

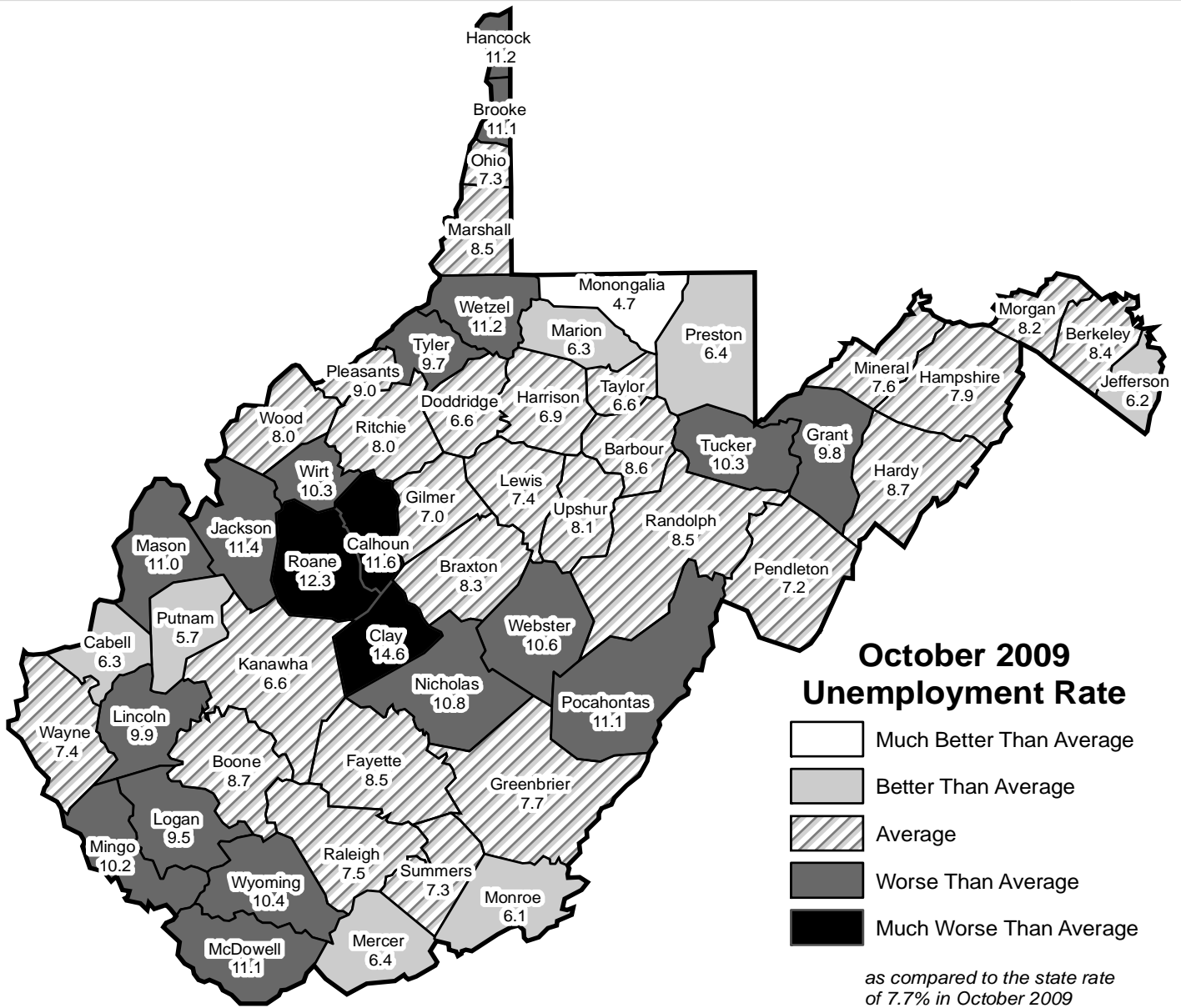
# Labor Market Information by West Virginia County October 2009

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COUNTY EMPHASIS



West Virginia's unemployment rate declined three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.7 percent in October 2009. Well over one-half of all 55 counties reported declining unemployment rates as well. The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate shrank considerably. This group contained Calhoun (11.6), Roane (12.3), and Clay (14.6).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average when compared to the state rate increased slightly. This group included Mercer (6.4), Preston (6.4), Cabell (6.3), Marion (6.3), Jefferson (6.2), Monroe (6.1), and Putnam (5.7). Once again, Monongalia (4.7) was the sole county recording an unemployment rate considered much better than average when compared to the state rate.

# WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY DATA

	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate			
	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Sep	Oct	Oct	Sep	Oct	
	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009	2009	2008	
Barbour	6,660	6,700	6,710	6,090	6,090	6,440	570	610	270	8.6	9.1	4.1	
Berkeley	44,140	44,510	44,950	40,460	40,760	42,840	3,690	3,750	2,110	8.4	8.4	4.7	
Boone	9,300	9,350	9,340	8,490	8,490	9,030	810	860	310	8.7	9.2	3.3	
Braxton	5,800	5,730	5,800	5,320	5,280	5,570	480	460	230	8.3	8.0	4.0	
Brooke	10,820	10,800	11,050	9,620	9,630	10,470	1,200	1,180	580	11.1	10.9	5.2	
Cabell	43,150	43,230	44,950	40,430	40,420	43,420	2,720	2,810	1,540	6.3	6.5	3.4	
Calhoun	2,780	2,770	2,720	2,460	2,440	2,590	320	340	130	11.6	12.1	4.8	
Clay	3,590	3,480	3,440	3,070	3,070	3,260	520	410	180	14.6	11.8	5.2	
Doddridge	2,770	2,790	2,780	2,590	2,580	2,670	180	210	110	6.6	7.6	4.1	
Fayette	17,790	18,280	18,210	16,270	16,740	17,570	1,520	1,540	650	8.5	8.4	3.6	
Gilmer	3,010	2,970	3,020	2,800	2,780	2,920	210	190	90	7.0	6.5	3.1	
Grant	5,020	5,100	5,300	4,530	4,540	5,090	490	560	220	9.8	10.9	4.1	
Greenbrier	14,910	15,050	14,720	13,760	13,810	14,110	1,150	1,240	610	7.7	8.2	4.2	
Hampshire	9,030	9,010	9,240	8,310	8,330	8,890	720	690	350	7.9	7.6	3.8	
Hancock	14,290	14,390	14,570	12,690	12,700	13,820	1,600	1,680	760	11.2	11.7	5.2	
Hardy	6,400	6,410	6,610	5,840	5,850	6,340	560	570	260	8.7	8.8	4.0	
Harrison	30,530	30,460	30,330	28,410	28,310	29,300	2,120	2,150	1,030	6.9	7.1	3.4	
Jackson	11,330	11,480	11,750	10,040	10,020	11,250	1,290	1,460	510	11.4	12.7	4.3	
Jefferson	24,090	24,130	24,360	22,600	22,550	23,420	1,490	1,580	940	6.2	6.6	3.9	
Kanawha	89,230	89,630	91,440	83,310	83,300	88,610	5,920	6,330	2,830	6.6	7.1	3.1	
Lewis	7,390	7,330	7,370	6,840	6,780	7,120	550	550	240	7.4	7.5	3.3	
Lincoln	7,940	7,990	7,910	7,150	7,150	7,600	790	840	300	9.9	10.5	3.8	
Logan	13,010	13,280	13,300	11,780	12,000	12,850	1,240	1,290	460	9.5	9.7	3.4	
McDowell	7,270	7,360	7,270	6,470	6,430	6,910	810	930	360	11.1	12.6	5.0	
Marion	25,710	25,530	26,210	24,090	23,900	25,410	1,620	1,640	800	6.3	6.4	3.0	
Marshall	14,630	14,640	14,710	13,390	13,390	14,080	1,240	1,250	630	8.5	8.5	4.3	
