

# West Virginia Economic Summary

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## Regional Price Parities

Regional price parities, as developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, compare the price level of a geographical region (such as a state or metropolitan area) with the total national average price level over all reference areas. With the national price level established at 100, the price level of a comparison area is then expressed as a percentage of the national average price level. As an example, the price of all goods and services in West Virginia is approximately 15.5 percent lower (84.5/100) than the national average for the five-year regional price parity period, 2005-2009. The accompanying tables provide (1) regional price parities for goods and services in West Virginia and selected areas of comparison and (2) the top ten and lower ten in per capita personal income adjusted by regional price parities by state, 2005-2009. South Dakota maintains the lowest price parity of all states at 83.8 percent while Hawaii posted the highest at 118.5 percent. Only South Dakota had a lower price level than West Virginia. The second table summarizes the five-year RPP specific to each expenditure

class for goods and services in nine categories: apparel, education, food, household, medical, recreation, transportation, rent, and other. The range of regional price parities varies by expenditure class. In general, however, services tend to have a broader range of price level differences than goods. An interesting comparison to make is the wide range paid for rent across all states. Rents in Hawaii are roughly 2.2 times higher than rents in West Virginia (146.0/65.8). Transportation goods (comprising new and used vehicle purchases), however, are the least varied across all states with most states being close to the national average. California (104.7) had the highest average price level and South Dakota (93.3) had the lowest.

The data has a practical application. For example, an individual employed in West Virginia making \$60,000 would have to earn approximately \$81,500 in California to maintain a similar standard of living.

Table 1: Regional Price Parities by Expenditure Class for West Virginia and Selected Areas, 2005-2009

	Regional price parities	Rents	Apparel	Education		Food		Housing		Medical		Other		Recreation		Transportation	
				Goods	Services	Goods	Services	Goods	Services	Goods	Services	Goods	Services	Goods	Services		
West Virginia	84.5	65.8	90.1	98.6	92.2	95.8	95.3	90.6	89.1	92.6	96.9	80.3	88.8	93.6	88.6	100.1	92.6
California	114.8	139.9	107.2	96.0	99.2	103.4	102.2	108.8	113.2	111.5	103.4	118.6	108.9	102.7	101.8	104.7	105.2
Hawaii	118.5	146.0	104.2	121.1	109.3	122.7	116.2	93.5	126.0	86.8	108.7	131.2	104.6	96.9	80.6	102.4	111.1
South Dakota	83.8	67.1	89.3	96.4	85.1	92.9	92.5	94.2	88.1	84.0	103.4	89.5	88.9	88.6	81.3	93.3	84.8

Hawaii maintains the highest regional price parity as compared to the national average price level of 100 while South Dakota maintains the lowest.

Table 2: Regional Price Parities Comparison of Ten Highest and Ten Lowest

Highest	Price Parity	Lowest	Price Parity
Hawaii	118.5	Nebraska	88.0
New York	116.4	Kansas	87.3
New Jersey	116.2	Iowa	87.1
California	114.8	Arkansas	86.6
Connecticut	113.2	Mississippi	86.5
District of Columbia	112.2	Missouri	86.2
Maryland	109.7	Kentucky	86.0
Massachusetts	108.8	North Dakota	84.5
Alaska	108.1	West Virginia	84.5
New Hampshire	107.2	South Dakota	83.8

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

## AT A GLANCE

**Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment** rose 5,800 to 762,500 during the month of October 2011. The goods-producing sector added 1,300 jobs, with gains of 1,000 in construction and 300 in mining and logging. Manufacturing employment was unchanged. The service-providing sector added 4,500 jobs, highlighted by an increase of 1,400 in trade, transportation and utilities and a continued seasonal gain of 3,000 in government. Other gains included 600 in professional and business services, 200 in educational and health services, and 100 in financial activities. These increases more than offset employment declines of 400 in other services, 300 in leisure and hospitality, and 100 in information.

Since October 2010, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen 4,800, with gains of 1,500 in the goods-producing sector and 3,300 in the service-providing sector. Employment gains over the year include 3,000 in healthcare and social assistance, 2,300 in mining and logging, 1,700 in retail trade, 1,500 in administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, 400 in professional, scientific and technical services, 300 in wholesale trade, 200 in information, and 100 in other services. Employment declines included 1,800 in government, 800 in construction, 500 in real estate and rental and leasing, 500 in educational services, 400 in arts, entertainment and recreation, 400 in transportation, warehousing and utilities, and 300 in accommodation and food service. There was no change in manufacturing, in management of companies and enterprises, and in finance and insurance employment.

**Unemployment:** The number of unemployed state residents decreased by 4,100 to 57,500 in October 2011. The corresponding unemployment rate declined four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment fell 9,000 from October 2010, when the rate was 8.5 percent and 66,500 were jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 8.2 percent, while the national rate declined to 9.0 percent.

**Hours and Earnings:** Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$16.32 in October, down eleven cents from the previous month. Hourly earnings were down two cents over the year. Average weekly earnings declined \$3.77 in October to \$558.14, and were down \$5.59 from October 2010. Average weekly hours were unchanged over the month but down slightly over the year.

## STATE LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

	<i>Prelim. Oct 2011</i>	<i>Revised Sept 2011</i>	<i>Revised Oct 2010</i>	<i>Change From:</i>	
				<i>Sept 2011</i>	<i>Oct 2010</i>
Civilian Labor Force	781.2	784.9	778.5	-3.7	2.7
Total Employment	723.8	723.3	712.0	0.5	11.8
Total Unemployment	57.5	61.6	66.5	-4.1	-9.0
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.8	8.5	xx	xx
<b>TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>762.5</b>	<b>756.7</b>	<b>757.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>	<b>611.2</b>	<b>608.4</b>	<b>604.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>117.1</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Mining & Logging	33.1	32.8	30.8	0.3	2.3
Construction	35.7	34.7	36.5	1.0	-0.8
Manufacturing	49.6	49.6	49.6	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	30.6	30.6	30.1	0.0	0.5
Nondurable Goods	19.0	19.0	19.5	0.0	-0.5
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>644.1</b>	<b>639.6</b>	<b>640.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Private Service-Providing	492.8	491.3	487.7	1.5	5.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	137.1	135.7	135.5	1.4	1.6
Wholesale Trade	23.5	23.2	23.2	0.3	0.3
Retail Trade	88.6	87.6	86.9	1.0	1.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	25.0	24.9	25.4	0.1	-0.4
Information	10.7	10.8	10.5	-0.1	0.2
Financial Activities	27.7	27.6	28.2	0.1	-0.5
Finance & Insurance	21.2	21.1	21.2	0.1	0.0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6.5	6.5	7.0	0.0	-0.5
Professional & Business Services	63.9	63.3	62.0	0.6	1.9
Professional, Scientific & Technical Service	24.8	24.6	24.4	0.2	0.4
Management of Companies & Enterprises	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation	33.6	33.2	32.1	0.4	1.5
Educational & Health Services	125.0	124.8	122.5	0.2	2.5
Educational Services	10.5	10.5	11.0	0.0	-0.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	114.5	114.3	111.5	0.2	3.0
Leisure & Hospitality	73.1	73.4	73.8	-0.3	-0.7
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9.5	10.1	9.9	-0.6	-0.4
Accommodation & Food Service	63.6	63.3	63.9	0.3	-0.3
Other Services	55.3	55.7	55.2	-0.4	0.1
Government	151.3	148.3	153.1	3.0	-1.8
Federal Government	22.8	22.9	23.4	-0.1	-0.6
State Government	49.5	47.1	50.0	2.4	-0.5
Local Government	79.0	78.3	79.7	0.7	-0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	xx	xx

