

**ECONOMIC INDICATORS  
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WEST VIRGINIA  
2000 – 2007**

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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 2007. 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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## Summary of State Economic Activity

In West Virginia, 2007 was yet another year to set records related to the state's economy. The average unemployment rate of 4.6 was the lowest average unemployment rate on record. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate also registered 4.6 percent, and was the lowest average seasonally adjusted unemployment rate as well.

The average civilian labor force stood at 808,800, the highest on record.

West Virginia's total nonfarm payroll employment averaged 756,900 in 2007, up 1,000 from 2006 and setting yet another record. However, growth was minimal, climbing only .13 of a percentage point from 2006. The goods-producing sector saw a decline of 2,200, with employment losses in both construction and manufacturing. On the other hand, the service-providing sector saw a gain of approximately 3,200.

The record-setting year of 2007 saw government make up just over 19 percent of the state's total nonfarm payroll employment, followed closely by trade, transportation, and utilities at 18.9 percent, up slightly from 2006. Employment in educational and health services ranked third, making up 15 percent of the state's total nonfarm payroll employment. Manufacturing dropped in 2007 from 8.1 percent to 7.8 percent of the state's total nonfarm payroll employment.

In 2007, over half of the state's 55 counties reported an average unemployment rate higher than the state rate. Counties with particularly high rates included Wetzel (6.8), Mason (6.8), Clay (6.9), Calhoun (7.0), McDowell (7.6), and Pocahontas (7.7). Roughly

one-third of the counties reported an average unemployment rate lower than the state rate. Three counties, Putnam (3.7), Jefferson (3.4), and Monongalia (3.1), had unemployment rates less than 4.0 percent.

Three of the seven Workforce Investment Areas had average unemployment rates higher than the state rate. WIA 4 and WIA 5 tied for the highest average unemployment rate in 2007, at 5.3 percent, while WIA 1 recorded an unemployment rate of 5.2 percent. The remaining Workforce Investment Areas ranked as follows: WIA 2 (4.4), WIA 6 (4.1), WIA 7 (4.1), and WIA 3 (4.0).

Three Metropolitan Statistical Areas recorded an average unemployment rate higher than the state rate. These included Huntington-Ashland (5.1), Wheeling (5.1), and Parkersburg-Marietta (4.9). The two MSA's with unemployment rates lower than the state rate were Charleston (4.3) and Morgantown (3.3).

Data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) reveal a 3.2 percent increase in establishment-based employment in West Virginia, rising from 686,664 in 2000 to 708,313 in 2007. Establishment-based employment for the nation rose 4.2 percent for the same period. The average wage for the state rose 26.4 percent between 2000 and 2007, increasing from \$26,890 to \$34,001. The average wage for the nation rose 25.8 percent for the same period, climbing from \$35,323 to \$44,450.

West Virginia's per capita income increased 34.8 percent, from \$21,904 to \$29,537, between 2000 and 2007. The nation's per capita income increased 29.4 percent for the same period, rising from \$29,845 to \$38,611

<b>Economic Indicators for West Virginia</b>			
<b>Establishment-based Employment Growth</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>% change</b>
United States	129,877,063	135,371,408	4.2%
West Virginia	686,664	708,313	3.2%
<b>Average Wages</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2007</b>	
United States	\$35,323	\$44,450	25.8%
West Virginia	\$26,890	\$34,001	26.4%
<b>Gross Domestic Product by State (Per capita)</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2007</b>	
United States	\$34,547	\$38,020	10.1%
West Virginia	\$22,935	\$24,929	8.7%
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2007</b>	
United States	\$29,845	\$38,611	29.4%
West Virginia	\$21,904	\$29,537	34.8%
<b>Top 10 Industry Wages in West Virginia 2007</b>			<b>Weekly Wages</b>
1	Securities, Commodity Contracts, Investors		\$2,140
2	Druggists' Goods Merchant Wholesaler		\$1,589
3	Paint, Coating and Adhesive Manufacturing		\$1,577
4	Resin, Rubber, and Artificial Fibers		\$1,501
5	Basic Chemical Manufacturing		\$1,466
6	Metal and Mineral Merchant Wholesale		\$1,420
7	Power Generation and Supply		\$1,395
8	Coal Mining		\$1,313
9	Natural Gas Distribution		\$1,278
10	Computer System Design and Related Services		\$1,187

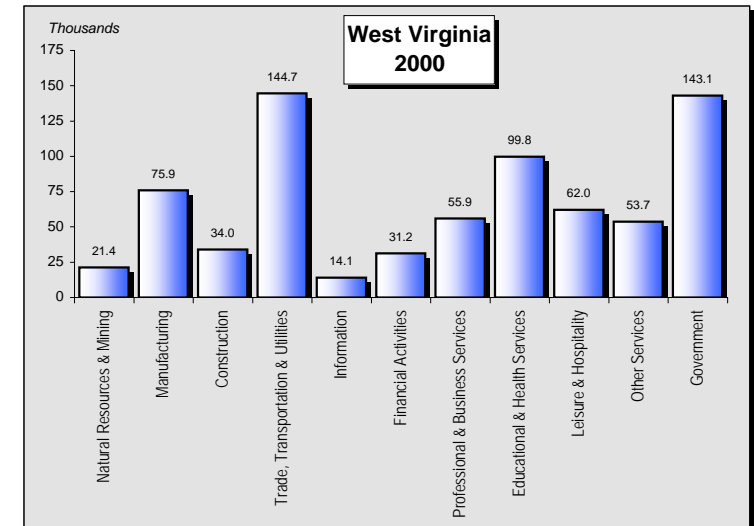
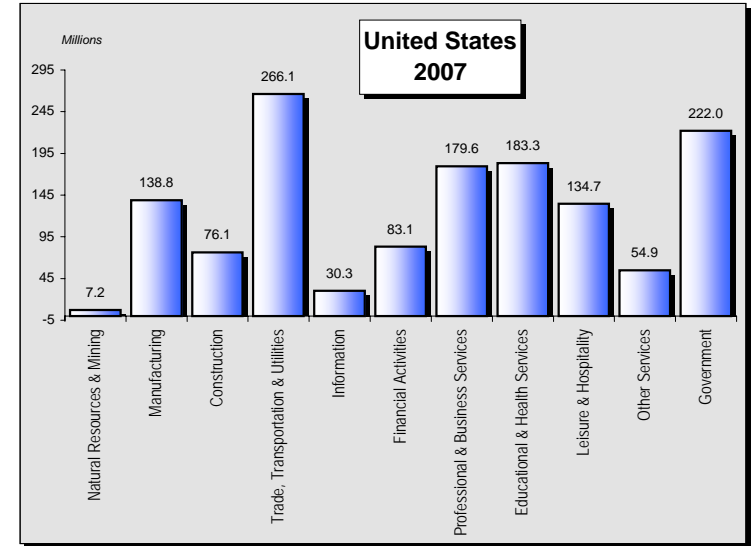
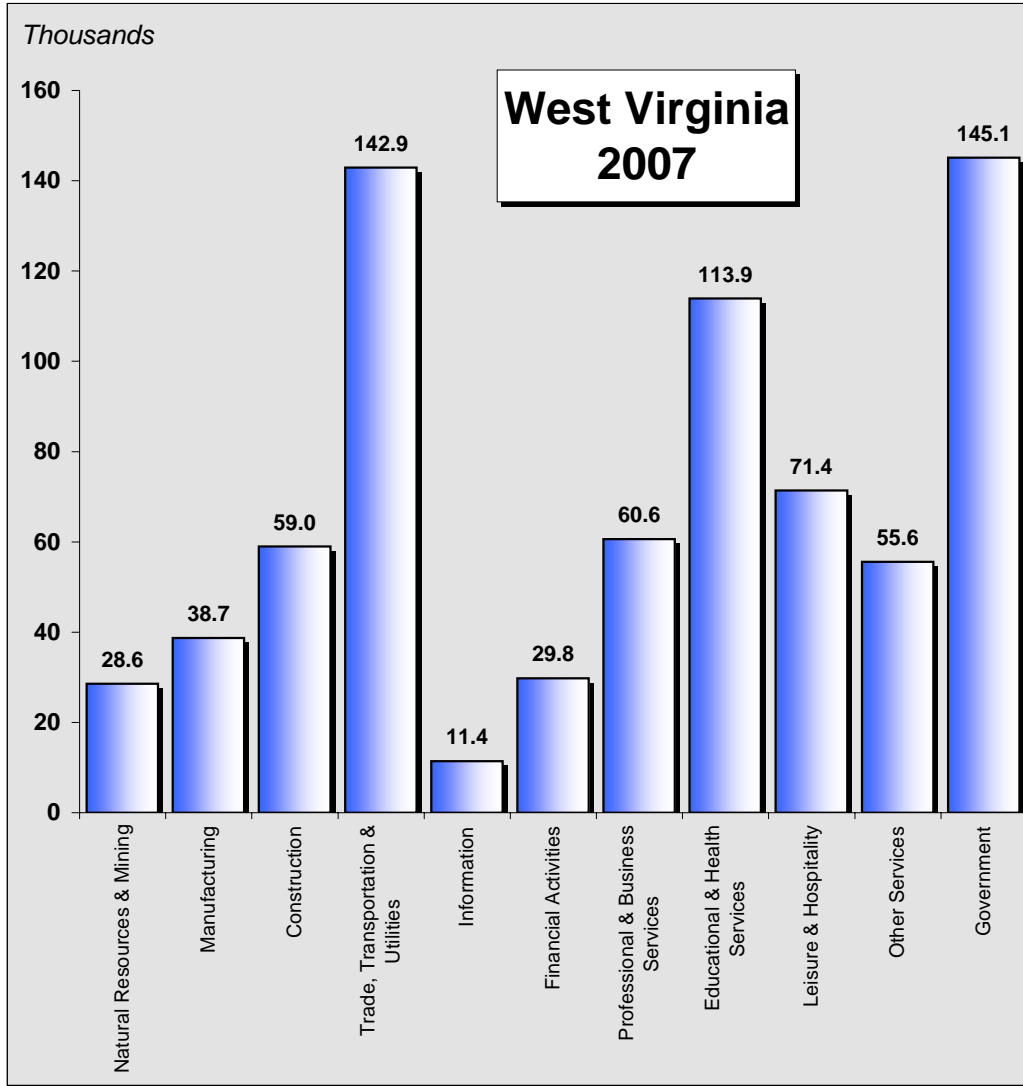
This table indicates the percent change of various economic indicators between 2000 and 2007. West Virginia fared well in comparison with the United States, surpassing the nation in growth of average wages, overall wage growth and increase in per capita income.



