

State Unemployment Rate at 6.6 Percent

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased three-tenths of a percentage point to 6.6 percent in August 2014. The number of unemployed state residents rose 1,900 to 52,400. Total unemployment was up 1,000 over the year. The national unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.1 percent.

Total nonfarm payroll employment decreased 100 in August, with losses of 200 in the goods-producing sector and a gain of 300 in the service-providing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, employment gains included 200 in mining and logging; declines included 100 in construction, and 300 in manufacturing. Within the service-providing sector, employment declines included 700 leisure and hospitality 700 in government, 400 in other services, 300 in trade, transportation, and utilities and 200 in financial activities. Employment gains included 1,100 professional and business services, 1,300 in educational and health services, 200 in information.

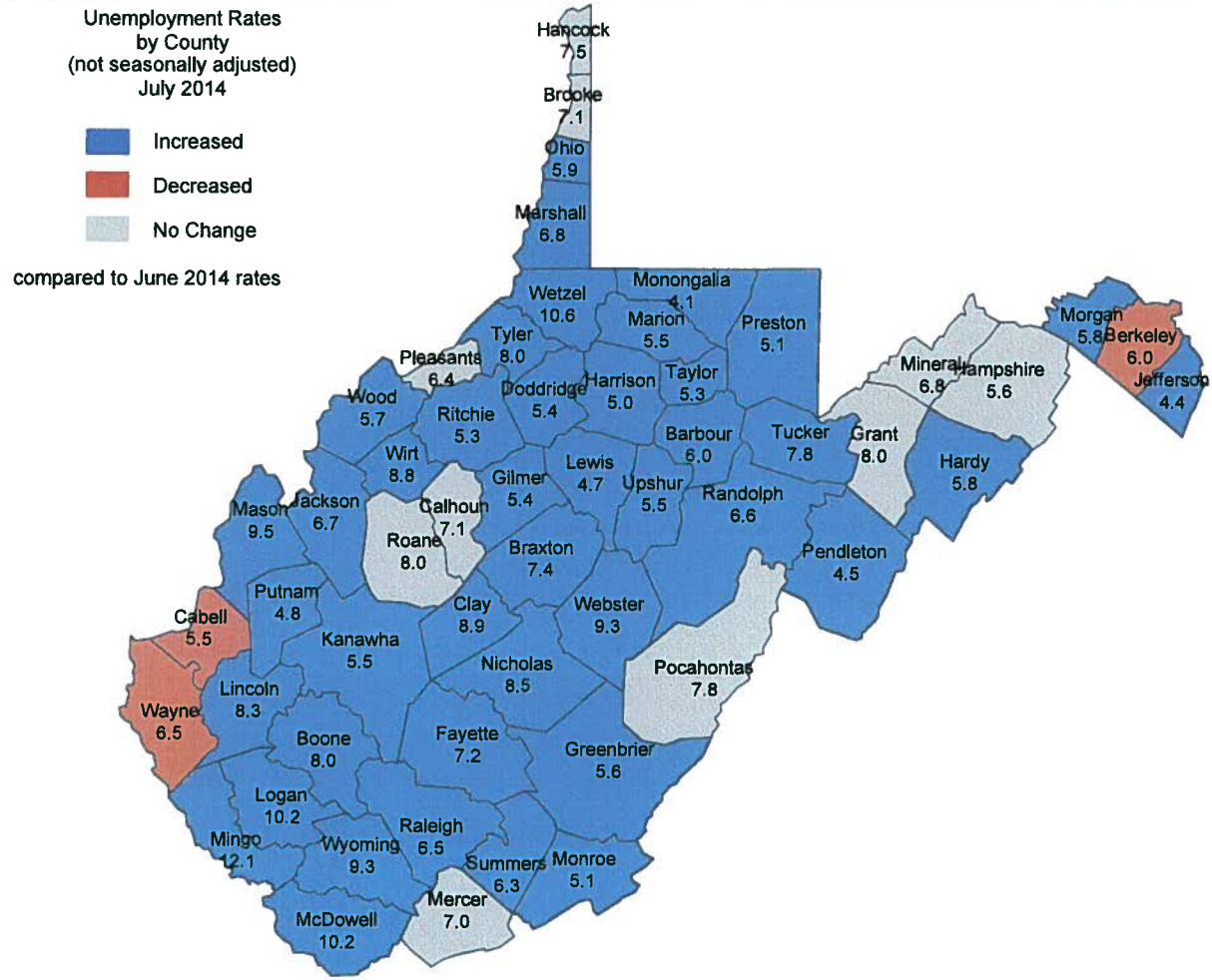
Since August 2013, total nonfarm payroll employment has risen by 8,200, with a gain of 8,400 in the service-providing sector easily offsetting a decline of 200 in the goods-producing sector. Employment gains included 5,700 in professional and business services, 3,200 in leisure and hospitality, 1,700 in financial activities, 1,400 in mining and logging, 200 in manufacturing, 1,400 in educational and health services, 300 in information. Employment declines included 3,400 in government, 1,800 in construction, 400 in trade, transportation, and utilities and 100 in other services.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased five-tenths of a percentage point to 6.6 percent.

