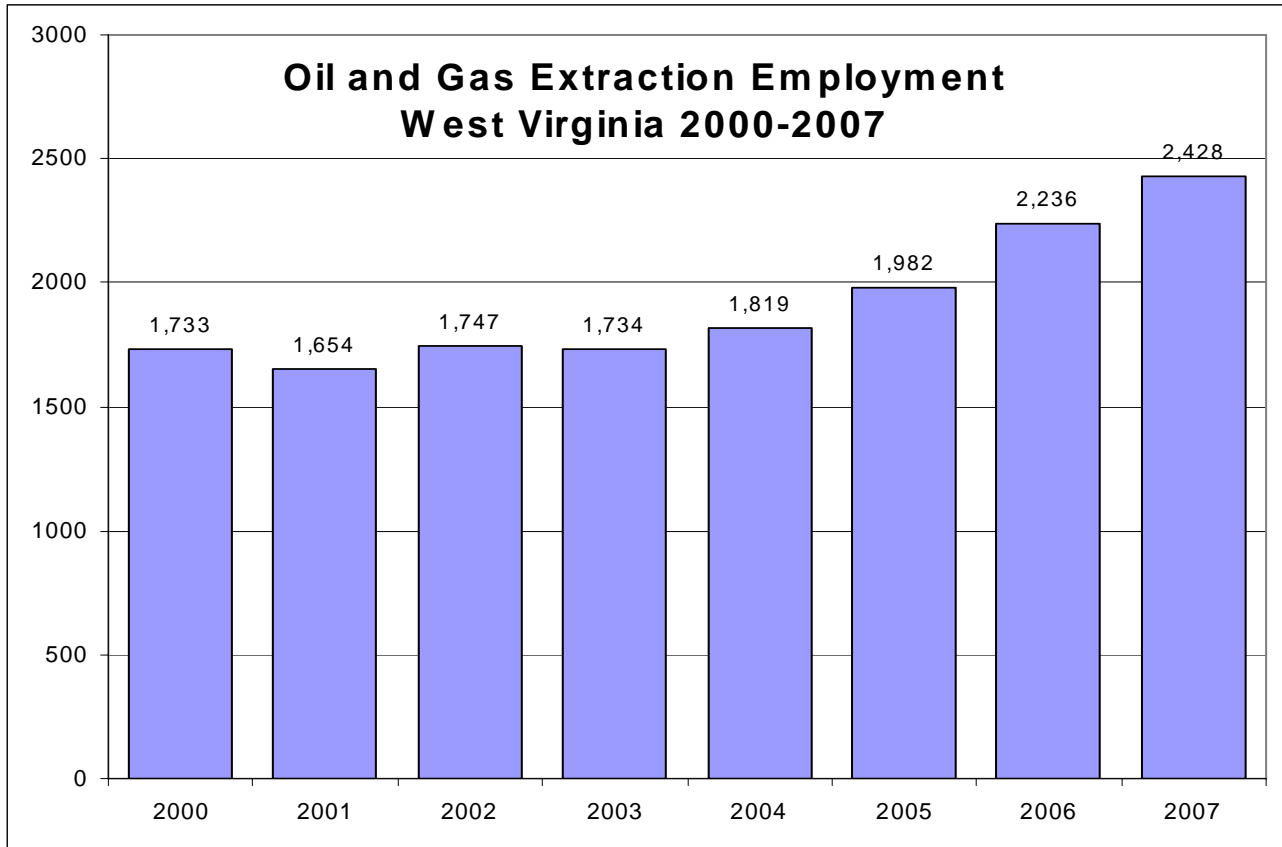


# West Virginia Economic Summary

A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY  
DECEMBER 2008 DATA



Employment in West Virginia's oil and gas extraction sector grew from 1,733 in 2000 to 2,428 in 2007, just over 40 percent. This is roughly double the growth rate for all industries combined for the same period. The average annual wage in the industry also grew from \$41,511 in 2000 to \$57,929 in 2007. This growth continued into the third quarter of 2008, the most current data available, increasing 11.0 percent over the previous year's total and exceeding the 2014 industry projection for the oil and gas extraction sector. The expansion of this sector's employment has occurred largely since 2004, advancing approximately 9 percent in 2005, 12.8 percent in 2006, 8.6 percent in 2007, and as previously stated, 11 percent in third quarter 2008.

Table 1

Year	Annual Employment	Avg Wage
2000	1,733	\$41,511
2001	1,654	\$38,778
2002	1,747	\$39,700
2003	1,734	\$43,169
2004	1,819	\$43,810
2005	1,982	\$46,651
2006	2,236	\$50,790
2007	2,428	\$57,929

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## Employment Growth in Oil and Gas Extraction Out paces Projections

Exploring oil and gas extraction employment by Workforce Investment Area (WIA) reveals that all areas experienced growth between 2000 and 2007 except WIA 2 which declined slightly. WIA 6, WIA 4, and WIA 3 contain the greatest number of employees in the sector. Between 2000 and 2007, oil and gas extraction employment grew by 33.9 percent in WIA 6, 42.2 percent in WIA 4, and 58.6 percent in WIA 3. Despite having a smaller number of oil and gas workers, the employment in this sector grew by 96.8 percent in WIA 1 between 2000 and 2007. The level of employment in each of the remaining workforce investment areas (WIA 2, WIA 5, and WIA 7) experienced little or no change.

Table 2

	<i>Employment</i>	<i>Annual Avg Wage</i>		<i>Employment</i>	<i>Annual Avg Wage</i>
<b>WIA 1</b>			<b>WIA 5</b>		
2000	94	\$41,294	2000	27	\$42,935
2001	96	\$46,972	2001	23	\$31,391
2002	130	\$46,239	2002	25	\$29,623
2003	111	\$52,514	2003	26	\$30,906
2004	107	\$51,108	2004	27	\$28,793
2005	112	\$55,329	2005	35	\$28,196
2006	116	\$55,364	2006	38	\$30,164
2007	185	\$66,464	2007	38	\$31,643
<b>WIA 2</b>			<b>WIA 6</b>		
2000	258	\$38,271	2000	501	\$36,848
2001	241	\$37,915	2001	474	\$38,462
2002	209	\$34,913	2002	520	\$39,220
2003	206	\$37,669	2003	515	\$43,765
2004	199	\$39,647	2004	565	\$44,954
2005	207	\$41,160	2005	621	\$46,365
2006	228	\$46,099	2006	677	\$53,512
2007	233	\$53,585	2007	671	\$56,956
<b>WIA 3</b>			<b>WIA 7</b>		
2000	367	\$68,644	2000	11	\$41,511
2001	317	\$57,944	2001	11	\$38,778
2002	350	\$61,609	2002	9	\$39,700
2003	375	\$66,176	2003	10	\$43,169
2004	386	\$65,653	2004	11	\$43,810
2005	405	\$71,479	2005	9	\$46,651
2006	471	\$77,736	2006	11	\$50,790
2007	582	\$89,154	2007	11	\$57,929
<b>WIA 4</b>					
2000	436	\$25,693			
2001	441	\$23,973			
2002	441	\$24,111			
2003	449	\$25,184			
2004	495	\$26,512			
2005	556	\$29,860			
2006	610	\$28,955			
2007	620	\$31,879			

Looking at the demographics of the oil and gas extraction industry in West Virginia for 2007, statistics reveal that approximately 83 percent of those employed in the industry were male and approximately 17 percent were female. Job creation in the oil and gas industry in West Virginia advanced by approximately 15.2 percent between the years 2000 and 2004, and approximately 36 percent between the years 2004 and 2007. Table 3 presents the number of jobs created by year and quarter broken out by age group for the years 2004-2007.