Mason	9,980	10,110	9,730	8,880	8,900	9,150	1,100	1,220	580	11.0	12.0	5.9	
Mercer	24,780	24,650	24,930	23,200	22,970	24,050	1,580	1,680	880	6.4	6.8	3.5	
Mineral	13,290	13,340	13,340	12,280	12,290	12,840	1,010	1,050	500	7.6	7.9	3.7	
Mingo	8,560	8,680	9,080	7,680	7,760	8,740	880	920	340	10.2	10.6	3.7	
Monongalia	48,410	47,460	49,300	46,140	45,270	48,080	2,270	2,200	1,210	4.7	4.6	2.5	
Monroe	5,760	5,790	5,840	5,410	5,420	5,630	350	380	210	6.1	6.5	3.6	
Morgan	6,750	6,870	6,870	6,190	6,240	6,560	560	630	320	8.2	9.1	4.6	
Nicholas	10,710	10,520	10,600	9,560	9,570	10,190	1,150	950	420	10.8	9.1	3.9	
Ohio	20,730	20,810	21,010	19,210	19,200	20,200	1,520	1,600	810	7.3	7.7	3.8	
Pendleton	3,560	3,550	3,600	3,300	3,290	3,470	260	270	130	7.2	7.5	3.7	
Pleasants	3,080	3,110	3,080	2,800	2,790	2,940	280	320	140	9.0	10.2	4.5	
Pocahontas	3,320	3,370	3,320	2,950	2,990	3,120	370	370	200	11.1	11.1	6.1	
Preston	15,270	15,050	15,340	14,280	14,010	14,880	980	1,040	460	6.4	6.9	3.0	
Putnam	26,460	26,610	27,290	24,930	24,930	26,520	1,520	1,680	760	5.7	6.3	2.8	
Raleigh	31,930	31,930	32,430	29,530	29,400	31,360	2,400	2,530	1,070	7.5	7.9	3.3	
Randolph	12,080	12,130	12,460	11,040	11,110	11,840	1,030	1,020	630	8.5	8.4	5.0	
Ritchie	4,310	4,350	4,420	3,970	3,960	4,250	350	390	170	8.0	8.9	3.8	
Roane	5,340	5,450	5,420	4,680	4,740	5,160	660	710	260	12.3	13.0	4.9	
Summers	4,610	4,620	4,610	4,280	4,270	4,430	340	350	180	7.3	7.6	4.0	
Taylor	6,830	6,880	6,840	6,370	6,350	6,570	450	530	260	6.6	7.7	3.9	
Tucker	2,810	2,880	2,750	2,520	2,560	2,600	290	310	150	10.3	10.9	5.3	
Tyler	3,470	3,500	3,500	3,130	3,130	3,320	340	380	180	9.7	10.8	5.1	
Upshur	10,260	10,330	10,710	9,430	9,420	10,310	830	910	400	8.1	8.8	3.8	
Wayne	16,860	16,920	17,450	15,620	15,620	16,770	1,250	1,310	680	7.4	7.7	3.9	
Webster	3,240	3,230	3,190	2,890	2,890	3,040	340	340	150	10.6	10.4	4.8	
Wetzel	5,990	6,060	6,160	5,320	5,320	5,820	670	740	340	11.2	12.2	5.5	
Wirt	2,450	2,470	2,430	2,200	2,190	2,310	250	280	120	10.3	11.4	4.9	
Wood	40,020	40,280	40,310	36,810	36,750	38,670	3,210	3,530	1,650	8.0	8.8	4.1	
Wyoming	8,070	8,030	8,170	7,230	7,120	7,860	840	910	300	10.4	11.4	3.7	
Benchmark 2008	Statewide	789,500	791,400	802,200	728,600	727,700	772,300	60,900	63,600	30,000	7.7	8.0	3.7

