

Introduction

West Virginia is located in the eastern United States within the Appalachian mountain range. The state is almost entirely mountainous, although a few flat areas are located in river valleys. This gives the state a rugged landscape noted for its natural beauty. The mountainous nature of the terrain also makes large-scale farming virtually impossible. The abundance of resources such as coal, oil, natural gas, and hardwood forests fueled an industrial expansion in the twentieth century. Among West Virginia's principal manufactured products today are steel, chemicals, and glass. The state's coal industry is ranked second and contributes 15% of the country's total coal production. Tourism in West Virginia is augmented by dozens of state parks and national forests. Manufacturing and mining are still the pillars of the state's economy.



Abbreviation: WV

Capital: Charleston

Nick Name: Mountain State

Time Zone-Standard: GMT -5

Time Zone-Daylight Saving: GMT -4

Sales Tax Rate: 6.00%

Motto: Mountaineers are always free

Web Site: <http://www.wv.gov>

Government

Governor: Jim Justice (R)

Senator: Joe Manchin III (D)

Senator: Shelley Moore Capito (R)

Entered Union: June 20, 1863

Statistics

Total GDP (Billions):	\$74,321.00 (2015)
Per Capita Real GDP:	\$36,817 (2015)
Population:	1,831,102 (2016)
% of People under Poverty Level:	18.00%
Per Capita Personal Income:	\$37,386
Unemployment Rate:	6.00% (2016)
% of Population with a Bachelor's Degree:	19.60%
Total Exports:	\$7,486,181,404.00 (2014)

Top 5 Export Partner Countries

Country	Exports
Canada	\$1,810,553,581
Netherlands	\$660,886,395
China	\$595,674,181
Brazil	\$515,266,601
Italy	\$469,744,454

Top 5 Export Merchandise

Segment	Exports
Mining	\$4,467,454,271
Chemical Manufactures	\$1,606,441,380
Transportation Equipment	\$1,208,460,497
Primary Metal Manufactures	\$212,362,403
Machinery Manufactures	\$162,920,212

Major Cities

City	Population
Charleston	49,736
Huntington	48,638
Parkersburg	30,991

Main Airports

Code	Name	City
CKB	North Central West Virginia Airport	Clarksburg
CRW	Yeager Airport	Charleston
HTS	Tri-State Airport	Huntington
LWB	Greenbrier Valley Airport	Lewisburg
MGW	Morgantown Municipal Airport	Morgantown

Main Ports

Port of Huntington-Tri State

Corporations

Company	Fortune 1000 Rank	Revenue	City
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Corporate Marginal Income Tax Rate: 6.50% > \$0
Individual Income Tax Rate: 3.00% > \$0 || 4.00% > \$10,000 || 4.50% > \$25,000 || 6.00% > \$40,000 || 6.50% > \$60,000

U.S. Commercial Service

Charleston Leslie Drake USEAC Director (304) 347-5123	Wheeling Diego Gattesco Senior International Trade Specialist (304) 243-5493
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