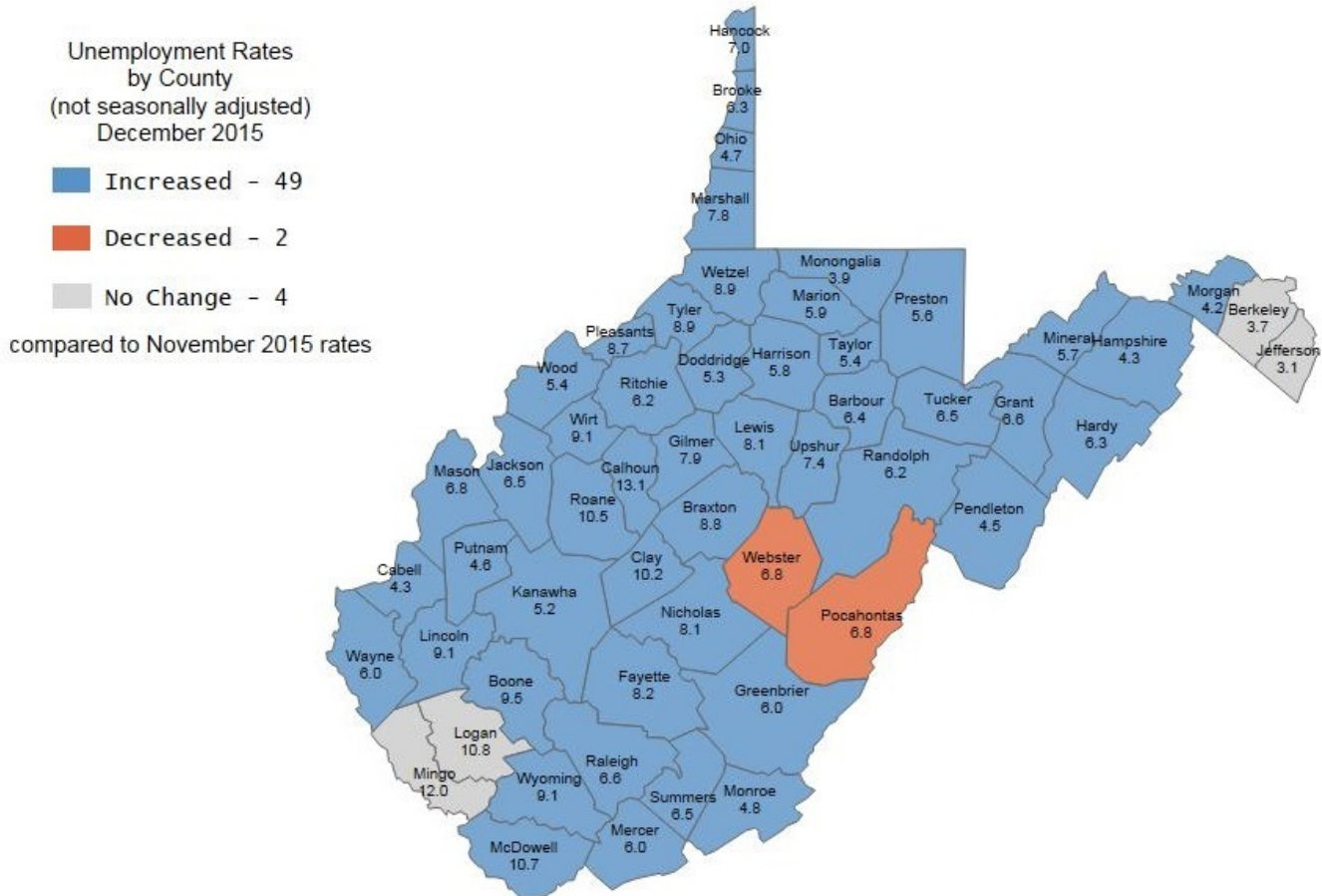


## County Emphasis

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West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent in December 2015. Unemployment rates climbed in 49 counties, declined in 2 counties, and were unchanged in 4 counties. Counties with an unemployment rate twelve percent and above included Mingo (12.0), and Calhoun (13.1). Counties with an unemployment rate below four percent included Monongalia (3.9), Berkeley (3.7) and Jefferson (3.1). The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.3 percent.

**WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS, BY COUNTY**

County	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Dec. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2014
Barbour	6,630	6,690	6,480	6,210	6,290	6,110	430	400	380	6.4	6.0	5.8
Berkeley	51,170	51,510	50,680	49,290	49,610	48,490	1,870	1,900	2,190	3.7	3.7	4.3
Boone*	8,420	8,490	8,220	7,620	7,690	7,550	800	800	660	9.5	9.4	8.1
Braxton	5,340	5,350	5,220	4,870	4,920	4,780	470	430	430	8.8	8.0	8.3
Brooke	10,020	10,200	9,790	9,390	9,570	9,190	630	630	600	6.3	6.2	6.1
Cabell*	41,600	41,920	40,960	39,810	40,160	39,140	1,800	1,760	1,820	4.3	4.2	4.4
Calhoun	2,970	2,970	2,930	2,580	2,630	2,620	390	340	310	13.1	11.4	10.6
Clay*	3,350	3,340	3,320	3,010	3,040	2,970	340	310	340	10.2	9.2	10.3
Doddridge*	3,790	3,820	3,700	3,590	3,630	3,540	200	190	160	5.3	4.8	4.2
Fayette*	16,310	16,350	15,960	14,980	15,100	14,760	1,330	1,260	1,200	8.2	7.7	7.5
Gilmer	2,780	2,790	2,710	2,560	2,580	2,550	220	210	160	7.9	7.4	5.9
Grant	5,760	5,790	5,630	5,380	5,460	5,220	380	330	410	6.6	5.7	7.4
Greenbrier	14,980	14,930	14,790	14,080	14,160	13,870	890	770	920	6.0	5.2	6.2
Hampshire	9,850	9,890	9,450	9,430	9,510	8,980	420	380	470	4.3	3.8	5.0
Hancock	12,900	13,130	12,630	12,010	12,240	11,770	900	890	860	7.0	6.7	6.8
Hardy	5,560	5,560	5,300	5,210	5,250	4,920	350	310	370	6.3	5.6	7.1
Harrison*	31,580	31,700	31,410	29,760	29,920	30,000	1,820	1,770	1,410	5.8	5.6	4.5
Jackson	11,630	11,670	11,530	10,870	10,950	10,830	760	730	710	6.5	6.2	6.1
Jefferson	26,790	26,970	26,350	25,950	26,140	25,420	840	830	930	3.1	3.1	3.5
Kanawha*	86,400	87,030	85,540	81,930	82,660	81,200	4,480	4,370	4,340	5.2	5.0	5.1
Lewis	7,280	7,310	7,050	6,690	6,760	6,690	590	550	370	8.1	7.5	5.2
Lincoln*	7,480	7,500	7,280	6,800	6,850	6,690	680	650	580	9.1	8.6	8.0
Logan*	11,250	11,470	11,340	10,040	10,230	10,320	1,210	1,240	1,020	10.8	10.8	9.0
McDowell	5,280	5,370	5,380	4,710	4,810	4,770	560	550	620	10.7	10.3	11.5
Marion*	26,280	26,450	25,810	24,740	24,930	24,550	1,540	1,520	1,260	5.9	5.7	4.9
Marshall*	14,200	14,290	13,920	13,100	13,250	12,990	1,100	1,040	940	7.8	7.3	6.7
Mason*	10,150	10,280	9,770	9,460	9,590	9,000	690	680	770	6.8	6.6	7.8
Mercer*	22,190	22,340	21,770	20,860	21,030	20,420	1,330	1,320	1,350	6.0	5.9	6.2
Mineral	11,650	11,790	11,470	11,000	11,160	10,760	660	630	720	5.7	5.4	6.3
Mingo	7,170	7,220	7,380	6,310	6,350	6,630	860	860	750	12.0	12.0	10.1
Monongalia*	49,630	50,300	48,990	47,720	48,400	47,300	1,920	1,900	1,690	3.9	3.8	3.5
Monroe	5,780	5,790	5,590	5,500	5,540	5,320	280	250	270	4.8	4.4	4.9
Morgan	7,350	7,420	7,190	7,040	7,110	6,860	310	300	340	4.2	4.1	4.7
Nicholas	9,840	9,940	9,890	9,040	9,170	9,120	800	770	760	8.1	7.7	7.7
Ohio*	20,840	21,040	20,620	19,870	20,090	19,690	980	950	920	4.7	4.5	4.5
Pendleton	3,610	3,630	3,500	3,450	3,480	3,350	160	150	150	4.5	4.1	4.3
Pleasants	3,030	2,990	2,870	2,770	2,770	2,690	260	220	180	8.7	7.5	6.2
Pocahontas	3,620	3,650	3,580	3,370	3,350	3,340	250	300	240	6.8	8.2	6.7
Preston*	14,750	14,870	14,400	13,920	14,090	13,710	830	780	690	5.6	5.2	4.8
Putnam*	25,570	25,770	25,140	24,380	24,640	23,950	1,180	1,130	1,180	4.6	4.4	4.7
Raleigh*	30,340	30,550	29,770	28,330	28,590	27,930	2,010	1,960	1,840	6.6	6.4	6.2
Randolph*	11,830	11,950	11,670	11,100	11,240	10,930	730	710	740	6.2	5.9	6.3
Ritchie	4,690	4,700	4,560	4,400	4,430	4,330	290	270	230	6.2	5.8	5.1
Roane	5,310	5,310	5,220	4,750	4,790	4,730	560	520	480	10.5	9.8	9.3
Summers	4,410	4,460	4,420	4,130	4,200	4,140	290	260	280	6.5	5.9	6.4
Taylor*	7,900	7,920	7,670	7,480	7,520	7,320	430	400	350	5.4	5.0	4.6
Tucker	3,330	3,260	3,250	3,120	3,070	3,060	220	190	190	6.5	5.9	5.8
Tyler	3,670	3,680	3,400	3,350	3,390	3,130	330	290	270	8.9	7.8	7.8
Upshur	9,460	9,510	9,270	8,760	8,840	8,750	700	670	520	7.4	7.0	5.6
Wayne*	15,810	15,920	15,510	14,860	15,000	14,610	950	920	900	6.0	5.7	5.8
Webster	3,430	3,450	3,360	3,190	3,220	3,130	230	240	230	6.8	6.9	6.9
Wetzel	7,150	7,200	6,830	6,510	6,590	6,230	640	610	610	8.9	8.5	8.9
Wirt*	2,300	2,310	2,230	2,090	2,120	2,050	210	190	190	9.1	8.4	8.4
Wood*	37,840	38,100	37,200	35,800	36,120	35,330	2,040	1,990	1,870	5.4	5.2	5.0
Wyoming	7,410	7,510	7,550	6,740	6,840	6,930	680	670	620	9.1	8.9	8.2
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>779,600</b>	<b>785,300</b>	<b>767,400</b>	<b>733,800</b>	<b>741,000</b>	<b>724,600</b>	<b>45,800</b>	<b>44,200</b>	<b>42,800</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>

