

West Virginia Economic Summary

A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
IN JANUARY 2009

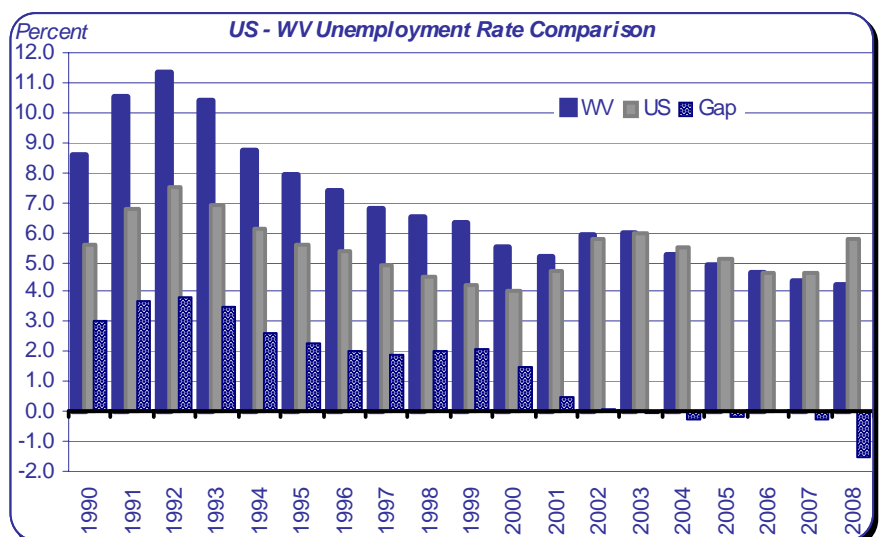
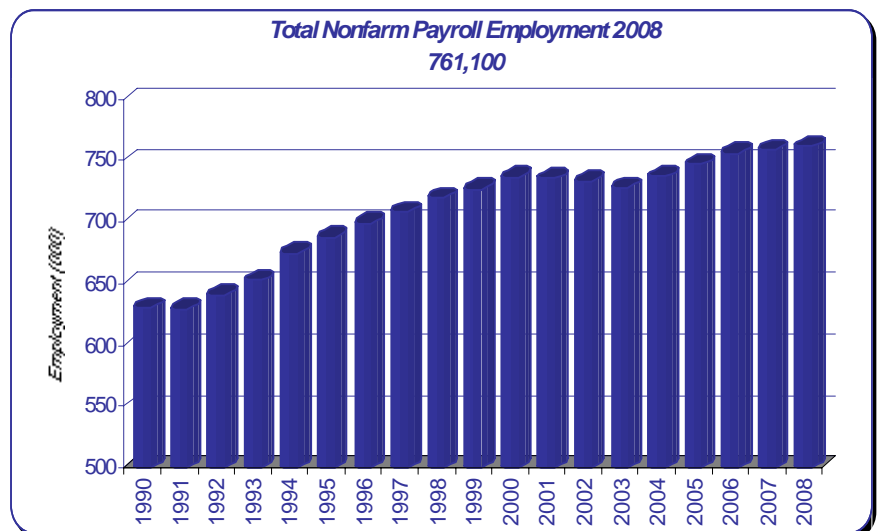
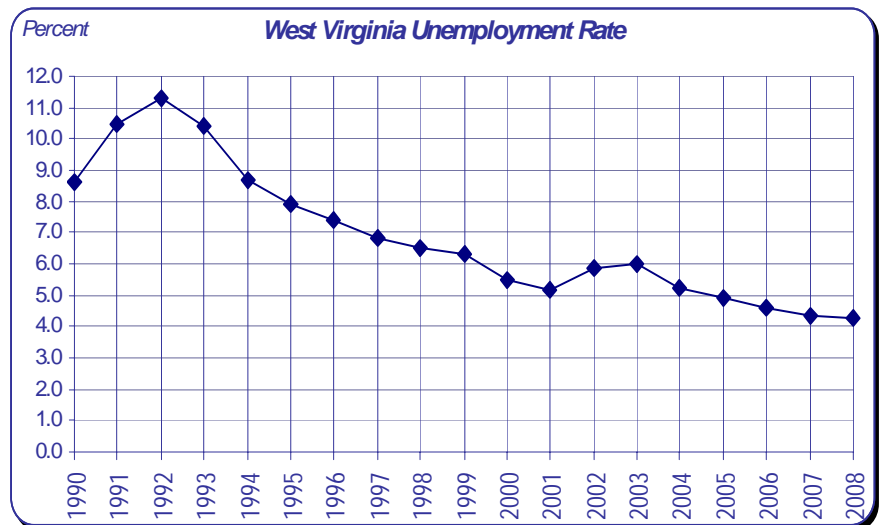
West Virginia 2008 Annual Averages

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

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

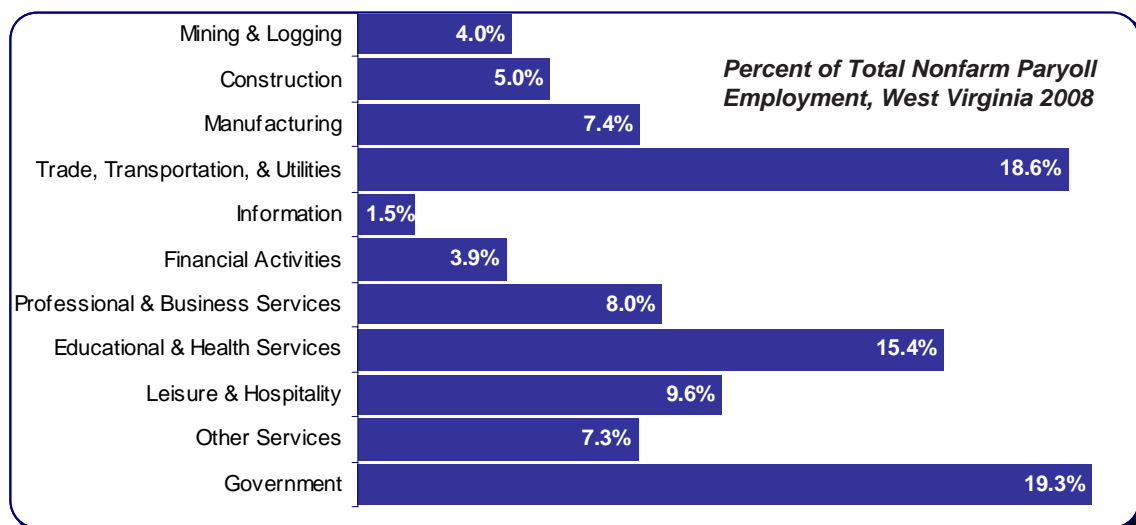
In the 1990's West Virginia's unemployment rate was consistently higher than that of the United States. However, by 2003 the rates were the same. The year 2004 saw a reversal with the state's rate falling below the national rate. By 2008, the gap had widened by 1.5%.