Benchmark 2008

# WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY DATA

	Total Nonfarm Payroll			Goods Producing			Service Providing			
	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	
Barbour	3,970	3,970	4,050	610	610	610	3,360	3,360	3,450	
Berkeley	29,320	29,360	30,180	2,860	2,920	3,450	26,460	26,430	26,730	
Boone	9,120	9,090	9,500	3,920	3,900	4,360	5,200	5,190	5,140	
Braxton	4,510	4,470	4,510	800	780	810	3,720	3,690	3,690	
Brooke	8,580	8,560	9,740	2,060	2,060	2,460	6,520	6,500	7,280	
Cabell	55,730	55,070	56,220	7,150	7,250	7,970	48,590	47,810	48,240	
Calhoun	1,620	1,580	1,630	420	420	390	1,200	1,160	1,240	
Clay	2,010	2,030	2,170	410	440	530	1,600	1,590	1,640	
Doddridge	1,350	1,340	1,360	190	190	210	1,160	1,150	1,150	
Fayette	13,620	14,200	14,380	1,750	1,950	2,050	11,880	12,250	12,320	
Gilmer	2,350	2,320	2,360	500	490	550	1,860	1,840	1,810	
Grant	4,160	4,170	4,600	1,220	1,220	1,590	2,940	2,950	3,010	
Greenbrier	14,440	14,440	14,260	1,740	1,720	1,710	12,710	12,720	12,550	
Hampshire	4,400	4,350	4,450	460	460	460	3,940	3,890	3,990	
Hancock	12,440	12,410	12,640	3,100	3,100	3,100	9,340	9,320	9,540	
Hardy	5,970	5,950	6,280	3,010	2,980	3,260	2,960	2,970	3,010	
Harrison	35,520	35,230	34,870	4,740	4,730	4,520	30,790	30,500	30,350	
Jackson	8,300	8,250	9,160	1,820	1,810	2,730	6,480	6,440	6,430	
Jefferson	15,070	14,890	14,970	1,740	1,740	1,600	13,330	13,150	13,370	
Kanawha	114,550	114,060	116,390	12,340	12,500	12,960	102,210	101,560	103,420	
Lewis	6,590	6,510	6,570	1,020	1,040	1,180	5,570	5,470	5,400	
Lincoln	3,380	3,400	3,600	810	830	840	2,570	2,570	2,770	
Logan	12,190	12,440	12,810	2,570	2,800	2,910	9,630	9,640	9,900	
McDowell	6,690	6,660	6,870	1,760	1,750	1,850	4,930	4,910	5,030	
Marion	22,200	22,020	22,710	3,830	3,840	4,220	18,370	18,170	18,500	
Marshall	11,460	11,460	11,520	2,980	3,000	3,060	8,480	8,460	8,450	
Mason	7,300	7,320	7,130	1,070	1,080	880	6,230	6,230	6,250	
Mercer	24,320	23,740	24,180	2,410	2,380	2,440	21,920	21,360	21,740	
Mineral	8,550	8,430	8,390	2,390	2,440	2,270	6,160	5,990	6,120	
Mingo	8,670	8,760	9,730	3,110	3,230	3,970	5,560	5,540	5,760	
Monongalia	57,810	56,270	56,990	6,320	6,310	6,400	51,490	49,960	50,590	
Monroe	2,590	2,610	2,560	620	620	620	1,970	1,980	1,940	
Morgan	3,180	3,190	3,200	430	410	460	2,750	2,780	2,740	
Nicholas	9,260	9,220	9,490	2,190	2,150	2,270	7,070	7,070	7,230	
Ohio	31,650	31,400	32,150	2,370	2,410	2,510	29,270	29,000	29,630	
Pendleton	1,900	1,890	1,910	160	160	180	1,740	1,730	1,730	
Pleasants	3,030	3,010	3,200	800	800	870	2,220	2,210	2,330	
Pocahontas	3,250	3,300	3,320	480	480	520	2,770	2,820	2,800	
Preston	7,250	7,130	8,150	1,280	1,250	2,000	5,960	5,880	6,150	
Putnam	20,910	20,800	21,830	4,970	4,840	5,880	15,940	15,960	15,960	
Raleigh	33,200	32,900	33,870	4,880	4,900	4,830	28,320	28,000	29,040	
Randolph	12,220	12,270	12,640	2,170	2,170	2,290	10,060	10,100	10,350	
Ritchie	3,380	3,370	3,490	1,460	1,460	1,530	1,920	1,910	1,950	
Roane	3,360	3,430	3,580	590	670	810	2,780	2,760	2,770	
Summers	2,780	2,770	2,760	140	140	150	2,630	2,630	2,610	
Taylor	2,900	2,920	3,190	190	190	370	2,720	2,730	2,820	
Tucker	2,750	2,790	2,710	410	430	440	2,340	2,350	2,270	
Tyler	2,650	2,640	2,680	780	790	770	1,880	1,850	1,910	
Upshur	8,750	8,710	9,340	1,990	2,000	2,390	6,760	6,710	6,950	
Wayne	10,280	10,470	10,460	1,790	1,850	1,960	8,490	8,620	8,500	
Webster	2,520	2,520	2,560	740	740	750	1,780	1,780	1,810	
Wetzel	4,890	4,880	5,240	260	270	610	4,630	4,620	4,630	
Wirt	900	900	920	200	190	210	690	710	710	
Wood	42,410	41,670	42,480	6,480	6,420	6,490	35,920	35,260	36,000	
Wyoming	5,700	5,570	6,000	1,280	1,190	1,800	4,420	4,380	4,200	
Statewide	747,400	742,900	769,700	114,300	114,200	128,700	633,100	628,700	641,000	