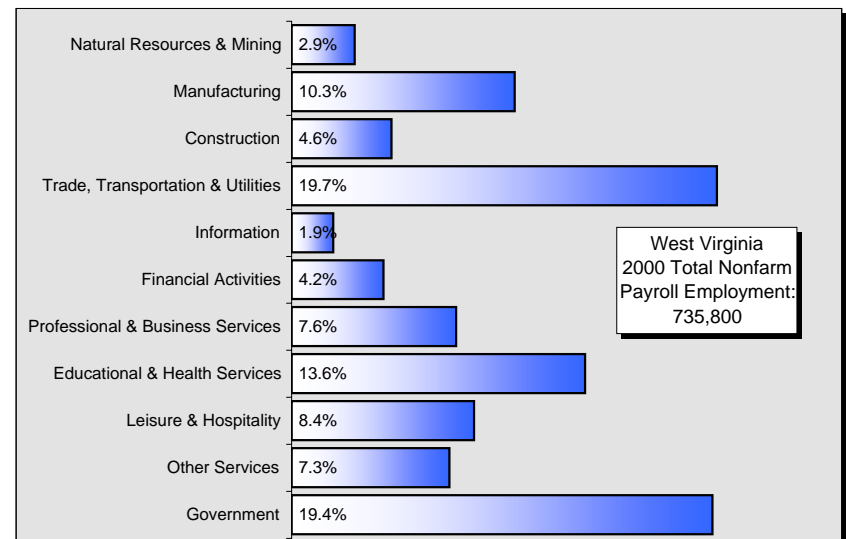
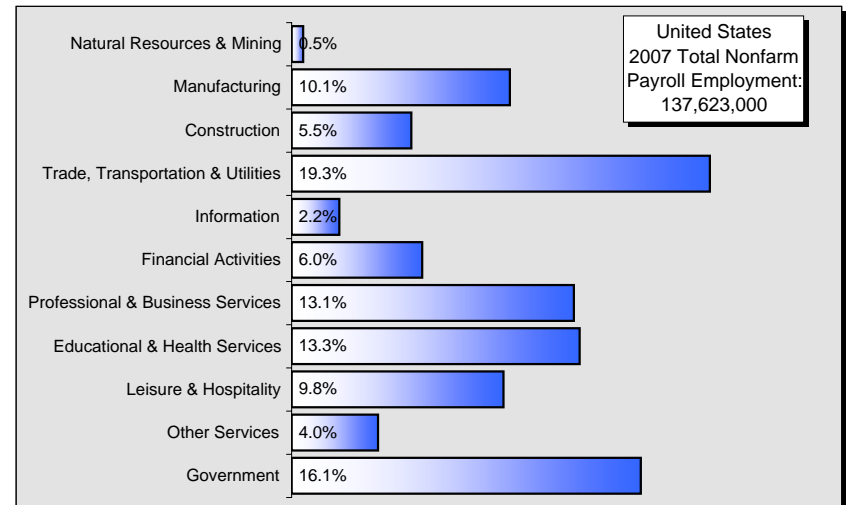
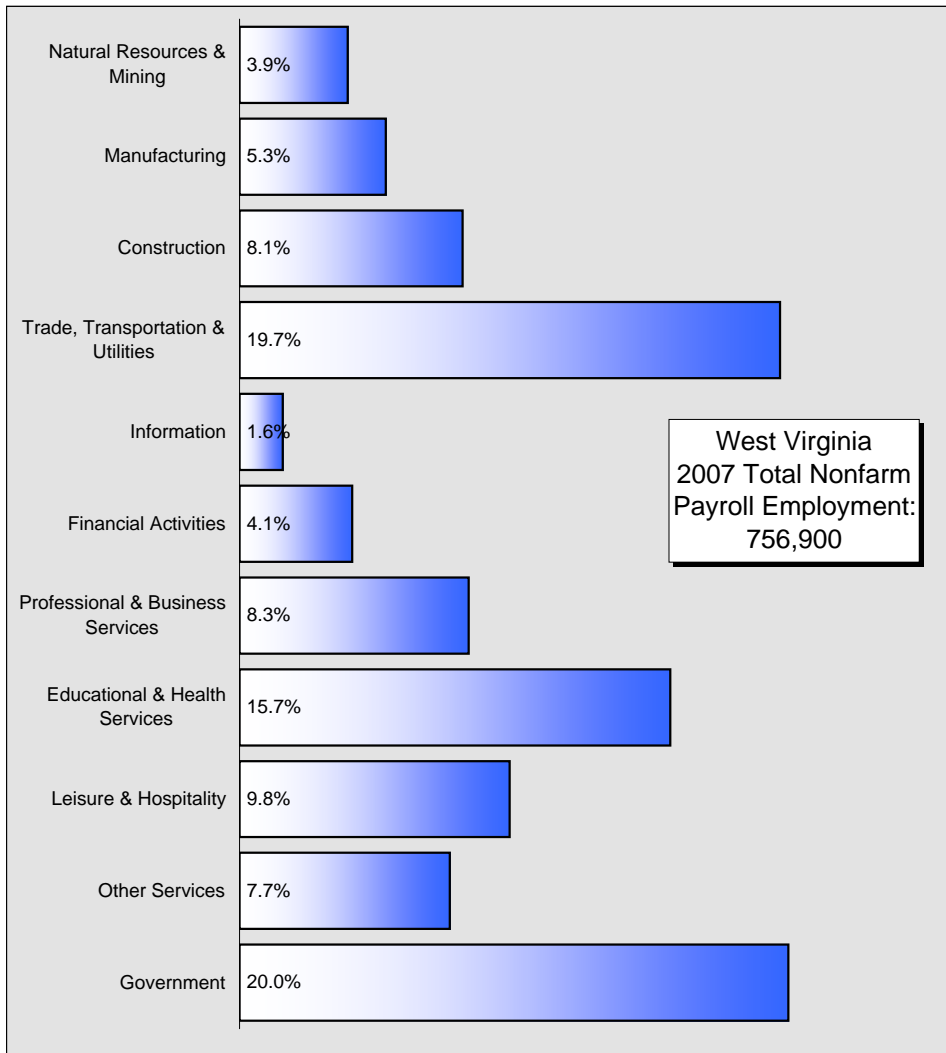
## **West Virginia Nonfarm Payroll Employment**

The following pages show nonfarm payroll employment data for the state for the years 2000 through 2007. Graphics illustrate the changes occurring over those years.

# TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT



## PERCENT OF TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT



## **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 2007. Graphics illustrate the changes occurring over those years in each of the MSAs.

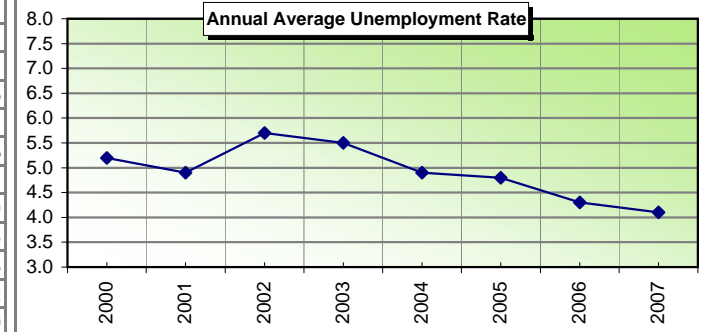
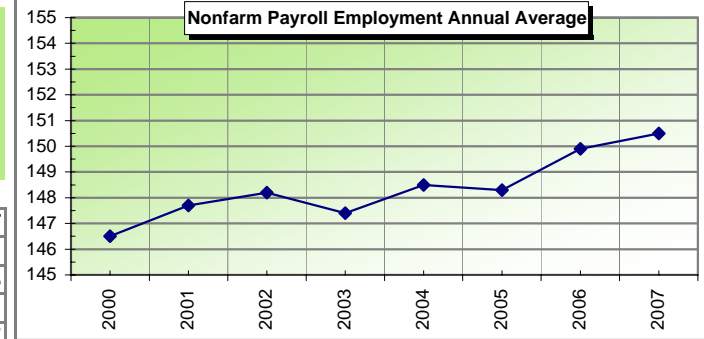
# Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	145.1	142.9	141.4	138.6	137.9	138.3	139.4	139.8
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	137.5	135.9	133.4	130.9	131.2	131.6	133.4	134.1
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT	7.6	7.0	8.0	7.7	6.7	6.7	6.0	5.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.1
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	146.5	147.7	148.2	147.4	148.5	148.3	149.9	150.5
TOTAL PRIVATE	119.9	121.1	121.3	119.4	120.5	120.2	122.2	122.8
GOODS-PRODUCING	22.0	22.6	21.9	21.2	22.2	22.0	22.9	22.9
NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTRUCTION	12.7	13.6	13.3	13.4	14.8	15.3	16.3	16.6
MANUFACTURING	9.3	9.0	8.6	7.8	7.4	6.7	6.5	6.3
Durable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.2
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.1	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	124.5	125.2	126.3	126.2	126.3	126.3	127.0	127.6
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	97.9	98.6	99.3	98.2	98.3	98.3	99.4	100.0
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	29.0	28.5	28.3	28.5	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.9
Wholesale Trade	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.2
Retail Trade	16.9	16.3	16.1	16.4	16.6	16.3	16.2	16.2
Trade Transportation and Utilities	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.6
INFORMATION	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	8.4	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.1	7.7	8.3	8.3
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	15.7	15.3	14.7	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.5	14.8
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	18.0	19.3	20.4	20.0	20.7	20.8	20.9	21.3
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	11.5	11.5	11.7	12.1	12.0	12.2	12.3	12.2
OTHER SERVICES	11.4	11.7	11.9	11.6	11.7	11.8	11.7	11.6
GOVERNMENT	26.6	26.6	27.0	28.0	28.0	28.1	27.6	27.6
FEDERAL	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
STATE	11.4	11.5	11.8	12.3	12.3	12.3	11.7	11.7
LOCAL	12.4	12.3	12.3	12.9	12.9	13.1	13.2	13.2

