	6.6	7.7	3.9
Tucker	2,810	2,880	2,750	2,520	2,560	2,600	290	310	150	10.3	10.9	5.3
Tyler	3,470	3,500	3,500	3,130	3,130	3,320	340	380	180	9.7	10.8	5.1
Upshur	10,260	10,330	10,710	9,430	9,420	10,310	830	910	400	8.1	8.8	3.8
Wayne	16,860	16,920	17,450	15,620	15,620	16,770	1,250	1,310	680	7.4	7.7	3.9
Webster	3,240	3,230	3,190	2,890	2,890	3,040	340	340	150	10.6	10.4	4.8
Wetzel	5,990	6,060	6,160	5,320	5,320	5,820	670	740	340	11.2	12.2	5.5
Wirt	2,450	2,470	2,430	2,200	2,190	2,310	250	280	120	10.3	11.4	4.9
Wood	40,020	40,280	40,310	36,810	36,750	38,670	3,210	3,530	1,650	8.0	8.8	4.1
Wyoming	8,070	8,030	8,170	7,230	7,120	7,860	840	910	300	10.4	11.4	3.7
Statewide	789,500	791,400	802,200	728,600	727,700	772,300	60,900	63,600	30,000	7.7	8.0	3.7

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# Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Sep	Oct
	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008
Barbour	3,970	3,970	4,050	610	610	610	3,360	3,360	3,450
Berkeley	29,320	29,360	30,180	2,860	2,920	3,450	26,460	26,430	26,730
Boone	9,120	9,090	9,500	3,920	3,900	4,360	5,200	5,190	5,140
Braxton	4,510	4,470	4,510	800	780	810	3,720	3,690	3,690
Brooke	8,580	8,560	9,740	2,060	2,060	2,460	6,520	6,500	7,280
Cabell	55,730	55,070	56,220	7,150	7,250	7,970	48,590	47,810	48,240
Calhoun	1,620	1,580	1,630	420	420	390	1,200	1,160	1,240
Clay	2,010	2,030	2,170	410	440	530	1,600	1,590	1,640
Doddridge	1,350	1,340	1,360	190	190	210	1,160	1,150	1,150
Fayette	13,620	14,200	14,380	1,750	1,950	2,050	11,880	12,250	12,320
Gilmer	2,350	2,320	2,360	500	490	550	1,860	1,840	1,810
Grant	4,160	4,170	4,600	1,220	1,220	1,590	2,940	2,950	3,010
Greenbrier	14,440	14,440	14,260	1,740	1,720	1,710	12,710	12,720	12,550
Hampshire	4,400	4,350	4,450	460	460	460	3,940	3,890	3,990
Hancock	12,440	12,410	12,640	3,100	3,100	3,100	9,340	9,320	9,540
Hardy	5,970	5,950	6,280	3,010	2,980	3,260	2,960	2,970	3,010
Harrison	35,520	35,230	34,870	4,740	4,730	4,520	30,790	30,500	30,350
Jackson	8,300	8,250	9,160	1,820	1,810	2,730	6,480	6,440	6,430
Jefferson	15,070	14,890	14,970	1,740	1,740	1,600	13,330	13,150	13,370
Kanawha	114,550	114,060	116,390	12,340	12,500	12,960	102,210	101,560	103,420
Lewis	6,590	6,510	6,570	1,020	1,040	1,180	5,570	5,470	5,400
Lincoln	3,380	3,400	3,600	810	830	840	2,570	2,570	2,770
Logan	12,190	12,440	12,810	2,570	2,800	2,910	9,630	9,640	9,900
McDowell	6,690	6,660	6,870	1,760	1,750	1,850	4,930	4,910	5,030
Marion	22,200	22,020	22,710	3,830	3,840	4,220	18,370	18,170	18,500
Marshall	11,460	11,460	11,520	2,980	3,000	3,060	8,480	8,460	8,450
Mason	7,300	7,320	7,130	1,070	1,080	880	6,230	6,230	6,250
Mercer	24,320	23,740	24,180	2,410	2,380	2,440	21,920	21,360	21,740
Mineral	8,550	8,430	8,390	2,390	2,440	2,270	6,160	5,990	6,120
Mingo	8,670	8,760	9,730	3,110	3,230	3,970	5,560	5,540	5,760
Monongalia	57,810	56,270	56,990	6,320	6,310	6,400	51,490	49,960	50,590
Monroe	2,590	2,610	2,560	620	620	620	1,970	1,980	1,940
Morgan	3,180	3,190	3,200	430	410	460	2,750	2,780	2,740
Nicholas	9,260	9,220	9,490	2,190	2,150	2,270	7,070	7,070	7,230
Ohio	31,650	31,400	32,150	2,370	2,410	2,510	29,270	29,000	29,630
Pendleton	1,900	1,890	1,910	160	160	180	1,740	1,730	1,730
Pleasants	3,030	3,010	3,200	800	800	870	2,220	2,210	2,330
Pocahontas	3,250	3,300	3,320	480	480	520	2,770	2,820	2,800
Preston	7,250	7,130	8,150	1,280	1,250	2,000	5,960	5,880	6,150
Putnam	20,910	20,800	21,830	4,970	4,840	5,880	15,940	15,960	15,960
Raleigh	33,200	32,900	33,870	4,880	4,900	4,830	28,320	28,000	29,040
Randolph	12,220	12,270	12,640	2,170	2,170	2,290	10,060	10,100	10,350
Ritchie	3,380	3,370	3,490	1,460	1,460	1,530	1,920	1,910	1,950
Roane	3,360	3,430	3,580	590	670	810	2,780	2,760	2,770
Summers	2,780	2,770	2,760	140	140	150	2,630	2,630	2,610
Taylor	2,900	2,920	3,190	190	190	370	2,720	2,730	2,820
Tucker	2,750	2,790	2,710	410	430	440	2,340	2,350	2,270
Tyler	2,650	2,640	2,680	780	790	770	1,880	1,850	1,910
Upshur	8,750	8,710	9,340	1,990	2,000	2,390	6,760	6,710	6,950
Wayne	10,280	10,470	10,460	1,790	1,850	1,960	8,490	8,620	8,500
Webster	2,520	2,520	2,560	740	740	750	1,780	1,780	1,810
Wetzel	4,890	4,880	5,240	260	270	610	4,630	4,620	4,630
Wirt	900	900	920	200	190	210	690	710	710
Wood	42,410	41,670	42,480	6,480	6,420	6,490	35,920	35,260	36,000
Wyoming	5,700	5,570	6,000	1,280	1,190	1,800	4,420	4,380	4,200
Statewide	747,400	742,900	769,700	114,300	114,200	128,700	633,100	628,700	641,000