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WEST VIRGINIA DATA COUNTY EMPHASIS



West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.3 percent in July 2014. Unemployment rates increased in 42 counties, decreased in ten counties, and were unchanged in three counties. Counties with employment rates above 10 percent included McDowell (10.2), Logan (10.2), Wetzel (10.6), and Mingo (12.1). Counties with an unemployment rate at or below 5.0 percent included Harrison (5.0), Putnam (4.8), Lewis (4.7), Pendleton (4.5), Jefferson (4.4), and Monongalia (4.1).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014		2013	2014		2013
	July	June	July	July	June	July	July	June	July	July	June	July
Barbour	6,950	6,970	6,890	6,530	6,570	6,460	410	410	420	6.0	5.8	6.1
Berkeley	48,610	48,730	48,290	45,700	45,800	45,450	2,910	2,930	2,840	6.0	6.0	5.9
Boone	9,180	9,200	9,020	8,440	8,520	8,390	730	690	630	8.0	7.4	7.0
Braxton	5,560	5,620	5,670	5,150	5,210	5,210	410	410	460	7.4	7.3	8.2
Brooke	10,320	10,350	10,400	9,580	9,590	9,550	730	760	850	7.1	7.4	8.1
Cabell	43,930	44,150	43,550	41,510	41,710	41,000	2,420	2,450	2,550	5.5	5.5	5.8
Calhoun	2,900	2,910	2,800	2,690	2,700	2,570	210	210	230	7.1	7.2	8.2
Clay	3,170	3,170	3,190	2,890	2,910	2,870	280	260	320	8.9	8.1	10.1
Doddridge	3,290	3,360	3,310	3,110	3,190	3,110	180	170	200	5.4	5.1	6.1
Fayette	17,980	17,860	17,870	16,680	16,640	16,580	1,290	1,230	1,290	7.2	6.9	7.2
Gilmer	3,180	3,240	3,160	3,000	3,060	2,980	170	170	180	5.4	5.3	5.8
Grant	5,110	5,080	4,900	4,700	4,660	4,440	410	420	460	8.0	8.2	9.4
Greenbrier	15,680	15,590	15,660	14,800	14,750	14,740	880	840	930	5.6	5.4	5.9
Hampshire	9,920	10,020	9,790	9,360	9,410	9,130	560	610	670	5.6	6.0	6.8
Hancock	13,620	13,660	13,630	12,590	12,600	12,550	1,030	1,060	1,080	7.5	7.8	7.9
Hardy	6,410	6,430	6,440	6,040	6,070	6,020	370	360	420	5.8	5.6	6.5
Harrison	32,260	32,910	32,260	30,660	31,430	30,620	1,600	1,490	1,640	5.0	4.5	5.1
Jackson	11,350	11,210	11,220	10,590	10,540	10,430	760	680	800	6.7	6.0	7.1
Jefferson	25,460	25,410	25,670	24,330	24,330	24,510	1,130	1,080	1,160	4.4	4.2	4.5
Kanawha	90,600	91,100	90,010	85,660	86,430	85,130	4,940	4,670	4,870	5.5	5.1	5.4
Lewis	8,510	8,500	8,390	8,100	8,110	7,960	400	400	430	4.7	4.6	5.1
Lincoln	7,730	7,780	7,690	7,090	7,150	7,050	650	620	640	8.3	8.0	8.4
Logan	12,080	12,570	12,980	10,850	11,440	11,860	1,230	1,140	1,120	10.2	9.0	8.6
Marion	27,520	27,570	26,520	26,000	26,110	25,000	1,520	1,470	1,520	5.5	5.3	5.7
Marshall	14,820	14,880	14,500	13,810	13,920	13,520	1,010	960	980	6.8	6.5	6.8
Mason	9,870	9,950	9,980	8,930	9,090	8,910	940	870	1,070	9.5	8.7	10.7
McDowell	7,400	7,460	7,320	6,650	6,740	6,510	750	720	810	10.2	9.7	11.1
Mercer	23,160	23,610	23,540	21,530	21,910	21,840	1,630	1,710	1,700	7.0	7.2	7.2
Mineral	14,020	14,110	13,640	13,060	13,130	12,790	960	970	850	6.8	6.9	6.2