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

### Average Hours and Earnings of All Employees

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct	Sept	Oct	Oct	Sept	Oct	Oct	Sept	Oct
	2011	2011	2010	2011	2011	2010	2011	2011	2010
PRIVATE SECTOR .....	\$650.48	\$655.85	\$654.02	34.2	34.5	35.2	\$19.02	\$19.01	\$18.58
Goods Producing .....	925.00	913.08	933.18	40.2	40.1	41.2	23.01	22.77	22.65
Mining and Logging .....	1,164.20	1,143.38	1,204.91	44.3	44.3	47.4	26.28	25.81	25.42
Construction .....	948.83	924.34	915.60	39.8	39.2	40.0	23.84	23.58	22.89
Manufacturing .....	749.57	751.18	776.22	37.8	37.9	38.2	19.83	19.82	20.32
Private Service-Providing .....	585.15	595.28	587.78	32.8	33.2	33.8	17.84	17.93	17.39
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities .....	600.16	622.29	599.33	35.2	35.6	36.5	17.05	17.48	16.42
Financial Activities .....	678.00	648.86	621.00	37.5	36.7	36.0	18.08	17.68	17.25
Professional & Business Services .....	779.79	752.56	712.97	37.4	37.2	36.6	20.85	20.23	19.48
Education & Health Care .....	651.33	670.32	652.74	33.8	34.2	34.5	19.27	19.60	18.92
Leisure & Hospitality .....	282.23	277.46	290.13	26.6	26.4	27.5	10.61	10.51	10.55
Other Services .....	496.43	476.37	508.10	31.4	30.4	31.5	15.81	15.67	16.13

### Metropolitan Statistical Areas - Total Private

Charleston MSA .....	772.87	755.09	739.86	36.2	35.5	35.4	21.35	21.27	20.90
Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA .....	686.69	674.16	641.16	36.8	36.9	35.6	18.66	18.27	18.01
Morgantown MSA .....	668.61	681.39	682.31	33.7	33.9	34.6	19.84	20.10	19.72
Parkersburg-Marietta MSA .....	558.86	562.86	551.82	32.1	32.2	31.3	17.41	17.48	17.63
Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA .....	576.98	572.14	572.00	33.9	33.4	32.5	17.02	17.13	17.60

### Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct	Sept	Oct	Oct	Sept	Oct	Oct	Sept	Oct
	2011	2011	2010	2011	2011	2010	2011	2011	2010
PRIVATE SECTOR .....	\$558.14	\$561.91	\$563.73	34.2	34.2	34.5	\$16.32	\$16.43	\$16.34
Goods Producing .....	859.46	872.35	909.79	41.4	41.6	43.2	20.76	20.97	21.06
Mining and Logging .....	1,008.28	1,061.13	1,138.21	45.5	46.5	48.6	22.16	22.82	23.42
Construction .....	932.99	910.38	960.96	40.6	40.3	42.9	22.98	22.59	22.40
Manufacturing .....	692.64	711.48	721.20	39.0	39.2	40.0	17.76	18.15	18.03
Durable Goods .....	685.79	694.04	685.59	39.3	39.3	40.4	17.45	17.66	16.97
Nondurable Goods .....	701.95	739.44	780.91	38.4	39.0	39.4	18.28	18.96	19.82
Private Service-Providing .....	488.15	490.43	485.55	32.5	32.5	32.5	15.02	15.09	14.94
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities .....	482.26	500.42	481.19	34.3	34.8	34.2	14.06	14.38	14.07
Wholesale Trade .....	687.70	694.35	705.99	38.7	39.7	39.2	17.77	17.49	18.01
Retail Trade .....	377.28	373.83	338.55	32.0	31.6	30.5	11.79	11.83	11.10
Financial Activities .....	553.45	552.83	538.36	35.5	35.1	34.8	15.59	15.75	15.47
Finance & Insurance .....	606.13	600.58	587.86	37.3	36.8	36.4	16.25	16.32	16.15
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing .....	391.30	402.14	379.18	30.1	29.7	29.6	13.00	13.54	12.81
Professional & Business Services .....	683.80	671.06	664.29	37.8	37.7	36.6	18.09	17.80	18.15
Health Care .....									
Health Care & Social Assistance .....	553.41	565.40	560.45	33.0	33.2	33.6	16.77	17.03	16.68
Leisure & Hospitality .....									
Accommodation & Food Service .....	223.02	221.00	238.07	25.2	25.2	26.9	8.85	8.77	8.85

March 2010 benchmark  
Data in thousands

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### LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally adjusted

<b>Civilian Labor Force</b> .....	778.9	778.8	778.9	780.0	782.6	782.7	782.6	782.9	780.9	774.9	772.9	776.6	778.5
Employment .....	705.1	704.1	703.3	704.8	709.2	711.2	713.8	715.5	714.8	712.0	710.5	712.7	714.8
Unemployment .....	73.8	74.7	75.6	75.2	73.5	71.5	68.7	67.4	66.0	63.0	62.5	63.8	63.7
Unemployment Rate .....	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2

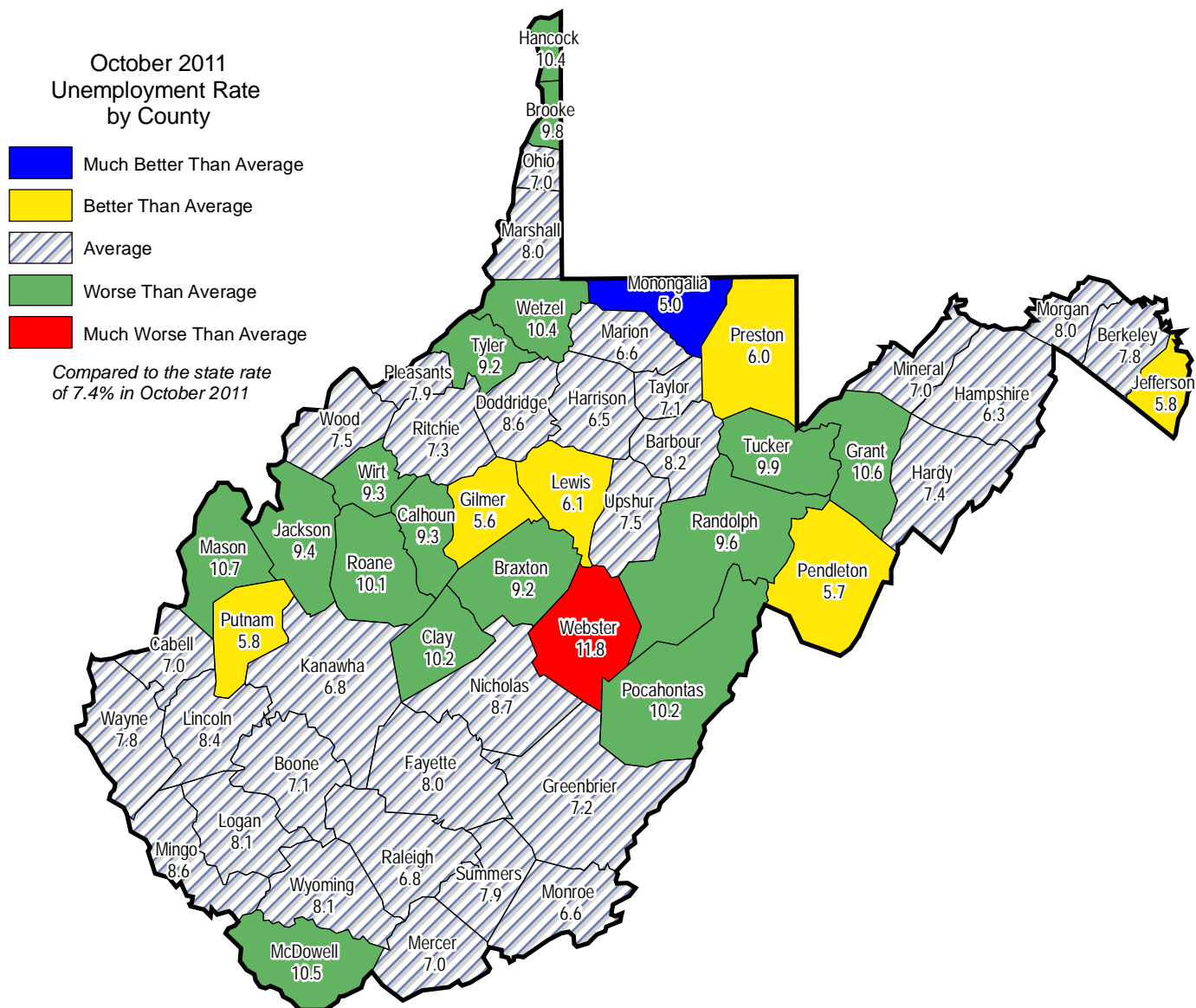
### NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - Seasonally Adjusted