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## 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>	<i>Oct 2009</i>	<i>Sep 2009</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>
Civilian Labor Force	136.5	137.1	139.4
Total Employment	127.0	126.9	135.0
Total Unemployment	9.6	10.1	4.4
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.4	3.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	<i>Oct 2009</i>	<i>Sep 2009</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>
Total Nonfarm	149.8	149.3	153.2
Total Private	122.6	122.7	125.6
Goods Producing	22.4	22.5	24.5
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	16.8	16.9	18.4
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	127.4	126.8	128.7
Private Service-Providing	100.2	100.2	101.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.0	28.0	28.6
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.7	5.8
Retail Trade	15.8	15.8	16.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.8
Information	2.6	2.6	2.7
Financial Activities	7.9	8.0	8.1
Professional & Business Services	14.4	14.4	15.2
Educational & Health Service	23.6	23.1	22.6
Leisure & Hospitality	12.1	12.5	12.2
Other Services	11.6	11.6	11.7
Government	27.2	26.6	27.6
Federal Government	2.5	2.4	2.7
State Government	11.7	11.5	11.8
Local Government	13.0	12.7	13.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Huntington-Ashland Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area:	Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia; Lawrence County in Ohio; Greenup and Boyd counties in Kentucky
Total Population July 1, 2008: .....	284,234
Population 16 years and Over (based on 2000 census): .....	232,229
Per capita Personal Income 2006: .....	\$27,145

### Labor Force:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	<i>Oct 2009</i>	<i>Sep 2009</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>
Civilian Labor Force	129.7	130.2	132.6
Total Employment	119.7	119.9	126.6
Total Unemployment	10.1	10.3	6.1
Unemployment Rate	7.8	7.9	4.6

