

West Virginia Campaign for Jobs 2025 DIGEST



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The 2025 Campaign for Jobs Digest provides a data-driven look at key measures of West Virginia's economic health.

It offers a side-by-side comparison of how West Virginia ranks on 61 economic indicators compared to other states.

Overall, the Campaign for Jobs Digest shows the state's economic strengths and challenges.

We encourage readers to use this book as a resource to help guide and champion West Virginia's economy and to strengthen all people, industry sectors and communities.

Chamber in Action: Our Work

The West Virginia Chamber is our state's largest advocate for economic policy improvement.

We unite our state's employers around the goal of creating a state that is healthier, better educated, more prosperous and provides opportunity for all.

West Virginia Chamber members are your small business neighbors. They are located across all 55 counties and employ over half the state's workforce.

The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce is proud of its role as the voice of business for nearly 90 years.

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West Virginia ranks 39th in population, 43th in change in population, and 46th in percentage of the population gained/lost.

Rank	State	Population	Population Change	Rank Change	% Change	Rank Change
1	California	38,965,193	-75,423	49	-0.19%	45
2	Texas	30,503,301	473,453	1	1.55%	3
3	Florida	22,610,726	365,205	2	1.62%	2
4	New York	19,571,216	-101,984	50	-0.52%	50
5	Pennsylvania	12,961,683	-10,408	46	-0.08%	43
6	Illinois	12,549,689	-32,826	48	-0.26%	47
7	Ohio	11,785,935	26,238	16	0.22%	34
8	Georgia	11,029,227	116,077	4	1.05%	9
9	North Carolina	10,835,491	139,526	3	1.29%	5
10	Michigan	10,037,261	3,980	34	0.04%	40
11	New Jersey	9,290,841	30,024	13	0.32%	27
12	Virginia	8,715,698	36,599	8	0.42%	22
13	Washington	7,812,880	28,403	15	0.36%	25
14	Arizona	7,431,344	65,660	7	0.88%	11
15	Tennessee	7,126,489	77,513	6	1.09%	7
16	Massachusetts	7,001,399	18,659	22	0.27%	30
17	Indiana	6,862,199	29,925	14	0.44%	21
18	Missouri	6,196,156	18,988	21	0.31%	29
19	Maryland	6,180,253	16,272	24	0.26%	31
20	Wisconsin	5,910,955	20,412	20	0.35%	26
21	Colorado	5,877,610	36,571	9	0.62%	17
22	Minnesota	5,737,915	23,615	18	0.41%	24
23	South Carolina	5,373,555	90,600	5	1.69%	1
24	Alabama	5,108,468	34,565	11	0.68%	15
25	Louisiana	4,573,749	-14,274	47	-0.31%	49
26	Kentucky	4,526,154	14,591	25	0.32%	28
27	Oregon	4,233,358	-6,021	45	-0.14%	44
28	Oklahoma	4,053,824	34,553	12	0.85%	13
29	Connecticut	3,617,176	8,470	30	0.23%	32
30	Utah	3,417,734	36,498	10	1.07%	8
31	Iowa	3,207,004	7,311	31	0.23%	33
32	Nevada	3,194,176	16,755	23	0.52%	18
33	Arkansas	3,067,732	21,328	19	0.70%	14
34	Kansas	2,940,546	3,830	35	0.13%	37
35	Mississippi	2,939,690	762	40	0.03%	41
36	New Mexico	2,114,371	895	39	0.04%	39
37	Nebraska	1,978,379	10,319	27	0.52%	19
38	Idaho	1,964,726	25,730	17	1.31%	4
39	West Virginia	1,770,071	-3,964	43	-0.22%	46
40	Hawaii	1,435,138	-4,261	44	-0.30%	48
41	New Hampshire	1,402,054	3,051	36	0.22%	35
42	Maine	1,395,722	6,384	32	0.46%	20
43	Montana	1,132,812	9,934	28	0.88%	12
44	Rhode Island	1,095,962	2,120	38	0.19%	36
45	Delaware	1,031,890	12,431	26	1.20%	6
46	South Dakota	919,318	9,449	29	1.03%	10
47	North Dakota	783,926	5,014	33	0.64%	16
48	Alaska	733,406	130	42	0.02%	42
49	Vermont	647,464	354	41	0.05%	38
50	Wyoming	584,057	2,428	37	0.42%	23
	District of Columbia	678,972	8,023		1.18%	
	United States	333,287,557	1,256,003		0.38%	

PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION AS PRIME WORKING AGE (2023)

West Virginia ranks 36th in percentage of the population who are prime working age (25-64) and 5th in percentage of the population who are senior citizens (>64).

Rank	State	Prime Working Age %25-64	% Senior Citizens %>64	Rank
1	Colorado	54.0%	16.1%	46
2	Washington	53.3%	17.2%	40
3	Nevada	53.1%	17.5%	35
4	California	53.0%	16.3%	45
5	New Hampshire	52.7%	20.8%	7
6	Massachusetts	52.6%	18.5%	22
7	Alaska	52.5%	14.8%	48
8	Oregon	52.3%	19.6%	11
9	New Jersey	52.3%	17.8%	30
10	New York	52.3%	18.6%	20
11	Maryland	52.2%	17.3%	39
12	Rhode Island	52.1%	19.4%	13
13	Georgia	52.1%	15.5%	47
14	Illinois	51.8%	17.6%	32
15	Virginia	51.8%	17.4%	37
16	Texas	51.7%	13.8%	49
17	Connecticut	51.6%	19.1%	17
18	Tennessee	51.6%	17.5%	34
19	North Carolina	51.4%	17.8%	29
20	Maine	51.2%	23.0%	1
21	Florida	50.8%	21.8%	3
22	Pennsylvania	50.7%	20.0%	9
23	Minnesota	50.7%	17.8%	28
24	Kentucky	50.7%	17.9%	27
25	Michigan	50.6%	19.2%	16
26	Ohio	50.5%	18.8%	19
27	Wisconsin	50.4%	19.1%	18
28	Vermont	50.4%	22.1%	2
29	Missouri	50.4%	18.4%	24
30	South Carolina	50.3%	19.5%	12
31	Alabama	50.2%	18.3%	25
32	Louisiana	50.2%	17.4%	36
33	Indiana	50.0%	17.2%	42
34	Hawaii	50.0%	21.7%	4
35	Arizona	49.9%	19.3%	14
36	West Virginia	49.8%	21.5%	5
37	Delaware	49.7%	21.3%	6
38	Arkansas	49.7%	18.0%	26
39	Montana	49.7%	20.5%	8
40	Oklahoma	49.7%	16.7%	44
41	Mississippi	49.6%	17.7%	31
42	Wyoming	49.5%	19.2%	15
43	New Mexico	49.3%	19.9%	10
44	Idaho	49.0%	17.4%	38
45	Utah	48.8%	12.2%	50
46	Iowa	48.7%	18.6%	21
47	Kansas	48.6%	17.6%	33
48	Nebraska	48.6%	17.2%	41
49	North Dakota	48.2%	17.2%	43
50	South Dakota	48.2%	18.4%	23
	District of Columbia	58.2%	13.1%	
	United States	51.4%	17.7%	

AGE GROUP BY PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION (2023)

TABLE 3

West Virginia's population consists of 19.9% who are less than 18 years old, 8.8% between the ages of 18-24, 24% ages 25-44, 25.9% ages 45-64, and 21.5% above the age of 64.

State	<18	18-24	25-44	45-64	>64
Colorado	20.8%	9.1%	30.2%	23.8%	16.1%
Washington	21.2%	8.2%	29.4%	23.9%	17.2%
Nevada	21.6%	7.9%	28.1%	24.9%	17.5%
California	21.8%	9.0%	28.5%	24.5%	16.3%
New Hampshire	18.0%	8.5%	25.3%	27.4%	20.8%
Massachusetts	19.2%	9.7%	27.0%	25.6%	18.5%
Alaska	24.7%	8.1%	28.9%	23.5%	14.8%
Oregon	19.7%	8.4%	28.0%	24.3%	19.6%
New Jersey	21.7%	8.3%	26.1%	26.2%	17.8%
New York	20.3%	8.9%	27.0%	25.3%	18.6%
Maryland	22.1%	8.3%	26.5%	25.7%	17.3%
Rhode Island	18.7%	9.9%	26.6%	25.5%	19.4%
Georgia	23.1%	9.3%	27.0%	25.0%	15.5%
Illinois	21.6%	9.0%	26.8%	25.0%	17.6%
Virginia	21.8%	9.0%	26.6%	25.2%	17.4%
Texas	24.9%	9.6%	28.4%	23.3%	13.8%
Connecticut	20.0%	9.2%	25.3%	26.3%	19.1%
Tennessee	22.1%	8.8%	26.6%	25.0%	17.5%
North Carolina	21.8%	9.1%	26.0%	25.4%	17.8%
Maine	17.9%	7.9%	24.5%	26.8%	23.0%
Florida	19.4%	8.0%	25.1%	25.7%	21.8%
Pennsylvania	20.3%	9.0%	25.5%	25.2%	20.0%
Minnesota	22.7%	8.8%	26.5%	24.2%	17.8%
Kentucky	22.6%	8.9%	25.5%	25.1%	17.9%
Michigan	21.0%	9.2%	25.3%	25.2%	19.2%
Ohio	21.9%	8.9%	25.7%	24.8%	18.8%
Wisconsin	21.1%	9.3%	25.2%	25.2%	19.1%
Vermont	17.7%	9.8%	24.4%	26.0%	22.1%
Missouri	22.2%	9.0%	26.0%	24.4%	18.4%
South Carolina	21.4%	8.8%	25.1%	25.2%	19.5%
Alabama	22.2%	9.4%	25.2%	25.0%	18.3%
Louisiana	23.4%	9.0%	26.3%	23.9%	17.4%
Indiana	23.1%	9.6%	25.8%	24.2%	17.2%
Hawaii	21.0%	7.3%	25.4%	24.6%	21.7%
Arizona	21.4%	9.4%	26.4%	23.4%	19.3%
West Virginia	19.9%	8.8%	24.0%	25.9%	21.5%
Delaware	20.6%	8.3%	24.5%	25.2%	21.3%
Arkansas	23.0%	9.3%	25.6%	24.1%	18.0%
Montana	20.9%	8.9%	26.0%	23.7%	20.5%
Oklahoma	24.0%	9.7%	26.6%	23.1%	16.7%
Mississippi	23.2%	9.5%	25.0%	24.5%	17.7%
Wyoming	22.3%	9.0%	25.7%	23.7%	19.2%
New Mexico	21.5%	9.3%	25.8%	23.5%	19.9%
Idaho	23.8%	9.8%	26.0%	23.0%	17.4%
Utah	27.3%	11.7%	28.4%	20.3%	12.2%
Iowa	22.8%	10.0%	25.1%	23.6%	18.6%
Kansas	23.8%	10.0%	25.5%	23.2%	17.6%
Nebraska	24.4%	9.8%	25.8%	22.8%	17.2%
North Dakota	23.8%	10.9%	26.8%	21.4%	17.2%
South Dakota	24.2%	9.2%	25.1%	23.0%	18.4%
District of Columbia	18.7%	9.9%	38.2%	20.0%	13.1%
United States	21.8%	9.0%	26.7%	24.7%	17.7%

**West Virginia ranks 22nd in net domestic migration and
46th in net international migration.**

Rank	State	Net Domestic Migration	Net International Migration	Rank
1	Texas	85,267	319,569	3
2	North Carolina	82,288	69,792	10
3	South Carolina	68,043	23,234	27
4	Florida	64,017	411,322	1
5	Tennessee	48,476	27,648	24
6	Arizona	34,902	64,486	12
7	Alabama	26,028	15,763	32
8	Georgia	25,321	63,088	13
9	Nevada	16,853	33,005	20
10	Idaho	16,383	7,899	38
11	Oklahoma	14,036	14,358	33
12	Arkansas	13,465	6,152	41
13	Missouri	12,289	23,569	26
14	Delaware	8,155	7,283	39
15	Kentucky	7,294	31,430	21
16	Wisconsin	6,332	22,146	29
17	Colorado	5,422	33,227	18
18	Montana	5,410	506	50
19	Maine	5,329	5,196	42
20	Virginia	5,284	56,155	15
21	New Hampshire	4,889	4,290	44
22	West Virginia	4,520	2,841	46
23	Indiana	4,268	30,852	22
24	Utah	3,220	33,133	19
25	Washington	2,671	81,581	9
26	South Dakota	2,132	1,616	48
27	Wyoming	861	1,285	49
28	Iowa	-231	19,439	30
29	North Dakota	-291	5,126	43
30	Rhode Island	-305	9,525	37
31	Vermont	-511	2,024	47
32	Minnesota	-1,161	29,540	23
33	Oregon	-1,162	23,590	25
34	Nebraska	-1,498	12,978	34
35	New Mexico	-1,571	12,103	35
36	Ohio	-2,462	62,378	14
37	Alaska	-3,774	4,029	45
38	Kansas	-4,701	18,530	31
39	Mississippi	-4,939	6,789	40
40	Connecticut	-6,060	36,214	17
41	Michigan	-7,656	67,608	11
42	Hawaii	-9,321	11,893	36
43	Pennsylvania	-11,500	82,101	8
44	Louisiana	-17,405	23,142	28
45	Maryland	-18,509	53,100	16
46	Massachusetts	-27,480	90,217	7
47	New Jersey	-35,554	130,692	5
48	Illinois	-56,235	112,955	6
49	New York	-120,917	207,161	4
50	California	-239,575	361,057	2
	District of Columbia		12,502	
	United States		2,786,119	

TABLE 5

Source: U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics

West Virginia ranks 47th in the number of jobs added
and 49th in percent growth of jobs added.

Rank	State	Jobs Added (Lost)	% Growth	Rank
1	Texas	310,400	2.2%	8
2	California	259,500	1.5%	28
3	Florida	210,400	2.2%	9
4	New York	146,700	1.5%	25
5	Pennsylvania	100,900	1.6%	17
6	Missouri	82,400	2.8%	4
7	North Carolina	80,400	1.6%	20
8	Georgia	72,600	1.5%	27
9	South Carolina	72,500	3.1%	3
10	Virginia	68,500	1.6%	19
11	Arizona	65,900	2.1%	10
12	Indiana	59,700	1.8%	15
13	Washington	56,100	1.6%	24
14	Ohio	54,200	1.0%	36
15	Colorado	51,900	1.8%	16
16	New Jersey	48,000	1.1%	32
17	Michigan	41,300	0.9%	40
18	Alabama	40,500	1.9%	14
19	Minnesota	39,500	1.3%	30
20	Massachusetts	35,100	0.9%	38
21	Tennessee	33,800	1.0%	35
22	Utah	33,200	1.9%	13
23	Illinois	32,800	0.5%	48
24	Wisconsin	28,900	1.0%	37
25	Idaho	26,800	3.1%	2
26	Nevada	25,100	1.6%	21
27	Oklahoma	25,000	1.4%	29
28	Maryland	24,800	0.9%	41
29	Nebraska	23,600	2.2%	6
30	Kansas	22,600	1.6%	23
31	Kentucky	22,200	1.1%	33
32	Montana	17,500	3.3%	1
33	Arkansas	16,800	1.2%	31
34	New Hampshire	13,900	2.0%	12
35	New Mexico	13,200	1.5%	26
36	Connecticut	12,500	0.7%	44
37	Oregon	11,700	0.6%	47
38	Iowa	11,600	0.7%	45
39	Hawaii	10,100	1.6%	22
40	North Dakota	9,900	2.2%	7
41	Rhode Island	8,400	1.6%	18
42	Mississippi	8,100	0.7%	46
43	Alaska	7,700	2.3%	5
44	Maine	7,000	1.1%	34
45	Vermont	6,200	2.0%	11
46	Delaware	4,500	0.9%	39
47	West Virginia	3,800	0.5%	49
48	South Dakota	3,600	0.8%	42
49	Wyoming	2,200	0.7%	43
50	Louisiana	-1,700	-0.1%	50
	District of Columbia	5,200	0.7%	
	United States	2,367,500	1.5%	

West Virginia ranks 48th in number of jobs added in the last 10 years and 47th in the percent growth of jobs in the last 10 years.

Rank	State	Sept. '14 (in thousands)	Sept. '24 (in thousands)	Jobs Added	% Growth	Rank
1	Texas	11,654.2	14,255.6	2,601,400	22.3%	6
2	California	15,645.1	18,064.7	2,419,600	15.5%	14
3	Florida	7,838.3	9,956.1	2,117,800	27.0%	5
4	North Carolina	4,183.5	5,030.5	847,000	20.2%	9
5	Georgia	4,171.6	4,981.4	809,800	19.4%	10
6	New York	9,146.5	9,873.9	727,400	8.0%	29
7	Arizona	2,576.0	3,274.2	698,200	27.1%	4
8	Washington	3,090.4	3,673.1	582,700	18.9%	11
9	Colorado	2,487.9	3,009.6	521,700	21.0%	8
10	Tennessee	2,856.3	3,347.3	491,000	17.2%	13
11	Virginia	3,798.8	4,250.6	451,800	11.9%	18
12	Utah	1,341.7	1,770.8	429,100	32.0%	2
13	South Carolina	1,961.0	2,388.4	427,400	21.8%	7
14	New Jersey	3,975.1	4,393.6	418,500	10.5%	22
15	Pennsylvania	5,824.3	6,223.2	398,900	6.8%	34
16	Nevada	1,229.6	1,582.2	352,600	28.7%	3
17	Indiana	3,005.9	3,316.5	310,600	10.3%	23
18	Ohio	5,384.6	5,684.4	299,800	5.6%	38
19	Michigan	4,220.7	4,520.4	299,700	7.1%	32
20	Missouri	2,769.3	3,068.3	299,000	10.8%	20
21	Massachusetts	3,463.2	3,758.0	294,800	8.5%	26
22	Alabama	1,953.0	2,213.1	260,100	13.3%	17
23	Illinois	5,926.8	6,181.9	255,100	4.3%	41
24	Oregon	1,743.5	1,994.3	250,800	14.4%	16
25	Idaho	661.5	881.9	220,400	33.3%	1
26	Minnesota	2,839.7	3,040.7	201,000	7.1%	33
27	Kentucky	1,871.0	2,054.3	183,300	9.8%	25
28	Arkansas	1,200.1	1,375.6	175,500	14.6%	15
29	Wisconsin	2,882.3	3,053.6	171,300	5.9%	36
30	Maryland	2,643.5	2,782.5	139,000	5.3%	39
31	Oklahoma	1,664.7	1,793.4	128,700	7.7%	31
32	Montana	460.3	542.5	82,200	17.9%	12
33	Nebraska	996.6	1,078.0	81,400	8.2%	28
34	Kansas	1,397.9	1,469.5	71,600	5.1%	40
35	New Hampshire	648.8	717.6	68,800	10.6%	21
36	Mississippi	1,125.8	1,193.7	67,900	6.0%	35
37	New Mexico	821.7	889.0	67,300	8.2%	27
38	Delaware	440.5	491.3	50,800	11.5%	19
39	Maine	618.8	667.2	48,400	7.8%	30
40	Iowa	1,561.8	1,605.6	43,800	2.8%	42
41	South Dakota	429.1	471.3	42,200	9.8%	24
42	Connecticut	1,681.6	1,715.6	34,000	2.0%	43
43	Rhode Island	491.1	518.5	27,400	5.6%	37
44	Hawaii	628.9	636.8	7,900	1.3%	45
45	Vermont	311.8	316.0	4,200	1.3%	44
46	Alaska	350.6	348.7	-1,900	-0.5%	46
47	Wyoming	305.5	300.1	-5,400	-1.8%	48
48	West Virginia	730.2	720.4	-9,800	-1.3%	47
49	North Dakota	471.4	453.7	-17,700	-3.8%	50
50	Louisiana	1,994.2	1,954.0	-40,200	-2.0%	49
	District of Columbia	752.0	772.7	20,700	2.8%	
	United States	140,228.7	158,656.3	18,427,600.0	13.1%	

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME BY STATE (2023)

West Virginia ranks 49th in personal income per capita.