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



2008 Annual Average Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry*

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

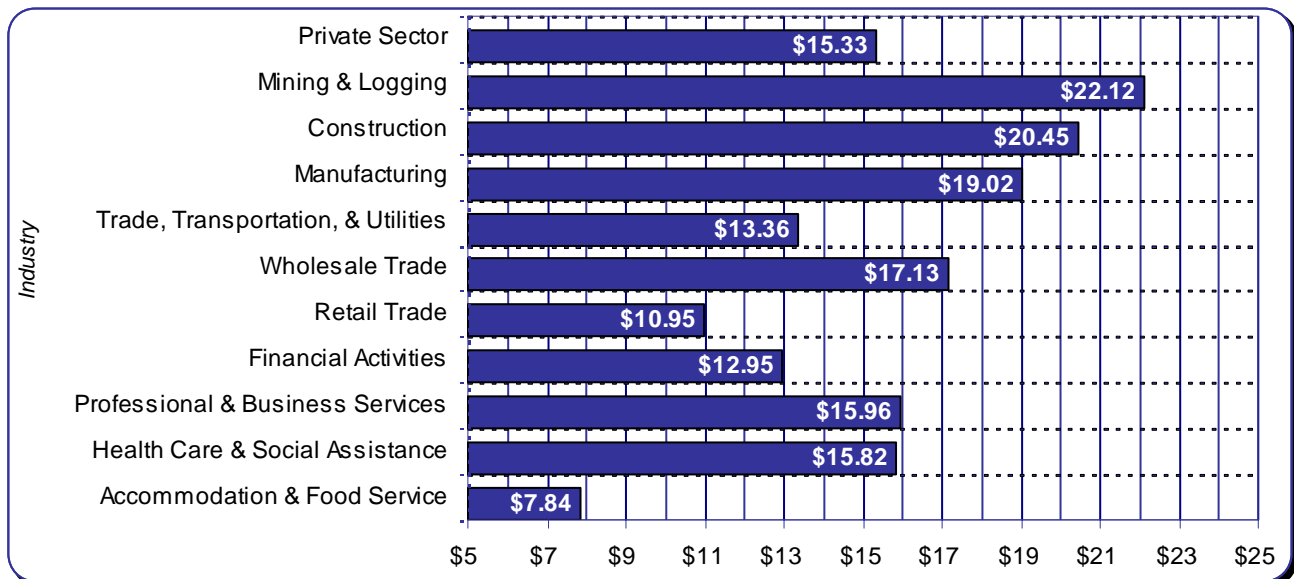


*In Thousands
Benchmark March 2008

2008 Annual Average Hours & Earnings

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

Average Hourly Earnings, Production and Nonsupervisory Workers - 2008



AT A GLANCE

Payroll Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 22,400 over the month of January 2009 to a level of 739,300. The goods-producing sector fell 4,700, with declines of 3,400 in construction, 800 in manufacturing, and 500 in mining and logging. The service-providing sector plunged 17,700, fueled by seasonal declines of 4,800 in trade, transportation, and utilities and 5,400 in government. Other declines included 2,300 in leisure and hospitality, 2,000 in professional and business services, 1,600 in education and health services, 700 in other services, 700 in financial activities, and 200 in information.

Since January 2008, the number of payroll jobs in West Virginia has fallen 7,400, with declines of 1,800 in the goods-producing sector and 5,600 in the service-providing sector. Over-the-year gains included 2,800 in mining and logging, 1,700 in educational and health services, and 700 in government. Employment declines included 3,600 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 3,400 in manufacturing, 2,100 in professional and business services, 1,200 in construction, 1,000 in financial activities, 600 in information, 400 in leisure and hospitality, and 300 in other services.

Unemployment

The number of unemployed state residents rose 14,500 to 49,200 in January 2009, with the corresponding unemployment rate jumping from 4.4 to 6.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment has risen 10,700 since January 2008, when the rate was 4.8 percent and 38,500 were jobless. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed eight-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent, while the national rate climbed four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.6 percent.

Hours and Earnings

Earnings for private sector production and nonsupervisory workers averaged \$15.44 in January, down 17 cents from the previous month. Hourly earnings were up 44 cents over the year. Average weekly earnings declined \$15.15 in January to \$524.96, but were up \$10.46 from the previous January. Average weekly hours were down over the month as well as over the year.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Avg. Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
PRIVATE SECTOR	\$524.96	\$540.11	\$514.50	34.0	34.6	34.3	\$15.44	\$15.61	\$15.00
Goods Producing	846.22	875.08	826.18	41.4	42.5	41.6	20.44	20.59	19.86
Mining and Logging	1,058.34	1,072.55	1,005.26	47.1	47.5	46.8	22.47	22.58	21.48
Construction	747.16	815.19	781.95	36.5	39.4	39.0	20.47	20.69	20.05
Manufacturing	781.72	793.90	775.31	41.1	41.5	41.0	19.02	19.13	18.91
Durable Goods	759.45	771.96	756.55	41.5	42.0	41.5	18.30	18.38	18.23
Nondurable Goods	814.85	831.08	810.42	40.2	40.6	40.1	20.27	20.47	20.21
Private Service-Providing	446.61	457.47	438.10	32.2	32.7	32.5	13.87	13.99	13.48
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	471.54	483.93	460.51	34.8	35.9	35.1	13.55	13.48	13.12
Wholesale Trade	681.69	700.95	661.25	39.2	40.1	40.1	17.39	17.48	16.49
Retail Trade	348.08	360.36	345.67	31.5	33.0	31.8	11.05	10.92	10.87
Financial Activities	447.22	440.55	427.99	33.6	33.4	33.7	13.31	13.19	12.70
Finance & Insurance	477.75	464.37	449.96	35.0	34.5	34.8	13.65	13.46	12.93
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	360.26	371.16	361.48	29.7	30.2	30.3	12.13	12.29	11.93
Professional & Business Services	551.09	578.44	537.28	34.4	35.4	34.2	16.02	16.34	15.71
Health Care									
Health Care & Social Assistance	530.92	537.18	523.02	33.1	33.2	33.7	16.04	16.18	15.52
Leisure & Hospitality									
Accommodation & Food Service	222.11	217.83	206.59	26.6	26.5	26.9	8.35	8.22	7.68

LABOR FORCE AND NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

	<i>Prelim. Jan 2009</i>	<i>Revised Dec 2008</i>	<i>Revised Jan 2008</i>	<i>Change From: Dec Jan 2008 2008</i>	
LABOR FORCE STATISTICS					
Civilian Labor Force	788.7	792.7	799.7	-4.0	-11.0
Total Employment	739.5	758.0	761.2	-18.5	-21.7
Total Unemployment	49.2	34.7	38.5	14.5	10.7
Unemployment Rate	6.2	4.4	4.8	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	739.3	761.7	746.7	-22.4	-7.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	595.3	612.3	603.4	-17.0	-8.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	119.1	123.8	120.9	-4.7	-1.8
Mining and Logging	31.5	32.0	28.7	-0.5	2.8
Construction	33.7	37.1	34.9	-3.4	-1.2
Manufacturing	53.9	54.7	57.3	-0.8	-3.4
Durable Goods	33.2	33.8	36.1	-0.6	-2.9
Nondurable Goods	20.7	20.9	21.2	-0.2	-0.5
SERVICE-PROVIDING	620.2	637.9	625.8	-17.7	-5.6
Private Service-Providing	476.2	488.5	482.5	-12.3	-6.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	138.1	142.9	141.7	-4.8	-3.6
Wholesale Trade	24.4	25.2	24.5	-0.8	-0.1
Retail Trade	87.1	90.4	90.4	-3.3	-3.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26.6	27.3	26.8	-0.7	-0.2
Information	10.7	10.9	11.3	-0.2	-0.6
Financial Activities	28.8	29.5	29.8	-0.7	-1.0
Finance and Insurance	21.6	22.0	22.4	-0.4	-0.8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	7.2	7.5	7.4	-0.3	-0.2
Professional and Business Services	58.1	60.1	60.2	-2.0	-2.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	24.2	24.6	25.1	-0.4	-0.9
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	0.1
Administrative and Support and Waste					
Management and Remediation	28.9	30.5	30.2	-1.6	-1.3
Educational and Health Services	116.6	118.2	114.9	-1.6	1.7
Educational Services	9.6	10.5	9.6	-0.9	0.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	107.0	107.7	105.3	-0.7	1.7
Leisure and Hospitality	68.9	71.2	69.3	-2.3	-0.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	7.7	8.0	8.0	-0.3	-0.3
Accommodation and Food Service	61.2	63.2	61.3	-2.0	-0.1
Other Services	55.0	55.7	55.3	-0.7	-0.3
Government	144.0	149.4	143.3	-5.4	0.7
Federal Government	23.2	23.2	22.5	0.0	0.7
State Government	43.9	48.4	44.0	-4.5	-0.1
Local Government	76.9	77.8	76.8	-0.9	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

March 2008 benchmark
Data in thousands

	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008	Aug 2008	Sept 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009
LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally adjusted													
Civilian Labor Force	808.3	808.1	807.8	808.0	807.3	806.4	804.8	804.2	804.8	804.4	804.3	805.5	799.1
Employment	775.2	774.4	773.6	772.9	772.3	771.7	771.2	770.7	770.4	770.0	769.8	769.6	756.8
Unemployment	33.1	33.7	34.2	35.1	35.1	34.7	33.6	33.4	34.5	34.4	34.6	35.9	42.2
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	5.3

