



# WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA



Located in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia, the city of Weirton borders the Ohio River, seen just to the east of the city. In 1793, a small village called Holliday's Cove Lanes, now most of downtown Weirton, was founded. Holliday's Cove was originally a fort in the Revolutionary War. In 1909, E. T. Weir purchased 105 acres of land just north of Holliday's Cove and built 10 steel mills. These mills attracted immigrants from European countries to the region in search of jobs making Weirton a diverse mix of ethnic backgrounds.

### Fast Facts:

- An unincorporated settlement grew up around the Weirton Steel Mill and by 1940 was said to be the largest unincorporated city in the United States.
- The Weirton Steel Mill is now home to Form Energy's first high-volume battery manufacturing facility.
- On July 1, 1947, Holliday's Cove, Maryland Heights, Weirton Heights and unincorporated Weirton merged and formed the city of Weirton as it currently exists.
- Weirton is in both Brooke and Hancock counties.
- Weirton borders Ohio on its western edge and Pennsylvania on its eastern edge, making it the only city in America that sits in one state, but touches two other state borders.
- It is the home to the Weirton Steel Corporation which was once a fully integrated steel mill employing over 12,000 people. At the time, it was the largest private employer and largest taxpayer in West Virginia.
- Today, Weirton is marketed as a bedroom community to attract residents from nearby Pittsburgh.
- Weirton has served as a film location for many Hollywood productions, including *The Deer Hunter*, *Reckless*, *Super 8* and *America's Heart and Soul*.
- The city was the inspiration for the 1989 book *No Star Nights* by Anna Egan Smucker.

