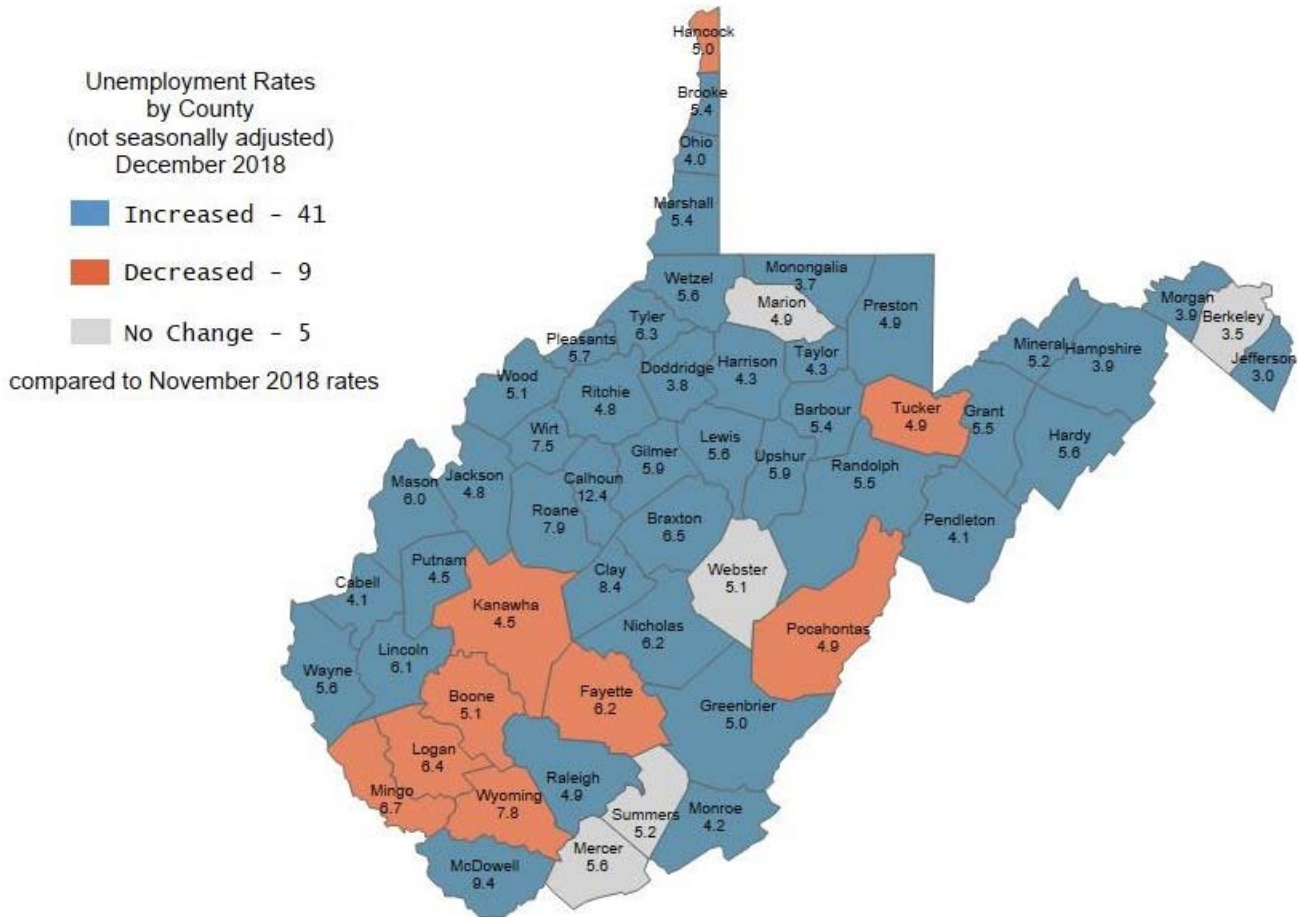


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West Virginia’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.8 percent in December 2018. Unemployment rates rose in 41 counties, declined in nine counties, and were unchanged in five counties. Counties with an unemployment rate above eight percent included Clay (8.4), McDowell (9.4), and Calhoun (12.4). Jefferson (3.0) was the sole county recording an unemployment rate at or below three percent. The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched-downward one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.1 percent in December.

WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS, BY COUNTY

County	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017
Barbour	7,050	7,090	6,900	6,670	6,760	6,530	380	330	370	5.4	4.7	5.4
Berkeley	56,310	56,450	54,910	54,350	54,480	52,940	1,960	1,970	1,960	3.5	3.5	3.6
Boone*	7,480	7,490	7,620	7,100	7,100	7,160	390	390	460	5.1	5.2	6.1
Braxton	5,290	5,330	5,290	4,950	5,030	4,870	350	290	420	6.5	5.5	8.0
Brooke	9,710	9,740	9,700	9,180	9,240	9,110	530	500	590	5.4	5.1	6.1
Cabell*	41,010	41,200	41,390	39,350	39,560	39,540	1,670	1,650	1,850	4.1	4.0	4.5
Calhoun	2,560	2,490	2,550	2,240	2,270	2,240	320	220	310	12.4	8.8	12.1
Clay*	3,110	3,070	3,150	2,850	2,860	2,870	260	220	280	8.4	7.1	8.8
Doddridge*	3,960	4,020	3,880	3,810	3,880	3,730	150	140	150	3.8	3.6	3.9
Fayette*	15,340	15,400	15,580	14,390	14,430	14,500	960	970	1,070	6.2	6.3	6.9
Gilmer	2,390	2,420	2,440	2,250	2,300	2,270	140	120	170	5.9	4.9	6.9
Grant	5,690	5,780	5,670	5,370	5,480	5,310	320	300	360	5.5	5.2	6.3
Greenbrier	15,110	15,340	15,060	14,360	14,640	14,260	760	710	800	5.0	4.6	5.3
Hampshire	10,260	10,370	9,950	9,860	10,000	9,550	400	370	400	3.9	3.6	4.0
Hancock	12,480	12,560	12,560	11,850	11,910	11,770	630	640	790	5.0	5.1	6.3
Hardy	5,690	5,740	5,630	5,370	5,450	5,310	320	280	320	5.6	5.0	5.8
Harrison*	33,590	33,580	33,030	32,150	32,180	31,490	1,440	1,400	1,530	4.3	4.2	4.6
Jackson	11,930	11,920	11,890	11,360	11,390	11,200	570	530	690	4.8	4.4	5.8
Jefferson	28,520	28,690	28,240	27,660	27,860	27,390	860	830	850	3.0	2.9	3.0
Kanawha*	82,540	82,590	83,710	78,800	78,830	79,470	3,740	3,770	4,240	4.5	4.6	5.1
Lewis	6,140	6,200	6,280	5,800	5,890	5,860	340	310	420	5.6	4.9	6.7
Lincoln*	7,120	7,130	7,200	6,680	6,710	6,720	440	410	480	6.1	5.8	6.7
Logan*	10,340	10,410	10,620	9,680	9,730	9,820	660	680	790	6.4	6.5	7.5
McDowell	5,030	5,100	5,000	4,560	4,630	4,640	470	470	360	9.4	9.2	7.2
Marion*	25,700	25,880	25,880	24,440	24,620	24,490	1,260	1,260	1,390	4.9	4.9	5.4
Marshall*	13,700	13,700	13,770	12,970	13,040	12,950	740	660	820	5.4	4.8	6.0
Mason*	9,690	9,840	9,830	9,110	9,280	9,030	580	570	800	6.0	5.8	8.1
Mercer*	21,300	21,460	21,300	20,110	20,260	20,110	1,190	1,200	1,190	5.6	5.6	5.6
Mineral	11,920	12,020	11,850	11,300	11,440	11,200	620	580	650	5.2	4.8	5.5
Mingo	6,470	6,530	6,680	6,040	6,090	6,140	430	440	540	6.7	6.8	8.0
Monongalia*	53,630	54,030	52,730	51,630	52,140	50,860	2,000	1,890	1,870	3.7	3.5	3.5
Monroe	5,870	5,990	5,760	5,630	5,750	5,510	240	250	250	4.2	4.1	4.3
Morgan	7,750	7,850	7,570	7,440	7,550	7,290	300	300	280	3.9	3.8	3.7
Nicholas	9,020	9,100	9,180	8,460	8,550	8,550	560	540	640	6.2	6.0	7.0
Ohio*	20,330	20,400	20,400	19,520	19,630	19,500	810	780	900	4.0	3.8	4.4
Pendleton	3,580	3,650	3,490	3,430	3,530	3,370	150	120	120	4.1	3.3	3.5
Pleasants	2,800	2,800	2,830	2,640	2,650	2,630	160	150	210	5.7	5.4	7.3
Pocahontas	3,960	3,660	3,810	3,770	3,390	3,590	200	270	220	4.9	7.4	5.8