**Table 3. Job Creation by Age Group and Year/Quarter, West Virginia**

Year/Quarter	Age Group							
	14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
2004 1	3	6	14	28	36	41	15	5
2004 2	20	40	19	41	35	14	15	10
2004 3	3	8	6	18	33	29	4	2
2004 4	1	8	10	21	25	14	3	1
2005 1	6	8	17	26	35	29	10	6
2005 2	21	47	25	50	33	25	5	4
2005 3	8	10	13	29	22	17	1	4
2005 4	3	9	13	33	23	21	9	4
2006 1	2	17	18	36	32	48	21	1
2006 2	20	42	39	65	31	31	8	4
2006 3	6	8	14	43	40	29	18	1
2006 4	8	4	6	20	27	25	8	6
2007 1	2	13	14	28	20	25	10	2
2007 2	30	59	46	69	53	35	27	4
2007 3	1	5	11	37	25	26	11	4
2007 4	5	11	12	44	38	17	11	3

Source: Longitudinal Employer Household Dynamics (LEHD), US Census

Growth in the oil and gas extraction industry has exceeded projections largely due to the fact that the energy sector as a whole has been overwhelmed by demand. With the great leaps forward China has made in the last decade in industrialization multiplying their consumption, along with India's increased demand, and coupled with political unrest in product-critical geographical regions of the world, the market price rose to a level surpassing analyst projected ceiling price and making new ventures viable. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection reports the number of permits issued for new wells in the state in 2005 was 2,660. That number was 2,880 in 2006, rising to 3,217 in 2007. The number of permits issued rose approximately 21 percent during this period. If recent projections for the Marcellus Shale Formation which covers most of West Virginia prove to be accurate, the natural gas industry in particular could produce even greater economic activity for the state than is presently occurring.

## AT A GLANCE

### Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 4,100 over the month of December 2008 to a level of 760,800. The goods-producing sector plunged 4,500, the loss solely in construction. Employment in both manufacturing and natural resources and mining was unchanged. The service-providing sector added 400 jobs, led by a seasonal gain of 600 in trade, transportation, and utilities. Other gains included 200 in professional and business services and 100 in financial activities. Losses included 200 in government, 200 in other services, and 100 in educational and health services. Employment was unchanged in both information and in leisure and hospitality.

Since December 2007, the number of payroll jobs in West Virginia has fallen 3,100. The goods-producing sector declined 2,100, where declines of 2,400 in construction and 2,200 in manufacturing were offset by a gain of 2,500 in natural resources and mining. The service-providing sector fell 1,000. Employment gains included 1,200 in educational and health services, 1,000 in government, and 700 in leisure and hospitality. Employment declines included 3,000 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 500 in financial activities, 300 in information, and 100 in other services. Employment in professional and business services was unchanged over the year.

### Unemployment

The number of unemployed state residents rose 1,900 to 35,000 in December 2008. The corresponding unemployment rate climbed three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment has fallen 800 since December 2007, when the rate was 4.5 percent and 35,800 were jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.9 percent, while the national rate climbed four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.2 percent.

### Hours and Earnings

Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$15.60 in December, down one cent from the previous month. Hourly earnings were up 61 cents over the year. Average weekly earnings increased by \$1.21 in December to \$539.76, but were up \$21.11 from the previous December. Average weekly hours were up slightly over the month but unchanged over the year.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>	<b>\$539.76</b>	<b>\$538.55</b>	<b>\$518.65</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>\$15.60</b>	<b>\$15.61</b>	<b>\$14.99</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>873.80</b>	<b>868.94</b>	<b>841.47</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>20.56</b>	<b>20.64</b>	<b>19.94</b>
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	<b>1,065.43</b>	<b>1,049.97</b>	<b>1,027.43</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>22.43</b>	<b>22.58</b>	<b>21.63</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>820.02</b>	<b>817.52</b>	<b>795.93</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>20.76</b>	<b>21.07</b>	<b>20.15</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>798.05</b>	<b>801.97</b>	<b>786.01</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>19.23</b>	<b>19.14</b>	<b>18.94</b>
Durable Goods	777.42	773.22	770.70	42.0	42.0	42.0	18.51	18.41	18.35
Nondurable Goods	833.11	853.14	814.03	40.6	41.8	40.6	20.52	20.41	20.05
<b>Private Service-Providing</b>	<b>458.78</b>	<b>455.10</b>	<b>440.50</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>14.03</b>	<b>13.96</b>	<b>13.43</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>483.93</b>	<b>480.79</b>	<b>463.47</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>13.48</b>	<b>13.43</b>	<b>12.91</b>
Wholesale Trade	703.76	709.28	663.66	40.1	40.3	40.1	17.55	17.60	16.55
Retail Trade	365.64	358.39	354.09	33.0	32.7	33.0	11.08	10.96	10.73
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>440.50</b>	<b>443.46</b>	<b>423.51</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>13.11</b>	<b>13.12</b>	<b>12.68</b>
Finance & Insurance	459.14	464.87	442.64	34.6	34.9	34.5	13.27	13.32	12.83
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	380.57	375.72	367.53	30.3	30.3	30.2	12.56	12.40	12.17
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>580.99</b>	<b>562.94</b>	<b>552.87</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>16.32</b>	<b>16.13</b>	<b>15.53</b>
<b>Health Care</b>									
Health Care & Social Assistance	543.48	542.79	516.92	33.2	33.3	33.2	16.37	16.30	15.57
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>									
Accommodation & Food Service	213.06	210.41	203.26	26.5	26.5	26.5	8.04	7.94	7.67

# LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

	<i>Prelim. Dec 2008</i>	<i>Revised Nov 2008</i>	<i>Revised Dec 2007</i>	<i>Change From: Nov 2008    Dec 2007</i>	
<b>LABOR FORCE STATISTICS</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	793.9	803.7	805.2	-9.8	-11.3
Total Employment	759.0	770.6	769.4	-11.6	-10.4
Total Unemployment	35.0	33.1	35.8	1.9	-0.8
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.1	4.5	xx	xx
<b>NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL</b>	<b>760.8</b>	<b>764.9</b>	<b>763.9</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>	<b>612.4</b>	<b>616.3</b>	<b>616.5</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>126.7</b>	<b>124.3</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Mining	30.0	29.9	27.9	0.1	2.1
<b>Construction</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Durable Goods	35.1	35.1	36.8	0.0	-1.7
Nondurable Goods	21.1	21.1	21.6	0.0	-0.5
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>638.6</b>	<b>638.2</b>	<b>639.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
<b>Private Service-Providing</b>	<b>490.2</b>	<b>489.6</b>	<b>492.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>143.6</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
Wholesale Trade	25.5	25.5	25.3	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	91.5	90.9	94.6	0.6	-3.1
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26.6	26.6	26.7	0.0	-0.1
<b>Information</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Finance and Insurance	21.9	21.9	22.3	0.0	-0.4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.3	7.2	7.4	0.1	-0.1
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	25.0	24.7	24.8	0.3	0.2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	4.9	4.9	4.5	0.0	0.4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation	31.7	31.8	32.3	-0.1	-0.6
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>117.6</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>116.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Educational Services	11.0	11.3	11.0	-0.3	0.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	106.6	106.4	105.4	0.2	1.2
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	9.2	9.4	10.5	-0.2	-1.3
Accommodation and Food Service	62.2	62.0	60.2	0.2	2.0
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>147.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Federal Government	22.7	22.7	22.6	0.0	0.1
State Government	47.5	47.8	46.6	-0.3	0.9
Local Government	78.2	78.1	78.2	0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	xx	xx

