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## PREFACE

The following report prepared by WORKFORCE West Virginia, Research, Information, and Analysis details economic indicators for West Virginia for calendar years 2000 through 2006. The data found in this report include an economic snapshot of five Metropolitan Statistical Areas and seven Workforce Investment Areas as well, in order to assist both state and local economic planners. Additional economic data are readily available and can be acquired by visiting [www.wvbep.org/bep/lmi](http://www.wvbep.org/bep/lmi) or by contacting Research, Information, and Analysis at 304-558-2660.

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In West Virginia, 2006 was the year to set and break records related to the state's economy. The average unemployment rate of 4.9 percent was the lowest average annual unemployment rate on record. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also registered 4.9 percent, and was also the lowest average rate as far as seasonally adjusted rates go.

The average civilian labor force stood at 807,000, the highest since the year 2000.

West Virginia's total nonfarm payroll employment averaged 755,900 in 2006, the highest on record. This was an increase of 1.3 percent over the 2005 average of 746,500. In 2006, the goods-producing sector added approximately 3,000 jobs, while the service-providing sector added approximately 6,000 jobs.

The record-setting year of 2006 saw government make up just over 19 percent of the state's total nonfarm payroll employment, followed closely by trade, transportation, and utilities at 18.8 percent. Actual state government, exclusive of state higher education employment, comprised just 2.9 percent of total nonfarm employment in the state. Employment in educational and health services ranked third, making up 15 percent of the state's total nonfarm payroll employment.

In 2006, most of the state's 55 counties reported an average unemployment rate higher than the state rate. The five highest rates belonged to Brooke (7.4), Hancock (7.7), McDowell (7.8), Pocahontas (7.8), and Wetzel (8.2). Roughly one-third of the counties reported an average unemployment rate lower than the state rate. Four counties, Hardy (3.9), Hampshire (3.9), Monongalia (3.4), and Jefferson (3.3), recorded unemployment rates less than 4.0 percent.

Three of the seven Workforce Investment Areas had average unemployment rates higher than the state rate. WIA 5 had the highest average unemployment rate in 2006 at 6.4 percent, followed by WIA 1 and WIA 4, both at

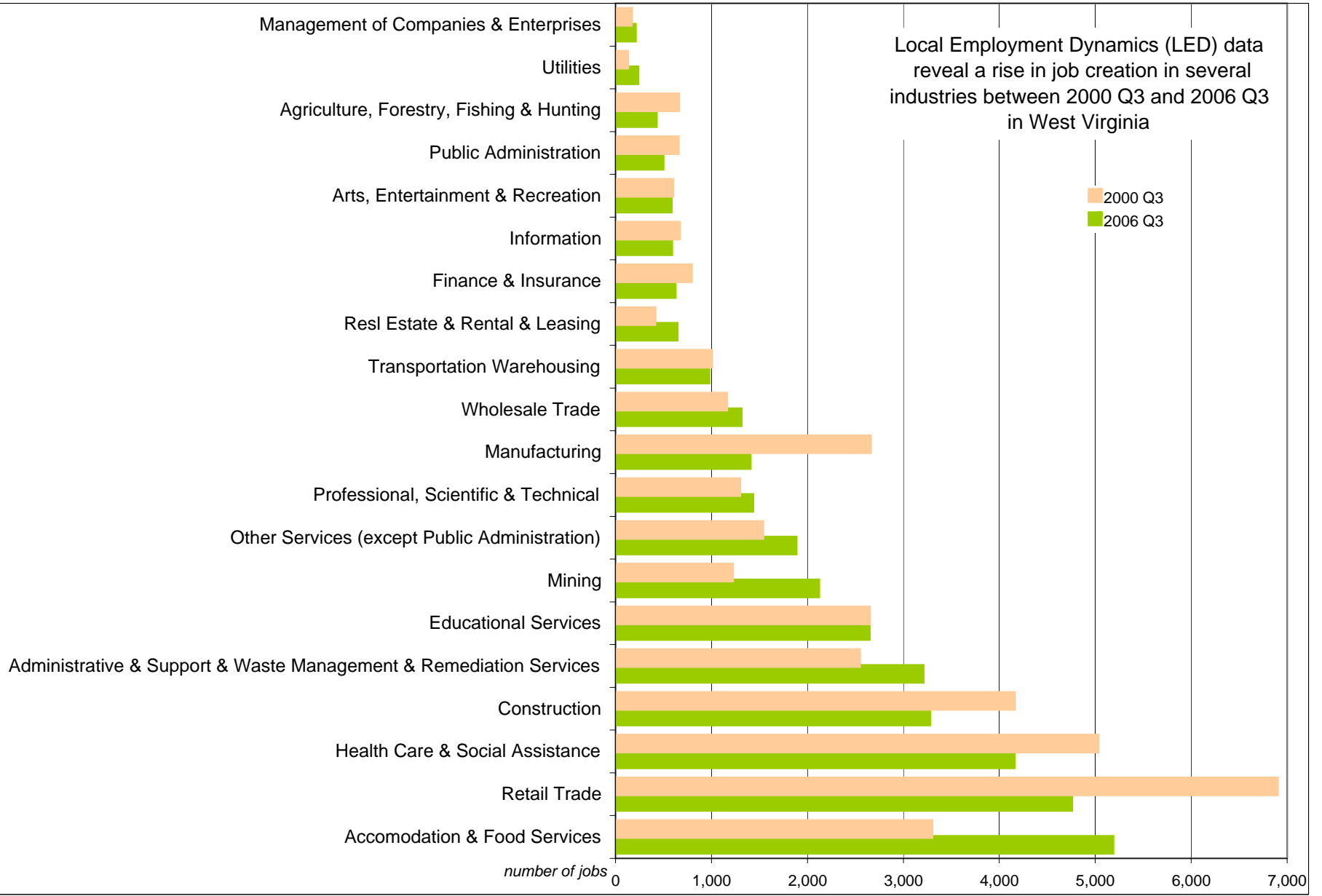
5.5 percent. The remaining Workforce Investment Areas ranked as follows: WIA 2 (4.8), WIA 6 (4.5), WIA 3 (4.4), and WIA 7 (4.2).

The average West Virginia worker earned \$32,724 in 2006, up \$1,380 or 4.4 percent from 2005. The average United States worker earned \$42,521, up \$1,840 or 4.5 percent from the previous year. Despite the fact that the wage growth rate for the state was comparable to that of the nation, West Virginia wages continue to languish well below the national average.

| <b>Economic Indicators for West Virginia 2000 - 2006</b> |   |             |                     |
|--|---|-------------|---------------------|
|  | <b>2000</b>                                     | <b>2006</b> | <b>% change</b>     |
| <b>Establishment-based Employment Growth</b>             |   |             |                     |
| United States  | 129,877,063                                     | 133,833,839 | 3.0%                |
| West Virginia  | 686,664   | 705,281     | 2.7%                |
| <b>Average Wages</b>                                     |   |             |                     |
| United States  | \$41,994  | \$48,451    | 2.6%                |
| West Virginia  | \$29,696  | \$35,039    | 3.0%                |
| <b>Wage Growth</b>                                       |   |             |                     |
| United States  | \$29,162  | \$34,860    | 19.5%               |
| West Virginia  | \$26,890  | \$32,724    | 21.7%               |
| <b>Gross State Product per Employee (per capita)</b>     |   |             |                     |
| United States  | -   | \$37,714    | -                   |
| West Virginia  | -   | \$24,748    | -                   |
| <b>Per Capita Income</b>                                 |   |             |                     |
| United States  | \$29,843  | \$36,629    | 22.7%               |
| West Virginia  | \$21,898  | \$28,067    | 28.1%               |
| <b>Top 10 Industry Wages in West Virginia 2006</b>       |   |             | <b>Weekly Wages</b> |
| 1  | Securities, Commodity Contracts, Investors      |             | \$1,690             |
| 2  | Electric Power Generation                       |             | \$1,418             |
| 3  | Chemical Manufacturing                          |             | \$1,361             |
| 4  | Pipeline Transportation                         |             | \$1,295             |
| 5  | Coal Mining                                     |             | \$1,246             |
| 6  | Computer System Design and Related Services     |             | \$1,158             |
| 7  | Natural Gas Distribution                        |             | \$1,155             |
| 8  | Petroleum Refineries                            |             | \$1,152             |
| 9  | Federal Government                              |             | \$1,138             |
| 10   | Power and Communications Systems (Construction) |             | \$1,085             |

This table indicates the percent change of various economic indicators between 2000 and 2006. West Virginia fared well in comparison with the United States, surpassing the nation in growth of average wages, overall wage growth and increase in per capita income.

Local Employment Dynamics (LED) data reveal a rise in job creation in several industries between 2000 Q3 and 2006 Q3 in West Virginia



## **West Virginia's Metropolitan Statistical Areas**

Tables on the following pages display civilian labor force and nonfarm payroll data for Charleston, Huntington-Ashland, Morgantown, Parkersburg-Marietta, and Wheeling Metropolitan Statistical Areas for the years 2000 through 2006. Graphics illustrate the changes occurring over those years in each of the MSAs.