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - Seasonally Adjusted													
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	761.6	763.3	760.7	761.1	762.2	758.4	762.9	763.1	763.7	762.9	759.2	757.4	755.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	615.9	617.2	614.7	614.9	614.6	613.5	616.0	616.0	616.1	615.1	611.7	610.2	608.7
GOODS-PRODUCING	125.4	125.4	124.7	125.5	125.4	125.2	126.2	126.9	127.2	126.2	124.9	124.6	123.8
Mining & Logging	29.0	29.3	29.6	29.9	30.5	30.7	31.0	31.5	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.9	31.8
Construction	38.6	38.7	38.1	38.5	38.1	37.9	38.9	39.3	39.7	38.7	38.0	37.9	37.7
Manufacturing	57.8	57.4	57.0	57.1	56.8	56.6	56.3	56.1	55.8	55.7	55.1	54.8	54.3
Nondurable Goods	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.0	20.9	20.8	21.1	21.0	21.0	20.9
SERVICE-PROVIDING	636.2	637.9	636.0	635.6	636.8	633.2	636.7	636.2	636.5	636.7	634.3	632.8	631.6
Private Service-Providing	490.5	491.8	490.0	489.4	489.2	488.3	489.8	489.1	488.9	488.9	486.8	485.6	484.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	143.1	143.4	142.9	142.4	141.9	142.1	142.5	142.2	142.0	141.3	140.1	139.9	140.1
Wholesale Trade	24.6	24.7	24.7	24.6	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	25.0	25.1	24.8
Retail Trade	91.4	91.4	91.1	90.4	89.9	90.0	90.1	89.9	89.7	89.1	87.9	87.5	88.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	27.1	27.3	27.1	27.4	27.2	27.3	27.6	27.5	27.5	27.4	27.2	27.3	27.0
Financial Activities	30.1	30.1	29.9	29.9	29.8	29.7	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.7	29.4	29.5	29.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4
Professional & Business Services	61.1	61.4	61.0	60.9	61.0	60.7	60.8	60.5	60.4	60.3	60.0	60.0	59.6
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	24.7	24.8	24.7	24.6	24.8	24.7	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.3
Administrative & Support & Waste Management	31.4	31.5	31.3	31.3	31.3	31.1	31.0	30.8	30.7	30.7	30.2	30.3	30.2
Educational & Health Service	116.2	116.5	116.2	116.2	116.4	116.8	117.1	117.2	117.4	117.8	117.7	117.1	117.5
Educational Services	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.0	10.2
Health Care & Social Assistance	105.9	105.9	105.9	105.9	106.0	106.3	106.6	106.8	106.9	107.4	107.4	107.1	107.3
Leisure & Hospitality	72.8	73.2	73.1	73.0	72.9	72.0	72.7	72.5	72.7	73.0	72.9	72.5	72.4
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.2
Accommodation & Food Service	63.6	64.0	64.1	63.9	64.0	63.3	63.9	63.6	63.8	63.6	63.6	63.4	63.2
Other Services	55.9	55.9	55.7	55.8	56.0	55.8	55.9	55.9	55.7	55.8	55.7	55.7	55.5
Government	145.7	146.1	146.0	146.2	147.6	144.9	146.9	147.1	147.6	147.8	147.5	147.2	146.7
Federal Government	22.6	22.7	22.7	22.8	22.9	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.1	23.3	23.0	23.1	23.4
State Government	46.1	46.3	46.1	46.3	47.5	44.3	46.7	46.5	47.0	46.8	46.8	46.9	46.5
Local Government	77.0	77.1	77.2	77.1	77.2	77.8	77.2	77.5	77.5	77.7	77.7	77.2	76.8

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Seasonally Adjusted													
Charleston	152.1	152.1	151.3	151.5	151.2	151.4	152.2	152.3	152.5	152.9	152.8	152.1	151.9
Huntington	120.5	119.8	119.6	118.9	119.3	118.7	119.4	119.9	119.6	119.7	119.2	118.6	118.1
Morgantown	61.7	62.1	62.3	62.2	63.0	62.4	62.7	62.5	63.4	64.4	63.7	63.0	62.8
Parkersburg	73.0	73.1	72.8	73.0	72.8	73.0	72.8	72.5	72.5	72.6	72.4	72.6	72.2
Wheeling	68.3	68.2	68.4	67.9	68.1	68.2	68.5	68.5	68.3	68.2	68.2	68.2	68.2

LABOR FORCE DATA BY STATES

State*	January 2009				December 2008			
	Civilian Labor Force	Unemp.	Rate	Rank	Civilian Labor Force	Unemp.	Rate	Rank
Alabama	2,147.4	167.8	7.8	19	2,160.2	141.2	6.5	24
Alaska	359.2	28.4	7.9	17	359.3	24.6	6.8	18
Arizona	3,157.2	220.7	7.0	26	3,179.3	209.4	6.6	20
Arkansas	1,370.0	88.0	6.4	34	1,373.5	77.7	5.7	33
California	18,531.1	1,863.2	10.1	4	18,557.2	1,605.8	8.7	4
Colorado	2,737.2	181.0	6.6	32	2,751.3	159.9	5.8	32
Connecticut	1,889.1	137.6	7.3	24	1,894.2	124.8	6.6	20
Delaware	439.9	29.6	6.7	31	445.5	25.6	5.7	33
District of Columbia	332.3	30.8	9.3	8	332.8	27.4	8.2	7
Florida	9,256.0	800.5	8.6	13	9,342.6	708.9	7.6	11
Georgia	4,819.6	412.8	8.6	13	4,880.6	365.9	7.5	14
Hawaii	648.7	39.6	6.1	37	657.6	33.4	5.1	38
Idaho	752.7	49.3	6.6	32	759.2	46.0	6.1	29
Illinois	6,601.4	518.6	7.9	17	6,658.3	480.5	7.2	16
Indiana	3,251.1	300.7	9.2	9	3,247.6	254.4	7.8	9
Iowa	1,672.7	80.6	4.8	46	1,676.5	73.7	4.4	45
Kansas	1,508.2	87.4	5.8	39	1,511.9	76.1	5.0	39
Kentucky	2,068.5	180.4	8.7	11	2,062.2	156.8	7.6	11
Louisiana	2,090.6	107.1	5.1	42	2,110.8	116.4	5.5	36
Maine	710.9	55.5	7.8	19	710.6	46.3	6.5	24
Maryland	2,979.8	185.3	6.2	36	3,012.8	161.6	5.4	37
Massachusetts	3,426.5	252.4	7.4	23	3,432.6	219.7	6.4	27
Michigan	4,864.4	565.0	11.6	1	4,884.7	496.2	10.2	1
Minnesota	2,941.3	222.2	7.6	22	2,950.9	194.6	6.6	20
Mississippi	1,321.6	114.4	8.7	11	1,321.4	103.6	7.8	9
Missouri	3,008.5	241.3	8.0	16	3,017.5	213.0	7.1	17
Montana	503.9	28.2	5.6	40	507.3	25.6	5.0	39
Nebraska	990.7	42.8	4.3	49	1,001.4	39.1	3.9	48
Nevada	1,403.2	132.4	9.4	7	1,406.8	118.1	8.4	5
New Hampshire	739.8	38.1	5.1	42	738.9	31.4	4.3	46
New Jersey	4,503.6	329.9	7.3	24	4,520.8	305.7	6.8	18
New Mexico	957.9	49.0	5.1	42	964.9	45.1	4.7	42
New York	9,688.9	675.2	7.0	26	9,733.7	637.9	6.6	20
North Carolina	4,552.1	443.1	9.7	6	4,577.3	369.7	8.1	8
North Dakota	371.5	15.6	4.2	50	372.1	12.3	3.3	50
Ohio	5,958.3	524.0	8.8	10	5,979.3	445.1	7.4	15
Oklahoma	1,759.8	87.7	5.0	45	1,767.8	80.6	4.6	43
Oregon	1,991.7	198.2	9.9	5	1,982.3	164.2	8.3	6
Pennsylvania	6,445.8	450.3	7.0	26	6,441.5	412.0	6.4	27
Rhode Island	562.7	57.8	10.3	3	565.3	53.2	9.4	2
South Carolina	2,188.4	228.0	10.4	2	2,193.2	193.1	8.8	3
South Dakota	445.3	19.7	4.4	48	446.7	16.4	3.7	49
Tennessee	3,035.2	261.8	8.6	13	3,046.1	231.3	7.6	11
Texas	11,816.9	756.1	6.4	34	11,856.7	658.7	5.6	35
Utah	1,391.0	64.3	4.6	47	1,400.1	57.3	4.1	47
Vermont	357.2	24.2	6.8	30	356.7	21.0	5.9	30
Virginia	4,146.2	246.9	6.0	38	4,183.3	207.3	5.0	39
Washington	3,526.8	275.0	7.8	19	3,525.5	230.1	6.5	24
West Virginia	799.1	42.2	5.3	41	805.5	35.9	4.5	44
Wisconsin	3,099.5	215.4	6.9	29	3,110.6	182.9	5.9	30
Wyoming	293.1	10.8	3.7	51	294.9	9.5	3.2	51
United States	153,716.0	11,616.0	7.6	xx	154,447.0	11,108.0	7.2	xx

Seasonally adjusted data. In thousands.