Rank	State	Per Capita Personal Income (2023)
1	Massachusetts	\$90,596
2	Connecticut	\$89,945
3	New York	\$82,323
4	New Jersey	\$82,103
5	Wyoming	\$82,060
6	California	\$81,255
7	Washington	\$80,930
8	Colorado	\$80,068
9	New Hampshire	\$78,944
10	Maryland	\$75,391
11	Virginia	\$73,841
12	Minnesota	\$72,557
13	South Dakota	\$72,466
14	Illinois	\$72,245
15	North Dakota	\$72,041
16	Alaska	\$71,611
17	Nebraska	\$71,347
18	Pennsylvania	\$68,945
19	Florida	\$68,703
20	Oregon	\$67,838
21	Rhode Island	\$67,562
22	Vermont	\$66,932
23	Delaware	\$66,850
24	Texas	\$66,252
25	Nevada	\$66,238
26	Hawaii	\$66,175
27	Kansas	\$66,115
28	Maine	\$65,105
29	Montana	\$64,989
30	Wisconsin	\$64,976
31	Utah	\$64,175
32	Iowa	\$62,779
33	Missouri	\$62,604
34	Arizona	\$62,543
35	Tennessee	\$62,229
36	North Carolina	\$61,839
37	Ohio	\$61,495
38	Indiana	\$61,243
39	Michigan	\$61,144
40	Oklahoma	\$60,545
41	Georgia	\$59,882
42	Idaho	\$59,385
43	Louisiana	\$58,845
44	Arkansas	\$57,635
45	South Carolina	\$57,332
46	Kentucky	\$55,360
47	New Mexico	\$55,343
48	Alabama	\$54,209
49	West Virginia	\$52,826
50	Mississippi	\$49,652
	District of Columbia	\$106,816
	United States	\$69,810

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME GROWTH BY STATE (2023)

West Virginia ranks 39th in growth of per capita personal income from 2022 to 2023.

Rank	State	% Growth in Per Capita Personal Income 2022–2023 from 2022
1	Florida	8.2%
2	Wyoming	7.8%
3	Washington	7.3%
4	South Carolina	7.1%
5	Arizona	7.0%
6	Nebraska	6.9%
7	Texas	6.8%
8	Utah	6.7%
9	Nevada	6.6%
10	Montana	6.5%
11	Missouri	6.4%
11	Virginia	6.4%
13	North Carolina	6.3%
13	Tennessee	6.3%
15	Kansas	6.2%
16	Connecticut	6.1%
17	Maine	6.0%
17	Maryland	6.0%
19	New Jersey	5.9%
20	Delaware	5.8%
21	New Hampshire	5.7%
21	New York	5.7%
21	Oregon	5.7%
24	Alabama	5.6%
24	Georgia	5.6%
24	Ohio	5.6%
27	Hawaii	5.5%
28	California	5.4%
28	Kentucky	5.4%
28	Massachusetts	5.4%
28	Michigan	5.4%
28	Mississippi	5.4%
33	Idaho	5.3%
33	Louisiana	5.3%
33	Pennsylvania	5.3%
33	Vermont	5.3%
37	Oklahoma	5.2%
37	Wisconsin	5.2%
39	Colorado	5.1%
39	Illinois	5.1%
39	Rhode Island	5.1%
39	West Virginia	5.1%
43	South Dakota	5.0%
44	Arkansas	4.9%
45	Indiana	4.3%
45	New Mexico	4.3%
47	Minnesota	4.2%
48	Alaska	3.8%
49	Iowa	2.2%
50	North Dakota	1.8%
	District of Columbia	7.0%
	United States	5.9%

TABLE 8

West Virginia ranks 48th in growth of GDP from 2022 to 2023.

State	2023 GDP (In Millions)	% of US 2023 GDP	2022 GDP (In Millions)	% Change 2022-23	Rank
Florida	\$1,600,811	5.8%	\$1,465,281	9.2%	1
Washington	\$807,865	2.9%	\$742,910	8.7%	2
South Carolina	\$327,420	1.2%	\$301,945	8.4%	3
Nebraska	\$181,285	0.7%	\$167,480	8.2%	4
Nevada	\$245,979	0.9%	\$227,321	8.2%	5
North Carolina	\$788,103	2.8%	\$728,499	8.2%	6
Arizona	\$522,767	1.9%	\$484,052	8.0%	7
Virginia	\$719,897	2.6%	\$666,682	8.0%	8
Maine	\$93,270	0.3%	\$86,493	7.8%	9
Utah	\$281,329	1.0%	\$261,081	7.8%	10
Idaho	\$120,958	0.4%	\$112,290	7.7%	11
Connecticut	\$345,912	1.2%	\$321,686	7.5%	12
Michigan	\$673,818	2.4%	\$627,009	7.5%	13
Missouri	\$430,114	1.6%	\$400,265	7.5%	14
Kansas	\$228,232	0.8%	\$212,612	7.3%	15
South Dakota	\$74,034	0.3%	\$69,069	7.2%	16
New Hampshire	\$114,101	0.4%	\$106,488	7.1%	17
Colorado	\$529,627	1.9%	\$494,673	7.1%	18
Tennessee	\$523,032	1.9%	\$488,670	7.0%	19
Alabama	\$304,936	1.1%	\$284,949	7.0%	20
Kentucky	\$279,708	1.0%	\$261,541	6.9%	21
Wisconsin	\$428,447	1.5%	\$400,621	6.9%	22
Hawaii	\$110,265	0.4%	\$103,153	6.9%	23
Oregon	\$318,884	1.2%	\$298,848	6.7%	24
Georgia	\$831,828	3.0%	\$779,684	6.7%	25
Montana	\$73,255	0.3%	\$68,702	6.6%	26
Rhode Island	\$77,574	0.3%	\$72,869	6.5%	27
New Jersey	\$806,665	2.9%	\$758,289	6.4%	28
Maryland	\$515,607	1.9%	\$484,908	6.3%	29
Ohio	\$884,834	3.2%	\$832,661	6.3%	30
Minnesota	\$483,162	1.7%	\$454,993	6.2%	31
Pennsylvania	\$976,361	3.5%	\$919,741	6.2%	32
Vermont	\$43,534	0.2%	\$41,012	6.1%	33
Texas	\$2,583,866	9.3%	\$2,436,925	6.0%	34
Delaware	\$98,069	0.4%	\$92,558	6.0%	35
Arkansas	\$178,606	0.6%	\$168,606	5.9%	36
Mississippi	\$151,147	0.5%	\$142,762	5.9%	37
Massachusetts	\$736,296	2.7%	\$695,612	5.8%	38
New York	\$2,172,010	7.8%	\$2,052,759	5.8%	39
California	\$3,870,379	14.0%	\$3,660,416	5.7%	40
Illinois	\$1,098,346	4.0%	\$1,040,353	5.6%	41
Louisiana	\$314,989	1.1%	\$298,425	5.6%	42
Indiana	\$499,503	1.8%	\$473,493	5.5%	43
New Mexico	\$135,010	0.5%	\$128,139	5.4%	44
Iowa	\$254,032	0.9%	\$242,753	4.6%	45
Wyoming	\$51,991	0.2%	\$49,783	4.4%	46
Oklahoma	\$256,689	0.9%	\$245,976	4.4%	47
West Virginia	\$102,152	0.4%	\$98,290	3.9%	48
North Dakota	\$76,043	0.3%	\$73,780	3.1%	49
Alaska	\$68,056	0.2%	\$66,272	2.7%	50
District of Columbia	\$176,502	0.6%	\$165,768	6.5%	
United States *	\$27,720,709		\$26,006,893	6.6%	

West Virginia ranks 34th in exports per capita and 39th in total exports.

Rank	State	Per Capita	Total (Millions of Dollars)	Rank
1	Louisiana	\$21,907	100,197	3
2	Texas	\$14,576	444,608	1
3	North Dakota	\$9,593	7,520	36
4	Kentucky	\$8,884	40,212	15
5	Indiana	\$8,172	56,081	9
6	Washington	\$7,834	61,209	8
7	Alaska	\$7,150	5,244	40
8	South Carolina	\$6,941	37,297	17
9	Oregon	\$6,547	27,718	21
10	Michigan	\$6,466	64,904	7
11	Illinois	\$6,273	78,724	5
12	Iowa	\$5,750	18,439	25
13	New Hampshire	\$5,448	7,638	35
14	Alabama	\$5,373	27,447	22
15	Tennessee	\$5,349	38,120	16
16	Utah	\$5,088	17,388	28
17	Massachusetts	\$5,031	35,221	18
18	New York	\$4,999	97,828	4
19	Mississippi	\$4,866	14,305	30
20	Kansas	\$4,811	14,148	31
21	Delaware	\$4,769	4,921	42
22	Wisconsin	\$4,741	28,021	20
23	Ohio	\$4,731	55,764	10
24	New Jersey	\$4,664	43,334	13
25	California	\$4,587	178,717	2
26	Georgia	\$4,513	49,772	12
27	Connecticut	\$4,375	15,825	29
28	Minnesota	\$4,343	24,920	23
29	Pennsylvania	\$4,079	52,876	11
30	Nebraska	\$4,037	7,987	34
31	North Carolina	\$3,897	42,223	14
32	Arizona	\$3,874	28,791	19
33	Wyoming	\$3,668	2,143	48
34	West Virginia	\$3,193	5,652	39
35	Vermont	\$3,075	1,991	49
36	Florida	\$3,047	68,899	6
37	Nevada	\$2,985	9,533	33
38	Maryland	\$2,971	18,360	26
39	Missouri	\$2,882	17,858	27
40	Rhode Island	\$2,752	3,016	44
41	South Dakota	\$2,610	2,399	46
42	Virginia	\$2,570	22,395	24
43	New Mexico	\$2,337	4,940	41
44	Maine	\$2,114	2,951	45
45	Arkansas	\$2,103	6,450	38
46	Idaho	\$2,042	4,011	43
47	Montana	\$1,969	2,231	47
48	Colorado	\$1,766	10,378	32
49	Oklahoma	\$1,606	6,511	37
50	Hawaii	\$397	570	50
	District of Columbia	\$2,572	1,746	
	United States	\$6,059	2,019,542	

West Virginia ranks 12th in average quarterly opening rates of establishments and 16th in average quarterly closing rates of establishments.

Rank	State	Average Quarterly Entry Rate	Average Quarterly Exit Rate	Rank
1	Alaska	10.1%	9.5%	1
2	Wyoming	8.5%	8.4%	2
3	Montana	8.1%	7.9%	3
4	Idaho	7.9%	7.4%	4
5	Maine	7.3%	7.1%	5
6	Arizona	7.2%	6.3%	12
7	Vermont	7.1%	7.1%	6
8	Colorado	6.8%	7.0%	7
9	North Dakota	6.8%	6.4%	8
9	Utah	6.8%	6.4%	10
11	Rhode Island	6.7%	6.4%	10
12	West Virginia	6.5%	6.1%	16
13	New Mexico	6.5%	6.2%	13
13	South Dakota	6.5%	6.0%	20
15	Nevada	6.4%	5.8%	25
15	South Carolina	6.4%	6.0%	20
17	California	6.4%	6.2%	13
18	Florida	6.3%	5.8%	25
18	New Hampshire	6.3%	6.2%	15
20	Oregon	6.3%	6.4%	9
21	Maryland	6.3%	6.1%	16
22	Louisiana	6.2%	6.0%	19
23	Georgia	6.2%	6.0%	20
24	Delaware	6.1%	5.8%	23
25	Mississippi	6.1%	6.1%	16
26	Oklahoma	6.1%	5.8%	25
27	Alabama	6.0%	5.7%	29
27	Nebraska	6.0%	5.6%	34
29	Iowa	6.0%	5.8%	28
29	New Jersey	6.0%	5.8%	23
31	New York	5.9%	5.6%	34
31	Virginia	5.9%	5.7%	32
31	Washington	5.9%	5.6%	34
34	North Carolina	5.9%	5.6%	38
35	Connecticut	5.9%	5.7%	31
36	Arkansas	5.8%	5.5%	41
36	Kansas	5.8%	5.7%	29
38	Missouri	5.8%	5.7%	32
38	Tennessee	5.8%	5.4%	44
40	Kentucky	5.7%	5.4%	43
41	Texas	5.7%	5.3%	47
42	Hawaii	5.6%	5.6%	38
43	Indiana	5.5%	5.4%	44
44	Massachusetts	5.5%	5.5%	40
44	Michigan	5.5%	5.5%	42
44	Minnesota	5.5%	5.6%	34
47	Wisconsin	5.5%	5.4%	44
48	Ohio	5.4%	5.3%	47
49	Pennsylvania	5.2%	5.0%	50
50	Illinois	5.1%	5.1%	49
	District of Columbia	5.3%	5.3%	
	United States	6.0%	5.8%	

West Virginia ranks 35th in per capita tax burden and 17th in tax burden per \$1,000 in personal income.

Rank	State	Per Capita Burden	Burden per \$1,000 PI	Rank
1	New York	\$12,751	\$164.53	1
2	California	\$10,346	\$134.46	4
3	Connecticut	\$9,727	\$114.45	12
4	Hawaii	\$9,531	\$152.35	2
5	New Jersey	\$9,389	\$120.77	7
6	Massachusetts	\$9,380	\$108.81	15
7	North Dakota	\$8,968	\$125.89	6
8	Illinois	\$8,199	\$119.58	8
9	Vermont	\$8,165	\$128.33	5
10	Maryland	\$8,077	\$113.22	13
11	Minnesota	\$8,058	\$115.27	11
12	New Mexico	\$7,760	\$146.19	3
13	Delaware	\$7,643	\$119.48	9
14	Washington	\$7,417	\$98.01	30
15	Colorado	\$7,252	\$94.58	34
16	Maine	\$7,193	\$116.60	10
17	Rhode Island	\$7,029	\$109.14	14
18	Oregon	\$6,938	\$108.23	16
19	Alaska	\$6,926	\$100.36	24
20	Virginia	\$6,838	\$98.10	29
21	Nebraska	\$6,733	\$100.39	23
22	Pennsylvania	\$6,658	\$101.81	20
23	Iowa	\$6,377	\$103.56	18
24	Kansas	\$6,329	\$101.54	21
25	Wyoming	\$6,255	\$81.83	46
26	Utah	\$6,247	\$102.78	19
27	Nevada	\$6,166	\$98.71	27
28	Wisconsin	\$5,955	\$96.06	32
29	New Hampshire	\$5,920	\$79.11	48
30	Montana	\$5,797	\$94.16	35
31	Indiana	\$5,766	\$97.77	31
32	Ohio	\$5,747	\$98.43	28
33	Louisiana	\$5,524	\$99.12	26
34	Texas	\$5,434	\$86.28	44
35	West Virginia	\$5,352	\$106.76	17
36	North Carolina	\$5,306	\$90.00	40
37	Michigan	\$5,288	\$91.16	39
38	Arkansas	\$5,273	\$95.32	33
39	Georgia	\$5,238	\$91.42	37
40	Kentucky	\$5,226	\$99.15	25
41	Arizona	\$5,203	\$88.24	42
42	Idaho	\$5,135	\$89.86	41
43	South Dakota	\$5,053	\$72.48	50
44	Oklahoma	\$5,026	\$86.58	43
45	South Carolina	\$5,012	\$92.09	36
46	Missouri	\$4,977	\$84.35	45
47	Florida	\$4,883	\$75.64	49
48	Mississippi	\$4,777	\$101.34	22
49	Alabama	\$4,711	\$91.16	38
50	Tennessee	\$4,707	\$79.50	47
	District of Columbia	\$15,020	\$148.69	
	United States	\$7,104	\$107.25	

West Virginia ranks the 13th highest in business taxes per employee and 8th highest in the percentage of private sector gross state product that is taxed and the 12th highest in percentage of all taxes.

Rank	State	Business Taxes per Employee	% of Private Sector GSP	Rank	% Of All Taxes	Rank
1	North Dakota	\$15,700	8.7%	2	73.6%	1
2	Alaska	\$14,800	7.3%	6	72.0%	3
3	New York	\$14,400	6.3%	10	45.7%	23
4	Wyoming	\$13,800	7.6%	4	72.6%	2
5	New Mexico	\$12,100	8.7%	2	61.4%	4
6	Vermont	\$11,900	8.9%	1	56.3%	7
7	Delaware	\$11,500	5.8%	11	55.5%	8
8	California	\$11,200	5.4%	18	41.8%	32
9	Hawaii	\$11,000	7.0%	7	37.3%	43
10	Maine	\$10,300	7.6%	4	50.4%	15
11	Washington	\$10,100	4.7%	29	49.7%	17
12	New Jersey	\$9,700	5.3%	19	37.2%	44
13	Illinois	\$9,600	5.5%	15	46.4%	21
13	West Virginia	\$9,600	6.8%	8	51.6%	12
15	Texas	\$9,500	5.3%	19	60.0%	5
16	Nevada	\$8,400	5.6%	12	54.6%	10
17	Louisiana	\$8,200	5.5%	15	50.0%	16
17	Oklahoma	\$8,200	5.6%	12	51.1%	14
19	Colorado	\$8,000	4.6%	36	43.7%	29
19	Mississippi	\$8,000	6.7%	9	51.6%	12
21	Connecticut	\$7,900	4.0%	43	33.5%	49
21	Oregon	\$7,900	5.1%	22	41.7%	33
23	Rhode Island	\$7,800	5.5%	15	40.8%	37
24	Kansas	\$7,600	5.0%	24	45.5%	24
24	Maryland	\$7,600	4.6%	36	31.8%	50
24	Massachusetts	\$7,600	4.0%	43	35.7%	48
24	South Dakota	\$7,600	4.8%	27	58.4%	6
28	Nebraska	\$7,500	4.7%	29	46.6%	20
28	Virginia	\$7,500	4.7%	29	40.6%	38
30	Minnesota	\$7,400	4.7%	29	39.7%	40
31	Florida	\$7,300	4.9%	26	52.3%	11
31	Montana	\$7,300	5.6%	12	44.1%	27
31	Pennsylvania	\$7,300	4.7%	29	41.9%	30
34	Iowa	\$7,100	4.7%	29	44.4%	26
34	South Carolina	\$7,100	5.3%	19	47.8%	19
36	New Hampshire	\$7,000	4.4%	39	49.7%	17
37	Tennessee	\$6,800	4.5%	38	54.7%	9
38	Alabama	\$6,700	5.0%	24	46.1%	22
38	Kentucky	\$6,700	5.1%	22	44.6%	25
40	Ohio	\$6,500	4.3%	40	43.9%	28
41	Idaho	\$6,400	4.8%	27	41.9%	30
42	Arizona	\$6,200	4.2%	42	41.3%	35
42	Arkansas	\$6,200	4.7%	29	40.3%	39
44	Georgia	\$6,100	3.8%	45	41.4%	34
45	Wisconsin	\$5,900	4.3%	40	41.2%	36
46	Utah	\$5,700	3.8%	45	38.3%	42
47	Indiana	\$5,500	3.8%	45	37.2%	44
47	Michigan	\$5,500	3.8%	45	36.7%	47
49	North Carolina	\$5,400	3.5%	50	37.0%	46
50	Missouri	\$5,200	3.8%	45	39.7%	40
	District of Columbia	\$10,900	5.1%		53.0%	
	United States	\$8,500	5.0%		44.6%	

West Virginia has the 25th highest top personal income tax bracket, and the 24th 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%	5.50%	11
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%	15
8	Vermont	8.75%	3.35%	33
9	Wisconsin	7.65%	5.30%	13
10	Maine	7.15%	5.80%	6
11	Connecticut	6.99%	4.50%	23
12	Delaware	6.60%	5.55%	10
13	South Carolina	6.20%	6.20%	4
14	Rhode Island	5.99%	3.75%	32
15	Montana	5.90%	5.90%	5
15	New Mexico	5.90%	4.70%	20
17	Maryland	5.75%	4.75%	18
17	Virginia	5.75%	5.75%	7
19	Idaho	5.70%	5.70%	8
20	Kansas	5.58%	5.58%	9
21	Georgia	5.39%	5.39%	12
22	Nebraska	5.20%	5.01%	14
23	Alabama	5.00%	5.00%	15
24	Illinois	4.95%	4.95%	17
25	West Virginia	4.82%	4.44%	24
26	Oklahoma	4.75%	4.75%	18
27	Missouri	4.70%	4.70%	20
28	Utah	4.55%	4.55%	22
29	Colorado	4.40%	4.40%	25
29	Mississippi	4.40%	4.40%	25
31	Michigan	4.25%	4.25%	27
31	North Carolina	4.25%	4.25%	27
33	Kentucky	4.00%	4.00%	29
34	Arkansas	3.90%	3.90%	30
35	Iowa	3.80%	3.80%	31
36	Ohio	3.50%	2.75%	37
37	Pennsylvania	3.07%	3.07%	34
38	Indiana	3.00%	3.00%	35
38	Louisiana	3.00%	3.00%	35
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 BRACKET BY STATE (2025)

TABLE 15

West Virginia has the 20th highest corporate net income tax bracket, and the 19th 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%	11
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%	13
9	Maryland	8.25%	8.25%	8
11	Massachusetts	8.00%	8.00%	9
12	Pennsylvania	7.99%	7.99%	10
13	Wisconsin	7.90%	7.90%	12
14	Oregon	7.60%	6.60%	18
15	New Hampshire	7.50%	7.50%	13
16	New York	7.25%	6.50%	19
17	Iowa	7.10%	7.10%	15
18	Rhode Island	7.00%	7.00%	16
19	Montana	6.75%	6.75%	17
20	Alabama	6.50%	6.50%	19
20	Kansas	6.50%	6.50%	19
20	Tennessee	6.50%	6.50%	19
20	West Virginia	6.50%	6.50%	19
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	Idaho	5.70%	5.70%	28
29	Florida	5.50%	5.50%	29
29	Louisiana	5.50%	5.50%	29
31	Georgia	5.39%	5.39%	31
32	Nebraska	5.20%	5.20%	32
33	Kentucky	5.00%	5.00%	33
33	Mississippi	5.00%	5.00%	33
33	South Carolina	5.00%	5.00%	33
36	Arizona	4.90%	4.90%	36
36	Indiana	4.90%	4.90%	36
38	Utah	4.55%	4.55%	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	2.25%	2.25%	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.

