



# FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA



Nicknamed “The Friendly City”, Fairmont is located in the northern part of West Virginia in Marion County. It was established as a farming community in its early days and has developed into a hub for technology in modern day West Virginia. Located just off I-79 between Clarksburg and Morgantown, Fairmont offers a glimpse of the historical past and a vision of the tech future.

### Fast Facts:

- Home to Fairmont State University and the Pierpont Community and Technological College.
- A technology hub – High Technology Foundation’s I-79 Technology Park and NASA’s Independent Verification and Validation Facilities.
- Prickett’s Fort, a stronghold for Native American attacks in the late 1700’s, holds a research library, numerous outdoor activities, gift shop, and video gallery.
- Noted by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers as the farthest port city from the ocean (2085 miles) via inland waterways.
- Home to the Marion County Historical Society Museum and the Telephone Museum.
- Palatine Park features a splash park, boating and water activities, and a concert area.
- The Pepperoni Roll was invented here in 1927 at the Country Club Bakery out of need for a non-perishable miner’s lunch.
- Originally settled in 1770 by Boaz Fleming, a Revolutionary War Veteran.
- An influx of Italian migrants entered the area in the 1880’s to work in the coal mines.
- Famous people born in Fairmont include: Hershel W, Williams, Medal of Honor recipient; Jimmy Delligatti, inventor of the Big Mac; Mary Lou Retton, the first female gymnast from outside Eastern Europe to win the Olympic all-round title.