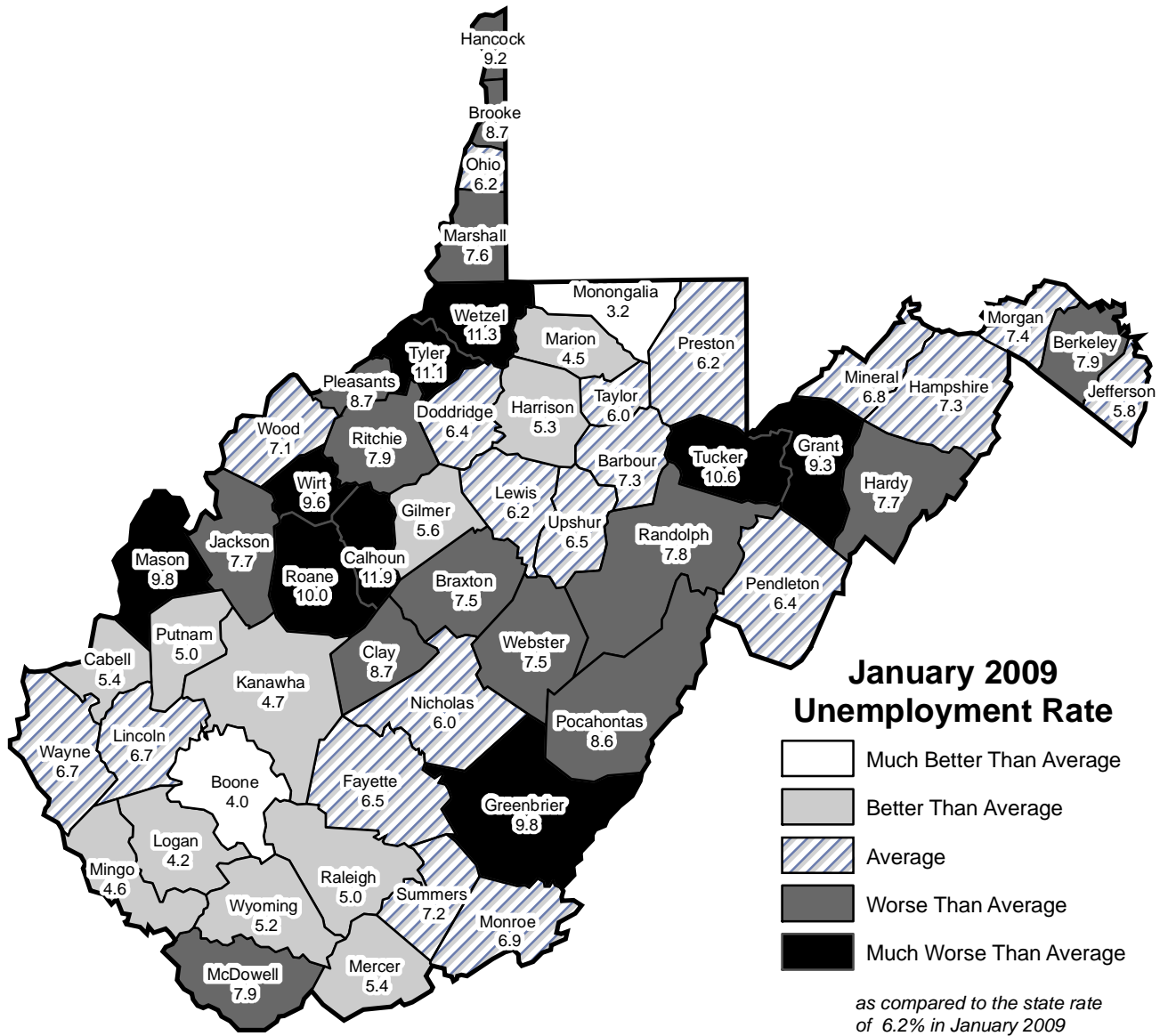
*Includes District of Columbia

West Virginia - Trends in the Labor Market

Trends in the Labor Market	<i>Jan 2009</i>	<i>Dec 2008</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	41.1	41.5	41.0
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	1,787	1,831	1,924
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	\$781.72	\$793.90	\$775.31
Coal Production (tons)	13,001	13,443	13,544
Unemployment Compensation Selected Claims Activities	<i>Jan 2009</i>	<i>Dec 2008</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
Initial Claims	14,793	13,878	11,461
Weeks Claimed	116,230	98,379	89,946
Benefits Paid	21,992,220	18,101,638	16,483,326
Weeks Compensated	91,366	76,455	69,853
Average Weekly Payment	241	237	236
Trust Fund Balance	213,900,756	232,319,248	232,343,734
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.0	3.0	2.7
Seasonally Adjusted	2.9	2.7	1.9

United States

	<i>Jan 2009</i>	<i>Dec 2008</i>	<i>Jan 2008</i>
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	8.5	7.1	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted	7.6	7.2	4.9
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	211.0	210.2	211.1
1967 Base	632.5	629.8	632.3
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	170.3	168.8	171.9
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	\$607.99	\$610.88	\$593.07
Average Weekly Hours	32.9	33.2	33.3
Average Hourly Earnings	\$18.48	\$18.40	\$17.81



The state unemployment rate jumped from 4.4 to 6.2 percent in January 2009. All of the 55 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 slightly in January. This group included Grant (9.3), Wirt (9.6), Mason (9.8), Greenbrier (9.8), Roane (10.0), Tucker (10.6), Tyler (11.1), Wetzel (11.3), and Calhoun (11.9).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average doubled in January. This group included Gilmer (5.6), Cabell (5.4), Mercer (5.4), Harrison (5.3), Wyoming (5.2), Putnam (5.0), Raleigh (5.0), Kanawha (4.7), Mingo (4.6), Marion (4.5), and Logan (4.2). Once again, two counties, Boone (4.0) and Monongalia (3.2), 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		
	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Barbour	6,360	6,740	6,400	5,900	6,400	6,030	470	330	370	7.3	4.9	5.8
Berkeley	44,500	44,680	45,530	40,970	42,120	43,460	3,530	2,560	2,070	7.9	5.7	4.6
Boone	9,060	9,110	9,350	8,700	8,860	8,950	360	260	410	4.0	2.8	4.3
Braxton	5,780	5,780	5,870	5,340	5,470	5,480	440	310	390	7.5	5.3	6.7
Brooke	10,890	10,820	10,940	9,940	10,100	10,210	950	710	730	8.7	6.6	6.7
Cabell	43,850	44,210	45,150	41,500	42,600	43,340	2,350	1,620	1,810	5.4	3.7	4.0
Calhoun	2,790	2,770	2,820	2,460	2,550	2,530	330	220	290	11.9	7.8	10.2
Clay	3,440	3,420	3,490	3,140	3,200	3,230	300	220	260	8.7	6.3	7.4
Doddridge	2,760	2,740	2,840	2,580	2,640	2,660	180	100	180	6.4	3.8	6.4
Fayette	17,200	17,540	17,320	16,070	16,720	16,330	1,130	820	990	6.5	4.6	5.7
Gilmer	2,960	2,950	3,080	2,790	2,840	2,970	170	120	120	5.6	3.9	3.8
Grant	5,100	5,180	5,190	4,630	4,840	4,880	480	340	320	9.3	6.6	6.1
Greenbrier	14,660	14,660	15,270	13,230	13,840	14,040	1,440	820	1,220	9.8	5.6	8.0
Hampshire	9,140	9,140	9,630	8,470	8,680	9,120	670	460	500	7.3	5.1	5.2
Hancock	14,450	14,340	14,400	13,120	13,330	13,470	1,330	1,010	930	9.2	7.0	6.4
Hardy	6,610	6,580	7,080	6,100	6,220	6,700	510	360	380	7.7	5.5	5.3
Harrison	29,920	30,080	30,490	28,320	28,950	29,200	1,600	1,130	1,290	5.3	3.7	4.2
Jackson	11,860	11,680	11,890	10,940	11,080	11,170	920	610	720	7.7	5.2	6.0
Jefferson	23,800	24,080	24,590	22,410	23,010	23,810	1,390	1,070	770	5.8	4.5	3.1
Kanawha	89,530	89,840	91,190	85,320	86,880	87,750	4,210	2,960	3,440	4.7	3.3	3.8
Lewis	7,220	7,220	7,170	6,770	6,910	6,810	450	310	360	6.2	4.3	5.0
Lincoln	7,850	7,810	7,930	7,320	7,460	7,530	530	350	400	6.7	4.5	5.1
Logan	13,130	13,100	12,700	12,580	12,660	12,100	550	440	600	4.2	3.3	4.7
McDowell	7,380	7,180	7,060	6,800	6,820	6,580	590	370	480	7.9	5.1	6.8
Marion	25,210	25,760	25,540	24,070	24,960	24,500	1,140	810	1,040	4.5	3.1	4.1
Marshall	14,570	14,670	14,800	13,460	13,870	13,950	1,110	800	850	7.6	5.5	5.8
Mason	9,910	9,730	10,160	8,940	9,030	9,270	970	710	900	9.8	7.2	8.8
Mercer	24,750	24,680	25,310	23,420	23,760	24,150	1,330	930	1,160	5.4	3.7	4.6
Mineral	13,150	13,200	13,370	12,250	12,530	12,610	900	680	760	6.8	5.1	5.7
Mingo	8,900	8,940	8,780	8,490	8,630	8,370	410	310	410	4.6	3.4	4.6
Monongalia	46,140	47,790	46,300	44,690	46,760	45,050	1,460	1,030	1,240	3.2	2.2	2.7
Monroe	5,770	5,780	5,850	5,370	5,510	5,530	400	260	320	6.9	4.6	5.5
Morgan	6,770	6,830	7,020	6,270	6,450	6,650	500	380	370	7.4	5.6	5.2
Nicholas	10,580	10,470	10,430	9,940	10,020	9,870	640	450	570	6.0	4.3	5.4
Ohio	20,570	20,820	20,840	19,300	19,900	20,010	1,270	920	830	6.2	4.4	4.0
Pendleton	3,560	3,590	3,690	3,330	3,420	3,530	230	170	170	6.4	4.7	4.5
Pleasants	3,090	3,090	3,140	2,820	2,910	2,890	270	170	250	8.7	5.6	7.9
Pocahontas	3,830	3,820	3,990	3,500	3,560	3,740	330	250	250	8.6	6.6	6.3
Preston	14,750	15,120	14,630	13,830	14,470	13,950	920	650	680	6.2	4.3	4.7
Putnam	26,890	26,920	27,170	25,540	26,000	26,260	1,360	920	900	5.0	3.4	3.3
Raleigh	32,280	31,860	31,990	30,650	30,720	30,620	1,630	1,140	1,370	5.0	3.6	4.3
Randolph	12,440	12,470	12,860	11,470	11,700	12,220	970	760	640	7.8	6.1	5.0
Ritchie	4,480	4,370	4,510	4,130	4,150	4,200	350	220	310	7.9	5.1	7.0
Roane	5,530	5,450	5,580	4,980	5,060	5,130	550	390	450	10.0	7.1	8.0
Summers	4,510	4,510	4,550	4,180	4,280	4,260	330	230	290	7.2	5.1	6.3
Taylor	6,760	6,800	6,860	6,350	6,500	6,550	400	300	310	6.0	4.5	4.5
Tucker	2,980	2,860	3,130	2,670	2,630	2,920	320	230	210	10.6	8.0	6.8
Tyler	3,570	3,490	3,650	3,170	3,270	3,360	400	220	290	11.1	6.3	8.0
Upshur	10,460	10,690	10,550	9,780	10,200	10,090	680	490	470	6.5	4.6	4.4
Wayne	17,180	17,260	17,680	16,030	16,460	16,740	1,140	810	940	6.7	4.7	5.3
Webster	3,210	3,180	3,200	2,970	3,020	2,990	240	160	220	7.5	4.9	6.7
Wetzel	6,190	6,200	6,340	5,490	5,720	5,750	700	480	580	11.3	7.7	9.2
Wirt	2,450	2,420	2,450	2,220	2,290	2,270	230	140	180	9.6	5.7	7.2
Wood	39,930	40,240	40,190	37,110	38,310	38,050	2,820	1,940	2,140	7.1	4.8	5.3
Wyoming	8,070	8,050	7,810	7,650	7,740	7,390	420	310	420	5.2	3.9	5.4
Statewide	788,700	792,700	799,700	739,500	758,000	761,200	49,200	34,700	38,500	6.2	4.4	4.8

