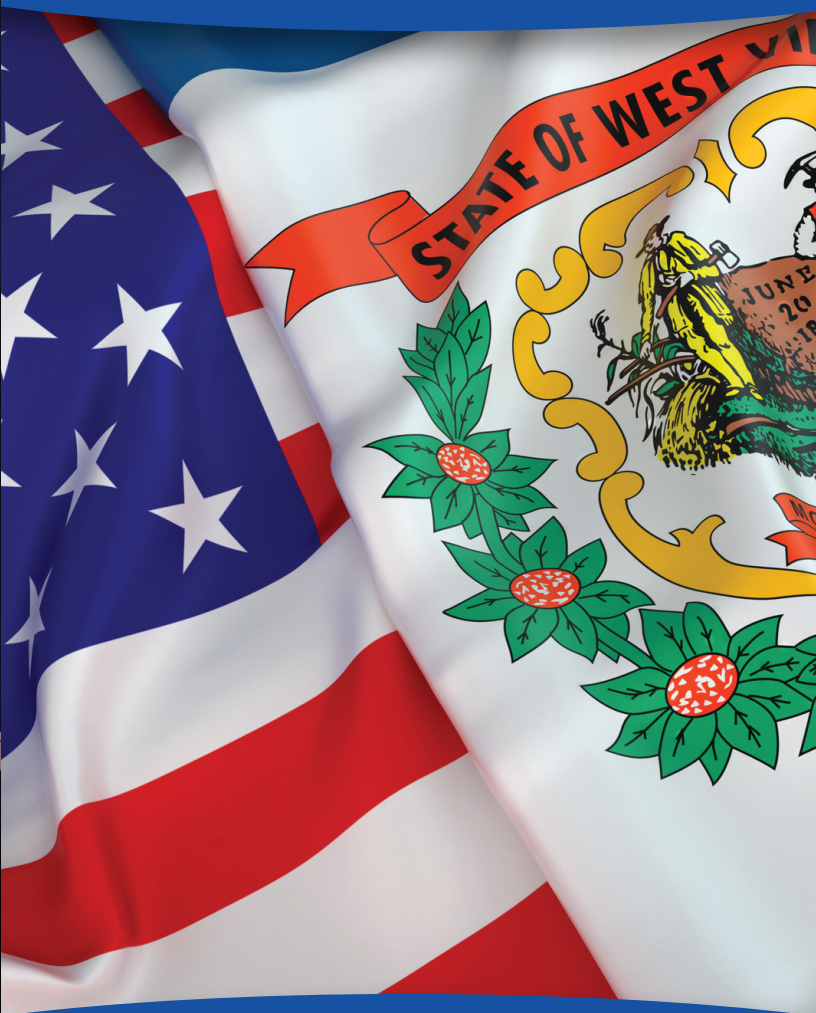




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West Virginia ranks 39th in population, ranks 50th in change in population, and 49th in percentage of the population changed.

Rank	State	Population	Population Change	Rank Change	% Change	Rank Change
1	California	39,431,263	232,570	3	0.59%	33
2	Texas	31,290,831	562,941	1	1.83%	2
3	Florida	23,372,215	467,347	2	2.04%	1
4	New York	19,867,248	129,881	5	0.66%	28
5	Pennsylvania	13,078,751	61,030	15	0.47%	41
6	Illinois	12,710,158	67,899	14	0.54%	35
7	Ohio	11,883,304	59,270	17	0.50%	38
8	Georgia	11,180,878	116,446	7	1.05%	13
9	North Carolina	11,046,024	164,835	4	1.51%	7
10	Michigan	10,140,459	57,103	18	0.57%	34
11	New Jersey	9,500,851	121,209	6	1.29%	10
12	Virginia	8,811,195	76,510	12	0.88%	19
13	Washington	7,958,180	100,860	9	1.28%	11
14	Arizona	7,582,384	109,357	8	1.46%	9
15	Tennessee	7,227,750	79,446	11	1.11%	12
16	Massachusetts	7,136,171	69,603	13	0.98%	14
17	Indiana	6,924,275	44,144	22	0.64%	30
18	Maryland	6,263,220	46,158	21	0.74%	24
19	Missouri	6,245,466	37,428	26	0.60%	32
20	Wisconsin	5,960,975	30,570	29	0.52%	37
21	Colorado	5,957,493	56,154	19	0.95%	16
22	Minnesota	5,793,151	40,103	23	0.70%	26
23	South Carolina	5,478,831	91,001	10	1.69%	4
24	Alabama	5,157,699	40,026	24	0.78%	22
25	Louisiana	4,597,740	9,669	37	0.21%	47
26	Kentucky	4,588,372	37,777	25	0.83%	20
27	Oregon	4,272,371	18,718	34	0.44%	42
28	Oklahoma	4,095,393	31,511	28	0.78%	23
29	Connecticut	3,675,069	32,046	27	0.88%	18
30	Utah	3,503,613	60,391	16	1.75%	3
31	Nevada	3,267,467	53,104	20	1.65%	5
32	Iowa	3,241,488	23,074	31	0.72%	25
33	Arkansas	3,088,354	18,891	33	0.62%	31
34	Kansas	2,970,606	19,106	32	0.65%	29
35	Mississippi	2,943,045	-127	48	0.00%	48
36	New Mexico	2,130,256	9,092	38	0.43%	44
37	Nebraska	2,005,465	17,601	35	0.89%	17
38	Idaho	2,001,619	30,497	30	1.55%	6
39	West Virginia	1,769,979	-516	50	-0.03%	49
40	Hawaii	1,446,146	4,759	45	0.33%	46
41	New Hampshire	1,409,032	6,833	41	0.49%	40
42	Maine	1,405,012	5,366	44	0.38%	45
43	Montana	1,137,233	5,931	43	0.52%	36
44	Rhode Island	1,112,308	8,879	39	0.80%	21
45	Delaware	1,051,917	15,494	36	1.49%	8
46	South Dakota	924,669	6,364	42	0.69%	27
47	North Dakota	796,568	7,521	40	0.95%	15
48	Alaska	740,133	3,623	46	0.49%	39
49	Vermont	648,493	-215	49	-0.03%	50
50	Wyoming	587,618	2,551	47	0.44%	43
	District of Columbia	702,250	14,926		2.17%	
	United States	340,110,988	3,304,757		0.98%	

PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION AS PRIME WORKING AGE (2024)

TABLE 2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

West Virginia ranks 38th in percentage of the population that are prime working age (25-64) and 3rd in percentage of the population that are senior citizens (>64).

Rank	State	Prime Working Age %25-64	% Senior Citizens %>64	Rank
1	Colorado	54.0%	16.4%	46
2	Washington	53.4%	17.3%	42
3	Nevada	53.3%	17.6%	37
4	California	52.9%	16.5%	45
5	Alaska	52.5%	14.8%	48
6	Massachusetts	52.3%	18.7%	23
7	New Hampshire	52.3%	21.5%	6
8	Oregon	52.2%	19.9%	11
9	New York	52.1%	18.9%	20
10	New Jersey	52.1%	18.0%	30
11	Georgia	52.0%	15.7%	47
12	Maryland	52.0%	17.6%	38
13	Rhode Island	51.9%	19.7%	14
14	Virginia	51.8%	17.6%	39
15	Texas	51.7%	13.9%	49
16	Illinois	51.7%	17.9%	32
17	Tennessee	51.5%	17.7%	36
18	Connecticut	51.3%	19.4%	18
19	North Carolina	51.2%	17.9%	31
20	Maine	50.9%	23.5%	1
21	Florida	50.8%	21.8%	4
22	Kentucky	50.5%	18.0%	28
23	Pennsylvania	50.4%	20.4%	9
24	Minnesota	50.4%	18.2%	26
25	Michigan	50.4%	19.6%	17
26	Ohio	50.3%	19.1%	19
27	South Carolina	50.2%	19.7%	13
28	Hawaii	50.2%	21.5%	7
29	Missouri	50.1%	18.7%	24
30	Wisconsin	50.1%	19.6%	16
31	Vermont	50.0%	22.8%	2
32	Alabama	50.0%	18.5%	25
33	Louisiana	49.9%	17.7%	34
34	Indiana	49.8%	17.5%	40
35	Arizona	49.8%	19.6%	15
36	Arkansas	49.7%	18.2%	27
37	Oklahoma	49.6%	16.9%	44
38	West Virginia	49.6%	21.9%	3
39	Montana	49.5%	21.0%	8
40	Mississippi	49.4%	18.0%	29
41	Delaware	49.4%	21.8%	5
42	Wyoming	49.2%	19.7%	12
43	New Mexico	49.2%	20.2%	10
44	Utah	49.1%	12.4%	50
45	Idaho	48.9%	17.7%	35
46	Kansas	48.6%	17.8%	33
47	Iowa	48.5%	18.9%	21
48	Nebraska	48.4%	17.4%	41
49	North Dakota	48.1%	17.3%	43
50	South Dakota	48.0%	18.8%	22
	District of Columbia	58.6%	13.0%	
	United States	51.3%	18.0%	

AGE GROUP BY PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION (2024)

TABLE 3

West Virginia's population consists of 19.7% under 18 years of age, 8.8% between the ages of 18-24, 24.0% ages 25-44, 25.6% ages 45-64, and 21.9% above the age of 64.

State	<18	18-24	25-44	45-64	>64
Alabama	22.0%	9.5%	25.4%	24.6%	18.5%
Alaska	23.6%	9.1%	29.9%	22.5%	14.8%
Arizona	20.9%	9.6%	26.8%	23.1%	19.6%
Arkansas	22.7%	9.4%	25.8%	23.9%	18.2%
California	21.3%	9.3%	28.7%	24.2%	16.5%
Colorado	20.4%	9.2%	30.6%	23.4%	16.4%
Connecticut	19.8%	9.5%	25.6%	25.7%	19.4%
Delaware	20.3%	8.6%	24.8%	24.6%	21.8%
Florida	19.3%	8.1%	25.6%	25.2%	21.8%
Georgia	22.7%	9.5%	27.3%	24.7%	15.7%
Hawaii	20.3%	8.1%	26.4%	23.8%	21.5%
Idaho	23.4%	9.9%	26.1%	22.8%	17.7%
Illinois	21.2%	9.2%	27.1%	24.6%	17.9%
Indiana	22.9%	9.7%	25.9%	23.9%	17.5%
Iowa	22.5%	10.1%	25.2%	23.3%	18.9%
Kansas	23.3%	10.3%	25.9%	22.7%	17.8%
Kentucky	22.4%	9.1%	25.8%	24.7%	18.0%
Louisiana	23.2%	9.2%	26.4%	23.5%	17.7%
Maine	17.6%	8.0%	24.7%	26.2%	23.5%
Maryland	21.9%	8.6%	26.7%	25.2%	17.6%
Massachusetts	19.0%	10.0%	27.3%	25.0%	18.7%
Michigan	20.8%	9.2%	25.6%	24.8%	19.6%
Minnesota	22.4%	8.9%	26.6%	23.8%	18.2%
Mississippi	22.9%	9.7%	25.1%	24.2%	18.0%
Missouri	22.0%	9.2%	26.1%	24.0%	18.7%
Montana	20.5%	9.0%	26.1%	23.4%	21.0%
Nebraska	24.1%	10.0%	26.0%	22.4%	17.4%
Nevada	21.1%	8.0%	28.6%	24.7%	17.6%
New Hampshire	17.7%	8.5%	25.5%	26.8%	21.5%
New Jersey	21.5%	8.5%	26.4%	25.6%	18.0%
New Mexico	21.0%	9.6%	26.2%	23.0%	20.2%
New York	20.0%	9.0%	27.2%	24.8%	18.9%
North Carolina	21.4%	9.5%	26.5%	24.8%	17.9%
North Dakota	23.3%	11.4%	27.2%	20.8%	17.3%
Ohio	21.7%	8.9%	26.0%	24.3%	19.1%
Oklahoma	23.6%	9.9%	26.8%	22.8%	16.9%
Oregon	19.3%	8.6%	28.1%	24.1%	19.9%
Pennsylvania	20.1%	9.1%	25.8%	24.7%	20.4%
Rhode Island	18.4%	10.0%	27.0%	24.9%	19.7%
South Carolina	21.0%	9.1%	25.5%	24.7%	19.7%
South Dakota	23.9%	9.4%	25.2%	22.7%	18.8%
Tennessee	21.9%	9.0%	26.8%	24.7%	17.7%
Texas	24.5%	9.8%	28.8%	23.0%	13.9%
Utah	26.6%	11.9%	28.7%	20.4%	12.4%
Vermont	17.4%	9.8%	24.5%	25.5%	22.8%
Virginia	21.4%	9.2%	27.1%	24.7%	17.6%
Washington	20.8%	8.5%	30.0%	23.4%	17.3%
West Virginia	19.7%	8.8%	24.0%	25.6%	21.9%
Wisconsin	20.8%	9.5%	25.3%	24.8%	19.6%
Wyoming	21.8%	9.3%	25.8%	23.4%	19.7%
District of Columbia	18.5%	10.0%	38.8%	19.8%	13.0%
United States	21.5%	9.2%	27.0%	24.2%	18.0%

**West Virginia ranks 23rd in net domestic migration
and ranks 50th in net international migration.**

Rank	State	Net Domestic Migration	Net International Migration	Rank
1	North Carolina	84,064	46,890	6
2	Texas	67,299	167,475	2
3	South Carolina	66,622	12,930	23
4	Tennessee	42,389	17,990	17
5	Arizona	31,107	28,219	14
6	Georgia	27,333	42,579	9
7	Alabama	23,358	8,946	28
8	Florida	22,517	178,674	1
9	Idaho	19,915	2,148	45
10	Nevada	14,914	10,551	26
11	Oklahoma	14,492	8,420	29
12	Arkansas	14,475	5,470	37
13	Missouri	14,028	12,665	24
14	Indiana	12,197	17,852	18
15	Ohio	11,926	28,505	13
16	Washington	9,238	46,202	7
17	Minnesota	8,300	12,486	25
18	Maine	7,406	4,040	39
19	Kentucky	7,269	15,709	20
20	Wisconsin	6,984	7,260	33
21	Delaware	6,855	3,473	40
22	New Hampshire	6,554	2,403	44
23	West Virginia	6,408	244	50
24	Montana	6,348	899	47
25	Virginia	6,268	40,436	10
26	Utah	3,343	7,501	30
27	Oregon	2,228	9,636	27
28	South Dakota	2,169	3,183	41
29	Michigan	1,796	30,706	12
30	Wyoming	1,474	258	49
31	North Dakota	512	2,810	43
32	Nebraska	-366	6,599	34
33	Kansas	-519	7,440	32
34	Vermont	-726	623	48
35	Mississippi	-917	7,451	31
36	Iowa	-970	5,903	36
37	Rhode Island	-1,551	5,923	35
38	New Mexico	-2,267	2,879	42
39	Pennsylvania	-2,936	26,921	15
40	Alaska	-4,525	1,959	46
41	Connecticut	-5,945	17,534	19
42	Hawaii	-8,876	4,768	38
43	Colorado	-12,100	15,356	21
44	Maryland	-12,127	20,503	16
45	Louisiana	-14,387	14,900	22
46	Massachusetts	-33,340	40,240	11
47	New Jersey	-37,428	53,064	5
48	Illinois	-40,017	44,752	8
49	New York	-137,586	95,634	4
50	California	-229,077	109,278	3
	District of Columbia	-4,128	3,915	
	United States	N/A	1,262,202	

TABLE 5

West Virginia ranks 40th in jobs added and 36th in percent growth of jobs.

Rank	State	Jobs Added (Lost)	% Growth	Rank
1	Texas	195,600	1.4%	10
2	New York	125,100	1.3%	16
3	Pennsylvania	101,200	1.6%	5
4	Florida	98,200	1.0%	21
5	North Carolina	80,800	1.6%	6
6	Ohio	76,800	1.4%	12
7	South Carolina	72,000	3.1%	1
8	California	69,500	0.4%	39
9	Virginia	44,400	1.0%	18
10	Michigan	44,100	1.0%	22
11	Minnesota	42,500	1.4%	9
12	Arizona	41,400	1.3%	15
13	Tennessee	34,400	1.0%	19
14	Missouri	33,900	1.1%	17
15	Georgia	32,300	0.7%	32
16	Utah	30,400	1.7%	4
17	New Jersey	28,900	0.7%	30
18	Oklahoma	23,400	1.3%	14
19	Wisconsin	22,800	0.7%	27
20	Alabama	22,000	1.0%	20
21	Washington	19,800	0.5%	35
22	Kentucky	19,800	1.0%	23
23	Louisiana	19,100	1.0%	24
24	Colorado	18,300	0.6%	34
25	Arkansas	18,300	1.3%	13
26	New Mexico	16,800	1.9%	2
27	Mississippi	16,200	1.4%	11
28	Indiana	13,600	0.4%	38
29	Oregon	13,000	0.7%	31
30	Idaho	12,900	1.5%	7
31	Connecticut	12,700	0.7%	28
32	Hawaii	11,900	1.9%	3
33	Maryland	11,800	0.4%	37
34	Nebraska	6,600	0.6%	33
35	Massachusetts	6,500	0.2%	44
36	Illinois	5,900	0.1%	45
37	Alaska	4,900	1.5%	8
38	South Dakota	4,300	0.9%	25
39	Delaware	3,500	0.7%	29
40	West Virginia	3,100	0.4%	36
41	Wyoming	2,600	0.9%	26
42	Rhode Island	1,700	0.3%	41
43	Montana	1,700	0.3%	42
44	North Dakota	1,500	0.3%	40
45	Vermont	1,000	0.3%	43
46	New Hampshire	100	0.0%	46
47	Nevada	(100)	0.0%	47
48	Maine	(2,300)	-0.3%	49
49	Iowa	(2,300)	-0.1%	48
50	Kansas	(10,000)	-0.7%	50
	District of Columbia	(8,900)	-1.2%	
	United States	1,443,700	0.9%	

**West Virginia ranks 50th in job growth in the last 10 years
and 50th in the percent change of jobs in the last 10 years.**

Rank	State	Aug. '15 (in thousands)	Aug. '25 (in thousands)	Jobs Added (Lost)	% Growth	Rank
1	Texas	11,819.3	14,347.7	2,528,400	21.4%	6
2	Florida	8,111.8	10,048.4	1,936,600	23.9%	4
3	California	16,190.8	18,011.2	1,820,400	11.2%	18
4	North Carolina	4,254.9	5,095.4	840,500	19.8%	8
5	New York	9,249.2	10,008.6	759,400	8.2%	26
6	Georgia	4,260.3	4,999.6	739,300	17.4%	11
7	Arizona	2,626.8	3,253.7	626,900	23.9%	5
8	Tennessee	2,875.1	3,408.3	533,200	18.5%	10
9	Colorado	2,521.7	2,991.5	469,800	18.6%	9
10	Washington	3,192.6	3,661.8	469,200	14.7%	13
11	Virginia	3,814.4	4,281.6	467,200	12.2%	17
12	South Carolina	2,010.4	2,427.2	416,800	20.7%	7
13	Pennsylvania	5,856.7	6,249.1	392,400	6.7%	30
14	Utah	1,385.9	1,775.1	389,200	28.1%	2
15	New Jersey	4,004.6	4,389.2	384,600	9.6%	21
16	Ohio	5,409.5	5,730.2	320,700	5.9%	37
17	Nevada	1,264.3	1,570.1	305,800	24.2%	3
18	Alabama	1,953.7	2,214.9	261,200	13.4%	15
19	Michigan	4,281.3	4,533.6	252,300	5.9%	38
20	Missouri	2,777.8	3,021.8	244,000	8.8%	23
21	Illinois	5,916.1	6,153.7	237,600	4.0%	40
22	Indiana	3,056.3	3,290.8	234,500	7.7%	28
23	Oregon	1,782.4	2,008.3	225,900	12.7%	16
24	Massachusetts	3,499.9	3,723.5	223,600	6.4%	34
25	Idaho	675.0	881.9	206,900	30.7%	1
26	Minnesota	2,862.1	3,053.1	191,000	6.7%	31
27	Maryland	2,674.3	2,846.8	172,500	6.5%	33
28	Arkansas	1,215.2	1,385.8	170,600	14.0%	14
29	Wisconsin	2,898.8	3,068.7	169,900	5.9%	39
30	Kentucky	1,895.9	2,062.2	166,300	8.8%	24
31	Oklahoma	1,661.5	1,802.3	140,800	8.5%	25
32	New Mexico	828.0	904.8	76,800	9.3%	22
33	Mississippi	1,131.7	1,205.5	73,800	6.5%	32
34	Montana	457.3	529.8	72,500	15.9%	12
35	Nebraska	1,001.7	1,064.1	62,400	6.2%	35
36	Kansas	1,399.3	1,452.4	53,100	3.8%	41
37	New Hampshire	653.5	706.3	52,800	8.1%	27
38	Delaware	443.9	493.8	49,900	11.2%	19
39	Maine	611.7	656.5	44,800	7.3%	29
40	South Dakota	430.4	471.8	41,400	9.6%	20
41	Rhode Island	483.9	513.7	29,800	6.2%	36
42	Iowa	1,575.1	1,594.6	19,500	1.2%	44
43	Connecticut	1,701.1	1,720.2	19,100	1.1%	45
44	Louisiana	1,990.5	2,002.5	12,000	0.6%	47
45	Hawaii	642.6	651.4	8,800	1.4%	43
46	Wyoming	292.3	297.5	5,200	1.8%	42
47	Alaska	336.0	339.0	3,000	0.9%	46
48	Vermont	314.3	314.1	(200)	-0.1%	48
49	North Dakota	460.5	448.1	(12,400)	-2.7%	49
50	West Virginia	749.6	719.0	(30,600)	-4.1%	50
	District of Columbia	764.4	757.8	(6,600)	-0.9%	
	United States	142,266.4	159,139.0	16,872,600	11.9%	

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME BY STATE (2024)

West Virginia ranks 49th in personal income per capita.

Rank	State	Per Capita Personal Income (2024)
1	Connecticut	\$95,067
2	Massachusetts	\$93,607
3	Wyoming	\$86,477
4	California	\$86,232
5	New York	\$85,552
6	Washington	\$85,187
7	New Jersey	\$84,893
8	New Hampshire	\$83,192
9	Colorado	\$83,055
10	Maryland	\$79,259
11	Virginia	\$77,351
12	Alaska	\$76,234
13	South Dakota	\$75,699
14	Minnesota	\$75,603
15	Illinois	\$74,522
16	Florida	\$73,006
17	Nebraska	\$72,701
18	North Dakota	\$71,749
19	Vermont	\$71,287
20	Hawaii	\$71,019
21	Oregon	\$70,823
22	Pennsylvania	\$70,678
23	Rhode Island	\$70,622
24	Texas	\$69,823
25	Nevada	\$69,805
26	Montana	\$69,240
27	Maine	\$68,932
28	Delaware	\$68,061
29	Wisconsin	\$67,755
30	Utah	\$67,333
31	Tennessee	\$66,504
32	Kansas	\$65,856
33	Arizona	\$65,798
34	North Carolina	\$65,634
35	Iowa	\$65,225
36	Missouri	\$64,920
37	Ohio	\$64,464
38	Indiana	\$64,077
39	Oklahoma	\$63,708
40	Michigan	\$63,690
41	Georgia	\$63,006
42	Idaho	\$62,323
43	Louisiana	\$61,897
44	South Carolina	\$60,776
45	Arkansas	\$59,320
46	Kentucky	\$58,256
47	New Mexico	\$58,249
48	Alabama	\$57,311
49	West Virginia	\$55,351
50	Mississippi	\$52,074
	District of Columbia	\$111,185
	United States	\$73,204

West Virginia ranks 27th in growth of per capita personal income from 2023 to 2024.