**Nonfarm  
Payroll  
Employment  
by County**

Benchmark 2008

	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2008
<b>UNITED STATES In Thousands</b>												
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	153,635	153,617	155,012	139,088	139,079	145,543	14,547	14,538	9,469	9.5	9.5	6.1
<i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	153,975	154,006	154,878	138,275	138,864	144,657	15,700	15,142	10,221	10.2	9.8	6.6
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>												
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	789,500	791,400	802,200	728,600	727,700	772,300	60,900	63,600	30,000	7.7	8.0	3.7
<i>Seasonally Adjusted</i>	789,600	791,600	804,400	722,400	721,400	770,000	67,200	70,200	34,400	8.5	8.9	4.3
<b>CHARLESTON MSA</b>												
Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln and Putnam Counties	136,500	137,100	139,400	127,000	126,900	135,000	9,600	10,100	4,400	7.0	7.4	3.1
<b>HUNTINGTON - ASHLAND MSA</b>												
Cabell and Wayne Counties, WV; Boyd and Greenup Counties, KY; and Lawrence County, OH	129,700	130,200	132,600	119,700	119,900	126,600	10,100	10,300	6,100	7.8	7.9	4.6
<b>MORGANTOWN MSA</b>												
Monongalia and Preston Counties	63,700	62,500	64,600	60,400	59,300	63,000	3,300	3,200	1,700	5.1	5.2	2.6
<b>PARKERSBURG - MARIETTA MSA</b>												
Pleasants, Wirt and Wood Counties, WV; Washington County, OH	79,000	79,300	78,900	72,200	72,000	75,200	6,900	7,300	3,600	8.7	9.2	4.6
<b>WHEELING MSA</b>												
Ohio and Marshall Counties, WV, and Belmont County, OH	68,900	68,800	69,200	63,000	62,900	65,600	6,000	5,900	3,500	8.7	8.6	5.1
<b>BECKLEY - OAK HILL CSA</b>												
<b>Beckley MCSA</b>	49,720	50,200	50,650	45,800	46,140	48,930	3,920	4,060	1,720	7.9	8.1	3.4
Raleigh County	31,930	31,930	32,430	29,530	29,400	31,360	2,400	2,530	1,070	7.5	7.9	3.3
<b>Oak Hill MCSA</b>	17,790	18,280	18,210	16,270	16,740	17,570	1,520	1,540	650	8.5	8.4	3.6
Fayette County												
<b>BLUEFIELD MCSA</b>												
Mercer County, WV, and Tazewell County, VA	46,280	45,970	45,860	43,110	42,600	44,100	3,170	3,370	1,760	6.8	7.3	3.8
<b>FAIRMONT - CLARKSBURG CSA</b>												
<b>Fairmont MCSA</b>	65,840	65,660	66,150	61,460	61,130	63,960	4,370	4,530	2,200	6.6	6.9	3.3
Marion County	25,710	25,530	26,210	24,090	23,900	25,410	1,620	1,640	800	6.3	6.4	3.0
<b>Clarksburg MCSA</b>	40,130	40,130	39,950	37,380	37,240	38,540	2,750	2,890	1,400	6.9	7.2	3.5
Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties												
Harrison County	30,530	30,460	30,330	28,410	28,310	29,300	2,120	2,150	1,030	6.9	7.1	3.4
Doddridge-Taylor Counties	9,600	9,680	9,620	8,960	8,930	9,240	630	740	380	6.6	7.7	3.9
<b>POINT PLEASANT MCSA</b>												
Mason County, WV, and Gallia County, OH	24,240	24,380	23,630	21,770	21,800	22,190	2,480	2,580	1,440	10.2	10.6	6.1

*Note: The areas listed above 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. March 2008 benchmark.*

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