March 2008 benchmark

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by County

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods-Producing			Service-Providing		
	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan	Dec	Jan	Jan	Dec	Jan
	2009	2008	2008	2009	2008	2008	2009	2008	2008
Barbour	3,700	4,080	3,650	570	610	510	3,130	3,480	3,140
Berkeley	29,410	29,770	30,270	3,070	3,280	3,590	26,340	26,490	26,680
Boone	9,430	9,460	8,820	4,340	4,330	3,980	5,090	5,130	4,840
Braxton	4,360	4,480	4,340	720	800	770	3,640	3,680	3,570
Brooke	9,150	9,540	9,050	2,250	2,310	2,350	6,900	7,230	6,700
Cabell	55,290	56,620	55,270	7,620	7,960	7,420	47,670	48,660	47,840
Calhoun	1,550	1,620	1,530	340	390	380	1,220	1,230	1,160
Clay	2,170	2,160	2,170	510	510	590	1,660	1,660	1,580
Doddridge	1,350	1,350	1,320	180	190	190	1,160	1,160	1,130
Fayette	12,810	13,570	12,560	1,990	2,020	1,830	10,820	11,550	10,730
Gilmer	2,290	2,310	2,360	490	500	520	1,790	1,810	1,840
Grant	4,130	4,350	4,160	1,190	1,380	1,200	2,950	2,970	2,970
Greenbrier	13,470	14,090	13,770	1,510	1,690	1,700	11,960	12,400	12,080
Hampshire	4,260	4,340	4,270	420	450	500	3,840	3,890	3,760
Hancock	11,900	12,410	12,500	3,060	3,120	3,300	8,830	9,300	9,200
Hardy	6,160	6,210	6,570	3,200	3,240	3,540	2,960	2,970	3,030
Harrison	34,230	34,930	34,190	4,360	4,560	4,340	29,870	30,370	29,850
Jackson	9,070	9,150	8,970	2,690	2,700	2,700	6,380	6,440	6,270
Jefferson	14,350	14,770	14,920	1,460	1,530	1,780	12,890	13,250	13,140
Kanawha	112,710	115,340	114,320	11,620	12,070	11,740	101,090	103,270	102,580
Lewis	6,320	6,410	6,120	1,090	1,170	980	5,220	5,240	5,140
Lincoln	3,540	3,590	3,500	810	820	770	2,730	2,770	2,730
Logan	12,750	12,810	11,750	2,860	2,900	2,330	9,880	9,910	9,420
McDowell	6,850	6,870	6,370	1,830	1,850	1,480	5,030	5,020	4,890
Marion	21,760	22,630	21,570	4,040	4,100	4,190	17,710	18,530	17,380
Marshall	11,410	11,470	11,350	3,050	3,060	3,000	8,370	8,410	8,350
Mason	7,090	7,090	6,960	850	850	840	6,240	6,250	6,120
Mercer	23,890	24,170	24,000	2,270	2,380	2,300	21,620	21,790	21,710
Mineral	8,170	8,310	7,870	2,290	2,250	2,170	5,880	6,050	5,700
Mingo	9,580	9,720	9,130	3,870	3,920	3,650	5,710	5,800	5,480
Monongalia	53,420	56,210	51,990	6,190	6,360	5,840	47,220	49,860	46,140
Monroe	2,540	2,530	2,470	610	620	630	1,930	1,920	1,840
Morgan	3,120	3,170	3,140	450	450	480	2,670	2,720	2,650
Nicholas	9,470	9,480	9,060	2,260	2,240	2,030	7,210	7,240	7,030
Ohio	31,180	32,560	31,400	2,370	2,510	2,360	28,810	30,050	29,040
Pendleton	1,880	1,900	1,900	180	180	190	1,700	1,720	1,710
Pleasants	3,170	3,200	3,330	840	850	1,000	2,340	2,360	2,340
Pocahontas	3,870	3,890	3,990	480	510	510	3,390	3,380	3,480
Preston	7,650	7,950	7,710	1,730	1,890	1,750	5,920	6,070	5,960
Putnam	21,460	21,700	20,640	5,630	5,770	5,120	15,830	15,930	15,530
Raleigh	33,700	33,700	32,690	4,530	4,750	4,250	29,170	28,950	28,440
Randolph	12,320	12,560	12,750	2,160	2,200	2,530	10,170	10,360	10,220
Ritchie	3,440	3,420	3,380	1,470	1,480	1,450	1,970	1,940	1,930
Roane	3,500	3,550	3,490	710	750	710	2,790	2,810	2,780
Summers	2,630	2,680	2,580	140	150	120	2,490	2,540	2,460
Taylor	3,130	3,180	3,130	330	350	390	2,790	2,830	2,740
Tucker	2,850	2,780	3,030	380	410	420	2,470	2,370	2,610
Tyler	2,610	2,660	2,700	760	760	760	1,850	1,900	1,940
Upshur	8,940	9,330	8,870	2,260	2,350	2,380	6,680	6,980	6,490
Wayne	10,400	10,450	10,190	1,950	1,940	1,850	8,450	8,510	8,340
Webster	2,550	2,550	2,420	750	750	680	1,800	1,800	1,750
Wetzel	4,970	5,210	5,070	430	590	480	4,540	4,620	4,590
Wirt	920	920	850	210	210	190	710	720	670
Wood	41,590	42,680	41,340	6,240	6,370	5,920	35,350	36,310	35,420
Wyoming	5,900	5,960	5,440	1,780	1,770	1,310	4,120	4,190	4,130
Statewide	739,300	761,700	746,700	119,100	123,800	120,900	620,200	637,900	625,800