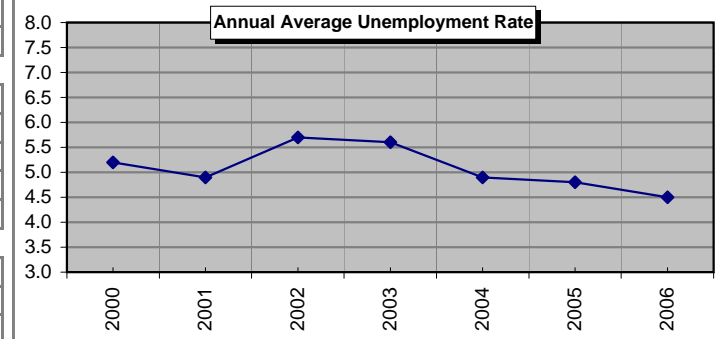
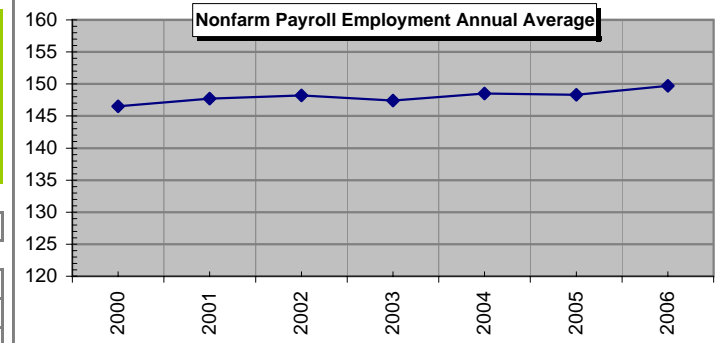
# Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

|   | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 145.1 | 142.9 | 141.4 | 138.7 | 138.0 | 138.3 | 139.6 |
| Total Employment                                    | 137.5 | 135.9 | 133.4 | 131.0 | 131.2 | 131.6 | 133.3 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 7.6   | 7.0   | 8.0   | 7.7   | 6.8   | 6.7   | 6.3   |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 5.2   | 4.9   | 5.7   | 5.6   | 4.9   | 4.8   | 4.5   |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 146.5 | 147.7 | 148.2 | 147.4 | 148.5 | 148.3 | 149.7 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 119.9 | 121.1 | 121.3 | 119.4 | 120.5 | 120.2 | 121.9 |
| Total Private                                       | 22.0  | 22.6  | 21.9  | 21.2  | 22.2  | 22.0  | 22.6  |
| Natural Resources and Mining and Construction       | 12.7  | 13.6  | 13.3  | 13.4  | 14.8  | 15.3  | 16.3  |
| Manufacturing                                       | 9.3   | 9.0   | 8.6   | 7.8   | 7.4   | 6.7   | 6.4   |
| Service Providing                                   | 124.5 | 125.2 | 126.3 | 126.2 | 126.3 | 126.3 | 127.1 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 97.9  | 98.6  | 99.3  | 98.2  | 98.3  | 98.3  | 99.3  |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities                 | 29.0  | 28.5  | 28.3  | 28.5  | 28.8  | 28.8  | 28.9  |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 6.0   | 6.1   | 6.0   | 5.9   | 5.9   | 6.0   | 6.1   |
| Retail Trade  | 16.9  | 16.3  | 16.1  | 16.4  | 16.6  | 16.3  | 16.3  |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 6.0   | 6.2   | 6.3   | 6.2   | 6.3   | 6.5   | 6.5   |
| Information   | 4.1   | 3.9   | 3.6   | 3.4   | 3.2   | 3.0   | 2.8   |
| Financial Activities                                | 8.4   | 8.4   | 8.7   | 8.6   | 8.1   | 7.7   | 8.2   |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 15.7  | 15.3  | 14.7  | 14.0  | 14.0  | 14.0  | 14.4  |
| Education and Health Services                       | 18.0  | 19.3  | 20.4  | 20.0  | 20.7  | 20.8  | 20.9  |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 11.5  | 11.5  | 11.7  | 12.1  | 12.0  | 12.2  | 12.3  |
| Other Services                                      | 11.4  | 11.7  | 11.9  | 11.6  | 11.7  | 11.8  | 11.8  |
| Total Government                                    | 26.6  | 26.6  | 27.0  | 28.0  | 28.0  | 28.1  | 27.7  |
| Federal   | 2.8   | 2.8   | 2.8   | 2.8   | 2.7   | 2.7   | 2.7   |
| State   | 11.4  | 11.5  | 11.8  | 12.3  | 12.3  | 12.3  | 11.7  |
| Local   | 12.4  | 12.3  | 12.3  | 12.9  | 12.9  | 13.1  | 13.4  |

**Area:** Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln and Putnam counties in West Virginia

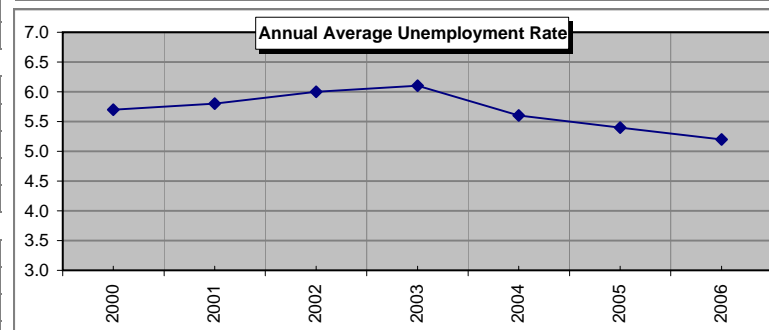
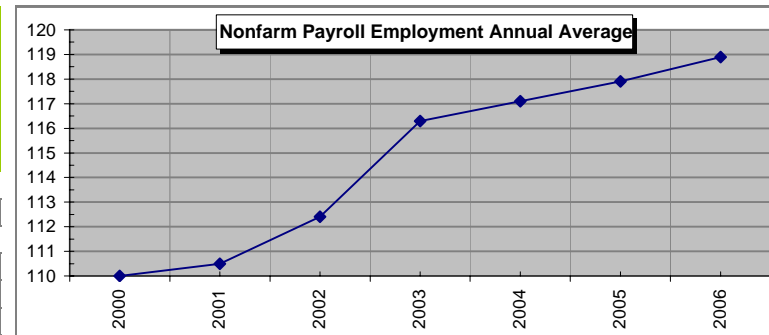
**Total Population July 1, 2006:** 305,526  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census):** 248,510  
**Labor Force Participation Rate 2006:** 56.9%  
**Per Capita Personal Income 2005:** \$ 30,703

Benchmark 2006



# Huntington-Ashland Metropolitan Statistical Area

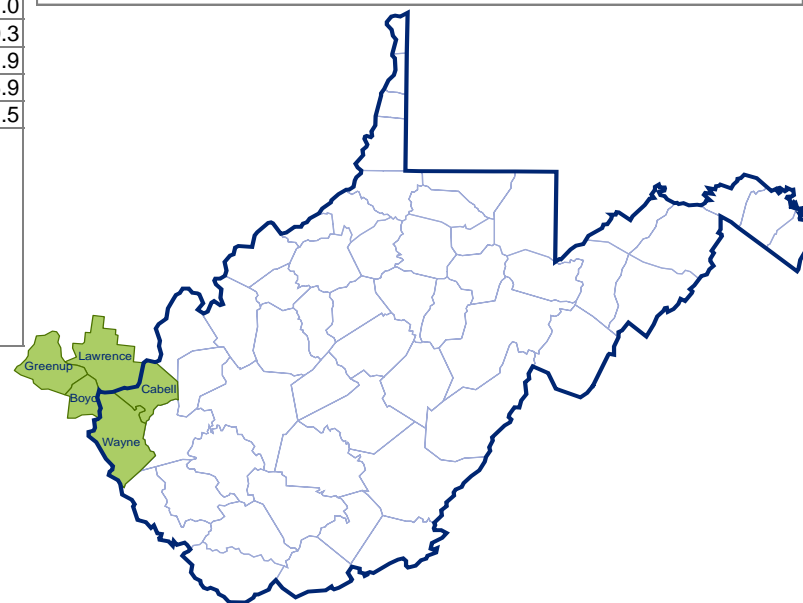
|   | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 125.8 | 125.0 | 126.2 | 129.8 | 130.0 | 130.6 | 132.4 |
| Total Employment                                    | 118.6 | 117.8 | 118.6 | 121.9 | 122.7 | 123.6 | 125.6 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 7.2   | 7.2   | 7.6   | 7.9   | 7.3   | 7.1   | 6.9   |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 5.7   | 5.8   | 6.0   | 6.1   | 5.6   | 5.4   | 5.2   |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 110.0 | 110.5 | 112.4 | 116.3 | 117.1 | 117.9 | 118.9 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 90.5  | 90.8  | 92.7  | 96.8  | 97.2  | 97.9  | 98.6  |
| Total Private                                       | 19.1  | 17.4  | 16.1  | 16.3  | 16.1  | 16.4  | 16.3  |
| Manufacturing                                       | 11.9  | 11.2  | 10.5  | 9.7   | 9.7   | 9.8   | 9.9   |
| Service Providing                                   | 90.9  | 93.1  | 96.3  | 100.0 | 101.0 | 101.5 | 102.6 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 71.3  | 73.4  | 76.6  | 80.5  | 81.1  | 81.5  | 82.3  |
| Education and Health Services                       | 18.6  | 19.2  | 20.3  | 20.1  | 20.4  | 21.4  | 22.3  |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 10.3  | 9.9   | 10.3  | 10.4  | 10.6  | 10.9  | 11.0  |
| Total Government                                    | 19.6  | 19.8  | 19.7  | 19.5  | 19.9  | 20.0  | 20.3  |
| Federal   | 2.8   | 2.9   | 2.8   | 2.9   | 2.9   | 2.9   | 2.9   |
| State   | 5.0   | 5.2   | 5.2   | 5.1   | 5.3   | 5.5   | 5.9   |
| Local   | 11.7  | 11.7  | 11.7  | 11.6  | 11.7  | 11.6  | 11.5  |