March 2007 benchmark  
Data in thousands



# LABOR FORCE DATA BY STATES

## December 2008

## November 2008

State*	December 2008				November 2008			
	Civilian Labor Force	Unemp.	Rate	Rank	Civilian Labor Force	Unemp.	Rate	Rank
Alabama	2,153.7	144.1	6.7	27	2,162.2	130.6	6.0	26
Alaska	362.0	27.3	7.5	17	360.3	25.9	7.2	13
Arizona	3,165.7	219.8	6.9	24	3,145.1	199.0	6.3	21
Arkansas	1,370.3	84.4	6.2	31	1,378.7	78.5	5.7	30
California	18,648.5	1,731.8	9.3	4	18,583.5	1,566.5	8.4	3
Colorado	2,750.1	167.6	6.1	34	2,748.4	159.8	5.8	29
Connecticut	1,894.7	134.2	7.1	19	1,903.5	126.4	6.6	19
Delaware	445.3	27.7	6.2	31	445.3	25.1	5.6	34
District of Columbia	329.3	29.0	8.8	7	328.5	26.2	8.0	6
Florida	9,313.0	751.8	8.1	10	9,318.2	687.9	7.4	9
Georgia	4,878.4	393.2	8.1	10	4,886.7	360.6	7.4	9
Hawaii	661.7	36.4	5.5	38	660.7	33.0	5.0	38
Idaho	759.7	49.0	6.4	29	760.8	43.4	5.7	30
Illinois	6,640.4	505.3	7.6	16	6,645.1	485.1	7.3	11
Indiana	3,230.8	266.5	8.2	9	3,238.4	230.6	7.1	15
Iowa	1,671.9	77.1	4.6	45	1,679.0	71.7	4.3	44
Kansas	1,506.6	78.6	5.2	41	1,503.8	73.5	4.9	39
Kentucky	2,049.4	159.8	7.8	14	2,038.3	142.2	7.0	16
Louisiana	2,061.1	121.9	5.9	36	2,050.1	108.6	5.3	36
Maine	710.7	50.0	7.0	22	711.9	44.9	6.3	21
Maryland	2,995.6	174.7	5.8	37	2,994.4	157.4	5.3	36
Massachusetts	3,418.1	235.4	6.9	24	3,421.2	202.8	5.9	28
Michigan	4,894.3	519.3	10.6	1	4,915.3	472.2	9.6	1
Minnesota	2,951.8	202.8	6.9	24	2,945.4	188.3	6.4	20
Mississippi	1,310.9	104.4	8.0	12	1,311.0	94.4	7.2	13
Missouri	3,012.3	219.7	7.3	18	3,018.6	204.1	6.8	18
Montana	505.7	27.2	5.4	39	505.7	25.0	4.9	39
Nebraska	997.6	40.0	4.0	48	999.3	36.8	3.7	47
Nevada	1,426.8	130.5	9.1	5	1,417.9	114.2	8.1	5
New Hampshire	739.5	33.8	4.6	45	742.4	31.8	4.3	44
New Jersey	4,550.6	324.9	7.1	19	4,519.6	275.7	6.1	25
New Mexico	966.1	47.8	4.9	42	960.9	41.7	4.3	44
New York	9,635.3	671.5	7.0	22	9,619.1	581.8	6.0	26
North Carolina	4,563.1	396.8	8.7	8	4,564.8	358.3	7.8	8
North Dakota	371.5	12.8	3.5	50	371.5	12.2	3.3	50
Ohio	5,971.6	464.8	7.8	14	5,969.5	435.2	7.3	11
Oklahoma	1,768.9	87.0	4.9	42	1,771.0	82.9	4.7	42
Oregon	1,990.9	178.9	9.0	6	1,976.1	158.4	8.0	6
Pennsylvania	6,442.2	433.7	6.7	27	6,419.4	395.4	6.2	24
Rhode Island	566.2	56.8	10.0	2	570.6	53.1	9.3	2
South Carolina	2,184.6	207.2	9.5	3	2,170.3	181.6	8.4	3
South Dakota	445.9	17.2	3.9	49	446.1	15.1	3.4	49
Tennessee	3,042.3	241.2	7.9	13	3,028.4	211.4	7.0	16
Texas	11,853.8	711.8	6.0	35	11,851.0	676.0	5.7	30
Utah	1,383.0	60.1	4.3	47	1,383.3	51.4	3.7	47
Vermont	356.9	22.7	6.4	29	356.9	20.2	5.7	30
Virginia	4,159.5	222.7	5.4	39	4,152.2	198.2	4.8	41
Washington	3,534.2	251.7	7.1	19	3,517.3	222.5	6.3	21
West Virginia	800.0	39.0	4.9	42	805.2	36.7	4.6	43
Wisconsin	3,094.3	191.4	6.2	31	3,093.9	174.4	5.6	34
Wyoming	293.9	10.0	3.4	51	293.5	9.3	3.2	51
United States	154,447.0	11,108.0	7.2	xx	154,620.0	10,476.0	6.8	xx

Seasonally adjusted data. In thousands.

\*Includes District of Columbia

## West Virginia - Trends in the Labor Market

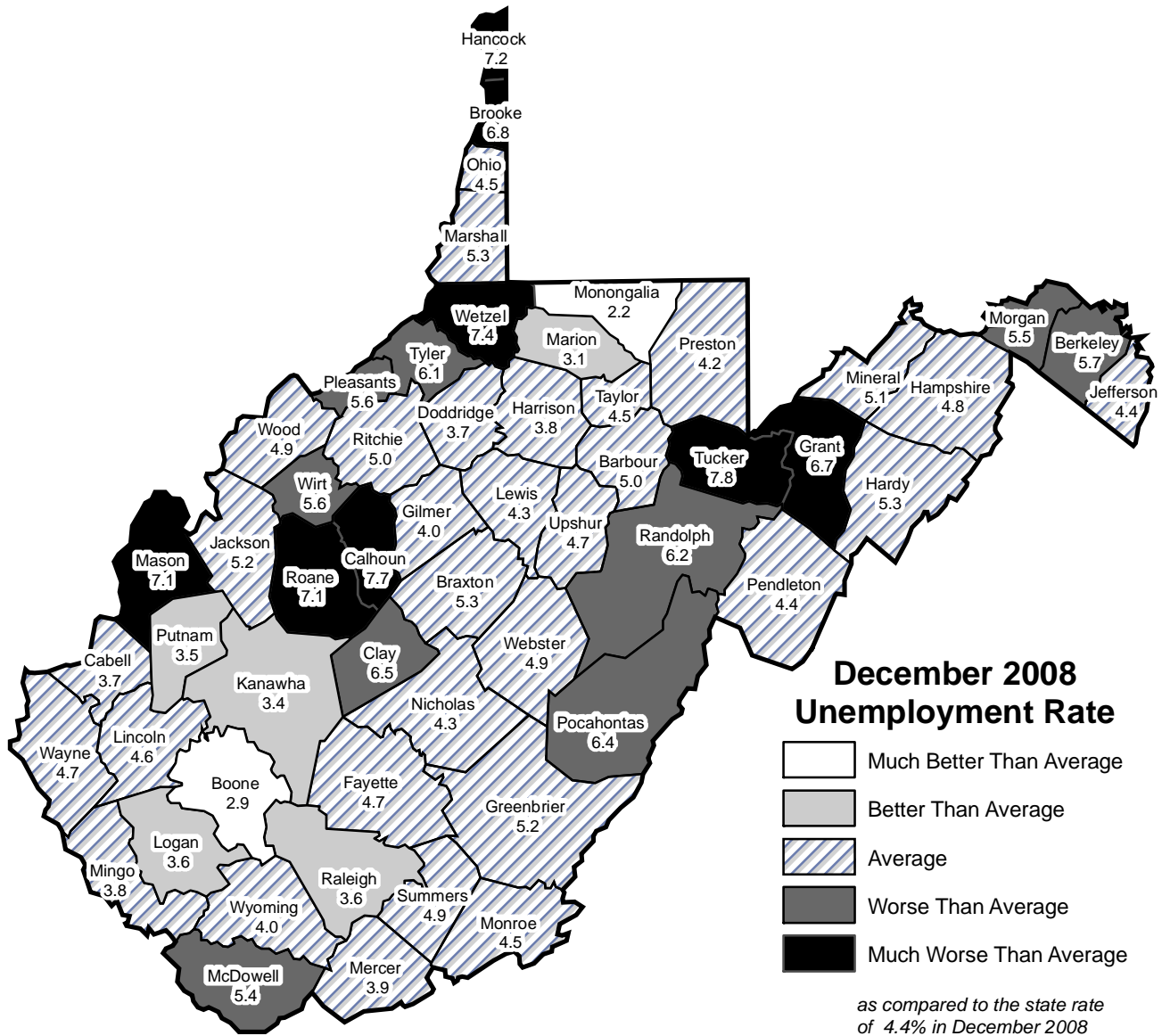
<b>Trends in the Labor Market</b>	<i>Dec 2008</i>	<i>Nov 2008</i>	<i>Dec 2007</i>
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	41.5	41.9	41.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	1,873	1,904	1,968
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$798.05	\$801.97	\$786.01
Average Weekly Hours in Mining	48.1	47.5	48.0
Average Weekly Earnings in Mining	\$1,133.24	\$1,118.63	\$1,063.68
Coal Production (tons)	13,443	12,545	12,117