March 2008 benchmark

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
Labor Force Participation Rate 2004:	56.1%
Per capita Personal Income 2005:	\$30,703
Poverty Rate:	15.6%

Labor Force:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Civilian Labor Force	136.8	137.1	139.1
Total Employment	130.0	132.4	133.7
Total Unemployment	6.7	4.7	5.4
Unemployment Rate	4.9	3.4	3.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Total Nonfarm	149.4	152.3	149.6
Total Private	121.9	124.6	122.3
Goods Producing	22.9	23.5	22.3
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	16.9	17.4	16.0
Manufacturing	6.0	6.1	6.3
Durable Goods	3.1	3.2	3.3
Nondurable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.0
Service-Providing	126.5	128.8	127.3
Private Service-Providing	99.0	101.1	100.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	27.9	29.0	28.6
Wholesale Trade	5.7	5.8	5.9
Retail Trade	15.5	16.4	16.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6.7	6.8	6.5
Information	2.7	2.7	2.9
Financial Activities	8.0	8.1	8.1
Professional & Business Services	14.4	14.8	15.1
Educational & Health Service	22.6	22.6	22.0
Leisure & Hospitality	11.7	12.2	11.7
Other Services	11.7	11.7	11.6
Government	27.5	27.7	27.3
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.7
State Government	11.6	11.8	11.5
Local Government	13.2	13.2	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
Labor Force Participation Rate 2004:	56.4%
Per capita Personal Income 2005:	\$25,701

Labor Force:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Civilian Labor Force	130.8	132.2	131.8
Total Employment	121.7	124.9	125.3
Total Unemployment	9.1	7.3	6.5
Unemployment Rate	6.9	5.5	4.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Total Nonfarm	116.8	120.1	118.7
Total Private	96.3	99.2	98.5
Goods Producing	16.4	16.9	16.7
Manufacturing	8.9	9.0	9.9
Service-Providing	100.4	103.2	102.0
Private Service-Providing	79.9	82.3	81.8
Retail Trade	15.2	16.0	16.1
Professional & Business Services	9.9	10.2	10.8
Educational & Health Service	24.1	24.2	23.1
Leisure & Hospitality	10.2	10.8	10.6
Government	20.5	20.9	20.2
Federal Government	3.1	3.1	2.9
State Government	5.7	6.0	5.7
Local Government	11.7	11.8	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
 Total Population July 1, 2007: 117,770
 Population 16 years and Over
 (based on 2000 census): 92,050
 Labor Force Participation Rate 2004: 61.8%
 Per capita Personal Income 2005: \$28,058

Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Civilian Labor Force	60.9	62.9	60.9
Total Employment	58.5	61.2	59.0
Total Unemployment	2.4	1.7	1.9
Unemployment Rate	3.9	2.7	3.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Total Nonfarm	61.1	64.1	59.8
Total Private	45.1	46.3	44.0
Goods Producing	7.9	8.2	7.6
Manufacturing	4.0	4.1	4.1
Service-Providing	53.2	55.9	52.2
Private Service-Providing	37.2	38.1	36.4
Retail Trade	6.5	6.9	6.8
Professional & Business Services	4.5	4.6	4.5
Educational & Health Service	12.6	12.7	12.0
Leisure & Hospitality	6.5	6.7	5.7
Government	16.0	17.8	15.8
Federal Government	1.9	1.8	1.9
State Government	9.9	11.7	9.8
Local Government	4.2	4.3	4.1
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
 Labor Force Participation Rate 2004: 62.0%
 Per capita Personal Income 2005: \$26,811

Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Civilian Labor Force	78.7	79.1	78.1
Total Employment	72.3	74.7	73.6
Total Unemployment	6.4	4.3	4.5
Unemployment Rate	8.2	5.5	5.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Total Nonfarm	71.1	73.5	70.9
Total Private	60.1	62.2	60.3
Goods Producing	13.2	13.8	13.0
Manufacturing	8.2	8.3	8.2
Service-Providing	57.9	59.7	57.9
Private Service-Providing	46.9	48.4	47.3
Educational and Health Service	12.7	12.7	12.1
Government	11.0	11.3	10.6
Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5
State Government	1.5	1.7	1.4
Local Government	7.0	7.1	6.7
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
 Labor Force Participation Rate 2004: 56.0%
 Per capita Personal Income 2005: \$27,565

Labor Force Data:

<i>In thousands, not seasonally adjusted</i>	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Civilian Labor Force	68.2	68.9	68.4
Total Employment	62.8	64.8	64.6
Total Unemployment	5.4	4.1	3.8
Unemployment Rate	8.0	5.9	5.5

Nonfarm Payroll Employment:

<i>*In Thousands</i>	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Total Nonfarm	66.6	68.8	67.2
Total Private	56.5	58.2	57.1
Goods Producing	8.9	9.2	8.6
Manufacturing	4.0	4.0	4.2
Service-Providing	57.7	59.6	58.6
Private Service-Providing	47.6	49.0	48.5
Educational & Health Service	13.2	13.3	13.0
Government	10.1	10.6	10.1
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	2.2	2.4	2.0
Local Government	7.2	7.5	7.4
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Statistical Areas

Micropolitan Statistical Areas	<i>Prelim Jan 2009</i>	<i>Rev Dec 2008</i>	<i>Rev Jan 2008</i>
Beckley-Oak Hill CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	49.5	49.4	49.3
Total Employment	46.7	47.4	47.0
Total Unemployment	2.8	2.0	2.4
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.0	4.8
Beckley MCSA <i>Raleigh County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	32.3	31.9	32.0
Total Employment	30.6	30.7	30.6
Total Unemployment	1.6	1.1	1.4
Unemployment Rate	5.0	3.6	4.3
Oak Hill MCSA <i>Fayette County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	17.2	17.5	17.3
Total Employment	16.1	16.7	16.3
Total Unemployment	1.1	0.8	1.0
Unemployment Rate	6.5	4.6	5.7
Bluefield MCSA <i>Mercer County, WV and Tazewell County, VA</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	45.7	45.6	46.2
Total Employment	43.2	43.7	44.1
Total Unemployment	2.6	1.8	2.1
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.1	4.5
Fairmont-Clarksburg CSA			
Civilian Labor Force	64.6	65.4	65.7
Total Employment	61.3	63.0	62.9
Total Unemployment	3.3	2.3	2.8
Unemployment Rate	5.1	3.6	4.3
Fairmont MCSA <i>Marion County, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	25.2	25.8	25.5
Total Employment	24.1	25.0	24.5
Total Unemployment	1.1	0.8	1.0
Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.1	4.1
Clarksburg MCSA <i>Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties, WV</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	39.4	39.6	40.2
Total Employment	37.3	38.1	38.4
Total Unemployment	2.2	1.5	1.8
Unemployment Rate	5.5	3.9	4.4
Point Pleasant MCSA <i>Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH</i>			
Civilian Labor Force	23.9	23.6	24.2
Total Employment	21.7	22.0	22.3
Total Unemployment	2.2	1.7	1.9
Unemployment Rate	9.2	7.0	7.9

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 2008 benchmark.

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

Metropolitan Statistical Areas that include West Virginia Counties	<i>Prelim Jan 2009</i>	<i>Rev Dec 2008</i>	<i>Rev Jan 2008</i>
Steubenville-Weirton MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	58.0	57.8	57.2
Total Employment	52.3	53.3	53.3
Total Unemployment	5.7	4.4	3.9
Unemployment Rate	9.9	7.7	6.8
Cumberland MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	48.8	48.5	48.7
Total Employment	44.7	45.4	45.8
Total Unemployment	4.2	3.1	2.9
Unemployment Rate	8.5	6.5	5.9
Washington DC-Alexandria-Arlington			
Civilian Labor Force	3,002.5	3,010.6	2,998.8
Total Employment	2,836.1	2,869.9	2,897.7
Total Unemployment	166.4	140.7	101.2
Unemployment Rate	5.5	4.7	3.4
Hagerstown-Martinsburg MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	119.1	119.3	120.8
Total Employment	108.8	111.3	115.2
Total Unemployment	10.3	8.0	5.7
Unemployment Rate	8.6	6.7	4.7
Winchester MSA			
Civilian Labor Force	63.8	64.2	64.8
Total Employment	58.9	60.1	62.3
Total Unemployment	4.9	4.1	2.5
Unemployment Rate	7.7	6.3	3.9