Rank	State	% Growth in Per Capita Personal Income 2023–2024 from 2023
1	California	6.2%
2	Hawaii	5.6%
3	North Carolina	5.5%
4	Delaware	5.4%
5	Connecticut	5.4%
6	Maine	5.3%
7	Alaska	5.3%
8	Idaho	5.3%
9	South Carolina	5.2%
10	Washington	5.1%
11	New Mexico	5.0%
12	Maryland	5.0%
13	Georgia	5.0%
14	Oregon	5.0%
15	Vermont	5.0%
16	New Hampshire	5.0%
17	Alabama	4.9%
18	Louisiana	4.9%
19	Arkansas	4.9%
20	Mississippi	4.9%
21	Tennessee	4.8%
22	Oklahoma	4.7%
23	Virginia	4.7%
24	Nevada	4.7%
25	Kentucky	4.7%
26	Montana	4.6%
27	West Virginia	4.5%
28	Wisconsin	4.4%
29	New York	4.4%
30	Ohio	4.4%
31	Arizona	4.4%
32	Indiana	4.4%
33	Utah	4.3%
34	Rhode Island	4.2%
35	Florida	4.2%
36	Wyoming	4.1%
37	Massachusetts	4.1%
38	Michigan	4.1%
39	New Jersey	4.1%
40	Iowa	4.0%
41	Minnesota	4.0%
42	Missouri	4.0%
43	Pennsylvania	3.9%
44	Illinois	3.8%
45	Kansas	3.7%
46	Colorado	3.6%
47	Texas	3.4%
48	South Dakota	2.1%
49	Nebraska	1.7%
50	North Dakota	0.3%
	District of Columbia	4.3%
	United States	4.6%

West Virginia ranks 41st in exports per capita and 41st in total exports
(measured in millions of dollars).

Rank	State	Per Capita	Total (Millions of Dollars)	Rank
1	Louisiana	\$18,912	\$86,951	4
2	Texas	\$14,542	\$455,031	1
3	Kentucky	\$10,412	\$47,774	13
4	Indiana	\$8,646	\$59,868	8
5	Alaska	\$8,015	\$5,933	39
6	Oregon	\$7,973	\$34,062	19
7	Washington	\$7,260	\$57,776	9
8	North Dakota	\$6,944	\$5,531	40
9	South Carolina	\$6,941	\$38,027	17
10	Illinois	\$6,358	\$80,817	5
11	Michigan	\$6,071	\$61,563	7
12	New Mexico	\$5,634	\$12,002	32
13	Tennessee	\$5,389	\$38,948	16
14	Iowa	\$5,237	\$16,974	29
15	Alabama	\$5,203	\$26,835	22
16	Utah	\$5,198	\$18,213	26
17	New Hampshire	\$5,055	\$7,123	37
18	Massachusetts	\$4,885	\$34,863	18
19	Kansas	\$4,836	\$14,366	30
20	Ohio	\$4,761	\$56,579	10
21	Georgia	\$4,752	\$53,133	12
22	Connecticut	\$4,730	\$17,382	28
23	Mississippi	\$4,652	\$13,690	31
24	California	\$4,650	\$183,343	2
25	Wisconsin	\$4,616	\$27,514	21
26	New York	\$4,593	\$91,243	3
27	Minnesota	\$4,585	\$26,561	23
28	New Jersey	\$4,519	\$42,932	14
29	Delaware	\$4,474	\$4,706	42
30	Arizona	\$4,250	\$32,223	20
31	Nebraska	\$4,069	\$8,161	35
32	Pennsylvania	\$4,067	\$53,187	11
33	North Carolina	\$3,877	\$42,824	15
34	Wyoming	\$3,519	\$2,068	48
35	Nevada	\$3,171	\$10,361	34
36	Missouri	\$3,105	\$19,389	25
37	Florida	\$3,088	\$72,168	6
38	Vermont	\$2,876	\$1,865	49
39	Maryland	\$2,851	\$17,855	27
40	Rhode Island	\$2,764	\$3,075	44
41	West Virginia	\$2,744	\$4,857	41
42	Virginia	\$2,472	\$21,780	24
43	South Dakota	\$2,285	\$2,113	47
44	Arkansas	\$2,232	\$6,894	38
45	Maine	\$2,179	\$3,062	45
46	Idaho	\$2,123	\$4,249	43
47	Montana	\$2,085	\$2,371	46
48	Oklahoma	\$1,891	\$7,746	36
49	Colorado	\$1,763	\$10,504	33
50	Hawaii	\$319	\$461	50
	District of Columbia	\$3,871	\$2,718	
	United States	\$6,072	\$2,065,180	

TABLE 11

West Virginia ranks 11th in both average quarterly entry rates of establishments and average quarterly exit rates of establishments.

Rank	State	Average Quarterly Entry Rate	Average Quarterly Exit Rate	Rank
1	Alaska	9.7%	9.4%	1
2	Wyoming	8.5%	8.7%	2
3	Montana	7.9%	7.8%	3
4	Idaho	7.7%	7.5%	4
5	Maine	6.9%	6.8%	7
6	Vermont	6.8%	7.0%	5
7	Rhode Island	6.7%	6.3%	11
8	North Dakota	6.6%	6.5%	8
9	Arizona	6.6%	6.4%	10
10	Utah	6.6%	6.2%	13
11	West Virginia	6.4%	6.3%	11
12	Colorado	6.3%	6.8%	6
13	Maryland	6.3%	6.1%	20
14	South Carolina	6.3%	6.2%	15
15	South Dakota	6.2%	6.0%	21
16	California	6.2%	6.2%	13
16	Oregon	6.2%	6.5%	9
18	Delaware	6.2%	6.1%	18
19	New Hampshire	6.1%	6.1%	18
20	Florida	6.1%	5.8%	24
21	Louisiana	6.1%	5.8%	23
22	New Mexico	6.0%	6.1%	16
23	Nevada	6.0%	5.9%	22
24	Mississippi	6.0%	6.1%	16
25	Georgia	5.9%	5.7%	25
26	Oklahoma	5.8%	5.7%	28
27	New York	5.8%	5.4%	40
27	Virginia	5.8%	5.5%	38
29	Washington	5.7%	5.3%	42
30	Kansas	5.7%	5.5%	35
30	North Carolina	5.7%	5.7%	27
32	Alabama	5.7%	5.6%	30
33	Missouri	5.6%	5.6%	31
34	Connecticut	5.6%	5.5%	32
34	Nebraska	5.6%	5.5%	39
36	Iowa	5.6%	5.7%	25
37	New Jersey	5.6%	5.5%	36
38	Tennessee	5.6%	5.4%	41
39	Texas	5.6%	5.2%	45
40	Minnesota	5.5%	5.5%	32
41	Michigan	5.5%	5.7%	28
42	Arkansas	5.5%	5.3%	44
43	Kentucky	5.4%	5.5%	37
44	Hawaii	5.4%	5.1%	48
45	Indiana	5.3%	5.3%	43
46	Ohio	5.3%	5.2%	47
47	Massachusetts	5.3%	5.5%	32
47	Wisconsin	5.3%	5.2%	46
49	Illinois	5.1%	5.1%	48
50	Pennsylvania	5.1%	4.9%	50
	District of Columbia	5.0%	5.4%	
	United States	5.8%	5.7%	

West Virginia ranks 35th in per capita burden of taxes
and 13th in burden per \$1,000 in personal income.

Rank	State	Per Capita Burden	Burden per \$1,000 PI	Rank
1	New York	\$12,536	\$157.25	2
2	North Dakota	\$9,912	\$136.71	4
3	Hawaii	\$9,768	\$151.35	3
4	Connecticut	\$9,444	\$107.55	15
5	New Jersey	\$9,254	\$115.49	9
6	Massachusetts	\$9,156	\$102.95	19
7	California	\$8,972	\$113.37	11
8	New Mexico	\$8,970	\$164.31	1
9	Vermont	\$8,479	\$129.30	5
10	Illinois	\$8,372	\$118.81	6
11	Maryland	\$8,193	\$111.35	12
12	Wyoming	\$8,063	\$101.01	24
13	Minnesota	\$7,892	\$110.23	14
14	Washington	\$7,786	\$99.17	28
15	Delaware	\$7,779	\$117.38	7
16	Oregon	\$7,624	\$115.60	8
17	Alaska	\$7,532	\$107.19	16
18	Maine	\$7,251	\$113.63	10
19	Virginia	\$7,067	\$97.96	31
20	Rhode Island	\$6,889	\$104.37	17
21	Pennsylvania	\$6,884	\$102.22	22
22	Colorado	\$6,820	\$86.28	44
23	Nebraska	\$6,667	\$95.41	32
24	Kansas	\$6,626	\$102.86	20
25	Iowa	\$6,493	\$103.72	18
26	Nevada	\$6,401	\$99.14	29
27	Utah	\$6,305	\$100.18	26
28	Wisconsin	\$6,057	\$95.13	33
29	Indiana	\$5,990	\$99.31	27
30	Montana	\$5,890	\$92.54	36
31	Ohio	\$5,884	\$98.03	30
32	Louisiana	\$5,867	\$102.46	21
33	Texas	\$5,811	\$88.78	42
34	New Hampshire	\$5,786	\$75.01	49
35	West Virginia	\$5,704	\$110.78	13
36	Kentucky	\$5,472	\$101.18	23
37	Michigan	\$5,432	\$91.05	38
38	North Carolina	\$5,428	\$89.26	39
39	Oklahoma	\$5,346	\$89.23	40
40	Arkansas	\$5,324	\$93.02	35
41	South Dakota	\$5,322	\$74.24	50
42	Missouri	\$5,300	\$86.68	43
43	Florida	\$5,233	\$77.43	48
43	Georgia	\$5,233	\$92.36	37
45	Idaho	\$5,060	\$85.95	45
46	Arizona	\$5,046	\$82.36	46
47	South Carolina	\$5,036	\$89.09	41
48	Alabama	\$4,972	\$93.33	34
49	Tennessee	\$4,951	\$81.00	47
50	Mississippi	\$4,874	\$100.50	25
	District of Columbia	\$15,257	\$145.54	
	United States	\$7,083	\$103.60	

West Virginia ranks 11th in business taxes per employee,
8th in the percentage of the private sector as a share of gross state product (GSP),
and 13th in business taxes as a percentage of total taxes.

Rank	State	Business Taxes per Employee	% of Private Sector GSP	Rank	% Of All Taxes	Rank
1	Alaska	\$18,100	8.2%	5	75.1%	1
2	New Mexico	\$17,800	12.1%	1	63.3%	4
3	North Dakota	\$16,900	8.9%	2	73.6%	2
4	Wyoming	\$16,800	8.4%	3	73.2%	3
5	New York	\$13,700	5.9%	10	43.7%	27
6	Vermont	\$11,800	8.4%	3	56.0%	8
7	Delaware	\$11,500	5.6%	12	56.6%	7
8	Hawaii	\$10,900	6.6%	7	39.0%	40
9	Maine	\$10,400	7.2%	6	50.9%	12
10	Washington	\$10,100	4.5%	29	49.6%	17
11	West Virginia	\$9,600	6.4%	8	50.6%	13
11	Illinois	\$9,600	5.3%	13	47.5%	20
11	Texas	\$9,600	5.0%	17	59.7%	5
11	California	\$9,600	4.5%	29	42.6%	30
15	Nevada	\$9,100	5.9%	10	54.9%	9
16	New Jersey	\$8,900	4.7%	23	35.5%	47
17	Louisiana	\$8,600	5.3%	13	50.3%	14
18	Colorado	\$8,100	4.5%	29	48.8%	18
19	Minnesota	\$8,000	4.9%	20	42.8%	28
19	Virginia	\$8,000	4.7%	23	43.8%	26
19	Connecticut	\$8,000	4.0%	38	32.9%	49
22	South Dakota	\$7,800	4.7%	23	58.3%	6
23	Mississippi	\$7,700	6.1%	9	49.9%	15
23	Rhode Island	\$7,700	5.2%	15	41.2%	36
23	Oklahoma	\$7,700	5.0%	17	47.5%	20
23	Oregon	\$7,700	4.9%	20	38.3%	42
27	Florida	\$7,500	4.7%	23	53.8%	11
27	Kansas	\$7,500	4.7%	23	44.5%	25
27	Nebraska	\$7,500	4.2%	36	46.5%	23
30	Montana	\$7,400	5.2%	15	44.7%	24
31	Pennsylvania	\$7,200	4.6%	28	41.6%	33
32	Massachusetts	\$7,100	3.6%	44	35.9%	46
33	South Carolina	\$7,000	5.0%	17	48.7%	19
33	New Hampshire	\$7,000	4.3%	34	49.9%	15
33	Maryland	\$7,000	4.0%	38	29.7%	50
36	Tennessee	\$6,900	4.3%	34	54.8%	10
37	Alabama	\$6,800	4.8%	22	46.8%	22
37	Iowa	\$6,800	4.2%	36	42.3%	31
39	Ohio	\$6,400	4.0%	38	42.8%	28
40	Arkansas	\$6,200	4.5%	29	41.3%	35
40	Kentucky	\$6,200	4.5%	29	42.0%	32
40	Arizona	\$6,200	3.9%	42	40.1%	37
43	Georgia	\$5,900	3.5%	46	41.4%	34
44	Idaho	\$5,700	4.0%	38	39.7%	38
44	Utah	\$5,700	3.6%	44	39.5%	39
46	Wisconsin	\$5,500	3.9%	42	38.6%	41
47	Indiana	\$5,300	3.4%	48	36.8%	45
47	North Carolina	\$5,300	3.4%	48	37.1%	44
49	Michigan	\$5,100	3.4%	48	34.6%	48
50	Missouri	\$5,000	3.5%	46	37.9%	43
	District of Columbia	\$10,600	4.8%		53.3%	
	United States	\$8,200	4.7%		44.7%	

**West Virginia has the 24th highest top personal income-tax bracket,
and the 23rd highest bracket for married individuals making \$50,000 per year.**

Rank	State	Top Rate	Married Rate at \$50,000	Rank
1	California	13.30%	2.00%	40
2	Hawaii	11.00%	6.80%	2
3	New York	10.90%	5.40%	9
4	New Jersey	10.75%	2.45%	39
5	Oregon	9.90%	8.75%	1
6	Minnesota	9.85%	6.80%	2
7	Massachusetts	9.00%	5.00%	12
8	Vermont	8.75%	3.35%	33
9	Wisconsin	7.65%	4.40%	24
10	Maine	7.15%	5.80%	5
11	Connecticut	6.99%	4.50%	20
12	Delaware	6.60%	5.55%	8
13	Maryland	6.50%	4.75%	15
14	South Carolina	6.00%	6.00%	4
15	Rhode Island	5.99%	3.75%	31
16	New Mexico	5.90%	4.70%	16
17	Virginia	5.75%	5.75%	6
18	Montana	5.65%	4.70%	16
19	Kansas	5.58%	5.58%	7
20	Idaho	5.30%	5.30%	10
21	Georgia	5.19%	5.19%	11
22	Alabama	5.00%	5.00%	12
23	Illinois	4.95%	4.95%	14
24	West Virginia	4.82%	4.44%	23
25	Missouri	4.70%	4.70%	16
26	Nebraska	4.55%	4.55%	19
27	Oklahoma	4.50%	4.50%	20
27	Utah	4.50%	4.50%	20
29	Colorado	4.40%	4.40%	24
30	Michigan	4.25%	4.25%	26
31	Mississippi	4.00%	4.00%	27
32	North Carolina	3.99%	3.99%	28
33	Arkansas	3.90%	3.90%	29
34	Iowa	3.80%	3.80%	30
35	Kentucky	3.50%	3.50%	32
36	Pennsylvania	3.07%	3.07%	34
37	Louisiana	3.00%	3.00%	35
38	Indiana	2.95%	2.95%	36
39	Ohio	2.75%	2.75%	37
40	Arizona	2.50%	2.50%	38
40	North Dakota	2.50%	0.00%	41
42	Alaska	0.00%	0.00%	41
42	Florida	0.00%	0.00%	41
42	Nevada	0.00%	0.00%	41
42	New Hampshire	0.00%	0.00%	41
42	South Dakota	0.00%	0.00%	41
42	Tennessee	0.00%	0.00%	41
42	Texas	0.00%	0.00%	41
42	Washington	0.00%	0.00%	41
42	Wyoming	0.00%	0.00%	41
	District of Columbia	10.75%	6.50%	

TOP CORPORATE NET INCOME TAX BRACKET BY STATE (2026)

TABLE 15

West Virginia has the 21st highest corporate income -ax bracket, and the 20th highest bracket for companies with \$500,000 in revenue.

Rank	State	Top Rate	Rate at \$500,000	Rank
1	New Jersey	11.50%	9.00%	4
2	Minnesota	9.80%	9.80%	1
3	Illinois	9.50%	9.50%	2
4	Alaska	9.40%	9.40%	3
5	Maine	8.93%	7.93%	10
6	California	8.84%	8.84%	5
7	Delaware	8.70%	8.70%	6
8	Vermont	8.50%	8.50%	7
9	Connecticut	8.25%	7.50%	12
9	Maryland	8.25%	8.25%	8
11	Massachusetts	8.00%	8.00%	9
12	Wisconsin	7.90%	7.90%	11
13	Oregon	7.60%	6.60%	19
14	New Hampshire	7.50%	7.50%	12
15	Pennsylvania	7.49%	7.49%	14
16	New York	7.25%	6.50%	20
17	Iowa	7.10%	7.10%	15
18	Kansas	7.00%	7.00%	16
18	Rhode Island	7.00%	7.00%	16
20	Montana	6.75%	6.75%	18
21	Alabama	6.50%	6.50%	20
21	Tennessee	6.50%	6.50%	20
21	West Virginia	6.50%	6.50%	20
24	Hawaii	6.40%	6.40%	24
25	Michigan	6.00%	6.00%	25
25	Virginia	6.00%	6.00%	25
27	New Mexico	5.90%	5.90%	27
28	Florida	5.50%	5.50%	28
28	Louisiana	5.50%	5.50%	28
30	Idaho	5.30%	5.30%	30
31	Georgia	5.19%	5.19%	31
32	Kentucky	5.00%	5.00%	32
32	Mississippi	5.00%	5.00%	32
32	South Carolina	5.00%	5.00%	32
35	Arizona	4.90%	4.90%	35
35	Indiana	4.90%	4.90%	35
37	Nebraska	4.55%	4.55%	37
38	Utah	4.50%	4.50%	38
39	Colorado	4.40%	4.40%	39
40	North Dakota	4.31%	4.31%	40
41	Arkansas	4.30%	4.30%	41
42	Missouri	4.00%	4.00%	42
42	Oklahoma	4.00%	4.00%	42
44	North Carolina	2.00%	2.00%	44
45	Nevada	0.00%	0.00%	45
45	Ohio	0.00%	0.00%	45
45	South Dakota	0.00%	0.00%	45
45	Texas	0.00%	0.00%	45
45	Washington	0.00%	0.00%	45
45	Wyoming	0.00%	0.00%	45
	District of Columbia	8.25%	8.25%	

Note: Some states have scheduled changes to their corporate net income tax rates in the near future. For instance, Georgia's corporate income tax rate is set to revert to 6% on January 1, 2026. Similarly, Nebraska's corporate income tax rate is scheduled to increase to 7.3% in 2026.

West Virginia is tied for the 17th highest state sales tax rate and ranks 31st for both the average local rate and the combined sales tax rank.

Rank	State	State Tax Rate	Average Local Tax Rate	Rank	Combined Rate	Rank
1	California	7.25%	1.74%	20	8.99%	7
2	Indiana	7.00%	0.00%	38	7.00%	24
2	Mississippi	7.00%	0.06%	36	7.06%	23
2	Rhode Island	7.00%	0.00%	38	7.00%	24
2	Tennessee	7.00%	2.61%	13	9.61%	2
6	Minnesota	6.88%	1.26%	27	8.14%	15
7	Nevada	6.85%	1.39%	25	8.24%	13
8	New Jersey	6.63%	-0.02%	50	6.60%	30
9	Arkansas	6.50%	2.96%	9	9.46%	4
9	Kansas	6.50%	2.19%	15	8.69%	9
9	Washington	6.50%	3.01%	8	9.51%	3
12	Connecticut	6.35%	0.00%	38	6.35%	33
13	Illinois	6.25%	2.71%	12	8.96%	8
13	Massachusetts	6.25%	0.00%	38	6.25%	35
13	Texas	6.25%	1.95%	17	8.20%	14
16	Utah	6.10%	1.32%	26	7.42%	20
17	Florida	6.00%	0.98%	28	6.98%	27
17	Idaho	6.00%	0.03%	37	6.03%	37
17	Iowa	6.00%	0.94%	29	6.94%	29
17	Kentucky	6.00%	0.00%	38	6.00%	38
17	Maryland	6.00%	0.00%	38	6.00%	38
17	Michigan	6.00%	0.00%	38	6.00%	38
17	Pennsylvania	6.00%	0.34%	35	6.34%	34
17	South Carolina	6.00%	1.49%	23	7.49%	18
17	Vermont	6.00%	0.39%	34	6.39%	32
17	West Virginia	6.00%	0.59%	31	6.59%	31
27	Ohio	5.75%	1.54%	22	7.29%	21
28	Arizona	5.60%	2.92%	10	8.52%	11
29	Maine	5.50%	0.00%	38	5.50%	44
29	Nebraska	5.50%	1.48%	24	6.98%	27
31	Virginia	5.30%	0.47%	33	5.77%	41
32	Louisiana	5.00%	5.11%	2	10.11%	1
32	North Dakota	5.00%	2.09%	16	7.09%	22
32	Wisconsin	5.00%	0.72%	30	5.72%	42
35	New Mexico	4.88%	2.79%	11	7.67%	17
36	North Carolina	4.75%	2.25%	14	7.00%	26
37	Oklahoma	4.50%	4.56%	4	9.06%	6
38	Missouri	4.23%	4.22%	6	8.44%	12
39	South Dakota	4.20%	1.91%	18	6.11%	36
40	Alabama	4.00%	5.46%	1	9.46%	4
40	Georgia	4.00%	3.49%	7	7.49%	18
40	Hawaii	4.00%	0.50%	32	4.50%	45
40	New York	4.00%	4.54%	5	8.54%	10
40	Wyoming	4.00%	1.56%	21	5.56%	43
45	Colorado	2.90%	4.99%	3	7.89%	16
46	Alaska	0.00%	1.82%	19	1.82%	46
46	Delaware	0.00%	0.00%	38	0.00%	47
46	Montana	0.00%	0.00%	38	0.00%	47
46	New Hampshire	0.00%	0.00%	38	0.00%	47
46	Oregon	0.00%	0.00%	38	0.00%	47
	District of Columbia	6.00%	0.00%		6.00%	

West Virginia ranks 35th in gasoline tax and 33rd in diesel tax, measured by cents per gallon.*

Rank	State	Gasoline Tax	Diesel Tax	Rank
1	Alaska	8.95	8.95	1
2	Hawaii	18.50	18.50	2
3	New Mexico	18.88	22.88	9
4	Arizona	19.00	19.00	3
5	Oklahoma	20.00	20.00	4
5	Texas	20.00	20.00	4
7	Louisiana	20.93	20.93	6
8	Mississippi	21.40	21.40	7
9	Delaware	23.00	22.00	8
10	North Dakota	23.03	23.03	10
11	Nevada	23.81	27.75	17
12	New Hampshire	23.83	23.83	13
13	Wyoming	24.00	24.00	14
14	New York	24.87	23.07	11
15	Arkansas	25.00	28.80	20
15	Connecticut	25.00	48.90	43
17	Kansas	25.04	27.03	15
18	Kentucky	26.40	23.40	12
19	Tennessee	27.40	28.40	18
20	Massachusetts	27.47	27.47	16
21	South Carolina	28.75	28.75	19
22	Colorado	29.18	34.68	32
23	Missouri	29.99	29.99	21
24	Iowa	30.00	32.50	27
25	South Dakota	30.00	30.00	22
26	Alabama	31.00	32.75	28
27	Vermont	31.39	33.00	30
28	Maine	31.40	31.87	24
29	Minnesota	31.90	31.90	25
30	Nebraska	32.70	32.10	26
31	Wisconsin	32.90	32.90	29
32	Idaho	33.00	33.00	30
33	Montana	33.75	30.50	23
34	Georgia	33.85	37.85	34
35	West Virginia	35.70	35.70	33
36	Ohio	38.50	47.00	42
37	Utah	39.15	39.15	35
38	Florida	39.40	40.27	37
39	Oregon	40.00	40.00	36
40	North Carolina	40.55	40.55	38
41	Rhode Island	41.12	41.12	39
42	Virginia	41.60	42.70	40
43	New Jersey	44.95	51.95	45
44	Maryland	46.19	46.94	41
45	Michigan	48.20	49.90	44
46	Indiana	54.50	62.00	46
47	Pennsylvania	58.70	74.10	49
48	Washington	59.04	62.04	47
49	Illinois	66.40	73.90	48
50	California	70.92	87.32	50
	District of Columbia	35.30	35.30	

*Includes all state taxes on fuels

West Virginia's ranking in the CNBC Best States for Business dropped to 46th in 2026 from 40th in the 2025 rankings.

