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State's July Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 8.6 Percent

West Virginia's unemployment rate remained at 8.6 percent in July, WorkForce West Virginia reported today. The number of unemployed state residents rose 500 to 68,000. Total unemployment was up 1,700 over the year.

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 4,500, where a loss of 4,800 in the service-providing sector easily overpowered a slight gain of 300 in the goods-producing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, gains of 200 in both manufacturing and mining and logging offset a decline of 100 in construction. Employment declines within the service-providing sector were fueled by the seasonal loss of 2,900 in government, almost entirely at the local level. Other losses included 600 in leisure and hospitality, 500 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 500 in professional and business services, 300 in other services, and 100 in educational and health services. Financial activities added 100 jobs, while information employment was unchanged over the month.

Since July 2009, total nonfarm payroll employment has added 1,300 jobs, with a gain of 2,200 in the goods-producing sector overpowering a loss of 900 in the service-providing sector. Employment gains included 2,200 in educational and health services, 900 in manufacturing, 800 in construction, 600 in government, 500 in other services, and 500 in mining and logging. Employment declines included 2,400 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 600 in leisure and hospitality, 600 in financial activities, and 600 in professional and business services. Information employment was unchanged over the year.

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 8.6 percent, while the national rate remained at 9.5 percent.

Note: Unemployment information for West Virginia is prepared through the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, a national federal/state cooperative program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Unemployment information for West Virginia has been approved by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

July 2010

	Prelim. July 2010	Rev. June 2010	Rev. July 2009	Change From:	
				June 2010	July 2009
Civilian Labor Force	786.7	787.5	814.9	-0.8	-28.2
Total Employment	718.8	720.0	748.5	-1.2	-29.7
Total Unemployment	68.0	67.5	66.3	0.5	1.7
Unemployment Rate	8.6	8.6	8.1	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	740.7	745.2	739.4	-4.5	1.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	594.5	596.1	593.8	-1.6	0.7
GOODS-PRODUCING	114.9	114.6	112.7	0.3	2.2
Mining & Logging	28.9	28.7	28.4	0.2	0.5
Construction	35.6	35.7	34.8	-0.1	0.8
Manufacturing	50.4	50.2	49.5	0.2	0.9
Durable Goods	30.6	30.4	29.8	0.2	0.8
Nondurable Goods	19.8	19.8	19.7	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PROVIDING	625.8	630.6	626.7	-4.8	-0.9
Private Service-Providing	479.6	481.5	481.1	-1.9	-1.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	133.2	133.7	135.6	-0.5	-2.4
Wholesale Trade	21.9	22.1	23.3	-0.2	-1.4
Retail Trade	86.6	86.5	86.5	0.1	0.1
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	24.7	25.1	25.8	-0.4	-1.1
Information	10.3	10.3	10.3	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	27.7	27.6	28.3	0.1	-0.6
Finance & Insurance	20.7	20.6	21.2	0.1	-0.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.0	7.0	7.1	0.0	-0.1
Professional & Business Services	58.5	59.0	59.1	-0.5	-0.6
Professional, Scientific & Technical Service	23.3	23.5	23.6	-0.2	-0.3
Management of Companies & Enterprises	5.2	5.2	5.3	0.0	-0.1
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation	30.0	30.3	30.2	-0.3	-0.2
Educational & Health Services	119.7	119.8	117.5	-0.1	2.2
Educational Services	8.2	8.6	8.3	-0.4	-0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	111.5	111.2	109.2	0.3	2.3
Leisure & Hospitality	74.0	74.6	74.6	-0.6	-0.6
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10.0	10.2	10.5	-0.2	-0.5
Accommodation & Food Service	64.0	64.4	64.1	-0.4	-0.1
Other Services	56.2	56.5	55.7	-0.3	0.5
Government	146.2	149.1	145.6	-2.9	0.6
Federal Government	25.0	25.6	23.7	-0.6	1.3
State Government	44.5	43.8	45.2	0.7	-0.7
Local Government	76.7	79.7	76.7	-3.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Monthly estimates are preliminary and subject to revision. Benchmark March 2009

WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

(In Thousands)