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**WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS, BY COUNTY**

Labor Market Areas	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Dec. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2014	Dec. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2014
<b>UNITED STATES In Thousands, Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>	157,245	157,340	155,521	149,703	149,766	147,190	7,542	7,573	8,331	4.8	4.8	5.4
<b>UNITED STATES In Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted</b>	157,833	157,367	156,142	149,929	149,444	147,439	7,904	7,924	8,704	5.0	5.0	5.6
<b>WEST VIRGINIA Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>	779,600	785,300	767,400	733,800	741,000	724,600	45,800	44,200	42,800	5.9	5.6	5.6
<b>WEST VIRGINIA Seasonally Adjusted</b>	788,200	787,700	776,500	738,900	736,500	730,800	49,300	51,100	45,700	6.3	6.5	5.9
<b>BECKLEY Raleigh and Fayette</b>	46,700	46,900	45,700	43,300	43,700	42,700	3,300	3,200	3,000	7.2	6.9	6.6
<b>CHARLESTON Boone, Clay and Kanawha</b>	98,200	98,900	97,100	92,600	93,400	91,700	5,600	5,500	5,300	5.7	5.5	5.5
<b>HUNTINGTON - ASHLAND Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam and Wayne Counties, WV; Boyd and Greenup Counties, KY; and Lawrence County, OH</b>	147,800	148,100	147,000	139,300	140,200	138,900	8,500	7,900	8,000	5.7	5.3	5.5
<b>MORGANTOWN Monongalia and Preston</b>	64,400	65,200	63,400	61,600	62,500	61,000	2,700	2,700	2,400	4.3	4.1	3.8
<b>PARKERSBURG Wirt and Wood</b>	40,100	40,400	39,400	37,900	38,200	37,400	2,300	2,200	2,100	5.6	5.4	5.2
<b>WHEELING Ohio and Marshall Counties, WV, and Belmont County, OH</b>	66,500	66,800	66,300	62,400	62,900	62,600	4,200	3,900	3,600	6.3	5.9	5.4
<b>BLUEFIELD Mercer County, WV, and Tazewell County, VA</b>	38,700	38,900	38,600	36,200	36,400	36,000	2,500	2,500	2,600	6.4	6.4	6.7
<b>CLARKSBURG Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties</b>	43,300	43,400	42,800	40,800	41,100	40,900	2,400	2,400	1,900	5.7	5.4	4.5
<b>ELKINS Randolph County</b>	11,800	12,000	11,700	11,100	11,200	10,900	700	700	700	6.2	5.9	6.3
<b>FAIRMONT Marion County</b>	26,300	26,400	25,800	24,700	24,900	24,500	1,500	1,500	1,300	5.9	5.7	4.9
<b>LOGAN Logan County</b>	11,300	11,500	11,300	10,000	10,200	10,300	1,200	1,200	1,000	10.8	10.8	9.0

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