All data have been revised to March 2013 benchmark.

West Virginia Labor Force Estimates and Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry (In Thousands - Seasonally Adjusted)

	Estimates			Change From	
	2014		2013	2014	2013
	August	July	August	July	August
Civilian Labor Force	798.9	802.2	794.3	-3.3	4.6
Total Employment	746.5	751.7	742.9	-5.2	3.6
Total Unemployment	52.4	50.5	51.4	1.9	1.0
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.3	6.5	xx	xx
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	772.0	771.9	763.8	0.1	8.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	620.1	619.3	608.5	0.8	11.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	114.5	114.7	114.7	-0.2	-0.2
Mining & Logging	33.3	33.1	31.9	0.2	1.4
Construction	32.4	32.5	34.2	-0.1	-1.8
Manufacturing	48.8	49.1	48.6	-0.3	0.2
Durable Goods	30.0	30.2	29.4	-0.2	0.6
Nondurable Goods	18.8	18.9	19.2	-0.1	-0.4
SERVICE-PROVIDING	657.5	657.2	649.1	0.3	8.4
Private Service-Providing	505.6	504.6	493.8	1.0	11.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	134.8	135.1	135.2	-0.3	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	23.3	23.0	23.1	0.3	0.2
Retail Trade	86.0	87.0	87.2	-1.0	-1.2
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	25.5	25.1	24.9	0.4	0.6
Information	9.7	9.5	9.4	0.2	0.3
Financial Activities	30.2	30.4	28.5	-0.2	1.7
Finance & Insurance	23.2	23.3	21.9	-0.1	1.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.0	7.1	6.6	-0.1	0.4
Professional & Business Services	71.0	69.9	65.3	1.1	5.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical Service	26.8	26.5	26.1	0.3	0.7
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation	37.2	36.5	32.8	0.7	4.4
Educational & Health Services	127.3	126.0	125.9	1.3	1.4
Educational Services	9.8	9.8	10.1	0.0	-0.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	117.5	116.2	115.8	1.3	1.7
Leisure & Hospitality	77.3	78.0	74.1	-0.7	3.2
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	7.5	8.1	7.5	-0.6	0.0
Accommodation & Food Service	69.8	69.9	66.6	-0.1	3.2
Other Services	55.3	55.7	55.4	-0.4	-0.1
Government	151.9	152.6	155.3	-0.7	-3.4
Federal Government	23.2	23.3	23.3	-0.1	-0.1
State Government	51.7	51.5	49.9	0.2	1.8
Local Government					

Monthly estimates are preliminary and subject to revision. Benchmark March 2013.