### Unemployment Compensation Selected Claims Activities

Initial Claims	13,878	7,025	7,410
Weeks Claimed	98,379	59,504	64,609
Benefits Paid	18,101,638	10,923,263	12,024,397
Weeks Compensated	76,455	47,408	50,957
Average Weekly Payment	237	230	236
Trust Fund Balance	232,319,248	250,746,956	244,785,506
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.0	2.0	2.2
Seasonally Adjusted	2.7	2.4	2.1

## United States

<b>Selected National Data</b>	<i>Dec 2008</i>	<i>Nov 2008</i>	<i>Dec 2007</i>
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.1	6.5	4.8
Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	6.8	4.9
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	210.2	212.4	210.0
1967 Base	629.8	636.3	629.2
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	168.8	172.1	170.6
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$611.72	\$619.41	\$605.28
Average Weekly Hours	33.3	33.7	34.1
Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.37	\$18.38	\$17.75



The state unemployment rate climbed three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.4 percent in December 2008. Nearly all counties reported increasing unemployment rates as well. The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate increased in December. This group included Grant (6.7), Brooke (6.8), Roane (7.1), Mason (7.1), Hancock (7.2), Wetzel (7.4), Calhoun (7.7), and Tucker (7.8).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average was unchanged in December. This group included Logan (3.6), Raleigh (3.6), Putnam (3.5), Kanawha (3.4), and Marion 3.1). Two counties, Boone (2.9) and Monongalia (2.2), reported unemployment rates considered much better than average when compared to the state rate.

# Labor Force Data by County

	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Rate		
	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Barbour	6,750	6,780	6,790	6,410	6,490	6,440	340	290	340	5.0	4.3	5.1
Berkeley	45,440	45,810	45,350	42,850	43,390	43,460	2,590	2,430	1,890	5.7	5.3	4.2
Boone	9,070	9,220	9,300	8,810	8,940	8,920	260	290	390	2.9	3.1	4.1
Braxton	5,880	5,940	5,960	5,570	5,680	5,630	310	260	330	5.3	4.4	5.5
Brooke	10,420	10,650	10,870	9,710	9,980	10,180	710	660	690	6.8	6.2	6.3
Cabell	43,910	44,680	44,890	42,270	43,010	43,220	1,630	1,670	1,670	3.7	3.7	3.7
Calhoun	2,810	2,780	2,810	2,600	2,610	2,550	220	160	260	7.7	5.9	9.3
Clay	3,410	3,420	3,460	3,190	3,230	3,230	220	190	230	6.5	5.5	6.7
Doddridge	2,810	2,860	2,850	2,710	2,750	2,720	110	110	140	3.7	3.8	4.8
Fayette	17,580	17,870	17,810	16,760	17,100	16,790	820	770	1,030	4.7	4.3	5.8
Gilmer	2,980	3,020	3,130	2,870	2,920	3,010	120	110	120	4.0	3.6	3.9
Grant	5,120	5,130	5,300	4,770	4,890	4,990	340	240	310	6.7	4.8	5.9
Greenbrier	15,310	15,590	15,450	14,520	14,900	14,500	790	690	950	5.2	4.4	6.2
Hampshire	9,680	9,800	10,010	9,210	9,390	9,550	470	410	460	4.8	4.2	4.6
Hancock	13,870	14,150	14,320	12,870	13,220	13,490	1,000	930	830	7.2	6.6	5.8
Hardy	6,950	7,000	7,190	6,590	6,700	6,830	370	300	360	5.3	4.3	5.0
Harrison	30,240	30,670	30,440	29,100	29,530	29,190	1,140	1,140	1,250	3.8	3.7	4.1
Jackson	11,670	11,810	11,780	11,060	11,250	11,150	610	560	630	5.2	4.7	5.3
Jefferson	24,860	25,160	24,990	23,780	24,120	24,220	1,080	1,030	770	4.4	4.1	3.1
Kanawha	88,900	90,110	90,150	85,910	87,110	86,910	2,990	3,000	3,240	3.4	3.3	3.6
Lewis	7,180	7,290	7,270	6,870	7,020	6,940	310	270	330	4.3	3.7	4.6
Lincoln	7,690	7,760	7,770	7,340	7,440	7,430	350	320	350	4.6	4.1	4.5
Logan	12,440	12,570	12,630	11,990	12,110	12,010	450	460	620	3.6	3.7	4.9
McDowell	6,960	7,010	6,980	6,580	6,650	6,510	380	370	470	5.4	5.2	6.8
Marion	25,910	26,270	26,150	25,090	25,430	25,170	810	840	980	3.1	3.2	3.7
Marshall	14,940	15,080	15,020	14,140	14,350	14,140	800	730	890	5.3	4.8	5.9
Mason	9,950	10,040	10,330	9,240	9,370	9,540	710	680	790	7.1	6.7	7.6
Mercer	23,960	24,200	24,430	23,020	23,280	23,430	940	920	1,000	3.9	3.8	4.1
Mineral	13,420	13,610	13,540	12,730	13,060	12,910	690	550	630	5.1	4.0	4.6
Mingo	8,260	8,380	8,490	7,950	8,050	8,070	310	330	420	3.8	4.0	4.9
Monongalia	47,260	48,130	47,570	46,230	46,960	46,360	1,030	1,170	1,210	2.2	2.4	2.5
Monroe	5,850	5,960	5,900	5,590	5,730	5,590	260	230	300	4.5	3.8	5.2
Morgan	7,090	7,170	7,170	6,700	6,790	6,800	390	380	380	5.5	5.4	5.2
Nicholas	10,650	10,790	10,800	10,190	10,340	10,260	460	450	540	4.3	4.2	5.0
Ohio	20,890	21,140	20,750	19,960	20,250	19,950	940	890	800	4.5	4.2	3.8
Pendleton	3,910	3,950	3,800	3,740	3,800	3,620	170	150	180	4.4	3.8	4.6
Pleasants	3,130	3,140	3,230	2,950	2,990	3,050	170	150	180	5.6	4.8	5.6
Pocahontas	3,970	3,570	3,990	3,720	3,260	3,720	250	310	270	6.4	8.6	6.8
Preston	15,500	15,650	15,520	14,840	15,070	14,880	660	570	640	4.2	3.7	4.1
Putnam	26,480	26,760	26,730	25,560	25,910	25,850	930	850	880	3.5	3.2	3.3
Raleigh	31,520	31,970	32,430	30,380	30,850	31,060	1,140	1,120	1,370	3.6	3.5	4.2
Randolph	12,460	12,500	12,790	11,690	11,760	12,100	770	740	690	6.2	5.9	5.4
Ritchie	4,480	4,560	4,670	4,250	4,360	4,450	230	200	220	5.0	4.4	4.7
Roane	5,450	5,460	5,460	5,070	5,150	5,100	390	320	370	7.1	5.8	6.7
Summers	4,720	4,830	4,730	4,490	4,620	4,440	230	210	290	4.9	4.4	6.1
Taylor	6,870	6,950	6,880	6,560	6,660	6,580	310	290	300	4.5	4.2	4.4
Tucker	2,930	2,940	3,060	2,710	2,730	2,860	230	210	210	7.8	7.2	6.7
Tyler	3,670	3,740	3,690	3,440	3,550	3,440	220	190	240	6.1	5.2	6.6
Upshur	10,630	10,690	10,740	10,140	10,280	10,260	500	410	470	4.7	3.9	4.4
Wayne	17,400	17,600	17,780	16,590	16,880	16,960	810	720	820	4.7	4.1	4.6
Webster	3,260	3,340	3,300	3,100	3,180	3,120	160	160	180	4.9	4.7	5.6
Wetzel	6,560	6,880	6,430	6,070	6,490	5,960	490	380	470	7.4	5.6	7.3
Wirt	2,490	2,510	2,600	2,350	2,380	2,430	140	130	170	5.6	5.3	6.3
Wood	40,490	40,820	41,760	38,530	38,970	39,850	1,960	1,850	1,910	4.9	4.5	4.6
Wyoming	7,950	8,010	8,030	7,630	7,700	7,600	320	300	430	4.0	3.8	5.3
Statewide	793,900	803,700	805,200	759,000	770,600	769,400	35,000	33,100	35,800	4.4	4.1	4.5