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	<i>Oct 2009</i>	<i>Sep 2009</i>	<i>Oct 2008</i>
Total Nonfarm	116.8	116.5	120.8
Total Private	96.2	96.9	100.3
Goods Producing	15.8	15.8	18.0
Manufacturing	8.5	8.5	10.0
Service-Providing	101.0	100.7	102.8
Private Service-Providing	80.4	81.1	82.3
Retail Trade	15.3	15.3	16.0
Professional & Business Services	9.4	9.6	10.2
Educational & Health Service	24.4	24.3	24.0
Leisure & Hospitality	10.7	11.1	11.0
Government	20.6	19.6	20.5
Federal Government	3.2	3.2	3.1
State Government	5.6	4.9	5.6
Local Government	11.8	11.5	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  
 Washington County in Ohio  
 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>	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Civilian Labor Force	63.7	62.5	64.6
Total Employment	60.4	59.3	63.0
Total Unemployment	3.3	3.2	1.7
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.2	2.6

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Total Nonfarm	65.0	63.5	65.1
Total Private	46.4	46.1	47.1
Goods Producing	7.6	7.6	8.4
Manufacturing	3.8	3.8	4.1
Service-Providing	57.4	55.9	56.7
Private Service-Providing	38.8	38.5	38.7
Retail Trade	6.6	6.6	6.8
Professional & Business Services	4.8	4.7	4.6
Educational & Health Service	13.0	12.8	12.5
Leisure & Hospitality	6.7	6.9	6.9
Government	18.6	17.4	18.0
Federal Government	1.9	1.9	1.8
State Government	12.5	11.4	11.9
Local Government	4.2	4.1	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 2006: ..... \$28,285

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Civilian Labor Force	79.0	79.3	78.9
Total Employment	72.2	72.0	75.2
Total Unemployment	6.9	7.3	3.6
Unemployment Rate	8.7	9.2	4.6

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Total Nonfarm	72.5	72.2	73.2
Total Private	61.3	61.5	62.0
Goods Producing	12.9	12.9	14.1
Manufacturing	7.8	7.8	8.5
Service-Providing	59.6	59.3	59.1
Private Service-Providing	48.4	48.6	47.9
Educational and Health Service	12.8	12.8	12.7
Government	11.2	10.7	11.2
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5
State Government	1.8	1.6	1.7
Local Government	6.9	6.6	7.0
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>	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Civilian Labor Force	68.9	68.8	69.2
Total Employment	63.0	62.9	65.6
Total Unemployment	6.0	5.9	3.5
Unemployment Rate	8.7	8.6	5.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Total Nonfarm	68.2	68.0	68.8
Total Private	57.3	57.6	58.1
Goods Producing	8.6	8.6	9.4
Manufacturing	3.8	3.9	4.1
Service-Providing	59.6	59.4	59.4
Private Service-Providing	48.7	49.0	48.7
Educational & Health Service	13.4	13.3	13.3
Government	10.9	10.4	10.7
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.5	2.2	2.4
Local Government	7.7	7.5	7.6
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	<i>Prelim Oct 2009</i>	<i>Rev Sep 2009</i>	<i>Rev Oct 2008</i>	
<b>Beckley-Oak Hill CSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	49.7	50.2	50.6	
Total Employment	45.8	46.1	48.9	
Total Unemployment	3.9	4.1	1.7	
Unemployment Rate	7.9	8.1	3.4	
<b>Beckley MCSA</b> <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>				
Civilian Labor Force	31.9	31.9	32.4	
Total Employment	29.5	29.4	31.4	
Total Unemployment	2.4	2.5	1.1	
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.9	3.3	
<b>Oak Hill MCSA</b> <i>Fayette County, WV</i>				
Civilian Labor Force	17.8	18.3	18.2	
Total Employment	16.3	16.7	17.6	
Total Unemployment	1.5	1.5	0.6	
Unemployment Rate	8.5	8.4	3.6	
<b>Bluefield MCSA</b> <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>				
Civilian Labor Force	46.3	46.0	45.9	
Total Employment	43.1	42.6	44.1	
Total Unemployment	3.2	3.4	1.8	
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.3	3.8	
<b>Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	65.8	65.7	66.2	
Total Employment	61.5	61.1	64.0	
Total Unemployment	4.4	4.5	2.2	
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.9	3.3	
<b>Fairmont MCSA</b> <i>Marion County, WV</i>				
Civilian Labor Force	25.7	25.5	26.2	
Total Employment	24.1	23.9	25.4	
Total Unemployment	1.6	1.6	0.8	
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.4	3.0	
<b>Clarksburg MCSA</b> <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>				
Civilian Labor Force	40.1	40.1	39.9	
Total Employment	37.4	37.2	38.5	
Total Unemployment	2.8	2.9	1.4	
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.2	3.5	
<b>Point Pleasant MCSA</b> <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>				
Civilian Labor Force	24.2	24.4	23.6	
Total Employment	21.8	21.8	22.2	
Total Unemployment	2.5	2.6	1.4	
Unemployment Rate	10.2	10.6	6.1	

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.