SALES TAX RATES BY STATE (2025)

West Virginia is tied for the 17th highest states 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%	1.55%	20	8.80%	8
2	Indiana	7.00%	0.00%	38	7.00%	24
2	Mississippi	7.00%	0.06%	36	7.06%	22
2	Rhode Island	7.00%	0.00%	38	7.00%	24
2	Tennessee	7.00%	2.56%	13	9.56%	2
6	Minnesota	6.88%	1.25%	26	8.13%	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%	8	9.46%	3
9	Kansas	6.50%	2.27%	14	8.77%	9
9	Washington	6.50%	2.93%	9	9.43%	4
12	Connecticut	6.35%	0.00%	38	6.35%	33
13	Illinois	6.25%	2.64%	12	8.89%	7
13	Massachusetts	6.25%	0.00%	38	6.25%	35
13	Texas	6.25%	1.95%	17	8.20%	14
16	Utah	6.10%	1.22%	27	7.32%	20
17	Florida	6.00%	0.95%	28	6.95%	28
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%	1.50%	21	7.50%	18
17	Vermont	6.00%	0.37%	34	6.37%	32
17	West Virginia	6.00%	0.57%	31	6.57%	31
27	Ohio	5.75%	1.48%	22	7.23%	21
28	Arizona	5.60%	2.81%	10	8.41%	11
29	Maine	5.50%	0.00%	38	5.50%	43
29	Nebraska	5.50%	1.47%	23	6.97%	27
31	Virginia	5.30%	0.47%	33	5.77%	41
32	Louisiana	5.00%	5.12%	2	10.12%	1
32	North Dakota	5.00%	2.05%	16	7.05%	23
32	Wisconsin	5.00%	0.70%	30	5.70%	42
35	New Mexico	4.88%	2.75%	11	7.63%	17
36	North Carolina	4.75%	2.25%	15	7.00%	26
37	Oklahoma	4.50%	4.51%	5	9.01%	6
38	Missouri	4.23%	4.19%	6	8.41%	12
39	South Dakota	4.20%	1.91%	18	6.11%	36
40	Alabama	4.00%	5.43%	1	9.43%	5
40	Georgia	4.00%	3.42%	7	7.42%	19
40	Hawaii	4.00%	0.50%	32	4.50%	45
40	New York	4.00%	4.53%	4	8.53%	10
40	Wyoming	4.00%	1.44%	24	5.44%	44
45	Colorado	2.90%	4.96%	3	7.86%	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	Mississippi	18.40	18.40	2
3	Hawaii	18.50	18.50	3
4	New Mexico	18.88	22.88	9
5	Arizona	19.00	19.00	4
6	Oklahoma	20.00	20.00	5
6	Texas	20.00	20.00	5
8	Louisiana	20.93	20.93	7
9	Delaware	23.00	22.00	8
10	North Dakota	23.03	23.03	10
11	Nevada	23.81	27.75	18
12	New Hampshire	23.83	23.83	11
13	Wyoming	24.00	24.00	13
14	Arkansas	25.00	28.80	21
14	Connecticut	25.00	49.20	43
16	Kansas	25.04	27.03	15
17	New York	25.68	23.88	12
18	Massachusetts	27.37	27.37	16
19	Tennessee	27.40	28.40	19
20	Missouri	27.49	27.49	17
21	Kentucky	27.80	24.80	14
22	Colorado	28.18	30.68	26
23	South Carolina	28.75	28.75	20
24	Minnesota	28.80	28.80	21
25	South Dakota	30.00	30.00	24
25	Iowa	30.00	32.50	29
27	Alabama	30.20	31.95	28
28	Nebraska	30.50	29.90	23
29	Maine	31.40	31.87	27
30	Vermont	32.61	33.00	31
31	Wisconsin	32.90	32.90	30
32	Idaho	33.00	33.00	31
33	Georgia	33.05	36.95	34
34	Montana	33.75	30.50	25
35	West Virginia	35.70	35.70	33
36	Utah	37.15	37.15	35
37	Rhode Island	38.12	38.12	36
38	Ohio	38.50	47.00	41
39	Florida	38.60	39.47	37
40	Oregon	40.00	40.00	38
41	Virginia	40.40	41.50	40
42	North Carolina	40.65	40.65	39
43	New Jersey	42.35	49.35	44
44	Maryland	46.29	47.04	42
45	Michigan	49.80	51.40	45
46	Washington	52.82	52.82	46
47	Indiana	56.10	60.00	47
48	Pennsylvania	58.70	74.10	48
49	Illinois	67.10	74.60	49
50	California	69.82	92.12	50
	District of Columbia	34.90	34.90	

*Includes all state taxes on fuels

West Virginia’s ranking in the CNBC Best States for Business remained at 40th, unchanged from the 2024 ranking.

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

Charleston West Virginia is 47th in median home value. When applying the tax rate to the 2023 median home value, Charleston is the 3rd lowest in the nation.

	City	2022 Median Home Value	Tax on Median	Rank
1	Seattle, WA	\$924,200	\$6,932	44
2	Los Angeles, CA	\$903,700	\$10,754	49
3	Honolulu, HI	\$874,500	\$2,239	7
4	New York City, NY	\$724,400	\$8,729	47
5	Boston, MA	\$701,400	\$3,472	28
6	Denver, CO	\$599,500	\$3,231	25
7	Salt Lake City, UT	\$563,300	\$2,929	18
8	Portland, OR	\$562,500	\$14,445	50
9	Boise, ID	\$499,000	\$3,124	22
10	Charleston, SC	\$496,700	\$2,359	8
11	Portland, ME	\$460,700	\$5,929	43
12	Nashville, TN	\$432,400	\$2,512	11
13	Phoenix, AZ	\$429,200	\$4,653	37
14	Las Vegas, NV	\$426,400	\$4,835	40
15	Atlanta, GA	\$424,600	\$3,520	31
16	Charlotte, NC	\$385,600	\$2,734	16
17	Burlington, VT	\$383,300	\$7,685	46
18	Virginia Beach, VA	\$370,300	\$3,051	20
19	Anchorage, AK	\$367,900	\$4,783	38
20	Providence, RI	\$359,600	\$3,298	26
21	Manchester, NH	\$354,200	\$5,890	42
22	Minneapolis, MN	\$347,300	\$4,254	34
23	Newark, NJ	\$344,800	\$10,520	48
24	Billings, MT	\$323,900	\$2,724	15
25	Cheyenne, WY	\$320,800	\$2,047	5
26	Chicago, IL	\$313,300	\$4,837	41
27	New Orleans, LA	\$302,700	\$2,876	17
28	Jacksonville, FL	\$301,000	\$4,389	36
29	Albuquerque, NM	\$288,700	\$4,053	33
30	Sioux Falls, SD	\$274,600	\$3,589	32
31	Houston, TX	\$267,000	\$3,364	27
32	Fargo, ND	\$257,500	\$3,069	21
33	Bridgeport, CT	\$249,200	\$7,581	45
34	Columbus, OH	\$248,900	\$3,512	30
35	Omaha, NE	\$243,800	\$4,835	39
36	Kansas City, MO	\$239,400	\$3,208	24
37	Philadelphia, PA	\$237,900	\$1,994	4
38	Louisville, KY	\$229,400	\$2,716	14
39	Oklahoma City, OK	\$227,300	\$2,948	19
40	Wilmington, DE	\$217,300	\$2,538	12
41	Indianapolis, IN	\$216,700	\$2,410	9
42	Little Rock, AR	\$215,000	\$2,436	10
43	Baltimore, MD	\$210,300	\$4,296	35
44	Wichita, KS	\$187,800	\$2,113	6
45	Des Moines, IA	\$178,600	\$3,165	23
46	Milwaukee, WI	\$174,600	\$3,506	29
47	Charleston, WV	\$172,800	\$1,464	3
48	Birmingham, AL	\$125,500	\$851	1
49	Jackson, MS	\$114,700	\$1,458	2
50	Detroit, MI	\$83,600	\$2,618	13
	District of Columbia	\$711,100	\$5,198	
	Average	\$369,978	\$4,150	

EFFECTIVE PROPERTY TAX RATE ON A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE'S LARGEST CITY*
(Payable 2022)

**Charleston, West Virginia ranks 26th in effective tax rate
and net tax on a commercial property.**

Rank	City	ETR	Net Tax
1	Cheyenne, WY	0.649%	\$194,806
2	Charlotte, NC	0.713%	\$213,834
3	Seattle, WA	0.754%	\$226,314
4	Wilmington, DE	0.834%	\$250,182
5	Boise, ID	0.932%	\$279,477
6	Salt Lake City, UT	0.935%	\$280,515
7	Nashville, TN	0.937%	\$281,243
8	Virginia Beach, VA	0.950%	\$284,980
9	Honolulu, HI	1.019%	\$305,660
10	Fargo, ND	1.068%	\$320,513
11	Billings, MT	1.116%	\$334,728
12	Las Vegas, NV	1.131%	\$339,306
13	Los Angeles, CA	1.199%	\$359,819
14	Sioux Falls, SD	1.211%	\$363,444
15	Louisville, KY	1.304%	\$391,199
16	Portland, ME	1.361%	\$408,300
17	Little Rock, AR	1.366%	\$409,675
18	Manchester, NH	1.386%	\$415,863
19	Oklahoma City, OK	1.407%	\$422,194
20	New York City, NY	1.501%	\$450,186
21	Atlanta, GA	1.502%	\$450,450
22	Anchorage, AK	1.559%	\$467,559
23	Albuquerque, NM	1.665%	\$499,486
24	Jacksonville, FL	1.696%	\$508,945
25	Boston, MA	1.789%	\$536,790
26	Charleston, WV	1.804%	\$541,227
27	Columbus, OH	1.829%	\$548,792
28	New Orleans, LA	1.872%	\$561,469
29	Charleston, SC	1.873%	\$561,780
30	Houston, TX	1.920%	\$575,873
31	Omaha, NE	2.005%	\$601,581
32	Philadelphia, PA	2.007%	\$601,960
33	Birmingham, AL	2.022%	\$606,463
34	Burlington, VT	2.089%	\$626,846
35	Denver, CO	2.141%	\$642,327
36	Milwaukee, WI	2.189%	\$656,741
37	Phoenix, AZ	2.247%	\$673,971
38	Bridgeport, CT	2.353%	\$705,856
39	Wichita, KS	2.443%	\$732,865
40	Minneapolis, MN	2.522%	\$756,534
41	Newark, NJ	2.542%	\$762,656
42	Portland, OR	2.568%	\$770,385
43	Baltimore, MD	2.596%	\$778,707
44	Kansas City, MO	2.727%	\$818,123
45	Jackson, MS	2.731%	\$819,267
46	Des Moines, IA	2.759%	\$827,661
47	Indianapolis, IN	2.848%	\$854,278
48	Providence, RI	3.454%	\$1,036,129
49	Detroit, MI	4.046%	\$1,213,751
50	Chicago, IL	4.076%	\$1,222,781
	District of Columbia	1.847%	\$554,008
	U.S. Average	1.873%	\$561,851

***\$25 Million land and building**

EFFECTIVE PROPERTY TAX RATE ON A INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE'S LARGEST CITY*
(Payable 2023)

Charleston, West Virginia has the 10th highest effective tax rate and net tax on an industrial property.

Rank	City	ETR	Net Tax
1	Jackson, MS	2.793%	\$1,396,317
2	Chicago, IL	2.456%	\$1,227,923
3	Charleston, SC	2.420%	\$1,209,840
4	Detroit, MI	2.270%	\$1,134,754
5	Kansas City, MO	2.157%	\$1,078,719
6	Indianapolis, IN	2.137%	\$1,068,369
7	Portland, OR	2.054%	\$1,027,180
8	New Orleans, LA	1.930%	\$965,059
9	Houston, TX	1.922%	\$960,863
10	Charleston, WV	1.883%	\$941,265
11	Phoenix, AZ	1.855%	\$927,587
12	Providence, RI	1.805%	\$902,629
13	Denver, CO	1.728%	\$864,202
14	Omaha, NE	1.647%	\$823,690
15	Anchorage, AK	1.616%	\$808,159
16	Newark, NJ	1.525%	\$762,656
17	Oklahoma City, OK	1.520%	\$759,949
18	Burlington, VT	1.426%	\$713,195
19	Atlanta, GA	1.393%	\$696,250
20	Little Rock, AR	1.379%	\$689,675
21	Albuquerque, NM	1.368%	\$683,850
22	Jacksonville, FL	1.363%	\$681,322
23	Wichita, KS	1.322%	\$660,874
24	Baltimore, MD	1.278%	\$638,909
25	Bridgeport, CT	1.260%	\$629,819
26	Philadelphia, PA	1.204%	\$601,960
26	Milwaukee, WI	1.204%	\$602,006
28	Birmingham, AL	1.173%	\$586,670
29	Columbus, OH	1.101%	\$550,582
30	Boston, MA	1.074%	\$536,790
31	Billings, MT	1.061%	\$530,629
32	Minneapolis, MN	1.057%	\$528,586
33	Des Moines, IA	1.042%	\$520,797
34	Los Angeles, CA	0.960%	\$479,759
35	Nashville, TN	0.953%	\$476,483
36	Las Vegas, NV	0.908%	\$454,031
37	Manchester, NH	0.832%	\$415,863
38	Salt Lake City, UT	0.759%	\$379,375
39	Boise, ID	0.751%	\$375,674
40	Portland, ME	0.749%	\$374,275
41	Louisville, KY	0.733%	\$366,349
42	Sioux Falls, SD	0.727%	\$363,444
43	Cheyenne, WY	0.699%	\$349,661
44	Fargo, ND	0.641%	\$320,513
45	Honolulu, HI	0.611%	\$305,660
46	Seattle, WA	0.608%	\$303,850
47	Charlotte, NC	0.574%	\$287,184
48	New York City, NY	0.530%	\$264,774
49	Wilmington, DE	0.500%	\$250,182
50	Virginia Beach, VA	0.490%	\$244,980
	District of Columbia	1.788%	\$894,008
	U.S. Average	1.3%	\$659,160

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

West Virginia ranks 12th in full time state and local employees per 1,000 residents.

Rank	State	FTE's/1,000 Residents	2022 Annual Payroll/FTE	Rank
1	Wyoming	85.9	\$63,293	30
2	Alaska	69.5	\$77,635	9
3	Kansas	68.2	\$56,952	41
4	Nebraska	65.1	\$63,468	28
5	North Dakota	63.8	\$61,391	33
6	Mississippi	61.4	\$51,725	49
7	New York	60.7	\$85,089	3
8	Iowa	60.2	\$64,016	25
9	Vermont	59.2	\$70,974	17
10	New Mexico	58.4	\$61,983	32
11	Alabama	57.0	\$58,410	39
12	West Virginia	56.7	\$52,282	48
13	Louisiana	55.8	\$52,327	47
14	Arkansas	55.6	\$51,417	50
15	Colorado	54.6	\$72,102	14
16	Oklahoma	54.1	\$53,710	46
17	Virginia	53.6	\$66,546	23
18	Kentucky	52.7	\$55,086	45
19	South Dakota	52.6	\$56,324	44
20	Maine	52.5	\$59,512	36
21	Maryland	52.4	\$77,333	10
22	Montana	52.3	\$60,075	34
23	Minnesota	52.3	\$73,270	12
24	Texas	52.2	\$63,381	29
25	Washington	52.0	\$90,947	2
26	North Carolina	52.0	\$63,856	26
27	South Carolina	51.3	\$58,216	40
28	Oregon	51.2	\$78,585	7
29	New Jersey	51.2	\$82,035	5
30	Massachusetts	51.0	\$81,321	6
31	Delaware	50.9	\$67,155	21
32	Utah	50.9	\$68,527	19
33	Connecticut	50.8	\$82,649	4
34	Ohio	50.7	\$66,338	24
35	Missouri	50.4	\$56,779	43
36	Hawaii	50.4	\$72,218	13
37	Illinois	50.3	\$73,867	11
38	California	49.1	\$96,933	1
39	Tennessee	48.8	\$56,900	42
40	Georgia	48.7	\$59,714	35
41	New Hampshire	48.6	\$63,532	27
42	Indiana	47.9	\$59,375	37
43	Wisconsin	47.3	\$67,048	22
44	Idaho	46.3	\$58,964	38
45	Michigan	43.5	\$70,178	18
46	Rhode Island	43.3	\$78,492	8
47	Pennsylvania	41.9	\$71,410	16
48	Florida	40.6	\$63,210	31
49	Arizona	39.3	\$67,353	20
50	Nevada	36.8	\$71,562	15
	District of Columbia	77.0	\$100,104	
	United States	50.6	\$71,339	

West Virginia ranks 47th in the average salary for full time state employees and 49th in average salary for full time local government employees.