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# Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007
Barbour	4,040	4,040	4,040	580	580	550	3,460	3,470	3,480
Berkeley	28,830	29,080	30,500	3,650	3,750	3,970	25,170	25,330	26,520
Boone	8,900	8,870	8,850	4,040	4,030	3,980	4,860	4,840	4,870
Braxton	4,530	4,560	4,550	820	840	810	3,710	3,720	3,730
Brooke	10,230	10,390	9,320	2,370	2,450	2,450	7,860	7,930	6,870
Cabell	56,510	56,690	56,670	7,710	7,860	7,690	48,800	48,830	48,980
Calhoun	1,650	1,630	1,570	420	420	400	1,230	1,210	1,170
Clay	2,290	2,290	2,300	650	660	700	1,630	1,630	1,600
Doddridge	1,370	1,370	1,340	200	200	190	1,170	1,170	1,150
Fayette	13,640	13,780	13,300	1,760	1,810	1,780	11,880	11,970	11,520
Gilmer	2,310	2,320	2,420	480	500	520	1,820	1,830	1,900
Grant	4,050	4,120	4,280	1,120	1,170	1,290	2,930	2,950	2,990
Greenbrier	14,660	14,870	14,430	1,720	1,770	1,770	12,940	13,100	12,660
Hampshire	4,290	4,320	4,300	470	470	490	3,820	3,850	3,810
Hancock	12,740	12,900	12,800	3,500	3,500	3,420	9,240	9,410	9,380
Hardy	6,550	6,570	6,750	3,290	3,290	3,550	3,260	3,280	3,200
Harrison	35,160	35,250	34,690	4,820	4,860	4,580	30,350	30,390	30,110
Jackson	9,110	9,190	9,060	2,720	2,740	2,650	6,400	6,450	6,420
Jefferson	15,450	15,510	15,600	1,670	1,710	1,790	13,780	13,800	13,810
Kanawha	115,720	116,300	115,880	12,980	13,260	12,240	102,750	103,040	103,640
Lewis	6,310	6,410	6,340	1,080	1,080	1,050	5,230	5,330	5,290
Lincoln	3,540	3,530	3,510	770	770	810	2,780	2,760	2,700
Logan	12,070	12,060	11,910	2,470	2,470	2,310	9,600	9,590	9,610
McDowell	6,610	6,590	6,400	1,390	1,380	1,350	5,230	5,210	5,050
Marion	22,810	22,870	22,650	4,210	4,230	4,020	18,600	18,640	18,630
Marshall	11,320	11,350	11,290	2,980	2,990	2,950	8,340	8,360	8,340
Mason	7,220	7,240	7,360	1,100	1,110	1,230	6,120	6,130	6,130
Mercer	23,910	23,940	24,160	2,380	2,400	2,410	21,530	21,540	21,740
Mineral	8,230	8,340	8,140	2,240	2,300	2,170	5,990	6,040	5,980
Mingo	8,790	8,800	8,840	3,390	3,420	3,290	5,400	5,380	5,550
Monongalia	55,670	56,010	55,170	6,290	6,350	5,970	49,380	49,660	49,190
Monroe	2,500	2,530	2,500	650	660	640	1,860	1,870	1,860
Morgan	3,210	3,220	3,260	470	480	510	2,740	2,750	2,750
Nicholas	9,610	9,640	9,610	2,210	2,220	2,190	7,400	7,420	7,420
Ohio	32,180	32,290	31,610	2,640	2,660	2,540	29,540	29,630	29,060
Pendleton	2,060	2,060	1,950	220	210	200	1,840	1,850	1,740
Pleasants	3,290	3,130	3,490	780	790	1,080	2,510	2,340	2,410
Pocahontas	3,960	3,340	3,960	540	540	540	3,430	2,800	3,430
Preston	8,170	8,230	8,130	1,870	1,920	1,850	6,300	6,300	6,290
Putnam	19,930	20,050	19,940	4,560	4,620	4,730	15,370	15,430	15,220
Raleigh	33,340	33,530	33,700	4,610	4,700	4,490	28,730	28,830	29,200
Randolph	12,410	12,420	12,790	2,250	2,290	2,590	10,160	10,130	10,200
Ritchie	3,500	3,560	3,650	1,480	1,510	1,630	2,020	2,050	2,030
Roane	3,520	3,520	3,500	700	710	720	2,820	2,810	2,790
Summers	2,830	2,890	2,760	190	190	170	2,640	2,700	2,590
Taylor	3,250	3,280	3,240	380	380	380	2,870	2,900	2,860
Tucker	2,850	2,840	3,000	420	450	440	2,420	2,390	2,560
Tyler	2,780	2,790	2,780	780	790	790	2,000	2,010	1,990
Upshur	9,160	9,160	9,160	2,290	2,310	2,430	6,870	6,850	6,730
Wayne	10,080	10,150	10,270	1,750	1,760	1,780	8,340	8,390	8,490
Webster	2,520	2,550	2,530	750	760	750	1,770	1,800	1,790
Wetzel	5,610	6,050	5,360	960	1,360	700	4,650	4,690	4,660
Wirt	930	910	890	190	200	190	730	720	700
Wood	42,860	42,790	43,130	6,280	6,340	6,380	36,580	36,450	36,750
Wyoming	5,870	5,850	5,760	1,720	1,720	1,670	4,140	4,130	4,090
Statewide	760,800	764,900	763,900	122,200	126,700	124,300	638,600	638,200	639,600

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# Metropolitan Statistical Areas

## Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

### Demographics:

Area: Boone, Clay, Kanawha,  
Lincoln and Putnam counties in West Virginia  
Total Population July 1, 2007: 303,950  
Population 16 years and Over  
(based on 2000 census): 248,410  
Per capita Personal Income 2006: \$33,010

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Civilian Labor Force	135.6	137.3	137.4
Total Employment	130.8	132.6	132.3
Total Unemployment	4.7	4.6	5.1
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.4	3.7

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Total Nonfarm	150.5	151.1	150.6
Total Private	123.0	123.6	122.9
Goods Producing	23.0	23.3	22.5
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	17.0	17.3	16.3
Manufacturing	6.0	6.0	6.2
Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.3
Nondurable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.9
Service-Providing	127.5	127.8	128.1
Private Service-Providing	100.0	100.3	100.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.9	28.8	29.6
Wholesale Trade	5.9	5.9	6.2
Retail Trade	16.4	16.3	16.8
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.6
Information	2.7	2.7	2.9
Financial Activities	8.1	8.1	8.3
Professional & Business Services	14.7	15.0	14.5
Educational & Health Service	22.2	22.2	21.6
Leisure & Hospitality	11.9	12.0	12.0
Other Services	11.5	11.5	11.5
Government	27.5	27.5	27.7
Federal Government	2.6	2.7	2.8
State Government	11.8	11.7	11.8
Local Government	13.1	13.1	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, 2007: ..... 284,026  
Population 16 years and Over  
(based on 2000 census): ..... 232,229  
Per capita Personal Income 2006: ..... \$27,145

### Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Civilian Labor Force	132.3	132.8	133.3
Total Employment	125.0	126.5	127.3
Total Unemployment	7.3	6.4	6.0
Unemployment Rate	5.5	4.8	4.5