**Area:** Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia; Lawrence County in Ohio; Greenup and Boyd counties in Kentucky

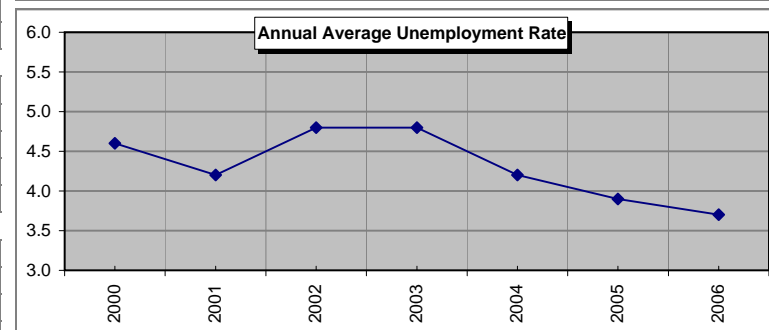
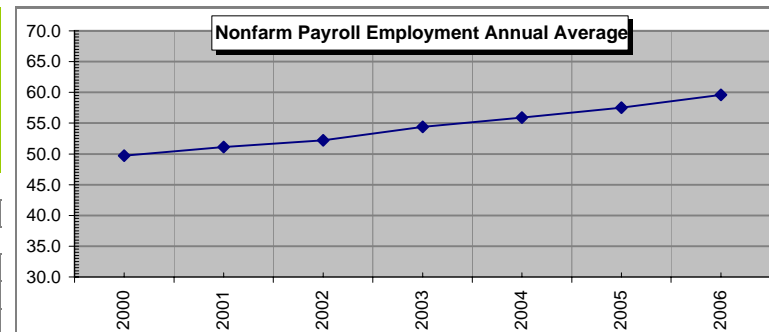
**Total Population July 1, 2006:** 285,475  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census):** 232,229  
**Labor Force Participation Rate 2006:** 56.4%  
**Per Capita Personal Income 2005:** \$25,701

Benchmark 2006



# Morgantown Metropolitan Statistical Area

|   | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 54.6 | 54.9 | 55.1 | 56.6 | 57.3 | 58.7 | 60.9 |
| Total Employment                                    | 52.1 | 52.6 | 52.5 | 53.9 | 54.9 | 56.5 | 58.7 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 2.5  | 2.3  | 2.7  | 2.7  | 2.4  | 2.3  | 2.2  |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 4.6  | 4.2  | 4.8  | 4.8  | 4.2  | 3.9  | 3.7  |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 49.7 | 51.1 | 52.2 | 54.4 | 55.9 | 57.5 | 59.6 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 36.4 | 37.6 | 38.3 | 38.8 | 40.3 | 41.4 | 43.0 |
| Total Private                                       | 6.4  | 6.3  | 6.4  | 6.7  | 6.9  | 7.2  | 7.6  |
| Manufacturing                                       | 3.5  | 3.3  | 3.4  | 3.5  | 3.6  | 3.8  | 3.9  |
| Service Providing                                   | 43.3 | 44.8 | 45.8 | 47.7 | 49.0 | 50.3 | 52.0 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 30.0 | 31.3 | 31.9 | 32.1 | 33.4 | 34.2 | 35.5 |
| Retail Trade  | 5.6  | 5.5  | 5.6  | 5.7  | 5.9  | 6.3  | 6.6  |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 3.5  | 4.0  | 4.1  | 4.4  | 4.7  | 4.4  | 4.3  |
| Education and Health Services                       | 9.4  | 10.0 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 11.6 |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 4.3  | 4.5  | 4.5  | 4.6  | 5.0  | 5.2  | 5.7  |
| Total Government                                    | 13.3 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 16.1 | 16.5 |
| Federal   | 1.6  | 1.6  | 1.6  | 1.5  | 1.6  | 1.8  | 1.8  |
| State   | 7.9  | 8.3  | 8.5  | 10.2 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.7 |
| Local   | 3.7  | 3.8  | 3.8  | 3.9  | 4.0  | 4.0  | 4.0  |

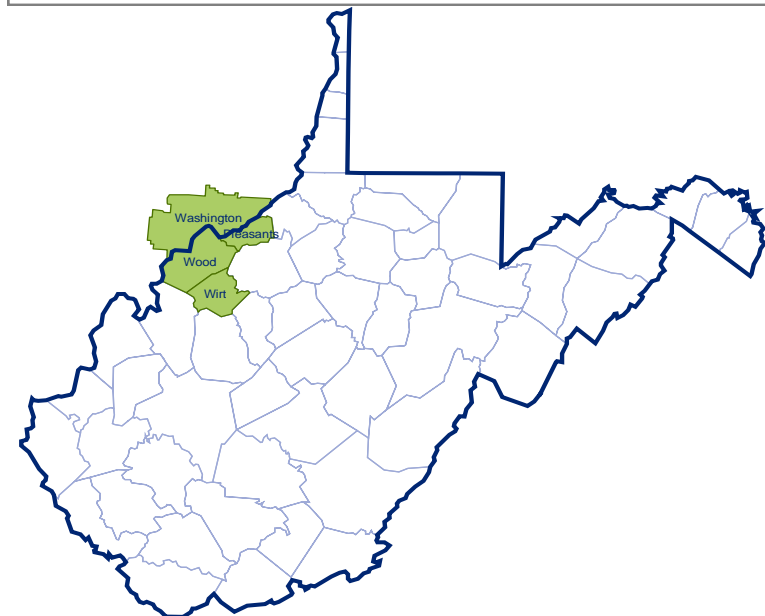
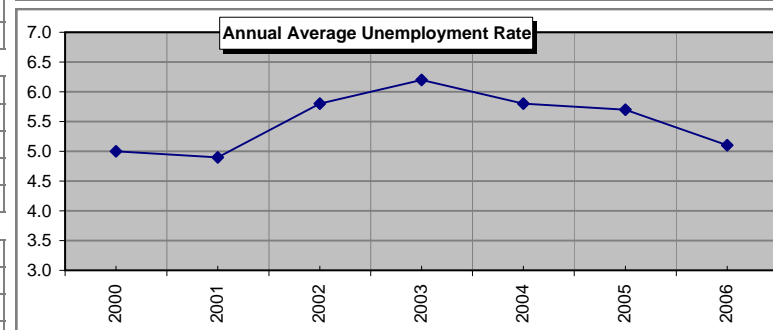
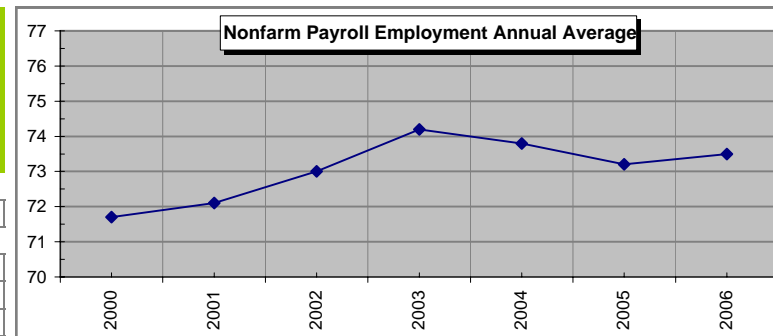


**Area:** Monongalia and Preston counties in West Virginia  
**Total Population July 1, 2006:** 115,136  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census)** 92,050  
**Labor Force Participation Rate 2006:** 61.8%  
**Per Capita Personal Income 2005:** \$28,058

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# Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