Overall		Economy	Infrastructure	Workforce	Cost of Doing Business	Business Friendliness	Quality of Life	Technology & Innovation	Education	Access to Capital	Cost of Living
1	Ohio	9	1	35	1	16	18	10	23	9	9
2	North Carolina	1	13	3	20	8	34	8	12	5	35
3	Virginia	23	2	10	26	11	7	6	5	10	15
4	Texas	2	12	1	5	23	49	3	32	2	30
5	Minnesota	8	7	27	31	16	4	14	10	21	22
6	Michigan	24	9	21	4	27	15	17	29	13	11
7	Georgia	17	5	9	11	21	46	15	13	8	35
8	Florida	11	32	2	15	33	30	10	29	4	48
9	Tennessee	11	6	7	9	7	50	20	45	15	15
10	Indiana	27	4	32	2	10	48	16	25	20	6
11	Washington	5	16	6	47	40	12	4	37	11	41
12	Illinois	29	3	31	23	44	22	12	7	12	41
13	Pennsylvania	21	11	39	17	42	17	5	17	7	11
14	Arizona	22	8	4	35	13	36	25	43	18	33
15	Massachusetts	16	24	26	49	27	10	8	1	6	39
16	Utah	13	28	5	25	5	45	26	45	22	26
17	California	3	26	17	46	47	29	1	20	1	50
18	New York	4	13	50	41	49	19	2	7	3	41
19	Iowa	37	15	38	8	14	20	23	23	39	6
20	Wyoming	14	37	36	29	2	24	36	2	35	5
21	Alabama	31	10	14	20	24	43	22	41	27	3
22	Wisconsin	10	24	29	11	26	40	30	13	26	15
23	Connecticut	34	29	25	40	21	5	19	4	23	44
23	South Carolina	6	27	8	31	38	36	28	19	31	37
25	Colorado	28	32	10	38	29	14	6	37	17	49
26	Nebraska	26	36	18	17	9	10	45	20	37	29
27	Kentucky	37	17	22	10	32	30	29	25	31	14
28	Arkansas	20	23	13	17	31	41	36	36	27	19
29	North Dakota	42	34	46	22	1	9	42	11	45	2
30	Idaho	14	45	16	28	12	28	34	47	40	22
31	New Jersey	31	41	19	38	50	3	20	2	13	39
32	Delaware	7	41	12	41	46	21	27	43	25	15
33	Nevada	19	20	22	34	15	39	38	49	23	37
34	New Hampshire	43	43	15	36	6	7	45	9	41	26
35	Maine	39	47	33	23	24	2	38	5	43	28
36	Maryland	49	17	30	44	33	12	13	16	15	30
37	Kansas	46	31	39	15	3	36	32	13	34	6
38	Missouri	29	21	49	5	38	44	24	37	19	10
39	Oklahoma	41	21	42	3	18	41	30	48	33	19
40	Vermont	35	37	33	37	18	1	48	22	42	21
41	New Mexico	33	29	20	29	35	32	40	32	37	33
42	Oregon	39	17	24	43	43	22	18	34	27	45
43	Mississippi	36	34	48	13	36	26	43	41	35	11
44	South Dakota	45	44	47	14	3	33	50	28	46	3
45	Montana	18	48	36	33	40	35	35	18	46	30
46	West Virginia	48	40	44	27	30	24	44	25	49	1
47	Louisiana	47	39	45	7	48	46	32	29	27	22
48	Rhode Island	50	46	28	44	37	16	40	40	48	45
49	Alaska	44	49	41	47	20	26	47	50	50	22
50	Hawaii	24	50	43	50	45	6	49	34	44	47

Charleston, West Virginia is 47th in median home value. When applying the tax rate to the 2024 median home value, Charleston is the 2nd lowest in the nation.

	City	2022 Median Home Value	Tax on Median	Rank
1	Los Angeles, CA	\$919,900	\$10,952	49
2	Honolulu, HI	\$899,300	\$2,683	12
3	Seattle, WA	\$898,600	\$6,898	45
4	New York City, NY	\$743,000	\$9,279	48
5	Boston, MA	\$703,600	\$3,445	28
6	Denver, CO	\$626,500	\$3,253	23
7	Portland, OR	\$570,300	\$14,787	50
8	Salt Lake City, UT	\$566,400	\$2,930	20
9	Charleston, SC	\$515,800	\$2,546	9
10	Portland, ME	\$494,400	\$6,341	44
11	Boise, ID	\$491,800	\$3,005	21
12	Atlanta, GA	\$443,300	\$3,714	30
13	Phoenix, AZ	\$441,300	\$4,274	35
14	Las Vegas, NV	\$434,200	\$4,939	40
15	Nashville, TN	\$433,500	\$2,519	7
16	Charlotte, NC	\$413,800	\$2,904	19
17	Newark, NJ	\$403,500	\$8,569	46
18	Burlington, VT	\$400,200	\$9,268	47
19	Anchorage, AK	\$385,900	\$4,272	34
20	Virginia Beach, VA	\$384,200	\$2,879	18
21	Manchester, NH	\$369,300	\$5,459	42
22	Providence, RI	\$359,900	\$3,093	22
23	Minneapolis, MN	\$355,600	\$4,445	36
24	Billings, MT	\$346,500	\$2,523	8
25	Cheyenne, WY	\$340,800	\$2,175	5
26	Chicago, IL	\$318,900	\$4,791	39
27	Jacksonville, FL	\$312,400	\$4,486	37
28	Huntsville, AL	\$309,900	\$1,673	3
29	Bridgeport, CT	\$307,100	\$5,958	43
30	New Orleans, LA	\$306,400	\$2,674	11
31	Sioux Falls, SD	\$302,500	\$3,730	31
32	Albuquerque, NM	\$300,100	\$4,248	33
33	Fargo, ND	\$282,700	\$3,459	29
34	Houston, TX	\$282,400	\$3,802	32
35	Columbus, OH	\$265,800	\$2,725	14
36	Omaha, NE	\$255,500	\$4,548	38
37	Oklahoma City, OK	\$248,100	\$3,257	24
38	Philadelphia, PA	\$246,600	\$2,095	4
39	Kansas City, MO	\$243,200	\$3,330	27
40	Baltimore, MD	\$241,900	\$5,182	41
41	Little Rock, AR	\$241,600	\$2,734	15
42	Indianapolis, IN	\$238,400	\$2,870	17
43	Louisville, KY	\$233,900	\$2,787	16
44	Wilmington, DE	\$228,600	\$2,706	13
45	Wichita, KS	\$198,100	\$2,193	6
46	Des Moines, IA	\$194,700	\$3,314	26
47	Charleston, WV	\$187,300	\$1,616	2
48	Milwaukee, WI	\$183,700	\$3,271	25
49	Jackson, MS	\$110,600	\$1,403	1
50	Detroit, MI	\$86,400	\$2,609	10
	District of Columbia	\$715,500	\$5,001	
	U.S. Average	\$381,800	\$4,223	

EFFECTIVE PROPERTY TAX RATE ON A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
IN THE STATE'S LARGEST CITY (Payable 2024)

Charleston, West Virginia has the 21st highest effective tax rate
and net tax on a commercial property.*

Rank	City	ETR	Net Tax
1	Detroit, MI	3.996%	\$1,198,726
2	Chicago, IL	3.620%	\$1,086,072
3	Providence, RI	3.284%	\$985,196
4	Des Moines, IA	2.898%	\$869,482
5	Baltimore, MD	2.823%	\$846,821
6	Kansas City, MO	2.750%	\$824,901
7	Jackson, MS	2.745%	\$823,359
8	Portland, OR	2.593%	\$777,855
9	Indianapolis, IN	2.550%	\$764,875
10	Minneapolis, MN	2.494%	\$748,295
11	Wichita, KS	2.387%	\$716,003
12	Bridgeport, CT	2.309%	\$692,810
13	Burlington, VT	2.261%	\$678,422
14	Philadelphia, PA	2.135%	\$640,522
15	Denver, CO	2.106%	\$631,803
15	Boston, MA	2.106%	\$631,750
17	Houston, TX	1.997%	\$599,116
18	Milwaukee, WI	1.964%	\$589,290
19	Charleston, SC	1.937%	\$581,040
20	Columbus, OH	1.909%	\$572,811
21	Charleston, WV	1.856%	\$556,902
22	Omaha, NE	1.838%	\$551,490
23	Newark, NJ	1.770%	\$530,899
24	New Orleans, LA	1.714%	\$514,183
25	Albuquerque, NM	1.685%	\$505,459
26	Phoenix, AZ	1.676%	\$502,656
27	Jacksonville, FL	1.669%	\$500,792
28	Atlanta, GA	1.505%	\$451,568
29	Anchorage, AK	1.452%	\$435,592
30	Huntsville, AL	1.442%	\$432,680
31	Oklahoma City, OK	1.420%	\$425,872
32	New York City, NY	1.418%	\$425,356
33	Portland, ME	1.376%	\$412,775
34	Little Rock, AR	1.366%	\$409,675
35	Louisville, KY	1.283%	\$384,750
36	Manchester, NH	1.232%	\$369,573
37	Los Angeles, CA	1.200%	\$359,907
38	Sioux Falls, SD	1.187%	\$356,083
39	Las Vegas, NV	1.131%	\$339,294
40	Fargo, ND	1.121%	\$336,384
41	Honolulu, HI	1.052%	\$315,580
42	Nashville, TN	0.937%	\$281,243
43	Salt Lake City, UT	0.928%	\$278,342
44	Billings, MT	0.914%	\$274,204
45	Boise, ID	0.896%	\$268,862
46	Virginia Beach, VA	0.873%	\$261,875
47	Wilmington, DE	0.846%	\$253,662
48	Seattle, WA	0.785%	\$235,416
49	Charlotte, NC	0.711%	\$213,322
50	Cheyenne, WY	0.599%	\$179,692
	District of Columbia	1.774%	\$532,273
	U.S. Average	1.788%	\$536,410

*\$25 Million land and building

EFFECTIVE PROPERTY TAX RATE ON A INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
IN THE STATE'S LARGEST CITY (Payable 2024)

Charleston, West Virginia has the 9th highest effective tax rate
and net tax on an industrial property.*

Rank	City	ETR	Net Tax
1	Jackson, MS	2.807%	\$1,403,291
2	Charleston, SC	2.490%	\$1,245,120
3	Detroit, MI	2.215%	\$1,107,314
4	Kansas City, MO	2.176%	\$1,087,981
5	Indianapolis, IN	2.083%	\$1,041,562
6	Portland, OR	2.074%	\$1,037,140
7	Houston, TX	2.062%	\$1,030,854
8	Chicago, IL	2.010%	\$1,004,841
9	Charleston, WV	1.867%	\$933,410
10	New Orleans, LA	1.768%	\$883,783
11	Providence, RI	1.703%	\$851,696
12	Denver, CO	1.696%	\$847,989
13	Burlington, VT	1.560%	\$779,993
14	Anchorage, AK	1.535%	\$767,335
15	Oklahoma City, OK	1.533%	\$766,569
16	Omaha, NE	1.510%	\$754,876
17	Baltimore, MD	1.414%	\$707,023
18	Atlanta, GA	1.395%	\$697,328
19	Little Rock, AR	1.379%	\$689,675
19	Albuquerque, NM	1.379%	\$689,263
21	Minneapolis, MN	1.376%	\$688,115
22	Jacksonville, FL	1.345%	\$672,296
23	Philadelphia, PA	1.337%	\$668,555
24	Wichita, KS	1.289%	\$644,688
25	Boston, MA	1.264%	\$631,750
26	Bridgeport, CT	1.234%	\$616,773
27	Huntsville, AL	1.128%	\$564,050
28	Milwaukee, WI	1.080%	\$540,176
29	Phoenix, AZ	1.076%	\$537,761
30	Newark, NJ	1.062%	\$530,899
31	Des Moines, IA	1.048%	\$523,784
32	Columbus, OH	1.047%	\$523,453
33	Los Angeles, CA	0.960%	\$479,876
34	Nashville, TN	0.953%	\$476,483
35	Las Vegas, NV	0.908%	\$454,031
36	Billings, MT	0.856%	\$427,828
37	Portland, ME	0.751%	\$375,250
38	Salt Lake City, UT	0.747%	\$373,632
39	Manchester, NH	0.739%	\$369,573
40	Boise, ID	0.721%	\$360,328
40	Louisville, KY	0.721%	\$360,575
42	Sioux Falls, SD	0.712%	\$356,083
43	Fargo, ND	0.673%	\$336,384
44	Seattle, WA	0.645%	\$322,412
45	Honolulu, HI	0.631%	\$315,580
46	Charlotte, NC	0.578%	\$289,042
47	New York City, NY	0.532%	\$265,788
48	Wilmington, DE	0.507%	\$253,662
49	Cheyenne, WY	0.464%	\$231,752
50	Virginia Beach, VA	0.444%	\$221,875
	District of Columbia	1.745%	\$872,273
	U.S. Average	1.3%	\$639,358

*Value: \$25 million land & structures; \$12.5M, Machinery & Equipment;
\$10M, Inventories; \$2.5M, Fixtures

West Virginia ranks 11th in full-time state and local employees per 1,000 residents and 47th in pay for state and local employees.

Rank	State	FTE's/1,000 Residents	2024 Annual Payroll/FTE	Rank
1	Wyoming	86.7	\$65,450	32
2	Alaska	70.1	\$80,861	10
3	Kansas	69.8	\$59,820	43
4	Nebraska	63.9	\$66,230	28
5	North Dakota	62.5	\$65,405	33
6	Mississippi	61.3	\$53,458	50
7	New York	60.8	\$89,425	3
8	Iowa	60.3	\$66,368	27
9	Vermont	58.8	\$74,160	16
10	New Mexico	58.6	\$66,840	26
11	West Virginia	57.5	\$54,649	47
12	Alabama	56.9	\$62,118	37
13	Colorado	55.3	\$76,225	14
14	Arkansas	54.4	\$54,410	48
15	Louisiana	54.4	\$54,408	49
16	Virginia	53.9	\$71,854	20
17	Maryland	53.7	\$82,056	8
18	Oregon	53.0	\$82,871	7
19	Oklahoma	52.7	\$58,515	45
20	Kentucky	52.7	\$58,276	46
21	Montana	52.6	\$62,919	36
22	Maine	52.4	\$61,442	38
23	Washington	52.1	\$95,472	2
24	Minnesota	51.7	\$77,547	12
25	Hawaii	51.5	\$75,676	15
26	Texas	51.3	\$66,039	30
27	Delaware	51.0	\$70,099	23
28	Missouri	50.9	\$59,305	44
29	North Carolina	50.9	\$67,508	25
30	Connecticut	50.9	\$85,046	5
31	South Dakota	50.8	\$61,061	39
32	California	50.6	\$100,786	1
33	Massachusetts	50.4	\$85,535	4
34	Ohio	50.2	\$69,337	24
35	New Jersey	49.9	\$85,034	6
36	Illinois	49.9	\$78,010	11
37	Utah	49.9	\$73,002	19
38	South Carolina	49.3	\$60,820	41
39	New Hampshire	48.9	\$66,123	29
40	Georgia	48.6	\$63,100	35
41	Tennessee	48.2	\$61,055	40
42	Indiana	47.9	\$63,580	34
43	Wisconsin	47.2	\$70,170	22
44	Idaho	45.7	\$60,598	42
45	Michigan	43.5	\$73,091	18
46	Rhode Island	42.7	\$81,744	9
47	Pennsylvania	41.6	\$73,824	17
48	Florida	39.6	\$65,990	31
49	Arizona	39.5	\$71,646	21
50	Nevada	36.8	\$77,268	13
	District of Columbia	75.1	\$104,146	
	United States	50.5	\$74,948	

West Virginia ranks 49th in the average salary
for both full-time state employees and local government employees.

Rank	State	State Avg FTE Salary	Local Avg FTE Salary	Rank
1	California	\$104,125	\$99,685	1
2	Connecticut	\$98,276	\$78,944	9
3	Massachusetts	\$93,097	\$82,228	7
4	New York	\$91,991	\$88,767	4
5	Washington	\$88,676	\$99,145	2
6	Rhode Island	\$88,010	\$76,860	11
7	Vermont	\$87,800	\$66,346	22
8	Michigan	\$86,943	\$65,881	24
9	Alaska	\$86,640	\$75,623	13
10	Oregon	\$86,622	\$80,611	8
11	Minnesota	\$86,307	\$74,082	15
12	Illinois	\$86,264	\$75,946	12
13	New Jersey	\$85,072	\$85,020	5
14	Wisconsin	\$83,911	\$65,431	26
15	Pennsylvania	\$83,872	\$69,974	17
16	Utah	\$81,989	\$66,911	21
17	Iowa	\$81,633	\$60,866	34
18	Texas	\$80,146	\$62,498	29
19	Colorado	\$79,663	\$74,670	14
20	Virginia	\$79,467	\$68,898	18
21	Ohio	\$79,046	\$66,334	23
22	Maryland	\$78,749	\$83,550	6
23	Nevada	\$77,915	\$77,054	10
24	New Hampshire	\$77,540	\$61,874	33
25	Arizona	\$74,920	\$70,403	16
26	North Carolina	\$74,406	\$65,184	27
27	New Mexico	\$74,076	\$62,443	30
28	Indiana	\$73,799	\$59,741	36
29	Tennessee	\$72,880	\$57,547	41
30	Delaware	\$72,832	\$67,405	19
31	Alabama	\$71,607	\$57,390	42
32	Wyoming	\$71,115	\$63,581	28
33	Hawaii	\$70,851	\$91,546	3
34	South Dakota	\$70,653	\$56,837	43
35	North Dakota	\$70,559	\$62,307	31
36	Montana	\$70,535	\$58,649	37
37	Kentucky	\$68,884	\$52,955	46
38	Florida	\$67,934	\$65,510	25
39	South Carolina	\$67,645	\$57,701	40
40	Kansas	\$67,188	\$56,771	44
41	Georgia	\$66,531	\$62,048	32
42	Idaho	\$66,113	\$58,424	38
43	Oklahoma	\$66,091	\$55,319	45
44	Maine	\$65,258	\$59,918	35
45	Nebraska	\$64,214	\$67,035	20
46	Missouri	\$63,647	\$57,755	39
47	Louisiana	\$63,065	\$50,737	47
48	Mississippi	\$62,678	\$49,596	50
49	West Virginia	\$62,536	\$49,710	49
50	Arkansas	\$61,853	\$50,125	48
	District of Columbia	N/A	\$104,146	
	United States	\$80,976	\$72,756	

West Virginia ranks 43rd in employment in the technical sector, 44th in tech as a share of total employment, and 39th in the median wage for the tech workforce.

Rank	State	Net Tech Employment	Share of Total Employment	Rank	Median Wage	Rank
1	California	1,472,275	8.2%	5	\$145,434	2
2	Texas	972,747	6.9%	11	\$111,463	13
3	New York	577,624	5.9%	17	\$125,570	5
4	Florida	546,449	5.5%	20	\$102,908	21
5	Virginia	375,469	8.9%	2	\$125,463	7
6	Washington	356,736	9.8%	1	\$145,443	1
7	Illinois	328,975	5.4%	21	\$106,265	20
8	North Carolina	323,422	6.4%	12	\$111,787	11
9	Pennsylvania	312,537	5.1%	24	\$100,662	22
10	Massachusetts	311,165	8.4%	4	\$133,792	3
11	Georgia	306,962	6.2%	14	\$106,434	19
12	New Jersey	300,555	6.9%	10	\$125,503	6
13	Ohio	260,062	4.6%	31	\$95,881	28
14	Colorado	259,394	8.7%	3	\$119,244	9
15	Maryland	227,139	8.0%	7	\$126,467	4
16	Michigan	220,061	4.9%	26	\$96,150	27
17	Arizona	206,247	6.4%	13	\$107,052	18
18	Minnesota	184,718	6.1%	15	\$109,857	15
19	Missouri	156,802	5.2%	22	\$86,919	40
20	Tennessee	145,637	4.3%	33	\$92,255	33
21	Wisconsin	142,557	4.7%	29	\$90,781	36
22	Oregon	139,857	7.0%	9	\$119,581	8
23	Utah	129,230	7.4%	8	\$107,529	17
24	Indiana	123,613	3.8%	37	\$84,112	44
25	Connecticut	100,788	5.9%	16	\$112,677	10
26	South Carolina	99,162	4.2%	34	\$89,698	38
27	Alabama	97,442	4.4%	32	\$97,528	24
28	Kentucky	70,542	3.5%	43	\$81,847	46
29	Kansas	68,606	4.7%	28	\$93,361	30
30	Iowa	67,019	4.2%	35	\$91,693	34
31	Oklahoma	64,676	3.6%	38	\$84,651	42
32	New Hampshire	57,031	8.1%	6	\$110,434	14
33	Nevada	55,176	3.5%	42	\$92,619	32
34	Nebraska	54,426	5.1%	23	\$96,803	25
35	Louisiana	52,196	2.6%	49	\$79,747	48
36	Arkansas	43,669	3.2%	45	\$84,220	43
37	New Mexico	41,586	4.7%	30	\$95,319	29
38	Idaho	40,807	4.7%	27	\$90,105	37
39	Mississippi	32,508	2.7%	48	\$71,178	50
40	Rhode Island	29,698	5.8%	18	\$109,357	16
41	Maine	27,411	4.2%	36	\$91,137	35
42	Delaware	24,121	4.9%	25	\$111,613	12
43	West Virginia	23,060	3.2%	44	\$89,443	39
44	Hawaii	22,530	3.5%	41	\$97,642	23
45	Montana	18,815	3.6%	39	\$86,294	41
46	Vermont	17,621	5.7%	19	\$96,638	26
47	South Dakota	16,600	3.5%	40	\$81,220	47
48	North Dakota	13,528	3.0%	47	\$84,100	45
49	Alaska	10,539	3.1%	46	\$93,352	31
50	Wyoming	7,733	2.6%	50	\$77,012	49
	District of Columbia	70,060	9.1%		\$131,552	
	United States	9,607,925	6.1%		\$112,667	

West Virginia ranks 5th in wages per hour of production workers in manufacturing and 14th in productivity (measured as value added per hour in dollars) of production workers in manufacturing.

