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West Virginia's Unemployment Rate Climbed to 11.0 Percent in February

West Virginia's unemployment rate climbed six-tenths of a percentage point to 11.0 percent in February, WorkForce West Virginia reported today. The number of unemployed state residents rose 5,000 to 86,400. Total unemployment was up 25,400 over the year.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 400, where a gain of 2,200 in the service-providing sector narrowly offset a decline of 1,800 in the goods-producing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, construction employment plunged 2,000. Gains of 100 occurred in both manufacturing and mining and logging. Employment increases within the service-providing sector were led by a seasonal gain of 2,600 in government. Other gains included 500 in professional and business services, 300 in other services, and 200 in leisure and hospitality. Employment declines included 700 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 500 in educational and health services, 100 in financial activities, and 100 in information.

Since February 2009, total nonfarm payroll employment has fallen 22,600, with losses of 13,500 in the goods-producing sector and 9,100 in the service-providing sector. Declines included 5,900 in construction, 4,300 in mining and logging, 3,500 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 3,300 in manufacturing, 2,800 in leisure and hospitality, 2,200 in professional and business services, 1,400 in financial activities, 700 in information, and 400 in other services. Employment gains included 1,700 in educational and health services and 200 in government.

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed three tenths of a percentage point to 9.5 percent, while the national rate remained at 9.7 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.

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WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

February 2010

	Prelim. Feb 2010	Rev. Jan 2009	Rev. Feb 2009	Change From:	
				Jan 2010	Feb 2009
Civilian Labor Force	783.3	780.2	795.6	3.1	-12.3
Total Employment	696.9	698.8	734.6	-1.9	-37.7
Total Unemployment	86.4	81.4	61.0	5.0	25.4
Unemployment Rate	11.0	10.4	7.7	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	718.2	717.8	740.8	0.4	-22.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	569.1	571.3	591.9	-2.2	-22.8
GOODS-PRODUCING	103.3	105.1	116.8	-1.8	-13.5
Mining and Logging	27.7	27.6	32.0	0.1	-4.3
Construction	26.7	28.7	32.6	-2.0	-5.9
Manufacturing	48.9	48.8	52.2	0.1	-3.3
Durable Goods	29.3	29.3	32.4	0.0	-3.1
Nondurable Goods	19.6	19.5	19.8	0.1	-0.2
SERVICE-PROVIDING	614.9	612.7	624.0	2.2	-9.1
Private Service-Providing	465.8	466.2	475.1	-0.4	-9.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	131.1	131.8	134.6	-0.7	-3.5
Wholesale Trade	22.5	22.4	23.5	0.1	-1.0
Retail Trade	83.8	84.6	84.8	-0.8	-1.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	24.8	24.8	26.3	0.0	-1.5
Information	10.0	10.1	10.7	-0.1	-0.7
Financial Activities	27.3	27.4	28.7	-0.1	-1.4
Finance and Insurance	20.5	20.6	21.7	-0.1	-1.2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Professional and Business Services	57.7	57.2	59.9	0.5	-2.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Service	23.8	23.6	24.7	0.2	-0.9
Management of Companies and Enterprises	5.2	5.2	5.4	0.0	-0.2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation	28.7	28.4	29.8	0.3	-1.1
Educational and Health Services	118.7	119.2	117.0	-0.5	1.7
Educational Services	9.8	9.3	10.2	0.5	-0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	108.9	109.9	106.8	-1.0	2.1
Leisure and Hospitality	65.9	65.7	68.7	0.2	-2.8
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	7.0	6.9	8.1	0.1	-1.1
Accommodation and Food Service	58.9	58.8	60.6	0.1	-1.7
Other Services	55.1	54.8	55.5	0.3	-0.4
Government	149.1	146.5	148.9	2.6	0.2
Federal Government	23.3	23.6	23.2	-0.3	0.1
State Government	47.7	45.4	47.7	2.3	0.0
Local Government	78.1	77.5	78.0	0.6	0.1
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	783.3											
Total Employment	698.8	696.9											
Total Unemployment	81.4	86.4											
Unemployment Rate	10.4	11.0											

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	787.5											
Total Employment	714.0	712.8											
Total Unemployment	72.5	74.8											
Unemployment Rate	9.2	9.5											

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED *March 2009 Benchmark.*