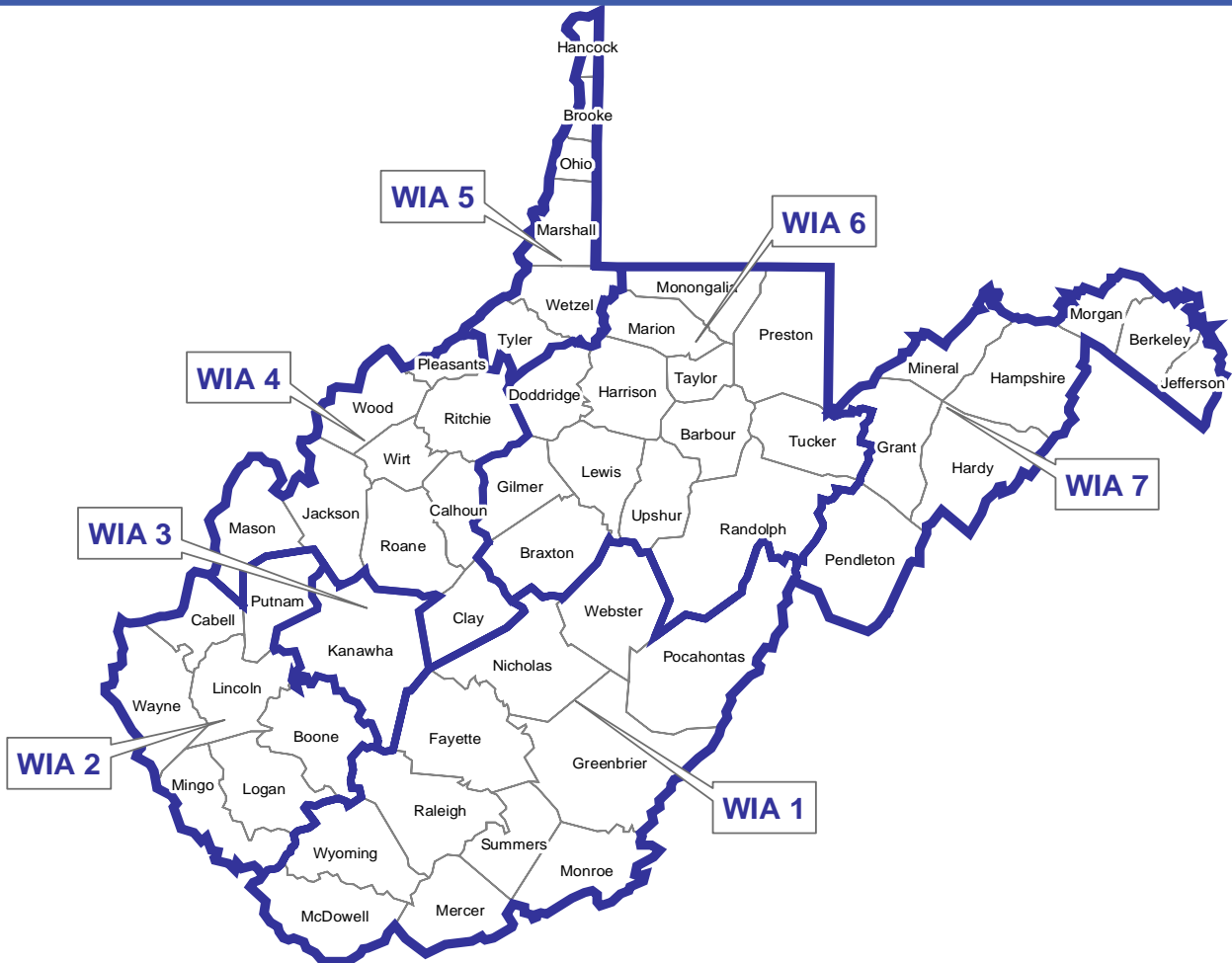
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Includes Mineral County, WV and Allegany County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.

Includes Washington, DC, portions of Virginia and Maryland, and Jefferson County, WV. Data courtesy of District of Columbia Department of Employment Services.

Includes Morgan and Berkeley Counties, WV and Washington County, MD. Data courtesy of Maryland Department of Economic & Employment Development.

Includes Hampshire County, WV and Frederick County and Winchester City, VA. Data courtesy of Virginia Employment Commission.



Workforce Investment Area 1

January 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,800
- Goods-producing sector down 600
- Service-providing sector down 1,300
- Unemployment rate up two percentage points to 6.4 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 2,300
- Goods-producing sector up 1,300
- Service-providing sector up 1,000
- Unemployment rate up nine-tenths of a percentage point from 5.5 percent

Labor Force Data

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Civilian Labor Force	132.2	131.7	132.8
Employment	123.8	126.0	125.5
Unemployment	8.5	5.7	7.3
Unemployment Rate	6.4	4.4	5.5

Nonfarm Payroll Employment

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Total Nonfarm Payroll	117.7	119.5	115.4
Total Private	94.1	95.1	91.6
Goods-Producing	18.1	18.7	16.8
Mining & Logging	8.1	8.1	6.6
Construction	4.1	4.6	4.2
Manufacturing	6.0	6.1	6.0
Service-Providing	99.5	100.8	98.5
Private Service-Providing	75.9	76.4	74.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.4	23.7	23.3
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.6	3.4
Retail Trade	16.0	16.3	16.3
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.8	3.8	3.6
Information	1.3	1.3	1.4
Financial Activities	3.9	3.9	4.0
Professional & Business Services	6.8	7.0	6.6
Educational & Health Services	17.5	17.5	17.1
Leisure & Hospitality	12.8	12.8	12.4
Other Services	10.2	10.2	9.9
Government	23.6	24.4	23.8
Federal	3.0	3.0	3.0
State	5.7	6.1	5.8
Local	15.0	15.2	15.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

In thousands, not seasonally adjusted. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Workforce Investment Area 2

January 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,900
- Goods-producing sector down 500
- Service-providing sector down 1,300
- Unemployment rate up one and six-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 3,100
- Goods-producing sector up 2,000
- Service-providing sector up 1,200
- Total unemployment up 1,200
- Unemployment rate up one and one-tenth of a percentage point from 4.2 percent

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	126.9	127.4	128.8
Employment	120.2	122.7	123.3
Unemployment	6.7	4.7	5.5
Unemployment Rate	5.3	3.7	4.2
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	122.4	124.3	119.3
Total Private	101.8	103.4	99.3
Goods-Producing	27.1	27.6	25.1
Mining & Logging	10.0	10.1	9.0
Construction	8.1	8.6	7.0
Manufacturing	8.9	9.0	9.2
Service-Providing	95.4	96.7	94.2
Private Service-Providing	74.7	75.7	74.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23.9	24.3	24.3
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7	4.5
Retail Trade	13.7	14.0	14.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.6	5.6	5.7
Information	1.6	1.5	1.6
Financial Activities	3.8	3.9	3.8
Professional & Business Services	10.3	10.6	10.6
Educational & Health Services	17.6	17.6	16.8
Leisure & Hospitality	9.8	10.1	9.5
Other Services	7.7	7.7	7.5
Government	20.6	21.0	20.0
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.7
State	5.8	6.0	5.6
Local	12.0	12.0	11.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 3

January 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 2,600
- Goods-producing sector down 500
- Service-providing sector down 2,200
- Unemployment rate up one and four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.7 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,600
- Goods-producing sector down 100
- Service-providing sector down 1,500
- Unemployment rate up nine-tenths of a percentage point from 3.8 percent

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	89.5	89.8	91.2
Employment	85.3	86.9	87.8
Unemployment	4.2	3.0	3.4
Unemployment Rate	4.7	3.3	3.8
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	112.7	115.3	114.3
Total Private	90.8	93.3	92.6
Goods-Producing	11.6	12.1	11.7
Mining & Logging	3.2	3.3	3.0
Construction	4.7	5.0	4.8
Manufacturing	3.8	3.8	3.9
Service-Providing	101.1	103.3	102.6
Private Service-Providing	79.2	81.2	80.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20.2	21.1	21.0
Wholesale Trade	3.9	4.0	4.1
Retail Trade	12.0	12.8	12.8
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	4.2	4.3	4.0
Information	2.2	2.3	2.3
Financial Activities	6.8	6.9	6.9
Professional & Business Services	11.7	12.1	12.6
Educational & Health Services	19.6	19.6	19.2
Leisure & Hospitality	9.5	10.0	9.6
Other Services	9.2	9.2	9.2
Government	21.9	22.1	21.7
Federal	2.4	2.3	2.4
State	11.0	11.2	10.8
Local	8.5	8.6	8.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 4

January 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,300
- Goods-producing sector down 200
- Service-providing sector down 1,100
- Unemployment rate up two and six-tenths of a percentage point to 8.1 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 500
- Goods-producing sector up 100
- Service-providing sector up 400
- Unemployment rate up one and six-tenths of a percentage point from 6.5 percent