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Total Nonfarm	120.4	121.3	121.8
Total Private	99.2	100.2	100.9
Goods Producing	15.8	16.9	17.0
Manufacturing	9.0	9.8	10.0
Service-Providing	104.6	104.4	104.8
Private Service-Providing	83.4	83.3	83.9
Retail Trade	16.1	16.1	16.7
Professional & Business Services	11.0	11.0	11.3
Educational & Health Service	23.5	23.4	22.9
Leisure & Hospitality	10.6	10.5	10.9
Government	21.2	21.1	20.9
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	2.9
State Government	6.7	6.6	6.4
Local Government	11.6	11.6	11.6
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, 2007: ..... 117,770  
 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>	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Civilian Labor Force	62.8	63.8	63.1
Total Employment	61.1	62.0	61.2
Total Unemployment	1.7	1.7	1.9
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.7	2.9

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Total Nonfarm	63.8	64.2	63.3
Total Private	45.8	46.0	45.5
Goods Producing	8.2	8.3	7.8
Manufacturing	4.2	4.2	4.1
Service-Providing	55.6	55.9	55.5
Private Service-Providing	37.6	37.7	37.7
Retail Trade	7.2	7.2	7.5
Professional & Business Services	4.6	4.7	4.3
Educational & Health Service	12.5	12.5	12.1
Leisure & Hospitality	6.2	6.3	6.0
Government	18.0	18.2	17.8
Federal Government	1.8	1.8	1.9
State Government	11.9	12.1	11.5
Local Government	4.3	4.3	4.4
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, 2007: ..... 160,656  
 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>	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Civilian Labor Force	79.3	79.7	81.3
Total Employment	75.0	75.7	77.4
Total Unemployment	4.4	4.0	3.9
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.0	4.8

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Total Nonfarm	73.9	74.0	75.7
Total Private	62.7	62.8	64.6
Goods Producing	14.2	14.2	14.8
Manufacturing	8.4	8.4	8.7
Service-Providing	59.7	59.8	60.9
Private Service-Providing	48.5	48.6	49.8
Educational and Health Service	12.6	12.6	12.6
Government	11.2	11.2	11.1
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5
State Government	1.7	1.7	1.7
Local Government	7.0	7.0	6.9
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, 2007: ..... 145,454  
 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>	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Civilian Labor Force	69.3	69.7	68.7
Total Employment	65.2	66.0	65.1
Total Unemployment	4.1	3.7	3.6
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.3	5.2

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Total Nonfarm	69.6	69.8	68.6
Total Private	58.8	59.0	57.9
Goods Producing	9.4	9.5	9.3
Manufacturing	4.3	4.3	4.4
Service-Providing	60.2	60.3	59.3
Private Service-Providing	49.4	49.5	48.6
Educational & Health Service	13.3	13.3	13.0
Government	10.8	10.8	10.7
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.4	2.4	2.3
Local Government	7.7	7.7	7.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

# Statistical Areas

<b>Micropolitan Statistical Areas</b>	<i>Prelim Dec 2008</i>	<i>Rev Nov 2008</i>	<i>Rev Dec 2007</i>
<b>Beckley-Oak Hill CSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	49.1	49.8	50.2
Total Employment	47.1	47.9	47.8
Total Unemployment	2.0	1.9	2.4
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.8	4.8
<b>Beckley MCSA</b> <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	31.5	32.0	32.4
Total Employment	30.4	30.8	31.1
Total Unemployment	1.1	1.1	1.4
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	4.2
<b>Oak Hill MCSA</b> <i>Fayette County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	17.6	17.9	17.8
Total Employment	16.8	17.1	16.8
Total Unemployment	0.8	0.8	1.0
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.3	5.8
<b>Bluefield MCSA</b> <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	44.4	44.7	45.0
Total Employment	42.5	42.9	43.0
Total Unemployment	1.9	1.8	2.0
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.0	4.5
<b>Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	65.8	66.7	66.3
Total Employment	63.5	64.4	63.7
Total Unemployment	2.4	2.4	2.7
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.6	4.0
<b>Fairmont MCSA</b> <i>Marion County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	25.9	26.3	26.1
Total Employment	25.1	25.4	25.2
Total Unemployment	0.8	0.8	1.0
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2	3.7
<b>Clarksburg MCSA</b> <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	39.9	40.5	40.2
Total Employment	38.4	38.9	38.5
Total Unemployment	1.5	1.5	1.7
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.8	4.2
<b>Point Pleasant MCSA</b> <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	24.1	24.3	24.9
Total Employment	22.5	22.7	23.2
Total Unemployment	1.7	1.6	1.7
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.5	6.9

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 2007 benchmark.

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

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas that include West Virginia Counties</b>	<i>Prelim Dec 2008</i>	<i>Rev Nov 2008</i>	<i>Rev Dec 2007</i>
<b>Stuebenville-Weirton MSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	55.6	56.6	57.0
Total Employment	51.1	52.4	53.4
Total Unemployment	4.5	4.2	3.6
Unemployment Rate	8.0	7.4	6.3
<b>Cumberland MSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	48.8	49.4	48.8
Total Employment	45.6	46.6	46.4
Total Unemployment	3.2	2.8	2.4
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.6	4.9
<b>Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	3,005.3	3,011.2	2,979.9
Total Employment	2,862.7	2,878.8	2,889.3
Total Unemployment	142.6	132.4	90.6
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.4	3.0
<b>Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	121.6	122.0	120.6
Total Employment	113.5	114.6	115.4
Total Unemployment	8.1	7.4	5.2
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.1	4.3
<b>Winchester MSA</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	66.5	66.6	66.1
Total Employment	62.4	63.2	63.9
Total Unemployment	4.1	3.4	2.2
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.1	3.3

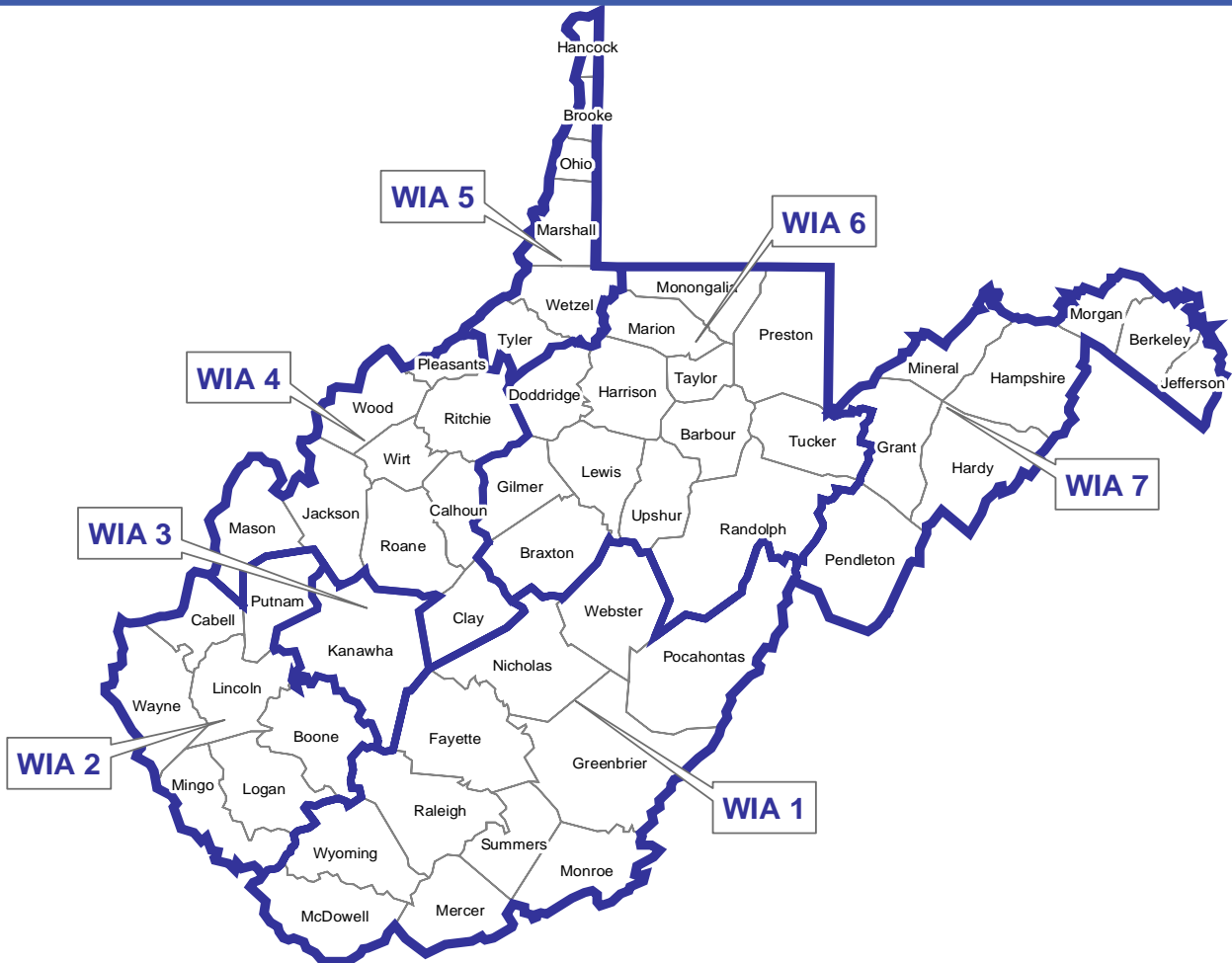
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## Workforce Investment Area 1