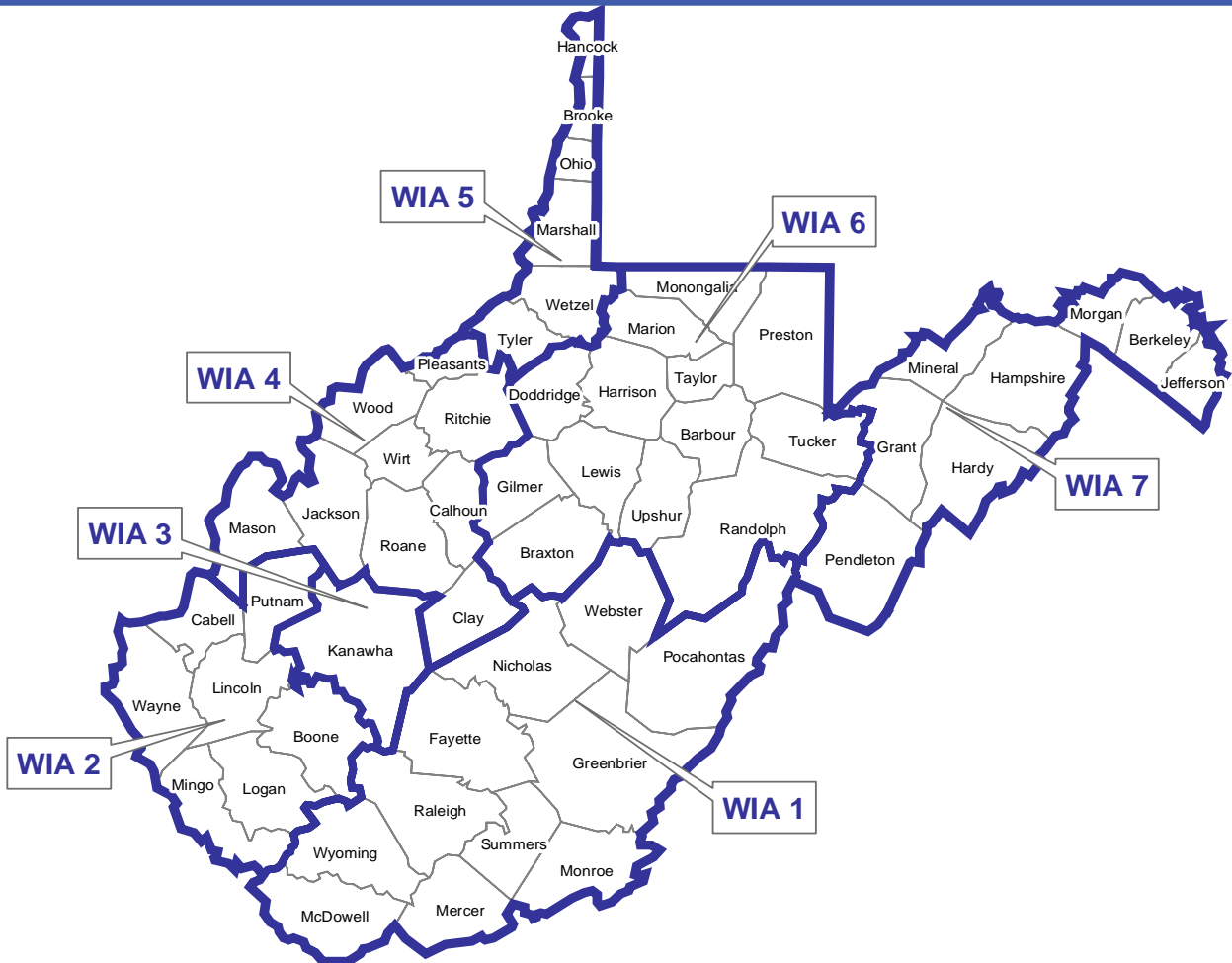
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March 2008 benchmark.

