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State Unemployment Rate 7.3 Percent in September

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.3 percent in September 2015. The number of unemployed state residents decreased 2,000 to 57,800. Total unemployment was up 8,900 over the year. The national unemployment rate remained at 5.1 percent.

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased 1,600 in September with the gain solely in the service-providing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, employment decreased by 300 in mining and logging, while manufacturing increased by 300. Employment in construction was unchanged. Within the service-providing sector, employment increases included 1,000 in trade, transportation and utilities, 300 in financial activities, and 3,300 in government. Employment declines included 1,100 in professional and business services, 700 in educational and health services, and 600 in both leisure and hospitality and other services. Employment in Information was unchanged.

Since September 2014, total nonfarm payroll employment has decreased by 11,400. Employment gains included 500 in manufacturing, 1,600 in trade, transportation, and utilities, and 1,800 in educational and health services. Employment declines included 3,700 in mining and logging, 5,800 in construction, 200 in information, 500 in financial activities, 600 in professional and business services, 3,000 in leisure and hospitality, 700 in other services, and 800 in government.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased nine-tenths of a percentage point to 6.3 percent.

WEST VIRGINIA
(In Thousands - Seasonally Adjusted)
September 2015

	Prelim. Sep 2015	Revised Aug 2015	Revised Sep 2014	Change from:	
				Aug 2015	Sep 2014
Civilian Labor Force	788.1	787.2	782.5	0.9	5.6
Total Employment	730.3	727.4	733.6	2.9	-3.3
Total Unemployment	57.8	59.8	48.9	-2.0	8.9
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.6	6.3	xx	xx
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY					
Total Nonfarm	751.2	749.6	762.6	1.6	-11.4
Total Private	598.7	600.4	609.3	-1.7	-10.6
Goods Producing	103.1	103.1	112.1	0.0	-9.0
Mining and Logging	26.5	26.8	30.2	-0.3	-3.7
Construction	28.5	28.5	34.3	0.0	-5.8
Manufacturing	48.1	47.8	47.6	0.3	0.5
Durable Goods	29.1	29.1	28.8	0.0	0.3
Non-Durable Goods	19.0	18.7	18.8	0.3	0.2
Service-Providing	648.1	646.5	650.5	1.6	-2.4
Private Service-Providing	495.6	497.3	497.2	-1.7	-1.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	135.9	134.9	134.3	1.0	1.6
Wholesale Trade	22.6	22.6	22.6	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	86.5	86.2	86.5	0.3	0.0
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	26.8	26.1	25.2	0.7	1.6
Information	9.3	9.3	9.5	0.0	-0.2
Financial Activities	30.1	29.8	30.6	0.3	-0.5
Finance and Insurance	23.3	23.1	23.8	0.2	-0.5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6.8	6.7	6.8	0.1	0.0
Professional and Business Services	66.7	67.8	67.3	-1.1	-0.6
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	25.0	25.4	26.2	-0.4	-1.2
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt	35.1	35.9	34.8	-0.8	0.3
Educational and Health Service	128.0	128.7	126.2	-0.7	1.8
Educational Services	11.0	10.8	10.6	0.2	0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	117.0	117.9	115.6	-0.9	1.4
Leisure and Hospitality	70.9	71.5	73.9	-0.6	-3.0
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	7.1	7.4	7.4	-0.3	-0.3
Accommodation and Food Service	63.8	64.1	66.5	-0.3	-2.7
Other Services	54.7	55.3	55.4	-0.6	-0.7
Government	152.5	149.2	153.3	3.3	-0.8
Federal Government	22.3	22.3	23.3	0.0	-1.0
State Government	49.8	49.0	49.6	0.8	0.2
Local Government	80.4	77.9	80.4	2.5	0.0

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics, Calendar Years 2010 - 2015
Seasonally Adjusted

2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	774,500	773,329	773,221	776,800	778,900	781,700	783,900	787,000	788,100				
Employment	728,900	726,080	722,398	722,400	722,500	724,200	724,800	727,200	730,300				
Unemployment	45,600	47,249	50,823	54,400	56,400	54,500	59,100	59,800	57,800				
Rate	5.9	6.1	6.6	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.3				
2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	794,800	794,600	793,800	792,500	790,800	788,900	786,800	784,700	782,500	780,300	778,200	776,500	790,000
Employment	741,100	740,500	739,600	738,700	737,600	736,700	735,700	734,600	733,600	732,600	731,600	730,800	738,500
Unemployment	53,700	54,200	54,200	53,900	53,200	52,200	51,200	50,100	48,900	47,800	46,600	45,700	51,500
Rate	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.5
2013	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	803,100	801,400	799,800	798,500	797,600	796,900	796,400	795,700	795,200	794,800	794,600	794,700	799,600
Employment	745,600	745,300	745,100	745,100	745,000	744,800	744,500	744,100	743,600	743,000	742,300	741,700	745,700
Unemployment	57,500	56,000	54,600	53,500	52,600	52,100	51,800	51,600	51,600	51,800	52,300	53,000	54,000
Rate	7.2	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7
2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	806,600	806,700	807,200	807,700	808,200	808,400	808,300	807,800	807,300	806,700	805,900	804,700	809,000
Employment	747,900	748,400	748,500	748,300	747,800	747,300	746,800	746,400	746,200	746,100	746,000	745,900	748,400
Unemployment	58,700	58,300	58,600	59,400	60,400	61,200	61,500	61,400	61,100	60,600	59,800	58,800	60,700
Rate	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.5
2011	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	810,800	809,700	808,300	806,700	805,600	805,100	805,300	806,000	806,800	807,300	807,300	807,000	807,600
Employment	741,000	741,300	741,400	741,400	741,300	741,400	741,800	742,600	743,700	744,900	746,100	747,100	742,400
Unemployment	69,800	68,400	66,800	65,400	64,300	63,700	63,500	63,400	63,100	62,400	61,200	59,800	65,200
Rate	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.4	8.1
2010	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	812,200	812,300	812,100	811,800	811,500	811,300	811,300	811,500	811,700	811,900	811,800	811,500	811,100
Employment	742,800	742,700	742,800	743,000	743,100	743,000	742,500	741,900	741,300	740,800	740,700	740,800	740,900
Unemployment	69,400	69,600	69,300	68,800	68,400	68,300	68,700	69,600	70,400	71,000	71,200	70,700	70,200
Rate	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.7

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West Virginia Labor Force Statistics, Calendar Years 2010 - 2015

Not Seasonally Adjusted

2015	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	762,100	769,900	768,200	784,600	781,400	796,100	790,700	791,500	789,800				
Employment	708,900	711,200	709,400	728,100	727,800	738,500	730,900	732,500	740,400				
Unemployment	53,100	58,700	58,800	56,500	53,600	57,600	59,800	59,000	49,400				
Rate	7.0	7.6	7.7	7.2	6.9	7.2	7.6	7.5	6.3				
2014	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
Labor Force	790,000	796,000	793,700	795,700	798,000	801,900	796,300	788,700	787,900	787,500	777,300	767,400	790,000
Employment	730,100	731,900	734,500	743,300	746,700	749,700	745,000	737,300	742,000	743,400	733,700	724,600	738,500
Unemployment	59,900	64,100	59,200	52,300	51,400	52,100	51,300	51,400	45,900	44,100	43,600	42,800	51,500
Rate	7.6	8.1	7.5	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.5
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Labor Force	799,200	800,600	795,100	801,200	802,800	810,800	806,000	799,900	801,500	797,300	794,000	787,200	799,600
Employment	733,600	735,800	736,800	748,500	752,200	756,500	754,300	748,100	753,000	748,100	744,700	736,500	745,700
Unemployment	65,600	64,800	58,300	52,700	50,600	54,300	51,700	51,700	48,500	49,200	49,300	50,700	54,000
Rate	8.2	8.1	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.7
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Labor Force	798,200	804,300	802,200	808,700	815,300	821,000	814,800	808,700	813,900	814,400	806,200	800,800	809,000
Employment	734,000	737,500	740,000	749,900	754,900	757,700	753,300	747,200	756,500	757,800	749,400	742,200	748,400
Unemployment	64,200	66,900	62,100	58,900	60,400	63,300	61,500	61,400	57,400	56,600	56,800	58,700	60,700
Rate	8.0	8.3	7.7	7.3	7.4	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.5
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Employment	726,500	728,200	731,200	741,800	744,600	748,100	746,700	744,600	752,000	753,400	749,000	742,800	742,400
Unemployment	77,000	77,300	71,500	64,800	63,300	65,600	61,900	64,000	61,100	58,900	57,700	59,200	65,200
Rate	9.6	9.6	8.9	8.0	7.8	8.1	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.3	7.1	7.4	8.1
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Labor Force	803,000	808,500	804,100	812,000	813,700	818,900	816,500	814,500	816,200	813,600	808,600	804,000	811,100
Employment	727,400	727,400	729,300	744,100	746,400	749,800	748,300	744,600	749,900	748,200	741,200	734,500	740,900
Unemployment	75,600	81,200	74,800	67,900	67,400	69,100	68,100	69,900	66,300	65,400	67,400	69,500	70,200
Rate	9.4	10.0	9.3	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.6	8.7