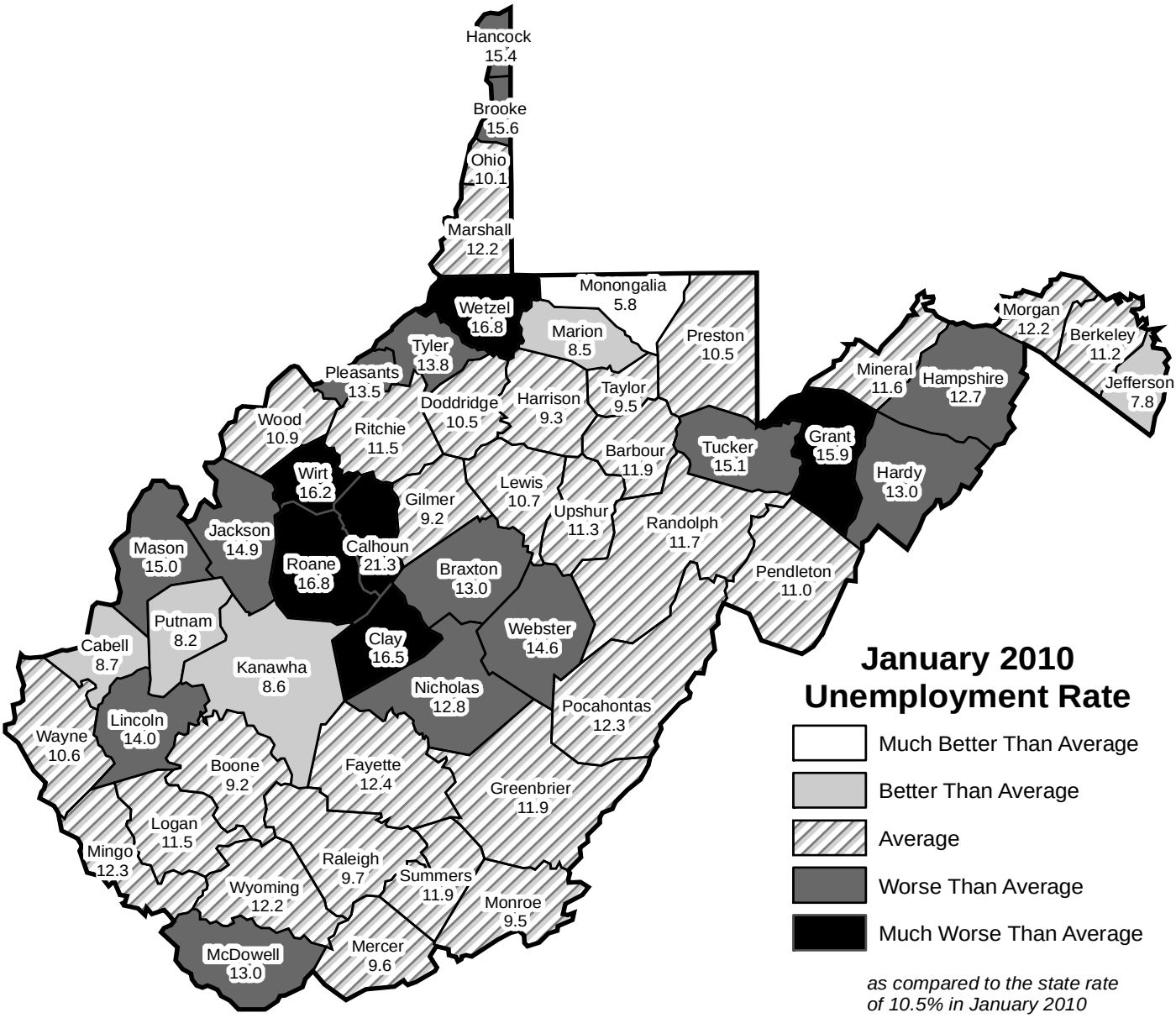
COUNTY EMPHASIS



West Virginia's unemployment rate jumped nearly two percentage points to 10.5 percent in January 2010. All counties reported rising unemployment rates as well. The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate declined slightly in January. This group included Grant (15.9), Wirt (16.2), Clay (16.5), Wetzel (16.8), Roane (16.8), and Calhoun (21.3).

The number of counties recording an unemployment rate considered better than average when compared to the state rate was unchanged in January. This group included Cabell (8.7), Kanawha (8.6), Marion (8.5), Putnam (8.2), and Jefferson (7.8). Once again, Monongalia (5.8) was the sole county recording an unemployment rate considered much better than average when compared to the state rate.

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