Rank	State	State Avg FTE Salary	Local Avg FTE Salary	Rank
1	California	\$103,979	\$94,670	1
2	Connecticut	\$95,591	\$76,873	8
3	New York	\$89,865	\$83,886	4
4	Massachusetts	\$87,477	\$78,735	6
5	Washington	\$85,541	\$93,773	2
6	Rhode Island	\$84,048	\$74,297	10
7	Michigan	\$83,597	\$63,333	22
8	Vermont	\$83,187	\$64,224	20
9	Alaska	\$83,068	\$72,814	11
10	Oregon	\$82,833	\$76,188	9
11	Illinois	\$82,380	\$71,793	12
12	New Jersey	\$81,927	\$82,075	5
13	Pennsylvania	\$81,587	\$67,561	16
14	Minnesota	\$81,231	\$70,185	14
15	Wisconsin	\$79,665	\$62,880	25
16	Iowa	\$78,861	\$58,842	31
17	Utah	\$77,959	\$62,148	27
18	Ohio	\$77,183	\$63,047	23
19	Colorado	\$76,798	\$70,026	15
20	Texas	\$75,940	\$60,222	30
21	Maryland	\$74,633	\$78,492	7
22	Virginia	\$74,231	\$63,610	21
23	North Carolina	\$72,672	\$60,831	28
24	Nevada	\$71,934	\$71,441	13
25	Arizona	\$71,743	\$65,775	17
26	New Hampshire	\$71,694	\$60,571	29
27	New Mexico	\$70,576	\$56,852	36
28	Idaho	\$69,724	\$54,807	40
29	Delaware	\$69,713	\$64,663	18
30	Hawaii	\$67,427	\$88,004	3
31	Montana	\$66,949	\$56,197	37
32	Wyoming	\$66,797	\$62,152	26
33	Tennessee	\$66,473	\$54,030	42
34	Kansas	\$66,321	\$53,401	43
35	North Dakota	\$66,303	\$58,517	32
36	South Dakota	\$66,191	\$52,207	44
37	Indiana	\$65,986	\$56,891	35
38	Alabama	\$65,974	\$54,640	41
39	Georgia	\$64,824	\$58,149	33
40	Maine	\$64,550	\$57,511	34
41	Kentucky	\$64,449	\$50,506	46
42	Florida	\$64,393	\$62,921	24
43	South Carolina	\$63,635	\$55,825	38
44	Oklahoma	\$61,535	\$50,536	45
45	Nebraska	\$61,514	\$64,255	19
46	Missouri	\$61,136	\$55,274	39
47	West Virginia	\$60,318	\$47,350	49
48	Louisiana	\$59,895	\$48,915	47
49	Mississippi	\$59,639	\$48,559	48
50	Arkansas	\$58,459	\$47,254	50
	District of Columbia	-	\$100,104	
	United States	\$77,671	\$69,077	

West Virginia ranks 44th in employment in the technical sector, 46th in tech as a share of total employment, and 49th in the median wage for the tech workforce.

Rank	State	Net Tech Employment	Share of Total Employment	Rank	Median Wage	Rank
1	California	1,533,554	8.6%	5	\$134,696	1
2	Texas	936,296	6.7%	10	\$96,031	19
3	New York	574,225	5.9%	17	\$113,241	7
4	Florida	532,760	5.5%	21	\$89,640	25
5	Virginia	379,451	9.1%	2	\$116,182	6
6	Washington	358,616	10.0%	1	\$129,618	2
7	Illinois	337,272	5.5%	20	\$99,141	17
8	Massachusetts	319,989	8.6%	4	\$117,349	4
9	Pennsylvania	313,152	5.1%	25	\$91,123	22
10	Georgia	312,010	6.4%	13	\$102,898	14
11	North Carolina	308,540	6.2%	15	\$105,366	10
12	New Jersey	285,751	6.6%	12	\$118,147	3
13	Ohio	268,976	4.8%	29	\$90,165	24
14	Colorado	260,032	8.8%	3	\$112,069	8
15	Maryland	228,266	8.3%	7	\$116,220	5
16	Michigan	215,074	4.8%	28	\$90,310	23
17	Arizona	212,045	6.6%	11	\$96,583	18
18	Minnesota	189,182	6.3%	14	\$100,557	16
19	Missouri	161,156	5.4%	22	\$86,955	29
20	Oregon	144,085	7.3%	9	\$104,198	11
21	Wisconsin	144,011	4.8%	30	\$86,591	30
22	Tennessee	142,068	4.3%	33	\$81,558	36
23	Utah	126,592	7.3%	8	\$91,823	21
24	Indiana	121,668	3.8%	37	\$77,912	40
25	Connecticut	100,505	5.9%	16	\$103,999	12
26	South Carolina	96,249	4.2%	35	\$84,187	33
27	Alabama	93,600	4.3%	32	\$89,544	26
28	Kansas	70,850	4.9%	27	\$83,331	34
29	Kentucky	69,964	3.5%	42	\$75,394	44
30	Iowa	67,644	4.3%	34	\$85,672	31
31	Oklahoma	63,128	3.6%	39	\$79,179	37
32	New Hampshire	59,084	8.5%	6	\$103,237	13
33	Nebraska	54,763	5.2%	24	\$85,665	32
34	Nevada	53,978	3.5%	40	\$78,729	39
35	Louisiana	52,323	2.7%	48	\$73,779	47
36	Arkansas	43,356	3.2%	45	\$75,815	43
37	Idaho	42,087	5.0%	26	\$77,549	41
38	New Mexico	38,901	4.5%	31	\$87,481	28
39	Mississippi	30,166	2.6%	49	\$70,832	50
40	Rhode Island	28,626	5.7%	18	\$101,639	15
41	Maine	26,595	4.1%	36	\$78,776	38
42	Delaware	25,335	5.2%	23	\$111,143	9
43	Hawaii	22,002	3.5%	41	\$89,295	27
44	West Virginia	21,458	3.0%	46	\$72,921	49
45	Montana	17,880	3.4%	43	\$77,157	42
46	Vermont	17,466	5.6%	19	\$82,386	35
47	South Dakota	16,648	3.6%	38	\$73,324	48
48	North Dakota	14,117	3.2%	44	\$75,321	45
49	Alaska	9,912	3.0%	47	\$92,678	20
50	Wyoming	6,863	2.4%	50	\$74,893	46
	District of Columbia	72,305	9.4%		\$121,770	
	United States	9,620,576	6.2%		\$104,556	

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	\$ 99.92	50
	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

TABLE 26

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

UNION MEMBERS AS A SHARE OF EMPLOYMENT (2023)

TABLE 27

West Virginia ranked 26th in 2023 and 23rd in 2022
for share of employment held by union members.

Rank	State	2023 Percent	2022 Percent	2022 Rank
1	Hawaii	24.1%	21.9%	1
2	New York	20.6%	20.7%	2
3	Washington	16.5%	18.0%	3
4	New Jersey	16.1%	14.9%	8
5	Connecticut	15.9%	14.2%	9
6	California	15.4%	16.1%	4
7	Alaska	14.8%	16.0%	6
8	Vermont	14.3%	12.1%	16
9	Oregon	14.1%	15.5%	7
10	Minnesota	13.3%	14.2%	9
11	Pennsylvania	12.9%	12.7%	14
12	Illinois	12.8%	13.1%	12
12	Michigan	12.8%	14.0%	11
14	Massachusetts	12.6%	12.7%	14
15	Ohio	12.5%	12.8%	13
16	Nevada	12.4%	11.3%	18
17	Rhode Island	12.3%	16.1%	4
18	Montana	11.8%	11.2%	19
19	Maryland	10.7%	11.6%	17
20	Missouri	9.3%	9.6%	22
20	New Hampshire	9.3%	10.1%	20
22	Maine	9.2%	9.2%	23
23	Kansas	8.9%	9.8%	21
24	Delaware	8.8%	8.5%	26
24	Kentucky	8.8%	7.9%	27
26	West Virginia	8.7%	9.2%	23
27	Indiana	8.0%	7.4%	28
28	Alabama	7.5%	7.2%	29
28	New Mexico	7.5%	8.8%	25
30	Wisconsin	7.4%	7.1%	30
31	Nebraska	7.3%	6.5%	33
32	Iowa	7.2%	7.0%	31
33	Mississippi	7.0%	5.6%	35
34	Colorado	6.9%	6.7%	32
35	Oklahoma	6.8%	5.5%	37
36	North Dakota	6.2%	6.4%	34
37	Tennessee	6.0%	5.5%	37
38	Wyoming	5.6%	5.6%	35
39	Arkansas	5.1%	4.9%	40
40	Florida	4.7%	4.5%	42
41	Georgia	4.6%	4.4%	43
42	Idaho	4.5%	4.7%	41
42	Texas	4.5%	4.1%	45
44	Louisiana	4.3%	4.2%	44
44	Virginia	4.3%	3.7%	47
46	Arizona	4.2%	5.5%	37
47	Utah	4.1%	3.9%	46
48	South Dakota	3.6%	3.1%	48
49	North Carolina	2.7%	2.8%	49
50	South Carolina	2.3%	1.7%	50
	District of Columbia	9.1%	9.1%	
	United States	10.3%	10.1%	

West Virginia is 36th in the percentage of public sector union membership, and 20th in the percentage of private sector union membership.

Rank	State	Public Percent	Private Percent	Rank
1	Connecticut	67.0%	6.7%	19
2	New York	63.7%	12.2%	2
3	New Jersey	56.1%	10.0%	3
4	Massachusetts	54.5%	7.1%	16
5	Pennsylvania	53.6%	7.8%	11
6	Hawaii	53.0%	15.2%	1
7	California	51.2%	8.8%	7
8	Oregon	50.7%	7.2%	14
9	Washington	49.9%	10.0%	4
10	Minnesota	49.0%	7.6%	12
11	Vermont	47.6%	8.2%	8
12	Rhode Island	47.0%	7.8%	10
13	Illinois	46.1%	8.0%	9
14	New Hampshire	45.3%	3.7%	36
15	Ohio	45.1%	7.0%	17
16	Michigan	39.2%	9.7%	5
17	Maine	37.4%	4.3%	31
18	Alaska	34.7%	7.2%	13
19	Montana	33.6%	6.8%	18
20	Nevada	33.3%	9.4%	6
21	Delaware	30.8%	4.6%	29
22	Maryland	26.3%	5.1%	26
23	Nebraska	25.9%	3.8%	35
24	Kentucky	22.6%	6.1%	23
25	Missouri	22.3%	7.2%	15
26	Oklahoma	22.1%	3.0%	39
27	Alabama	21.5%	4.6%	28
28	Iowa	21.3%	4.8%	27
29	Florida	20.5%	2.5%	44
30	Wisconsin	20.1%	5.6%	25
31	Colorado	19.8%	4.3%	30
32	Kansas	19.8%	6.5%	21
33	Indiana	19.6%	6.3%	22
34	Tennessee	18.8%	3.8%	34
35	New Mexico	18.7%	3.6%	37
36	West Virginia	17.9%	6.7%	20
37	North Dakota	17.6%	4.0%	33
38	Arizona	16.8%	2.4%	45
39	Texas	16.6%	2.6%	43
40	South Dakota	16.5%	1.8%	49
41	Utah	15.6%	1.9%	47
42	Georgia	14.0%	2.9%	40
43	Wyoming	13.0%	3.0%	38
44	Idaho	12.8%	2.8%	41
45	Mississippi	12.8%	5.7%	24
46	Louisiana	11.6%	2.8%	42
47	Virginia	11.1%	2.4%	46
48	Arkansas	9.0%	4.3%	32
49	North Carolina	7.8%	1.9%	48
50	South Carolina	5.7%	1.6%	50
	District of Columbia	21.1%	4.6%	
	United States	32.5%	6.0%	

West Virginia ranks 11th in rate of unemployment tax paid per total wages and ranks 14th in average amount paid per covered employee.

Rank	State	Taxes Paid as Percentage of Total Wages	Average Amount Per Covered Employee	Rank
1	Hawaii	1.84%	\$1,106	1
2	Alaska	1.13%	\$775	3
3	Oregon	1.06%	\$728	4
4	Nevada	1.00%	\$644	5
5	Rhode Island	0.98%	\$618	6
6	New Jersey	0.91%	\$782	2
7	Montana	0.74%	\$350	15
8	Washington	0.72%	\$599	7
9	Pennsylvania	0.62%	\$440	10
10	Illinois	0.57%	\$455	9
11	West Virginia	0.52%	\$351	14
12	Iowa	0.51%	\$288	21
12	Michigan	0.51%	\$360	13
12	Vermont	0.51%	\$370	12
15	Maine	0.49%	\$311	19
16	Colorado	0.47%	\$321	18
16	New York	0.47%	\$498	8
18	Connecticut	0.46%	\$403	11
18	Wyoming	0.46%	\$281	25
20	Minnesota	0.45%	\$335	16
21	New Mexico	0.44%	\$226	29
22	Ohio	0.42%	\$286	24
23	Idaho	0.41%	\$217	31
24	Wisconsin	0.40%	\$255	27
25	Oklahoma	0.39%	\$225	30
26	North Dakota	0.38%	\$288	21
27	Utah	0.36%	\$228	28
28	California	0.33%	\$331	17
28	Kansas	0.33%	\$193	35
28	Maryland	0.33%	\$259	26
31	Massachusetts	0.31%	\$294	20
32	North Carolina	0.28%	\$201	32
33	Indiana	0.27%	\$169	37
34	Texas	0.26%	\$199	33
35	Missouri	0.25%	\$157	39
36	Louisiana	0.22%	\$134	40
36	South Carolina	0.22%	\$160	38
36	South Dakota	0.22%	\$115	44
39	Arizona	0.20%	\$117	42
39	Georgia	0.20%	\$185	36
39	Kentucky	0.20%	\$116	43
42	New Hampshire	0.19%	\$286	23
43	Delaware	0.18%	\$127	41
44	Arkansas	0.17%	\$99	45
45	Nebraska	0.16%	\$99	45
46	Tennessee	0.15%	\$86	47
47	Mississippi	0.14%	\$63	49
48	Florida	0.12%	\$76	48
49	Alabama	0.11%	\$50	50
50	Virginia	0.09%	\$199	33
	District of Columbia	0.23%	\$286	
	United States	0.39%	\$280	

West Virginia ranks 28th 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	Massachusetts	\$715.75	18.9	2
2	Washington	\$715.57	15.2	12
3	Hawaii	\$653.74	14.5	19
4	Colorado	\$621.69	14.1	21
5	New Jersey	\$603.15	18.9	1
6	Minnesota	\$573.78	15.2	12
7	Utah	\$569.47	13.4	25
8	Oregon	\$565.34	14.5	20
9	North Dakota	\$564.74	11.7	37
10	Vermont	\$532.67	11.8	35
11	Iowa	\$525.15	9.1	47
12	Illinois	\$509.29	16.1	9
13	Connecticut	\$495.86	14.7	17
14	Texas	\$493.81	15.5	11
15	Wyoming	\$492.07	12.7	30
16	Kentucky	\$481.05	12.9	29
17	Nevada	\$480.08	15.8	10
18	Ohio	\$478.27	13.8	24
19	Maine	\$476.28	14.7	18
20	Pennsylvania	\$475.08	14.8	16
21	Rhode Island	\$469.83	15.0	14
22	Kansas	\$456.93	8.8	48
23	Idaho	\$456.83	9.9	44
24	South Dakota	\$446.30	14.0	23
25	Nebraska	\$446.10	11.8	36
26	New Mexico	\$439.94	16.5	8
27	Montana	\$438.16	13.1	27
28	West Virginia	\$429.82	13.3	26
29	New York	\$428.82	18.1	5
30	Oklahoma	\$418.68	11.7	40
31	Maryland	\$392.35	17.5	6
32	New Hampshire	\$376.17	11.3	42
33	California	\$370.46	18.2	4
34	Delaware	\$368.27	18.3	3
35	Virginia	\$348.39	12.2	32
36	Michigan	\$346.93	11.6	41
37	Wisconsin	\$345.67	12.1	34
38	Georgia	\$342.94	9.2	46
39	Indiana	\$321.08	11.7	37
40	Arkansas	\$318.59	9.9	43
41	Arizona	\$312.17	14.1	22
42	North Carolina	\$304.59	9.3	45
43	South Carolina	\$298.70	11.7	39
44	Alaska	\$297.83	17.1	7
45	Missouri	\$291.08	12.1	33
46	Tennessee	\$272.47	12.6	31
47	Florida	\$264.92	8.5	49
48	Alabama	\$252.63	6.9	50
49	Louisiana	\$251.62	14.8	15
50	Mississippi	\$223.05	13.1	28
	District of Columbia	\$407.52	17.3	
	United States	\$452.13	15.2	

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

Rank	State	Minimum Wage
1	Washington	\$16.66
2	Connecticut	\$16.35
3	California	\$16.00/\$20.00/\$25.00***
4	Nebraska	\$15.50
4	New York	\$16.50/\$15.50***
6	New Jersey	\$15.49, \$14.53, \$18.49***
7	Delaware	\$15.00
7	Illinois	\$15.00
7	Maryland	\$15.00
7	Massachusetts	\$15.00
7	Rhode Island	\$15.00
12	Colorado	\$14.81
13	Arizona	\$14.70
14	Maine	\$14.65
15	Vermont	\$14.01
16	Hawaii	\$14.00
17	Missouri	\$13.75 ***
18	Oregon	\$15.95/\$14.70/\$13.70 ***
19	Virginia	\$13.50
20	Florida	\$13.00
21	Nevada	\$12.00
21	New Mexico	\$12.00
23	Alaska	\$11.91
24	South Dakota	\$11.50
25	Minnesota	\$11.13
26	Arkansas	\$11.00
27	Ohio	\$10.70/\$7.25 ***
28	Michigan	\$10.56
29	Montana	\$10.55 ***
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	\$17.50

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 50th in both amount of venture capital investments (measured in millions of dollars) and venture capital investments per capita.

Rank	State	Amount (Millions of \$)	Amount per Capita	Rank
1	California	\$75,620	\$1,941	2
2	New York	\$19,331	\$988	4
3	Massachusetts	\$15,629	\$2,232	1
4	Texas	\$6,962	\$228	14
5	Colorado	\$3,691	\$628	5
6	Florida	\$3,673	\$162	24
7	Washington	\$3,279	\$420	6
8	Illinois	\$2,514	\$200	19
9	Virginia	\$2,437	\$280	12
10	Pennsylvania	\$2,149	\$166	23
11	Maryland	\$2,145	\$347	9
12	New Jersey	\$2,070	\$223	16
13	North Carolina	\$1,861	\$172	21
14	Tennessee	\$1,682	\$236	13
15	Georgia	\$1,622	\$147	25
16	Delaware	\$1,482	\$1,437	3
17	Ohio	\$1,328	\$113	27
18	Nevada	\$1,319	\$413	7
19	Arizona	\$1,275	\$172	22
20	Missouri	\$1,273	\$206	17
21	Utah	\$1,239	\$362	8
22	Minnesota	\$1,166	\$203	18
23	Michigan	\$1,071	\$107	28
24	Connecticut	\$666	\$184	20
25	Oregon	\$591	\$140	26
26	Indiana	\$413	\$60	40
27	Alabama	\$387	\$76	34
28	New Hampshire	\$314	\$224	15
29	Oklahoma	\$251	\$62	38
30	Kansas	\$238	\$81	33
31	Iowa	\$201	\$63	37
32	Wyoming	\$195	\$334	10
33	Vermont	\$185	\$286	11
34	Wisconsin	\$171	\$29	43
35	Louisiana	\$169	\$37	42
36	Nebraska	\$163	\$82	32
37	New Mexico	\$158	\$75	35
38	Idaho	\$134	\$68	36
39	South Carolina	\$126	\$23	46
40	Maine	\$124	\$89	30
41	Kentucky	\$115	\$25	45
42	Rhode Island	\$106	\$97	29
43	Arkansas	\$87	\$28	44
44	Hawaii	\$87	\$60	39
45	North Dakota	\$67	\$85	31
46	Montana	\$65	\$57	41
47	South Dakota	\$18	\$20	47
48	Alaska	\$14	\$19	48
49	Mississippi	\$11	\$4	49
50	West Virginia	\$3	\$2	50
District of Columbia		\$992	\$1,462	
United States		\$160,870	\$480	

West Virginia ranks 44th in both millions of dollars in overall R&D spending and dollars per capita of R&D spending.