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	83.5	83.2	84.2
Employment	76.7	78.6	78.7
Unemployment	6.8	4.6	5.5
Unemployment Rate	8.1	5.5	6.5
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	72.5	73.8	72.0
Total Private	59.5	60.5	59.4
Goods-Producing	13.9	14.1	13.8
Mining & Logging	1.9	1.9	1.8
Construction	3.8	4.0	3.6
Manufacturing	8.2	8.2	8.4
Service-Providing	58.6	59.7	58.2
Private Service-Providing	45.6	46.4	45.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	15.1	15.7	15.4
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.6	1.7
Retail Trade	10.0	10.6	10.4
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	3.4	3.5	3.3
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1
Financial Activities	3.1	3.1	3.1
Professional & Business Services	3.6	3.7	3.9
Educational & Health Services	10.8	10.8	10.5
Leisure & Hospitality	6.7	6.7	6.2
Other Services	5.3	5.4	5.4
Government	13.0	13.3	12.7
Federal	2.5	2.6	2.6
State	2.2	2.5	2.2
Local	8.3	8.3	7.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 5

January 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 2,700
- Goods-producing sector down 500
- Service-providing sector down 2,200
- Unemployment rate up two and three-tenths of a percentage point to 8.2 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 900
- Goods-producing sector down 300
- Service-providing sector down 500
- Unemployment rate up two and three-tenths of a percentage point from 5.9 percent

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force	70.2	70.3	71.0
Employment	64.5	66.2	66.8
Unemployment	5.8	4.1	4.2
Unemployment Rate	8.2	5.9	5.9
Nonfarm Payroll Employment			
Total Nonfarm Payroll	71.2	73.9	72.1
Total Private	61.1	63.2	62.0
Goods-Producing	11.9	12.4	12.2
Mining & Logging	1.4	1.4	1.3
Construction	2.0	2.4	2.0
Manufacturing	8.5	8.6	9.0
Service-Providing	59.3	61.5	59.8
Private Service-Providing	49.2	50.8	49.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	11.3	11.9	11.7
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.6	2.3
Retail Trade	7.2	7.5	7.7
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	1.8	1.8	1.7
Information	0.6	0.6	0.6
Financial Activities	2.7	2.8	2.8
Professional & Business Services	5.6	5.7	5.8
Educational & Health Services	13.0	13.4	12.6
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	9.5	9.5
Other Services	6.8	6.9	6.7
Government	10.1	10.7	10.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	1.7	2.0	1.6
Local	7.7	7.9	7.8
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Workforce Investment Area 6

January 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 5,900
- Goods-producing sector down 1,000
- Service-providing sector down 4,900
- Unemployment rate up one and six-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment up 1,300
- Goods-producing sector down 300
- Service-providing sector up 1,600
- Unemployment rate up one and one-tenth of a percentage point from 4.2 percent

Labor Force Data

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Civilian Labor Force	173.7	177.0	175.7
Employment	164.6	170.4	168.4
Unemployment	9.2	6.6	7.3
Unemployment Rate	5.3	3.7	4.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	162.3	168.2	161.0
Total Private	124.2	127.4	123.3
Goods-Producing	24.5	25.5	24.8
Mining & Logging	6.0	6.1	5.7
Construction	7.4	8.2	7.3
Manufacturing	11.2	11.2	11.8
Service-Providing	137.8	142.7	136.2
Private Service-Providing	99.7	101.9	98.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	28.1	29.1	28.7
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.8
Retail Trade	18.9	19.8	19.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	5.3	5.4	5.3
Information	1.9	1.9	2.0
Financial Activities	4.8	4.8	4.9
Professional & Business Services	11.3	11.5	11.4
Educational & Health Services	27.6	28.1	26.7
Leisure & Hospitality	15.4	15.7	14.1
Other Services	10.7	10.9	10.8
Government	38.1	40.8	37.7
Federal	6.9	6.9	6.7
State	15.1	17.4	15.0
Local	16.1	16.5	16.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

Workforce Investment Area 7

January 2009

Over the Month:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,300
- Goods-producing sector down 500
- Service-providing sector down 900
- Unemployment rate up two percentage points to 7.3 percent

Over the Year:

- Total nonfarm payroll employment down 1,600
- Goods-producing sector down 1,100
- Service-providing sector down 400
- Unemployment rate up two and seven-tenths of a percentage point from 4.6 percent

Labor Force Data

	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2008
Civilian Labor Force	112.6	113.3	116.1
Employment	104.4	107.3	110.8
Unemployment	8.2	6.0	5.3
Unemployment Rate	7.3	5.3	4.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment

Total Nonfarm Payroll	71.5	72.8	73.1
Total Private	53.3	54.2	55.4
Goods-Producing	12.3	12.8	13.4
Mining & Logging	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	3.0	3.5	3.8
Manufacturing	8.6	8.6	9.0
Service-Providing	59.2	60.1	59.6
Private Service-Providing	41.1	41.4	42.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12.4	12.6	13.2
Wholesale Trade	1.6	1.6	1.7
Retail Trade	8.6	8.7	9.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	2.2	2.3	2.3
Information	2.0	2.0	2.2
Financial Activities	2.5	2.5	2.6
Professional & Business Services	4.2	4.2	4.4
Educational & Health Services	8.0	8.0	7.8
Leisure & Hospitality	7.8	7.9	7.8
Other Services	4.2	4.2	4.1
Government	18.2	18.6	17.6
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.5
State	3.0	3.3	3.0
Local	10.3	10.5	10.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Occupational Profile

Computer Systems Analysts are projected to have a strong job outlook through 2016. Expected job openings will average approximately 54 per year, 27 of which will be new job growth. The average annual growth rate is projected to be 2.42% per year, about four times the growth rate for all occupations combined (.61 %). Education and training for Computer Systems Analysts typically requires several years of work-related experience and most require a Bachelor's degree or higher.

"The growth of electronic commerce and the integration of Internet technologies into business have resulted in a growing need for specialists who can develop and support Internet and intranet applications. Moreover, falling prices of computer hardware and software should continue to induce more businesses to expand their computerized operations and incorporate new technologies."

Table 1 - Growth

Area	Annual Openings	Growth Rate
WIA 1	3	1.58%
WIA 2	4	1.95%
WIA 3	10	2.16%
WIA 4	3	1.68%
WIA 5	5	1.76%
WIA 6	18	1.89%
WIA 7	10	3.24%

Table 2 - Wage History

	This Occupation	*	Compared to all Occupations	*	Difference
2008 Q3	\$28.60	2.6%	\$12.69	2.3%	\$15.91
2007	\$27.87	3.4%	\$12.40	3.3%	\$15.47
2006	\$26.94	3.9%	\$12.00	3.1%	\$14.94
2005	\$25.91	2.9%	\$11.63	2.4%	\$14.28
2004	\$25.18	3.2%	\$11.35	2.6%	\$13.83
2003	\$24.40	3.0%	\$11.06	3.1%	\$13.34
2002	\$23.68	2.3%	\$10.72	2.4%	\$12.96
2001	\$23.13		\$10.46		\$12.67

* %Change

Table 3 - Top Employing Industries

	Employment	%
Professional & Business Services	320	33.6%
Education & Health Services	260	27.3%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	100	10.5%
Information	100	10.5%
Financial Activities	80	8.4%
Manufacturing	60	6.3%
Public Administration	20	2.1%

Table 4 - Best Paying Industries

	Employment	Median Wage
Mining and Logging	n/a	\$43.72
Information	100	\$38.58
Financial Activities	80	\$34.86
Other Services	n/a	\$33.01
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	100	\$32.13
Manufacturing	60	\$31.22
Professional & Business Services	320	\$28.83
Public Administration	20	\$24.18
Education & Health Services	260	\$22.69
Leisure & Hospitality	n/a	\$17.16

Table 5 - Top Areas by This Occupation

Highest Employment			Highest Pay		
Area	Median Wage	Employment	Area	Median Wage	Employment
WIA 6	\$27.88	350	WIA 7	\$33.94	140
WIA 3	\$28.86	190	WIA 5	\$31.32	100
WIA 7	\$33.94	140	WIA 4	\$30.88	70
WIA 2	\$23.55	140	WIA 3	\$28.86	190
WIA 1	\$26.53	130	WIA 6	\$27.88	350
WIA 5	\$31.32	100	WIA 1	\$26.53	130
WIA 4	\$30.88	70	WIA 2	\$23.55	140

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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 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	New Martinsville 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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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	New Martinsville 26155	455-0902
Parkersburg	300 Lakeview Center	Parkersburg 26102	420-4625
Point Pleasant	225 Sixth Street	Point Pleasant 25550	675-0873
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
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