Rank	State	Wages Per Hour	Value Added Per Hour	Rank
1	Wyoming	\$34.96	\$282.40	2
2	Louisiana	\$32.96	\$405.09	1
3	Connecticut	\$31.63	\$234.01	5
4	Washington	\$31.06	\$117.34	49
5	West Virginia	\$30.21	\$191.52	14
6	Nevada	\$29.82	\$167.08	29
7	Colorado	\$29.47	\$158.60	36
8	Idaho	\$29.27	\$139.24	46
9	Massachusetts	\$29.09	\$203.12	8
10	Maine	\$28.96	\$141.49	43
11	Oregon	\$28.80	\$169.13	24
12	California	\$28.69	\$216.97	6
13	Maryland	\$28.46	\$206.33	7
14	Missouri	\$28.26	\$160.98	33
15	Rhode Island	\$28.07	\$144.93	41
16	New York	\$27.98	\$199.50	10
17	New Hampshire	\$27.81	\$145.60	40
18	New Jersey	\$27.70	\$189.45	16
19	Texas	\$27.67	\$258.32	3
20	Michigan	\$27.40	\$139.53	45
21	Indiana	\$27.33	\$175.52	22
22	Minnesota	\$27.26	\$156.32	38
23	Kentucky	\$27.21	\$155.89	39
24	Virginia	\$27.16	\$192.62	13
25	Kansas	\$27.07	\$156.44	37
26	Illinois	\$26.99	\$168.90	25
27	Ohio	\$26.94	\$159.46	35
28	South Carolina	\$26.94	\$200.38	9
29	Montana	\$26.91	\$186.66	18
30	Pennsylvania	\$26.85	\$166.96	30
31	Wisconsin	\$26.69	\$140.11	44
32	North Dakota	\$26.68	\$196.74	11
33	Oklahoma	\$26.63	\$168.37	26
34	Vermont	\$26.58	\$130.01	47
35	Iowa	\$26.54	\$186.77	17
36	Arizona	\$26.51	\$195.17	12
37	Utah	\$26.34	\$173.30	23
38	Tennessee	\$26.02	\$167.93	27
39	New Mexico	\$25.89	\$183.49	19
40	Florida	\$25.75	\$161.70	32
41	Alabama	\$25.55	\$164.94	31
42	Hawaii	\$25.12	\$190.77	15
43	Georgia	\$24.91	\$160.90	34
44	Delaware	\$24.79	\$245.81	4
45	Nebraska	\$24.74	\$181.69	20
46	North Carolina	\$24.50	\$179.71	21
47	South Dakota	\$23.97	\$126.47	48
48	Arkansas	\$23.93	\$143.95	42
49	Mississippi	\$23.90	\$167.89	28
50	Alaska	\$23.43	\$99.9250	
	District of Columbia	\$27.01	\$113.14	
	United States	\$27.21	\$180.44	

ANNUAL AVERAGE INVESTMENT PER EMPLOYEE IN MANUFACTURING (2021)

West Virginia ranks 13th in average investment per manufacturing employee measured in dollars.

Rank	State	\$/Employee	Employees	Machinery & Equipment Expenditures (In Thousands)
1	Louisiana	\$49,980	109,188	\$5,457,219
2	Wyoming	\$44,141	9,548	\$421,462
3	Alaska	\$41,687	11,079	\$461,845
4	New Mexico	\$25,575	23,357	\$597,364
5	Texas	\$22,827	759,565	\$17,338,879
6	Alabama	\$22,341	252,670	\$5,644,930
7	Montana	\$21,813	18,017	\$393,003
8	Delaware	\$21,016	25,265	\$530,964
9	Tennessee	\$20,009	317,973	\$6,362,163
10	Kentucky	\$19,909	231,746	\$4,613,792
11	Iowa	\$19,682	210,469	\$4,142,488
12	Idaho	\$18,514	60,842	\$1,126,399
13	West Virginia	\$17,966	43,791	\$786,754
14	Oklahoma	\$16,255	114,815	\$1,866,369
15	North Carolina	\$16,067	418,556	\$6,725,054
16	Illinois	\$15,863	496,131	\$7,870,243
17	Arkansas	\$15,636	149,202	\$2,332,870
18	Ohio	\$15,397	637,736	\$9,818,916
19	Arizona	\$15,176	146,821	\$2,228,174
20	Oregon	\$15,171	166,028	\$2,518,837
21	South Carolina	\$15,137	220,967	\$3,344,682
22	Kansas	\$15,104	152,916	\$2,309,672
23	Utah	\$14,765	131,590	\$1,942,888
24	Virginia	\$14,682	229,018	\$3,362,490
25	Wisconsin	\$14,681	451,577	\$6,629,670
26	New Jersey	\$14,667	203,285	\$2,981,681
27	Georgia	\$14,570	359,176	\$5,233,277
28	Indiana	\$14,232	486,431	\$6,922,929
29	California	\$14,102	1,081,500	\$15,251,576
30	Maryland	\$14,027	93,461	\$1,310,977
31	Minnesota	\$13,892	297,876	\$4,137,948
32	Mississippi	\$13,833	139,113	\$1,924,334
33	Nebraska	\$13,820	94,225	\$1,302,179
34	Michigan	\$12,739	557,086	\$7,096,899
35	South Dakota	\$12,259	43,947	\$538,742
36	Massachusetts	\$12,211	228,720	\$2,792,833
37	Colorado	\$12,201	122,103	\$1,489,811
38	Pennsylvania	\$12,199	512,076	\$6,246,716
39	North Dakota	\$11,929	25,600	\$305,374
40	Florida	\$11,908	305,166	\$3,633,848
41	Connecticut	\$11,826	144,162	\$1,704,887
42	Rhode Island	\$11,493	37,236	\$427,964
43	Maine	\$11,226	48,579	\$545,371
44	Missouri	\$11,199	263,469	\$2,950,524
45	New Hampshire	\$11,090	63,366	\$702,754
46	New York	\$10,995	373,231	\$4,103,688
47	Washington	\$10,918	249,525	\$2,724,191
48	Nevada	\$10,252	47,164	\$483,516
49	Vermont	\$8,046	28,912	\$232,626
50	Hawaii	\$6,803	10,501	\$71,434
	District of Columbia	\$3,020	1,203	\$3,633
	United States	\$15,523	11,205,980	\$173,946,839

West Virginia ranks 23rd in 2024 and 26th in 2023 for share of employment held by union members.

Rank	State	2024 Percent	2023 Percent	2023 Rank
1	Hawaii	26.5%	24.1%	1
2	New York	20.6%	20.6%	2
3	Alaska	17.7%	14.8%	7
4	Connecticut	16.5%	15.9%	5
5	New Jersey	16.2%	16.1%	4
6	Washington	16.0%	16.5%	3
7	Oregon	15.9%	14.1%	9
8	Massachusetts	14.6%	12.6%	14
9	California	14.5%	15.4%	6
9	Rhode Island	14.5%	12.3%	17
11	Vermont	14.3%	14.3%	8
12	Minnesota	14.2%	13.3%	10
13	Michigan	13.4%	12.8%	12
14	Illinois	13.1%	12.8%	12
14	Maine	13.1%	9.2%	22
16	Nevada	12.1%	12.4%	16
16	Ohio	12.1%	12.5%	15
18	Montana	11.9%	11.8%	18
19	Pennsylvania	11.7%	12.9%	11
20	Maryland	11.4%	10.7%	19
21	New Hampshire	9.2%	9.3%	20
22	Indiana	9.0%	8.0%	27
23	Kentucky	8.8%	8.8%	24
23	West Virginia	8.8%	8.7%	26
25	Missouri	8.6%	9.3%	20
26	Delaware	8.5%	8.8%	24
27	Colorado	7.7%	6.9%	34
28	New Mexico	7.5%	7.5%	28
29	Nebraska	6.8%	7.3%	31
30	Alabama	6.6%	7.5%	28
31	Iowa	6.4%	7.2%	32
31	Wisconsin	6.4%	7.4%	30
33	Kansas	6.3%	8.9%	23
34	Wyoming	5.6%	5.6%	38
35	Oklahoma	5.3%	6.8%	35
36	Mississippi	5.2%	7.0%	33
36	Virginia	5.2%	4.3%	44
38	Florida	5.1%	4.7%	40
39	Idaho	5.0%	4.5%	42
39	North Dakota	5.0%	6.2%	36
41	Tennessee	4.7%	6.0%	37
42	Texas	4.5%	4.5%	42
43	Louisiana	3.9%	4.3%	44
44	Georgia	3.8%	4.6%	41
45	Arizona	3.7%	4.2%	46
45	Utah	3.7%	4.1%	47
47	Arkansas	3.5%	5.1%	39
48	South Carolina	2.8%	2.3%	50
49	South Dakota	2.7%	3.6%	48
50	North Carolina	2.4%	2.7%	49
	District of Columbia	10.6%	9.1%	
	United States	9.9%	10.0%	

West Virginia is 25th in the percentage of public sector union membership, and 23rd in the percentage of private sector union membership.

Rank	State	Public Percent	Private Percent	Rank
1	New York	65.1%	11.4%	2
2	Connecticut	61.2%	8.2%	11
3	Hawaii	61.0%	15.2%	1
4	New Jersey	59.3%	9.7%	6
5	Massachusetts	59.2%	7.7%	16
6	Rhode Island	53.6%	8.5%	10
7	Minnesota	50.9%	8.6%	9
8	Oregon	49.6%	9.7%	5
9	California	49.4%	7.9%	13
10	Illinois	48.4%	7.8%	15
11	Pennsylvania	48.1%	6.8%	20
12	Vermont	43.9%	8.0%	12
13	Washington	43.7%	10.1%	4
14	Maine	43.6%	7.6%	18
15	Alaska	43.3%	9.1%	7
16	Ohio	39.0%	7.9%	14
17	New Hampshire	38.6%	4.7%	27
18	Michigan	37.7%	10.4%	3
19	Montana	37.2%	6.6%	21
20	Delaware	36.6%	3.4%	35
21	Nevada	31.8%	9.0%	8
22	Maryland	28.8%	5.2%	24
23	Nebraska	28.3%	3.1%	37
24	Florida	23.0%	2.7%	41
25	West Virginia	22.6%	5.5%	23
26	Colorado	22.0%	4.7%	26
27	Indiana	21.4%	7.2%	19
28	Missouri	20.7%	6.4%	22
29	Iowa	19.6%	4.2%	29
30	Alabama	19.2%	4.4%	28
31	Wisconsin	18.1%	4.8%	25
32	Kentucky	17.2%	7.6%	17
33	Kansas	17.1%	4.0%	32
34	New Mexico	16.9%	4.2%	31
35	Oklahoma	16.1%	2.5%	42
36	Idaho	16.0%	3.0%	38
37	Texas	15.6%	2.7%	40
38	Virginia	14.0%	2.7%	39
39	Georgia	12.9%	2.2%	46
40	Tennessee	12.9%	3.2%	36
41	North Dakota	12.5%	3.4%	34
42	Arizona	12.3%	2.4%	44
43	Louisiana	11.7%	2.4%	45
44	Utah	11.5%	2.1%	47
45	South Dakota	11.2%	1.3%	50
46	Wyoming	10.9%	3.8%	33
47	Mississippi	9.7%	4.2%	30
48	South Carolina	9.6%	1.5%	49
49	Arkansas	9.0%	2.5%	43
50	North Carolina	7.2%	1.6%	48
	District of Columbia	21.1%	6.6%	
	United States	32.2%	5.9%	

West Virginia ranks 8th in rate of unemployment tax paid per total wages and ranks 24th in average amount paid per covered employee.

Rank	State	Taxes Paid as Percentage of Total Wages	Average Amount Per Covered Employee	Rank
1	Massachusetts	3.73%	\$413	13
2	Pennsylvania	3.40%	\$421	12
3	California	3.14%	\$328	18
4	New York	3.00%	\$507	9
5	Illinois	2.80%	\$461	10
6	Michigan	2.77%	\$340	15
7	Ohio	2.50%	\$291	22
8	West Virginia	2.38%	\$284	24
9	Connecticut	2.29%	\$334	16
10	New Jersey	2.21%	\$715	3
11	Rhode Island	2.20%	\$622	7
12	Kentucky	2.12%	\$218	28
13	Delaware	2.05%	\$77	45
14	Maine	2.03%	\$314	20
15	Vermont	2.00%	\$334	16
16	Oregon	1.87%	\$800	1
17	Texas	1.77%	\$167	35
18	Colorado	1.53%	\$435	11
19	Hawaii	1.50%	\$673	5
19	Nevada	1.50%	\$605	8
21	Wisconsin	1.49%	\$249	26
22	Maryland	1.31%	\$149	38
23	Indiana	1.30%	\$168	34
24	Oklahoma	1.28%	\$219	27
25	Louisiana	1.27%	\$150	37
25	Washington	1.27%	\$655	6
27	Georgia	1.24%	\$191	31
28	Kansas	1.20%	\$178	33
29	Arizona	1.19%	\$134	41
30	Montana	1.14%	\$363	14
31	New Mexico	1.11%	\$738	2
32	Wyoming	1.10%	\$257	25
33	Alaska	1.00%	\$683	4
33	Arkansas	1.00%	\$80	44
33	Missouri	1.00%	\$142	40
36	Iowa	0.94%	\$312	21
37	New Hampshire	0.89%	\$155	36
38	Minnesota	0.88%	\$323	19
39	Tennessee	0.87%	\$90	43
40	North Dakota	0.81%	\$291	22
40	South Carolina	0.81%	\$149	38
42	North Carolina	0.76%	\$183	32
43	Nebraska	0.74%	\$101	42
44	South Dakota	0.73%	\$49	49
45	Florida	0.70%	\$73	46
46	Idaho	0.60%	\$209	30
47	Utah	0.59%	\$212	29
48	Mississippi	0.56%	\$60	47
49	Virginia	0.52%	\$51	48
50	Alabama	0.43%	\$34	50
	District of Columbia	2.30%	\$285	
	United States	2.03%	\$286	

West Virginia ranks 29th in average weekly amount of unemployment benefits and ranks 26th in average duration of weeks for unemployment payments.

Rank	State	Average Weekly Benefit Amount	Average Duration Weeks	Rank
1	Washington	\$738.18	16.0	11
2	Massachusetts	\$732.82	19.0	2
3	Hawaii	\$686.20	14.0	24
4	Colorado	\$635.79	14.4	21
5	New Jersey	\$622.52	19.6	1
6	North Dakota	\$602.67	11.3	41
7	Utah	\$585.29	13.5	26
8	Minnesota	\$583.70	15.4	14
9	Oregon	\$581.92	14.6	19
10	Vermont	\$556.99	12.1	36
11	Iowa	\$539.87	9.8	44
12	Kansas	\$532.00	10.5	42
13	Montana	\$518.71	13.3	29
14	Kentucky	\$515.99	13.9	25
15	Wyoming	\$515.52	12.8	30
16	Illinois	\$514.14	16.4	10
17	Texas	\$505.43	15.5	13
18	Connecticut	\$501.18	15.2	16
19	Maine	\$495.13	15.0	17
20	Ohio	\$490.82	14.0	23
21	Rhode Island	\$487.94	15.3	15
22	Idaho	\$484.33	10.0	43
23	Nevada	\$481.51	16.5	9
24	Pennsylvania	\$480.80	15.5	12
25	New Mexico	\$467.21	16.7	8
26	South Dakota	\$465.00	14.9	18
27	Nebraska	\$460.27	12.4	32
28	Oklahoma	\$439.59	12.1	37
29	West Virginia	\$436.07	13.5	26
30	New York	\$432.47	18.2	5
31	North Carolina	\$404.24	9.7	45
32	Maryland	\$398.02	18.2	4
33	New Hampshire	\$378.70	12.3	33
34	California	\$372.53	18.2	6
35	Delaware	\$371.93	18.9	3
36	Michigan	\$362.74	11.4	39
37	Virginia	\$354.49	12.0	38
38	Wisconsin	\$347.06	12.2	35
39	Georgia	\$344.49	8.9	47
40	Indiana	\$324.14	12.5	31
41	Arkansas	\$321.66	8.6	49
42	Arizona	\$314.12	14.5	20
43	South Carolina	\$311.39	11.4	40
44	Tennessee	\$305.63	9.6	46
45	Alaska	\$305.40	16.8	7
46	Missouri	\$294.60	12.2	34
47	Florida	\$266.23	8.6	48
48	Alabama	\$257.03	7.8	50
49	Louisiana	\$245.92	14.1	22
50	Mississippi	\$221.89	13.3	28
	District of Columbia	\$421.51	15.8	
	United States	\$463.04	15.3	

West Virginia ranks 30th for state minimum wage (ranked highest to lowest).

Rank	State	Minimum Wage
1	Washington	\$17.13
2	Connecticut	\$16.94
3	California	\$16.90/\$20.00/\$24.00***
4	Hawaii	\$16.00
4	New York	\$17.00/\$16.00***
4	Rhode Island	\$16.00
7	New Jersey	\$15.92/\$15.23/\$18.92***
8	Colorado	\$15.16
9	Arizona	\$15.15
10	Maine	\$15.10
11	Oregon	\$16.30/\$15.05/\$14.05***
12	Delaware	\$15.00
12	Illinois	\$15.00
12	Maryland	\$15.00
12	Massachusetts	\$15.00
12	Missouri	\$15.00 ***
12	Nebraska	\$15.00
18	Vermont	\$14.42
19	Florida	\$14.00
20	Michigan	\$13.73
21	Alaska	\$13.00
22	Virginia	\$12.77
23	Nevada	\$12.00
23	New Mexico	\$12.00
25	South Dakota	\$11.85
26	Minnesota	\$11.41
27	Arkansas	\$11.00
27	Ohio	\$11.00/\$7.25***
29	Montana	\$10.85 ***
30	West Virginia	\$8.75
31	Alabama	\$7.25*
31	Georgia	\$7.25**
31	Idaho	\$7.25
31	Indiana	\$7.25
31	Iowa	\$7.25
31	Kansas	\$7.25
31	Kentucky	\$7.25
31	Louisiana	\$7.25*
31	Mississippi	\$7.25*
31	New Hampshire	\$7.25
31	North Carolina	\$7.25
31	North Dakota	\$7.25
31	Oklahoma	\$7.25
31	Pennsylvania	\$7.25
31	South Carolina	\$7.25*
31	Tennessee	\$7.25*
31	Texas	\$7.25
31	Utah	\$7.25
31	Wisconsin	\$7.25
31	Wyoming	\$7.25**
	District of Columbia	\$17.95

Federal Minimum Wage \$7.25

*No state minimum wage

**State minimum less the federal minimum

***State minimum varies based on location, size of employer or industry

West Virginia ranks 25th in the amount of venture capital investments (measured in millions of dollars) and 15th in venture capital investments per capita.

Rank	State	Amount (Millions of \$)	Amount per Capita	Rank
1	California	\$118,096	\$2,995	1
2	New York	\$25,749	\$1,296	4
3	Massachusetts	\$15,244	\$2,136	3
4	Texas	\$7,084	\$226	17
5	Colorado	\$5,264	\$884	5
6	Florida	\$4,748	\$203	20
7	Washington	\$3,606	\$453	6
8	North Carolina	\$3,590	\$325	8
9	Illinois	\$3,417	\$269	14
10	Delaware	\$3,093	\$2,940	2
11	New Jersey	\$2,943	\$310	11
12	Pennsylvania	\$2,255	\$172	22
13	Virginia	\$1,724	\$196	21
14	Minnesota	\$1,669	\$288	13
15	Arizona	\$1,666	\$220	18
16	Connecticut	\$1,652	\$449	7
17	Georgia	\$1,490	\$133	25
18	Maryland	\$1,287	\$205	19
19	Ohio	\$1,252	\$105	31
20	Indiana	\$1,114	\$161	23
21	Utah	\$1,095	\$313	10
22	Tennessee	\$797	\$110	28
23	Oregon	\$665	\$156	24
24	Michigan	\$647	\$64	36
25	West Virginia	\$457	\$258	15
26	Nevada	\$433	\$132	26
27	Missouri	\$423	\$68	35
28	Wisconsin	\$350	\$59	37
29	Arkansas	\$261	\$84	33
30	Rhode Island	\$253	\$228	16
31	South Carolina	\$236	\$43	42
32	Kansas	\$235	\$79	34
33	New Mexico	\$234	\$110	29
34	Oklahoma	\$223	\$54	39
35	Idaho	\$219	\$110	30
36	Vermont	\$206	\$317	9
37	Wyoming	\$170	\$290	12
38	Iowa	\$148	\$46	41
39	New Hampshire	\$139	\$99	32
40	Montana	\$134	\$118	27
41	Louisiana	\$130	\$28	46
42	Kentucky	\$125	\$27	47
43	Alabama	\$116	\$22	48
44	Hawaii	\$85	\$58	38
45	Nebraska	\$78	\$39	45
46	Maine	\$74	\$53	40
47	South Dakota	\$37	\$40	43
48	Mississippi	\$33	\$11	50
49	North Dakota	\$31	\$39	44
50	Alaska	\$9	\$12	49
	District of Columbia	\$393	\$559	
	United States	\$215,377	\$633	

West Virginia ranks 47th in millions of dollars in overall R&D spending and 45th in dollars per capita of R&D spending.

Rank	State	Millions of Dollars	Dollars Per Capita	Rank
1	California	\$260,179	\$6,647	3
2	Massachusetts	\$63,050	\$8,978	1
3	Washington	\$62,521	\$8,022	2
4	New York	\$44,935	\$2,281	13
5	Texas	\$40,726	\$1,352	30
6	Michigan	\$29,475	\$2,933	10
7	Maryland	\$29,224	\$4,719	6
8	New Jersey	\$29,167	\$3,138	9
9	Pennsylvania	\$27,402	\$2,110	14
10	Ohio	\$24,229	\$2,057	15
11	Illinois	\$23,332	\$1,849	20
12	North Carolina	\$22,014	\$2,055	16
13	Florida	\$15,926	\$712	40
14	Virginia	\$15,565	\$1,792	21
15	Colorado	\$14,062	\$2,403	12
16	Oregon	\$13,869	\$3,265	8
17	Indiana	\$13,712	\$2,003	17
18	Connecticut	\$13,232	\$3,657	7
19	Arizona	\$12,357	\$1,675	23
20	Georgia	\$12,254	\$1,121	33
21	Minnesota	\$11,295	\$1,974	18
22	New Mexico	\$10,812	\$5,115	4
23	Wisconsin	\$9,991	\$1,692	22
24	Alabama	\$8,415	\$1,658	24
25	Tennessee	\$7,951	\$1,126	32
26	Missouri	\$7,453	\$1,206	31
27	Utah	\$5,442	\$1,605	25
28	Iowa	\$5,103	\$1,593	26
29	Delaware	\$4,971	\$4,871	5
30	Kansas	\$4,039	\$1,375	29
31	New Hampshire	\$3,902	\$2,794	11
32	Idaho	\$3,837	\$1,973	19
33	South Carolina	\$3,832	\$725	39
34	Oklahoma	\$2,776	\$689	42
35	Nebraska	\$2,206	\$1,119	34
36	Nevada	\$2,201	\$693	41
37	Kentucky	\$1,844	\$408	47
38	Mississippi	\$1,690	\$574	44
39	Louisiana	\$1,687	\$367	49
40	Rhode Island	\$1,556	\$1,415	27
41	Maine	\$1,182	\$850	36
42	Arkansas	\$1,117	\$367	50
43	Vermont	\$910	\$1,404	28
44	Hawaii	\$881	\$612	43
45	Montana	\$851	\$758	37
46	North Dakota	\$844	\$1,081	35
47	West Virginia	\$817	\$461	45
48	Alaska	\$541	\$737	38
49	South Dakota	\$367	\$403	48
50	Wyoming	\$252	\$433	46
	District of Columbia	\$8,787	\$12,985	
	United States	\$891,834	\$2,670	

West Virginia ranks 46th in industrial R&D expenditures per capita for 2023 and 44th in academic R&D expenditures per capita for 2023.

