Introduction

West Virginia is located within the Appalachian mountain range in the eastern United States. 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. 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: 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): $71,343.20 (2021)
- Per Capita Real GDP: $47,630 (2022)
- Population: 1,793,716 (2020)
- % of People under Poverty Level: 15.80%
- Per Capita Personal Income: $48,488
- Unemployment Rate: 6.20% (2021)
- % of Population with a Bachelor's Degree: 24.10%
- Total Exports: $7,486,181,404.00 (2014)

Top 5 Export Partner Countries

- 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

- 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

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Main Airports

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Main Ports

Port of Huntington-Tri State

Corporations

U.S. Commercial Service

Charleston
- Leslie Drake
  - Director
  - (304) 347-5123
  - Trade.Gov

Wheeling
- Diego Gattesco
  - Director
  - (304) 549-0208
  - Trade.Gov

Corporate Marginal Income Tax Rate: 6.5% > $0
Individual Income Tax Rate: 3.00% > $0 || 4.00% > $10,000 || 4.50% > $25,000 || 6.00% > $40,000 || 6.5% > $60,000

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