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

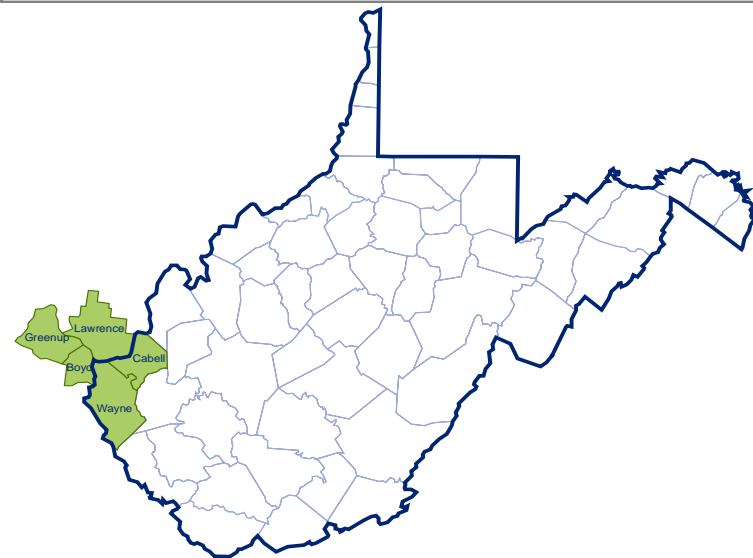
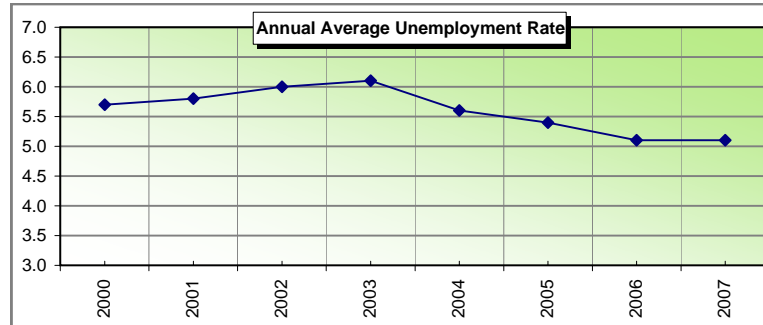
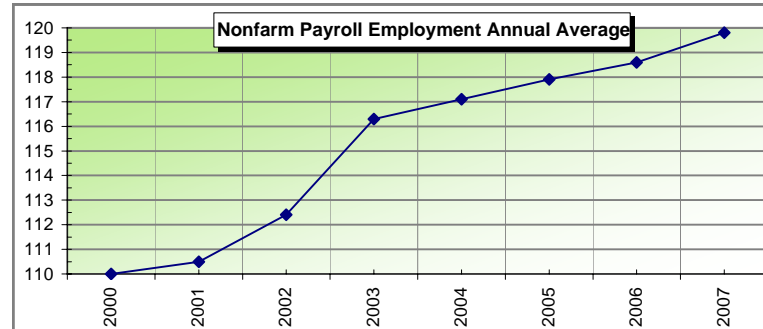
**Total Population July 1, 2007:** 303,950  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census)** 248,510  
**Per capita Personal Income 2006:** \$ 33,010

Benchmark 2007



# Huntington-Ashland Metropolitan Statistical Area

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	125.8	125.0	126.2	129.7	129.9	130.5	131.8	131.8
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	118.6	117.8	118.6	121.8	122.6	123.5	125.2	125.2
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT	7.2	7.2	7.6	7.9	7.3	7.1	6.7	6.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.4	5.1	5.1
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.0	110.5	112.4	116.3	117.1	117.9	118.6	119.8
TOTAL PRIVATE	90.5	90.8	92.7	96.8	97.2	97.9	98.4	99.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	19.1	17.4	16.1	16.3	16.1	16.4	16.4	16.9
MANUFACTURING	11.9	11.2	10.5	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.9	10.0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	90.9	93.1	96.3	100.0	101.0	101.5	102.2	103.0
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	71.3	73.4	76.6	80.5	81.1	81.5	82.0	82.7
Retail Trade	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.4	16.3
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.4	10.9
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	18.6	19.2	20.3	20.1	20.4	21.4	22.3	22.7
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	10.3	9.9	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.9	11.0	11.1
GOVERNMENT	19.6	19.8	19.7	19.5	19.9	20.0	20.2	20.3
FEDERAL	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
STATE	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.9
LOCAL	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.5

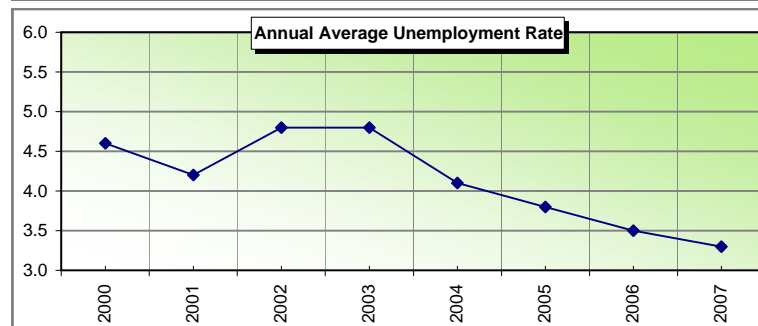
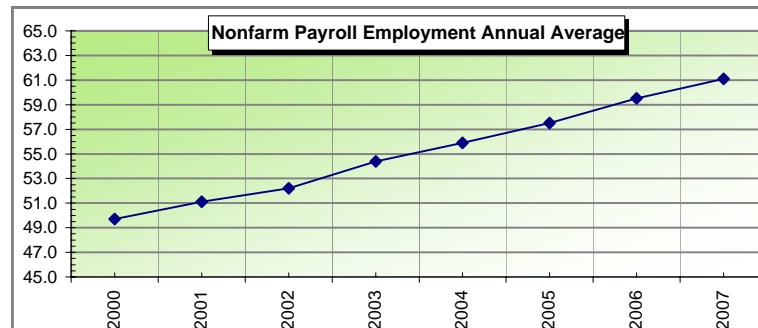


**Area:** Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia; Lawrence County in Ohio; Greenup and Boyd counties in Kentucky

Total Population July 1, 2007:	284,026
Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census)	232,229
Per capita Personal Income 2006:	\$ 27,145

# Morgantown Metropolitan Statistical Area

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	54.6	54.9	55.1	56.5	57.2	58.7	60.8	62.2
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	52.1	52.6	52.5	53.8	54.9	56.5	58.6	60.1
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6	4.2	4.8	4.8	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.3
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	49.7	51.1	52.2	54.4	55.9	57.5	59.5	61.1
TOTAL PRIVATE	36.4	37.6	38.3	38.8	40.3	41.4	43.0	44.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.7	6.9	7.2	7.6	7.7
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1
SERVICE-PROVIDING	43.3	44.8	45.8	47.7	49.0	50.3	52.0	53.4
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	30.0	31.3	31.9	32.1	33.4	34.2	35.5	36.7
Retail Trade	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.3	6.6	7.0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	3.5	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.3
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	9.4	10.0	10.6	10.4	10.8	11.2	11.5	11.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.7	5.9
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.6	13.9	15.6	15.6	16.1	16.5	16.7
FEDERAL	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9
STATE	7.9	8.3	8.5	10.2	10.1	10.4	10.7	10.8
LOCAL	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1

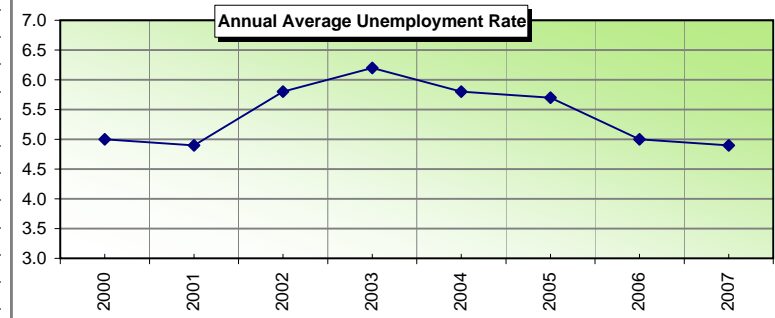
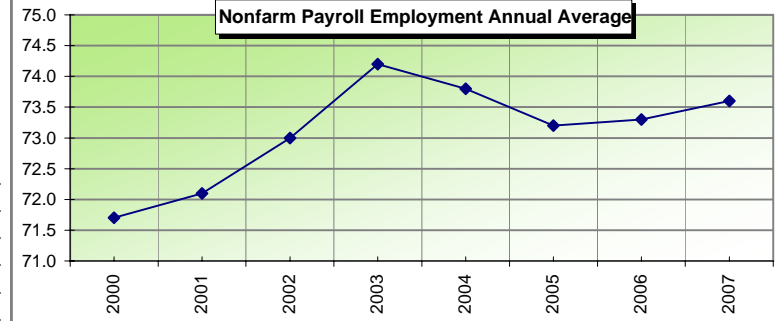


**Area:** Monongalia and Preston counties in West Virginia

**Total Population July 1, 2007:** 117,770  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census):** 92,050  
**Per capita Personal Income 2006:** \$ 30,011

# Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	79.4	79.0	79.8	81.1	80.0	79.3	79.9	80.2
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	75.4	75.1	75.2	76.0	75.3	74.9	75.9	76.3
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT	4.0	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.0	3.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.0	4.9	5.8	6.2	5.8	5.7	5.0	4.9
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	71.7	72.1	73.0	74.2	73.8	73.2	73.3	73.6
TOTAL PRIVATE	61.2	61.6	62.4	63.6	63.1	62.4	62.4	62.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.7	17.8	16.6	15.1	14.2	13.7	14.0	14.2
MANUFACTURING	13.1	12.4	11.2	10.5	9.9	9.3	9.0	8.7
SERVICE-PROVIDING	53.0	54.3	56.3	59.1	59.6	59.5	59.4	59.4
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	42.5	43.8	45.8	48.5	48.9	48.7	48.5	48.5
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.2	12.3
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.9	10.9
FEDERAL	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5
STATE	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
LOCAL	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8