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

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas that include West Virginia Counties

	<i>Prelim Oct 2009</i>	<i>Rev Sep 2009</i>	<i>Rev Oct 2008</i>	
<b>Steubenville-Weirton MSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	58.5	58.2	59.3	Includes Brooke and Hancock Counties, WV and Jefferson County, OH. Data courtesy of Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.
Total Employment	51.1	51.1	55.1	
Total Unemployment	7.4	7.1	4.2	
Unemployment Rate	12.6	12.1	7.1	
<b>Cumberland MSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	48.5	48.5	48.9	Includes Mineral County, WV and Allegany County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.
Total Employment	44.7	44.8	46.3	
Total Unemployment	3.8	3.7	2.6	
Unemployment Rate	7.8	7.6	5.3	
<b>Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	3,004.2	2,999.3	3,029.3	Includes Washington, DC, portions of Virginia and Maryland, and Jefferson County, WV. Data courtesy of District of Columbia Department of Employment Services.
Total Employment	2,818.8	2,814.9	2,904.7	
Total Unemployment	185.3	184.3	124.5	
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.1	4.1	
<b>Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	118.1	119.1	119.7	Includes Morgan and Berkeley Counties, WV and Washington County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.
Total Employment	107.4	108.4	112.9	
Total Unemployment	10.7	10.7	6.7	
Unemployment Rate	9.1	9.0	5.6	
<b>Winchester MSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	63.2	63.3	64.0	Includes Hampshire County, WV and Frederick County and Winchester City, VA. Data courtesy of Virginia Employment Commission.
Total Employment	58.7	58.6	61.2	
Total Unemployment	4.5	4.7	2.8	
Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.5	4.4	



## Workforce Investment Area 1

### October 2009

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 500
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 500
- Total unemployment down 300
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage points to 8.2 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,800
- Goods-producing sector down 1,000
- Service-providing sector down 900
- Total unemployment up 5,900
- Unemployment rate up four and four-tenths percentage points from 3.8 percent

### Labor Force Data

	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Civilian Labor Force	132.4	132.8	133.3
Employment	121.6	121.6	128.3
Unemployment	10.9	11.2	5.0
Unemployment Rate	8.2	8.4	3.8

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment

	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Total Nonfarm Payroll	118.4	117.9	120.2
Total Private	93.0	93.6	95.7
Goods-Producing	18.0	18.0	19.0
Mining & Logging	7.2	7.3	8.1
Construction	4.9	4.9	4.8
Manufacturing	5.9	5.9	6.1
Service-Providing	100.4	99.9	101.3
Private Service-Providing	75.0	75.6	76.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.0	23.1	23.6
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.5	3.6
Retail Trade	15.9	15.9	16.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.7	3.8	3.9
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	17.9	17.4
Leisure & Hospitality	12.2	12.7	13.3
Other Services	10.2	10.1	10.2
Government	25.4	24.3	24.6
Federal	3.1	3.1	3.0
State	6.5	6.0	6.2
Local	15.9	15.3	15.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 2

### October 2009

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 300
- Goods-producing sector down 400
- Service-providing sector up 700
- Total unemployment down 500
- Unemployment rate down four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.3 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 3,800
- Goods-producing sector down 3,600
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Total unemployment up 4,800
- Unemployment rate up three and nine-tenths percentage points from 3.4 percent

	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	125.3	126.1	129.3
Employment	116.1	116.4	124.9
Unemployment	9.2	9.7	4.4
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.7	3.4
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	120.3	120.0	124.1
Total Private	99.7	100.1	103.4
Goods-Producing	24.3	24.7	27.9
Mining & Logging	9.0	9.4	10.1
Construction	6.8	6.7	8.7
Manufacturing	8.5	8.6	9.1
Service-Providing	96.0	95.3	96.3
Private Service-Providing	75.4	75.4	75.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	24.2	24.2	24.3
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.6	4.7
Retail Trade	14.1	14.0	13.9
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.5	5.6	5.7
Information	1.4	1.4	1.5
Financial Activities	3.7	3.7	3.9
Professional & Business Services	9.9	9.9	10.5
Educational & Health Services	18.0	18.0	17.5
Leisure & Hospitality	10.2	10.2	10.2
Other Services	7.9	7.9	7.7
Government	20.5	20.0	20.7
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.9
State	5.6	5.1	5.8
Local	11.9	11.8	12.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 3

### October 2009

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 400
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector up 600
- Total unemployment down 400
- Unemployment rate down one-half of a percentage point to 6.6 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,900
- Goods-producing sector down 700
- Service-providing sector down 1,200
- Total unemployment up 3,100
- Unemployment rate up three and one-half percentage points from 3.1 percent