Rank	State	Millions of Dollars	Dollars Per Capita	Rank
1	California	\$236,140	\$6,032	3
2	Washington	\$53,969	\$6,971	2
3	Massachusetts	\$52,383	\$7,492	1
4	New York	\$38,224	\$1,925	13
5	Texas	\$37,256	\$1,260	28
6	New Jersey	\$27,749	\$2,994	7
7	Michigan	\$25,795	\$2,570	11
8	Maryland	\$25,108	\$4,066	5
9	Pennsylvania	\$23,818	\$1,830	16
10	Illinois	\$21,550	\$1,698	18
11	North Carolina	\$20,281	\$1,919	14
12	Ohio	\$16,734	\$1,422	26
13	Virginia	\$14,789	\$1,708	17
14	Florida	\$13,838	\$634	39
15	Oregon	\$12,570	\$2,953	8
16	Indiana	\$11,434	\$1,678	19
17	Colorado	\$11,386	\$1,959	12
18	Arizona	\$11,337	\$1,559	22
19	Minnesota	\$10,801	\$1,889	15
20	Connecticut	\$10,176	\$2,824	9
21	Georgia	\$9,753	\$904	33
22	New Mexico	\$9,748	\$4,605	4
23	Wisconsin	\$9,011	\$1,532	24
24	Missouri	\$8,917	\$1,445	25
25	Tennessee	\$7,922	\$1,138	31
26	Alabama	\$6,289	\$1,245	30
27	Utah	\$5,196	\$1,556	23
28	Iowa	\$4,106	\$1,284	27
29	Delaware	\$3,852	\$3,833	6
30	New Hampshire	\$3,701	\$2,667	10
31	Kansas	\$3,659	\$1,245	29
32	Idaho	\$3,059	\$1,606	20
33	South Carolina	\$2,984	\$575	42
34	Oklahoma	\$2,907	\$728	37
35	Kentucky	\$2,321	\$515	43
36	Rhode Island	\$1,715	\$1,563	21
37	Nebraska	\$1,703	\$867	35
38	Louisiana	\$1,475	\$319	50
39	Nevada	\$1,407	\$447	45
40	Mississippi	\$1,071	\$363	48
41	Arkansas	\$1,025	\$338	49
42	Hawaii	\$948	\$655	38
43	Maine	\$870	\$631	40
44	West Virginia	\$831	\$465	44
45	North Dakota	\$693	\$891	34
46	Montana	\$679	\$614	41
46	Vermont	\$679	\$1,049	32
48	Alaska	\$543	\$739	36
49	South Dakota	\$345	\$385	47
50	Wyoming	\$238	\$411	46
	District of Columbia	\$6,276	\$9,381	
	United States	\$789,072	\$2,376	

West Virginia ranks 44th in both industrial R&D expenditures per capita and academic R&D expenditures per capita for 2022.

Rank	State	Industrial R&D Per Capita (2022)	Academic R&D Per Capita (2022)	Rank
1	Washington	\$7,360	\$253	28
2	Massachusetts	\$7,122	\$693	2
3	California	\$6,034	\$310	17
4	Delaware	\$4,457	\$390	9
5	Connecticut	\$3,171	\$440	3
6	Oregon	\$2,991	\$236	34
7	New Jersey	\$2,863	\$164	40
8	Michigan	\$2,570	\$307	19
9	New Hampshire	\$2,354	\$394	8
10	Colorado	\$1,797	\$325	13
11	Indiana	\$1,682	\$274	25
12	New York	\$1,637	\$421	4
13	Pennsylvania	\$1,590	\$421	5
14	North Carolina	\$1,546	\$362	10
15	Idaho	\$1,512	\$93	50
16	Minnesota	\$1,494	\$217	36
17	Illinois	\$1,435	\$251	29
18	Maryland	\$1,394	\$839	1
19	Arizona	\$1,393	\$230	35
20	Wisconsin	\$1,288	\$334	12
21	Iowa	\$1,236	\$314	15
22	Utah	\$1,189	\$314	16
23	Ohio	\$1,170	\$262	26
24	Vermont	\$1,045	\$338	11
25	Texas	\$1,044	\$248	30
26	Kansas	\$1,020	\$301	21
27	Virginia	\$1,010	\$244	31
28	Alabama	\$967	\$282	23
29	Missouri	\$887	\$277	24
30	New Mexico	\$872	\$257	27
31	Georgia	\$794	\$299	22
32	Nebraska	\$741	\$318	14
33	North Dakota	\$606	\$414	7
34	Rhode Island	\$581	\$419	6
35	Nevada	\$570	\$98	49
36	Florida	\$517	\$137	46
37	South Carolina	\$495	\$152	43
38	Tennessee	\$493	\$243	32
39	Maine	\$472	\$138	45
40	Oklahoma	\$471	\$162	42
41	Montana	\$360	\$303	20
42	Hawaii	\$341	\$209	37
43	Alaska	\$288	\$309	18
44	West Virginia	\$263	\$140	44
45	South Dakota	\$234	\$129	48
46	Kentucky	\$233	\$163	41
47	Arkansas	\$198	\$137	47
48	Mississippi	\$181	\$192	39
49	Wyoming	\$139	\$240	33
50	Louisiana	\$132	\$205	38
	District of Columbia	\$1,501	\$1,167	
	United States	\$2,075	\$293	

West Virginia ranks 41st 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 2022	S, E, & H Doctorates Employed 2021	% of Workforce with S, E, & H Doctorates 2021	Rank
1	California	5,768	145,600	0.87%	6
2	Texas	3,359	51,350	0.40%	35
3	New York	3,273	59,150	0.65%	16
4	Massachusetts	2,721	55,450	1.57%	2
5	Pennsylvania	2,235	35,750	0.62%	17
6	Illinois	2,053	29,200	0.51%	22
7	Florida	1,889	24,950	0.28%	46
8	Michigan	1,589	22,450	0.79%	10
9	Ohio	1,530	24,800	0.59%	19
10	North Carolina	1,517	27,800	0.60%	18
11	Georgia	1,295	19,200	0.36%	41
12	Indiana	1,289	13,100	0.42%	32
13	Maryland	1,203	38,000	0.83%	7
14	Virginia	1,170	26,200	0.66%	15
15	Minnesota	1,107	16,950	0.57%	20
16	Colorado	994	18,550	0.70%	12
17	New Jersey	925	22,250	0.81%	9
18	Tennessee	804	11,700	0.29%	45
19	Wisconsin	768	12,100	0.36%	40
20	Washington	761	27,550	0.95%	4
21	Missouri	747	12,600	0.44%	28
22	Arizona	739	12,650	0.41%	34
23	Connecticut	581	12,650	0.78%	11
24	Iowa	577	6,900	0.45%	27
25	Utah	567	9,000	0.44%	12
26	Oregon	546	15,300	0.82%	8
27	Alabama	524	8,750	0.47%	24
28	Louisiana	471	6,050	0.44%	30
29	South Carolina	404	6,600	0.41%	33
30	Kansas	369	5,350	0.25%	48
31	Kentucky	355	6,000	0.36%	37
32	Nebraska	334	4,100	0.22%	49
33	Oklahoma	329	5,150	0.45%	26
34	Rhode Island	320	3,650	0.36%	38
35	Mississippi	307	3,550	0.44%	31
36	Arkansas	225	4,300	0.95%	5
36	New Mexico	225	8,800	1.84%	1
38	Delaware	218	3,800	0.30%	44
39	New Hampshire	191	3,800	0.28%	47
40	Nevada	187	3,150	0.46%	25
41	West Virginia	164	2,200	0.33%	43
42	North Dakota	138	1,200	0.15%	50
43	Montana	119	2,900	0.70%	13
44	Hawaii	115	3,050	0.69%	14
45	Idaho	112	3,250	0.55%	21
46	South Dakota	100	1,750	0.36%	42
47	Wyoming	65	1,000	0.36%	39
48	Vermont	64	2,450	0.39%	36
49	Maine	62	3,350	1.14%	3
50	Alaska	34	1,500	0.48%	23
	District of Columbia	366	18,500	2.51%	
	United States	45,924	865,400	0.59%	

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF POPULATION AGE 25 AND OLDER (2023)

TABLE 36

Source: American Community Survey

West Virginia ranks 50th in Percentage of the population (above age 25) that hold a bachelor's degree or higher, 43rd 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	47.8%	91.4%	26	22.4%	1
2	Colorado	46.4%	93.3%	11	18.1%	6
3	New Jersey	43.8%	90.7%	29	17.5%	8
4	Maryland	43.7%	91.2%	28	21.3%	2
5	Vermont	43.7%	95.5%	1	18.5%	4
6	Connecticut	42.9%	91.8%	23	19.8%	3
7	Virginia	42.4%	91.4%	25	18.5%	5
8	New Hampshire	40.7%	94.4%	5	16.2%	9
9	New York	40.6%	88.3%	44	18.1%	7
10	Washington	40.5%	92.4%	16	16.1%	10
11	Minnesota	40.0%	94.3%	6	14.0%	19
12	Rhode Island	39.0%	89.6%	37	15.9%	11
13	Utah	38.4%	93.1%	13	13.8%	22
14	Illinois	38.3%	90.6%	31	15.5%	12
15	Oregon	37.7%	92.0%	21	14.2%	16
16	California	37.5%	84.8%	50	14.7%	14
17	Hawaii	37.0%	93.0%	14	13.9%	20
18	Maine	37.0%	94.9%	2	13.7%	23
19	North Carolina	36.8%	90.6%	30	13.8%	21
20	Delaware	36.5%	91.4%	27	15.5%	13
21	Kansas	35.8%	91.7%	24	13.4%	24
22	Georgia	35.4%	89.3%	40	14.1%	18
23	Pennsylvania	35.3%	92.2%	17	14.4%	15
24	Nebraska	35.3%	92.7%	15	12.4%	32
25	Florida	34.9%	90.2%	33	13.3%	25
26	Montana	34.6%	94.4%	4	12.0%	35
27	Texas	34.2%	86.3%	49	12.6%	30
28	Wisconsin	33.8%	93.7%	8	11.5%	36
29	North Dakota	33.6%	94.5%	3	10.2%	44
30	Arizona	33.5%	89.4%	39	13.1%	26
31	South Dakota	33.3%	93.5%	9	10.4%	43
32	Missouri	33.2%	92.0%	20	13.0%	27
33	South Carolina	32.9%	90.2%	34	12.5%	31
34	Michigan	32.7%	92.0%	19	12.8%	28
35	Alaska	32.2%	93.2%	12	12.2%	34
36	Idaho	32.1%	92.2%	18	10.6%	42
37	Ohio	32.0%	91.9%	22	12.7%	29
38	Tennessee	31.7%	90.1%	35	12.4%	33
39	New Mexico	31.6%	87.5%	48	14.1%	17
40	Iowa	31.5%	93.3%	10	10.7%	41
41	Wyoming	30.4%	93.9%	7	11.2%	39
42	Indiana	30.2%	90.4%	32	11.1%	40
43	Alabama	28.9%	89.1%	42	11.3%	38
44	Nevada	28.7%	87.7%	47	10.0%	47
45	Oklahoma	28.7%	89.7%	36	10.1%	45
46	Kentucky	27.8%	89.5%	38	11.5%	37
47	Louisiana	27.0%	87.8%	45	10.1%	46
48	Arkansas	26.2%	89.3%	41	9.5%	49
49	Mississippi	25.5%	87.8%	46	10.0%	48
50	West Virginia	24.0%	89.0%	43	9.5%	50
	District of Columbia	65.9%	92.7%		39.0%	
	United States	36.2%	89.8%		14.3%	

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

TABLE 37

West Virginia ranks 4th in private enrollment for a 4-year undergraduate degree as a percentage of the population, 14th in post-baccalaureate degrees, and 3rd in 2-year degree enrollment.

Rank	State	4-Year Undergrad %	Post Baccalaureate %	Rank	2-Year %	Rank
1	New Hampshire	9.61%	2.23%	1	0.01%	40
2	Utah	4.50%	1.41%	4	0.01%	34
3	Rhode Island	2.84%	0.70%	11	0.00%	46
4	West Virginia	2.61%	0.60%	14	0.17%	3
5	Idaho	2.47%	0.04%	48	0.03%	29
6	Massachusetts	2.43%	1.75%	2	0.01%	35
7	Arizona	2.28%	0.94%	5	0.19%	2
8	Vermont	1.92%	0.47%	19	0.00%	46
9	New York	1.78%	0.91%	6	0.05%	17
10	Connecticut	1.71%	0.69%	12	0.00%	46
11	Pennsylvania	1.42%	0.75%	9	0.09%	8
12	Maine	1.32%	0.33%	22	0.00%	41
13	Missouri	1.28%	0.73%	10	0.02%	32
14	Nebraska	1.27%	0.55%	16	0.00%	45
15	Illinois	1.24%	0.81%	7	0.03%	25
16	Minnesota	1.24%	1.50%	3	0.00%	43
17	Virginia	1.22%	0.79%	8	0.04%	20
18	Iowa	1.19%	0.43%	20	0.00%	44
19	Indiana	0.95%	0.28%	24	0.03%	21
20	Tennessee	0.93%	0.38%	21	0.09%	9
21	Delaware	0.92%	0.52%	17	0.01%	39
22	Ohio	0.88%	0.23%	32	0.11%	7
23	Florida	0.83%	0.27%	27	0.13%	5
24	Kentucky	0.81%	0.66%	13	0.03%	27
25	Kansas	0.77%	0.17%	37	0.04%	19
26	Colorado	0.74%	0.33%	23	0.28%	1
27	South Dakota	0.72%	0.21%	33	0.00%	46
28	Wisconsin	0.69%	0.26%	28	0.00%	42
29	North Dakota	0.68%	0.21%	34	0.00%	46
30	North Carolina	0.66%	0.27%	26	0.01%	37
31	Georgia	0.66%	0.24%	29	0.07%	13
32	South Carolina	0.63%	0.14%	40	0.03%	28
33	California	0.63%	0.49%	18	0.08%	11
34	Alabama	0.62%	0.21%	35	0.02%	33
35	Hawaii	0.60%	0.09%	45	0.02%	30
36	New Jersey	0.58%	0.28%	25	0.04%	18
37	Michigan	0.47%	0.13%	41	0.02%	31
38	Louisiana	0.44%	0.18%	36	0.08%	10
39	Oregon	0.44%	0.24%	31	0.01%	38
40	Oklahoma	0.43%	0.13%	42	0.05%	16
41	Arkansas	0.42%	0.09%	44	0.03%	22
42	Maryland	0.42%	0.57%	15	0.03%	26
43	Washington	0.40%	0.15%	39	0.03%	23
44	Texas	0.39%	0.15%	38	0.07%	12
45	Mississippi	0.38%	0.24%	30	0.01%	36
46	Montana	0.24%	0.04%	47	0.03%	24
47	Nevada	0.10%	0.10%	43	0.12%	6
48	New Mexico	0.06%	0.07%	46	0.06%	14
49	Alaska	0.06%	0.02%	49	0.05%	15
50	Wyoming	0.00%	0.00%	50	0.13%	4
	District of Columbia	7.45%	6.80%	0.09%		
	United States	1.00%	0.48%	0.06%		

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	7,582	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 into 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 26th in per pupil spending for public school.

Rank	State	Total Spending Dollars
1	New York	31,514
2	Vermont	28,697
3	Massachusetts	26,123
4	New Jersey	24,831
5	Connecticut	24,012
6	New Hampshire	22,252
7	Maine	22,153
8	Rhode Island	21,794
9	Illinois	21,657
10	Wyoming	20,869
11	Pennsylvania	20,779
12	Alaska	20,638
13	Washington	19,955
14	Delaware	19,401
15	Maryland	19,345
16	California	18,969
17	Hawaii	18,943
18	Louisiana	17,541
19	North Dakota	17,492
20	Colorado	16,889
21	Virginia	16,832
22	Oregon	16,760
23	Minnesota	16,593
24	Wisconsin	16,285
25	Nebraska	15,896
26	West Virginia	15,797
27	Ohio	15,436
28	New Mexico	15,183
29	Kansas	14,901
30	Georgia	14,546
31	Michigan	14,489
32	Montana	14,480
33	South Carolina	14,306
34	Kentucky	14,174
35	Iowa	13,931
36	North Carolina	13,796
37	Missouri	13,586
38	Florida	13,584
39	Indiana	13,374
40	Alabama	13,176
41	Arkansas	13,061
42	South Dakota	12,956
43	Tennessee	12,616
44	Mississippi	12,490
45	Texas	12,423
46	Nevada	11,927
47	Arizona	11,808
48	Oklahoma	11,311
49	Utah	11,289
50	Idaho	9,942
	District of Columbia	27,905
	United States	16,990

West Virginia ranks 47th for average salary of teachers.

Rank	State	Average Salary Dollars
1	California	\$101,084
2	New York	\$95,615
3	Massachusetts	\$92,076
4	Washington	\$91,720
5	Connecticut	\$86,511
6	Maryland	\$84,338
7	New Jersey	\$82,877
8	Rhode Island	\$82,189
9	Alaska	\$78,256
10	Oregon	\$77,130
11	Pennsylvania	\$76,961
12	Illinois	\$75,978
13	Hawaii	\$74,222
14	Minnesota	\$72,430
15	Delaware	\$71,186
16	Vermont	\$69,562
17	Utah	\$69,161
18	Michigan	\$69,067
19	Colorado	\$68,647
20	New Mexico	\$68,440
21	Ohio	\$68,236
22	Georgia	\$67,641
23	New Hampshire	\$67,170
24	Nevada	\$66,930
25	Virginia	\$66,327
26	Wisconsin	\$65,762
27	Wyoming	\$63,669
28	Arizona	\$62,714
29	Maine	\$62,570
30	Texas	\$62,463
31	Iowa	\$62,399
32	Alabama	\$61,912
33	Idaho	\$61,516
34	Oklahoma	\$61,330
35	South Carolina	\$60,763
36	Nebraska	\$60,239
37	Tennessee	\$58,630
38	Indiana	\$58,620
39	North Dakota	\$58,581
40	Arkansas	\$58,337
41	Kentucky	\$58,325
42	North Carolina	\$58,292
43	Kansas	\$58,146
44	Montana	\$57,556
45	South Dakota	\$56,328
46	Louisiana	\$55,911
47	West Virginia	\$55,516
48	Missouri	\$55,132
49	Florida	\$54,875
50	Mississippi	\$53,704
	District of Columbia	\$86,663
	United States	\$72,030

West Virginia ranks 20th in price per Kwh for industrial customers in 2022–2023 (measured in cents/Kwh).

Rank	State	Cents/Kwh (2023)	Cents/Kwh (2022)	Change from 2022 to 2023 (cents)
1	New Mexico	5.75	6.56	-0.81
2	Louisiana	5.88	7.54	-1.66
3	Tennessee	6.23	6.55	-0.32
4	Oklahoma	6.26	6.96	-0.70
5	Washington	6.35	6.17	0.18
6	Kentucky	6.55	7.41	-0.86
7	Texas	6.60	7.13	-0.53
8	South Carolina	6.68	7.13	-0.45
9	Arkansas	6.87	7.38	-0.51
9	New York	6.87	7.55	-0.68
11	Georgia	6.88	8.65	-1.77
12	Iowa	6.91	7.06	-0.15
13	Mississippi	6.96	6.71	0.25
14	Utah	6.99	6.84	0.15
15	Ohio	7.03	7.45	-0.42
16	Wyoming	7.06	6.89	0.17
17	Alabama	7.10	7.72	-0.62
18	North Carolina	7.15	6.54	0.61
19	Idaho	7.17	6.71	0.46
20	West Virginia	7.24	6.74	0.50
21	North Dakota	7.37	7.28	0.09
22	Oregon	7.52	6.81	0.71
23	Nebraska	7.63	7.21	0.42
24	Kansas	7.64	8.30	-0.66
25	Pennsylvania	7.75	8.21	-0.46
26	Montana	7.80	7.49	0.31
27	Delaware	7.85	8.79	-0.94
28	Missouri	7.90	7.67	0.23
29	South Dakota	8.01	8.04	-0.03
30	Arizona	8.11	7.86	0.25
31	Michigan	8.16	8.33	-0.17
32	Illinois	8.20	8.57	-0.37
33	Indiana	8.24	8.65	-0.41
34	Colorado	8.50	8.63	-0.13
35	Wisconsin	8.68	8.49	0.19
36	Virginia	8.92	7.99	0.93
37	Minnesota	9.20	9.25	-0.05
38	Florida	9.39	9.16	0.23
39	Maryland	9.94	10.01	-0.07
40	Nevada	10.36	8.50	1.86
41	Vermont	11.27	11.88	-0.61
42	New Jersey	11.68	12.12	-0.44
43	Maine	12.30	11.03	1.27
44	Connecticut	15.69	15.07	0.62
45	New Hampshire	15.76	15.15	0.61
46	Massachusetts	17.88	17.06	0.82
47	California	18.64	17.09	1.55
48	Alaska	18.70	18.43	0.27
49	Rhode Island	18.98	17.96	1.02
50	Hawaii	35.28	36.71	-1.43
	District of Columbia	10.85	7.74	3.11
	United States	8.04	8.32	-0.28

West Virginia ranks 22nd in price per Kwh for commercial customers in 2023 (measured in cents/Kwh).