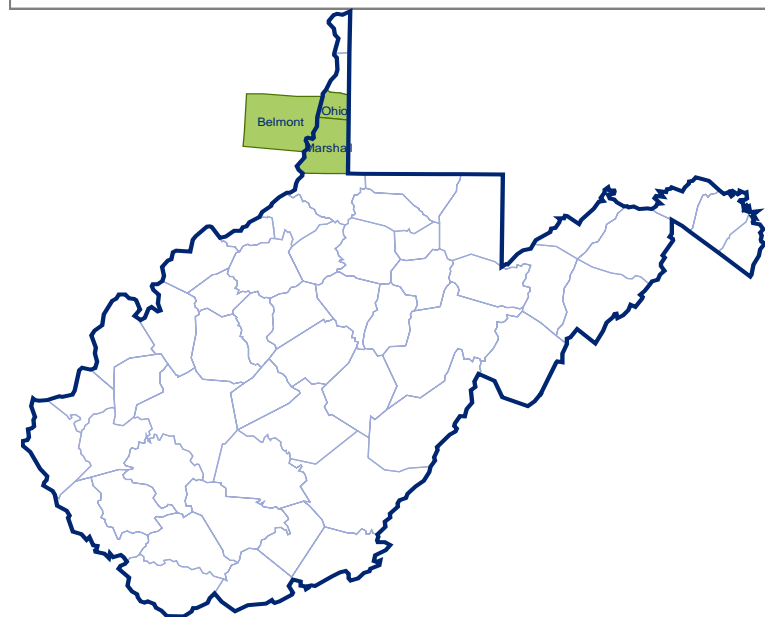
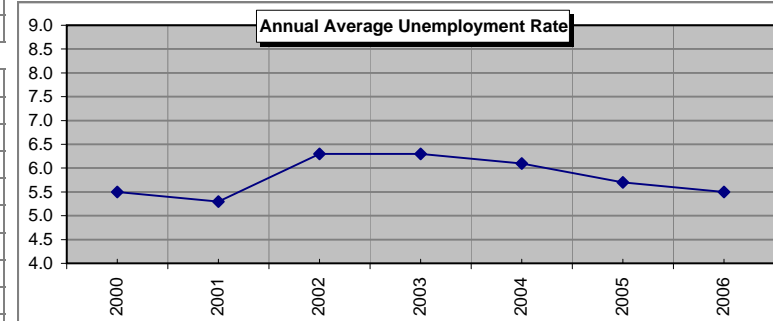
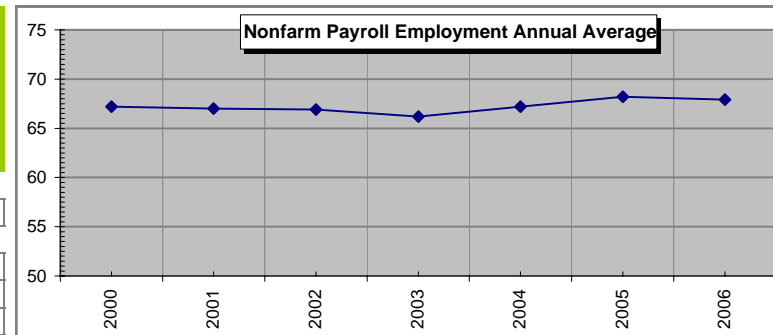
|   | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 79.4 | 79.0 | 79.8 | 81.1 | 80.0 | 79.3 | 80.0 |
| Total Employment                                    | 75.4 | 75.1 | 75.2 | 76.1 | 75.3 | 74.8 | 75.9 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 4.0  | 3.9  | 4.6  | 5.1  | 4.7  | 4.5  | 4.1  |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 5.0  | 4.9  | 5.8  | 6.2  | 5.8  | 5.7  | 5.1  |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 71.7 | 72.1 | 73.0 | 74.2 | 73.8 | 73.2 | 73.5 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 61.2 | 61.6 | 62.4 | 63.6 | 63.1 | 62.4 | 62.6 |
| Total Private                                       | 18.7 | 17.8 | 16.6 | 15.1 | 14.2 | 13.7 | 14.0 |
| Manufacturing                                       | 13.1 | 12.4 | 11.2 | 10.5 | 9.9  | 9.3  | 8.9  |
| Service Providing                                   | 53.0 | 54.3 | 56.3 | 59.1 | 59.6 | 59.5 | 59.4 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 42.5 | 43.8 | 45.8 | 48.5 | 48.9 | 48.7 | 48.5 |
| Total Government                                    | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 10.9 |
| Federal   | 2.2  | 2.2  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 2.3  | 2.3  | 2.5  |
| State   | 1.5  | 1.5  | 1.5  | 1.5  | 1.6  | 1.6  | 1.6  |
| Local   | 6.7  | 6.9  | 6.9  | 6.9  | 6.9  | 6.9  | 6.9  |



**Area:** Pleasants, Wirt, Wood counties in West Virginia; Washington County in Ohio  
**Total Population July 1, 2006:** 147,329  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census)** 130,971  
**Labor Force Participation Rate 2006:** 62.0%  
**Per Capita Personal Income 2005:** \$26,811

# Wheeling Metropolitan Statistical Area

|   | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 69.4 | 68.5 | 68.3 | 67.4 | 67.8 | 68.5 | 68.6 |
| Total Employment                                    | 65.6 | 64.8 | 64.0 | 63.2 | 63.7 | 64.6 | 64.8 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 3.8  | 3.7  | 4.3  | 4.2  | 4.1  | 3.9  | 3.8  |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 5.5  | 5.3  | 6.3  | 6.3  | 6.1  | 5.7  | 5.5  |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 67.2 | 67.0 | 66.9 | 66.2 | 67.2 | 68.2 | 67.9 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 56.6 | 56.5 | 56.5 | 55.7 | 56.9 | 57.8 | 57.4 |
| Total Private                                       | 9.8  | 9.3  | 9.5  | 9.7  | 9.9  | 10.2 | 10.2 |
| Manufacturing                                       | 5.5  | 5.2  | 5.2  | 5.0  | 4.9  | 4.7  | 4.5  |
| Service Providing                                   | 57.4 | 57.8 | 57.4 | 56.5 | 57.3 | 57.9 | 57.7 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 46.8 | 47.2 | 47.1 | 46.0 | 46.9 | 47.6 | 47.3 |
| Education and Health Services                       | 13.1 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 13.4 | 13.1 |
| Total Government                                    | 10.6 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.4 |
| Federal   | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  |
| State   | 2.4  | 2.4  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 2.3  | 2.2  | 2.2  |
| Local   | 7.5  | 7.4  | 7.5  | 7.4  | 7.4  | 7.4  | 7.5  |



**Area:** Marshall and Ohio counties in West Virginia; Belmont County in Ohio  
**Total Population July 1, 2006:** 149,498  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census)** 123,919  
**Labor Force Participation Rate 2006:** 56.0%  
**Per Capita Personal Income 2005:** \$ 27,565

## **Workforce Investment Areas**

Tables on the following pages display civilian labor force and nonfarm payroll data for the seven workforce investment areas in West Virginia for the years 2000 through 2006. Graphics illustrate the changes occurring over those years in each of the WIAs.

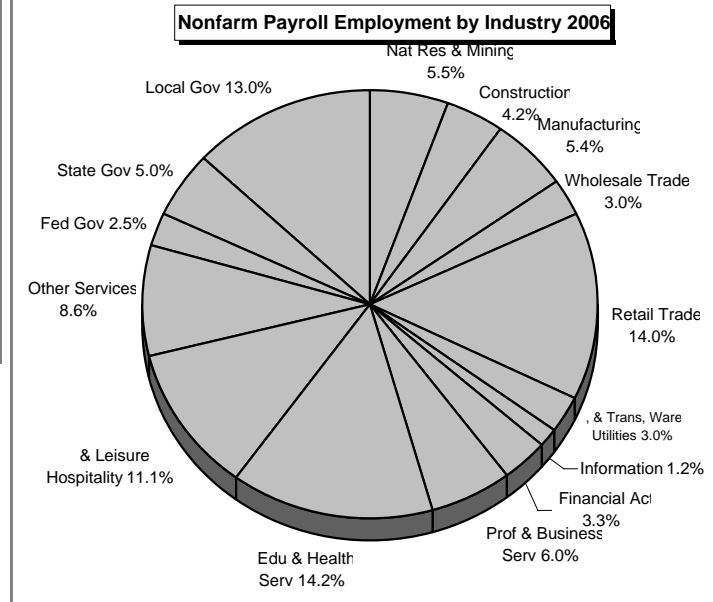
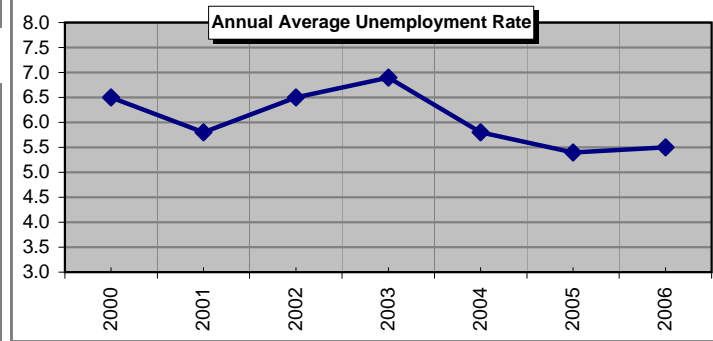
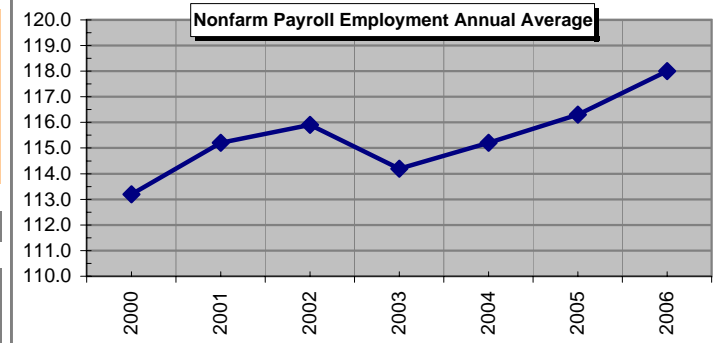
# Workforce Investment Area 1