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	ANN. AVG.
2000													
Civilian Labor Force	802.1	806.6	800.3	808.0	810.8	822.9	819.1	809.8	805.5	806.5	807.5	807.1	809.0
Total Employment	749.2	750.8	750.6	764.3	766.3	775.9	776.5	767.2	768.1	769.8	768.5	768.6	765.0
Total Unemployment	52.9	55.7	49.7	43.7	44.6	46.9	42.6	42.6	37.4	36.7	39.1	38.5	44.0
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.9	6.2	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.5
2001													
Civilian Labor Force	802.9	804.5	802.6	798.7	799.3	810.9	810.0	796.0	795.3	797.0	796.7	793.544	801.0
Total Employment	753.1	754.8	755.8	755.5	760.7	767.8	770.9	755.1	758.9	761.4	757.9	754.938	759.0
Total Unemployment	49.9	49.7	46.8	43.2	38.6	43.1	39.1	40.8	36.4	35.6	38.8	38.6	42.0
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.2	5.8	5.4	4.8	5.3	4.8	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.9	5.2
2002													
Civilian Labor Force	785.2	792.4	789.0	796.9	801.2	811.4	809.5	798.6	796.7	794.0	791.6	788.2	796.0
Total Employment	733.8	739.6	738.6	748.4	754.3	760.3	762.7	752.3	756.4	753.3	747.0	743.3	749.0
Total Unemployment	51.4	52.8	50.4	48.5	46.9	51.0	46.8	46.3	40.3	40.7	44.6	44.9	47.0
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.1	5.9	6.3	5.8	5.8	5.1	5.1	5.6	5.7	5.9
2003													
Civilian Labor Force	781.9	787.8	783.4	792.1	793.0	806.2	802.0	791.1	785.0	785.6	785.9	780.8	790.0
Total Employment	728.1	730.8	731.2	742.8	746.1	753.5	754.3	744.5	745.1	746.0	745.1	741.6	742.0
Total Unemployment	53.8	57.0	52.2	49.3	47.0	52.7	47.6	46.7	39.9	39.6	40.8	39.2	47.0
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.2	5.9	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.0	6.0
2004													
Civilian Labor Force	777.0	781.7	779.4	786.3	789.4	802.0	801.6	792.0	787.3	789.7	788.9	784.6	788.0
Total Employment	728.7	731.0	731.4	743.0	748.5	756.9	761.1	752.5	753.9	754.6	752.5	748.1	747.0
Total Unemployment	48.3	50.7	48.1	43.3	40.9	45.1	40.5	39.5	33.5	35.1	36.4	36.5	41.0
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.5	6.2	5.5	5.2	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.3
2005													
Civilian Labor Force	782.4	788.6	788.5	797.6	802.3	815.5	817.8	810.1	808.2	810.0	808.7	803.1	803.0
Total Employment	738.4	739.7	743.4	757.7	764.9	774.1	779.4	772.5	773.9	776.9	773.4	770.2	764.0
Total Unemployment	44.0	48.9	45.2	39.9	37.5	41.4	38.4	37.6	34.3	33.1	35.3	32.8	39.0
Unemployment Rate	5.6	6.2	5.7	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.9
2006													
Civilian Labor Force	795.0	802.0	800.9	810.6	816.3	829.7	831.4	824.3	821.6	823.0	822.1	817.0	816.0
Total Employment	756.0	757.8	761.2	773.0	779.6	789.6	793.5	786.3	789.0	792.1	789.0	785.9	779.0
Total Unemployment	39.0	44.1	39.7	37.6	36.8	40.0	37.9	38.0	32.6	31.0	33.1	31.1	37.0
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.5	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.5
2007													
Civilian Labor Force	807.7	812.4	809.1	815.3	818.8	830.9	832.8	820.6	821.0	819.2	818.5	811.8	818.0
Total Employment	768.6	768.3	771.4	780.3	786.1	795.0	799.0	787.4	791.7	790.3	788.9	780.6	784.0
Total Unemployment	39.1	44.1	37.7	35.0	32.6	35.9	33.8	33.2	29.4	28.9	29.7	31.2	34.0
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.4	4.7	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.2
2008													
Civilian Labor Force	803.5	803.3	802.7	811.3	814.1	823.8	821.7	810.0	806.6	806.2	802.6	796.3	809.0
Total Employment	766.5	763.9	765.8	778.8	781.0	787.9	789.8	777.2	776.9	775.3	768.1	757.7	774.0
Total Unemployment	37.0	39.4	36.9	32.5	33.1	35.9	31.9	32.8	29.8	30.9	34.5	38.6	34.0
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.8	4.3
2009													
Civilian Labor Force	790.2	795.6	792.5	804.0	806.9	817.6	814.9	802.1	794.8	790.9	787.2	778.6	798.0
Total Employment	737.4	734.6	732.1	743.0	743.3	747.6	748.5	735.9	727.7	726.5	722.3	711.5	735.0
Total Unemployment	52.8	61.0	60.4	61.1	63.5	70.0	66.3	66.3	62.8	64.5	64.8	67.1	63.0
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.9	8.6	8.1	8.3	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.6	7.9
2010													
Civilian Labor Force	780.2	782.6	779.7	785.2	787.9	787.5	786.7						
Total Employment	698.8	697.0	701.2	716.3	720.6	720.0	718.8						
Total Unemployment	81.4	85.6	78.5	68.9	67.3	67.5	68.0						
Unemployment Rate	10.4	10.9	10.1	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.6						

March 2009 Benchmark.

WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

ITEM	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	ANN. AVG.
2000													
Civilian Labor Force	809.6	810.7	807.8	808.5	809.4	810.2	809.4	808.6	809.2	808.4	808.1	806.4	809.0
Total Employment	764.2	764.6	764.9	765.1	765.3	765.3	765.2	765.0	764.7	764.3	763.9	763.3	765.0
Total Unemployment	45.4	46.1	42.9	43.4	44.2	45.0	44.2	43.7	44.5	44.1	44.2	43.1	44.0
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.5
2001													
Civilian Labor Force	804.5	803.2	802.3	802.2	802.0	801.4	800.9	799.5	798.8	798.2	797.9	796.5	801.0
Total Employment	762.7	762.0	761.4	760.7	760.0	759.3	758.6	757.9	757.2	756.5	755.8	755.1	759.0
Total Unemployment	41.9	41.2	40.9	41.5	42.1	42.2	42.3	41.7	41.7	41.7	42.2	41.4	42.0
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2
2002													
Civilian Labor Force	797.5	796.0	796.5	797.5	798.6	798.1	797.5	795.7	795.5	794.7	794.2	793.2	796.0
Total Employment	753.1	752.4	751.7	750.9	750.2	749.4	748.7	748.0	747.3	746.7	746.1	745.5	749.0
Total Unemployment	44.4	43.6	44.8	46.6	48.4	48.7	48.8	47.7	48.1	48.0	48.1	47.7	47.0
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.9
2003													
Civilian Labor Force	791.4	791.8	791.0	791.6	790.2	790.5	790.9	789.6	788.3	787.6	786.1	785.8	790.0
Total Employment	744.2	743.7	743.2	742.8	742.5	742.2	742.0	741.8	741.7	741.6	741.6	741.7	742.0
Total Unemployment	47.2	48.1	47.7	48.8	47.7	48.4	49.0	47.8	46.6	46.0	44.4	44.1	47.0
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	6.0
2004													
Civilian Labor Force	786.8	787.1	786.7	787.4	787.4	788.1	788.8	789.4	789.1	789.9	789.4	789.9	788.0
Total Employment	744.2	744.4	744.7	745.1	745.6	746.1	746.8	747.4	748.2	749.0	749.9	750.8	747.0
Total Unemployment	42.6	42.7	42.0	42.3	41.8	42.0	42.0	42.0	40.9	40.9	39.6	39.0	41.0
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.3
2005													
Civilian Labor Force	795.6	796.6	797.8	799.0	800.4	801.9	803.5	805.2	806.7	807.8	808.5	808.9	803.0
Total Employment	756.3	757.6	758.9	760.2	761.5	762.7	763.9	765.3	767.0	768.8	770.6	772.3	764.0
Total Unemployment	39.3	39.0	38.8	38.8	38.9	39.2	39.6	39.9	39.7	39.0	37.9	36.5	39.0
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.9
2006													
Civilian Labor Force	809.3	810.0	811.1	812.5	814.0	815.6	817.2	818.8	820.3	821.4	821.9	821.9	816.0
Total Employment	773.8	775.0	776.0	776.5	776.9	777.4	778.3	779.9	781.9	783.9	785.6	786.6	779.0
Total Unemployment	35.5	35.0	35.1	36.0	37.1	38.2	38.9	38.9	38.4	37.5	36.3	35.2	37.0
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.5
2007													
Civilian Labor Force	821.2	820.3	819.2	818.1	817.4	816.9	817.0	817.4	817.9	818.1	817.7	816.9	818.0
Total Employment	786.9	786.5	785.7	784.7	783.6	782.8	782.4	782.5	783.0	783.5	783.8	783.8	784.0
Total Unemployment	34.3	33.8	33.5	33.5	33.7	34.2	34.6	34.9	34.9	34.6	33.9	33.1	34.0
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.2
2008													
Civilian Labor Force	815.8	814.7	813.5	812.3	810.9	809.4	807.8	806.2	804.9	803.8	803.1	802.6	809.0
Total Employment	783.4	782.7	781.7	780.3	778.4	776.2	773.9	771.7	769.4	766.8	763.6	759.9	774.0
Total Unemployment	32.3	31.9	31.8	32.0	32.6	33.2	33.9	34.5	35.5	37.1	39.5	42.7	35.0
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.9	5.3	4.3
2009													
Civilian Labor Force	802.6	803.1	803.9	804.4	804.1	802.9	800.5	797.4	794.2	791.1	788.3	786.1	798.0
Total Employment	756.0	752.0	748.2	744.5	740.7	736.8	732.6	728.6	724.7	721.2	718.0	715.5	735.0
Total Unemployment	46.7	51.1	55.7	59.9	63.4	66.1	67.9	68.8	69.4	69.9	70.3	70.6	63.0
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.4	6.9	7.4	7.9	8.2	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	7.9
2010													
Civilian Labor Force	786.6	787.3	788.0	788.3	788.0	781.8	776.2						
Total Employment	714.0	712.8	713.4	716.3	718.1	715.2	709.5						
Total Unemployment	72.5	74.4	74.6	72.0	69.9	66.6	66.7						
Unemployment Rate	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.1	8.9	8.5	8.6						

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED *March 2009 Benchmark.*