Rank	State	Cents/Kwh (2023)	Cents/Kwh (2022)	Change from 2022 to 2023 (cents)
1	North Dakota	7.38	8.45	-1.07
2	Utah	8.51	8.39	0.12
3	Nebraska	8.76	8.82	-0.06
4	Idaho	8.78	8.27	0.51
5	Texas	8.82	9.05	-0.23
6	Wyoming	8.94	9.55	-0.61
7	Virginia	8.95	9.66	-0.71
8	Oklahoma	9.34	10.34	-1.00
9	North Carolina	9.67	8.75	0.92
10	Oregon	9.92	9.35	0.57
10	Washington	9.92	9.49	0.43
12	Missouri	10.14	9.55	0.59
13	South Dakota	10.16	10.21	-0.05
14	Iowa	10.33	10.55	-0.22
15	Arkansas	10.34	10.26	0.08
16	South Carolina	10.39	10.86	-0.47
17	Louisiana	10.45	11.93	-1.48
18	New Mexico	10.68	11.07	-0.39
19	Georgia	10.70	12.10	-1.40
20	Ohio	10.75	10.39	0.36
21	Kansas	10.85	11.51	-0.66
22	West Virginia	11.03	10.42	0.61
23	Illinois	11.24	11.32	-0.08
24	Pennsylvania	11.26	10.73	0.53
25	Kentucky	11.38	11.78	-0.40
26	Colorado	11.64	11.58	0.06
27	Arizona	11.79	10.80	0.99
28	Tennessee	11.80	12.02	-0.22
29	Delaware	11.83	10.98	0.85
30	Nevada	11.91	10.14	1.77
31	Florida	11.95	11.19	0.76
32	Montana	12.11	10.68	1.43
33	Mississippi	12.37	11.76	0.61
34	Minnesota	12.39	12.30	0.09
35	Indiana	12.55	12.86	-0.31
36	Wisconsin	12.76	11.85	0.91
37	Maryland	12.77	12.65	0.12
38	Alabama	13.16	13.16	0.00
39	Michigan	13.40	12.55	0.85
40	New Jersey	14.00	13.75	0.25
41	Rhode Island	17.68	16.23	1.45
42	Maine	17.88	15.40	2.48
43	Vermont	18.00	17.29	0.71
44	New York	18.01	18.19	-0.18
45	Massachusetts	19.62	18.67	0.95
46	Connecticut	19.99	18.54	1.45
47	New Hampshire	20.40	18.69	1.71
48	Alaska	20.87	20.06	0.81
49	California	23.91	21.81	2.10
50	Hawaii	39.03	40.18	-1.15
	District of Columbia	16.94	15.60	1.34
	United States	12.59	12.41	0.18

West Virginia ranks 24th in price per Kwh for residential customers in 2023 (measured in cents/Kwh).

Rank	State	Cents/Kwh (2023)	Cents/Kwh (2022)	Change from 2022 to 2023 (cents)
1	Washington	10.98	10.26	0.72
2	North Dakota	11.01	10.92	0.09
3	Idaho	11.05	10.37	0.68
4	Nebraska	11.20	10.79	0.41
4	Utah	11.20	10.84	0.36
6	Wyoming	11.46	11.09	0.37
7	Louisiana	11.55	12.93	-1.38
8	Oklahoma	12.08	12.44	-0.36
9	Tennessee	12.19	12.25	-0.06
10	Arkansas	12.25	12.05	0.20
11	South Dakota	12.32	12.09	0.23
12	Montana	12.54	11.33	1.21
13	Missouri	12.58	11.74	0.84
14	Kentucky	12.65	12.91	-0.26
15	Oregon	12.73	11.42	1.31
16	North Carolina	12.93	11.62	1.31
17	Mississippi	13.23	12.41	0.82
18	Iowa	13.31	13.15	0.16
19	Kansas	13.38	13.99	-0.61
20	South Carolina	13.68	13.59	0.09
21	Georgia	13.69	13.80	-0.11
22	New Mexico	13.85	13.84	0.01
23	Arizona	14.02	13.02	1.00
24	West Virginia	14.05	13.23	0.82
25	Virginia	14.26	13.34	0.92
26	Colorado	14.30	14.19	0.11
27	Texas	14.46	13.76	0.70
28	Alabama	14.63	14.25	0.38
29	Minnesota	14.73	14.25	0.48
30	Indiana	14.94	14.59	0.35
31	Florida	15.21	13.90	1.31
32	Ohio	15.38	13.85	1.53
33	Illinois	15.71	15.65	0.06
34	Delaware	15.73	13.71	2.02
35	Maryland	16.60	14.46	2.14
36	Nevada	16.67	13.78	2.89
37	Wisconsin	16.88	15.62	1.26
38	New Jersey	17.70	16.74	0.96
39	Pennsylvania	18.10	15.94	2.16
40	Michigan	18.84	17.86	0.98
41	Vermont	20.82	19.93	0.89
42	New York	22.24	22.08	0.16
43	Alaska	23.90	23.10	0.80
44	Rhode Island	27.02	23.21	3.81
45	Maine	27.42	22.44	4.98
46	New Hampshire	28.15	25.46	2.69
47	California	29.51	25.84	3.67
48	Massachusetts	29.61	25.97	3.64
49	Connecticut	29.88	24.61	5.27
50	Hawaii	42.39	43.03	-0.64
	District of Columbia	16.45	14.18	2.27
	United States	16.00	15.04	0.96

HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA (2023)

West Virginia ranks 7th in total health care expenditures per capita and ranks 1st in total healthcare expenditures as a percentage of total income.

Rank	State	Total Per Capita	Total (Billions)	Total as % of Personal Income	Rank
1	Alaska	\$14,525	\$9.9	20.3%	5
2	New York	\$14,359	\$22.9	17.4%	17
3	Massachusetts	\$13,960	\$38.6	15.4%	39
4	North Dakota	\$13,350	\$24.8	18.5%	11
5	Delaware	\$13,218	\$6.3	19.8%	7
6	South Dakota	\$13,211	\$15.4	18.2%	13
7	West Virginia	\$13,169	\$21.3	24.9%	1
8	Connecticut	\$13,034	\$17.8	14.5%	43
9	New Jersey	\$12,809	\$181.8	15.6%	37
10	Indiana	\$12,501	\$51.3	20.4%	3
11	Vermont	\$12,417	\$35.7	18.6%	10
12	California	\$12,363	\$10.5	15.2%	40
13	Maine	\$12,305	\$51.7	18.9%	8
14	Pennsylvania	\$12,224	\$53.1	17.7%	15
15	New Hampshire	\$12,202	\$63.7	15.5%	38
16	Louisiana	\$11,940	\$103.1	20.3%	4
17	Kentucky	\$11,770	\$17.5	21.3%	2
18	Minnesota	\$11,572	\$9.2	15.9%	33
19	Nebraska	\$11,475	\$51.4	16.1%	30
20	Missouri	\$11,468	\$35.5	18.3%	12
21	Ohio	\$11,452	\$44.9	18.6%	9
22	Illinois	\$11,399	\$12.8	15.8%	34
23	Rhode Island	\$11,385	\$22.8	16.9%	23
24	Wisconsin	\$11,244	\$35.3	17.3%	18
25	Maryland	\$11,176	\$40.1	14.8%	42
26	Hawaii	\$11,118	\$33.5	16.8%	26
27	Florida	\$10,960	\$64.5	16.0%	32
28	Washington	\$10,739	\$204.0	13.3%	48
29	Montana	\$10,698	\$105.2	16.5%	28
30	Wyoming	\$10,697	\$21.0	13.0%	50
31	Oregon	\$10,631	\$65.7	15.7%	36
32	Tennessee	\$10,507	\$79.2	16.9%	22
33	Virginia	\$10,478	\$13.3	14.2%	45
34	Colorado	\$10,465	\$199.2	13.1%	49
35	Michigan	\$10,408	\$9.6	17.0%	20
36	North Carolina	\$10,405	\$77.9	16.8%	25
37	Kansas	\$10,396	\$82.7	15.7%	35
38	Oklahoma	\$10,192	\$30.7	16.8%	24
39	Georgia	\$10,143	\$364.3	16.9%	21
40	Arizona	\$10,068	\$8.2	16.1%	29
41	Iowa	\$10,019	\$116.0	16.0%	31
42	Arkansas	\$9,896	\$73.2	17.2%	19
43	Mississippi	\$9,878	\$4.9	19.9%	6
44	Alabama	\$9,770	\$8.7	18.0%	14
45	New Mexico	\$9,687	\$50.3	17.5%	16
46	Texas	\$9,544	\$52.9	14.4%	44
47	South Carolina	\$9,508	\$80.0	16.6%	27
48	Nevada	\$9,255	\$11.8	14.0%	46
49	Idaho	\$8,947	\$12.9	15.1%	41
50	Utah	\$8,654	\$21.1	13.5%	47
	District of Columbia	\$15,586	\$8.2	14.6%	
	United States	\$11,320	\$2,776.7	16.2%	

West Virginia ranks the 6th highest in annual healthcare costs per person in the United States.

Rank	State	Annual Healthcare Cost Per Person
1	Alaska	\$13,187.67
2	New York	\$13,012.33
3	Massachusetts	\$12,754.33
4	Delaware	\$12,294.33
5	Vermont	\$12,237.33
6	West Virginia	\$12,019.00
7	Connecticut	\$11,899.33
8	South Dakota	\$11,736.00
9	Maine	\$11,505.00
10	New Hampshire	\$11,359.00
11	New Jersey	\$11,265.67
12	Pennsylvania	\$11,229.33
13	Rhode Island	\$11,048.67
14	North Dakota	\$10,741.00
15	Minnesota	\$10,510.00
16	Maryland	\$10,340.33
17	Wyoming	\$10,295.67
18	Ohio	\$10,092.67
19	Nebraska	\$9,974.33
20	Indiana	\$9,913.67
21	Louisiana	\$9,796.33
22	Montana	\$9,791.33
23	Kentucky	\$9,777.67
24	California	\$9,665.33
25	Wisconsin	\$9,626.00
26	Oregon	\$9,624.67
27	Illinois	\$9,601.33
28	Hawaii	\$9,592.67
29	Michigan	\$9,523.67
30	Florida	\$9,501.00
31	Missouri	\$9,461.33
32	Iowa	\$9,264.67
33	Oklahoma	\$8,997.33
34	Washington	\$8,939.00
35	Arkansas	\$8,912.00
36	Tennessee	\$8,909.33
37	Mississippi	\$8,852.00
38	Kansas	\$8,844.67
39	Virginia	\$8,815.33
40	Alabama	\$8,788.00
41	North Carolina	\$8,607.00
42	New Mexico	\$8,505.00
43	South Carolina	\$8,362.00
44	Colorado	\$8,289.00
45	Georgia	\$8,281.67
46	Arizona	\$8,239.00
47	Nevada	\$8,118.00
48	Texas	\$8,048.33
49	Idaho	\$7,771.67
50	Utah	\$7,241.00

STATE EXPENDITURES ON ROADWAYS (2021)

West Virginia ranks 4th in total state expenditures on roadways per capita, 3rd 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	\$1,253	\$956	1	\$296	3
2	Delaware	\$1,104	\$497	6	\$607	1
3	Wyoming	\$944	\$765	2	\$179	7
4	West Virginia	\$923	\$666	3	\$257	4
5	Maine	\$766	\$452	9	\$314	2
6	South Dakota	\$758	\$655	4	\$103	21
7	North Dakota	\$649	\$600	5	\$49	43
8	Vermont	\$645	\$456	8	\$189	6
9	Oklahoma	\$597	\$420	10	\$177	8
10	Arkansas	\$576	\$463	7	\$114	16
11	Montana	\$541	\$412	13	\$129	12
12	Kentucky	\$532	\$404	14	\$128	13
13	North Carolina	\$519	\$417	12	\$103	20
14	Idaho	\$482	\$417	11	\$65	36
15	Utah	\$469	\$387	17	\$82	26
16	Kansas	\$468	\$400	15	\$68	33
17	Virginia	\$461	\$239	35	\$222	5
18	Indiana	\$453	\$293	25	\$160	9
19	Rhode Island	\$450	\$341	22	\$109	17
20	Iowa	\$450	\$378	18	\$72	32
21	Michigan	\$440	\$392	16	\$48	44
22	Nebraska	\$428	\$350	19	\$78	30
23	Texas	\$425	\$344	21	\$81	28
24	South Carolina	\$423	\$309	23	\$114	15
25	Illinois	\$414	\$348	20	\$65	35
26	Pennsylvania	\$384	\$250	33	\$134	11
27	Florida	\$371	\$306	24	\$66	34
28	Louisiana	\$365	\$258	32	\$106	18
29	Colorado	\$365	\$259	31	\$105	19
30	Connecticut	\$363	\$284	28	\$79	29
31	Oregon	\$353	\$235	36	\$118	14
32	Washington	\$346	\$261	30	\$85	24
33	New Mexico	\$333	\$287	27	\$46	45
34	Alabama	\$325	\$292	26	\$33	48
35	Mississippi	\$320	\$278	29	\$42	47
36	Minnesota	\$307	\$212	38	\$95	22
37	Wisconsin	\$297	\$247	34	\$50	42
38	Maryland	\$291	\$210	39	\$81	27
39	New York	\$284	\$210	40	\$74	31
40	Missouri	\$284	\$194	43	\$90	23
41	Massachusetts	\$276	\$142	48	\$135	10
42	Tennessee	\$268	\$206	42	\$62	39
43	New Jersey	\$261	\$217	37	\$45	46
44	Nevada	\$260	\$206	41	\$54	41
45	Georgia	\$244	\$185	44	\$60	40
46	New Hampshire	\$230	\$148	47	\$82	25
47	Ohio	\$230	\$166	45	\$64	37
48	California	\$203	\$141	49	\$62	38
49	Hawaii	\$187	\$155	46	\$33	49
50	Arizona	\$155	\$134	50	\$21	50
	Dist. of Col.	\$867	\$582		\$284	
	United States	\$357	\$270		\$88	

West Virginia ranks 1st in energy generation by coal, 44th in energy generation by gas, 12th in energy generation by petroleum, and 41st in energy generation from renewables. There is no nuclear energy generation in the state.

State	Coal		Natural Gas		Nuclear	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Alabama	13.8%	22	44.4%	20	32.7%	9
Alaska	10.9%	26	47.4%	15	0.0%	29
Arizona	10.8%	27	47.2%	16	28.2%	13
Arkansas	26.7%	13	41.9%	23	23.7%	14
California	0.1%	40	43.6%	21	8.2%	27
Colorado	32.7%	11	29.9%	32	0.0%	29
Connecticut	0.0%	41	61.4%	7 3	3.6%	7
Delaware	-0.1%	50	91.8%	1	0.0%	29
Florida	4.5%	35	75.9%	4	11.5%	25
Georgia	13.0%	24	46.5%	18	28.9%	12
Hawaii	0.0%	41	0.0%	50	0.0%	29
Idaho	0.0%	41	31.9%	30	0.0%	29
Illinois	15.3%	20	16.0%	395	4.9%	3
Indiana	45.5%	7	38.7%	26	0.0%	29
Iowa	23.5%	15	14.7%	40	0.0%	29
Kansas	27.9%	12	7.5%	43	17.6%	18
Kentucky	68.7%	3	23.9%	35	0.0%	29
Louisiana	4.9%	32	76.1%	3 1	2.5%	23
Maine	0.3%	39	31.8%	31	0.0%	29
Maryland	4.7%	34	42.6%	22	41.6%	6
Massachusetts	0.0%	41	75.0%	6	0.0%	29
Michigan	19.5%	18	44.8%	19	23.2%	15
Minnesota	22.3%	16	24.1%	34	20.8%	17
Mississippi	5.5%	30	75.6%	5 1	6.1%	20
Missouri	60.5%	4	13.9%	41	13.8%	22
Montana	43.0%	9	3.7%	47	0.0%	29
Nebraska	45.4%	8	3.6%	48	17.6%	19
Nevada	4.9%	33	58.3%	10	0.0%	29
New Hampshire	1.0%	38	25.1%	33	56.7%	1
New Jersey	0.0%	41	51.5%	13	44.1%	5
New Mexico	18.8%	19	36.2%	28	0.0%	29
New York	0.0%	41	47.1%	17	22.2%	16
North Carolina	11.2%	25	40.9%	25	33.5%	8
North Dakota	53.5%	5	6.7%	45	0.0%	29
Ohio	23.6%	14	59.1%	8 1	2.2%	24
Oklahoma	5.8%	29	50.7%	14	0.0%	29
Oregon	0.0%	41	37.9%	27	0.0%	29
Pennsylvania	5.4%	31	59.0%	9 3	1.9%	11
Rhode Island	0.0%	41	91.6%	2	0.0%	29
South Carolina	15.0%	21	23.5%	36	55.2%	2
South Dakota	9.0%	28	12.1%	42	0.0%	29
Tennessee	20.3%	17	19.3%	37	48.8%	4
Texas	13.1%	23	51.6%	12	7.4%	28
Utah	46.6%	6	35.3%	29	0.0%	29
Vermont	0.0%	41	0.1%	49	0.0%	29
Virginia	1.6%	37	55.6%	11	32.6%	10
Washington	4.0%	36	18.8%	38	8.2%	26
West Virginia	85.7%	1	7.0%	44	0.0%	29
Wisconsin	33.7%	10	41.0%	24	15.5%	21
Wyoming	71.4%	2	4.9%	46	0.0%	29
District of Columbia	0.0%		51.9%		0.0%	
United States	16.1%		38.7%		18.5%	

Renewables		Petroleum		Pumped Storage and Others	
%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
9.2%	37	0.0%	44	0.0%	38
28.6%	19	13.2%	2	-0.1%	45
13.7%	27	0.0%	39	0.1%	31
7.5%	39	0.1%	34	0.2%	26
47.9%	9	0.0%	38	0.2%	23
37.3%	14	0.1%	33	0.1%	32
3.7%	46	0.3%	13	1.1%	7
4.7%	44	0.0%	50	3.6%	1
6.7%	42	0.5%	9	0.9%	9
11.9%	31	0.2%	16	-0.4%	48
20.2%	23	77.9%	1	1.9%	6
67.7%	4	0.0%	48	0.4%	18
13.5%	28	0.0%	45	0.3%	22
12.7%	29	0.1%	23	3.1%	2
61.7%	7	0.1%	30	0.0%	40
46.9%	10	0.1%	26	0.0%	35
7.2%	40	0.1%	27	0.1%	29
3.1%	49	1.1%	5	2.4%	4
65.1%	5	0.5%	7	2.2%	5
10.0%	35	0.2%	17	0.9%	10
21.7%	22	0.5%	8	2.8%	3
10.8%	34	1.1%	4	0.6%	14
32.1%	17	0.1%	29	0.5%	15
2.7%	50	0.0%	46	0.0%	36
11.7%	32	0.2%	15	-0.1%	46
50.6%	8	1.8%	3	0.9%	11
33.4%	16	0.1%	31	0.0%	39
36.8%	15	0.0%	43	0.0%	42
16.6%	25	0.4%	10	0.3%	19
3.5%	47	0.1%	36	0.9%	12
45.0%	11	0.0%	47	0.0%	44
29.9%	18	0.3%	11	0.5%	17
14.1%	26	0.1%	35	0.2%	25
39.4%	13	0.1%	22	0.1%	28
3.8%	45	0.8%	6	0.6%	13
43.5%	12	0.0%	41	0.0%	43
62.1%	6	0.0%	49	0.0%	33
3.4%	48	0.0%	42	0.2%	24
8.1%	38	0.3%	14	0.0%	41
6.6%	43	0.1%	28	-0.4%	47
78.8%	2	0.1%	20	0.0%	36
12.2%	30	0.1%	21	-0.7%	49
27.4%	20	0.0%	37	0.5%	16
17.7%	24	0.1%	32	0.3%	20
99.7%	1	0.1%	24	0.1%	30
11.2%	33	0.1%	18	-1.1%	50
68.6%	3	0.0%	40	0.3%	21
6.9%	41	0.3%	12	0.0%	34
9.5%	36	0.1%	19	0.2%	27
22.5%	21	0.1%	25	1.0%	8
48.1%		0.0%	0.0%		
21.4%		0.4%	0.4%		

West Virginia ranks 46th for the 25-year annualized rate for housing appreciation, 43rd for the 5-year annualized rate, and 30th for the 1-year rate.