|   | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 136.7 | 135.3 | 135.3 | 132.6 | 130.6 | 131.6 | 134.7 |
| Total Employment                                    | 127.8 | 127.5 | 126.5 | 123.5 | 123.0 | 124.5 | 127.3 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 8.9   | 7.8   | 8.8   | 9.1   | 7.6   | 7.1   | 7.4   |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 6.5   | 5.8   | 6.5   | 6.9   | 5.8   | 5.4   | 5.5   |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 113.2 | 115.2 | 115.9 | 114.2 | 115.2 | 116.3 | 118.0 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 89.2  | 91.1  | 91.6  | 90.0  | 90.9  | 92.3  | 94.0  |
| Total Private                                       | 16.7  | 17.1  | 16.6  | 15.6  | 16.4  | 17.5  | 18.0  |
| Natural Resources and Mining                        | 5.0   | 5.5   | 5.6   | 4.9   | 5.4   | 6.0   | 6.5   |
| Construction  | 4.9   | 4.8   | 4.6   | 4.5   | 4.8   | 5.0   | 5.0   |
| Manufacturing                                       | 6.8   | 6.8   | 6.5   | 6.2   | 6.2   | 6.4   | 6.4   |
| Service Providing                                   | 96.6  | 98.1  | 99.3  | 98.6  | 98.8  | 98.8  | 100.0 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 72.5  | 73.9  | 75.0  | 74.3  | 74.5  | 74.8  | 76.0  |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities                 | 23.8  | 23.1  | 22.8  | 22.4  | 22.4  | 22.7  | 23.5  |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 3.1   | 3.1   | 3.1   | 2.9   | 3.0   | 3.2   | 3.5   |
| Retail Trade  | 16.9  | 16.3  | 16.1  | 16.0  | 16.0  | 16.1  | 16.5  |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 3.8   | 3.7   | 3.6   | 3.5   | 3.4   | 3.5   | 3.5   |
| Information   | 2.1   | 2.1   | 1.9   | 1.6   | 1.5   | 1.5   | 1.4   |
| Financial Activities                                | 3.3   | 3.8   | 4.3   | 4.1   | 4.0   | 4.0   | 3.9   |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 6.2   | 6.3   | 6.4   | 6.8   | 7.0   | 7.1   | 7.1   |
| Education and Health Services                       | 14.9  | 15.6  | 16.4  | 16.4  | 16.7  | 16.6  | 16.8  |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 12.5  | 12.7  | 12.6  | 12.7  | 12.8  | 12.8  | 13.1  |
| Other Services                                      | 9.7   | 10.4  | 10.6  | 10.5  | 10.2  | 10.2  | 10.1  |
| Total Government                                    | 24.0  | 24.1  | 24.3  | 24.2  | 24.2  | 24.0  | 24.1  |
| Federal   | 3.1   | 3.0   | 3.0   | 3.0   | 2.9   | 2.9   | 2.9   |
| State   | 5.7   | 6.2   | 6.1   | 6.2   | 6.2   | 6.1   | 5.9   |
| Local   | 15.2  | 14.9  | 15.1  | 15.1  | 15.1  | 15.0  | 15.3  |

Benchmark 2006

Area: **Counties:** Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster, and Wyoming

**Population:** 342,085  
**Per Capita Income 2005:** \$23,791



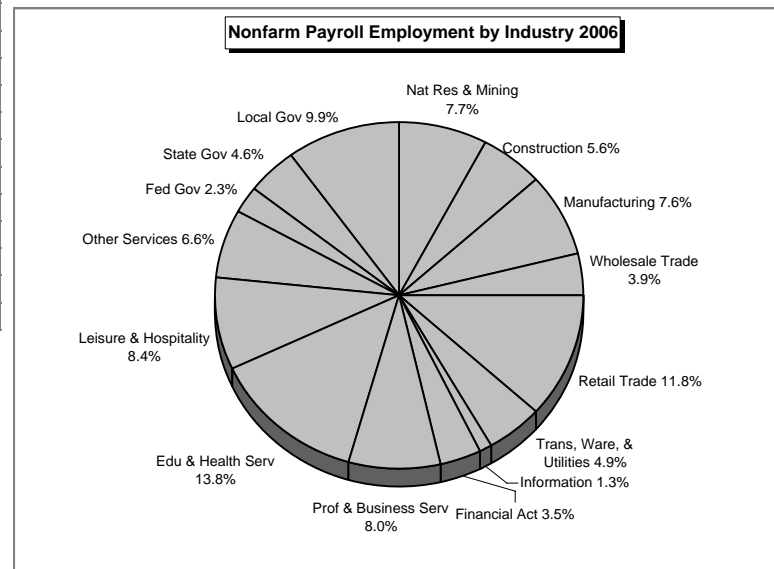
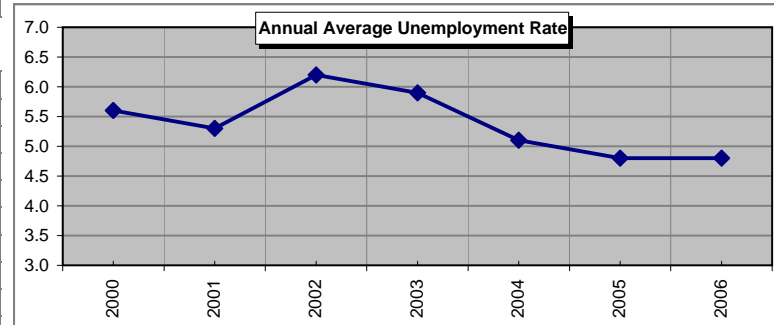
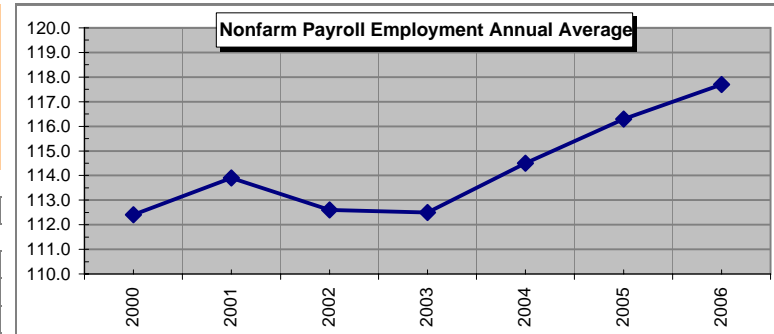
# Workforce Investment Area 2

|   | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 129.4 | 127.6 | 127.1 | 126.2 | 125.7 | 126.5 | 128.5 |
| Total Employment                                    | 122.1 | 120.8 | 119.2 | 118.8 | 119.3 | 120.5 | 122.3 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 7.3   | 6.8   | 7.8   | 7.4   | 6.4   | 6.0   | 6.2   |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 5.6   | 5.3   | 6.2   | 5.9   | 5.1   | 4.8   | 4.8   |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 112.4 | 113.9 | 112.6 | 112.5 | 114.5 | 116.3 | 117.7 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 93.4  | 94.1  | 92.9  | 92.9  | 94.9  | 96.8  | 97.9  |
| Total Private                                       | 22.8  | 23.1  | 22.0  | 21.1  | 22.6  | 23.7  | 24.7  |
| Natural Resources and Mining                        | 6.6   | 7.2   | 7.1   | 6.9   | 7.5   | 8.3   | 9.1   |
| Construction  | 6.0   | 6.0   | 5.5   | 5.4   | 6.2   | 6.5   | 6.6   |
| Manufacturing                                       | 10.2  | 9.9   | 9.4   | 8.8   | 8.8   | 8.9   | 9.0   |
| Service Providing                                   | 89.6  | 90.9  | 90.6  | 91.4  | 91.9  | 92.6  | 93.0  |
| Private Service Providing                           | 70.6  | 71.0  | 70.8  | 71.9  | 72.3  | 73.1  | 73.2  |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities                 | 25.0  | 24.3  | 23.8  | 23.7  | 24.2  | 24.5  | 24.3  |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 4.7   | 4.6   | 4.5   | 4.5   | 4.6   | 4.6   | 4.6   |
| Retail Trade  | 14.5  | 14.1  | 13.7  | 13.6  | 13.9  | 14.0  | 13.9  |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 5.7   | 5.7   | 5.6   | 5.6   | 5.7   | 5.9   | 5.8   |
| Information   | 1.6   | 1.6   | 1.6   | 1.5   | 1.4   | 1.5   | 1.5   |
| Financial Activities                                | 4.8   | 4.6   | 4.5   | 4.5   | 4.3   | 4.2   | 4.1   |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 8.8   | 9.4   | 9.1   | 9.3   | 9.2   | 9.0   | 9.4   |
| Education and Health Services                       | 14.1  | 14.5  | 15.0  | 15.7  | 15.8  | 16.1  | 16.2  |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 8.8   | 8.8   | 9.0   | 9.3   | 9.5   | 9.8   | 9.9   |
| Other Services                                      | 7.5   | 7.7   | 7.8   | 7.9   | 7.9   | 7.8   | 7.8   |
| Total Government                                    | 19.0  | 19.8  | 19.7  | 19.6  | 19.6  | 19.5  | 19.7  |
| Federal   | 2.7   | 2.6   | 2.6   | 2.6   | 2.6   | 2.6   | 2.7   |
| State   | 4.2   | 5.3   | 5.3   | 5.2   | 5.4   | 5.3   | 5.4   |
| Local   | 12.1  | 11.9  | 11.9  | 11.7  | 11.6  | 11.6  | 11.7  |