	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	89.2	89.6	91.4
Employment	83.3	83.3	88.6
Unemployment	5.9	6.3	2.8
Unemployment Rate	6.6	7.1	3.1
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	114.5	114.1	116.4
Total Private	92.7	92.9	94.4
Goods-Producing	12.3	12.5	13.0
Mining & Logging	2.8	2.8	3.3
Construction	6.1	6.2	5.8
Manufacturing	3.5	3.5	3.9
Service-Providing	102.2	101.6	103.4
Private Service-Providing	80.3	80.4	81.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20.2	20.2	20.8
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	4.0
Retail Trade	12.2	12.2	12.4
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	11.7	11.8	12.5
Educational & Health Services	20.6	20.1	19.7
Leisure & Hospitality	9.9	10.2	10.0
Other Services	9.1	9.1	9.3
Government	21.9	21.2	22.0
Federal	2.2	2.1	2.4
State	11.1	10.8	11.2
Local	8.6	8.3	8.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 4

### October 2009

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 700
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 700
- Total unemployment down 700
- Unemployment rate down eight-tenths of a percentage point to 9.6 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,500
- Goods-producing sector down 1,100
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Total unemployment up 4,300
- Unemployment rate up five and one-tenth percentage points from 4.5 percent

	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	82.9	83.5	83.3
Employment	74.9	74.9	79.6
Unemployment	8.0	8.7	3.7
Unemployment Rate	9.6	10.4	4.5
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.3	71.6	73.8
Total Private	58.9	58.7	60.3
Goods-Producing	13.3	13.3	14.4
Mining & Logging	1.7	1.8	1.9
Construction	4.5	4.4	4.2
Manufacturing	7.1	7.1	8.3
Service-Providing	59.0	58.3	59.3
Private Service-Providing	45.6	45.4	45.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14.9	14.9	15.2
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.5	1.6
Retail Trade	10.1	10.0	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	3.8	3.7	3.7
Educational & Health Services	11.0	10.8	10.7
Leisure & Hospitality	7.0	7.0	6.7
Other Services	4.9	4.9	5.4
Government	13.4	12.9	13.5
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.6
State	2.4	2.2	2.6
Local	8.5	8.1	8.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 5

### October 2009

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 400
- Goods-producing unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Total unemployment down 200
- Unemployment rate down three-tenths of a percentage point to 9.4 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 2,300
- Goods-producing sector down 900
- Service-providing sector down 1,300
- Total unemployment up 3,300
- Unemployment rate up four and eight-tenths percentage points from 4.6 percent

	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	69.9	70.2	71.0
Employment	63.4	63.4	67.7
Unemployment	6.6	6.8	3.3
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.7	4.6
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	71.7	71.3	74.0
Total Private	60.8	60.7	63.3
Goods-Producing	11.6	11.6	12.5
Mining & Logging	1.3	1.3	1.4
Construction	2.0	2.0	2.4
Manufacturing	8.3	8.3	8.8
Service-Providing	60.1	59.7	61.4
Private Service-Providing	49.3	49.1	50.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	11.5	11.4	11.6
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.2	2.3
Retail Trade	7.4	7.4	7.6
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	5.5	5.6
Educational & Health Services	12.7	12.7	13.5
Leisure & Hospitality	9.3	9.3	9.8
Other Services	6.9	6.8	6.9
Government	10.8	10.6	10.7
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	2.0	1.8	2.0
Local	8.2	8.1	8.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 6

**October 2009**

**Over the Month:**

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 2,300
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 2,200
- Total unemployment down 200
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.5 percent

**Over the Year:**

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,300
- Goods-producing sector down 2,000
- Service-providing sector up 600
- Total unemployment up 5,700
- Unemployment rate up three and two-tenths of a percentage point from 3.3 percent

<b>Labor Force Data</b>	<i>Oct</i> 2009	<i>Sep</i> 2009	<i>Oct</i> 2008
Civilian Labor Force	177.5	176.3	179.6
Employment	165.9	164.4	173.7
Unemployment	11.6	11.8	5.9
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.7	3.3
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	168.2	165.9	169.5
Total Private	126.1	125.5	128.5
Goods-Producing	24.0	24.0	26.0
Mining & Logging	5.1	5.1	6.1
Construction	8.6	8.6	8.5
Manufacturing	10.4	10.4	11.4
Service-Providing	144.1	141.9	143.5
Private Service-Providing	102.1	101.5	102.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.7	28.5	29.2
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	4.0
Retail Trade	19.2	19.2	19.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.6	5.4	5.5
Information	1.9	1.9	1.9
Financial Activities	4.8	4.8	4.9
Professional & Business Services	11.5	11.4	11.6
Educational & Health Services	28.3	27.9	27.9
Leisure & Hospitality	15.8	16.0	15.8
Other Services	11.1	11.0	11.3
Government	42.1	40.5	40.9
Federal	7.1	7.1	6.9
State	18.4	17.2	17.6
Local	16.6	16.2	16.5
<i>Labor-Management Dispute Status</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 7