Rank	State	25-Year Annualized	5-Year Annualized	Rank	1-Year	Rank
1	Hawaii	6.6%	9.8%	23	10.4%	1
2	Florida	6.1%	11.8%	5	1.0%	49
3	Idaho	6.0%	11.8%	4	4.0%	31
4	Montana	5.9%	11.9%	2	5.8%	18
5	Maine	5.7%	12.4%	1	4.4%	28
6	Washington	5.7%	9.0%	32	3.1%	42
7	California	5.7%	7.9%	42	2.8%	43
8	Rhode Island	5.7%	11.5%	8	8.5%	2
9	Arizona	5.6%	11.1%	12	2.8%	44
10	Utah	5.5%	10.4%	15	3.5%	39
11	New Hampshire	5.4%	11.8%	3	7.2%	6
12	Vermont	5.3%	11.7%	6	3.6%	38
13	Colorado	5.3%	8.0%	41	1.7%	47
14	Oregon	5.2%	7.6%	44	1.9%	46
15	New York	5.1%	9.8%	21	7.1%	8
16	Virginia	5.1%	9.2%	31	6.0%	15
17	Massachusetts	5.1%	9.3%	30	5.8%	17
18	New Jersey	5.1%	10.9%	13	8.2%	4
19	Texas	5.0%	8.6%	37	1.4%	48
20	Wyoming	5.0%	8.8%	34	6.0%	16
21	Nevada	5.0%	8.7%	36	3.9%	33
22	Tennessee	5.0%	11.5%	9	5.4%	23
23	Maryland	4.8%	7.5%	46	3.7%	36
24	South Dakota	4.7%	9.6%	25	3.4%	40
25	South Carolina	4.7%	11.4%	10	5.7%	19
26	Pennsylvania	4.6%	8.9%	33	5.5%	22
27	North Carolina	4.6%	11.5%	7	3.3%	41
28	North Dakota	4.6%	5.9%	49	4.3%	29
29	Georgia	4.5%	11.2%	11	4.8%	26
30	Delaware	4.5%	9.4%	27	8.4%	3
31	Wisconsin	4.2%	9.9%	19	6.6%	11
32	Minnesota	4.2%	7.3%	47	3.8%	35
33	Missouri	4.2%	9.8%	20	5.7%	20
34	Alaska	4.2%	7.2%	48	6.5%	12
35	New Mexico	4.1%	9.3%	29	3.6%	37
36	Connecticut	4.1%	10.8%	14	8.2%	5
37	Oklahoma	4.1%	8.5%	38	2.4%	45
38	Kentucky	4.0%	9.5%	26	6.1%	14
39	Nebraska	4.0%	8.8%	35	3.9%	32
40	Kansas	4.0%	9.4%	28	5.7%	21
41	Arkansas	4.0%	9.9%	18	5.3%	25
42	Alabama	4.0%	9.6%	24	3.9%	34
43	Indiana	3.9%	10.0%	17	6.4%	13
44	Iowa	3.6%	7.6%	45	4.6%	27
45	Ohio	3.5%	10.1%	16	6.7%	10
46	West Virginia	3.5%	7.7%	43	4.2%	30
47	Louisiana	3.5%	4.8%	50	-0.4%	50
48	Michigan	3.5%	9.8%	22	6.9%	9
49	Mississippi	3.4%	8.5%	40	5.4%	24
50	Illinois	3.3%	8.5%	39	7.1%	7
	District of Columbia	6.9%	2.6%		-2.9%	
	United States	4.8%	9.5%		4.4%	

West Virginia ranks 2nd for home ownership rates for 2024
and 30th for percent change since 2019.

Rank	State	2024	2019	Change	Rank
1	Mississippi	78.8%	73.7%	5.1%	3
2	West Virginia	78.4%	78.1%	0.3%	30
3	New Hampshire	75.3%	75.4%	-0.1%	35
4	Vermont	75.1%	69.8%	5.3%	2
5	Wyoming	73.7%	72.1%	1.6%	18
6	Michigan	73.4%	73.3%	0.1%	33
7	Delaware	72.5%	71.9%	0.6%	27
7	South Carolina	72.5%	72.1%	0.4%	29
9	Idaho	72.2%	73.1%	-0.9%	40
10	Virginia	72.0%	67.9%	4.1%	6
11	Montana	71.8%	67.1%	4.7%	4
12	Indiana	71.4%	71.5%	-0.1%	35
13	Nebraska	71.2%	70.6%	0.6%	27
14	Minnesota	71.0%	73.4%	-2.4%	46
15	Alabama	70.7%	69.1%	1.6%	18
16	Iowa	70.5%	69.6%	0.9%	24
16	Missouri	70.5%	70.3%	0.2%	31
18	Pennsylvania	70.3%	69.5%	0.8%	26
19	Maine	70.2%	74.4%	-4.2%	49
20	Arizona	70.0%	66.9%	3.1%	9
20	South Dakota	70.0%	70.1%	-0.1%	35
22	Kentucky	69.9%	68.4%	1.5%	20
23	New Mexico	69.1%	66.3%	2.8%	11
24	Illinois	69.0%	64.4%	4.6%	5
25	Ohio	68.9%	67.9%	1.0%	23
26	Louisiana	68.0%	65.5%	2.5%	13
27	Maryland	67.9%	70.7%	-2.8%	47
28	Colorado	67.8%	64.5%	3.3%	8
29	Florida	67.7%	65.5%	2.2%	14
29	Tennessee	67.7%	69.3%	-1.6%	43
31	Kansas	67.6%	69.3%	-1.7%	44
32	Wisconsin	67.3%	65.1%	2.2%	14
33	Arkansas	67.1%	63.6%	3.5%	7
34	Oklahoma	67.0%	66.1%	0.9%	24
35	Connecticut	66.6%	66.5%	0.1%	33
36	Alaska	65.8%	63.2%	2.6%	12
36	Utah	65.8%	71.4%	-5.6%	50
38	North Dakota	65.5%	59.9%	5.6%	1
39	Washington	64.7%	62.5%	2.2%	14
40	Georgia	64.6%	65.4%	-0.8%	39
41	Texas	64.1%	63.0%	1.1%	22
42	New Jersey	63.6%	66.4%	-2.8%	48
43	North Carolina	63.5%	63.7%	-0.2%	38
44	Rhode Island	63.0%	64.7%	-1.7%	45
45	Massachusetts	62.3%	60.4%	1.9%	17
46	Oregon	61.9%	63.0%	-1.1%	41
47	Hawaii	60.9%	60.7%	0.2%	31
48	Nevada	59.6%	56.6%	3.0%	10
49	California	55.0%	56.3%	-1.3%	42
50	New York	52.9%	51.6%	1.3%	21
	District of Columbia	39.1%	40.2%	-1.1%	
	United States	65.6%	64.8%	0.8%	

MEDIAN MONTHLY HOUSING-RELATED COSTS

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

Rank	State	Median Monthly Housing Costs
1	California	\$2,111.18
2	Hawaii	\$2,058.69
3	Massachusetts	\$1,959.55
4	New Jersey	\$1,952.55
5	Maryland	\$1,818.41
6	Washington	\$1,809.08
7	Colorado	\$1,779.92
8	Connecticut	\$1,734.43
9	New Hampshire	\$1,671.45
10	New York	\$1,669.11
11	Rhode Island	\$1,613.13
12	Virginia	\$1,572.30
13	Alaska	\$1,553.64
14	Oregon	\$1,552.47
15	Nevada	\$1,512.82
16	Utah	\$1,508.15
17	Florida	\$1,419.50
18	Vermont	\$1,417.17
19	Minnesota	\$1,390.34
20	Delaware	\$1,388.01
21	Arizona	\$1,379.85
22	Illinois	\$1,372.85
23	Texas	\$1,372.85
24	Georgia	\$1,319.19
25	Idaho	\$1,216.55
26	Pennsylvania	\$1,209.55
27	North Carolina	\$1,165.23
28	Maine	\$1,164.06
29	Wisconsin	\$1,161.73
30	Nebraska	\$1,158.23
31	Wyoming	\$1,126.74
32	Michigan	\$1,122.07
33	Kansas	\$1,095.25
34	Tennessee	\$1,089.41
35	Montana	\$1,071.92
36	Missouri	\$1,067.25
37	Ohio	\$1,066.09
38	South Carolina	\$1,060.25
39	Iowa	\$1,056.76
40	Indiana	\$1,048.59
41	South Dakota	\$1,042.76
42	Louisiana	\$1,013.60
43	New Mexico	\$1,012.43
44	North Dakota	\$ 997.27
45	Oklahoma	\$ 977.44
46	Kentucky	\$ 964.61
47	Alabama	\$ 942.45
48	Arkansas	\$ 907.46
49	Mississippi	\$ 871.30
50	West Virginia	\$ 752.33

West Virginia ranks 50th in the median home price and montly mortgage payment.

Rank	State	Median Home Price	Monthly Mortgage Payment
1	Hawaii	\$837,324	\$5,004
2	California	\$743,362	\$4,442
3	Massachusetts	\$587,875	\$3,513
4	Washington	\$577,353	\$3,450
5	Colorado	\$543,143	\$3,245
6	Utah	\$510,934	\$3,053
7	Oregon	\$498,558	\$2,979
8	New Jersey	\$484,467	\$2,895
9	New Hampshire	\$446,839	\$2,670
10	Montana	\$446,602	\$2,669
11	Idaho	\$442,820	\$2,646
12	New York	\$441,462	\$2,638
13	Rhode Island	\$432,888	\$2,587
14	Arizona	\$420,494	\$2,513
15	Nevada	\$416,340	\$2,488
16	Maryland	\$405,562	\$2,423
17	Florida	\$390,856	\$2,335
18	Maine	\$383,137	\$2,289
19	Vermont	\$380,266	\$2,272
20	Connecticut	\$374,599	\$2,238
21	Virginia	\$371,623	\$2,220
22	Delaware	\$370,405	\$2,213
23	Alaska	\$351,218	\$2,098
24	Wyoming	\$338,216	\$2,021
25	Minnesota	\$331,190	\$1,979
26	North Carolina	\$320,096	\$1,912
27	Georgia	\$318,919	\$1,905
28	Tennessee	\$311,628	\$1,862
29	Texas	\$303,971	\$1,816
30	South Dakota	\$296,109	\$1,769
31	New Mexico	\$292,822	\$1,750
32	South Carolina	\$288,816	\$1,726
33	Wisconsin	\$285,037	\$1,703
34	Pennsylvania	\$255,965	\$1,529
35	Nebraska	\$254,916	\$1,523
36	North Dakota	\$251,062	\$1,500
37	Illinois	\$250,542	\$1,497
38	Missouri	\$238,055	\$1,422
39	Michigan	\$235,361	\$1,406
40	Indiana	\$231,660	\$1,384
41	Alabama	\$223,246	\$1,334
42	Ohio	\$218,667	\$1,306
43	Kansas	\$215,642	\$1,288
44	Iowa	\$211,054	\$1,261
45	Kentucky	\$200,955	\$1,200
46	Louisiana	\$200,370	\$1,197
47	Arkansas	\$199,636	\$1,193
48	Oklahoma	\$198,936	\$1,188
49	Mississippi	\$172,654	\$1,031
50	West Virginia	\$155,773	\$ 930

West Virginia ranks 16th for the percentage of those who have health insurance for 2023 and ranked 15th for 2022.

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

PERCENT OF PRIVATELY INSURED PERSONS WITH EMPLOYMENT-BASED INSURANCE (2023)

West Virginia ranks 2nd for privately insured persons with employment-based insurance in 2023 and holds the 38th highest growth rate in that metric.

Rank	State	2023	2022	Change	Rank
1	New Jersey	85.9%	85.9%	0.0%	34
2	West Virginia	85.5%	85.7%	-0.2%	38
3	Michigan	85.5%	85.0%	0.4%	17
4	Illinois	85.4%	84.9%	0.5%	16
5	Ohio	85.3%	85.2%	0.1%	28
6	Connecticut	85.1%	85.4%	-0.3%	42
7	Massachusetts	85.1%	85.0%	0.1%	32
8	Delaware	84.7%	83.8%	0.9%	4
9	Maryland	84.6%	84.7%	-0.1%	37
10	Indiana	84.3%	84.0%	0.3%	24
11	New York	84.2%	84.1%	0.1%	25
12	Kentucky	84.2%	84.2%	0.0%	35
13	Washington	83.2%	82.7%	0.4%	18
14	Nevada	83.0%	82.4%	0.6%	12
15	California	83.0%	82.3%	0.6%	9
16	Missouri	82.7%	82.1%	0.6%	10
17	Wisconsin	82.5%	82.7%	-0.2%	39
18	Pennsylvania	82.5%	82.7%	-0.3%	40
19	Utah	82.4%	82.1%	0.3%	23
20	Rhode Island	82.3%	80.1%	2.2%	1
21	New Hampshire	82.1%	82.1%	0.1%	29
22	Louisiana	82.1%	81.5%	0.6%	11
23	Minnesota	82.1%	81.6%	0.4%	19
24	Alaska	81.9%	83.3%	-1.4%	50
25	Hawaii	81.8%	81.7%	0.1%	27
26	Arizona	81.7%	80.2%	1.4%	2
27	Oregon	81.6%	81.1%	0.5%	15
28	Colorado	81.4%	81.4%	0.1%	30
29	Texas	81.3%	81.7%	-0.5%	43
30	Iowa	81.1%	81.1%	0.0%	33
31	Vermont	80.4%	79.2%	1.2%	3
32	Alabama	80.0%	80.0%	-0.1%	36
33	Georgia	80.0%	80.9%	-0.9%	47
34	New Mexico	79.9%	80.5%	-0.6%	44
35	Virginia	79.9%	80.9%	-1.0%	48
36	Oklahoma	79.6%	79.0%	0.7%	7
37	Tennessee	79.5%	79.4%	0.1%	31
38	Nebraska	79.4%	78.6%	0.8%	5
39	Kansas	79.3%	78.9%	0.3%	20
40	Maine	79.2%	78.6%	0.7%	8
41	Arkansas	78.6%	78.5%	0.1%	26
42	Idaho	78.3%	77.6%	0.7%	6
43	North Dakota	78.3%	77.7%	0.6%	14
44	North Carolina	78.0%	77.6%	0.3%	21
45	South Carolina	76.8%	77.9%	-1.1%	49
46	Mississippi	76.2%	76.9%	-0.6%	45
47	Wyoming	76.2%	76.8%	-0.6%	46
48	South Dakota	76.1%	75.7%	0.3%	22
49	Montana	74.3%	73.8%	0.6%	13
50	Florida	71.2%	71.5%	-0.3%	41
	District of Columbia	87.8%	85.8%	2.0%	
	United States	81.6%	81.5%	0.1%	

West Virginia ranks 45th for government health care spending per capita and 35th for health care spending as a rate of personal income.

Rank	State	Total Per Capita	Total (Millions)	Total as % of Personal Income	Rank
1	Wyoming	\$3,588	\$2,087	4.7%	1
2	South Carolina	\$2,223	\$11,744	4.1%	3
3	New Mexico	\$2,221	\$4,693	4.2%	2
4	Alabama	\$2,094	\$10,627	4.1%	4
5	Washington	\$2,007	\$15,623	2.7%	9
6	California	\$1,970	\$76,926	2.6%	11
7	Kansas	\$1,949	\$5,725	3.1%	7
8	Iowa	\$1,932	\$6,182	3.1%	6
9	Mississippi	\$1,799	\$5,288	3.8%	5
10	North Carolina	\$1,789	\$19,133	3.0%	8
11	Oregon	\$1,648	\$6,986	2.6%	10
12	New York	\$1,556	\$30,607	2.0%	16
13	Alaska	\$1,547	\$1,134	2.2%	14
14	Utah	\$1,487	\$5,028	2.4%	12
15	Missouri	\$1,416	\$8,745	2.4%	13
16	Texas	\$1,269	\$38,099	2.0%	15
17	Michigan	\$1,154	\$11,578	2.0%	17
18	Virginia	\$1,145	\$9,939	1.6%	24
19	Indiana	\$1,061	\$7,250	1.8%	19
20	Florida	\$1,033	\$22,977	1.6%	25
21	Pennsylvania	\$1,025	\$13,300	1.6%	26
22	Kentucky	\$1,024	\$4,620	1.9%	18
23	Georgia	\$1,010	\$11,019	1.8%	20
24	Tennessee	\$994	\$7,008	1.7%	22
25	Colorado	\$977	\$5,709	1.3%	32
26	Ohio	\$971	\$11,414	1.7%	23
27	Louisiana	\$952	\$4,367	1.7%	21
28	Wisconsin	\$945	\$5,569	1.5%	27
29	Connecticut	\$906	\$3,268	1.1%	40
30	Hawaii	\$881	\$1,268	1.4%	29
31	Minnesota	\$819	\$4,683	1.2%	36
32	Vermont	\$817	\$529	1.3%	31
33	Idaho	\$812	\$1,574	1.4%	28
34	Oklahoma	\$794	\$3,191	1.4%	30
35	Rhode Island	\$782	\$856	1.2%	33
36	Illinois	\$754	\$9,488	1.1%	37
37	Delaware	\$701	\$715	1.1%	38
38	Nevada	\$674	\$2,142	1.1%	39
39	Nebraska	\$669	\$1,317	1.0%	41
40	Arkansas	\$664	\$2,021	1.2%	34
41	Massachusetts	\$629	\$4,390	0.7%	46
42	New Jersey	\$627	\$5,805	0.8%	44
43	Maryland	\$609	\$3,752	0.9%	43
44	Montana	\$605	\$679	1.0%	42
45	West Virginia	\$596	\$1,058	1.2%	35
46	North Dakota	\$556	\$433	0.8%	45
47	Maine	\$382	\$531	0.6%	47
48	South Dakota	\$348	\$317	0.5%	49
49	Arizona	\$337	\$2,481	0.6%	48
50	New Hampshire	\$249	\$349	0.3%	50
	District of Columbia	\$1,910	\$1,281	1.9%	
	United States	\$1,247	\$415,503	1.9%	

**West Virginia ranks 4th 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	12.7	2.7	14
2	North Dakota	9.8	No Data Available	N/A
3	Mississippi	6.9	No Data Available	N/A
4	New Mexico	6.8	No Data Available	N/A
4	West Virginia	6.8	2.6	16
6	Louisiana	6.4	1.4	41
7	Arkansas	6.1	1.9	38
7	South Carolina	6.1	1.9	38
9	Nebraska	5.8	2.5	21
10	Tennessee	5.7	2.2	30
11	South Dakota	5.6	No Data Available	N/A
12	Alaska	5.1	3.1	7
13	Indiana	5.0	2.5	21
14	Montana	4.8	3.4	3
15	North Carolina	4.6	2.0	36
16	Idaho	4.4	No Data Available	N/A
16	Missouri	4.4	2.6	16
18	Georgia	4.3	No Data Available	N/A
18	Nevada	4.3	3.3	6
18	Texas	4.3	1.8	40
18	Wisconsin	4.3	2.8	11
22	Oklahoma	4.0	2.4	N/A
23	Kentucky	3.9	2.8	11
24	Kansas	3.8	2.5	21
24	Maine	3.8	4.2	1
26	Delaware	3.7	2.2	30
27	Alabama	3.6	2.0	36
27	Iowa	3.6	3.1	7
27	Utah	3.6	2.5	21
27	Vermont	3.6	4.0	2
31	Hawaii	3.5	3.1	7
32	Virginia	3.4	2.1	34
33	Arizona	3.2	2.4	25
33	Michigan	3.2	2.6	16
35	Colorado	3.1	2.7	14
35	Florida	3.1	No Data Available	N/A
35	Pennsylvania	3.1	2.6	16
38	Illinois	3.0	2.4	25
38	Ohio	3.0	2.2	30
40	California	2.9	3.0	10
40	New York	2.9	2.1	34
40	Washington	2.9	3.4	3
43	Maryland	2.8	2.3	28
43	Minnesota	2.8	2.8	11
43	New Hampshire	2.8	No Data Available	N/A
43	Oregon	2.8	3.4	3
47	New Jersey	2.7	2.3	28
48	Massachusetts	2.4	2.2	30
49	Connecticut	2.0	2.6	16
50	Rhode Island	1.4	No Data Available	N/A
	District of Columbia	4.4	1.2	
	United States	3.6	2.4	

West Virginia has a high percentage 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	76		Rep
Alaska	9	11		15	20	5	Rep
Arizona	13	17		27	33		Dem
Arkansas	6	29		19	81		Rep
California	30	10		60	20		Dem
Colorado	23	12		44	21		Dem
Connecticut	25	11		101	50		Dem
Delaware	15	6		27	14		Dem
Florida	12	28		35	85		Rep
Georgia	23	33		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	15	35		33	67		Rep
Kansas	9	31		37	88		Dem
Kentucky	7	30	1	20	80		Dem
Louisiana	11	28		32	73		Rep
Maine	20	15		76	73	2	Dem
Maryland	34	13		102	39		Dem
Massachusetts	35	5		134	25	1	Dem
Michigan	20	18		52	58		Dem
Minnesota	34	33		67	67		Dem
Mississippi	16	36		41	79	2	Rep
Missouri	10	24		53	110		Rep
Montana	18	32		41	59		Rep
Nebraska			49	Unicameral/Nonpartisan			Rep
Nevada	13	8		27	15		Rep
New Hampshire	8	16		179	221		Rep
New Jersey	25	15		52	28		Dem
New Mexico	26	16		44	26		Dem
New York	41	22		103	47		Dem
North Carolina	19	31		49	71		Dem
North Dakota	5	42		10	84		Rep
Ohio	9	24		34	65		Rep
Oklahoma	8	40		22	79		Rep
Oregon	18	12		35	25		Dem
Pennsylvania	22	28		102	101		Dem
Rhode Island	34	4		64	10	1	Dem
South Carolina	12	34		36	88		Rep
South Dakota	3	32		6	64		Rep
Tennessee	6	27		24	75		Rep
Texas	11	20		62	88		Rep
Utah	6	23		14	61		Rep
Vermont	16	13	1	84	59	7	Rep
Virginia	21	19		51	49		Rep
Washington	30	19		59	39		Dem
West Virginia	2	32		9	91		Rep
Wisconsin	15	18		45	54		Dem
Wyoming	2	29		6	56		Rep

np = nonpartisan; v = vacant

PER CAPITA / HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY (2023)

West Virginia has a median household income of \$57,917, with Jefferson County ranking the highest and 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	\$44,503	\$95,523	1	9.0%	1
2	Pleasants	\$40,318	\$61,038	12	14.5%	14
3	Monongalia	\$40,258	\$62,704	7	18.3%	33
4	Putnam	\$40,046	\$77,871	2	10.3%	2
5	Ohio	\$38,225	\$57,867	19	14.5%	14
6	Berkeley	\$37,533	\$77,329	3	11.3%	4
7	Mineral	\$36,399	\$68,049	4	13.9%	7
8	Kanawha	\$36,168	\$58,887	16	15.6%	19
9	Hancock	\$35,452	\$61,017	13	14.1%	9
10	Jackson	\$35,107	\$55,671	23	14.8%	17
11	Tucker	\$34,982	\$53,475	28	17.6%	26
12	Morgan	\$34,803	\$63,805	6	10.7%	3
13	Marshall	\$34,639	\$60,329	14	15.1%	18
14	Harrison	\$34,054	\$58,326	17	14.4%	13
15	Marion	\$33,719	\$67,537	5	14.7%	16
16	Wood	\$33,324	\$56,193	21	13.7%	5
17	Doddridge	\$32,472	\$61,164	11	18.9%	35
18	Cabell	\$32,399	\$52,828	31	19.8%	44
19	Brooke	\$32,157	\$52,116	34	14.1%	9
20	Wayne	\$32,003	\$55,539	24	18.2%	30
21	Tyler	\$31,842	\$58,293	18	19.0%	37
22	Greenbrier	\$31,699	\$48,662	41	18.2%	30
23	Mason	\$31,615	\$53,454	29	18.0%	29
24	Taylor	\$31,241	\$56,807	20	14.1%	9
25	Hampshire	\$31,143	\$60,299	15	14.2%	12
26	Grant	\$31,018	\$61,530	9	16.6%	22
27	Lewis	\$31,004	\$52,279	33	16.4%	20
28	Upshur	\$30,616	\$51,859	36	18.3%	33
29	Hardy	\$29,876	\$49,302	39	13.8%	6
30	Nicholas	\$29,257	\$49,280	40	19.3%	39
31	Pendleton	\$28,783	\$61,738	8	13.9%	7
32	Logan	\$28,762	\$47,237	46	19.4%	40
33	Raleigh	\$28,661	\$52,055	35	18.2%	30
34	Preston	\$28,645	\$61,373	10	17.3%	24
35	Wetzel	\$28,398	\$53,341	30	17.4%	25
36	Randolph	\$28,277	\$55,057	25	18.9%	35
37	Mercer	\$28,201	\$47,799	45	19.7%	42
38	Monroe	\$27,648	\$54,508	27	16.4%	20
39	Fayette	\$27,091	\$52,672	32	16.7%	23
40	Boone	\$26,984	\$56,152	22	20.8%	46
41	Wirt	\$26,792	\$54,688	26	17.7%	27
42	Roane	\$26,492	\$45,194	47	19.6%	41
43	Ritchie	\$26,336	\$50,256	38	17.7%	27
44	Barbour	\$26,055	\$48,347	43	20.0%	45
45	Lincoln	\$26,046	\$48,593	42	21.7%	49
46	Summers	\$25,384	\$42,544	50	22.6%	50
47	Wyoming	\$24,665	\$48,038	44	21.5%	48
48	Calhoun	\$24,520	\$41,421	52	21.3%	47
49	Clay	\$23,748	\$42,790	49	23.5%	51
50	Pocahontas	\$23,387	\$41,200	53	19.2%	38
51	Braxton	\$23,349	\$44,449	48	19.7%	42
52	Webster	\$23,343	\$42,061	51	26.3%	52
53	Mingo	\$22,073	\$39,527	54	28.8%	54
54	Gilmer	\$20,325	\$50,991	37	26.4%	53
55	McDowell	\$16,599	\$29,980	55	36.2%	55
	West Virginia	\$32,949	\$57,917		16.7%	
	United States	\$43,289	\$78,538		11.1%	

West Virginia had an overall decline in population from 2020 to 2024. Only seven counties saw their population increase, with Berkeley County having the highest growth. McDowell County had the largest decline on a percentage basis, losing over 10% of its 2020 population in those four years.

Population	County	July 2024	April 2020	% Change	Rank
1	Kanawha	173,906	180,745	-3.8%	38
2	Berkeley	136,287	122,076	11.6%	1
3	Monongalia	108,697	105,822	2.7%	5
4	Cabell	91,489	94,350	-3.0%	26
5	Wood	82,757	84,296	-1.8%	17
6	Raleigh	72,379	74,591	-3.0%	25
7	Harrison	64,472	65,921	-2.2%	18
8	Jefferson	61,264	57,701	6.2%	2
9	Mercer	57,524	59,664	-3.6%	37
10	Putnam	57,067	57,441	-0.7%	13
11	Marion	55,649	56,205	-1.0%	15
12	Ohio	41,090	42,425	-3.1%	27
13	Fayette	38,600	40,488	-4.7%	43
14	Wayne	37,589	38,982	-3.6%	35
15	Preston	34,055	34,216	-0.5%	10
16	Greenbrier	31,851	32,977	-3.4%	32
17	Logan	30,560	32,567	-6.2%	52
18	Marshall	29,354	30,591	-4.0%	41
19	Hancock	28,054	29,095	-3.6%	36
20	Jackson	27,718	27,791	-0.3%	9
21	Randolph	27,190	27,932	-2.7%	21
22	Mineral	26,778	26,938	-0.6%	11
23	Mason	24,770	25,453	-2.7%	22
24	Nicholas	24,017	24,604	-2.4%	19
25	Hampshire	23,793	23,093	3.0%	4
26	Upshur	23,650	23,816	-0.7%	14
27	Mingo	21,712	23,568	-7.9%	54
28	Brooke	21,285	22,559	-5.6%	48
29	Boone	20,496	21,809	-6.0%	51
30	Wyoming	19,964	21,382	-6.6%	53
31	Lincoln	19,377	20,463	-5.3%	47
32	Morgan	17,780	17,063	4.2%	3
33	McDowell	17,147	19,111	-10.3%	55
34	Lewis	16,477	17,033	-3.3%	31
35	Taylor	16,438	16,705	-1.6%	16
36	Barbour	15,369	15,465	-0.6%	12
37	Hardy	14,335	14,299	0.3%	7
38	Wetzel	13,766	14,442	-4.7%	44
39	Roane	13,540	14,028	-3.5%	34
40	Monroe	12,462	12,376	0.7%	6
41	Braxton	12,051	12,447	-3.2%	28
42	Summers	11,544	11,959	-3.5%	33
43	Grant	10,971	10,976	0.0%	8
44	Ritchie	8,170	8,444	-3.2%	30
45	Webster	7,947	8,378	-5.1%	45
46	Tyler	7,843	8,313	-5.7%	49
47	Clay	7,689	8,051	-4.5%	42
48	Pocahontas	7,653	7,869	-2.7%	23
49	Doddridge	7,615	7,808	-2.5%	20
50	Pleasants	7,358	7,653	-3.9%	39
51	Gilmer	7,116	7,408	-3.9%	40
52	Tucker	6,573	6,762	-2.8%	24
53	Pendleton	5,944	6,143	-3.2%	29
54	Calhoun	5,873	6,229	-5.7%	50
55	Wirt	4,924	5,194	-5.2%	46
West Virginia		1,769,979	1,793,713	-1.3%	
United States		340,110,988	331,449,281	2.6%	

WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

West Virginia dropped back to 50th in workforce participation after ranking 49th in 2023.

Rank	State	2024	2023	Rank	2022	Rank
48	Alabama	57.5%	57.2%	47	56.9%	47
18	Alaska	64.6%	65.1%	11	64.8%	14
35	Arizona	61.5%	62.1%	31	61.5%	33
44	Arkansas	58.2%	57.5%	44	57.3%	45
31	California	62.1%	62.0%	32	61.8%	28
6	Colorado	68.0%	68.4%	4	68.2%	5
17	Connecticut	64.8%	64.2%	19	65.2%	11
40	Delaware	59.6%	60.9%	38	60.7%	36
42	Florida	58.5%	59.6%	41	59.1%	41
34	Georgia	61.6%	61.6%	35	61.6%	31
39	Hawaii	59.9%	60.2%	39	59.9%	40
21	Idaho	64.0%	62.8%	27	62.9%	24
15	Illinois	65.0%	64.2%	19	64.1%	16
22	Indiana	63.5%	63.3%	23	63.2%	23
8	Iowa	67.0%	67.7%	7	68.0%	7
7	Kansas	67.1%	66.6%	8	66.5%	8
45	Kentucky	58.1%	57.1%	48	57.6%	44
43	Louisiana	58.3%	58.6%	43	58.4%	43
38	Maine	60.1%	59.2%	42	59.1%	41
13	Maryland	65.4%	65.1%	11	64.8%	14
9	Massachusetts	66.3%	65.1%	11	65.2%	11
33	Michigan	61.8%	61.9%	33	60.4%	37
5	Minnesota	68.1%	68.4%	4	68.2%	5
49	Mississippi	55.3%	54.0%	50	54.9%	49
25	Missouri	63.3%	63.1%	24	62.4%	27
26	Montana	63.1%	63.1%	24	62.9%	24
2	Nebraska	68.9%	69.1%	3	69.3%	1
27	Nevada	62.8%	62.7%	28	61.6%	31
12	New Hampshire	65.6%	65.1%	11	65.6%	9
20	New Jersey	64.3%	64.9%	15	64.0%	18
47	New Mexico	57.6%	57.3%	46	56.5%	48
36	New York	60.9%	61.1%	36	60.2%	39
37	North Carolina	60.3%	61.0%	37	61.1%	35
1	North Dakota	69.4%	69.2%	2	69.0%	2
30	Ohio	62.3%	61.8%	34	61.5%	33
27	Oklahoma	62.8%	62.9%	26	61.8%	28
29	Oregon	62.7%	62.4%	29	62.5%	26
31	Pennsylvania	62.1%	62.2%	30	61.8%	28
19	Rhode Island	64.4%	63.6%	22	63.6%	21
46	South Carolina	58.0%	57.4%	45	57.1%	46
4	South Dakota	68.6%	68.2%	6	68.4%	4
40	Tennessee	59.6%	59.8%	40	60.4%	37
16	Texas	64.9%	64.5%	17	64.1%	16
3	Utah	68.8%	69.5%	1	68.8%	3
14	Vermont	65.3%	64.7%	16	63.6%	21
10	Virginia	65.9%	66.4%	9	65.0%	13
22	Washington	63.5%	64.3%	18	64.0%	18
50	West Virginia	54.8%	54.9%	49	54.4%	50
10	Wisconsin	65.9%	65.8%	10	65.5%	10
22	Wyoming	63.5%	63.9%	21	64.0%	18
	District of Columbia	72.4%	71.7%		70.9%	
	United States	62.5%	62.6%		62.2%	

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Roadmap for West Virginia's Success:

Employers have choices about where to locate, invest and grow. A business climate that provides reasonable taxes and regulations, a legal system that is fair and a reliable workforce is important to many employers.

Assuring a competitive West Virginia is essential for job creation in the 21st Century.

Our **21st Century Competitiveness Agenda** is a comprehensive roadmap designed to address the state's most pressing challenges and harness its unique strengths. This initiative focuses on key areas essential for the state's success and aims to create a thriving environment for businesses while ensuring that all West Virginians have access to quality education, health care and economic opportunities.

- Excellence in K-12 Education
- Build a Strong Workforce and Talent Pipeline
- Competitive Business Climate
- Support Manufacturers' Needs
- Enhance Health and Wellness
- Fair Legal Landscape and Judiciary System
- Promote Quality of Life and Public Safety
- Support Economic Development
- "All-of-the-above" Energy Approach
- Advance Small Business Opportunities
- Foster Technological Advancement
- Leverage Travel and Tourism Assets

The development of this agenda is rooted in a decade-long exploration of competitive strategies employed by successful states. The Chamber's approach has been informed by feedback from members and insights from national experts who provided data-driven strategies that have guided this initiative.

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West Virginia Chamber Success Stories for an Improved Business Climate:

WORKER'S COMP SYSTEM

- Led the privatization of the state's workers' compensation system

RIGHT TO WORK

- Made WV the 26th state to adopt Right To Work

REGULATORY REFORMS

- Led efforts for regulatory reforms that promote fairness and efficiency

BUSINESS TAX REDUCTIONS

- Eliminated the Business Franchise Tax, Lowered Corporate Net Income Tax

INSURANCE & LEGAL REFORMS

- Helped enact the gold standard of legal reform to ensure WV's laws are in line with other states and jurisdictions

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CRISIS

- Championed the 2001 & 2003 medical malpractice reforms that ended the doctor crisis

BURDENSOME LABOR-BACK MEASURES

- Stoppage of onerous labor-backed measures (captive communications, public employee collective bargaining)

TAX RELIEF FOR TECH

- Tax relief for the technology services industry

PEIA REFORM

- Passage of PEIA Reform to ensure solvency of plan & reduce cost shift to private insurance

CHILDCARE TAX CREDIT: WORKFORCE & JOBS

- Passage of childcare tax credit legislation for employers starting new childcare facilities

TAX RELIEF FOR ALL

- Championed legislation that's leading to a phase-out of the state income tax

TAX REFORM: PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES

- Championed S.A.L.T. Tax credit to help small businesses and pass-through entities

MODERATE WV SUPREME COURT

- Electing a rule-of-law WV Supreme Court

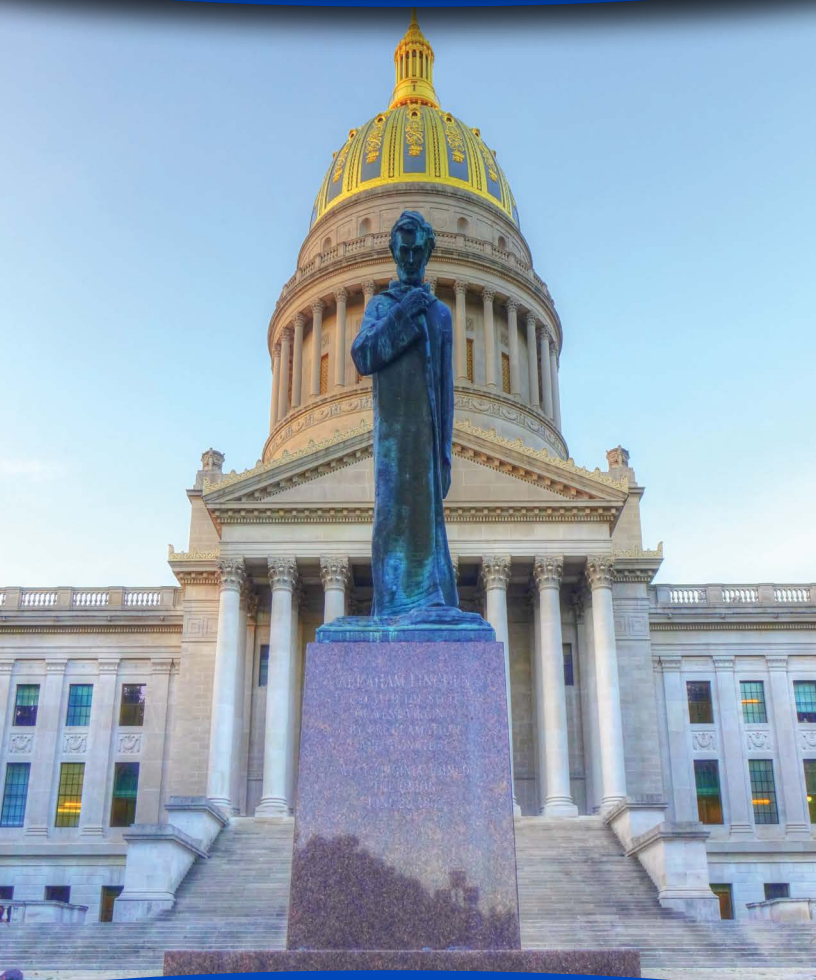
MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION REFORM

- Passed legislation to ensure small businesses and individuals can't be annexed without their consent

\$100 MILLION IN SAVINGS

- Insurance reforms amounting to \$100 million in savings

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