Rank	State	Industrial R&D Per Capita (2023)	Academic R&D Per Capita (2023)	Rank
1	Massachusetts	\$7,423	\$733	2
2	Washington	\$6,786	\$275	28
3	California	\$6,341	\$344	16
4	Delaware	\$5,082	\$445	8
5	Connecticut	\$3,255	\$483	3
6	New Hampshire	\$2,827	\$423	9
7	New Jersey	\$2,694	\$183	40
8	Michigan	\$2,635	\$334	20
9	Oregon	\$2,361	\$258	34
10	Indiana	\$2,036	\$313	23
11	Colorado	\$1,871	\$354	15
12	New York	\$1,743	\$459	6
13	North Carolina	\$1,697	\$400	10
14	Pennsylvania	\$1,620	\$459	7
15	Minnesota	\$1,594	\$238	36
16	Illinois	\$1,588	\$275	29
17	Maryland	\$1,548	\$963	1
18	Idaho	\$1,447	\$105	49
19	Wisconsin	\$1,388	\$374	11
20	Iowa	\$1,386	\$343	17
21	Utah	\$1,271	\$368	13
22	Arizona	\$1,218	\$260	33
23	Texas	\$1,143	\$271	30
24	Ohio	\$1,132	\$287	26
25	Alabama	\$1,037	\$309	24
26	Nebraska	\$1,022	\$342	18
27	Kansas	\$969	\$358	14
28	Virginia	\$943	\$263	32
29	Vermont	\$928	\$370	12
30	Georgia	\$908	\$331	21
31	Missouri	\$895	\$302	25
32	North Dakota	\$809	\$474	4
33	New Mexico	\$694	\$266	31
34	Nevada	\$657	\$102	50
35	Oklahoma	\$630	\$179	41
36	Tennessee	\$585	\$276	27
37	South Carolina	\$568	\$171	42
38	Rhode Island	\$561	\$471	5
39	Florida	\$551	\$154	45
40	Maine	\$479	\$152	46
41	Montana	\$396	\$340	19
42	Hawaii	\$346	\$236	37
43	Kentucky	\$286	\$166	43
44	South Dakota	\$277	\$142	48
45	Arkansas	\$230	\$150	47
46	West Virginia	\$204	\$164	44
47	Louisiana	\$158	\$233	38
48	Mississippi	\$141	\$207	39
49	Wyoming	\$116	\$257	35
50	Alaska	\$98	\$328	22
	District of Columbia	\$1,360	\$1,346	
	United States	\$2,143	\$323	

West Virginia ranks 40th in the number of people that have been awarded a science and engineering doctorate degree and ranks 43rd in percentage of the workforce that hold a science, engineering, and health doctorate degree.

Rank	State	# S&E Doctorates Awarded	S, E, & H Doctorates Employed	% of Workforce with S, E, & H Doctorates	Rank
1	California	5,671	156,900	0.85%	4
2	Texas	3,474	54,600	0.37%	36
3	New York	3,370	61,750	0.66%	9
4	Massachusetts	2,581	59,700	1.63%	1
5	Pennsylvania	2,114	37,150	0.59%	14
6	Illinois	1,891	30,150	0.49%	21
7	Florida	1,815	24,200	0.23%	49
8	North Carolina	1,588	27,700	0.55%	16
9	Michigan	1,578	22,000	0.46%	24
10	Ohio	1,469	25,350	0.45%	25
11	Indiana	1,288	13,550	0.41%	29
12	Georgia	1,258	20,500	0.40%	31
12	Virginia	1,258	28,300	0.64%	12
14	Maryland	1,233	39,450	1.26%	2
15	Minnesota	996	16,750	0.55%	15
16	New Jersey	924	23,350	0.50%	18
17	Colorado	918	20,100	0.64%	10
18	Washington	831	29,400	0.76%	8
19	Arizona	804	13,650	0.38%	34
20	Wisconsin	795	12,600	0.41%	28
21	Tennessee	768	11,750	0.36%	39
22	Missouri	706	12,950	0.43%	26
23	Connecticut	645	14,250	0.77%	7
24	Alabama	606	8,250	0.37%	37
25	Iowa	601	6,600	0.40%	30
26	Utah	491	8,700	0.50%	19
27	Louisiana	461	6,150	0.31%	44
28	South Carolina	442	7,300	0.30%	46
29	Oregon	438	16,250	0.78%	6
30	Kansas	412	5,000	0.34%	41
31	Oklahoma	359	5,350	0.28%	47
32	Kentucky	347	6,000	0.30%	45
33	Mississippi	303	3,150	0.26%	48
34	Nebraska	296	4,100	0.40%	32
35	Rhode Island	289	3,550	0.63%	13
36	Delaware	236	4,050	0.83%	5
37	Nevada	227	2,950	0.19%	50
38	New Mexico	196	8,450	0.91%	3
39	Arkansas	183	4,400	0.33%	42
40	West Virginia	180	2,350	0.31%	43
41	New Hampshire	171	3,800	0.51%	17
42	North Dakota	146	1,450	0.35%	40
43	Idaho	115	3,400	0.36%	38
44	Hawaii	111	3,200	0.49%	20
45	Montana	109	2,600	0.47%	23
46	South Dakota	105	1,850	0.39%	33
47	Wyoming	78	1,100	0.38%	35
48	Vermont	58	2,200	0.64%	11
49	Maine	52	2,800	0.42%	27
50	Alaska	32	1,600	0.47%	22
	District of Columbia	369	19,500	5.05%	
	United States	45,533	905,300	0.56%	

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF POPULATION AGE 25 AND OLDER (2024)

TABLE 36

West Virginia ranks 50th in percentage of the population (above age 25) that holds a bachelor's degree or higher, ranks 38th in percentage of the population that completed high school (or an equivalent) or higher, and ranks 50th in percentage of the population that holds an advanced degree.

Rank	State	Bachelor's (Degree or higher	Completed High School or EQ) or higher	Rank	Advanced Degree	Rank
1	Massachusetts	48.3%	91.4%	27	22.6%	1
2	Colorado	47.8%	93.2%	13	18.7%	6
3	Vermont	45.1%	94.7%	3	19.2%	4
4	Maryland	44.7%	91.4%	27	21.5%	2
5	New Jersey	44.5%	90.4%	34	18.2%	8
6	Virginia	43.3%	91.7%	26	19.2%	4
7	Connecticut	42.6%	91.8%	24	19.3%	3
8	New Hampshire	41.5%	95.0%	1	16.6%	9
9	New York	41.2%	88.0%	45	18.4%	7
10	Washington	41.0%	92.3%	18	16.6%	9
11	Minnesota	40.0%	94.2%	6	14.0%	20
12	Illinois	39.2%	90.7%	31	15.9%	13
13	Utah	39.1%	93.6%	11	13.7%	24
14	Rhode Island	39.0%	90.4%	34	16.5%	11
15	California	38.1%	84.8%	50	14.9%	15
16	Hawaii	37.8%	93.7%	9	13.9%	22
16	Oregon	37.8%	92.3%	18	14.9%	15
18	Maine	37.1%	94.8%	2	14.6%	18
18	North Carolina	37.1%	90.9%	30	14.5%	19
20	Pennsylvania	36.4%	92.4%	17	15.1%	14
21	Montana	36.3%	94.6%	4	12.0%	35
21	Georgia	36.3%	89.8%	39	14.8%	17
23	Kansas	36.0%	92.0%	22	13.6%	26
23	Delaware	36.0%	91.8%	24	16.0%	12
25	Florida	35.8%	90.4%	34	13.7%	24
26	Nebraska	35.4%	92.6%	15	13.0%	31
27	Texas	35.2%	86.7%	49	13.1%	28
28	Arizona	34.7%	89.7%	40	13.8%	23
29	Wisconsin	34.6%	93.7%	9	12.0%	35
30	South Dakota	34.2%	94.0%	8	11.2%	40
31	North Dakota	34.0%	94.1%	7	10.5%	45
32	Missouri	33.5%	92.0%	22	13.3%	27
33	Michigan	33.3%	92.2%	20	13.1%	28
33	South Carolina	33.3%	91.0%	29	13.0%	31
35	Idaho	33.0%	92.5%	16	11.2%	40
36	Alaska	32.8%	93.4%	12	13.1%	28
37	Ohio	32.4%	92.2%	20	12.5%	33
37	Tennessee	32.4%	90.6%	32	12.4%	34
39	Wyoming	32.3%	94.4%	5	12.0%	35
40	Iowa	32.1%	93.0%	14	10.9%	43
41	New Mexico	31.8%	87.9%	47	14.0%	20
42	Indiana	30.7%	90.6%	32	11.2%	40
43	Alabama	29.9%	89.6%	41	11.8%	38
44	Oklahoma	29.3%	90.2%	37	10.5%	45
45	Nevada	28.5%	87.7%	48	10.1%	48
46	Kentucky	27.9%	89.0%	43	11.8%	38
47	Louisiana	27.8%	88.2%	44	10.5%	45
48	Arkansas	27.1%	89.3%	42	10.0%	49
49	Mississippi	27.0%	88.0%	45	10.7%	44
50	West Virginia	24.4%	90.1%	38	9.6%	50
	District of Columbia	65.5%	92.0%		38.3%	
	United States	36.8%	89.9%		14.7%	

Source: American Community Survey

HIGHER EDUCATION TOTAL FALL ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION: PUBLIC (Fall 2021)

West Virginia ranks 14th in public enrollment for a 4-year undergraduate degree as a percentage of the population, 10th in post-baccalaureate degrees, and 43rd in 2-year degree enrollment.

Rank	State	4-Year Undergrad %	Post Baccalaureate %	Rank	2-Year %	Rank
1	Utah	4.49%	0.45%	27	0.82%	39
2	North Dakota	3.92%	0.88%	1	0.87%	37
3	Delaware	3.60%	0.54%	21	0.00%	48
4	Colorado	3.56%	0.72%	6	0.33%	45
5	South Dakota	3.35%	0.64%	8	0.80%	40
6	Wyoming	3.18%	0.45%	29	1.50%	15
7	Nevada	3.04%	0.30%	48	0.00%	48
8	Texas	2.98%	0.55%	20	1.16%	28
9	Indiana	2.97%	0.81%	3	1.26%	22
10	Washington	2.95%	0.36%	45	0.26%	46
11	Florida	2.94%	0.37%	41	0.09%	47
12	Montana	2.77%	0.51%	22	0.66%	44
13	Idaho	2.76%	0.44%	32	0.90%	36
14	West Virginia	2.70%	0.63%	10	0.70%	43
15	Alabama	2.61%	0.85%	2	1.49%	17
16	Ohio	2.60%	0.51%	23	1.17%	27
17	Louisiana	2.59%	0.63%	9	1.26%	23
18	Wisconsin	2.54%	0.44%	33	1.44%	18
19	Vermont	2.52%	0.48%	25	0.86%	38
20	Alaska	2.47%	0.25%	50	0.00%	48
21	Georgia	2.45%	0.63%	12	1.01%	34
22	Kansas	2.43%	0.79%	4	2.40%	4
23	Arkansas	2.41%	0.63%	11	1.30%	19
24	Arizona	2.34%	0.60%	15	2.10%	6
25	Michigan	2.29%	0.61%	14	1.27%	20
26	Nebraska	2.26%	0.72%	5	1.99%	8
27	California	2.20%	0.33%	47	2.62%	1
28	Oklahoma	2.19%	0.57%	19	1.24%	25
29	Maryland	2.19%	0.64%	7	1.58%	13
30	Kentucky	2.06%	0.60%	16	1.55%	14
31	South Carolina	2.01%	0.45%	30	1.27%	21
32	Mississippi	1.99%	0.59%	18	2.18%	5
33	Virginia	1.98%	0.59%	17	1.70%	11
34	Oregon	1.90%	0.43%	35	1.58%	12
35	Maine	1.88%	0.36%	44	1.09%	31
36	New Mexico	1.83%	0.61%	13	2.42%	3
37	Rhode Island	1.82%	0.35%	46	1.09%	30
38	North Carolina	1.82%	0.50%	24	2.00%	7
39	Missouri	1.75%	0.47%	26	1.20%	26
40	Iowa	1.73%	0.45%	28	2.55%	2
41	Minnesota	1.70%	0.43%	36	1.79%	10
42	Pennsylvania	1.59%	0.38%	39	0.75%	41
43	Tennessee	1.58%	0.39%	38	1.05%	32
44	Hawaii	1.56%	0.38%	40	1.50%	16
45	New York	1.55%	0.36%	43	1.14%	29
46	New Jersey	1.53%	0.44%	34	1.24%	24
47	New Hampshire	1.45%	0.30%	49	0.71%	42
48	Connecticut	1.34%	0.36%	42	1.02%	33
49	Massachusetts	1.27%	0.41%	37	0.97%	35
50	Illinois	1.01%	0.44%	31	1.79%	9
	District of Columbia	0.44%	0.08%	0.00%		
	United States	2.25%	0.48%	1.35%		

HIGHER EDUCATION FALL ENROLLMENT IN PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT AND NON-PROFIT COLLEGES (Fall 2021)

West Virginia ranks 6th in total enrollment at a for-profit college and 43rd for total enrollment at a non-profit college.

Rank	State	Total For-Profit	Total Non-Profit	Rank
1	Arizona	235,682	11,956	41
2	California	146,311	321,710	2
3	Minnesota	89,334	67,237	19
4	Florida	72,013	195,734	6
5	Illinois	57,796	206,460	5
6	West Virginia	53,312	7,127	43
7	Colorado	45,393	33,113	30
8	New York	39,365	503,768	1
9	Texas	36,954	144,339	10
10	Virginia	26,580	150,390	9
11	Georgia	21,956	82,276	15
12	Alabama	18,691	23,889	33
13	Ohio	15,795	127,380	11
14	Tennessee	15,541	82,018	16
15	Connecticut	14,268	72,144	18
16	Pennsylvania	11,866	282,286	4
17	New Jersey	9,400	74,000	17
18	Kentucky	9,017	58,369	22
19	Utah	8,498	189,385	7
20	Kansas	7,275	21,478	36
21	North Carolina	6,689	93,118	13
22	Nevada	6,073	3,919	46
23	Washington	5,161	40,081	26
24	South Carolina	4,551	36,807	28
25	Louisiana	3,572	29,079	31
26	Missouri	3,423	122,139	12
27	Maryland	3,402	59,350	21
28	Indiana	2,819	82,879	14
29	Iowa	2,671	49,210	24
30	Michigan	2,637	59,795	20
31	New Mexico	2,482	1,705	48
32	Oklahoma	2,119	22,137	35
33	Wisconsin	2,001	53,667	23
34	Oregon	1,988	27,190	32
35	South Dakota	1,269	7,125	44
36	Mississippi	804	17,743	37
37	Idaho	745	47,582	25
38	Wyoming	742	0	50
39	North Dakota	597	6,295	45
40	Maine	519	22,333	34
41	Hawaii	475	9,828	42
42	Massachusetts	448	292,863	3
43	Arkansas	417	16,189	38
44	Alaska	317	676	49
45	Delaware	300	14,353	40
46	Montana	50	3,421	47
47	Nebraska	28	35,750	29
48	New Hampshire	0	164,416	8
48	Rhode Island	0	38,832	27
48	Vermont	0	15,481	39
	District of Columbia	11,877	84,082	
	United States	1,003,223	4,113,104	

IMPORT/EXPORT RATIO OF COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
(Fall 2022)

TABLE 39

West Virginia ranks as the 3rd highest importer of college-bound high school graduates and ranks 38th for freshmen enrolled in institutions inside the state, with the in-to state migration being higher than the out-of-state migration

Rank	State	Import/Export Ratio (<1 Exporter, >1= Importer)	Migration		Freshman enrolled in institutions inside state	Rank
			Out-of-State	Into State		
1	Utah	4.56	3,004	13,696	37,138	27
2	Arizona	3.83	7,582	29,008	73,139	12
3	West Virginia	3.67	1,919	7,048	16,077	38
4	New Hampshire	3.65	4,958	18,093	23,025	35
5	Iowa	3.10	3,882	12,038	33,689	28
6	Rhode Island	3.05	2,935	8,962	14,865	41
7	North Dakota	2.81	1,507	4,230	8,375	47
8	Alabama	2.72	5,555	15,092	47,587	19
9	Mississippi	2.54	2,916	7,406	26,928	33
10	Indiana	2.51	8,345	20,947	63,902	14
11	Vermont	2.43	2,089	5,073	6,810	48
12	Arkansas	2.23	3,721	8,286	26,108	34
13	Montana	2.08	1,912	3,970	8,746	45
14	South Carolina	2.07	6,515	13,495	46,332	20
15	South Dakota	1.99	1,846	3,682	8,820	44
16	Kansas	1.84	4,756	8,729	28,544	32
17	Delaware	1.64	2,888	4,728	9,561	43
18	Idaho	1.63	3,795	6,197	15,626	40
19	Oregon	1.57	6,412	10,088	33,086	29
20	Maine	1.56	2,868	4,488	11,725	42
21	Tennessee	1.56	10,351	16,182	55,768	16
22	Pennsylvania	1.55	22,634	35,176	106,760	5
23	Wyoming	1.55	1,146	1,772	4,893	49
24	Oklahoma	1.52	4,851	7,384	30,817	30
25	Ohio	1.52	15,012	22,796	94,012	6
26	Kentucky	1.49	5,755	8,567	37,327	26
27	Wisconsin	1.47	9,448	13,880	49,451	18
28	North Carolina	1.46	12,276	17,886	83,663	8
29	Florida	1.45	21,793	31,537	153,364	4
30	Louisiana	1.39	5,868	8,169	39,133	25
31	Massachusetts	1.32	22,129	29,109	65,691	13
32	Virginia	1.22	16,045	19,522	78,383	10
33	Michigan	1.21	10,202	12,389	75,002	11
34	New York	1.19	36,967	44,063	168,650	3
35	Colorado	1.09	13,824	15,021	44,623	22
36	Missouri	1.06	10,636	11,308	45,212	21
37	Nebraska	1.06	4,411	4,654	17,932	36
38	New Mexico	0.91	3,044	2,775	15,999	39
39	California	0.88	46,041	40,554	363,439	1
40	Connecticut	0.82	14,528	11,867	30,769	31
41	Georgia	0.80	20,280	16,302	81,285	9
42	Hawaii	0.68	4,236	2,872	8,620	46
43	Washington	0.59	14,714	8,671	50,911	17
44	Minnesota	0.53	16,387	8,753	39,627	24
45	Illinois	0.51	35,844	18,369	91,456	7
46	Texas	0.51	38,282	19,538	240,809	2
47	Maryland	0.51	18,491	9,392	41,401	23
48	Nevada	0.33	5,104	1,705	16,244	37
49	New Jersey	0.20	34,867	6,914	61,001	15
50	Alaska	0.15	2,009	292	2,196	50
	District of Columbia	3.78	2,719	10,283	11,044	
	United States	1.16	574,581	666,574	2,749,449	

West Virginia ranks 46th in 4th Grade reading scores and 48th in 8th Grade reading scores. For math scores, West Virginia ranks 47th in 4th Grade and 48th in 8th Grade.

	4th Grade Reading % at or Above Proficient Rank		8th Grade Reading % at or Above Proficient Rank		4th Grade Math % at or Above Proficient Rank		8th Grade Math % at or Above Proficient Rank	
Alabama	28.0	37	21.3	47	36.9	35	18.4	47
Alaska	21.7	49	21.7	46	29.9	49	21.5	41
Arizona	26.4	44	25.4	37	33.8	43	25.8	28
Arkansas	28.1	36	25.3	39	31.3	46	19.8	45
California	28.7	34	28.0	27	34.9	41	25.3	29
Colorado	35.7	7	34.8	4	41.6	17	32.5	8
Connecticut	36.2	5	35.4	3	41.9	15	31.9	13
Delaware	26.5	43	23.5	44	34.9	40	19.3	46
Florida	33.0	10	25.3	38	44.8	4	21.1	42
Georgia	30.4	28	31.2	12	37.7	32	23.7	37
Hawaii	31.6	22	29.1	23	42.1	13	23.2	38
Idaho	31.9	19	32.0	9	40.7	20	30.9	16
Illinois	30.4	29	33.0	8	38.1	30	32.3	9
Indiana	34.5	8	33.4	6	43.0	7	30.8	17
Iowa	29.2	32	31.1	15	38.9	27	27.2	24
Kansas	28.3	35	25.1	40	39.6	26	26.3	25
Kentucky	32.7	12	28.6	26	38.4	28	24.3	32
Louisiana	31.8	20	27.2	30	34.8	42	20.8	43
Maine	26.1	45	26.2	34	32.6	44	24.5	31
Maryland	33.6	9	33.1	7	37.4	33	24.7	30
Massachusetts	40.4	1	39.7	1	51.2	1	37.2	1
Michigan	24.6	47	24.3	43	37.2	34	23.9	33
Minnesota	30.7	26	28.0	28	44.8	5	34.0	5
Mississippi	32.0	17	22.8	45	37.8	31	21.6	40
Missouri	27.2	41	26.5	33	36.4	37	23.0	39
Montana	31.9	18	31.1	13	40.4	21	32.1	10
Nebraska	28.0	39	27.5	29	39.9	24	32.5	7
Nevada	30.0	31	26.0	35	35.9	38	20.2	44
New Hampshire	36.2	4	33.8	5	42.6	11	32.0	12
New Jersey	38.3	2	38.5	2	43.9	6	36.8	2
New Mexico	20.3	50	18.5	50	23.3	50	13.9	50
New York	30.9	24	30.9	17	36.6	36	26.2	26
North Carolina	30.1	30	26.9	32	41.3	19	31.5	14
North Dakota	28.7	33	24.9	42	43.0	8	29.5	21
Ohio	32.4	15	31.5	10	42.6	10	32.1	11
Oklahoma	22.7	48	20.5	49	31.3	45	17.4	49
Oregon	26.6	42	27.0	31	30.9	48	23.7	34
Pennsylvania	32.9	11	30.8	18	41.4	18	31.4	15
Rhode Island	32.6	13	30.4	20	38.4	29	26.0	27
South Carolina	32.5	14	25.8	36	40.0	23	23.7	35
South Dakota	28.0	38	28.8	25	42.5	12	33.3	6
Tennessee	31.8	21	31.1	16	41.7	16	30.5	18
Texas	27.5	40	25.0	41	42.7	9	23.7	36
Utah	36.3	3	31.5	11	45.2	3	35.1	4
Vermont	30.5	27	29.2	22	35.7	39	28.5	23
Virginia	30.7	25	29.0	24	40.0	22	28.5	22
Washington	32.0	16	30.5	19	39.8	25	29.5	20
West Virginia	24.6	46	20.8	48	31.2	47	17.8	48
Wisconsin	31.3	23	31.1	14	42.1	14	36.5	3
Wyoming	35.8	6	29.4	21	45.5	2	30.0	19
District of Columbia	29.6		24.8		32.8		20.1	
United States	31.1		29.8		39.5		28.0	

West Virginia ranks 22th in per pupil spending for public school.