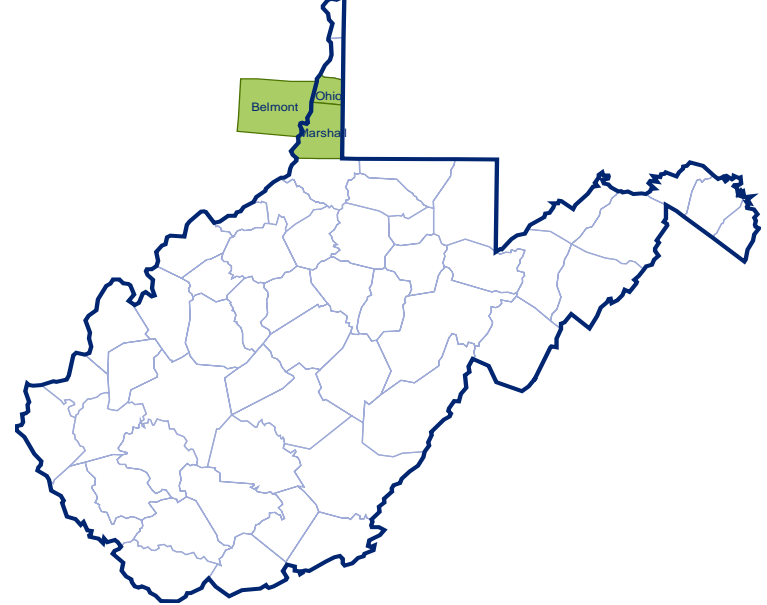
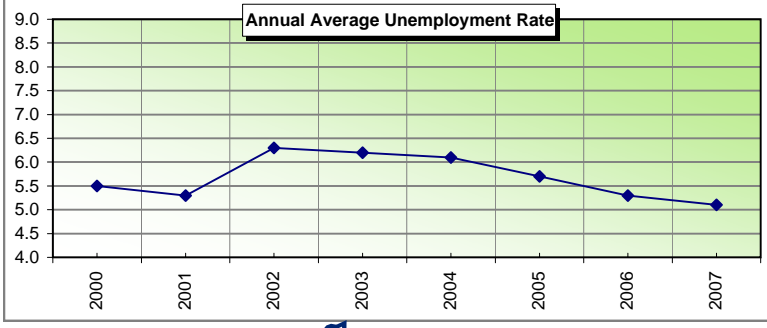
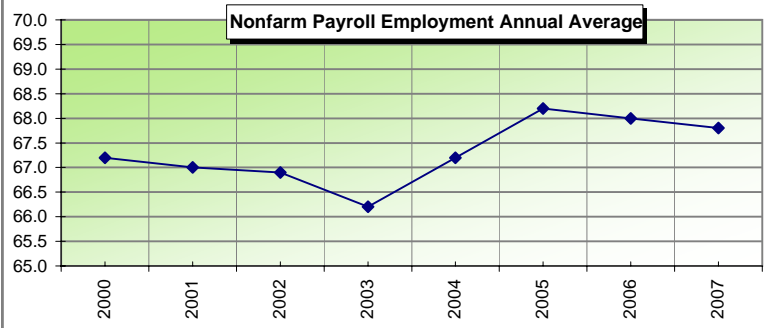
**Area:** Pleasants, Wirt, Wood counties in West Virginia; Washington County in Ohio

**Total Population July 1, 2007:** 160,656  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census):** 130,971  
**Per capita Personal Income 2006:** \$ 28,285



# Wheeling Metropolitan Statistical Area

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	69.4	68.5	68.3	67.3	67.8	68.6	68.7	68.6
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	65.6	64.8	64.0	63.1	63.7	64.6	65.0	65.1
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT	3.8	3.7	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.5	5.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.7	5.3	5.1
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	67.2	67.0	66.9	66.2	67.2	68.2	68.0	67.8
TOTAL PRIVATE	56.6	56.5	56.5	55.7	56.9	57.8	57.5	57.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	9.8	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.2	10.1	9.6
MANUFACTURING	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.4
SERVICE-PROVIDING	57.4	57.8	57.4	56.5	57.3	57.9	57.9	58.2
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	46.8	47.2	47.1	46.0	46.9	47.6	47.4	47.8
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	13.1	13.6	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.1	12.9
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.5	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5
FEDERAL	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
STATE	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
LOCAL	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.5



**Area:** Marshall and Ohio counties in West Virginia; Belmont County in Ohio

**Total Population July 1, 2007:** 145,454  
**Population 16 years and over (based on 2000 census):** 123,919  
**Per capita Personal Income 2006:** \$ 29,253

## **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 2007. Graphics illustrate the changes occurring over those years in each of the WIAs.

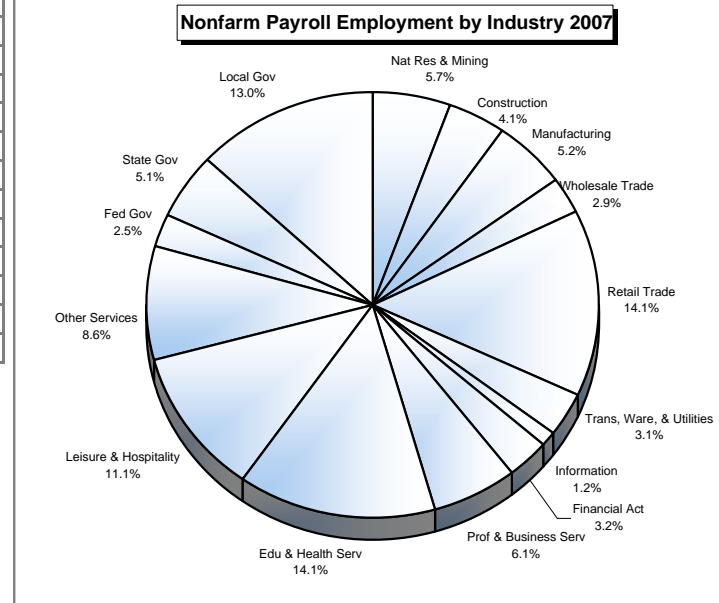
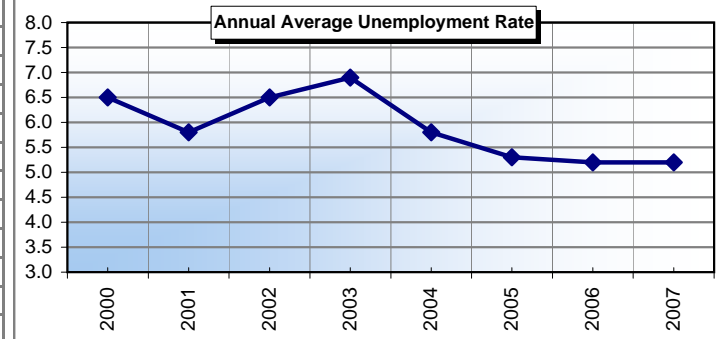
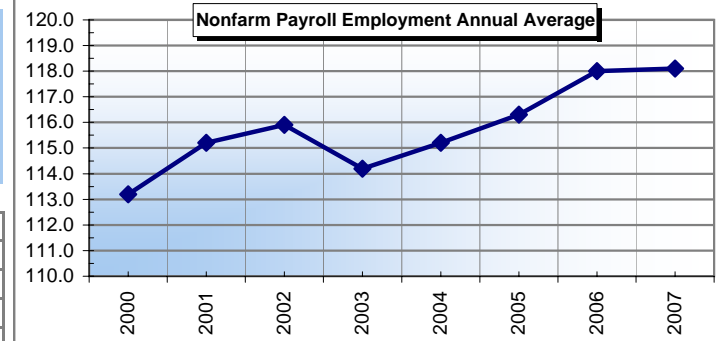
# Workforce Investment Area 1

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	136.7	135.3	135.3	132.5	130.6	131.6	134.5	135.0
Total Employment	127.8	127.5	126.5	123.4	123.0	124.5	127.5	127.9
Total Unemployment	8.9	7.8	8.8	9.1	7.6	7.0	7.0	7.1
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.8	6.5	6.9	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.2
<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	118.1
Total Private	89.2	91.1	91.6	90.0	90.9	92.3	93.9	93.7
Goods Producing	16.7	17.1	16.6	15.6	16.4	17.5	17.9	17.7
Natural Resources and Mining	5.0	5.5	5.6	4.9	5.4	6.0	6.5	6.7
Construction	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.8
Manufacturing	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.2
Service Providing	96.6	98.1	99.3	98.6	98.8	98.8	100.1	100.4
Private Service Providing	72.5	73.9	75.0	74.3	74.5	74.8	76.0	76.1
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	23.8	23.1	22.8	22.4	22.4	22.7	23.6	23.8
Wholesale Trade	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.4
Retail Trade	16.9	16.3	16.1	16.0	16.0	16.1	16.5	16.7
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7
Information	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4
Financial Activities	3.3	3.8	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8
Professional and Business Services	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.2
Education and Health Services	14.9	15.6	16.4	16.4	16.7	16.6	16.7	16.7
Leisure and Hospitality	12.5	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.8	13.1	13.1
Other Services	9.7	10.4	10.6	10.5	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.1
Total Government	24.0	24.1	24.3	24.2	24.2	24.0	24.1	24.3
Federal	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
State	5.7	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1	5.9	6.0
Local	15.2	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.0	15.2	15.4

Benchmark 2007

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

<b>Population: 2007</b>	339,010
<b>Per capita income: 2006</b>	\$25,487
<b>Total Personal Income: 2006</b>	\$8,647,913,000



# Workforce Investment Area 2

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	129.4	127.6	127.1	126.1	125.7	126.5	128.2	128.9
Total Employment	122.1	120.8	119.2	118.7	119.3	120.5	122.3	123.2
Total Unemployment	7.3	6.8	7.8	7.4	6.4	6.0	5.8	5.7
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.3	6.2	5.8	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.4
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	112.4	113.9	112.6	112.5	114.5	116.3	117.8	119.0
Total Private	93.4	94.1	92.9	92.9	94.9	96.8	98.1	99.1
Goods Producing	22.8	23.1	22.0	21.1	22.6	23.7	24.8	25.0
Natural Resources and Mining	6.6	7.2	7.1	6.9	7.5	8.3	9.1	9.0
Construction	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.4	6.2	6.5	6.6	7.0
Manufacturing	10.2	9.9	9.4	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.0
Service Providing	89.6	90.9	90.6	91.4	91.9	92.6	93.0	94.0
Private Service Providing	70.6	71.0	70.8	71.9	72.3	73.1	73.3	74.1
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	25.0	24.3	23.8	23.7	24.2	24.5	24.3	24.1
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.4
Retail Trade	14.5	14.1	13.7	13.6	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.0
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.7
Information	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
Financial Activities	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.8
Professional and Business Services	8.8	9.4	9.1	9.3	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.5
Education and Health Services	14.1	14.5	15.0	15.7	15.8	16.1	16.2	16.5
Leisure and Hospitality	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.5	9.8	9.9	10.0
Other Services	7.5	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6
Total Government	19.0	19.8	19.7	19.6	19.6	19.5	19.7	19.9
Federal	2.7	2.6	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	5.3	5.4
Local	12.1	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.8