**TOP TEN EMPLOYERS BY REGION 1 COUNTIES
TOP TWENTY FIVE EMPLOYERS REGION 1 SERVICE AREA
AUGUST 2014**

FAYETTE COUNTY

Fayette County Board of Education
Kingston Mining, Inc.
Mt. Olive Correctional Complex
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Oak Hill Hospital Corporation (Plateau Medical Center)
Montgomery General hospital
WVA Manufacturing, Inc.
West Virginia University
New River Health Association, Inc.
Fayette County Commission

GREENBRIER COUNTY

Greenbrier Hotel Corporation
Greenbrier County Board of Education
Greenbrier Valley Medical Center
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Greenbrier Minerals, LLC
West Virginia Department of Highways
The Kroger Company
Seneca Health Services, Inc.
ABB Inc.

MCDOWELL COUNTY

McDowell County Board of Education
XMV, Inc.
US Department of Justice
Welch Emergency Hospital
McDowell County Commission
Extra Energy, Inc.
Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
McDowell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Inc.
McDowell County Commission on Aging, Inc.

MERCER COUNTY

Mercer County Board of Education
Princeton Community Hospital Association
Echosphere LLC
Bluefield Regional Medical Center, Inc.
RSCR West Virginia, Inc.,(Community Alternatives West Virginia)
Bluefield State College
Concord University
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center
Conn-Weld Industries, Inc.

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MONROE COUNTY

Goodrich Corporation
Monroe County Board of Education
US Department of Justice
Springfield Center, LLC
Monroe County Health Center
Monroe County Commission
Countryview Assisted Living, Inc.
Monroe County Council on Aging, Inc.
West Virginia Department of Highways
US Postal Service

NICHOLAS COUNTY

Nicholas County Board of Education
Summersville Regional Medical Center
Alex Energy, Inc. dba Intrepid Mining Company
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Seneca Health Services, Inc.
Columbia West Virginia, Inc.
BE Aerospace, Inc.
Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.
Nicholas County Nursing and Rehabilitation
Nicholas County Community Action Assn.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Snowshoe Mountain, Inc.
Pocahontas County Board of Education
Pocahontas Memorial Hospital
Inter-State Hardwoods Company
Associated Universities (National Radio Astronomy Observatory)
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Stillwell Road Operations LLC
West Virginia Department of Corrections, Denmar Facility
Pocahontas County Commission
Seneca Health Services, Inc.

RALEIGH COUNTY

Raleigh County Board of Education
Raleigh General Hospital
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Department of Veterans Affairs, Beckley Vet Center
Appalachian Regional Healthcare
Marfork Coal Company, Inc.
Pocahontas Coal Company
Little General Store, Inc.
Cramer Security & Investigations
US Department of Justice

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SUMMERS COUNTY

Summers County Board of Education
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Appalachian Regional Healthcare
Summers Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
Summers County Council on Aging
The Kroger Company
R.T. Rogers Oil Co., Inc.
Relational Management Services, LLC
Summers County Commission
City of Hinton

WEBSTER COUNTY

Webster County Board of Education
Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC
Webster County Memorial Hospital
ASI, Inc.
Allegheny Wood Products, Inc.
Webster County Senior Citizens, Inc.
Seneca Health Services, Inc.
AMFM of Webster County, Inc.
Northwest Hardwoods, Inc.
Jim C Hamer Company

WYOMING COUNTY

Wyoming County Board of Education
Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC
Cliffs Logan County Coal, LLC
Mountainheart Community Services Inc.
Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC
Spartan Mining Company
Stat EMS, LLC
Wyoming County Commission on Aging
KBR Technical Services, Inc.
Integrated Resources, Inc.

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Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Greenbrier Hotel Corporation
Raleigh General Hospital
The Kroger Company
Little General Store, Inc.
Res-Care, Inc.
Appalachian Regional Healthcare
Snowshoe Mountain, Inc.
Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.
Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC
The Marfork Coal Company,
Echosphere Corporation
Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC
Bluefield Regional Medical Center
Seneca Health Services
EIN Enterprises, LLC
Pocahontas Coal Company, LLC
Alex Energy, Inc. dba Intrepid Mining Company
Greenbrier VMC, LLC. (Greenbrier Valley Medical Center)
Cramer Security & Investigations
Goodrich Corporation
Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center
Kingston Mining, Inc.
XMV, Inc.
Wendy's International, Inc.