**October 2009**

**Over the Month:**

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 300
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Total unemployment down 300
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point to 7.8 percent

**Over the Year:**

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,500
- Goods-producing sector down 1000
- Service-providing sector down 400
- Total unemployment up 4,000
- Unemployment rate up three and six-tenths percentage points from 4.2 percent

<b>Labor Force Data</b>	<i>Oct</i> 2009	<i>Sep</i> 2009	<i>Oct</i> 2008
Civilian Labor Force	112.3	112.9	114.3
Employment	103.5	103.8	109.4
Unemployment	8.8	9.1	4.8
Unemployment Rate	7.8	8.0	4.2
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.5	72.2	74.0
Total Private	53.5	53.7	55.4
Goods-Producing	12.3	12.3	13.3
Mining & Logging	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	3.2	3.2	4.0
Manufacturing	8.4	8.5	8.5
Service-Providing	60.3	59.9	60.7
Private Service-Providing	41.3	41.3	42.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.2	12.2	12.7
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.6	1.6
Retail Trade	8.5	8.5	8.8
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	4.2	4.2
Educational & Health Services	8.2	8.2	8.1
Leisure & Hospitality	7.9	8.0	8.2
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.2
Government	19.0	18.6	18.6
Federal	5.0	5.0	4.9
State	3.5	3.2	3.3
Local	10.5	10.4	10.4
<i>Labor-Management Dispute Status</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Occupational Profile

**Registered Nurses** are projected to have a strong job outlook through 2016. Expected job openings will average approximately 627 per year, 354 of which will come from new job growth. The average annual growth rate is projected to be 1.96% per year, nearly four times the growth rate for all occupations combined (.61%). Education and training for Registered Nurses typically requires an associate's degree or higher.

"Employers in some parts of the country and in certain employment settings report difficulty in attracting and retaining an adequate number of RNs, primarily because of an aging RN workforce and a lack of younger workers to fill positions. Enrollments in nursing programs at all levels have increased more rapidly in the past few years as students seek jobs with stable employment. However, many qualified applicants are being turned away because of a shortage of nursing faculty. The need for nursing faculty will only increase as many instructors near retirement. Many employers also are relying on foreign-educated nurses to fill vacant positions.

Generally, RNs with at least a bachelor's degree will have better job prospects than those without a bachelor's. In addition, all four advanced practice specialties-clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives, and nurse anesthetists-will be in high demand, particularly in medically underserved areas such as inner cities and rural areas. Relative to physicians, these RNs increasingly serve as lower-cost primary care providers."

<sup>1</sup> Occupational Outlook Handbook, US Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Table 4 - Best Paying Industries**

	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

**Table 1 - Growth**

Area	Annual Openings	Growth Rate
WIA 1	94	1.89%
WIA 2	102	1.90%
WIA 3	145	2.70%
WIA 4	47	1.09%
WIA 5	61	2.12%
WIA 6	146	1.99%
WIA 7	49	1.76%

**Table 2 - Wage History**

	This Occupation *	Compared to all Occupations *	Difference
2009 Q2	\$24.53 0.8%	\$12.82 0.6%	\$11.71
2008	\$24.33 3.0%	\$12.74 2.6%	\$11.59
2007	\$23.61 3.4%	\$12.41 3.2%	\$11.20
2006	\$22.82 4.0%	\$12.02 3.2%	\$10.80
2005	\$21.94 2.8%	\$11.64 2.4%	\$10.30
2004	\$21.33 3.1%	\$11.36 2.6%	\$9.97
2003	\$20.67 3.0%	\$11.07 3.0%	\$9.60
2002	\$20.05 2.3%	\$10.74 2.5%	\$9.31
2001	\$19.59	\$10.47	\$9.12

\* %Change

**Table 3 - Top Employing Industries**

	Employment	%
Education & Health Services	15,270	90.3%
Public Administration	1,290	7.6%
Professional & Business Services	250	1.4%
Other Services	60	0.3%
Financial Activities	20	0.1%
Manufacturing	10	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	10	0.0%