Benchmark 2006

**Counties:** Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Putnam, Wayne

**Population 2006:** 301,720  
**Per Capita Income 2005:** \$25,387





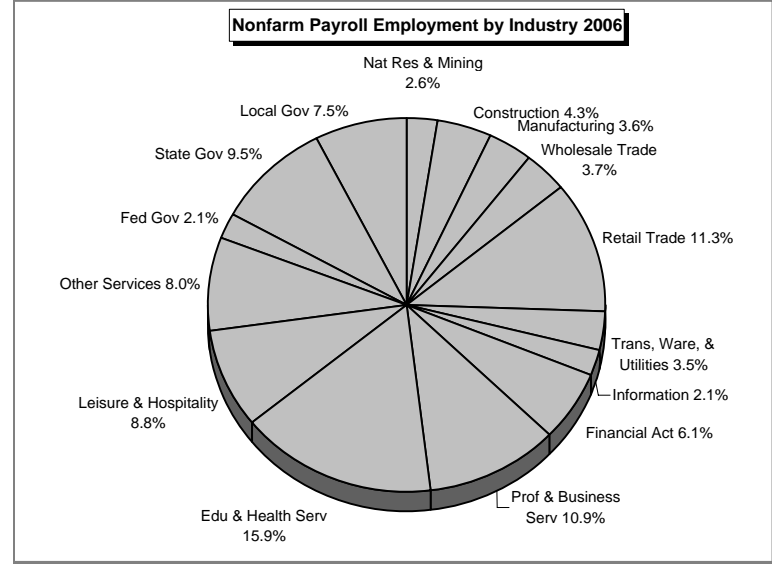
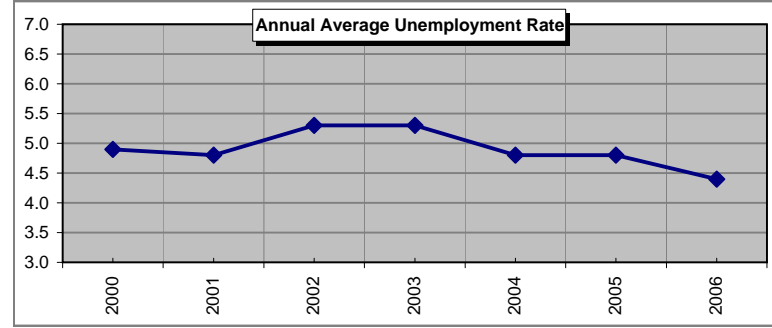
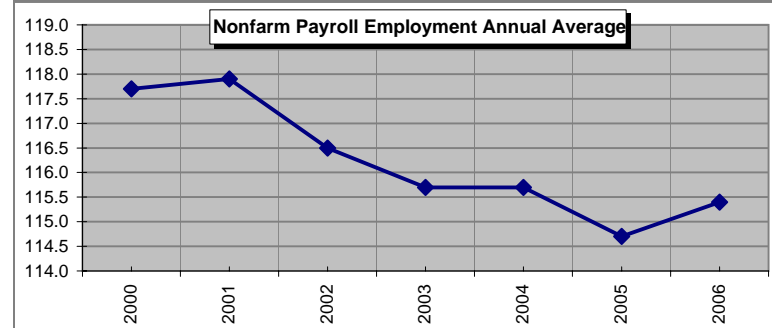
# Workforce Investment Area 3

|   | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 97.3  | 95.7  | 93.9  | 92.0  | 91.2  | 91.0  | 91.8  |
| Total Employment                                    | 92.5  | 91.2  | 89.0  | 87.1  | 86.8  | 86.7  | 87.8  |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 4.8   | 4.6   | 5.0   | 4.9   | 4.3   | 4.3   | 4.0   |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 4.9   | 4.8   | 5.3   | 5.3   | 4.8   | 4.8   | 4.4   |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 117.7 | 117.9 | 116.5 | 115.7 | 115.7 | 114.7 | 115.4 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 96.3  | 96.1  | 94.3  | 93.4  | 93.3  | 92.1  | 93.3  |
| Total Private                                       | 14.4  | 14.3  | 13.2  | 12.4  | 12.4  | 11.9  | 12.2  |
| Natural Resources and Mining                        | 1.9   | 2.3   | 2.2   | 2.2   | 2.3   | 2.5   | 3.0   |
| Construction  | 4.8   | 4.9   | 4.8   | 4.7   | 4.8   | 4.7   | 5.0   |
| Manufacturing                                       | 7.7   | 7.0   | 6.1   | 5.6   | 5.3   | 4.7   | 4.2   |
| Service Providing                                   | 103.2 | 103.7 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 102.7 | 103.2 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 81.9  | 81.8  | 81.1  | 81.0  | 80.9  | 80.2  | 81.1  |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities                 | 22.8  | 21.9  | 21.5  | 21.1  | 21.2  | 21.1  | 21.2  |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 4.5   | 4.5   | 4.3   | 4.2   | 4.1   | 4.2   | 4.3   |
| Retail Trade  | 14.0  | 13.3  | 13.2  | 13.1  | 13.2  | 12.9  | 13.0  |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 4.3   | 4.2   | 4.0   | 3.9   | 3.9   | 3.9   | 4.0   |
| Information   | 3.7   | 3.6   | 3.3   | 3.0   | 2.9   | 2.6   | 2.4   |
| Financial Activities                                | 7.3   | 7.4   | 7.3   | 7.6   | 7.1   | 6.6   | 7.1   |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 13.9  | 13.3  | 12.8  | 12.2  | 12.3  | 12.2  | 12.6  |
| Education and Health Services                       | 15.8  | 16.7  | 17.3  | 17.7  | 18.2  | 18.3  | 18.4  |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 9.6   | 9.5   | 9.7   | 10.2  | 10.0  | 10.1  | 10.2  |
| Other Services                                      | 8.8   | 9.3   | 9.3   | 9.2   | 9.3   | 9.2   | 9.2   |
| Total Government                                    | 21.3  | 21.9  | 22.3  | 22.4  | 22.4  | 22.6  | 22.1  |
| Federal   | 2.5   | 2.4   | 2.5   | 2.5   | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.4   |
| State   | 10.6  | 11.3  | 11.4  | 11.5  | 11.6  | 11.7  | 11.0  |
| Local   | 8.2   | 8.2   | 8.3   | 8.3   | 8.4   | 8.4   | 8.7   |

Benchmark 2006

County: Kanawha

**Population 2006:** 192,419  
**Per Capita Income 2005:** \$34,361



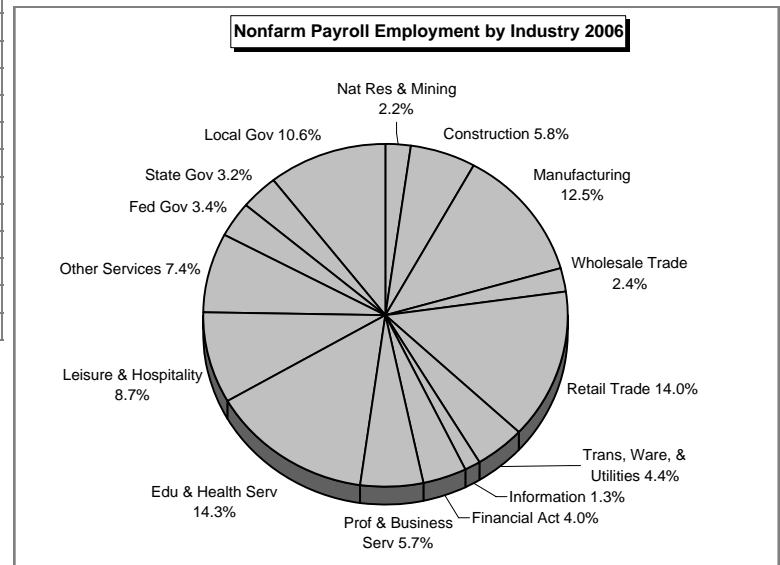
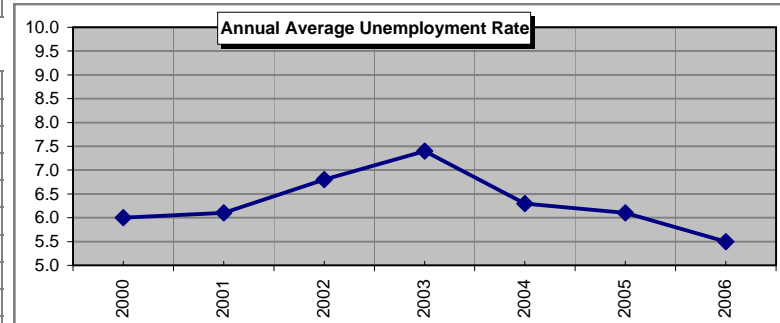
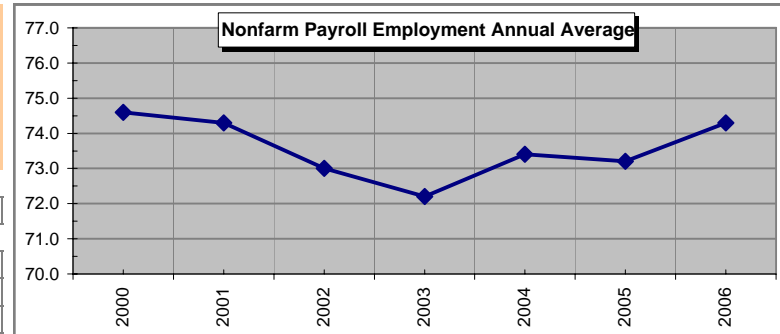
# Workforce Investment Area 4