### December 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 100
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector up 100
- Unemployment rate up three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.4 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 300
- Goods-producing sector up 100
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Unemployment rate down seven-tenths of a percentage point from 5.1 percent

### Labor Force Data

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Civilian Labor Force	131.7	133.1	133.9
Employment	126.0	127.6	127.0
Unemployment	5.8	5.5	6.8
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.1	5.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Total Nonfarm Payroll	119.4	119.5	119.1
Total Private	94.6	94.6	94.3
Goods-Producing	17.9	18.1	17.8
Natural Resources & Mining	7.2	7.2	6.9
Construction	4.7	4.8	4.7
Manufacturing	6.0	6.1	6.2
Service-Providing	101.5	101.4	101.3
Private Service-Providing	76.7	76.4	76.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.9	23.9	24.1
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4
Retail Trade	16.7	16.7	16.9
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.7	3.7	3.7
Information	1.4	1.4	1.4
Financial Activities	3.8	3.8	3.8
Professional & Business Services	7.4	7.4	7.2
Educational & Health Services	17.2	17.2	16.8
Leisure & Hospitality	13.0	12.7	13.2
Other Services	10.1	10.1	10.1
Government	24.9	24.9	24.8
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9
State	6.2	6.3	6.2
Local	15.7	15.7	15.6
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1

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## Workforce Investment Area 2

### December 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 300
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector down 100
- Unemployment rate up two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.8 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 200
- Goods-producing sector up 100
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Total unemployment down 400
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point from 4.0 percent

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	125.3	127.0	127.6
Employment	120.5	122.3	122.5
Unemployment	4.7	4.6	5.1
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.6	4.0
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	119.8	120.1	120.0
Total Private	98.8	99.2	99.4
Goods-Producing	24.7	24.9	24.6
Natural Resources & Mining	9.3	9.3	9.0
Construction	6.4	6.6	6.6
Manufacturing	9.0	9.0	9.0
Service-Providing	95.1	95.2	95.4
Private Service-Providing	74.1	74.3	74.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	24.4	24.4	24.4
Wholesale Trade	4.4	4.4	4.5
Retail Trade	14.2	14.3	14.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.7	5.7	5.7
Information	1.5	1.5	1.6
Financial Activities	3.6	3.6	3.8
Professional & Business Services	10.0	10.1	10.8
Educational & Health Services	17.0	17.0	16.7
Leisure & Hospitality	10.1	10.2	10.0
Other Services	7.5	7.5	7.6
Government	21.0	20.9	20.6
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.7
State	5.9	5.9	5.9
Local	12.3	12.3	12.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 3

### December 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 600
- Goods-producing sector down 300
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Unemployment rate up one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.4 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 200
- Goods-producing sector up 800
- Service-providing sector down 900
- Total unemployment down 200
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point from 3.6 percent

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	88.9	90.1	90.2
Employment	85.9	87.1	86.9
Unemployment	3.0	3.0	3.2
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	3.6
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	115.7	116.3	115.9
Total Private	93.9	94.5	94.0
Goods-Producing	13.0	13.3	12.2
Natural Resources & Mining	3.5	3.6	3.1
Construction	5.7	5.9	5.3
Manufacturing	3.8	3.8	3.9
Service-Providing	102.7	103.0	103.6
Private Service-Providing	81.0	81.3	81.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	21.2	21.0	22.0
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.2	4.5
Retail Trade	12.8	12.7	13.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.1	4.1	4.1
Information	2.2	2.2	2.4
Financial Activities	7.0	7.1	7.2
Professional & Business Services	12.5	12.8	12.3
Educational & Health Services	19.3	19.3	18.8
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.7	9.9
Other Services	9.1	9.1	9.1
Government	21.8	21.8	21.9
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.5
State	11.1	11.0	11.1
Local	8.5	8.4	8.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 4

### December 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 100
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment up 500
- Unemployment rate up one-half of a percentage point to 5.5 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 600
- Goods-producing sector down 700
- Service-providing sector unchanged
- Total unemployment down 100
- Unemployment rate unchanged

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	83.9	84.5	86.1
Employment	79.2	80.3	81.4
Unemployment	4.7	4.2	4.8
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.0	5.5
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	74.4	74.3	75.0
Total Private	60.7	60.7	61.9
Goods-Producing	14.3	14.5	15.0
Natural Resources & Mining	2.0	2.0	1.9
Construction	4.0	4.1	4.4
Manufacturing	8.4	8.4	8.6
Service-Providing	60.0	59.8	60.0
Private Service-Providing	46.4	46.2	46.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	15.8	15.6	16.1
Wholesale Trade	1.7	1.7	1.8
Retail Trade	10.7	10.4	11.0
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.4
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1
Financial Activities	3.2	3.2	3.2
Professional & Business Services	4.0	4.0	4.0
Educational & Health Services	10.5	10.6	10.5
Leisure & Hospitality	6.2	6.2	6.4
Other Services	5.5	5.5	5.6
Government	13.6	13.6	13.1
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.6
State	2.5	2.5	2.5
Local	8.6	8.5	8.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 5

### December 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 900
- Goods-producing sector down 500
- Service-providing sector down 400
- Total unemployment up 400
- Unemployment rate up six-tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 1,700
- Goods-producing sector up 400
- Service-providing sector up 1,300
- Total unemployment up 300
- Unemployment rate up four-tenths of a percentage point from 5.5 percent

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
<b>Labor Force Data</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	70.3	71.6	71.1
Employment	66.2	67.9	67.2
Unemployment	4.2	3.8	3.9
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.3	5.5
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	74.9	75.8	73.2
Total Private	64.1	64.9	62.5
Goods-Producing	13.2	13.7	12.8
Natural Resources & Mining	1.2	1.2	1.2
Construction	2.9	3.4	2.5
Manufacturing	9.1	9.2	9.1
Service-Providing	61.6	62.0	60.3
Private Service-Providing	50.8	51.1	49.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.1	12.2	12.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.6
Retail Trade	7.5	7.6	7.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1.8	1.8	1.8
Information	0.6	0.6	0.6
Financial Activities	2.6	2.6	2.7
Professional & Business Services	5.3	5.3	5.3
Educational & Health Services	13.8	13.9	12.4
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	9.7	9.7
Other Services	6.9	6.9	6.9
Government	10.8	10.9	10.6
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	1.9	2.0	1.9
Local	8.2	8.2	8.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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## Workforce Investment Area 6

### December 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 800
- Goods-producing sector employment down 300
- Service-providing sector down 500
- Total unemployment up 200
- Unemployment rate up one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.7 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 500
- Goods-producing sector up 300
- Service-providing sector up 200
- Total unemployment down 400
- Unemployment rate down two-tenths of a percentage point from 3.9 percent

#### Labor Force Data

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Civilian Labor Force	177.4	179.7	179.1
Employment	170.8	173.3	172.1
Unemployment	6.6	6.4	7.0
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.6	3.9