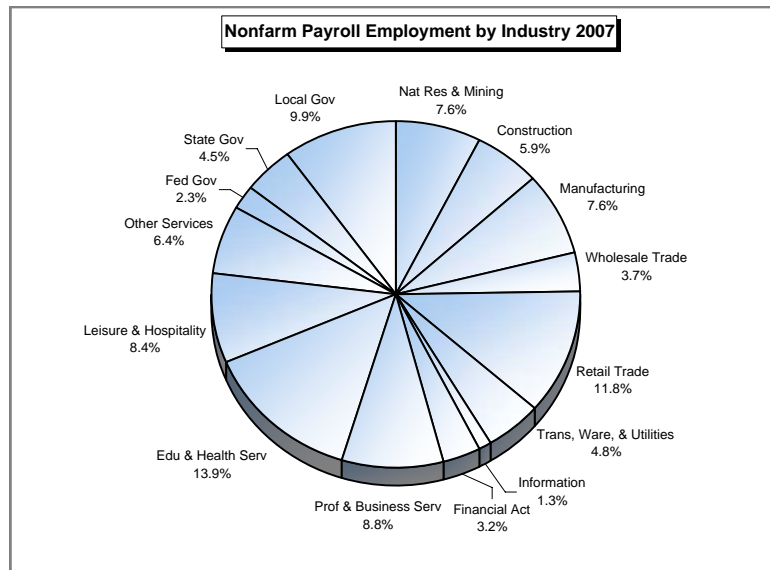
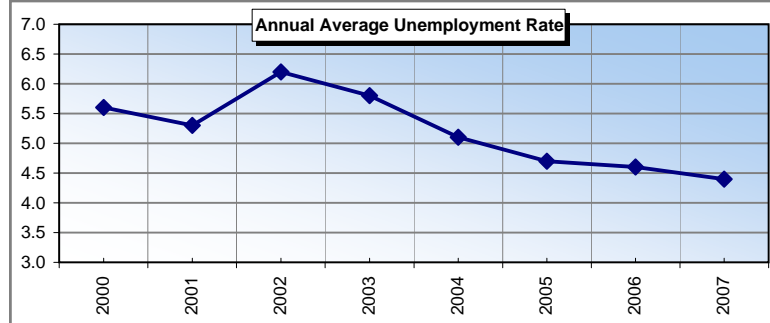
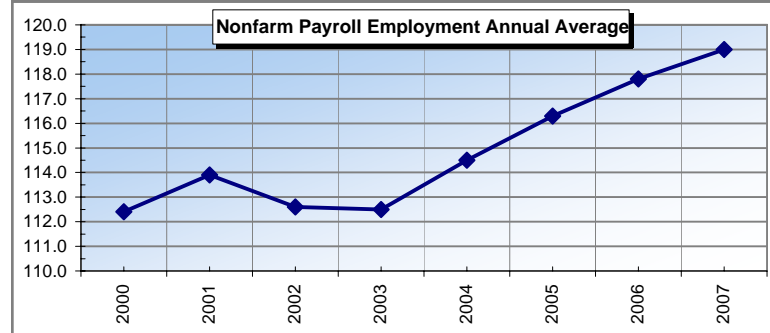
Benchmark 2007

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

**Population: 2007** 300,574

**Per capita income: 2006** \$27,253

**Total Personal Income: 2006** \$8,182,136,000



# Workforce Investment Area 3

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	97.3	95.7	93.9	91.9	91.2	91.0	91.5	91.7
Total Employment	92.5	91.2	89.0	87.0	86.8	86.7	87.6	88.1
Total Unemployment	4.8	4.6	5.0	4.9	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.6
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.8	5.3	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.0
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	117.7	117.9	116.5	115.7	115.7	114.7	115.5	115.7
Total Private	96.3	96.1	94.3	93.4	93.3	92.1	93.5	93.8
Goods Producing	14.4	14.3	13.2	12.4	12.4	11.9	12.5	12.2
Natural Resources and Mining	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.9	3.0
Construction	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.1	5.2
Manufacturing	7.7	7.0	6.1	5.6	5.3	4.7	4.4	4.0
Service Providing	103.2	103.7	103.3	103.3	103.3	102.7	103.1	103.5
Private Service Providing	81.9	81.8	81.1	81.0	80.9	80.2	81.0	81.5
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22.8	21.9	21.5	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.4
Wholesale Trade	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.6
Retail Trade	14.0	13.3	13.2	13.1	13.2	12.9	12.9	12.8
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1
Information	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.4
Financial Activities	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.6	7.1	6.6	7.2	7.2
Professional and Business Services	13.9	13.3	12.8	12.2	12.3	12.2	12.6	12.6
Education and Health Services	15.8	16.7	17.3	17.7	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.7
Leisure and Hospitality	9.6	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.0
Other Services	8.8	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.1
Total Government	21.3	21.9	22.3	22.4	22.4	22.6	22.0	22.0
Federal	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
State	10.6	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.0	11.0
Local	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.5

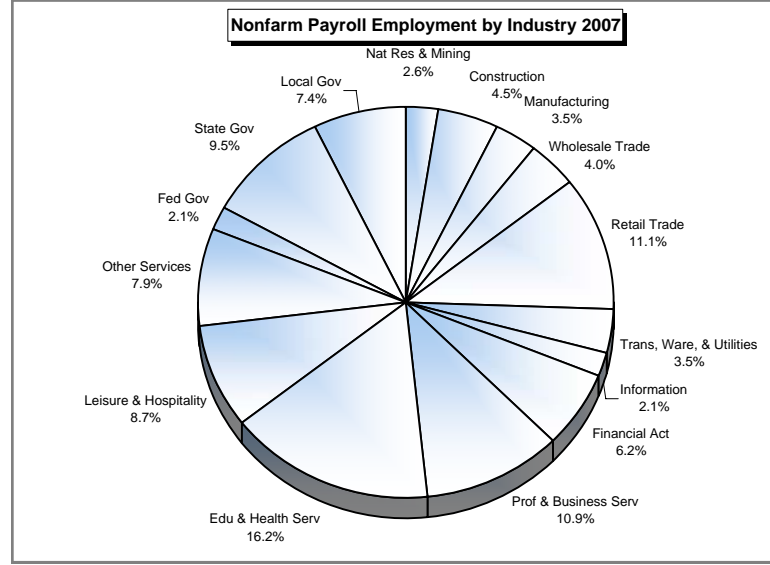
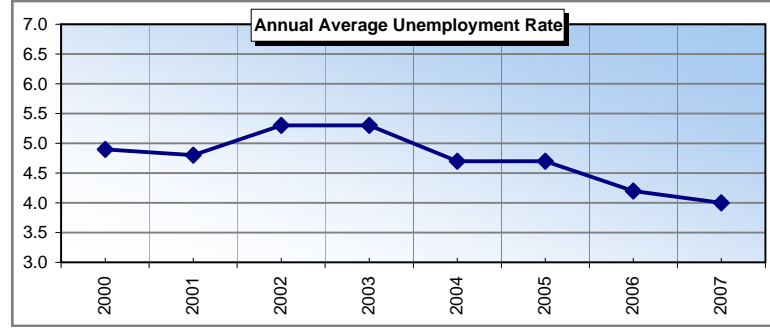
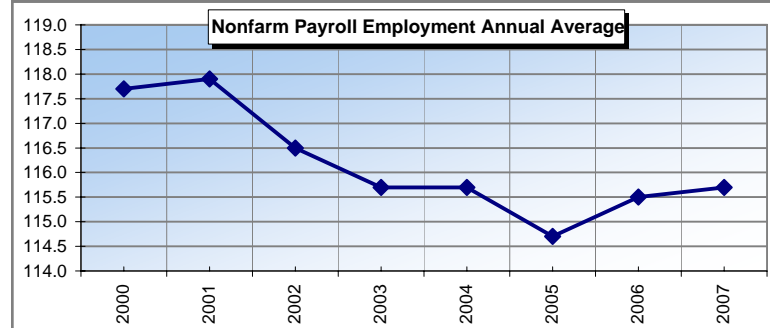
Benchmark 2007

County: Kanawha

Population: 2007 191,306

Per capita income: 2006 \$36,879

Total Personal Income: 2006 \$7,076,266,000



# Workforce Investment Area 4

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	88.8	87.4	87.1	86.5	84.9	84.8	85.6	85.8
Total Employment	83.4	82.1	81.2	80.1	79.6	79.6	81.1	81.2
Total Unemployment	5.3	5.4	6.0	6.4	5.3	5.1	4.5	4.5
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.1	6.8	7.4	6.3	6.1	5.3	5.3
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	74.6	74.3	73.0	72.2	73.4	73.2	74.4	74.2
Total Private	62.2	62.0	60.6	59.7	60.8	60.5	61.7	61.2
Goods Producing	18.1	17.5	16.1	14.8	14.8	14.4	15.3	14.9
Natural Resources and Mining	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.9
Construction	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.4	4.4	4.2
Manufacturing	13.3	12.5	11.4	10.4	10.0	9.5	9.3	8.8
Service Providing	56.5	56.8	56.8	57.3	58.6	58.8	59.1	59.3
Private Service Providing	44.1	44.5	44.4	44.9	46.0	46.1	46.4	46.3
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	16.2	15.5	15.1	15.1	15.3	15.2	15.5	15.6
Wholesale Trade	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8
Retail Trade	11.2	10.8	10.6	10.5	10.4	10.2	10.4	10.5
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Financial Activities	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1
Professional and Business Services	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.9
Education and Health Services	9.2	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.6
Leisure and Hospitality	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.4	6.4
Other Services	5.4	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.6
Total Government	12.4	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.9
Federal	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6
State	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4
Local	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0

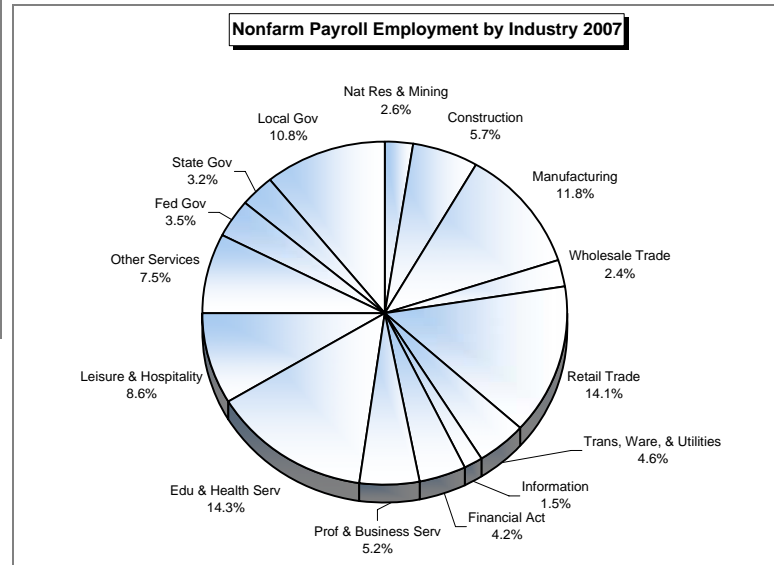
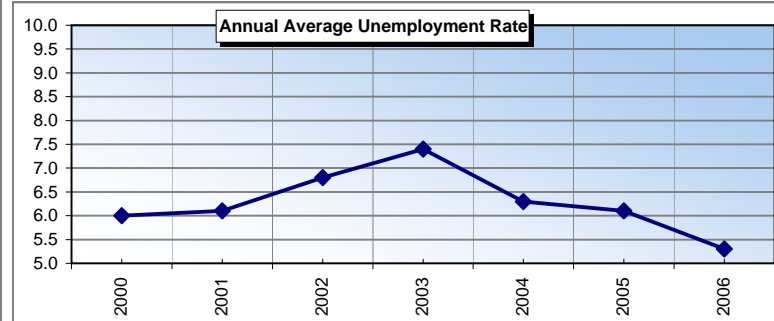
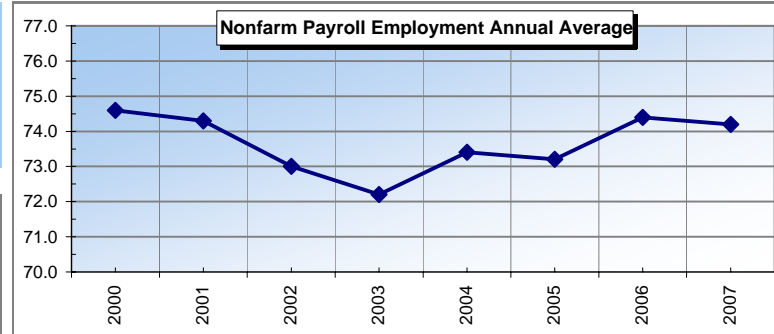
Benchmark 2007