|   | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 88.8 | 87.4 | 87.1 | 86.6 | 84.9 | 84.8 | 86.0 |
| Total Employment                                    | 83.4 | 82.1 | 81.2 | 80.1 | 79.6 | 79.6 | 81.2 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 5.3  | 5.4  | 6.0  | 6.4  | 5.4  | 5.2  | 4.8  |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 6.0  | 6.1  | 6.8  | 7.4  | 6.3  | 6.1  | 5.5  |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 74.6 | 74.3 | 73.0 | 72.2 | 73.4 | 73.2 | 74.3 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 62.2 | 62.0 | 60.6 | 59.7 | 60.8 | 60.5 | 61.6 |
| Total Private                                       | 18.1 | 17.5 | 16.1 | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.4 | 15.2 |
| Natural Resources and Mining                        | 1.3  | 1.4  | 1.4  | 1.4  | 1.4  | 1.5  | 1.6  |
| Construction  | 3.5  | 3.6  | 3.3  | 3.1  | 3.4  | 3.4  | 4.3  |
| Manufacturing                                       | 13.3 | 12.5 | 11.4 | 10.4 | 10.0 | 9.5  | 9.3  |
| Service Providing                                   | 56.5 | 56.8 | 56.8 | 57.3 | 58.6 | 58.8 | 59.1 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 44.1 | 44.5 | 44.4 | 44.9 | 46.0 | 46.1 | 46.3 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities                 | 16.2 | 15.5 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.3 | 15.2 | 15.5 |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 2.0  | 1.9  | 1.7  | 1.7  | 1.7  | 1.7  | 1.8  |
| Retail Trade  | 11.2 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 10.4 |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 3.0  | 2.8  | 2.8  | 3.0  | 3.2  | 3.2  | 3.3  |
| Information   | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.1  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  |
| Financial Activities                                | 2.8  | 2.9  | 3.2  | 3.1  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 3.0  |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 4.0  | 4.1  | 4.0  | 3.8  | 4.1  | 4.2  | 4.2  |
| Education and Health Services                       | 9.2  | 9.5  | 9.7  | 10.2 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 10.6 |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 5.3  | 5.5  | 5.6  | 5.7  | 6.0  | 6.1  | 6.5  |
| Other Services                                      | 5.4  | 5.8  | 5.8  | 5.8  | 5.9  | 5.8  | 5.5  |
| Total Government                                    | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 12.8 |
| Federal   | 2.5  | 2.4  | 2.4  | 2.4  | 2.4  | 2.5  | 2.5  |
| State   | 2.1  | 2.1  | 2.1  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 2.3  | 2.4  |
| Local   | 7.8  | 7.8  | 7.9  | 7.8  | 7.9  | 7.9  | 7.9  |

Benchmark 2006

**Counties:** Calhoun, Clay, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt and Wood

**Population 2006:** 197,912  
**Per Capita Income 2005:** \$27,316



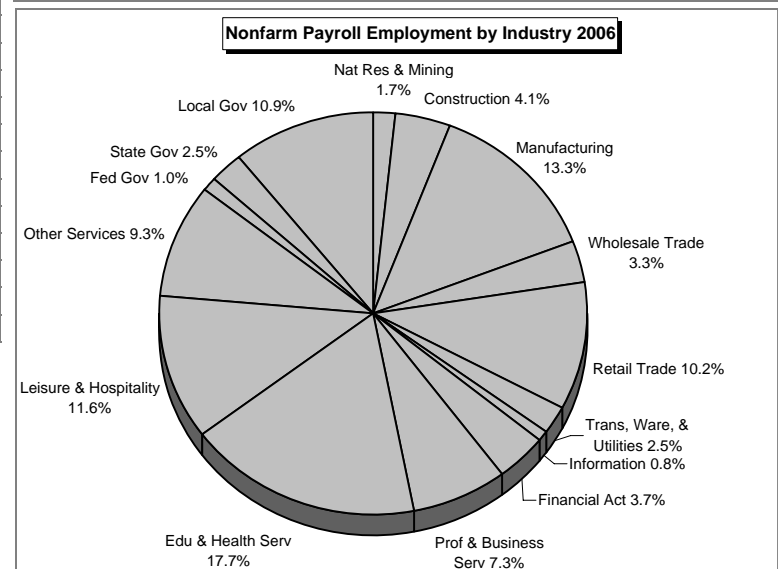
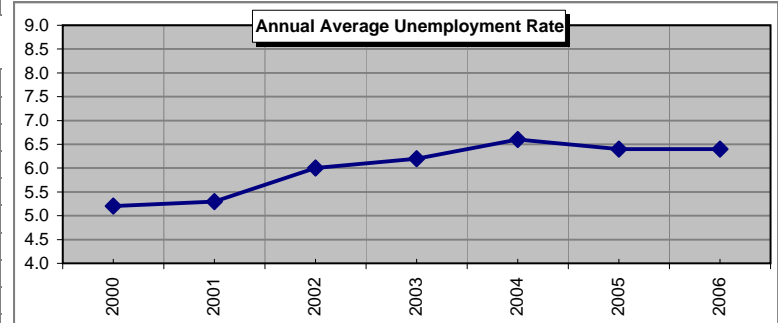
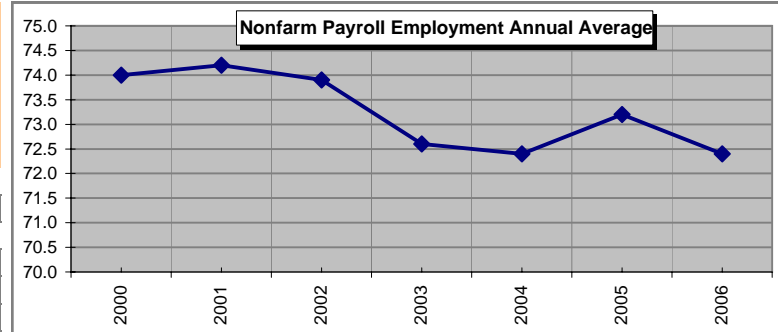
# Workforce Investment Area 5

|   | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 76.8 | 75.0 | 73.7 | 72.3 | 71.9 | 72.2 | 71.7 |
| Total Employment                                    | 72.9 | 71.0 | 69.3 | 67.9 | 67.2 | 67.6 | 67.1 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 4.0  | 4.0  | 4.4  | 4.5  | 4.7  | 4.6  | 4.6  |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 5.2  | 5.3  | 6.0  | 6.2  | 6.6  | 6.4  | 6.4  |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 74.0 | 74.2 | 73.9 | 72.6 | 72.4 | 73.2 | 72.4 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 63.5 | 63.7 | 63.4 | 62.3 | 62.0 | 62.9 | 61.9 |
| Total Private                                       | 17.3 | 16.6 | 16.3 | 15.6 | 14.8 | 14.7 | 13.8 |
| Natural Resources and Mining                        | 1.2  | 1.4  | 1.2  | 1.2  | 1.3  | 1.4  | 1.2  |
| Construction  | 2.5  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 2.3  | 2.4  | 2.7  | 3.0  |
| Manufacturing                                       | 13.6 | 13.1 | 12.8 | 12.1 | 11.1 | 10.6 | 9.6  |
| Service Providing                                   | 56.7 | 57.5 | 57.6 | 57.0 | 57.6 | 58.5 | 58.6 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 46.2 | 47.0 | 47.0 | 46.6 | 47.2 | 48.1 | 48.1 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities                 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 11.6 |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 2.4  | 2.2  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 2.2  | 2.4  |
| Retail Trade  | 7.9  | 7.5  | 7.2  | 7.0  | 7.2  | 7.3  | 7.4  |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 2.1  | 1.9  | 1.8  | 1.7  | 1.7  | 1.8  | 1.8  |
| Information   | 1.0  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.6  |
| Financial Activities                                | 2.6  | 2.6  | 2.6  | 2.6  | 2.7  | 2.7  | 2.7  |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 5.0  | 4.9  | 5.0  | 4.9  | 5.1  | 5.1  | 5.3  |
| Education and Health Services                       | 12.2 | 13.4 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 12.8 |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 6.7  | 7.0  | 7.7  | 7.9  | 8.1  | 8.4  | 8.4  |
| Other Services                                      | 6.3  | 6.7  | 6.8  | 6.8  | 6.8  | 6.8  | 6.7  |
| Total Government                                    | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 10.3 | 10.4 |
| Federal   | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  |
| State   | 1.8  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.8  | 1.8  | 1.8  | 1.8  |
| Local   | 7.9  | 7.9  | 7.9  | 7.8  | 7.8  | 7.8  | 7.9  |