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	168.0	168.8	167.5
Total Private	127.1	127.6	127.0
Goods-Producing	25.7	26.0	25.4
Natural Resources & Mining	5.9	5.9	5.6
Construction	7.9	8.1	7.5
Manufacturing	11.9	11.9	12.4
Service-Providing	142.3	142.8	142.1
Private Service-Providing	101.4	101.6	101.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	29.0	29.1	29.5
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.9
Retail Trade	20.3	20.3	20.5
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.0	5.0	5.1
Information	1.9	1.9	2.0
Financial Activities	4.9	4.9	5.0
Professional & Business Services	11.9	12.0	11.5
Educational & Health Services	27.8	27.8	27.4
Leisure & Hospitality	15.3	15.3	15.1
Other Services	10.6	10.6	11.0
Government	41.0	41.1	40.5
Federal	6.9	6.9	6.8
State	17.7	17.9	17.4
Local	16.4	16.4	16.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

## Workforce Investment Area 7

### December 2008

#### Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 500
- Goods-producing sector employment down 300
- Service-providing sector down 300
- Total unemployment up 600
- Unemployment rate up one-half of a percentage point to 5.2 percent

#### Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 2,100
- Goods-producing sector down 900
- Service-providing sector down 1,300
- Total unemployment up up 1,100
- Unemployment rate up one percentage point from 4.2 percent

#### Labor Force Data

	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Civilian Labor Force	116.5	117.6	117.3
Employment	110.4	112.1	112.4
Unemployment	6.1	5.5	5.0
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.7	4.2

#### Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.7	73.2	74.8
Total Private	54.3	54.8	57.0
Goods-Producing	13.1	13.4	14.0
Natural Resources & Mining	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	3.2	3.4	4.0
Manufacturing	9.3	9.3	9.3
Service-Providing	59.5	59.8	60.8
Private Service-Providing	41.2	41.5	43.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.0	12.1	13.3
Wholesale Trade	1.5	1.6	1.7
Retail Trade	8.3	8.3	9.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.3
Information	2.0	2.1	2.2
Financial Activities	2.5	2.5	2.5
Professional & Business Services	4.4	4.4	4.7
Educational & Health Services	8.1	8.1	7.9
Leisure & Hospitality	8.0	8.1	8.3
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.2
Government	18.3	18.4	17.8
Federal	4.6	4.6	4.5
State	3.4	3.4	3.2
Local	10.3	10.4	10.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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# Occupational Profile

**Personal and Home Care Aides** are projected to have an excellent job outlook through 2016. Expected job openings will average approximately 274 per year, 177 of which will be new job growth. The average annual growth rate is projected to be 2.73% per year, over four times the growth rate for all occupations combined (.61 %). Education and training for Personal and Home Care Aides typically requires a high school diploma and often some vocational training or other job-related education. In a few instances an associate's or bachelor's degree is necessary.

"The expected growth is due, in large part, to the projected rise in the number of elderly people, an age group that often has mounting health problems and that needs some assistance with daily activities. The elderly and other patients, such as the mentally disabled, increasingly rely on home care."

**Table 1 - Growth**

Area	Annual Openings	Growth Rate
WIA 1	29	1.94%
WIA 2	20	2.91%
WIA 3	31	3.53%
WIA 4	n/a	n/a
WIA 5	20	3.62%
WIA 6	50	4.02%
WIA 7	13	3.14%

**Table 2 - Wage History**

	This Occupation	*	Compared to all Occupations	*	Difference
2008 Q3	\$7.56	2.4%	\$12.69	2.3%	-\$5.13
2007	\$7.38	4.0%	\$12.40	3.3%	-\$5.02
2006	\$7.09	2.9%	\$12.00	3.1%	-\$4.91
2005	\$6.89	2.0%	\$11.63	2.4%	-\$4.74
2004	\$6.75	1.9%	\$11.35	2.6%	-\$4.60
2003	\$6.62	2.3%	\$11.06	3.1%	-\$4.44
2002	\$6.47	2.3%	\$10.72	2.4%	-\$4.25
2001	\$6.32		\$10.46		-\$4.14

\* %Change

**Table 3 - Top Employing Industries**

	Employment	%
Education and Health Services	4,230	88.6%
Public Administration	380	7.9%
Other Services	130	2.7%
Financial Activities	10	0.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	10	0.2%

**Table 4 - Best Paying Industries**

	Employment	Median Wage
Other Services	130	\$8.66
Financial Activities	10	\$8.45
Education and Health Services	4,230	\$7.59
Public Administration	380	\$7.22
Leisure and Hospitality	10	\$7.06

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

Highest Employment			Highest Pay		
Area	Median Wage	Employment	Area	Median Wage	Employment
WIA 6	\$7.32	750	WIA 3	\$8.69	530
WIA 1	\$7.45	570	WIA 5	\$7.91	280
WIA 3	\$8.69	530	WIA 7	\$7.61	410
WIA 2	\$7.43	430	WIA 1	\$7.45	570
WIA 7	\$7.61	410	WIA 2	\$7.43	430
WIA 4	\$7.10	310	WIA 6	\$7.32	750
WIA 5	\$7.91	280	WIA 4	\$7.10	310

## WORKFORCE West Virginia Career Centers

office	street address	city & zip	phone
Beckley	200 Value City Center	Beckley 25801	304-256-6792
Charleston	1321 Plaza East	Charleston 25325	558-0342
Clarksburg	321 W. Main Street	Clarksburg 26302	627-2125
Elkins	1 Pleasant Avenue	Elkins 26241	637-0255
Fairmont	109 Adams Street	Fairmont 26555	363-0654
Huntington	2699 Park Avenue	Huntington 25704	528-5525
Logan	214 Dingess Street	Logan 25601-1860	792-7010
Martinsburg	Auto Parts Place	Martinsburg 25403	267-0030
Mercer County	195 Davis Street	Princeton 24740	487-2248
Morgantown	304 Scott Avenue	Morgantown 26505	285-3120
New Martinsville	257 North State Route 2	NMartinsville 26155	455-0902
Parkersburg	300 Lakeview Center	Parkersburg 26102	420-4525
Point Pleasant	225 Sixth Street	Point Pleasant 25550	675-0857
Putnam	#19 Putnam Village	Hurricane 25569	757-7270
South Branch	1929 State Road 55E	Moorefield 26836	538-3176
Summersville	812 Northside Dr	Summersville 26651	872-0820
Weirton	100 Municipal Plaza	Weirton 26062	794-2000
Welch	110 Park Avenue	Welch 24801	436-3131
Wheeling	1275 Warwood Avenue	Wheeling 26003	238-1045
Williamson	120 W First Avenue	Williamson 25661	235-6012

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office	street address	city & zip	phone
Beckley	200 Value City Center	Beckley 25801	304-256-6792
Charleston	1321 Plaza East	Charleston 25330	558-0291
Clarksburg	321 W. Main Street	Clarksburg 26302	627-2120
Elkins	1 Pleasant Avenue	Elkins 26241	637-0257
Fairmont	109 Adams Street	Fairmont 26554	363-0654
Huntington	2699 Park Avenue	Huntington 25704	528-5538
Logan	212 Dingess Street	Logan 25601	792-7020
Martinsburg	891 Auto Parts Place	Martinsburg 25403	267-0030
Mercer County	195 Davis Street	Princeton 24740	425-1896
Morgantown	304 Scott Avenue	Morgantown 26505	285-3124
New Martinsville	257 North State Route 2	N Martinsville 26155	455-0902
Parkersburg	300 Lakeview Center	Parkersburg 26102	420-4625
Point Pleasant	225 Sixth Street	Point Pleasant 25550	675-0857
South Branch	EastTech College Rt. 55	Moorefield 26836	538-3176
Summersville	812 Northside Drive	Summersville 26651	872-0820
Weirton	100 Municipal Plaza	Weirton 26062	794-2000
Welch	110 Park Ave	Welch 24801	436-3131
Wheeling	1275 Warwood Avenue	Wheeling 26003	238-1035
Williamson	120 W 1st Avenue	Williamson 25661	235-6017

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