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

**Population: 2007** 195,836

**Per capita income: 2006** \$25,574

**Total Personal Income: 2006** \$5,015,137,000



# Workforce Investment Area 5

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	76.8	75.0	73.7	72.2	71.9	72.2	71.4	71.0
Total Employment	72.9	71.0	69.3	67.8	67.2	67.6	67.1	67.2
Total Unemployment	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.3	3.8
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.1	5.3
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	74.0	74.2	73.9	72.6	72.4	73.2	72.5	72.1
Total Private	63.5	63.7	63.4	62.3	62.0	62.9	62.0	61.7
Goods Producing	17.3	16.6	16.3	15.6	14.8	14.7	13.7	12.9
Natural Resources and Mining	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2
Construction	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.7	3.0	2.6
Manufacturing	13.6	13.1	12.8	12.1	11.1	10.6	9.5	9.1
Service Providing	56.7	57.5	57.6	57.0	57.6	58.5	58.8	59.2
Private Service Providing	46.2	47.0	47.0	46.6	47.2	48.1	48.3	48.8
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	12.4	11.6	10.9	10.6	10.8	11.4	11.6	11.7
Wholesale Trade	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.4
Retail Trade	7.9	7.5	7.2	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.6
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7
Information	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Financial Activities	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7
Professional and Business Services	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.4
Education and Health Services	12.2	13.4	13.3	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.0	12.8
Leisure and Hospitality	6.7	7.0	7.7	7.9	8.1	8.4	8.3	8.7
Other Services	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8
Total Government	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.5	10.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
State	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Local	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9

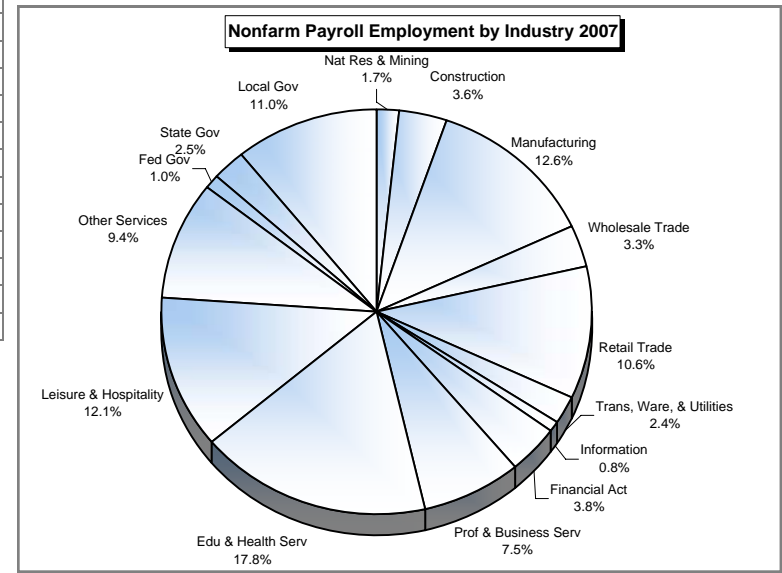
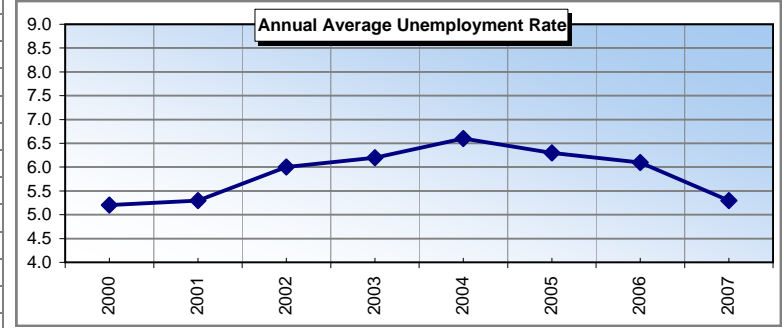
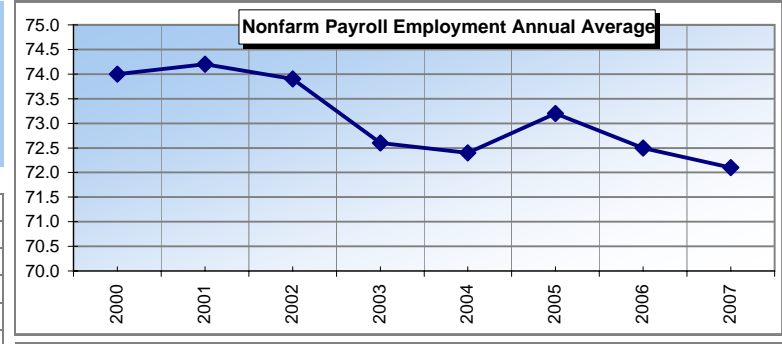
Benchmark 2007

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

**Population: 2007** 156,780

**Per capita income: 2006** \$29,087

**Total Personal Income: 2006** \$4,608,117,000



# Workforce Investment Area 6

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	171.2	170.9	170.5	171.3	171.2	174.4	177.7	179.0
Total Employment	161.6	162.1	160.5	161.5	162.8	166.5	170.0	171.6
Total Unemployment	9.6	8.8	10.0	9.8	8.4	7.9	7.6	7.4
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.2	5.8	5.7	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.1
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	147.0	151.8	152.0	154.6	157.3	160.8	163.2	164.5
Total Private	111.6	114.6	114.9	116.6	119.4	122.4	124.3	125.4
Goods Producing	23.9	24.3	23.6	23.4	24.2	25.3	25.9	25.7
Natural Resources and Mining	4.4	4.8	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.3	5.6	5.6
Construction	6.7	7.1	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.5	7.8	7.7
Manufacturing	12.9	12.4	12.0	11.9	12.2	12.5	12.5	12.4
Service Providing	123.1	127.5	128.5	131.3	133.1	135.5	137.2	138.8
Private Service Providing	87.7	90.3	91.3	93.3	95.2	97.1	98.4	99.8
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	27.0	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.8	27.5	28.0	28.7
Wholesale Trade	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.9
Retail Trade	18.7	18.2	18.2	18.4	18.7	19.3	19.5	19.8
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.0
Information	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0
Financial Activities	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0
Professional and Business Services	9.8	10.2	10.4	11.1	11.4	11.6	11.6	11.5
Education and Health Services	21.9	23.7	24.2	25.0	25.6	26.2	26.4	26.7
Leisure and Hospitality	12.2	12.4	12.7	13.1	13.8	14.1	14.7	15.0
Other Services	10.0	10.6	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.8	10.9
Total Government	35.4	37.2	37.2	38.0	37.9	38.4	38.8	39.1
Federal	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.8
State	13.0	15.4	15.0	15.9	15.8	16.1	16.4	16.4
Local	15.7	15.4	15.7	15.5	15.5	15.6	15.7	15.9

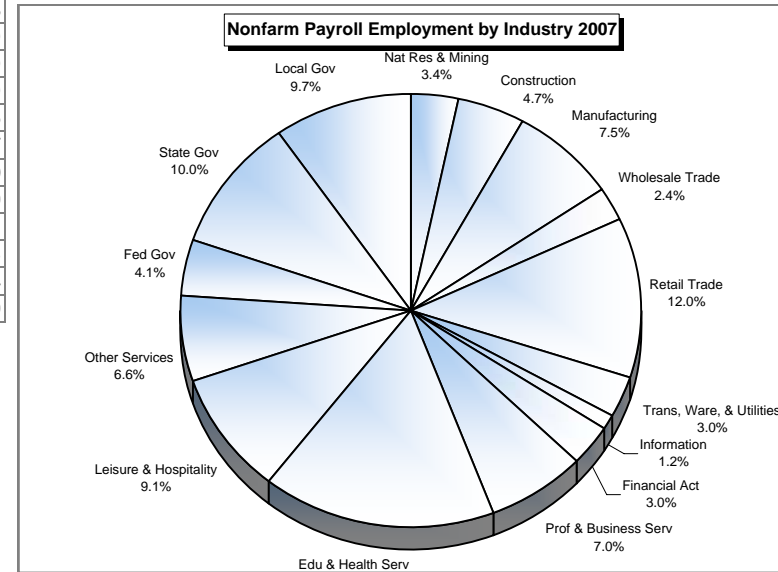
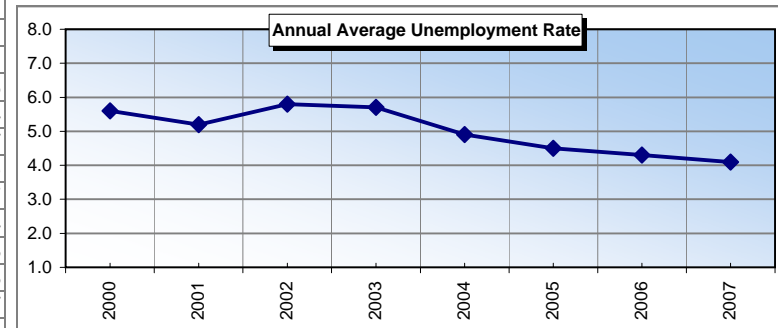
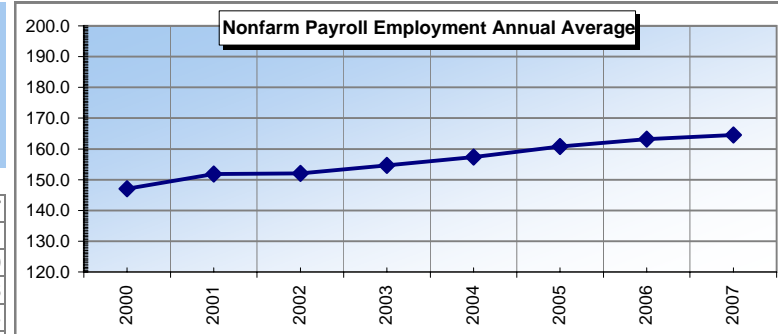
Benchmark 2007