Rank	State	Total Spending Dollars
1	New York	32,370
2	Vermont	29,534
3	New Jersey	28,779
4	Massachusetts	27,587
5	Connecticut	27,481
6	New Hampshire	23,619
7	Rhode Island	23,552
8	Maine	23,290
9	Delaware	22,128
10	Pennsylvania	21,522
11	Illinois	21,385
12	Alaska	21,344
13	Wyoming	21,150
14	Washington	20,948
15	California	20,898
16	Hawaii	19,728
17	Maryland	19,412
18	North Dakota	18,118
19	Louisiana	18,021
20	Virginia	17,674
21	Oregon	17,533
22	West Virginia	17,372
23	Colorado	17,130
24	Minnesota	17,114
25	Wisconsin	17,003
26	Ohio	16,856
27	Nebraska	16,788
28	Georgia	16,113
29	New Mexico	15,985
30	Montana	15,431
31	Kansas	15,398
32	Kentucky	15,056
32	Nevada	15,056
34	South Carolina	14,944
35	Michigan	14,779
36	Iowa	14,353
37	Missouri	14,005
38	North Carolina	13,640
39	Indiana	13,604
40	Florida	13,487
41	South Dakota	13,485
42	Alabama	13,269
43	Arkansas	13,090
44	Mississippi	13,049
45	Texas	12,815
46	Oklahoma	12,758
47	Utah	12,029
48	Arizona	11,987
49	Tennessee	11,723
50	Idaho	11,578
#N/A	District of Columbia	30,564
	United States	17,840

West Virginia ranks 46th for average salary of teachers.

Rank	State	Average Salary Dollars
1	California	\$103,552
2	New York	\$98,655
3	Washington	\$96,589
4	Massachusetts	\$93,554
5	Connecticut	\$89,593
6	Maryland	\$87,409
7	Rhode Island	\$85,772
8	New Jersey	\$84,974
9	Oregon	\$81,657
10	Alaska	\$81,450
11	Pennsylvania	\$79,078
12	Illinois	\$78,495
13	Delaware	\$76,570
14	Minnesota	\$76,234
15	Hawaii	\$75,860
16	Nevada	\$74,812
17	Utah	\$72,882
18	Colorado	\$72,781
19	Vermont	\$71,871
20	Georgia	\$71,524
21	Michigan	\$71,023
22	Ohio	\$70,586
23	New Mexico	\$69,736
24	New Hampshire	\$69,432
25	Virginia	\$69,254
26	Wisconsin	\$67,794
27	Wyoming	\$65,668
28	Maine	\$65,621
29	Iowa	\$65,312
30	Arizona	\$64,291
31	South Carolina	\$64,050
32	Texas	\$63,749
33	Nebraska	\$63,326
34	Alabama	\$62,985
35	Idaho	\$62,786
36	Oklahoma	\$61,931
37	Indiana	\$61,661
38	Kansas	\$61,470
39	Tennessee	\$61,222
40	North Dakota	\$60,704
41	Kentucky	\$60,594
42	North Carolina	\$60,323
43	Montana	\$59,305
44	Arkansas	\$59,193
45	South Dakota	\$58,486
46	West Virginia	\$58,099
47	Missouri	\$57,366
48	Louisiana	\$56,785
49	Florida	\$56,663
50	Mississippi	\$54,975
	District of Columbia	\$95,077
	United States	\$74,495

West Virginia ranks 4th in total state expenditures on roadways per capita, 5th in capital per capita, and 4th in maintenance per capita.

Rank	State	Total Per Capita	Capital Per Capita	Rank	Maint. Per Capita	Rank
1	Alaska	\$1,398	\$1,060	1	\$338	2
2	Wyoming	\$1,169	\$954	2	\$215	7
3	Delaware	\$1,049	\$533	8	\$517	1
4	West Virginia	\$1,023	\$717	5	\$307	4
5	South Dakota	\$947	\$795	4	\$152	12
6	North Dakota	\$939	\$877	3	\$62	41
7	Vermont	\$796	\$577	6	\$219	6
8	Maine	\$789	\$472	11	\$317	3
9	Montana	\$682	\$521	9	\$160	10
10	Oklahoma	\$648	\$412	18	\$237	5
11	Kansas	\$617	\$545	7	\$72	34
12	Arkansas	\$598	\$479	10	\$118	15
13	Kentucky	\$591	\$438	14	\$153	11
14	North Carolina	\$569	\$450	13	\$119	14
15	Rhode Island	\$538	\$426	16	\$112	18
16	Nebraska	\$516	\$427	15	\$89	27
17	Michigan	\$500	\$452	12	\$49	45
18	Idaho	\$493	\$421	17	\$73	33
19	Virginia	\$486	\$285	33	\$202	8
20	Indiana	\$470	\$306	31	\$164	9
21	Iowa	\$469	\$388	19	\$81	31
22	Pennsylvania	\$464	\$329	27	\$135	13
23	Texas	\$462	\$381	20	\$82	30
24	South Carolina	\$445	\$330	26	\$116	17
25	Florida	\$437	\$347	22	\$90	26
26	Connecticut	\$430	\$344	23	\$86	29
27	New Jersey	\$425	\$335	25	\$90	25
28	Washington	\$416	\$320	29	\$96	21
29	Mississippi	\$407	\$363	21	\$45	46
30	Louisiana	\$397	\$280	34	\$118	16
31	New Mexico	\$391	\$336	24	\$55	43
32	Illinois	\$387	\$323	28	\$64	38
33	Utah	\$380	\$291	32	\$89	28
34	Wisconsin	\$363	\$310	30	\$53	44
35	New York	\$360	\$249	37	\$112	19
36	Minnesota	\$359	\$251	36	\$109	20
37	Oregon	\$348	\$255	35	\$93	24
38	Missouri	\$342	\$247	38	\$95	22
39	Tennessee	\$311	\$240	40	\$71	35
40	Maryland	\$305	\$211	44	\$94	23
41	Nevada	\$289	\$225	41	\$63	39
42	Colorado	\$288	\$223	42	\$66	37
43	Alabama	\$283	\$243	39	\$40	48
44	New Hampshire	\$282	\$202	46	\$80	32
45	Georgia	\$274	\$211	43	\$63	40
46	Ohio	\$251	\$209	45	\$42	47
47	Massachusetts	\$216	\$157	47	\$59	42
48	California	\$213	\$143	49	\$70	36
49	Arizona	\$179	\$153	48	\$26	50
50	Hawaii	\$155	\$119	50	\$36	49
	District of Columbia	\$709	\$464		\$245	
	United States	\$396	\$302		\$94	

West Virginia ranks 21st in price Per KWH for industrial customers in 2024 (measured in cents/Kwh).

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Rank	State	Cents/Kwh (2024)	Cents/Kwh (2023)	Change from 2023 to 2024 (cents)
1	New Mexico	5.43	5.75	-0.32
2	Louisiana	5.61	5.88	-0.27
3	Oklahoma	5.84	6.26	-0.42
4	Texas	6.12	6.60	-0.48
5	Tennessee	6.21	6.23	-0.02
6	Kentucky	6.50	6.55	-0.06
7	Washington	6.61	6.35	0.26
8	Arkansas	6.61	6.87	-0.26
9	Iowa	6.80	6.91	-0.10
10	Mississippi	6.81	6.96	-0.14
11	South Carolina	6.84	6.68	0.16
12	Ohio	7.10	7.03	0.06
13	Georgia	7.21	6.88	0.33
14	North Dakota	7.25	7.37	-0.12
15	Alabama	7.25	7.10	0.15
16	Montana	7.59	7.80	-0.21
17	Nebraska	7.66	7.63	0.03
18	Idaho	7.69	7.17	0.52
19	Kansas	7.73	7.64	0.10
20	North Carolina	7.77	7.15	0.62
21	West Virginia	7.81	7.24	0.57
22	Utah	7.86	6.99	0.87
23	Pennsylvania	7.87	7.75	0.12
24	Missouri	7.87	7.90	-0.03
25	Arizona	7.90	8.11	-0.21
26	Wyoming	7.96	7.06	0.90
27	Oregon	8.05	7.52	0.53
28	Indiana	8.15	8.24	-0.10
29	Michigan	8.26	8.16	0.10
30	South Dakota	8.28	8.01	0.27
31	Delaware	8.49	7.85	0.64
32	Florida	8.50	9.39	-0.89
33	Wisconsin	8.54	8.68	-0.14
34	Colorado	8.62	8.50	0.12
35	Nevada	8.64	10.36	-1.72
36	Illinois	8.83	8.20	0.62
37	Virginia	8.99	8.92	0.08
38	Minnesota	9.15	9.20	-0.06
39	New York	9.17	6.87	2.31
40	Maryland	10.01	9.94	0.06
41	Vermont	11.58	11.27	0.31
42	New Jersey	11.93	11.68	0.25
43	Maine	12.46	12.30	0.17
44	New Hampshire	16.21	15.76	0.45
45	Connecticut	17.12	15.69	1.43
46	Massachusetts	18.19	17.88	0.31
47	Alaska	19.31	18.70	0.61
48	Rhode Island	19.70	18.98	0.71
49	California	21.53	18.64	2.89
50	Hawaii	34.13	35.28	-1.15
	District of Columbia	10.80	10.85	-0.05
	United States	8.13	8.04	0.09

West Virginia ranks 26th in price per Kwh for commercial customers in 2024 (measured in cents/Kwh).

Rank	State	Cents/Kwh (2024)	Cents/Kwh (2023)	Change from 2023 to 2024 (cents)
1	North Dakota	7.19	7.38	-0.19
2	Nebraska	8.39	8.76	-0.36
3	Texas	8.55	8.82	-0.27
4	Virginia	8.72	8.95	-0.23
5	Oklahoma	8.92	9.34	-0.41
6	Idaho	9.17	8.78	0.39
7	Wyoming	9.27	8.94	0.34
8	Utah	9.39	8.51	0.88
9	Washington	9.99	9.92	0.07
10	Oregon	10.11	9.92	0.19
11	Nevada	10.19	11.91	-1.72
12	Iowa	10.22	10.33	-0.11
13	Arkansas	10.24	10.34	-0.10
14	Missouri	10.26	10.14	0.12
15	Louisiana	10.46	10.45	0.01
16	New Mexico	10.54	10.68	-0.14
17	South Dakota	10.55	10.16	0.39
18	North Carolina	10.56	9.67	0.89
19	South Carolina	10.64	10.39	0.24
20	Ohio	10.66	10.75	-0.09
21	Georgia	10.87	10.70	0.17
22	Florida	10.99	11.95	-0.96
23	Pennsylvania	11.03	11.26	-0.23
24	Kansas	11.19	10.85	0.34
25	Kentucky	11.50	11.38	0.12
26	West Virginia	11.62	11.03	0.59
27	Colorado	11.71	11.64	0.07
28	Illinois	11.81	11.24	0.57
29	Montana	11.87	12.11	-0.24
30	Tennessee	12.05	11.80	0.26
31	Minnesota	12.15	12.39	-0.24
32	Delaware	12.20	11.83	0.37
33	Arizona	12.23	11.79	0.44
34	Mississippi	12.32	12.37	-0.05
35	Indiana	12.44	12.55	-0.11
36	Wisconsin	12.63	12.76	-0.13
37	Maryland	12.96	12.77	0.19
38	Alabama	13.64	13.16	0.48
39	Michigan	14.01	13.40	0.61
40	New Jersey	14.64	14.00	0.64
41	Maine	18.22	17.88	0.34
42	New York	18.77	18.01	0.76
43	Vermont	18.89	18.00	0.89
44	New Hampshire	19.40	20.40	-1.01
45	Massachusetts	20.90	19.62	1.27
46	Rhode Island	21.09	17.68	3.41
47	Connecticut	21.21	19.99	1.22
48	Alaska	21.57	20.87	0.70
49	California	25.54	23.91	1.62
50	Hawaii	38.18	39.03	-0.84
	District of Columbia	17.07	16.94	0.13
	United States	12.75	12.59	0.16

West Virginia ranks 30th in price per Kwh for residential customers in 2024
(measured in cents/Kwh).

Rank	State	Cents/Kwh (2024)	Cents/Kwh (2023)	Change from 2023 to 2024 (cents)
1	North Dakota	11.51	11.01	0.50
2	Idaho	11.52	11.05	0.47
3	Nebraska	11.53	11.20	0.33
4	Louisiana	11.73	11.55	0.18
5	Washington	11.90	10.98	0.92
6	Utah	12.22	11.20	1.02
7	Oklahoma	12.24	12.08	0.16
8	Arkansas	12.32	12.25	0.07
9	Tennessee	12.42	12.19	0.23
10	Wyoming	12.47	11.46	1.01
11	Montana	12.66	12.54	0.12
12	Kentucky	12.79	12.65	0.13
13	South Dakota	12.86	12.32	0.54
14	Missouri	12.91	12.58	0.33
15	Mississippi	13.39	13.23	0.17
16	Iowa	13.40	13.31	0.10
17	Georgia	14.08	13.69	0.39
18	North Carolina	14.13	12.93	1.21
19	Florida	14.14	15.21	-1.07
20	Kansas	14.15	13.38	0.77
21	New Mexico	14.20	13.85	0.35
22	South Carolina	14.23	13.68	0.55
23	Virginia	14.41	14.26	0.15
24	Oregon	14.70	12.73	1.97
25	Indiana	14.77	14.94	-0.17
26	Arizona	14.91	14.02	0.89
27	Colorado	14.92	14.30	0.62
28	Texas	14.94	14.46	0.47
29	Nevada	15.00	16.67	-1.67
30	West Virginia	15.07	14.05	1.02
31	Alabama	15.18	14.63	0.55
32	Minnesota	15.45	14.73	0.72
33	Illinois	15.87	15.71	0.16
34	Ohio	15.99	15.38	0.60
35	Delaware	16.57	15.73	0.84
36	Wisconsin	17.18	16.88	0.31
37	Pennsylvania	17.77	18.10	-0.34
38	Maryland	17.86	16.60	1.26
39	Michigan	19.30	18.84	0.46
40	New Jersey	19.34	17.70	1.64
41	Vermont	21.90	20.82	1.08
42	New Hampshire	23.40	28.15	-4.75
43	Maine	24.29	27.42	-3.13
44	New York	24.43	22.24	2.18
45	Alaska	24.82	23.90	0.92
46	Rhode Island	28.65	27.02	1.63
47	Connecticut	28.75	29.88	-1.14
48	Massachusetts	29.35	29.61	-0.26
49	California	31.97	29.51	2.46
50	Hawaii	42.86	42.39	0.47
	District of Columbia	17.71	16.45	1.26
	United States	16.48	16.00	0.48

West Virginia ranks 1st in energy generation by coal, 45th in generation by natural gas, 12th in petroleum based generation, and 43rd in renewable resource energy generation. There is no nuclear energy generation in the state.

State	Coal %	Rank	Natural Gas %	Rank	Nuclear %	Rank
Alabama	14.6%	21	45.2%	19	31.1%	11
Alaska	11.2%	26	46.8%	17	0.0%	29
Arizona	8.5%	27	47.5%	16	27.9%	13
Arkansas	25.4%	12	40.2%	26	24.0%	14
California	0.1%	41	41.0%	23	8.6%	27
Colorado	28.0%	11	30.5%	31	0.0%	29
Connecticut	0.0%	42	58.2%	10	37.7%	7
Delaware	3.0%	35	92.2%	1	0.0%	29
Florida	2.9%	36	76.8%	6	10.9%	25
Georgia	12.8%	23	40.7%	24	34.3%	8
Hawaii	0.0%	42	0.0%	50	0.0%	29
Idaho	0.0%	42	31.4%	30	0.0%	29
Illinois	14.6%	22	16.4%	39	53.6%	2
Indiana	41.8%	8	43.3%	21	0.0%	29
Iowa	20.5%	18	13.9%	41	0.0%	29
Kansas	22.7%	14	9.2%	44	16.0%	19
Kentucky	67.0%	2	25.8%	35	0.0%	29
Louisiana	3.7%	34	77.0%	5	4.7%	22
Maine	0.2%	40	43.7%	20	0.0%	29
Maryland	7.0%	29	39.3%	27	41.6%	6
Massachusetts	0.0%	42	77.5%	4	0.0%	29
Michigan	20.7%	17	45.6%	18	21.2%	15
Minnesota	19.5%	19	27.1%	33	20.2%	17
Mississippi	4.3%	33	77.6%	3	3.8%	23
Missouri	58.1%	4	13.6%	42	15.7%	20
Montana	36.4%	9	3.7%	47	0.0%	29
Nebraska	43.9%	7	3.7%	48	16.4%	18
Nevada	5.1%	32	54.9%	11	0.0%	29
New Hampshire	1.3%	39	26.1%	34	57.1%	1
New Jersey	0.0%	42	49.5%	14	46.0%	4
New Mexico	21.2%	15	29.3%	32	0.0%	29
New York	0.0%	42	48.3%	15	21.0%	16
North Carolina	12.7%	24	41.1%	22	32.1%	9
North Dakota	54.5%	5	5.8%	46	0.0%	29
Ohio	21.1%	16	60.2%	7	12.6%	24
Oklahoma	6.5%	30	50.8%	13	0.0%	29
Oregon	0.0%	42	38.5%	28	0.0%	29
Pennsylvania	5.4%	31	59.8%	8	31.2%	10
Rhode Island	0.0%	42	89.9%	2	0.0%	29
South Carolina	16.8%	20	22.7%	36	53.5%	3
South Dakota	7.5%	28	10.8%	43	0.0%	29
Tennessee	22.9%	13	21.7%	37	42.3%	5
Texas	11.6%	25	52.2%	12	6.8%	28
Utah	45.4%	6	33.1%	29	0.0%	29
Vermont	0.0%	42	0.0%	49	0.0%	29
Virginia	1.9%	38	59.4%	9	28.2%	12
Washington	2.8%	37	17.9%	38	9.7%	26
West Virginia	85.2%	1	7.6%	45	0.0%	29
Wisconsin	31.8%	10	40.2%	25	5.5%	21
Wyoming	59.9%	3	14.1%	40	0.0%	29
District of Columbia	0.0%		53.2%	0.0%		
United States	15.1%		43.7%	18.1%		

Renewables		Petroleum		Pumped Storage and Others	
%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
9.0%	39	0.0%	48	0.0%	29
28.2%	20	13.7%	2	-0.1%	42
16.3%	25	0.0%	43	-0.1%	43
10.2%	37	0.1%	28	0.1%	19
50.8%	10	0.0%	42	-0.5%	47
41.3%	13	0.1%	32	0.1%	21
3.1%	50	0.0%	36	1.0%	4
4.4%	45	0.4%	9	0.0%	31
8.2%	40	0.3%	10	0.8%	7
12.5%	31	0.2%	16	-0.5%	46
21.2%	22	77.0%	1	1.8%	3
68.3%	4	0.0%	50	0.3%	14
15.3%	26	0.0%	46	0.1%	20
14.4%	28	0.1%	21	0.4%	12
65.5%	5	0.1%	33	0.0%	34
52.0%	9	0.2%	17	0.0%	28
7.1%	41	0.1%	29	0.0%	27
4.1%	47	0.0%	35	0.5%	11
53.8%	8	0.4%	8	1.9%	2
10.7%	36	0.6%	7	1.0%	5
19.6%	24	0.8%	5	2.1%	1
12.0%	34	1.2%	4	-0.7%	48
32.6%	17	0.0%	39	0.5%	9
4.3%	46	0.0%	47	0.0%	36
12.1%	33	0.2%	14	0.2%	17
57.4%	7	1.5%	3	1.0%	6
35.9%	16	0.1%	20	0.0%	33
40.2%	14	0.0%	45	-0.3%	45
14.9%	27	0.3%	11	0.3%	15
3.8%	48	0.1%	34	0.6%	8
49.4%	11	0.0%	49	0.0%	40
30.0%	18	0.2%	13	0.5%	10
13.8%	29	0.1%	22	0.2%	18
39.5%	15	0.1%	26	0.1%	22
5.3%	44	0.8%	6	0.0%	30
42.7%	12	0.0%	41	0.0%	41
61.4%	6	0.0%	44	0.0%	26
3.5%	49	0.0%	40	0.0%	38
10.0%	38	0.1%	30	0.0%	35
7.1%	42	0.1%	24	-0.2%	44
81.6%	2	0.1%	31	0.0%	31
13.8%	30	0.2%	18	-0.7%	49
29.4%	19	0.0%	38	0.0%	39
20.9%	23	0.1%	27	0.4%	13
99.8%	1	0.1%	19	0.0%	24
11.4%	35	0.2%	15	-1.1%	50
69.5%	3	0.0%	37	0.1%	23
7.0%	43	0.2%	12	0.0%	37
12.3%	32	0.1%	25	0.0%	25
25.6%	21	0.1%	23	0.2%	16
46.8%		0.0%		0.0%	
22.7%		0.4%	0.1%		

TABLE 47

Source: Nuclear Energy Institute

West Virginia ranks 50th in monthly housing-related costs, including insurance, utilities & property tax.

Rank	State	Median Monthly Housing Costs
1	California	\$2,156
2	Massachusetts	\$2,001
3	New Jersey	\$1,960
4	Hawaii	\$1,958
5	Colorado	\$1,862
6	Washington	\$1,841
7	Maryland	\$1,807
8	Connecticut	\$1,736
9	New Hampshire	\$1,689
10	New York	\$1,661
11	Rhode Island	\$1,629
12	Florida	\$1,628
13	Utah	\$1,626
14	Nevada	\$1,625
15	Oregon	\$1,596
16	Virginia	\$1,594
17	Alaska	\$1,507
18	Arizona	\$1,471
19	Texas	\$1,465
20	Delaware	\$1,431
21	Georgia	\$1,417
22	Minnesota	\$1,392
23	Illinois	\$1,378
24	Vermont	\$1,374
25	North Carolina	\$1,250
26	Idaho	\$1,249
27	Pennsylvania	\$1,220
28	Maine	\$1,190
29	Nebraska	\$1,183
30	Montana	\$1,176
31	Wisconsin	\$1,175
32	South Carolina	\$1,138
33	Tennessee	\$1,135
34	Kansas	\$1,130
35	Michigan	\$1,112
36	Ohio	\$1,110
37	Missouri	\$1,089
38	Indiana	\$1,082
39	South Dakota	\$1,073
40	Wyoming	\$1,066
41	Iowa	\$1,039
42	Oklahoma	\$1,030
43	Louisiana	\$1,013
44	North Dakota	\$994
45	New Mexico	\$990
46	Alabama	\$988
47	Kentucky	\$960
48	Arkansas	\$912
49	Mississippi	\$893
50	West Virginia	\$750
	District of Columbia	\$2,140
	United States	\$1,365

West Virginia ranks 49th in the median home price and monthly mortgage payment.