**Table 5 - Top Areas by This Occupation**

Highest Employment			Highest Pay		
Area	Median Wage	Employment	Area	Median Wage	Employment
WIA 6	\$24.97	4,020	WIA 7	\$28.00	1,670
WIA 3	\$25.57	3,170	WIA 3	\$25.57	3,170
WIA 2	\$25.04	2,680	WIA 2	\$25.04	2,680
WIA 1	\$23.62	2,490	WIA 6	\$24.97	4,020
WIA 5	\$21.94	1,830	WIA 1	\$23.62	2,490
WIA 7	\$28.00	1,670	WIA 4	\$22.80	1,530
WIA 4	\$22.80	1,530	WIA 5	\$21.94	1,830

## State Economic Indicators

### West Virginia

#### Trends in the Labor Market

	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	39.7	40.1	41.8
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	1,564	1,584	1,894
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$730.88	\$742.25	\$797.54
Coal Production (tons)	12,376,547	12,110,340	14,418,102

#### Unemployment Compensation Selected Claims Activities

	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Initial Claims	9,337	8,061	6,135
Weeks Claimed	103,434	110,514	47,903
Benefits Paid	\$23,252,823	\$25,633,146	\$8,710,816
Weeks Compensated	87,413	94,580	38,086
Average Weekly Payment	\$266.01	\$271.02	\$228.71
Trust Fund Balance	\$151,694,355	\$167,375,049	\$246,177,513
Insured Unemployment Rate Unadjusted	3.2	3.7	1.7
Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	4.8	2.2

## Labor Force Data by States

State*	Oct 2009		Sep 2009		State*	Oct 2009		Sep 2009	
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Alabama	10.9	12	10.7	11	Montana	6.4	48	6.7	44
Alaska	8.9	24	8.3	30	Nebraska	4.9	50	4.9	49
Arizona	9.3	19	9.1	21	Nevada	13.0	2	13.3	2
Arkansas	7.6	34	7.1	39	New Hampshire	6.8	42	7.2	36
California	12.5	4	12.3	4	New Jersey	9.7	18	9.8	16
Colorado	6.9	41	7.0	40	New Mexico	7.9	33	7.7	33
Connecticut	8.8	26	8.4	28	New York	9.0	22	8.9	23
Delaware	8.7	28	8.3	30	North Carolina	11.0	10	10.8	10
District of Columbia	11.9	6	11.4	6	North Dakota	4.2	51	4.1	51
Florida	11.2	8	11.1	8	Ohio	10.5	13	10.1	14
Georgia	10.2	15	10.1	14	Oklahoma	7.1	40	6.8	42
Hawaii	7.2	39	7.2	36	Oregon	11.3	7	11.3	7
Idaho	9.0	22	8.8	25	Pennsylvania	8.8	26	8.8	25
Illinois	11.0	10	10.5	12	Rhode Island	12.9	3	13.0	3
Indiana	9.8	16	9.7	17	South Carolina	12.1	5	11.7	5
Iowa	6.7	44	6.6	46	South Dakota	5.0	49	4.8	50
Kansas	6.8	42	6.9	41	Tennessee	10.5	13	10.5	12
Kentucky	11.2	8	10.9	9	Texas	8.3	31	8.2	32
Louisiana	7.4	36	7.4	34	Utah	6.5	46	6.2	48
Maine	8.2	32	8.5	27	Vermont	6.5	46	6.7	44
Maryland	7.3	38	7.2	36	Virginia	6.6	45	6.6	46
Massachusetts	8.9	24	9.3	19	Washington	9.3	19	9.1	21
Michigan	15.1	1	15.3	1	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>23</b>
Minnesota	7.6	34	7.4	34	Wisconsin	8.4	30	8.4	28
Mississippi	9.8	16	9.3	19	Wyoming	7.4	36	6.8	42
Missouri	9.3	19	9.5	18	United States	10.2	xx	9.8	xx

Seasonally adjusted data. In thousands.

\*Includes District of Columbia

## Selected National Data

United States	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Not Seasonally Adjusted	9.5	9.5	6.1
Seasonally Adjusted	10.2	9.8	6.6
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	216.2	216.0	216.6
1967 Base	647.6	646.9	648.8
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	174.1	173.4	177.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$618.09	\$618.31	\$612.38
Average Weekly Hours	33.0	33.1	33.5
Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.73	\$18.68	\$18.28

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