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

**Population: 2007** 379,077

**Per capita income: 2006** \$27,901

**Total Personal Income: 2006** \$10,547,460,000





# Workforce Investment Area 7

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Labor Force Statistics</b>								
Civilian Labor Force	108.7	108.7	108.7	109.1	110.3	113.5	116.7	117.4
Total Employment	104.3	104.3	103.5	103.9	105.5	108.9	112.0	112.6
Total Unemployment	4.4	4.4	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.9
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.1	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.1
<b>Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry</b>								
Total Nonfarm Payroll Employment	66.3	67.9	68.3	68.9	70.5	72.2	74.0	74.4
Total Private	51.0	52.6	52.7	53.3	54.5	56.1	57.2	56.9
Goods Producing	14.3	14.5	14.1	13.7	13.6	14.4	14.6	14.2
Natural Resources and Mining	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.1
Manufacturing	11.0	10.5	10.4	9.6	9.2	9.5	9.7	9.4
Service Providing	52.0	53.4	54.2	55.2	56.9	57.9	59.4	60.2
Private Service Providing	36.7	38.2	38.6	39.5	41.0	41.8	42.6	42.8
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	12.7	12.7	12.5	12.6	12.8	13.1	13.2	13.3
Wholesale Trade	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.7
Retail Trade	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.3
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3
Information	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2
Financial Activities	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
Professional and Business Services	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.5
Education and Health Services	6.1	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.6	7.8
Leisure and Hospitality	6.4	6.7	6.9	7.4	7.8	7.7	8.1	8.4
Other Services	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2
Total Government	15.3	15.2	15.5	15.6	15.9	16.1	16.8	17.4
Federal	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.4
State	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
Local	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.5	9.9

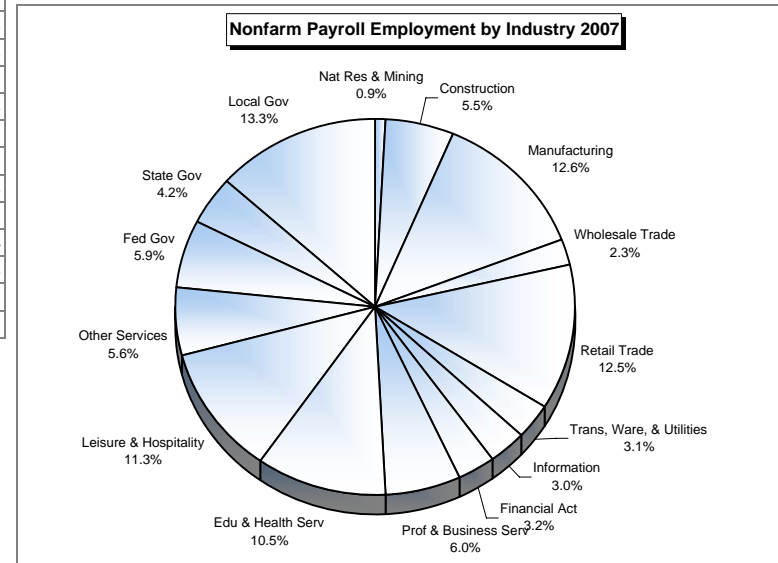
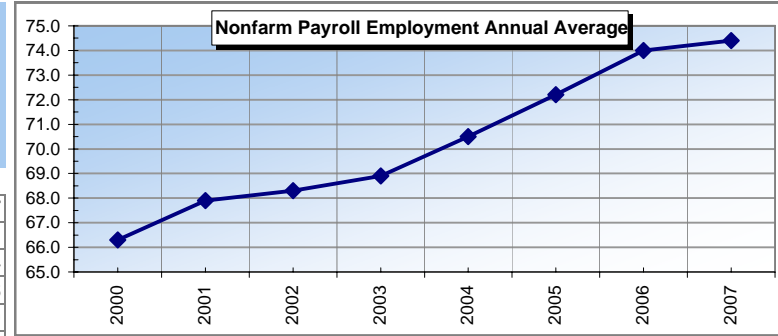
Benchmark 2007

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

**Population: 2007** 249,452

**Per capita income: 2006** \$28,352

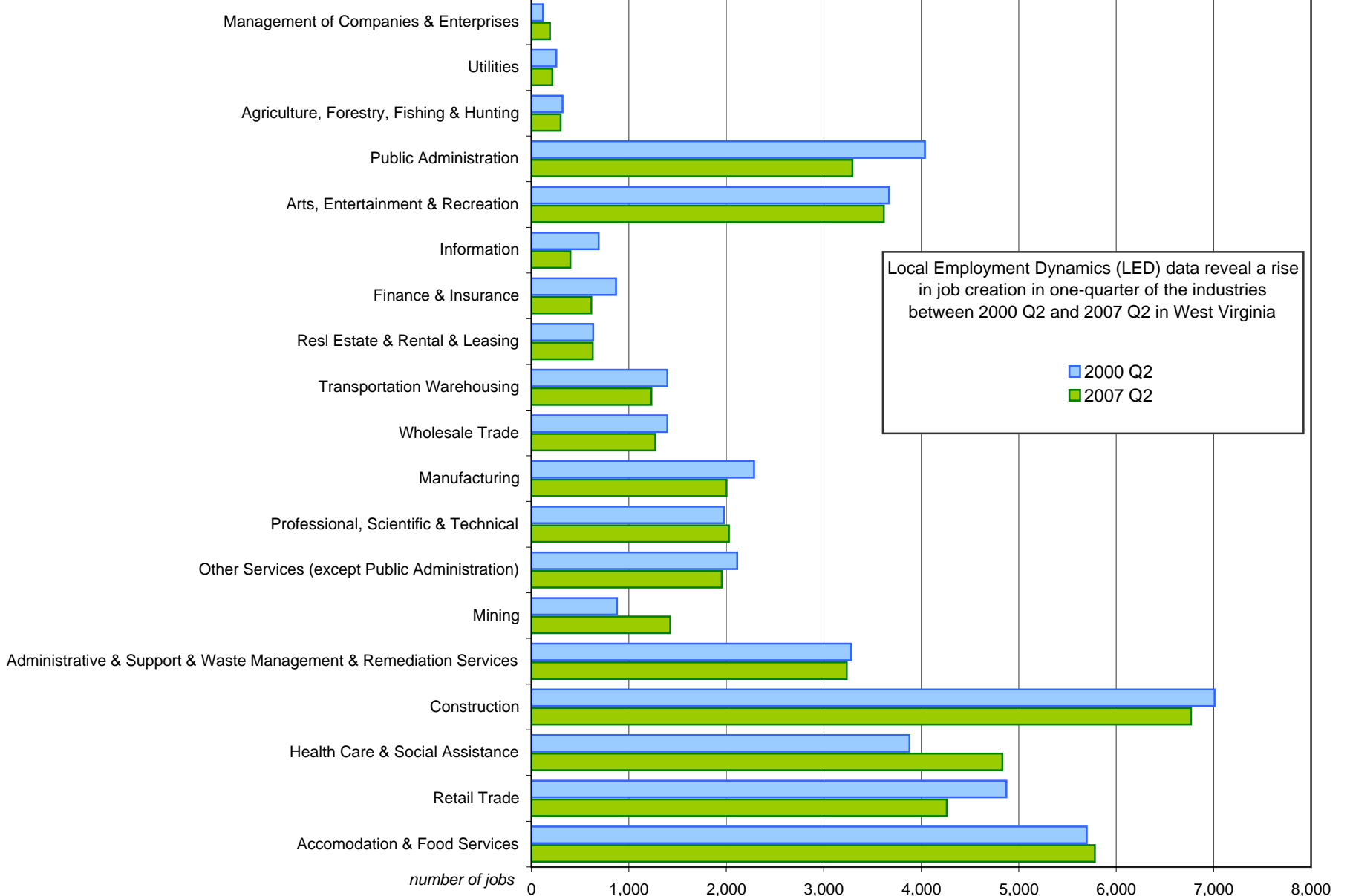
**Total Personal Income: 2006** \$6,938,482,000



## **Local Employment Dynamics (LED)**

Local Employment Dynamics (LED) is a voluntary partnership between state labor market information agencies and the U.S. Census Bureau to develop new information about local labor market conditions at low cost, with no added respondent burden, and with the same confidentiality protections afforded census and survey data.

Graphs on the following pages display job creation and employment in West Virginia industries for the years 2000 Quarter 2 and 2007 Quarter 2. The industries selected display particularly noteworthy changes in total employment, which is defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as the number of workers who were employed by the same employer in both the current and previous quarter.