Rank	State	Median Home Price	Monthly Mortgage Payment
1	California	\$854,000	\$4,341
2	Hawaii	\$773,400	\$3,931
3	Massachusetts	\$645,400	\$3,280
4	Washington	\$644,300	\$3,275
5	Colorado	\$604,600	\$3,073
6	New York	\$595,500	\$3,027
7	Utah	\$575,300	\$2,924
8	New Jersey	\$545,300	\$2,772
9	Rhode Island	\$535,100	\$2,720
10	Oregon	\$508,100	\$2,583
11	Montana	\$505,600	\$2,570
12	New Hampshire	\$500,200	\$2,542
13	Idaho	\$476,300	\$2,421
14	Nevada	\$468,900	\$2,383
15	Virginia	\$462,400	\$2,350
16	Arizona	\$452,500	\$2,300
17	Maryland	\$446,900	\$2,272
18	Connecticut	\$445,100	\$2,262
19	Vermont	\$438,400	\$2,228
20	Florida	\$416,800	\$2,119
21	Alaska	\$399,900	\$2,033
22	South Carolina	\$397,600	\$2,021
23	Tennessee	\$392,100	\$1,993
24	Maine	\$390,400	\$1,984
25	North Carolina	\$381,700	\$1,940
26	Wyoming	\$378,655	\$1,925
27	New Mexico	\$378,300	\$1,923
28	Georgia	\$373,700	\$1,899
29	Delaware	\$366,200	\$1,861
30	Minnesota	\$354,500	\$1,802
31	Texas	\$341,800	\$1,737
32	Wisconsin	\$338,200	\$1,719
33	South Dakota	\$318,500	\$1,619
34	Illinois	\$314,200	\$1,597
35	North Dakota	\$313,885	\$1,595
36	Pennsylvania	\$308,500	\$1,568
37	Nebraska	\$306,700	\$1,559
38	Kansas	\$302,300	\$1,537
39	Alabama	\$299,000	\$1,520
40	Missouri	\$281,400	\$1,430
41	Kentucky	\$277,200	\$1,409
42	Indiana	\$273,200	\$1,389
43	Arkansas	\$270,300	\$1,374
44	Michigan	\$269,700	\$1,371
45	Mississippi	\$265,200	\$1,348
46	Ohio	\$262,900	\$1,336
47	Louisiana	\$260,300	\$1,323
48	Oklahoma	\$256,700	\$1,305
49	West Virginia	\$253,300	\$1,287
50	Iowa	\$250,700	\$1,274
	District of Columbia	\$676,500	\$3,439
	United States	\$436,523	\$2,219

West Virginia ranks 45th for the 25-year annualized rate for housing appreciation, 33rd for the 5-year annualized rate, and 35th for the 1-year rate.

Rank	State	25-Year Annualized	5-Year Annualized	Rank	1-Year	Rank
1	Hawaii	6.2%	8.4%	36	4.3%	20
2	Idaho	6.0%	10.4%	11	4.3%	21
3	Montana	5.9%	11.1%	7	2.4%	36
4	Florida	5.8%	10.4%	12	-1.4%	50
5	Washington	5.6%	8.0%	39	2.2%	38
6	Maine	5.6%	12.3%	1	6.0%	6
7	Utah	5.5%	9.4%	19	2.9%	32
8	Rhode Island	5.5%	11.5%	4	5.6%	9
9	Arizona	5.4%	9.5%	17	-0.4%	48
10	California	5.3%	7.2%	44	0.4%	46
11	Vermont	5.2%	11.6%	3	-0.1%	47
12	New Hampshire	5.2%	11.6%	2	6.0%	7
13	Oregon	5.2%	6.8%	46	1.1%	44
14	New York	5.1%	10.3%	13	8.0%	1
15	New Jersey	5.0%	11.5%	5	7.5%	3
16	Wyoming	5.0%	8.4%	37	4.8%	13
17	Nevada	5.0%	8.5%	35	2.0%	40
18	Colorado	4.9%	6.9%	45	-0.6%	49
19	Virginia	4.9%	9.1%	27	3.8%	24
20	Tennessee	4.9%	10.6%	10	3.0%	30
21	Texas	4.8%	7.9%	41	0.6%	45
22	Massachusetts	4.8%	9.2%	24	4.4%	18
23	North Dakota	4.7%	6.5%	49	5.4%	10
24	Maryland	4.7%	7.4%	43	3.2%	29
25	South Dakota	4.7%	9.1%	28	3.4%	26
26	Pennsylvania	4.6%	8.9%	32	4.8%	14
27	South Carolina	4.6%	10.8%	9	3.2%	28
28	North Carolina	4.6%	10.9%	8	2.3%	37
29	Delaware	4.4%	8.9%	31	1.8%	41
30	Georgia	4.3%	10.0%	15	1.3%	43
31	New Mexico	4.3%	9.2%	22	4.6%	15
32	Wisconsin	4.2%	10.1%	14	5.8%	8
33	Alaska	4.2%	6.7%	48	2.8%	34
34	Missouri	4.1%	9.2%	25	3.3%	27
35	Connecticut	4.1%	11.4%	6	7.8%	2
36	Nebraska	4.0%	8.6%	34	2.8%	33
37	Oklahoma	4.0%	7.9%	40	2.0%	39
38	Kentucky	4.0%	9.2%	23	4.9%	12
39	Kansas	4.0%	9.1%	26	4.6%	16
40	Arkansas	3.9%	9.4%	20	4.2%	23
41	Minnesota	3.9%	6.8%	47	3.5%	25
42	Alabama	3.9%	9.0%	30	3.0%	31
43	Indiana	3.8%	9.4%	21	4.2%	22
44	Iowa	3.6%	7.7%	42	4.5%	17
45	West Virginia	3.6%	8.7%	33	2.7%	35
46	Ohio	3.5%	9.6%	16	5.3%	11
47	Louisiana	3.4%	4.6%	50	1.3%	42
48	Mississippi	3.4%	8.4%	38	7.3%	4
49	Michigan	3.3%	9.5%	18	4.4%	19
50	Illinois	3.3%	9.1%	29	6.7%	5
	District of Columbia	6.5%	1.8%		-7.6%	
	United States	4.6%	9.0%		2.9%	

West Virginia ranks 1st for home ownership rates for 2025
and 13th for percent change since 2020.

Rank	State	2025	2020	Change	Rank
1	West Virginia	77.2%	78.2%	-1.0%	13
2	Delaware	76.8%	81.3%	-4.5%	38
3	Vermont	75.3%	76.8%	-1.5%	20
4	Mississippi	74.9%	74.0%	0.9%	3
4	Wyoming	74.9%	77.4%	-2.5%	24
6	Maine	74.2%	79.3%	-5.1%	42
7	Indiana	73.4%	72.6%	0.8%	5
8	New Hampshire	73.3%	74.7%	-1.4%	19
9	Michigan	72.6%	75.2%	-2.6%	25
10	South Carolina	72.4%	73.5%	-1.1%	16
11	Arizona	72.3%	71.7%	0.6%	7
11	Kentucky	72.3%	76.0%	-3.7%	30
13	Ohio	71.4%	70.1%	1.3%	1
14	Alabama	71.2%	76.9%	-5.7%	44
15	New Mexico	70.8%	73.8%	-3.0%	26
16	Virginia	70.6%	72.9%	-2.3%	23
17	Iowa	70.5%	70.7%	-0.2%	9
18	Arkansas	70.1%	71.3%	-1.2%	18
19	Montana	69.9%	70.6%	-0.7%	10
20	Minnesota	69.7%	76.0%	-6.3%	47
21	Utah	69.4%	74.4%	-5.0%	41
22	Maryland	69.0%	74.7%	-5.7%	45
22	Tennessee	69.0%	72.1%	-3.1%	27
24	South Dakota	68.3%	72.3%	-4.0%	34
25	Louisiana	68.0%	70.1%	-2.1%	21
26	Connecticut	67.8%	66.7%	1.1%	2
27	Missouri	67.6%	74.6%	-7.0%	48
28	Pennsylvania	67.3%	70.9%	-3.6%	29
29	Nebraska	67.1%	71.9%	-4.8%	40
30	Illinois	67.0%	66.1%	0.9%	3
31	Idaho	66.7%	72.0%	-5.3%	43
32	Kansas	66.3%	72.0%	-5.7%	45
33	Alaska	66.0%	67.0%	-1.0%	13
33	Wisconsin	66.0%	69.8%	-3.8%	32
35	North Dakota	65.7%	65.5%	0.2%	8
36	Florida	65.5%	70.1%	-4.6%	39
37	Georgia	64.6%	68.7%	-4.1%	36
38	New Jersey	63.6%	64.3%	-0.7%	11
39	North Carolina	63.4%	72.6%	-9.2%	49
39	Texas	63.4%	67.6%	-4.2%	37
41	Rhode Island	63.3%	64.3%	-1.0%	13
42	Washington	62.7%	66.7%	-4.0%	34
43	Massachusetts	62.6%	63.5%	-0.9%	12
44	Colorado	62.4%	66.0%	-3.6%	28
45	Oregon	62.0%	65.7%	-3.7%	30
46	Hawaii	60.6%	60.0%	0.6%	6
46	Oklahoma	60.6%	74.1%	-13.5%	50
48	Nevada	58.9%	62.8%	-3.9%	33
49	California	55.3%	56.4%	-1.1%	17
50	New York	52.2%	54.4%	-2.2%	22
	District of Columbia	42.4%	42.5%	-0.1%	
	United States	65.0%	67.9%	-2.9%	

West Virginia ranks 4th in total health care expenditures per capita and ranks 1st in total health care expenditures as a percentage of total income.

Rank	State	Total Per Capita	Total (Billions)	Total as % of Personal Income	Rank
1	Alaska	\$14,044	\$10.4	18.4%	2
2	South Dakota	\$12,451	\$11.5	16.4%	6
3	New York	\$12,221	\$242.8	14.3%	18
4	West Virginia	\$12,055	\$21.3	21.8%	1
5	Delaware	\$11,987	\$12.6	17.6%	3
6	Massachusetts	\$11,985	\$85.5	12.8%	39
7	North Dakota	\$11,667	\$9.3	16.3%	8
8	Vermont	\$11,493	\$7.5	16.1%	9
9	Indiana	\$11,071	\$76.7	17.3%	4
10	California	\$11,054	\$435.9	12.8%	38
11	Maine	\$10,913	\$15.3	15.8%	10
12	New Hampshire	\$10,682	\$15.1	12.8%	37
13	Connecticut	\$10,639	\$39.1	11.2%	45
14	Minnesota	\$10,567	\$61.2	14.0%	24
15	New Jersey	\$10,468	\$99.5	12.3%	41
16	Pennsylvania	\$10,262	\$134.2	14.5%	16
17	Ohio	\$10,202	\$121.2	15.8%	11
18	Nebraska	\$10,192	\$20.4	14.0%	23
19	Louisiana	\$10,148	\$46.7	16.4%	7
20	Wisconsin	\$10,079	\$60.1	14.9%	14
21	Missouri	\$10,036	\$62.7	15.5%	13
22	Kentucky	\$9,964	\$45.7	17.1%	5
23	Oregon	\$9,931	\$42.4	14.0%	22
24	Illinois	\$9,895	\$125.8	13.3%	31
25	Rhode Island	\$9,864	\$11.0	14.0%	25
26	Hawaii	\$9,808	\$14.2	13.8%	27
27	Montana	\$9,747	\$11.1	14.1%	21
28	Washington	\$9,693	\$77.1	11.4%	44
29	Wyoming	\$9,640	\$5.7	11.1%	47
30	Florida	\$9,545	\$223.1	13.1%	34
31	Maryland	\$9,456	\$59.2	11.9%	42
32	Virginia	\$9,123	\$80.4	11.8%	43
33	Kansas	\$9,066	\$26.9	13.8%	29
34	Oklahoma	\$9,052	\$37.1	14.2%	19
35	Michigan	\$9,023	\$91.5	14.2%	20
36	Colorado	\$8,871	\$52.9	10.7%	50
37	Tennessee	\$8,760	\$63.3	13.2%	33
38	North Carolina	\$8,744	\$96.6	13.3%	30
39	Georgia	\$8,680	\$97.0	13.8%	28
40	Iowa	\$8,660	\$28.1	13.3%	32
41	Arkansas	\$8,562	\$26.4	14.4%	17
42	Arizona	\$8,556	\$64.9	13.0%	35
43	New Mexico	\$8,469	\$18.0	14.5%	15
44	Mississippi	\$8,135	\$23.9	15.6%	12
45	Idaho	\$8,078	\$16.2	13.0%	36
46	Alabama	\$7,980	\$41.2	13.9%	26
47	Texas	\$7,807	\$244.3	11.2%	46
48	South Carolina	\$7,741	\$42.4	12.7%	40
49	Nevada	\$7,536	\$24.6	10.8%	48
50	Utah	\$7,233	\$25.3	10.7%	49
	District of Columbia	\$13,865	\$9.7	12.5%	
	United States	\$9,747	\$3,315.0	13.3%	

West Virginia ranks 13th for the percentage of those without health insurance for 2024, ranked 16th for 2023 and 27th for 2010.

Rank	State	% Uninsured 2024	% Uninsured 2023	Rank	% Uninsured 2022	Rank	% Uninsured 2010	Rank
1	Massachusetts	2.8%	2.6%	1	2.4%	1	4.4%	1
2	Hawaii	3.5%	3.2%	2	3.5%	2	7.9%	2
3	Vermont	4.2%	3.4%	3	3.9%	3	8.0%	3
4	New Hampshire	4.5%	4.7%	8	4.9%	8	11.1%	12
5	Rhode Island	4.6%	4.5%	5	4.2%	4	12.2%	16
6	New York	5.0%	4.8%	9	4.9%	8	11.9%	15
7	Michigan	5.1%	4.5%	5	4.5%	5	12.4%	18
7	Minnesota	5.1%	4.2%	4	4.5%	5	9.1%	4
9	Oregon	5.2%	5.5%	14	6.0%	17	17.1%	36
10	Wisconsin	5.3%	4.9%	10	5.2%	10	9.4%	7
11	Iowa	5.4%	5.0%	11	4.5%	5	9.3%	6
12	Maine	5.5%	5.9%	16	6.6%	23	10.1%	10
13	Connecticut	5.8%	5.7%	15	5.2%	10	9.1%	4
13	Pennsylvania	5.8%	5.4%	12	5.3%	12	10.2%	11
13	West Virginia	5.8%	5.9%	16	5.9%	15	14.6%	27
16	California	5.9%	6.4%	23	6.5%	21	18.5%	43
17	North Dakota	6.1%	4.5%	5	6.4%	20	9.8%	9
18	Maryland	6.3%	6.3%	21	6.1%	18	11.3%	13
19	Washington	6.5%	6.3%	21	6.1%	18	14.2%	25
20	Ohio	6.7%	6.1%	18	5.9%	15	12.3%	17
21	Kentucky	6.8%	5.4%	12	5.6%	13	15.3%	31
22	Delaware	6.9%	6.5%	25	5.6%	13	9.7%	8
22	Illinois	6.9%	6.2%	20	6.6%	23	13.8%	23
22	Virginia	6.9%	6.4%	23	6.5%	21	13.1%	20
25	Nebraska	7.1%	6.1%	18	6.7%	25	11.5%	14
26	Indiana	7.5%	6.9%	27	7.0%	28	14.8%	29
27	Louisiana	7.7%	6.9%	27	6.9%	27	17.8%	41
27	Missouri	7.7%	7.5%	30	8.6%	36	13.2%	21
27	New Jersey	7.7%	7.2%	29	6.8%	26	13.2%	21
30	Colorado	7.9%	6.7%	26	7.1%	29	15.9%	33
31	South Dakota	8.1%	8.3%	32	8.1%	30	12.4%	18
32	Alabama	8.2%	8.5%	35	8.8%	38	14.6%	27
33	Utah	8.3%	8.0%	31	8.1%	30	15.3%	31
34	Kansas	8.5%	8.4%	33	8.6%	36	13.9%	24
35	North Carolina	8.6%	9.2%	40	9.3%	40	16.8%	34
36	Montana	8.8%	8.4%	33	8.3%	34	17.3%	37
37	South Carolina	9.0%	9.1%	38	9.1%	39	17.5%	38
38	Idaho	9.2%	8.9%	36	8.2%	32	17.7%	40
39	Arkansas	9.4%	8.9%	36	8.4%	35	17.5%	38
40	Mississippi	9.7%	10.3%	43	10.8%	43	18.2%	42
40	Tennessee	9.7%	9.3%	41	9.3%	40	14.4%	26
42	New Mexico	10.1%	9.1%	38	8.2%	32	19.6%	45
43	Arizona	10.3%	9.9%	42	10.3%	42	16.9%	35
43	Wyoming	10.3%	10.7%	45	11.5%	47	14.9%	30
45	Florida	10.9%	10.7%	45	11.2%	46	21.3%	48
46	Alaska	11.0%	10.4%	44	11.0%	44	19.9%	47
47	Nevada	11.4%	10.8%	47	11.1%	45	22.6%	49
48	Oklahoma	11.5%	11.4%	48	11.7%	48	18.9%	44
49	Georgia	12.0%	11.4%	48	11.7%	48	19.7%	46
50	Texas	16.7%	16.4%	50	16.6%	50	23.7%	50
	District of Columbia	4.5%	2.7%		2.9%		7.6%	
	United States	8.2%			8.0%		15.5%	

PERCENT OF PRIVATELY INSURED PERSONS
WITH EMPLOYMENT-BASED INSURANCE (2024)

TABLE 54

West Virginia ranks 3rd for privately insured persons with employment-based insurance in 2024 and holds the 21st highest growth rate.

Rank	State	2024	2023	Change	Rank
1	Connecticut	86.1%	85.1%	1.0%	1
2	New Jersey	86.0%	85.9%	0.1%	13
3	West Virginia	85.4%	85.5%	-0.2%	21
4	Illinois	85.2%	85.4%	-0.1%	18
5	Michigan	85.2%	85.5%	-0.2%	24
6	Ohio	85.0%	85.3%	-0.3%	26
7	Massachusetts	84.4%	85.1%	-0.7%	36
8	New York	84.2%	84.2%	0.0%	15
9	Maryland	84.2%	84.6%	-0.4%	27
10	Indiana	84.1%	84.3%	-0.2%	20
11	Kentucky	83.9%	84.2%	-0.3%	25
12	California	83.1%	83.0%	0.1%	11
13	Washington	83.0%	83.2%	-0.2%	23
14	Alaska	82.8%	81.9%	0.9%	2
15	Pennsylvania	82.6%	82.5%	0.1%	12
16	Nevada	82.5%	83.0%	-0.5%	31
17	Missouri	82.0%	82.7%	-0.6%	34
18	Wisconsin	82.0%	82.5%	-0.5%	30
19	Hawaii	81.9%	81.8%	0.1%	10
20	Delaware	81.8%	84.7%	-2.9%	50
21	New Hampshire	81.6%	82.1%	-0.5%	32
22	Utah	81.5%	82.4%	-0.9%	41
23	Oregon	81.4%	81.6%	-0.2%	22
24	Louisiana	81.4%	82.1%	-0.7%	37
25	Minnesota	81.3%	82.1%	-0.8%	40
26	Arizona	80.9%	81.7%	-0.7%	38
27	Rhode Island	80.9%	82.3%	-1.4%	45
28	Virginia	80.8%	79.9%	0.9%	3
29	Iowa	80.7%	81.1%	-0.5%	29
30	Texas	80.6%	81.3%	-0.6%	35
31	New Mexico	80.4%	79.9%	0.5%	4
32	Colorado	80.0%	81.4%	-1.4%	46
33	Georgia	79.9%	80.0%	-0.1%	17
34	Kansas	79.7%	79.3%	0.5%	5
35	Oklahoma	79.7%	79.6%	0.0%	14
36	Maine	79.5%	79.2%	0.3%	6
37	Tennessee	79.4%	79.5%	0.0%	16
38	Alabama	79.2%	80.0%	-0.7%	39
39	Arkansas	78.4%	78.6%	-0.2%	19
40	North Carolina	78.2%	78.0%	0.3%	9
41	Nebraska	78.2%	79.4%	-1.2%	43
42	Vermont	78.1%	80.4%	-2.3%	49
43	Idaho	77.7%	78.3%	-0.6%	33
44	South Carolina	77.0%	76.8%	0.3%	8
45	North Dakota	76.8%	78.3%	-1.5%	48
46	Wyoming	76.4%	76.2%	0.3%	7
47	Mississippi	75.8%	76.2%	-0.5%	28
48	South Dakota	74.6%	76.1%	-1.4%	47
49	Montana	73.0%	74.3%	-1.4%	44
50	Florida	70.0%	71.2%	-1.2%	42
	District of Columbia	87.3%	87.8%	-0.5%	
	United States	81.3%	81.6%	-0.3%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

West Virginia ranks 42nd for government healthcare spending per capita and 34th for healthcare spending as a rate of personal income.

Rank	State	Total Per Capita	Total (Millions)	Total as % of Personal Income	Rank
1	Wyoming	\$3,710	\$2,171	4.5%	1
2	New Mexico	\$2,256	\$4,786	4.1%	3
3	Alabama	\$2,238	\$11,456	4.1%	2
4	California	\$2,155	\$84,465	2.7%	10
5	Washington	\$2,060	\$16,190	2.5%	11
6	North Carolina	\$2,037	\$22,165	3.3%	6
7	South Carolina	\$2,023	\$10,901	3.5%	5
8	Iowa	\$1,950	\$6,275	3.1%	7
9	Mississippi	\$1,912	\$5,627	3.8%	4
10	Kansas	\$1,826	\$5,390	2.9%	8
11	Oregon	\$1,698	\$7,221	2.5%	12
12	Missouri	\$1,680	\$10,427	2.7%	9
13	New York	\$1,547	\$30,524	1.9%	17
14	Utah	\$1,470	\$5,063	2.3%	13
15	Alaska	\$1,381	\$1,017	1.9%	16
16	Michigan	\$1,381	\$13,923	2.3%	14
17	Texas	\$1,244	\$38,232	1.8%	18
18	Virginia	\$1,240	\$10,835	1.7%	21
19	Kentucky	\$1,147	\$5,219	2.1%	15
20	Indiana	\$1,127	\$7,755	1.8%	19
21	Florida	\$1,106	\$25,326	1.6%	26
22	Pennsylvania	\$1,093	\$14,233	1.6%	24
23	Colorado	\$1,073	\$6,330	1.3%	30
24	Tennessee	\$1,064	\$7,607	1.7%	22
25	Georgia	\$1,014	\$11,215	1.7%	20
26	Connecticut	\$988	\$3,600	1.1%	37
27	Ohio	\$988	\$11,678	1.6%	25
28	Louisiana	\$978	\$4,487	1.7%	23
29	Wisconsin	\$909	\$5,393	1.4%	28
30	Idaho	\$863	\$1,702	1.5%	27
31	Vermont	\$860	\$558	1.3%	32
32	Hawaii	\$851	\$1,227	1.3%	33
33	Minnesota	\$844	\$4,858	1.2%	36
34	Oklahoma	\$841	\$3,417	1.4%	29
35	Nebraska	\$773	\$1,536	1.1%	38
36	Illinois	\$761	\$9,616	1.1%	39
37	Delaware	\$752	\$779	1.2%	35
38	Arkansas	\$726	\$2,227	1.3%	31
39	Massachusetts	\$702	\$4,963	0.8%	43
40	Nevada	\$663	\$2,130	1.0%	40
41	Montana	\$654	\$739	1.0%	41
42	West Virginia	\$652	\$1,154	1.2%	34
43	Rhode Island	\$637	\$703	0.9%	42
44	New Jersey	\$632	\$5,929	0.8%	44
45	Maryland	\$568	\$3,531	0.8%	45
46	North Dakota	\$534	\$422	0.7%	46
47	Maine	\$426	\$596	0.7%	47
48	South Dakota	\$360	\$331	0.5%	49
49	Arizona	\$309	\$2,307	0.5%	48
50	New Hampshire	\$230	\$322	0.3%	50
	District of Columbia	\$1,279	\$879	1.2%	
	United States	\$1,305	\$439,435	1.9%	

West Virginia ranks 2nd for fatalities per 100,000 workers and 16th for injury and illness per 100 workers.

Rank	State	Fatalities Per 100K Workers 2022	Injury/Illness Per 100 Workers 2023	Rank
1	Wyoming	16.0	2.7	14
2	West Virginia	8.3	2.6	16
3	Arkansas	7.5	1.9	38
4	Alaska	7.4	3.1	7
5	Montana	7.1	3.4	3
6	North Dakota	6.9	No Data Available	N/A
7	Mississippi	6.3	No Data Available	N/A
8	Iowa	5.9	3.1	7
9	Louisiana	5.6	1.4	41
10	Idaho	5.4	No Data Available	N/A
10	Tennessee	5.4	2.2	30
12	Indiana	5.1	2.5	21
13	South Carolina	5.0	1.9	38
13	Vermont	5.0	4.0	2
15	Nebraska	4.8	2.5	21
16	Kentucky	4.6	2.8	11
17	New Mexico	4.5	No Data Available	N/A
18	Oklahoma	4.3	2.4	25
18	South Dakota	4.3	No Data Available	N/A
20	Maine	4.2	4.2	1
21	Missouri	4.1	2.6	16
21	Texas	4.1	1.8	40
21	Utah	4.1	2.5	21
24	Georgia	4.0	No Data Available	N/A
24	Nevada	4.0	3.3	6
26	Wisconsin	3.9	2.8	11
27	Kansas	3.8	2.5	21
28	North Carolina	3.7	2.0	36
29	Alabama	3.6	2.0	36
29	Michigan	3.6	2.6	16
31	Massachusetts	3.3	2.2	30
32	Arizona	3.1	2.4	25
32	Florida	3.1	No Data Available	N/A
32	New Hampshire	3.1	No Data Available	N/A
32	Ohio	3.1	2.2	30
36	Pennsylvania	2.9	2.6	16
37	Colorado	2.8	2.7	14
37	New York	2.8	2.1	34
37	Oregon	2.8	3.4	3
40	Virginia	2.7	2.1	34
40	Washington	2.7	3.4	3
42	Hawaii	2.6	3.1	7
43	California	2.5	3.0	10
43	Delaware	2.5	2.2	30
43	Illinois	2.5	2.4	25
43	Minnesota	2.5	2.8	11
47	Maryland	2.4	2.3	28
48	Connecticut	2.0	2.6	16
49	New Jersey	1.8	2.3	28
50	Rhode Island	1.2	No Data Available	N/A
	District of Columbia	4.4	1.2	
	United States	3.6	2.4	

West Virginia has a larger number of Republicans in both the House and Senate and the office of the governor is held by a Republican.

State	Senate Dem.	Senate Rep.	Senate Other	House Dem.	House Rep.	House Other	Governor's Party
Alabama	8	27		29	71	5 vacant	Rep
Alaska	9	11		14	21	5	Rep
Arizona	13	17		27	33		Dem
Arkansas	6	29		19	81		Rep
California	30	10		60	19	1 vacant	Dem
Colorado	23	12		43	21	1 vacant	Dem
Connecticut	25	11		102	49		Dem
Delaware	15	6		27	14		Dem
Florida	10	26	1, 3 vacant	32	86	2 vacant	Rep
Georgia	23	32	1 vacant	80	100		Rep
Hawaii	22	3		42	9		Dem
Idaho	6	29		9	61		Rep
Illinois	40	19		78	40		Dem
Indiana	10	40		30	70		Rep
Iowa	17	33		33	67		Rep
Kansas	9	31		37	88		Dem
Kentucky	6	32		20	80		Dem
Louisiana	11	28		32	73		Rep
Maine	20	14	1	76	73	2	Dem
Maryland	34	13		102	39		Dem
Massachusetts	35	5		134	25	1	Dem
Michigan	19	18	1 vacant	52	58		Dem
Minnesota	33	32	2 vacant	66	67	1 vacant	Dem
Mississippi	14	36	2 vacant	39	80	2, 1 vacant	Rep
Missouri	10	24		52	108	3 vacant	Rep
Montana	18	32		42	58		Rep
Nebraska			49	Unicameral/Nonpartisan			Rep
Nevada	13	8		27	15		Rep
New Hampshire	8	16		177	218	2, 3 vacant	Rep
New Jersey	25	15		52	28		Dem
New Mexico	26	16		44	26		Dem
New York	41	22		103	47		Dem
North Carolina	20	30		49	71		Dem
North Dakota	5	42		11	81	2 vacant	Rep
Ohio	9	24		33	65	1 vacant	Rep
Oklahoma	8	40		20	81		Rep
Oregon	18	12		36	24		Dem
Pennsylvania	23	27		102	101		Dem
Rhode Island	34	4		64	10	1	Dem
South Carolina	12	33	1 vacant	36	86	2 vacant	Rep
South Dakota	3	32		6	63	1 vacant	Rep
Tennessee	6	27		24	75		Rep
Texas	11	19	1 vacant	62	88		Rep
Utah	6	22	1	14	61		Rep
Vermont	16	13	1	87	56	7	Rep
Virginia	21	19		51	48	1 vacant	Rep
Washington	30	19		59	39		Dem
West Virginia	2	32		9	91		Rep
Wisconsin	15	18		45	54		Dem
Wyoming	2	28	1 vacant	6	56		Rep
Wyoming	2	29		6	56		Rep

np = nonpartisan; v = vacant

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME BY WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY (2024)

West Virginia has a median household income of \$59,608, with Jefferson County ranking the highest; and the state has a poverty rate of 16.7%, with McDowell County having the highest poverty rate.

Rank	County	Per Capita Personal Income 2023	Median Household Income 2019-2023	Rank	Poverty Rate	Rank
1	Jefferson	\$46,514	\$98,806	1	8.7%	1
2	Monongalia	\$42,045	\$65,346	7	18.1%	36
3	Putnam	\$41,822	\$79,527	3	9.6%	2
4	Pleasants	\$39,036	\$60,932	15	15.9%	21
5	Berkeley	\$38,914	\$80,815	2	11.0%	3
6	Mineral	\$38,731	\$69,375	5	13.2%	6
7	Ohio	\$38,134	\$57,094	23	19.2%	40
8	Kanawha	\$37,354	\$60,943	14	15.3%	18
9	Hancock	\$37,064	\$61,466	13	13.6%	7
10	Morgan	\$36,317	\$72,179	4	11.2%	4
11	Harrison	\$35,791	\$60,377	16	14.2%	12
12	Tyler	\$35,594	\$63,693	9	16.6%	27
13	Jackson	\$34,967	\$58,845	19	17.5%	33
14	Marion	\$34,952	\$67,370	6	14.7%	14
15	Tucker	\$34,950	\$53,358	32	14.7%	14
16	Wood	\$34,707	\$57,810	20	15.5%	20
17	Hampshire	\$34,465	\$63,116	10	14.1%	10
18	Lewis	\$34,362	\$56,477	27	16.2%	22
19	Marshall	\$34,200	\$59,169	17	17.6%	34
20	Brooke	\$34,184	\$54,316	31	13.6%	7
21	Cabell	\$34,150	\$55,832	28	17.2%	30
22	Pendleton	\$33,377	\$64,931	8	12.2%	5
23	Wayne	\$32,910	\$58,878	18	14.9%	17
24	Nicholas	\$32,265	\$54,639	29	16.4%	25
25	Taylor	\$32,176	\$57,795	21	16.8%	29
26	Calhoun	\$31,472	\$43,980	49	22.9%	49
27	Wetzel	\$31,337	\$56,836	25	16.5%	26
28	Greenbrier	\$31,258	\$48,218	45	16.2%	22
29	Grant	\$30,795	\$62,361	11	14.5%	13
30	Mercer	\$30,362	\$53,210	33	17.9%	35
31	Doddridge	\$30,062	\$57,401	22	19.2%	40
32	Logan	\$30,056	\$49,723	42	21.1%	47
33	Upshur	\$30,013	\$54,338	30	18.5%	37
34	Hardy	\$29,801	\$49,272	43	14.1%	10
35	Mason	\$29,428	\$49,761	41	16.3%	24
36	Randolph	\$29,069	\$52,757	35	17.3%	31
37	Preston	\$29,033	\$61,880	12	15.4%	19
38	Raleigh	\$28,797	\$52,150	36	18.7%	38
39	Boone	\$28,780	\$57,093	24	18.8%	39
40	Fayette	\$28,113	\$53,194	34	20.8%	46
41	Barbour	\$28,037	\$51,394	37	19.3%	43
42	Monroe	\$27,995	\$56,750	26	13.9%	9
43	Ritchie	\$27,681	\$50,582	38	14.8%	16
44	Roane	\$27,304	\$45,778	48	19.2%	40
45	Wirt	\$26,269	\$49,867	40	16.6%	27
46	Summers	\$25,658	\$40,699	53	24.2%	50
47	Braxton	\$25,639	\$50,331	39	19.9%	44
48	Lincoln	\$25,319	\$46,205	47	21.4%	48
49	Webster	\$24,990	\$43,839	50	24.4%	51
50	Clay	\$24,781	\$42,318	51	20.1%	45
51	Pocahontas	\$24,646	\$42,119	52	17.4%	32
52	Wyoming	\$24,030	\$48,440	44	24.8%	52
53	Mingo	\$23,977	\$38,119	54	25.7%	53
54	Gilmer	\$20,425	\$47,981	46	26.8%	54
55	McDowell	\$17,253	\$31,559	55	38.4%	55
	West Virginia	\$34,203	\$59,608		16.7%	
	United States	\$44,673	\$80,734		10.6%	

POPULATION AND CHANGE IN POPULATION BY COUNTY (April 2020-July 2025)

West Virginia had an overall decline in population from 2020 to 2025. Only eight counties saw their population increase, with Berkeley County having the highest growth. McDowell County had the largest decline on a percentage basis, losing over 11% of its 2020 population in those five years.

Population	County	July 2025	April 2020	% Change	Rank
1	Kanawha	172,381	180,745	-4.6%	37
2	Berkeley	139,522	122,076	14.3%	1
3	Monongalia	107,991	105,822	2.0%	5
4	Cabell	91,183	94,350	-3.4%	23
5	Wood	82,385	84,296	-2.3%	17
6	Raleigh	71,775	74,591	-3.8%	29
7	Harrison	64,221	65,921	-2.6%	19
8	Jefferson	63,102	57,701	9.4%	2
9	Mercer	57,503	59,664	-3.6%	26
10	Putnam	56,885	57,441	-1.0%	13
11	Marion	55,584	56,205	-1.1%	14
12	Ohio	40,496	42,425	-4.5%	36
13	Fayette	38,165	40,488	-5.7%	45
14	Wayne	37,309	38,982	-4.3%	33
15	Preston	34,004	34,216	-0.6%	12
16	Greenbrier	31,578	32,977	-4.2%	32
17	Logan	30,375	32,567	-6.7%	50
18	Marshall	29,159	30,591	-4.7%	38
19	Hancock	27,729	29,095	-4.7%	39
20	Jackson	27,450	27,791	-1.2%	15
21	Randolph	26,882	27,932	-3.8%	28
22	Mineral	26,792	26,938	-0.5%	11
23	Mason	24,707	25,453	-2.9%	20
24	Hampshire	24,105	23,093	4.4%	4
25	Nicholas	23,848	24,604	-3.1%	21
26	Upshur	23,758	23,816	-0.2%	9
27	Mingo	21,455	23,568	-9.0%	54
28	Brooke	21,142	22,559	-6.3%	47
29	Boone	20,251	21,809	-7.1%	51
30	Wyoming	19,801	21,382	-7.4%	53
31	Lincoln	19,177	20,463	-6.3%	48
32	Morgan	18,027	17,063	5.6%	3
33	McDowell	16,878	19,111	-11.7%	55
34	Lewis	16,394	17,033	-3.8%	27
35	Taylor	16,287	16,705	-2.5%	18
36	Barbour	15,414	15,465	-0.3%	10
37	Hardy	14,337	14,299	0.3%	8
38	Wetzel	13,734	14,442	-4.9%	41
39	Roane	13,317	14,028	-5.1%	42
40	Monroe	12,491	12,376	0.9%	6
41	Braxton	11,885	12,447	-4.5%	35
42	Summers	11,532	11,959	-3.6%	25
43	Grant	11,041	10,976	0.6%	7
44	Ritchie	8,034	8,444	-4.9%	40
45	Tyler	7,881	8,313	-5.2%	44
46	Webster	7,760	8,378	-7.4%	52
47	Doddridge	7,634	7,808	-2.2%	16
48	Pocahontas	7,602	7,869	-3.4%	24
49	Clay	7,538	8,051	-6.4%	49
50	Pleasants	7,338	7,653	-4.1%	31
51	Gilmer	7,085	7,408	-4.4%	34
52	Tucker	6,540	6,762	-3.3%	22
53	Calhoun	5,978	6,229	-4.0%	30
54	Pendleton	5,826	6,143	-5.2%	43
55	Wirt	4,879	5,194	-6.1%	46
	West Virginia	1,766,147	1,793,716	-1.5%	
	United States	341,784,857	331,449,281	3.1%	

The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area
has the 5th highest percentage of workers who worked from home in 2024.

Rank	Metropolitan Area
1	Raleigh-Cary, NC Metro Area
2	Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX Metro Area
3	Denver-Aurora-Centennial, CO Metro Area
4	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA Metro Area
5	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area
6	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area
7	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC Metro Area
8	San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA Metro Area
9	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Metro Area
10	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area
11	Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ Metro Area
12	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area
13	Jacksonville, FL Metro Area
14	Columbus, OH Metro Area
15	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL Metro Area
16	Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN Metro Area
17	Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA Metro Area
18	Salt Lake City-Murray, UT Metro Area
19	Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH Metro Area
20	San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA Metro Area
21	Richmond, VA Metro Area
22	Pittsburgh, PA Metro Area
23	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area
24	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metro Area
25	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD Metro Area
26	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Metro Area
27	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN Metro Area
28	Kansas City, MO-KS Metro Area
29	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA Metro Area
30	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL Metro Area
31	Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT Metro Area
32	Indianapolis-Carmel-Greenwood, IN Metro Area
33	Cleveland, OH Metro Area
34	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area
35	St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area
36	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metro Area
37	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ Metro Area
38	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN Metro Area
39	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI Metro Area
40	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN Metro Area
41	Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands, TX Metro Area
42	Las Vegas-Henderson-North Las Vegas, NV Metro Area
43	Grand Rapids-Wyoming-Kentwood, MI Metro Area
44	Virginia Beach-Chesapeake-Norfolk, VA-NC Metro Area
45	Providence-Warwick, RI-MA Metro Area
46	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metro Area
47	Birmingham, AL Metro Area
48	Oklahoma City, OK Metro Area
49	Memphis, TN-MS-AR Metro Area
50	Fresno, CA Metro Area

2024	2023	Rank	2021	Rank	2019	Rank
23.5%	24.5%	2	31.0%	5	10.2%	2
23.2%	24.9%	1	32.2%	4	10.5%	1
22.6%	22.3%	3	27.5%	7	9.1%	3
20.0%	21.2%	6	27.5%	7	8.0%	6
19.9%	21.9%	4	33.1%	3	6.3%	20
19.3%	19.5%	9	21.2%	2 3	8.6%	5
19.0%	21.5%	5	25.3%	11	8.0%	6
18.9%	20.5%	7	35.1%	1	7.2%	13
18.8%	19.1%	13	24.2%	12	8.8%	4
18.5%	20.3%	8	30.6%	6	6.5%	16
17.8%	19.4%	10	23.4%	14	7.9%	8
17.4%	19.1%	12	26.0%	10	6.5%	16
17.4%	19.3%	11	17.9%	33	7.5%	11
16.9%	16.8%	20	23.0%	16	5.4%	31
16.8%	17.5%	17	19.0%	31	7.0%	14
16.8%	17.4%	18	20.6%	27	7.8%	9
16.8%	18.3%	15	23.3%	15	7.8%	9
16.3%	18.5%	14	22.9%	18	6.5%	16
16.2%	17.7%	16	26.9%	9	5.6%	29
16.1%	16.0%	25	22.1%	21	7.5%	11
16.1%	16.6%	21	23.0%	16	5.8%	25
15.7%	15.4%	28	21.1%	25	5.8%	25
15.6%	16.5%	22	20.7%	26	6.6%	15
15.4%	16.9%	19	23.6%	13	5.9%	23
15.1%	16.3%	23	22.2%	20	5.5%	30
14.9%	15.0%	30	21.2%	23	6.3%	20
14.9%	15.5%	27	21.5%	22	5.7%	27
14.7%	15.7%	26	20.0%	29	6.4%	19
14.6%	16.2%	24	34.8%	2	4.8%	38
14.3%	14.6%	33	16.1%	38	6.3%	20
13.8%	14.9%	31	20.3%	28	5.3%	34
13.6%	15.0%	29	17.7%	35	5.7%	27
13.5%	12.8%	39	16.5%	37	4.8%	38
13.4%	14.8%	32	15.8%	39	4.8%	38
13.3%	13.9%	35	18.7%	32	5.1%	35
12.9%	14.5%	34	17.9%	33	4.7%	43
12.9%	13.5%	37	22.8%	19	4.8%	38
12.7%	13.2%	38	17.1%	36	5.4%	31
12.5%	13.8%	36	19.8%	30	4.4%	46
12.5%	12.4%	41	15.4%	42	5.1%	35
12.1%	12.6%	40	15.5%	41	5.1%	35
11.4%	12.0%	43	13.3%	47	4.7%	43
11.4%	12.1%	42	13.9%	43	4.8%	38
11.3%	11.8%	44	13.8%	44	4.5%	45
11.1%	10.8%	46	15.8%	39	4.0%	48
10.9%	11.4%	45	13.6%	46	5.9%	23
10.8%	10.7%	47	13.7%	45	4.0%	48
10.5%	10.1%	48	12.3%	48	4.4%	46
9.9%	9.3%	49	11.7%	49	3.6%	50
8.4%	9.2%	50	11.2%	50	5.4%	31

West Virginia ranks 50th in workforce participation.

Rank	State	2025	2024	Rank	2023	Rank
1	Nebraska	70.1%	69.4%	1	69.3%	1
2	North Dakota	69.7%	69.3%	2	69.0%	3
3	Minnesota	68.3%	68.1%	4	68.2%	4
4	South Dakota	68.2%	68.0%	5	68.2%	4
5	Utah	68.0%	68.6%	3	69.1%	2
6	Iowa	67.8%	67.0%	8	67.5%	7
6	Kansas	67.8%	67.3%	7	67.0%	8
8	Colorado	67.2%	67.8%	6	68.1%	6
9	Massachusetts	66.5%	66.4%	9	65.5%	10
10	Alaska	65.7%	65.1%	13	65.0%	13
11	New Hampshire	65.5%	65.5%	10	65.3%	12
12	Texas	64.8%	64.8%	17	64.7%	15
13	Maryland	64.5%	65.1%	13	64.8%	14
13	Wisconsin	64.5%	65.3%	11	65.4%	11
15	Virginia	64.3%	65.3%	11	65.9%	9
16	Connecticut	64.2%	64.4%	19	64.3%	18
16	Illinois	64.2%	65.0%	15	64.4%	17
18	Rhode Island	64.1%	64.6%	18	63.9%	21
18	Vermont	64.1%	64.9%	16	64.3%	18
20	Indiana	63.8%	63.7%	22	63.4%	24
21	Missouri	63.6%	63.5%	23	63.3%	25
21	New Jersey	63.6%	64.0%	20	64.5%	16
23	Idaho	63.3%	63.8%	21	63.6%	23
24	Nevada	63.1%	62.8%	27	62.6%	28
25	Oklahoma	63.0%	63.1%	25	62.8%	27
26	Oregon	62.9%	62.6%	30	62.3%	29
27	Washington	62.8%	63.3%	24	64.1%	20
28	Ohio	62.5%	62.7%	29	62.1%	32
29	California	62.4%	62.2%	31	62.2%	30
29	Montana	62.4%	63.0%	26	63.1%	26
31	Arizona	62.1%	61.9%	33	62.0%	33
32	Pennsylvania	61.6%	62.0%	32	62.2%	30
32	Wyoming	61.6%	62.8%	27	63.7%	22
34	Michigan	61.2%	61.9%	33	61.6%	35
35	New York	61.1%	60.8%	36	61.0%	37
36	Georgia	60.9%	61.6%	35	62.0%	33
37	Hawaii	60.6%	60.2%	38	60.2%	39
37	Tennessee	60.6%	60.0%	40	60.0%	40
39	Maine	59.9%	60.1%	39	59.5%	41
40	Delaware	59.8%	60.0%	40	60.9%	38
41	North Carolina	59.5%	60.3%	37	61.2%	36
42	Arkansas	58.7%	58.2%	44	57.8%	45
43	South Carolina	58.4%	58.4%	43	58.1%	44
44	Kentucky	58.3%	58.2%	44	57.7%	46
45	Louisiana	58.2%	58.1%	46	58.3%	43
46	Florida	57.8%	58.5%	42	59.0%	42
47	New Mexico	57.7%	57.7%	47	57.3%	47
48	Alabama	57.6%	57.6%	48	57.1%	48
49	Mississippi	55.8%	55.1%	49	54.5%	50
50	West Virginia	54.5%	55.1%	49	55.1%	49
	District of Columbia	72.2%	72.7%		72.2%	
	United States	62.5%	62.6%		62.2%	

Our Track Record of Success

The West Virginia Chamber has championed policies that have transformed our business climate, created jobs and built a stronger foundation for our families and communities.

Strengthening Business & Jobs

- Led the privatization of the state's Workers' Compensation system
- Made WV the 26th Right-to-Work state
- Eliminated the Business Franchise Tax and lowered the Corporate Net Income Tax

Reforming and Modernizing Our Systems

- Enacted landmark legal and insurance reforms saving over \$100 million
- Championed medical malpractice reforms that ended the doctor shortage crisis
- Advanced regulatory reforms to promote fairness and efficiency
- Championed the streamlining of permitting for natural gas power generation

Innovation, Workforce & Families

- Passed childcare tax credits to support working parents
- Created tax relief for technology services
- Secured state insurance reforms to protect affordability and solvency

Accountability & Fairness in Government

- Helped elect a rule-of-law Supreme Court
- Protected small businesses from forced municipal annexation

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Our Agenda for the Future

Our work is not done. To keep West Virginia moving forward, we're advocating for policies that expand opportunity, strengthen education and ensure our state remains a top destination for business, families and innovation.

Strengthening the Business Climate

- Lower the Corporate Net Income Tax to make WV a Top 10 state for competitiveness
- Eliminate the tax on machinery, equipment and inventory
- Reduce unemployment insurance taxes for employers
- Incentivize downstream use of natural gas

Ensuring Legal Fairness & Efficiency

- Reduce statute of limitations on contracts for greater legal clarity
- Eliminate phantom damages and increase transparency in verdicts
- Offer competitive judicial pay to attract and retain top talent

Supporting Families & Workforce

- Implement statewide Childcare Tri-Share model (state + employers + employees)
- Increase tax credits for employer-sponsored childcare

Investing in Education & Opportunity

- Expand FAFSA assistance to connect students with scholarships
- Increase teacher pay and streamline hiring and transfer process

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