<b>TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL</b> .....	749.6	749.0	744.5	747.7	748.8	749.2	753.6	749.9	752.2	751.7	752.1	752.1	754.3
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b> .....	598.6	598.1	593.7	599.2	598.5	598.3	603.4	600.1	603.3	604.1	603.7	602.3	605.1
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b> .....	114.0	113.3	108.7	110.4	110.1	110.3	112.9	112.0	113.6	113.9	113.6	114.4	115.5
Mining & Logging .....	30.2	30.3	30.6	31.0	30.9	31.4	31.7	32.0	32.2	31.7	31.2	32.0	32.5
Construction .....	34.3	33.7	29.3	30.1	30.1	29.4	31.5	30.6	31.8	32.5	33.0	32.9	33.5
Manufacturing .....	49.5	49.3	48.8	49.3	49.1	49.5	49.7	49.4	49.6	49.7	49.4	49.5	49.5
Durable Goods .....	30.0	29.8	29.5	30.0	29.8	30.0	30.6	30.4	30.7	30.5	30.2	30.5	30.5
Nondurable Goods .....	19.5	19.5	19.3	19.3	19.3	19.5	19.1	19.0	18.9	19.2	19.2	19.0	19.0
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b> .....	635.6	635.7	635.8	637.3	638.7	638.9	640.7	637.9	638.6	637.8	638.5	637.7	638.8
Private Service-Providing .....	484.6	484.8	485.0	488.8	488.4	488.0	490.5	488.1	489.7	490.2	490.1	487.9	489.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities .....	134.8	135.0	135.2	136.1	135.8	135.4	137.2	136.3	136.3	137.3	136.7	135.5	136.4
Wholesale Trade .....	23.0	22.9	22.8	23.0	22.8	22.9	23.2	23.1	23.2	23.6	23.0	23.1	23.3
Retail Trade .....	86.5	86.7	86.8	87.7	87.7	87.2	88.7	88.3	88.2	88.6	88.5	87.6	88.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities .....	25.3	25.4	25.6	25.4	25.3	25.3	25.3	24.9	24.9	25.1	25.2	24.8	24.9
Financial Activities .....	28.1	28.0	28.0	27.9	28.2	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.3	27.7	27.7	27.6	27.6
Finance & Insurance .....	21.1	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.3	21.2	21.3	21.6	21.6	21.3	21.4	21.2	21.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing .....	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.7	6.9	6.6	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.5
Professional & Business Services .....	61.4	61.0	61.1	62.3	61.8	63.2	63.7	62.1	63.2	63.6	63.6	63.0	63.2
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services .....	24.2	24.2	24.4	24.4	24.3	24.8	25.8	24.6	25.0	24.8	24.7	24.9	24.6
Administrative & Support & Waste Management .....	31.3	31.0	31.2	32.6	32.0	32.8	32.2	32.2	32.8	33.4	33.3	32.8	32.7
Educational & Health Service .....	121.3	121.2	121.2	123.0	122.5	122.7	123.4	123.9	124.0	123.7	124.2	124.2	123.8
Educational Services .....	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.9	9.9	9.9	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.1	9.6
Health Care & Social Assistance .....	111.2	111.1	111.1	112.1	112.6	112.8	113.3	113.7	113.6	113.2	113.8	114.1	114.2
Leisure & Hospitality .....	73.3	73.7	73.5	73.6	74.4	73.4	72.6	72.2	72.5	72.0	71.9	71.3	72.6
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation .....	9.8	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.2	9.8	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.4
Accommodation & Food Service .....	63.5	63.4	63.3	63.3	64.0	63.2	62.8	63.0	63.1	62.6	62.5	62.1	63.2
Other Services .....	55.2	55.1	55.3	55.5	55.5	55.3	55.0	54.9	54.9	55.2	55.4	55.5	55.3
Government .....	151.0	150.9	150.8	148.5	150.3	150.9	150.2	149.8	148.9	147.6	148.4	149.8	149.2
Federal Government .....	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.2	23.2	23.0	22.8	22.8	22.9	22.9	22.9	22.8
State Government .....	48.0	48.1	48.1	46.4	47.4	47.7	47.1	47.2	45.9	46.3	45.8	47.9	47.5
Local Government .....	79.6	79.5	79.4	78.7	79.7	80.0	80.1	79.8	80.2	78.4	79.7	79.0	78.9

### METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	June 2011	July 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011
Charleston .....	147.9	147.6	147.4	147.6	148.7	148.7	149.7	149.1	150.4	151.2	151.5	150.7	151.5
Huntington .....	114.0	113.6	113.6	113.6	114.3	113.9	114.6	114.0	113.2	113.8	114.1	114.2	114.4
Morgantown .....	65.8	65.5	66.0	65.0	65.5	65.2	65.5	64.9	65.3	65.0	64.9	65.3	66.0
Parkersburg .....	68.5	68.6	68.4	68.7	69.0	69.0	69.3	69.3	70.1	70.4	69.6	69.4	70.1
Wheeling .....	67.7	68.1	67.8	67.6	67.6	67.9	68.2	67.7	68.9	69.2	68.9	68.7	68.4

March 2010 benchmark  
Data in thousands



West Virginia's unemployment rate continued to decline, dropping four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.4 percent in October. Additionally, all but five counties recorded declining unemployment rates. The unemployment rate rose in Webster, Brooke and Doddridge counties and remained the same in Pocahontas and Wayne. Webster, with a rate of (11.8), was the only county reporting an unemployment rate considered Much Worse than Average when compared to the state rate.

The number of counties reporting an unemployment rate considered Better than Average when compared to the state rate grew in September. This group included Lewis (6.1), Preston (6.0), Jefferson (5.8), Putnam (5.8), Pendleton (5.7) and Gilmer (5.6). Only Monongalia County (5.0) recorded 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 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Barbour	6,410	6,520	6,820	5,880	5,940	6,180	530	580	640	8.2	8.9	9.3
Berkeley	43,370	43,720	44,340	39,980	40,250	40,310	3,390	3,470	4,030	7.8	7.9	9.1
Boone	8,950	8,980	8,790	8,310	8,310	8,070	640	670	720	7.1	7.4	8.2
Braxton	5,680	5,780	5,740	5,150	5,220	5,170	520	560	570	9.2	9.6	9.9
Brooke	10,280	10,490	10,260	9,280	9,550	9,040	1,000	940	1,220	9.8	9.0	11.9
Cabell	42,410	42,610	42,240	39,430	39,440	39,050	2,980	3,170	3,190	7.0	7.4	7.6
Calhoun	2,690	2,740	2,720	2,440	2,480	2,400	250	260	320	9.3	9.6	11.7
Clay	3,380	3,390	3,430	3,030	3,030	2,950	350	350	490	10.2	10.4	14.2
Doddridge	2,800	2,780	2,740	2,560	2,550	2,510	240	230	230	8.6	8.2	8.4
Fayette	17,120	17,260	17,940	15,740	15,760	16,300	1,370	1,500	1,640	8.0	8.7	9.1
Gilmer	3,310	3,250	3,250	3,120	3,040	3,020	190	210	230	5.6	6.4	7.0
Grant	4,720	4,750	4,790	4,220	4,220	4,280	500	530	510	10.6	11.1	10.7
Greenbrier	15,430	15,660	14,610	14,320	14,480	13,360	1,110	1,170	1,250	7.2	7.5	8.6
Hampshire	8,960	9,040	8,850	8,390	8,430	8,130	560	610	720	6.3	6.7	8.1
Hancock	13,550	13,960	13,450	12,130	12,490	11,820	1,410	1,470	1,630	10.4	10.5	12.1
Hardy	6,250	6,290	6,380	5,780	5,790	5,780	470	500	600	7.4	7.9	9.4
Harrison	30,600	30,650	30,330	28,600	28,420	28,040	2,000	2,230	2,290	6.5	7.3	7.5
Jackson	11,120	11,230	10,840	10,080	10,110	9,630	1,040	1,120	1,220	9.4	10.0	11.2
Jefferson	24,170	24,320	24,060	22,780	22,790	22,390	1,390	1,530	1,670	5.8	6.3	7.0
Kanawha	89,400	89,910	87,740	83,310	83,310	80,870	6,090	6,600	6,870	6.8	7.3	7.8
Lewis	7,920	7,900	7,750	7,430	7,370	7,170	490	520	580	6.1	6.6	7.5
Lincoln	7,730	7,810	7,670	7,080	7,080	6,870	650	730	800	8.4	9.3	10.4
Logan	12,940	13,040	12,750	11,890	11,890	11,550	1,050	1,150	1,210	8.1	8.8	9.5
McDowell	7,090	7,050	7,180	6,350	6,260	6,340	740	790	840	10.5	11.2	11.7
Marion	25,560	25,570	25,690	23,870	23,710	23,800	1,690	1,860	1,890	6.6	7.3	7.4
Marshall	14,340	14,450	14,360	13,200	13,250	12,950	1,140	1,200	1,410	8.0	8.3	9.8
Mason	9,430	9,540	9,530	8,420	8,460	8,420	1,010	1,080	1,110	10.7	11.3	11.7
Mercer	24,190	23,950	24,000	22,490	22,100	22,140	1,700	1,850	1,860	7.0	7.7	7.8
Mineral	13,480	13,480	13,200	12,540	12,520	12,170	940	960	1,030	7.0	7.1	7.8
Mingo	8,420	8,640	8,700	7,700	7,840	7,830	730	800	870	8.6	9.2	10.0
Monongalia	49,800	49,540	49,690	47,320	46,740	46,840	2,480	2,800	2,850	5.0	5.7	5.7
Monroe	5,630	5,750	5,550	5,260	5,340	5,170	370	400	380	6.6	7.0	6.8
Morgan	6,410	6,460	6,590	5,890	5,930	5,940	520	530	650	8.0	8.2	9.8
Nicholas	10,570	10,410	10,420	9,640	9,440	9,420	920	970	1,010	8.7	9.3	9.7
Ohio	20,550	20,670	20,540	19,120	19,190	18,750	1,440	1,470	1,790	7.0	7.1	8.7
Pendleton	3,410	3,470	3,390	3,210	3,250	3,140	190	210	250	5.7	6.1	7.4
Pleasants	3,000	2,980	2,960	2,760	2,740	2,680	240	250	280	7.9	8.2	9.4
Pocahontas	3,290	3,330	3,280	2,960	2,990	2,910	340	340	370	10.2	10.2	11.2
Preston	15,130	15,030	15,150	14,230	14,050	14,080	910	980	1,070	6.0	6.5	7.0
Putnam	26,750	26,990	26,330	25,190	25,190	24,450	1,560	1,800	1,870	5.8	6.7	7.1
Raleigh	31,880	32,110	31,680	29,710	29,710	29,060	2,170	2,410	2,620	6.8	7.5	8.3
Randolph	11,520	11,530	11,620	10,410	10,360	10,460	1,110	1,170	1,160	9.6	10.2	10.0
Ritchie	4,340	4,380	4,240	4,020	4,030	3,880	320	350	370	7.3	8.0	8.6
Roane	5,350	5,440	5,280	4,820	4,850	4,620	540	590	660	10.1	10.8	12.5
Summers	4,690	4,730	4,600	4,320	4,330	4,200	370	400	410	7.9	8.5	8.9
Taylor	6,940	6,950	6,880	6,440	6,400	6,320	500	550	560	7.1	7.8	8.1
Tucker	2,570	2,580	2,610	2,310	2,310	2,290	250	260	320	9.9	10.2	12.3
Tyler	3,540	3,530	3,450	3,220	3,170	3,100	330	360	350	9.2	10.3	10.0
Upshur	10,140	10,120	10,510	9,380	9,280	9,570	760	840	940	7.5	8.3	9.0
Wayne	16,340	16,350	16,450	15,070	15,070	14,920	1,270	1,280	1,530	7.8	7.8	9.3
Webster	3,090	3,100	3,040	2,730	2,740	2,700	370	360	340	11.8	11.6	11.2
Wetzel	6,000	6,100	5,950	5,380	5,380	5,260	630	720	690	10.4	11.9	11.6
Wirt	2,250	2,250	2,200	2,040	2,030	1,980	210	230	220	9.3	10.0	9.9
Wood	38,640	38,470	38,050	35,750	35,470	34,710	2,890	2,990	3,340	7.5	7.8	8.8
Wyoming	7,710	7,900	7,940	7,080	7,220	7,090	630	690	840	8.1	8.7	10.6

# Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Barbour	3,840	3,880	4,150	610	620	620	3,230	3,260	3,530
Berkeley	28,590	28,670	28,630	2,200	2,440	2,360	26,390	26,230	26,270
Boone	9,350	9,410	9,070	4,120	4,130	3,850	5,230	5,280	5,220
Braxton	4,390	4,390	4,420	450	520	710	3,940	3,870	3,710
Brooke	9,110	9,010	8,750	2,610	2,550	2,340	6,500	6,450	6,400
Cabell	53,670	53,040	54,020	6,880	6,980	6,770	46,790	46,060	47,250
Calhoun	1,610	1,630	1,620	440	430	350	1,170	1,200	1,260
Clay	2,050	2,050	1,970	470	470	480	1,580	1,590	1,490
Doddridge	1,240	1,230	1,300	160	160	180	1,080	1,070	1,120
Fayette	13,090	12,940	14,150	1,860	1,860	1,880	11,230	11,080	12,270
Gilmer	2,700	2,600	2,620	690	670	560	2,010	1,940	2,070
Grant	3,800	3,760	3,910	720	730	870	3,080	3,030	3,040
Greenbrier	15,390	15,380	14,310	1,790	1,800	1,300	13,600	13,580	13,000
Hampshire	4,540	4,530	4,350	340	340	370	4,200	4,190	3,980
Hancock	12,040	12,020	11,860	3,210	3,180	3,030	8,830	8,840	8,830
Hardy	5,990	5,910	6,050	3,120	3,030	2,910	2,870	2,880	3,140
Harrison	36,190	35,530	35,480	5,500	5,160	4,280	30,690	30,360	31,190
Jackson	8,490	8,480	8,110	1,790	1,820	1,640	6,700	6,660	6,470
Jefferson	15,950	15,690	15,540	1,430	1,390	1,300	14,510	14,300	14,240
Kanawha	116,970	116,560	113,390	12,430	12,480	10,750	104,530	104,080	102,640
Lewis	7,480	7,380	7,190	1,820	1,740	1,570	5,660	5,640	5,620
Lincoln	3,570	3,580	3,530	950	930	820	2,630	2,650	2,710
Logan	12,540	12,440	12,200	3,090	3,220	2,610	9,460	9,220	9,590
McDowell	6,650	6,450	6,670	1,660	1,480	1,820	4,980	4,980	4,860
Marion	22,050	21,810	22,280	3,880	3,850	3,800	18,180	17,960	18,490
Marshall	12,050	12,370	11,790	3,430	3,610	3,180	8,620	8,760	8,610
Mason	6,930	6,900	6,930	1,080	1,080	1,140	5,840	5,810	5,790
Mercer	23,910	23,240	24,140	2,380	2,350	2,340	21,530	20,880	21,800
Mineral	8,540	8,350	8,530	2,210	2,220	2,340	6,330	6,130	6,200
Mingo	8,800	8,980	9,200	3,340	3,510	3,540	5,460	5,470	5,670
Monongalia	59,500	58,280	59,640	7,220	7,130	7,450	52,280	51,150	52,190
Monroe	2,470	2,480	2,460	630	620	600	1,840	1,860	1,860
Morgan	3,200	3,150	3,130	380	390	390	2,820	2,760	2,730
Nicholas	9,560	9,240	9,330	2,500	2,500	2,290	7,050	6,750	7,040
Ohio	31,520	30,770	32,300	2,400	2,340	2,320	29,120	28,420	29,980
Pendleton	1,860	1,870	1,800	140	140	150	1,720	1,730	1,660
Pleasants	3,050	3,000	2,920	580	580	560	2,470	2,430	2,360
Pocahontas	3,280	3,290	3,260	710	630	440	2,580	2,670	2,830
Preston	7,720	7,730	7,430	1,470	1,480	1,300	6,240	6,250	6,120
Putnam	20,120	19,650	20,640	4,970	4,810	5,030	15,150	14,840	15,610
Raleigh	34,030	33,830	33,390	4,260	4,240	4,390	29,760	29,590	29,000
Randolph	11,630	11,480	11,780	1,880	1,790	1,990	9,750	9,690	9,800
Ritchie	3,550	3,510	3,400	1,540	1,520	1,410	2,010	1,990	1,990
Roane	3,570	3,540	3,380	740	710	640	2,830	2,820	2,740
Summers	2,830	2,820	2,790	130	130	150	2,700	2,700	2,640
Taylor	3,310	3,290	3,240	290	290	290	3,020	3,000	2,940
Tucker	2,530	2,520	2,520	300	310	380	2,240	2,210	2,140
Tyler	2,820	2,730	2,710	720	640	680	2,090	2,090	2,030
Upshur	8,770	8,550	9,080	1,740	1,730	2,020	7,040	6,830	7,060
Wayne	10,700	10,590	10,470	1,850	1,870	1,790	8,850	8,720	8,680
Webster	2,360	2,330	2,340	650	650	630	1,710	1,690	1,710
Wetzel	5,040	5,010	4,970	510	490	390	4,530	4,520	4,580
Wirt	810	810	840	150	150	160	660	660	690
Wood	39,630	39,010	40,410	4,550	4,560	5,000	35,080	34,450	35,420
Wyoming	5,610	5,710	5,690	1,630	1,630	1,530	3,980	4,090	4,160
Statewide	762,500	756,700	757,700	118,400	117,100	116,900	644,100	639,600	640,800

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## Population and Per Capita Income by County

	Population		Change from 2000 to 2010		Percapita Personal Income 2009
	2000 Census	2010 Census	Number	Percent	
Barbour	15,557	16,589	1,032	6.6	\$25,361
Berkeley	75,905	104,169	28,264	37.2	30,059
Boone	25,535	24,629	-906	-3.5	27,558
Braxton	14,702	14,523	-179	-1.2	24,522
Brooke	25,447	24,069	-1,378	-5.4	30,971
Cabell	96,784	96,319	-465	-0.5	33,834
Calhoun	7,582	7,627	45	0.6	23,414
Clay	10,330	9,386	-944	-9.1	21,351
Doddridge	7,403	8,202	799	10.8	22,165
Fayette	47,579	46,039	-1,540	-3.2	27,523
Gilmer	7,160	8,693	1,533	21.4	28,437
Grant	11,299	11,937	638	5.6	29,985
Greenbrier	34,453	35,480	1,027	3.0	30,279
Hampshire	20,203	23,964	3,761	18.6	23,978
Hancock	32,667	30,676	-1,991	-6.1	31,839
Hardy	12,669	14,025	1,356	10.7	25,166
Harrison	68,652	69,099	447	0.7	36,257
Jackson	28,000	29,211	1,211	4.3	27,599
Jefferson	42,190	53,498	11,308	26.8	36,390
Kanawha	200,073	193,063	-7,010	-3.5	41,663
Lewis	16,919	16,372	-547	-3.2	30,541
Lincoln	22,108	21,720	-388	-1.8	24,517
Logan	37,710	36,743	-967	-2.6	32,145
McDowell	27,329	22,113	-5,216	-19.1	24,305
Marion	56,598	56,418	-180	-0.3	33,463
Marshall	35,519	33,107	-2,412	-6.8	31,330
Mason	25,957	27,324	1,367	5.3	27,453
Mercer	62,980	62,264	-716	-1.1	30,840
Mineral	27,078	28,212	1,134	4.2	30,293
Mingo	28,253	26,839	-1,414	-5.0	29,222
Monongalia	81,866	96,189	14,323	17.5	36,767
Monroe	14,583	13,502	-1,081	-7.4	24,842
Morgan	14,943	17,541	2,598	17.4	33,769
Nicholas	26,562	26,233	-329	-1.2	28,833
Ohio	47,427	44,443	-2,984	-6.3	36,869
Pendleton	8,196	7,695	-501	-6.1	30,693
Pleasants	7,514	7,605	91	1.2	29,689
Pocahontas	9,131	8,719	-412	-4.5	29,433
Preston	29,334	33,520	4,186	14.3	28,994
Putnam	51,589	55,486	3,897	7.6	36,674
Raleigh	79,220	78,859	-361	-0.5	33,429
Randolph	28,262	29,405	1,143	4.0	30,532
Ritchie	10,343	10,449	106	1.0	28,273
Roane	15,446	14,926	-520	-3.4	24,764
Summers	12,999	13,927	928	7.1	24,507
Taylor	16,089	16,895	806	5.0	25,916
Tucker	7,321	7,141	-180	-2.5	28,399
Tyler	9,592	9,208	-384	-4.0	25,471
Upshur	23,404	24,254	850	3.6	26,863
Wayne	42,903	42,481	-422	-1.0	28,070
Webster	9,719	9,154	-565	-5.8	23,478
Wetzel	17,693	16,583	-1,110	-6.3	30,659
Wirt	5,873	5,717	-156	-2.7	21,948
Wood	87,986	86,956	-1,030	-1.2	32,019
Wyoming	25,708	23,796	-1,912	-7.4	27,026
West Virginia	1,808,344	1,852,994	44,650	2.5	\$31,634
United States	282,171,957	307,006,550	24,834,593	8.8	\$40,166

# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area: Boone, Clay, Kanawha,  
Lincoln and Putnam counties in West Virginia  
Total Population July 1, 2009: ..... 304,214  
Population 16 years and Over  
(based on 2000 census): ..... 248,510  
Per capita Personal Income 2009: ..... \$37,687

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Civilian Labor Force	136.2	137.1	134.0
Total Employment	126.9	126.9	123.2
Total Unemployment	9.3	10.1	10.8
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.4	8.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Total Nonfarm	152.1	151.2	148.5
Total Private	124.4	123.9	121.1
Goods Producing	22.9	22.8	20.9
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	17.8	17.7	15.7
Manufacturing	5.1	5.1	5.2
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.7
Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.5
Service-Providing	129.2	128.4	127.6
Private Service-Providing	101.5	101.1	100.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	26.7	26.6	26.6
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.4
Retail Trade	15.6	15.5	15.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.7	5.7	5.8
Information	2.6	2.6	2.6
Financial Activities	8.3	8.3	8.3
Professional & Business Services	16.0	16.0	15.8
Educational & Health Service	24.4	24.1	23.4
Leisure & Hospitality	12.0	12.1	12.0
Other Services	11.5	11.4	11.5
Government	27.7	27.3	27.4
Federal Government	2.3	2.3	2.3
State Government	12.0	11.8	11.8
Local Government	13.4	13.2	13.3
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, 2009: ..... 285,624  
Population 16 years and Over  
(based on 2000 census): ..... 232,229  
Per capita Personal Income 2009: ..... \$31,597

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Civilian Labor Force	129.0	129.8	129.3
Total Employment	118.8	118.7	118.4
Total Unemployment	10.1	11.1	11.0
Unemployment Rate	7.9	8.5	8.5

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Total Nonfarm	115.3	114.6	114.9
Total Private	94.4	94.3	94.2
Goods Producing	15.3	15.5	15.6
Manufacturing	8.9	8.9	9.1
Service-Providing	100.0	99.1	99.3
Private Service-Providing	79.1	78.8	78.6
Retail Trade	14.3	14.2	15.1
Professional & Business Services	8.9	8.8	9.2
Educational & Health Service	25.4	25.1	24.6
Leisure & Hospitality	11.4	11.4	11.0
Government	20.9	20.3	20.7
Federal Government	3.0	3.0	3.1
State Government	6.2	5.8	5.8
Local Government	11.7	11.5	11.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1

## Morgantown Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area: Monongalia and Preston counties in West Virginia  
 Total Population July 1, 2009: ..... 120,327  
 Population 16 years and Over  
 (based on 2000 census): ..... 92,050  
 Per capita Personal Income 2009: ..... \$34,813

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Civilian Labor Force	64.9	64.6	64.8
Total Employment	61.6	60.8	60.9
Total Unemployment	3.4	3.8	3.9
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.9	6.0

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Total Nonfarm	67.3	66.0	67.1
Total Private	48.2	47.8	48.2
Goods Producing	8.7	8.6	8.8
Manufacturing	3.9	3.9	3.9
Service-Providing	58.6	57.4	58.3
Private Service-Providing	39.5	39.2	39.4
Retail Trade	6.9	6.9	6.7
Professional & Business Services	5.5	5.5	5.3
Educational & Health Service	13.0	12.9	12.8
Leisure & Hospitality	6.8	6.9	6.7
Government	19.1	18.2	18.9
Federal Government	1.9	1.9	1.9
State Government	13.0	12.1	12.8
Local Government	4.2	4.2	4.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area: Pleasants, Wirt, Wood counties in West Virginia  
 Washington County in Ohio  
 Total Population July 1, 2009: ..... 160,905  
 Population 16 years and Over  
 (based on 2000 census): ..... 130,956  
 Per capita Personal Income 2009: ..... \$31,869

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Civilian Labor Force	76.3	76.1	75.5
Total Employment	70.5	69.9	69.0
Total Unemployment	5.8	6.2	6.5
Unemployment Rate	7.6	8.1	8.6

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Total Nonfarm	70.8	69.8	69.2
Total Private	59.8	59.2	57.8
Goods Producing	11.2	11.2	11.1
Manufacturing	7.0	7.1	7.3
Service-Providing	59.6	58.6	58.1
Private Service-Providing	48.6	48.0	46.7
Educational and Health Service	13.1	13.0	13.0
Government	11.0	10.6	11.4
Federal Government	2.4	2.4	2.5
State Government	1.8	1.6	1.9
Local Government	6.8	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, 2009: ..... 144,637  
 Population 16 years and Over  
 (based on 2000 census): ..... 123,919  
 Per capita Personal Income 2009: ..... \$32,318

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Civilian Labor Force	69.2	69.6	69.6
Total Employment	63.9	64.1	63.3
Total Unemployment	5.3	5.5	6.3
Unemployment Rate	7.7	7.9	9.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
Total Nonfarm	69.2	69.0	68.4
Total Private	58.7	58.7	57.6
Goods Producing	9.4	9.4	9.3
Manufacturing	3.5	3.5	3.6
Service-Providing	59.8	59.6	59.1
Private Service-Providing	49.3	49.3	48.3
Educational & Health Service	13.4	13.4	13.2
Government	10.5	10.3	10.8
Federal Government	0.6	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.6	2.4	2.5
Local Government	7.3	7.2	7.6
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

# Statistical Areas

## Micropolitan Statistical Areas

	Prelim Oct 2011	Rev Sept 2011	Rev Oct 2010
<b>Beckley-Oak Hill CSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	49.0	49.4	49.6
Total Employment	45.5	45.5	45.4
Total Unemployment	3.5	3.9	4.3
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.9	8.6
<b>Beckley MCSA</b> <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	31.9	32.1	31.7
Total Employment	29.7	29.7	29.1
Total Unemployment	2.2	2.4	2.6
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.5	8.3
<b>Oak Hill MCSA</b> <i>Fayette County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	17.1	17.3	17.9
Total Employment	15.7	15.8	16.3
Total Unemployment	1.4	1.5	1.6
Unemployment Rate	8.0	8.7	9.1
<b>Bluefield MCSA</b> <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	46.2	45.7	45.5
Total Employment	43.1	42.3	42.2
Total Unemployment	3.1	3.4	3.3
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.4	7.2
<b>Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	65.9	65.9	65.6
Total Employment	61.5	61.1	60.7
Total Unemployment	4.4	4.9	5.0
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.4	7.6
<b>Fairmont MCSA</b> <i>Marion County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	25.6	25.6	25.7
Total Employment	23.9	23.7	23.8
Total Unemployment	1.7	1.9	1.9
Unemployment Rate	6.6	7.3	7.4
<b>Clarksburg MCSA</b> <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	40.3	40.4	39.9
Total Employment	37.6	37.4	36.9
Total Unemployment	2.7	3.0	3.1
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.4	7.7
<b>Point Pleasant MCSA</b> <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	23.3	23.5	23.8
Total Employment	21.0	21.1	21.2
Total Unemployment	2.3	2.5	2.6
Unemployment Rate	9.8	10.4	10.8

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 2010 benchmark.

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

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas that include West Virginia Counties

	Prelim Oct 2011	Rev Sept 2011	Rev Oct 2010	
<b>Steubenville-Weirton MSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	55.6	57.2	56.2	Includes Brooke and Hancock Counties, WV and Jefferson County, OH. Data courtesy of Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.
Total Employment	49.9	51.3	49.1	
Total Unemployment	5.7	5.9	7.1	
Unemployment Rate	10.3	10.4	12.6	
<b>Cumberland MSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	50.2	50.1	49.0	Includes Mineral County, WV and Allegany County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.
Total Employment	46.4	46.1	44.9	
Total Unemployment	3.8	4.1	4.0	
Unemployment Rate	7.6	8.1	8.2	
<b>Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	3,095.6	3,093.2	3,058.9	Includes Washington, DC, portions of Virginia and Maryland, and Jefferson County, WV. Data courtesy of District of Columbia Department of Employment Services.
Total Employment	2,918.6	2,904.6	2,879.4	
Total Unemployment	177.0	188.6	179.5	
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.1	5.9	
<b>Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	116.0	116.9	118.0	Includes Morgan and Berkeley Counties, WV and Washington County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.
Total Employment	106.2	106.5	107.0	
Total Unemployment	9.7	10.4	11.1	
Unemployment Rate	8.4	8.9	9.4	
<b>Winchester MSA</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	67.8	67.2	65.0	Includes Hampshire County, WV and Frederick County and Winchester City, VA. Data courtesy of Virginia Employment Commission.
Total Employment	63.4	62.8	60.6	
Total Unemployment	4.4	4.4	4.4	
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.6	6.8	



## Workforce Investment Area 2

### October 2011

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 1,100
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector up 1,400
- Total unemployment down 700
- Unemployment rate down one-half of a percentage point to 7.2 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 300
- Goods-producing sector up 800
- Service-providing sector down 1,100
- Total unemployment down 1,300
- Unemployment rate down one and one-tenth percentage points from 8.3 percent

	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	123.5	124.4	122.9
Employment	114.7	114.8	112.7
Unemployment	8.9	9.6	10.2
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.7	8.3
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	118.8	117.7	119.1
Total Private	98.1	97.6	98.1
Goods-Producing	25.2	25.4	24.4
Mining & Logging	9.8	10.0	9.3
Construction	7.0	7.1	6.9
Manufacturing	8.3	8.3	8.3
Service-Providing	93.6	92.2	94.7
Private Service-Providing	72.9	72.1	73.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	22.3	22.1	23.1
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.3	4.5
Retail Trade	13.3	13.0	13.8
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.7	4.8	4.8
Information	1.3	1.3	1.5
Financial Activities	3.6	3.6	4.0
Professional & Business Services	9.5	9.3	9.4
Educational & Health Services	18.7	18.6	18.5
Leisure & Hospitality	10.1	9.9	9.7
Other Services	7.3	7.3	7.4
Government	20.7	20.1	21.0
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.9
State	5.6	5.3	5.6
Local	12.2	12.0	12.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1

## Workforce Investment Area 3

### October 2011

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 400
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Total unemployment down 500
- Unemployment rate down one-half of a percentage point to 6.8 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 3,600
- Goods-producing sector up 1,600
- Service-providing sector up 1,900
- Total unemployment down 800
- Unemployment rate down one percentage point from 7.8 percent

	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	89.4	89.9	87.7
Employment	83.3	83.3	80.9
Unemployment	6.1	6.6	6.9
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.3	7.8
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	117.0	116.6	113.4
Total Private	94.9	94.9	91.8
Goods-Producing	12.4	12.5	10.8
Mining & Logging	2.5	2.5	2.4
Construction	6.8	6.8	5.1
Manufacturing	3.1	3.2	3.2
Service-Providing	104.5	104.1	102.6
Private Service-Providing	82.4	82.4	81.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	19.6	19.6	19.5
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.7	3.7
Retail Trade	12.1	12.2	12.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.7	3.7	3.8
Information	2.1	2.1	2.0
Financial Activities	7.2	7.1	6.9
Professional & Business Services	13.4	13.4	13.4
Educational & Health Services	21.3	21.1	20.4
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8	10.0	9.9
Other Services	9.1	9.1	9.1
Government	22.1	21.7	21.6
Federal	2.0	2.0	1.9
State	11.4	11.2	11.1
Local	8.7	8.5	8.6
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 4

### October 2011

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll up 800
- Goods-producing sector unchanged
- Service-providing sector up 800
- Total unemployment down 400
- Unemployment rate down one-half of a percentage point to 8.5 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 100
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment down 1,200
- Unemployment rate down one and six-tenths percentage points from 10.1 percent

	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	80.2	80.4	79.3
Employment	73.4	73.2	71.3
Unemployment	6.8	7.2	8.0
Unemployment Rate	8.5	9.0	10.1
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	69.7	68.9	69.6
Total Private	55.8	55.6	56.0
Goods-Producing	11.3	11.3	11.4
Mining & Logging	1.5	1.5	1.5
Construction	3.1	3.1	3.0
Manufacturing	6.7	6.7	6.8
Service-Providing	58.4	57.6	58.2
Private Service-Providing	44.5	44.3	44.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14.1	14.0	14.3
Wholesale Trade	1.4	1.4	1.4
Retail Trade	9.7	9.5	9.8
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.0	3.0	3.2
Information	1.1	1.1	1.0
Financial Activities	2.8	2.8	2.7
Professional & Business Services	3.8	3.6	3.7
Educational & Health Services	11.0	11.0	11.0
Leisure & Hospitality	6.4	6.5	6.7
Other Services	5.3	5.4	5.3
Government	13.9	13.3	13.5
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.5
State	2.8	2.5	2.7
Local	8.6	8.3	8.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 5

### October 2011

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 700
- Goods-producing sector up 100
- Service-providing sector up 600
- Total unemployment down 200
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point to 8.7 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 200
- Goods-producing sector up 1,000
- Service-providing sector down 700
- Total unemployment down 1,100
- Unemployment rate down one and seven-tenths percentage points from 10.4 percent

	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	68.3	69.2	68.0
Employment	62.3	63.0	60.9
Unemployment	6.0	6.2	7.1
Unemployment Rate	8.7	8.9	10.4
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.6	71.9	72.4
Total Private	61.4	61.0	61.1
Goods-Producing	12.9	12.8	11.9
Mining & Logging	1.7	1.9	1.8
Construction	3.1	3.0	2.1
Manufacturing	8.0	7.9	8.1
Service-Providing	59.7	59.1	60.4
Private Service-Providing	48.5	48.2	49.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	11.7	11.4	11.9
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.0	2.4
Retail Trade	7.8	7.8	7.8
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1.6	1.6	1.6
Information	0.5	0.5	0.5
Financial Activities	2.3	2.2	2.4
Professional & Business Services	5.6	5.6	5.6
Educational & Health Services	12.9	13.0	13.0
Leisure & Hospitality	8.6	8.5	8.9
Other Services	7.1	7.0	6.9
Government	11.2	10.9	11.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7
State	2.4	2.2	2.1
Local	8.2	8.0	8.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 6

### October 2011

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 2,700
- Goods-producing up 600
- Service-providing sector up 2,200
- Total unemployment down 1,100
- Unemployment rate is down seven-tenths of a percentage point to 6.5 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 300
- Goods-producing sector up 800
- Service-providing sector down 600
- Total unemployment down 1,600
- Unemployment rate down one percentage point from 7.5 percent

	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	178.4	178.2	178.8
Employment	166.7	165.4	165.5
Unemployment	11.7	12.8	13.3
Unemployment Rate	6.5	7.2	7.5
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	171.4	168.7	171.1
Total Private	128.9	127.4	128.3
Goods-Producing	26.0	25.4	25.2
Mining & Logging	6.9	6.8	6.3
Construction	9.5	9.0	8.9
Manufacturing	9.6	9.7	10.0
Service-Providing	145.4	143.2	146.0
Private Service-Providing	102.9	102.0	103.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	27.5	27.3	27.9
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.3	3.7
Retail Trade	19.3	19.1	19.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.9	4.9	5.2
Information	1.9	1.9	2.0
Financial Activities	4.7	4.6	4.9
Professional & Business Services	12.3	12.3	12.4
Educational & Health Services	29.3	28.9	28.7
Leisure & Hospitality	16.1	16.1	15.9
Other Services	10.9	10.8	11.3
Government	42.4	41.3	42.8
Federal	7.0	7.0	7.2
State	19.0	18.1	18.8
Local	16.3	16.1	16.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 7

### October 2011

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 600
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 700
- Total unemployment down 300
- Unemployment rate down three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.2 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 600
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector up 700
- Total unemployment down 1,500
- Unemployment rate down one and three-tenths percentage points from 8.5 percent.

	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	110.8	111.5	111.6
Employment	102.8	103.2	102.2
Unemployment	8.0	8.3	9.5
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.5	8.5
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.5	71.9	71.9
Total Private	53.2	53.3	52.8
Goods-Producing	10.6	10.7	10.7
Mining & Logging	0.6	0.6	0.7
Construction	2.2	2.3	2.4
Manufacturing	7.7	7.7	7.6
Service-Providing	61.9	61.2	61.2
Private Service-Providing	42.7	42.6	42.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.4	12.3	12.2
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.6	1.5
Retail Trade	8.4	8.4	8.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2.4	2.3	2.3
Information	2.2	2.2	2.0
Financial Activities	2.2	2.2	2.2
Professional & Business Services	3.3	3.4	3.6
Educational & Health Services	9.4	9.3	8.9
Leisure & Hospitality	9.0	9.1	9.0
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.2
Government	19.2	18.6	19.1
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.9
State	3.8	3.4	3.7
Local	10.6	10.4	10.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## State Economic Indicators

	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
<b>Employment and Earnings - Selected</b>			
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted .....	39.0	39.2	40.0
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted .....	1,490	1,517	1,540
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted .....	\$692.64	\$711.48	\$721.20
<b>Coal Production</b>			
Coal Production (tons) .....	11,360,758	11,179,499	11,234,026
<b>Unemployment Compensation - Selected Claims Activity</b>			
Initial Claims .....	7,204	5,898	7,588
Weeks Claimed .....	64,745	59,475	74,144
Benefits Paid .....	\$12,898,751	\$12,273,763	\$14,355,742
Weeks Compensated .....	52,912	48,813	61,063
Average Weekly Payment .....	\$243.78	\$251.44	\$235.10
Trust Fund Balance .....	\$108,172,109	\$111,046,937	\$86,881,287
<b>Insured Unemployment Rate</b>			
Unadjusted .....	1.9	2.1	1.8
Seasonally Adjusted .....	2.7	2.8	2.6

## Selected National Data

	Oct 2011	Sept 2011	Oct 2010
<b>Civilian Unemployment Rate</b>			
Not Seasonally Adjusted .....	8.5	8.8	9.0
Seasonally Adjusted .....	9.0	9.1	9.7
<b>Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers</b>			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base .....	226.4	226.9	218.7
1967 Base .....	678.3	679.7	655.2
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base .....	191.9	192.5	181.2
<b>Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production &amp; Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted</b>			
Average Weekly Earnings .....	\$667.76	\$655.54	\$646.46
Average Weekly Hours .....	34.0	33.6	33.6
Average Hourly Earnings .....	\$19.64	\$19.51	\$19.24

## Labor Force Data by States

Seasonally adjusted data.  
In thousands.

State	Oct 2011		Sept 2011		State	Oct 2011		Sept 2011	
	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank		Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Alabama	9.3	15	9.8	12	Montana	7.6	32	7.7	32
Alaska	7.4	33	7.5	33	Nebraska	4.2	50	4.2	50
Arizona	9.0	17	9.1	18	Nevada	13.4	1	13.4	1
Arkansas	8.2	25	8.3	25	New Hampshire	5.3	48	5.4	48
California	11.7	2	11.9	2	New Jersey	9.1	16	9.2	16
Colorado	8.1	27	8.3	25	New Mexico	6.6	40	6.6	41
Connecticut	8.7	22	8.9	21	New York	7.9	29	8.0	30
Delaware	7.9	29	8.1	29	North Carolina	10.4	7	10.5	8
District of Columbia	11.0	3	11.2	3	North Dakota	3.5	51	3.5	51
Florida	10.3	9	10.6	6	Ohio	9.0	17	9.1	18
Georgia	10.2	10	10.3	10	Oklahoma	6.1	44	5.9	45
Hawaii	6.5	41	6.4	43	Oregon	9.5	14	9.6	15
Idaho	8.8	21	9.0	20	Pennsylvania	8.1	27	8.3	25
Illinois	10.1	11	10.0	11	Rhode Island	10.4	7	10.5	8
Indiana	9.0	17	8.9	21	South Carolina	10.5	6	10.9	5
Iowa	6.0	45	6.0	44	South Dakota	4.5	49	4.6	49
Kansas	6.7	39	6.7	40	Tennessee	9.6	12	9.8	12
Kentucky	9.6	12	9.7	14	Texas	8.4	24	8.5	24
Louisiana	7.0	37	6.9	38	Utah	7.0	37	7.4	35
Maine	7.3	34	7.5	33	Vermont	5.6	47	5.8	46
Maryland	7.2	36	7.4	35	Virginia	6.4	42	6.5	42
Massachusetts	7.3	34	7.3	37	Washington	9.0	17	9.2	16
Michigan	10.6	4	11.1	4	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>28</b>
Minnesota	6.4	42	6.9	38	Wisconsin	7.7	31	7.8	31
Mississippi	10.6	4	10.6	6	Wyoming	5.7	46	5.8	46
Missouri	8.5	23	8.7	23	United States	9.7	xx	9.1	xx

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