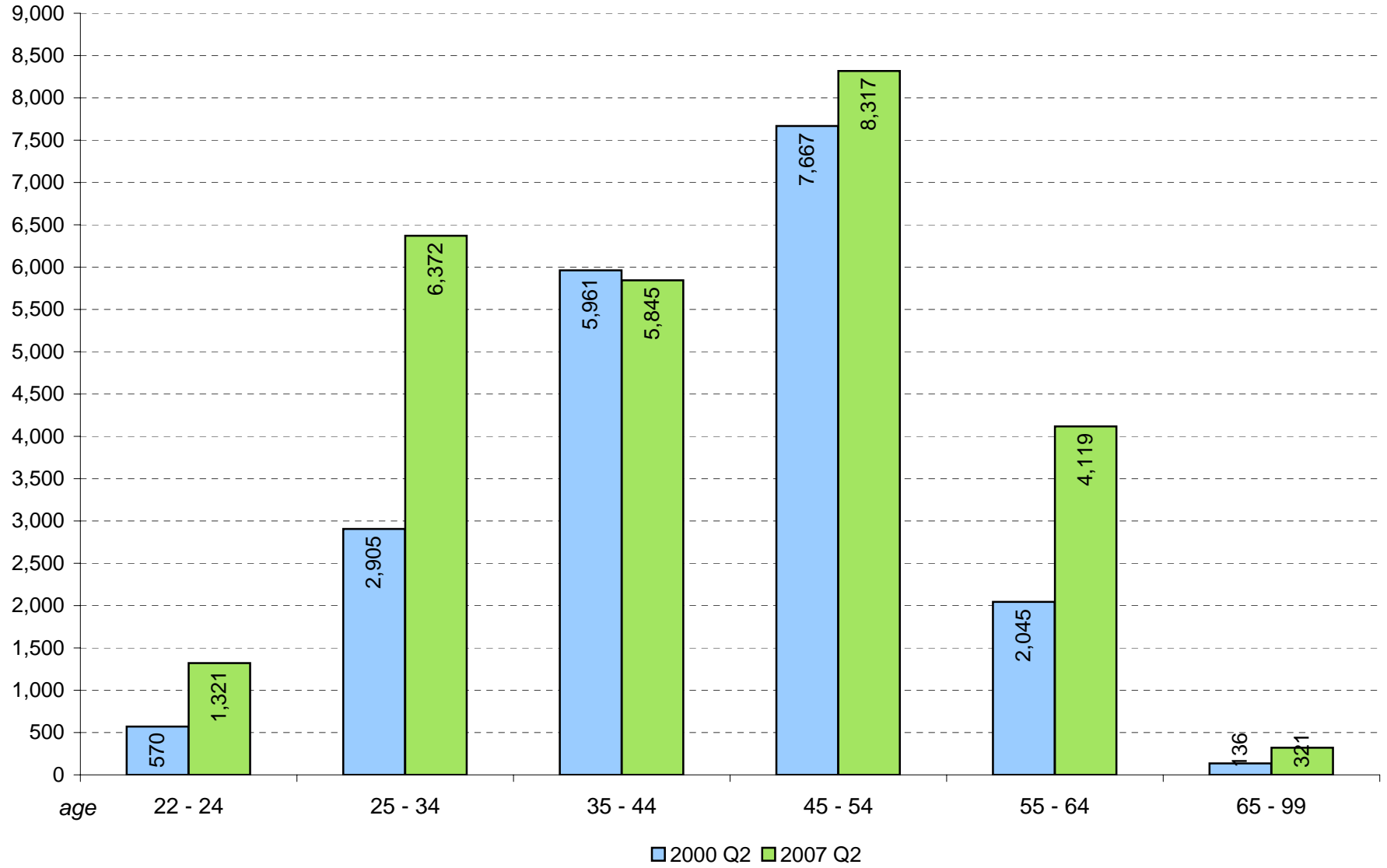


## **Mining Employment**

While mining employment grew for nearly every age group between Q2 2000 and Q2 2007, the age group containing 25-34 year olds saw the greatest increase in employment, more than doubling. A shortage of miners forced employers to seek out and train younger workers. The age group containing 35-44 year olds saw the only employment decline between 2000 and 2007, although the decline was slight. The number of miners aged 55 and older nearly doubled between 2000 and 2007, also reflecting the need for experienced mining employees.

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# Mining

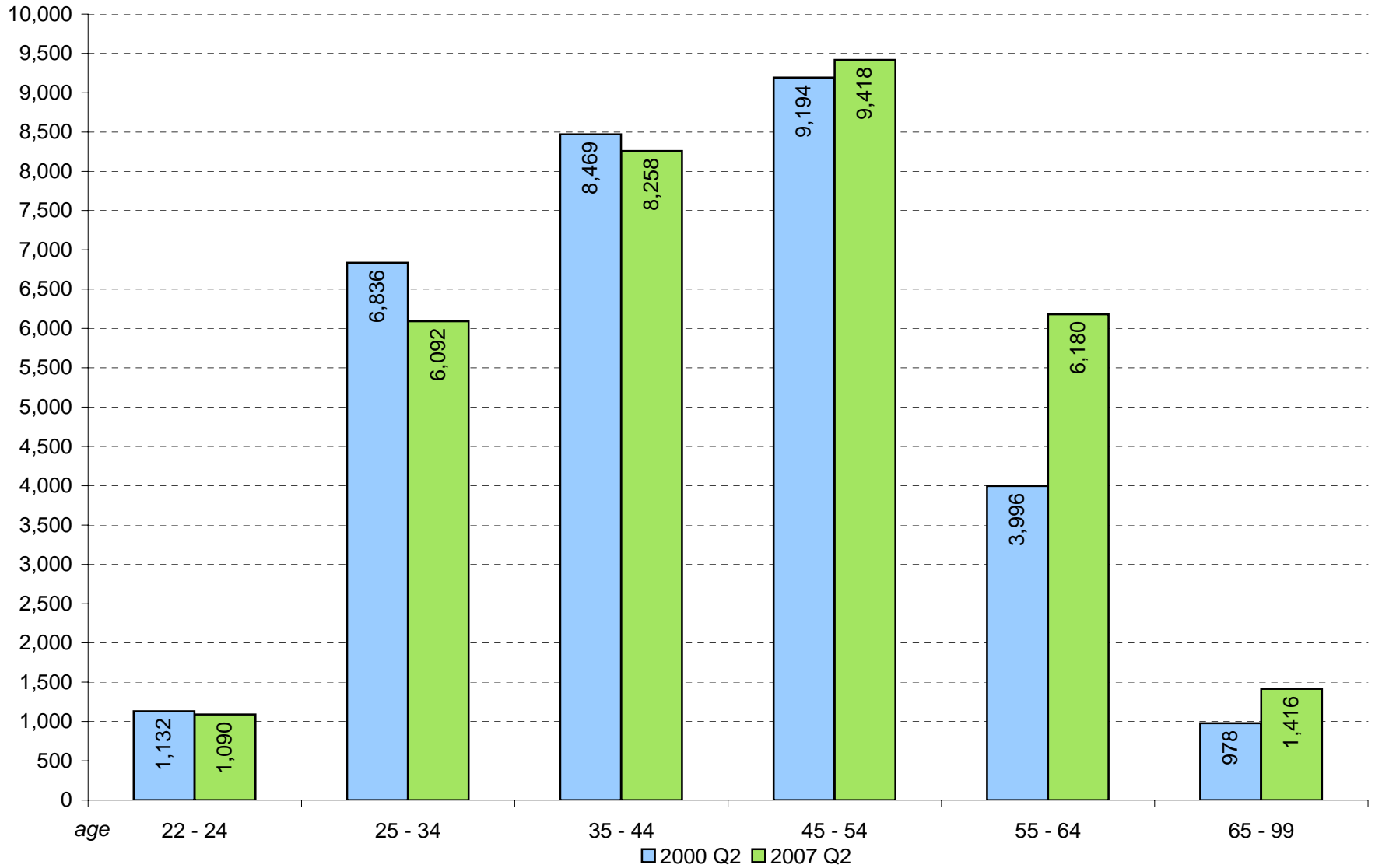


## **Public Administration**

Between Q2 2000 and Q2 2007, public administration was not the field for workers aged 44 and younger. Employment declines in public administration occurred in all age groups for workers 44 and younger, although the decline was extremely slight within the 22-24 age group. Employment increased during this same period for workers 45 and older, particularly for workers aged 55-64, emphasizing the aging workforce in West Virginia.

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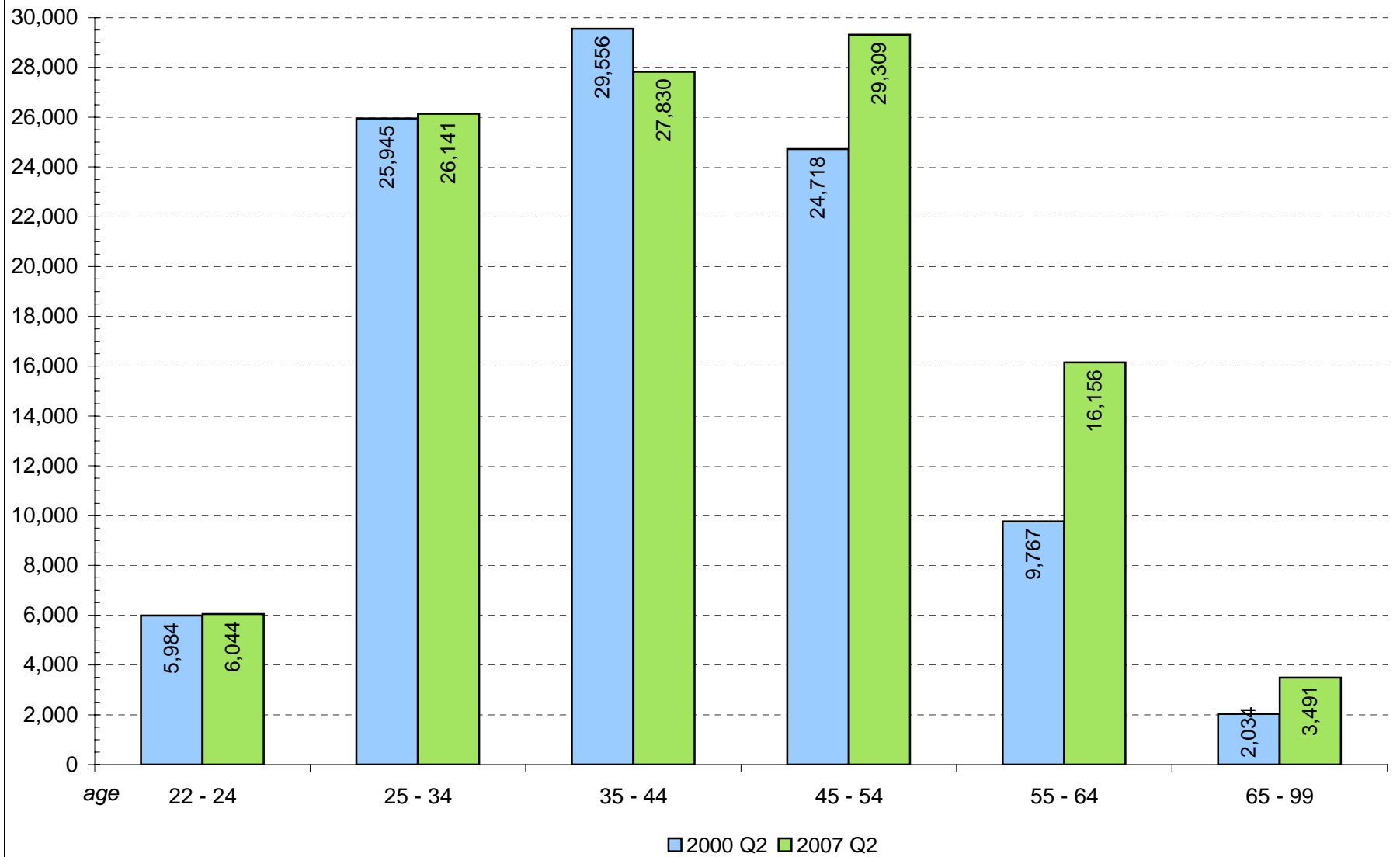
## **Health Care and Social Assistance**

Employment in health care and social assistance both rose and fell between Q2 2000 and Q2 2007 depending upon the age group. Employment was nearly unchanged for workers aged 22-24 and 25-24. Employment declined slightly for workers aged 35-44. Employment grew for older workers, particularly those at or past retirement age, reflecting the increasing trend of older workers remaining in the work force.



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## Health Care and Social Assistance



## **Data Source**

WORKFORCE West Virginia, Research, Information and Analysis

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Current Employment Statistics

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Local Employment Dynamics

US Bureau of Economic Analysis

US Census Bureau

US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics