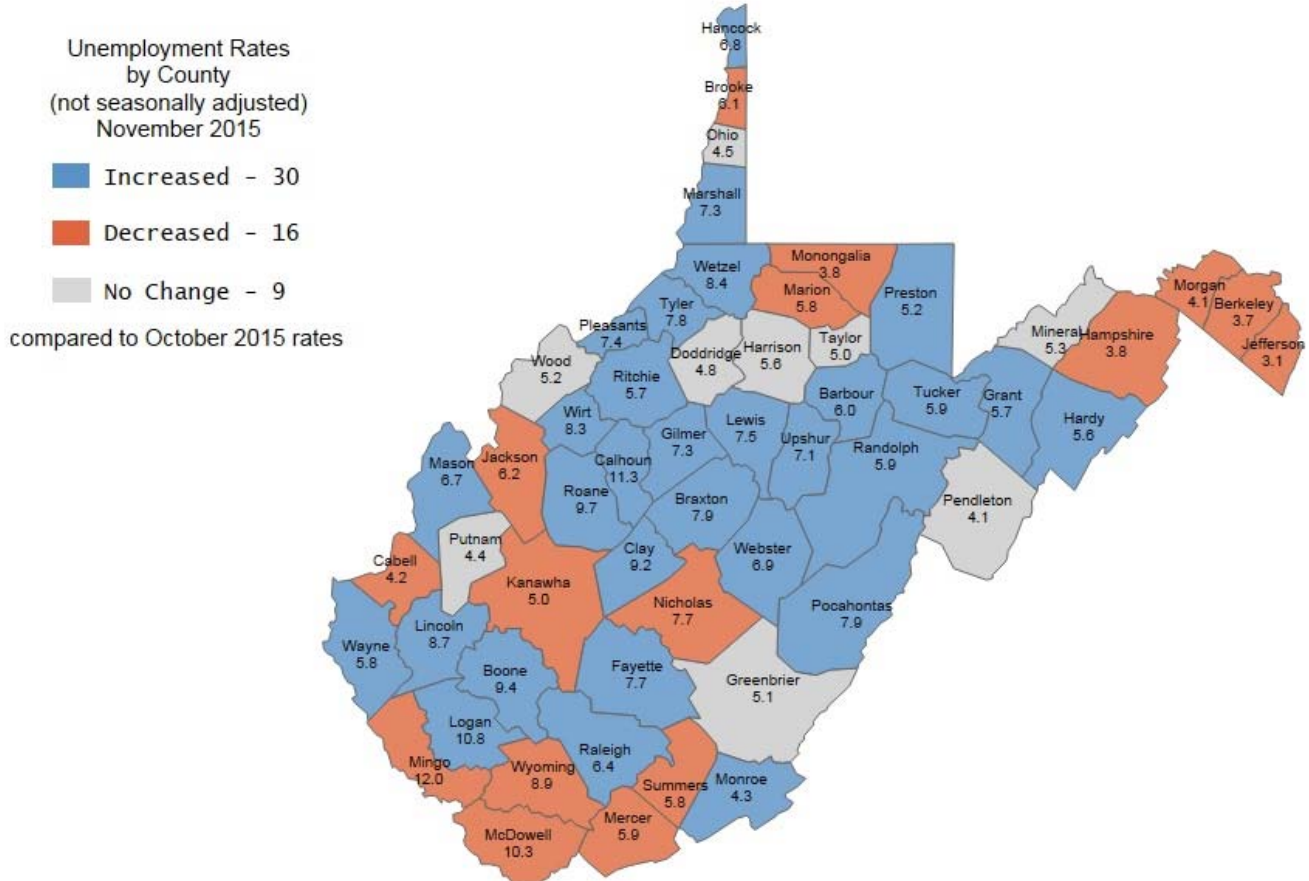


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West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 5.6 percent in November 2015. Unemployment rates climbed in 30 counties, declined in 16 counties, and were unchanged in 9 counties. Counties with an unemployment rate above ten percent included McDowell (10.3), Logan (10.8), Calhoun (11.3), and Mingo (12.0). Counties with an unemployment rate below four percent included Monongalia (3.8), Hampshire (3.8), Berkeley (3.7), and Jefferson (3.1). The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined four-tenths of a percentage point to 6.5 percent.

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WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS, BY COUNTY

County	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2015	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2015	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2015	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2015	Nov. 2014
Barbour	6,690	6,740	6,540	6,290	6,360	6,190	400	390	350	6.0	5.7	5.4
Berkeley	51,520	51,820	51,180	49,620	49,770	48,870	1,900	2,050	2,310	3.7	4.0	4.5
Boone*	8,490	8,510	8,310	7,690	7,720	7,620	800	790	690	9.4	9.2	8.3
Braxton	5,340	5,400	5,300	4,920	5,000	4,890	420	400	410	7.9	7.4	7.8
Brooke	10,200	10,300	9,960	9,570	9,670	9,350	630	640	610	6.1	6.2	6.1
Cabell*	41,810	42,200	41,500	40,050	40,390	39,570	1,760	1,810	1,920	4.2	4.3	4.6
Calhoun	2,980	2,980	2,990	2,640	2,700	2,730	340	280	260	11.3	9.5	8.7
Clay*	3,340	3,340	3,310	3,030	3,050	3,000	310	290	310	9.2	8.7	9.5
Doddridge*	3,820	3,820	3,720	3,630	3,640	3,570	180	180	150	4.8	4.8	4.0
Fayette*	16,360	16,530	16,180	15,090	15,380	14,920	1,260	1,160	1,260	7.7	7.0	7.8
Gilmer	2,790	2,840	2,750	2,580	2,650	2,610	200	190	140	7.3	6.8	5.2
Grant	5,790	5,850	5,700	5,460	5,540	5,340	330	310	370	5.7	5.3	6.4
Greenbrier	14,960	15,280	14,870	14,190	14,500	14,000	770	770	870	5.1	5.1	5.9
Hampshire	9,890	10,030	9,560	9,510	9,640	9,120	380	390	440	3.8	3.9	4.6
Hancock	13,140	13,230	12,830	12,250	12,350	11,990	890	880	850	6.8	6.7	6.6
Hardy	5,560	5,680	5,340	5,250	5,370	5,010	310	310	330	5.6	5.5	6.1
Harrison*	31,730	31,820	31,900	29,960	30,040	30,490	1,780	1,780	1,410	5.6	5.6	4.4
Jackson	11,690	11,800	11,670	10,960	11,070	10,990	730	740	680	6.2	6.3	5.8
Jefferson	26,940	27,270	26,690	26,110	26,390	25,720	830	870	980	3.1	3.2	3.7
Kanawha*	87,030	87,400	86,450	82,650	82,940	81,930	4,380	4,460	4,530	5.0	5.1	5.2
Lewis	7,300	7,330	7,130	6,750	6,810	6,780	550	520	350	7.5	7.1	4.9
Lincoln*	7,480	7,500	7,360	6,830	6,880	6,760	650	620	600	8.7	8.2	8.1
Logan*	11,470	11,510	11,480	10,230	10,330	10,400	1,240	1,180	1,080	10.8	10.3	9.4
McDowell	5,370	5,440	5,440	4,820	4,850	4,800	550	590	650	10.3	10.8	11.9
Marion*	26,470	26,660	26,240	24,950	25,090	24,950	1,520	1,570	1,300	5.8	5.9	4.9
Marshall*	14,320	14,300	14,090	13,280	13,300	13,150	1,040	1,000	940	7.3	7.0	6.7
Mason*	10,280	10,390	9,870	9,590	9,740	9,090	680	660	780	6.7	6.3	7.9
Mercer*	22,330	22,450	22,130	21,020	21,050	20,730	1,320	1,390	1,400	5.9	6.2	6.3
Mineral	11,830	11,950	11,680	11,200	11,320	10,970	630	630	710	5.3	5.3	6.1
Mingo	7,230	7,310	7,490	6,360	6,420	6,710	860	890	780	12.0	12.1	10.4
Monongalia*	50,340	50,700	49,910	48,430	48,710	48,140	1,900	1,990	1,770	3.8	3.9	3.5
Monroe	5,790	5,940	5,630	5,540	5,690	5,360	250	250	270	4.3	4.2	4.8
Morgan	7,420	7,520	7,390	7,120	7,210	7,020	310	320	360	4.1	4.2	4.9
Nicholas	9,940	10,050	9,920	9,170	9,270	9,160	770	790	760	7.7	7.8	7.6
Ohio*	21,100	21,120	20,870	20,140	20,170	19,940	950	960	930	4.5	4.5	4.5
Pendleton	3,630	3,730	3,540	3,480	3,580	3,390	150	150	140	4.1	4.1	4.0
Pleasants	2,990	3,000	2,910	2,770	2,780	2,740	220	210	170	7.4	7.1	5.8
Pocahontas	3,660	3,730	3,360	3,370	3,460	3,040	290	270	320	7.9	7.3	9.6
Preston*	14,880	14,970	14,610	14,100	14,230	13,930	780	740	680	5.2	4.9	4.7
Putnam*	25,700	25,980	25,480	24,570	24,830	24,240	1,130	1,150	1,240	4.4	4.4	4.9
Raleigh*	30,550	31,110	30,240	28,590	29,150	28,260	1,950	1,970	1,980	6.4	6.3	6.6
Randolph*	11,940	12,040	11,810	11,230	11,350	11,070	710	690	740	5.9	5.7	6.3
Ritchie	4,700	4,750	4,580	4,430	4,480	4,340	270	270	240	5.7	5.6	5.2
Roane	5,310	5,320	5,230	4,790	4,830	4,780	520	490	450	9.7	9.1	8.6
Summers	4,460	4,570	4,510	4,200	4,280	4,230	260	290	280	5.8	6.4	6.2
Taylor*	7,900	7,930	7,780	7,500	7,530	7,440	390	400	350	5.0	5.0	4.5
Tucker	3,240	3,260	3,230	3,050	3,090	3,050	190	170	180	5.9	5.2	5.6
Tyler	3,670	3,700	3,450	3,380	3,410	3,190	290	280	260	7.8	7.7	7.4
Upshur	9,500	9,650	9,430	8,830	8,990	8,920	670	660	510	7.1	6.8	5.4
Wayne*	15,880	15,990	15,690	14,960	15,100	14,780	920	890	910	5.8	5.6	5.8
Webster	3,450	3,520	3,380	3,220	3,300	3,140	240	220	240	6.9	6.2	7.1
Wetzel	7,200	7,180	6,970	6,590	6,620	6,370	610	560	610	8.4	7.9	8.7
Wirt*	2,310	2,320	2,270	2,120	2,140	2,080	190	190	190	8.3	8.0	8.4
Wood*	38,110	38,170	37,710	36,130	36,190	35,800	1,980	1,990	1,910	5.2	5.2	5.1
Wyoming	7,510	7,610	7,720	6,840	6,910	7,090	670	700	630	8.9	9.2	8.2
Statewide	785,300	791,500	777,300	741,000	747,200	733,700	44,200	44,300	43,600	5.6	5.6	5.6

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UNITED STATES In Thousands, Not Seasonally Adjusted	157,340	157,313	156,297	149,766	149,716	147,666	7,573	7,597	8,630	4.8	4.8	5.5
UNITED STATES In Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted	157,301	157,028	156,402	149,364	149,120	147,331	7,937	7,908	9,071	5.0	5.0	5.8
WEST VIRGINIA Not Seasonally Adjusted	785,300	791,500	777,300	741,000	747,200	733,700	44,200	44,300	43,600	5.6	5.6	5.6
WEST VIRGINIA Seasonally Adjusted	787,700	787,700	778,200	736,500	733,400	731,600	51,100	54,300	46,600	6.5	6.9	6.0
BECKLEY Raleigh and Fayette	46,900	47,600	46,400	43,700	44,500	43,200	3,200	3,100	3,200	6.9	6.6	7.0
CHARLESTON Boone, Clay and Kanawha	98,900	99,200	98,100	93,400	93,700	92,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5.5	5.6	5.6
HUNTINGTON - ASHLAND Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam and Wayne Counties, WV; Boyd and Greenup Counties, KY; and Lawrence County, OH	147,700	148,500	148,400	139,900	141,000	140,100	7,900	7,500	8,300	5.3	5.1	5.6
MORGANTOWN Monongalia and Preston	65,200	65,700	64,500	62,500	62,900	62,100	2,700	2,700	2,500	4.1	4.2	3.8
PARKERSBURG Wirt and Wood	40,400	40,500	40,000	38,200	38,300	37,900	2,200	2,200	2,100	5.4	5.4	5.2
WHEELING Ohio and Marshall Counties, WV, and Belmont County, OH	67,000	66,900	66,800	63,100	63,200	63,200	3,900	3,700	3,600	5.9	5.5	5.4
BLUEFIELD Mercer County, WV, and Tazewell County, VA	39,100	39,100	39,100	36,600	36,600	36,400	2,500	2,600	2,600	6.4	6.5	6.8
CLARKSBURG Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties	43,400	43,600	43,400	41,100	41,200	41,500	2,400	2,400	1,900	5.4	5.4	4.4
ELKINS Randolph County	11,900	12,000	11,800	11,200	11,400	11,100	700	700	700	5.9	5.7	6.3
FAIRMONT Marion County	26,500	26,700	26,200	24,900	25,100	24,900	1,500	1,600	1,300	5.8	5.9	4.9
LOGAN Logan County	11,500	11,500	11,500	10,200	10,300	10,400	1,200	1,200	1,100	10.8	10.3	9.4

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