Benchmark 2006

**Counties:** Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Tyler and Wetzel

**Population 2006:** 159,500  
**Per Capita Income 2005:** \$27,316



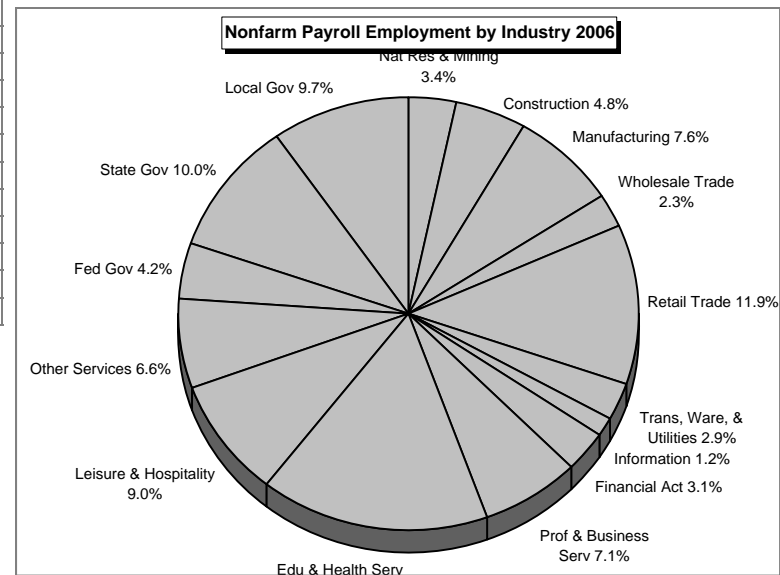
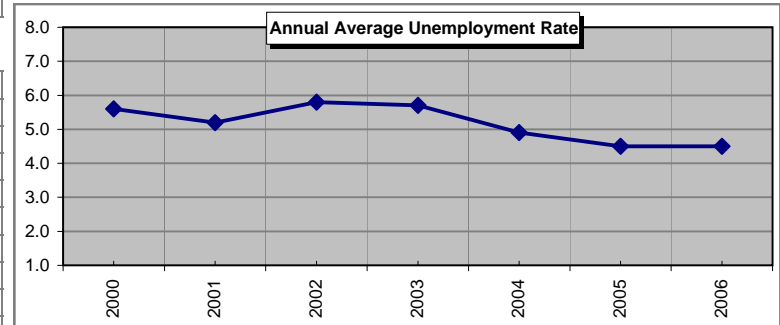
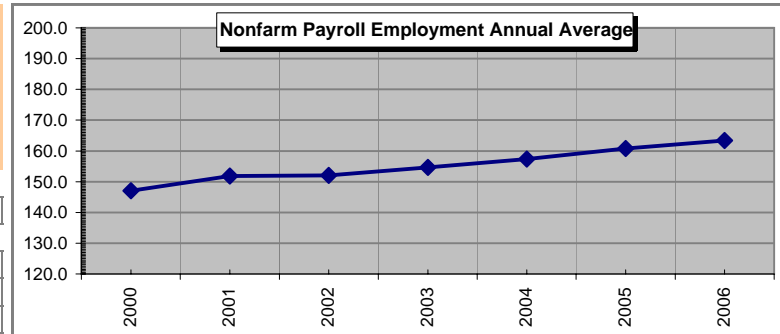
# Workforce Investment Area 6

|   | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 171.2 | 170.9 | 170.5 | 171.4 | 171.2 | 174.4 | 178.2 |
| Total Employment                                    | 161.6 | 162.1 | 160.5 | 161.6 | 162.8 | 166.4 | 170.2 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 9.6   | 8.8   | 10.0  | 9.8   | 8.4   | 7.9   | 8.0   |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 5.6   | 5.2   | 5.8   | 5.7   | 4.9   | 4.5   | 4.5   |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 147.0 | 151.8 | 152.0 | 154.6 | 157.3 | 160.8 | 163.4 |
| Goods Producing                                     | 111.6 | 114.6 | 114.9 | 116.6 | 119.4 | 122.4 | 124.5 |
| Total Private                                       | 23.9  | 24.3  | 23.6  | 23.4  | 24.2  | 25.3  | 26.0  |
| Natural Resources and Mining                        | 4.4   | 4.8   | 4.7   | 4.6   | 5.0   | 5.3   | 5.6   |
| Construction  | 6.7   | 7.1   | 6.9   | 6.9   | 7.0   | 7.5   | 7.9   |
| Manufacturing                                       | 12.9  | 12.4  | 12.0  | 11.9  | 12.2  | 12.5  | 12.5  |
| Service Providing                                   | 123.1 | 127.5 | 128.5 | 131.3 | 133.1 | 135.5 | 137.4 |
| Private Service Providing                           | 87.7  | 90.3  | 91.3  | 93.3  | 95.2  | 97.1  | 98.5  |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities                 | 27.0  | 26.5  | 26.5  | 26.5  | 26.8  | 27.5  | 28.0  |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 3.1   | 3.2   | 3.3   | 3.2   | 3.4   | 3.5   | 3.8   |
| Retail Trade  | 18.7  | 18.2  | 18.2  | 18.4  | 18.7  | 19.3  | 19.5  |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 5.2   | 5.1   | 4.9   | 4.8   | 4.7   | 4.7   | 4.8   |
| Information   | 2.3   | 2.3   | 2.2   | 2.2   | 2.1   | 2.1   | 2.0   |
| Financial Activities                                | 4.5   | 4.5   | 4.6   | 4.7   | 4.8   | 4.9   | 5.0   |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 9.8   | 10.2  | 10.4  | 11.1  | 11.4  | 11.6  | 11.6  |
| Education and Health Services                       | 21.9  | 23.7  | 24.2  | 25.0  | 25.6  | 26.2  | 26.3  |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 12.2  | 12.4  | 12.7  | 13.1  | 13.8  | 14.1  | 14.7  |
| Other Services                                      | 10.0  | 10.6  | 10.7  | 10.7  | 10.7  | 10.7  | 10.8  |
| Total Government                                    | 35.4  | 37.2  | 37.2  | 38.0  | 37.9  | 38.4  | 38.9  |
| Federal   | 6.7   | 6.5   | 6.5   | 6.6   | 6.6   | 6.8   | 6.8   |
| State   | 13.0  | 15.4  | 15.0  | 15.9  | 15.8  | 16.1  | 16.4  |
| Local   | 15.7  | 15.4  | 15.7  | 15.5  | 15.5  | 15.6  | 15.8  |

Benchmark 2006

**Counties:** Barbour, Braxton, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Upshur

**Population 2006:** 378,048  
**Per Capita Income 2005:** \$27,316



# Workforce Investment Area 7

|   | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Labor Force Statistics</b>                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Civilian Labor Force                                | 108.7 | 108.7 | 108.7 | 109.3 | 110.3 | 113.4 | 116.0 |
| Total Employment                                    | 104.3 | 104.3 | 103.5 | 104.0 | 105.5 | 108.9 | 111.2 |
| Total Unemployment                                  | 4.4   | 4.4   | 5.2   | 5.2   | 4.8   | 4.6   | 4.9   |
| Unemployment Rate                                   | 4.0   | 4.1   | 4.8   | 4.8   | 4.4   | 4.0   | 4.2   |
| <b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment                    | 66.3  | 67.9  | 68.3  | 68.9  | 70.5  | 72.2  | 74.1  |
| Goods Producing                                     | 51.0  | 52.6  | 52.7  | 53.3  | 54.5  | 56.1  | 57.3  |
| Total Private                                       | 14.3  | 14.5  | 14.1  | 13.7  | 13.6  | 14.4  | 14.6  |
| Natural Resources and Mining                        | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Construction  | 2.6   | 3.4   | 3.1   | 3.5   | 3.7   | 4.2   | 4.2   |
| Manufacturing                                       | 11.0  | 10.5  | 10.4  | 9.6   | 9.2   | 9.5   | 9.7   |
| Service Providing                                   | 52.0  | 53.4  | 54.2  | 55.2  | 56.9  | 57.9  | 59.5  |
| Private Service Providing                           | 36.7  | 38.2  | 38.6  | 39.5  | 41.0  | 41.8  | 42.7  |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities                 | 12.7  | 12.7  | 12.5  | 12.6  | 12.8  | 13.1  | 13.2  |
| Wholesale Trade                                     | 1.8   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 1.9   |
| Retail Trade  | 8.7   | 8.5   | 8.5   | 8.6   | 8.8   | 9.0   | 9.2   |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities           | 2.1   | 2.2   | 2.1   | 2.0   | 2.0   | 2.1   | 2.1   |
| Information   | 2.0   | 2.2   | 2.0   | 2.1   | 2.1   | 2.2   | 2.3   |
| Financial Activities                                | 2.1   | 2.1   | 2.1   | 2.2   | 2.3   | 2.4   | 2.5   |
| Professional and Business Services                  | 3.9   | 3.9   | 4.2   | 4.2   | 4.8   | 4.9   | 4.8   |
| Education and Health Services                       | 6.1   | 6.7   | 6.8   | 7.0   | 7.1   | 7.3   | 7.6   |
| Leisure and Hospitality                             | 6.4   | 6.7   | 6.9   | 7.4   | 7.8   | 7.7   | 8.1   |
| Other Services                                      | 3.6   | 3.9   | 4.0   | 4.0   | 4.1   | 4.1   | 4.2   |
| Total Government                                    | 15.3  | 15.2  | 15.5  | 15.6  | 15.9  | 16.1  | 16.7  |
| Federal   | 4.3   | 4.1   | 4.1   | 4.1   | 4.1   | 4.0   | 4.2   |
| State   | 2.7   | 2.8   | 2.9   | 2.9   | 3.0   | 3.0   | 3.0   |
| Local   | 8.3   | 8.3   | 8.5   | 8.7   | 8.9   | 9.0   | 9.5   |

Benchmark 2006

**Counties:** Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, and Pendleton

**Population 2006:** 246,736  
**Per Capita Income 2005:** \$26,997