Preston*	15,350	15,530	15,120	14,600	14,800	14,340	750	730	780	4.9	4.7	5.2
Putnam*	25,750	25,880	25,930	24,600	24,770	24,700	1,150	1,120	1,230	4.5	4.3	4.8
Raleigh*	28,690	28,720	29,040	27,270	27,350	27,490	1,420	1,370	1,550	4.9	4.8	5.3
Randolph*	11,930	12,030	11,870	11,280	11,420	11,220	650	610	660	5.5	5.1	5.5
Ritchie	4,360	4,360	4,370	4,150	4,170	4,120	210	190	250	4.8	4.3	5.7
Roane	5,000	4,950	5,070	4,600	4,610	4,610	390	330	460	7.9	6.7	9.1
Summers	4,460	4,520	4,450	4,230	4,290	4,180	230	240	280	5.2	5.2	6.2
Taylor*	7,960	7,990	7,880	7,620	7,660	7,520	350	330	360	4.3	4.1	4.6
Tucker	3,280	3,300	3,310	3,120	3,130	3,130	160	170	180	4.9	5.3	5.3
Tyler	3,350	3,350	3,380	3,140	3,160	3,120	210	190	260	6.3	5.7	7.7
Upshur	9,460	9,590	9,300	8,900	9,110	8,770	550	470	520	5.9	4.9	5.6
Wayne*	15,420	15,500	15,530	14,560	14,640	14,630	860	860	900	5.6	5.5	5.8
Webster	3,200	3,280	3,210	3,040	3,120	3,010	160	170	200	5.1	5.1	6.3
Wetzel	6,910	6,920	7,030	6,520	6,580	6,480	390	350	550	5.6	5.0	7.8
Wirt*	2,160	2,150	2,170	1,990	2,010	1,990	160	140	180	7.5	6.3	8.2
Wood*	35,850	35,840	36,110	34,030	34,110	34,080	1,820	1,730	2,030	5.1	4.8	5.6
Wyoming	6,780	6,870	6,730	6,250	6,320	6,280	530	550	450	7.8	8.0	6.6
Statewide	774,300	777,800	773,800	737,000	741,700	733,400	37,300	36,000	40,400	4.8	4.6	5.2

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Labor Market Areas	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017
UNITED STATES In Thousands, Not Seasonally Adjusted	162,510	162,665	159,880	156,481	157,015	153,602	6,029	5,650	6,278	3.7	3.5	3.9
UNITED STATES In Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted	163,240	162,821	160,636	156,945	156,803	154,065	6,294	6,018	6,572	3.9	3.7	4.1
WEST VIRGINIA Not Seasonally Adjusted	774,300	777,800	773,800	737,000	741,700	733,400	37,300	36,000	40,400	4.8	4.6	5.2
WEST VIRGINIA Seasonally Adjusted	781,800	781,000	781,900	741,700	740,700	739,600	40,100	40,300	42,300	5.1	5.2	5.4
BECKLEY Raleigh and Fayette	44,000	44,100	44,600	41,700	41,800	42,000	2,400	2,300	2,600	5.4	5.3	5.9
CHARLESTON Boone, Clay and Kanawha	93,100	93,200	94,500	88,700	88,800	89,500	4,400	4,400	5,000	4.7	4.7	5.3
HUNTINGTON - ASHLAND Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam and Wayne Counties, WV; Boyd and Greenup Counties, KY; and Lawrence County, OH	145,200	145,700	146,700	138,000	138,900	139,000	7,200	6,800	7,700	4.9	4.6	5.2
MORGANTOWN Monongalia and Preston	69,000	69,600	67,800	66,200	66,900	65,200	2,700	2,600	2,600	4.0	3.8	3.9
PARKERSBURG Wirt and Wood	38,000	38,000	38,300	36,000	36,100	36,100	2,000	1,900	2,200	5.2	4.9	5.8
WHEELING Ohio and Marshall Counties, WV, and Belmont County, OH	64,100	64,100	64,700	60,900	61,300	61,200	3,300	2,800	3,500	5.1	4.4	5.4
BLUEFIELD Mercer County, WV, and Tazewell County, VA	36,900	37,100	37,000	35,100	35,300	35,000	1,800	1,800	2,000	5.0	4.9	5.5
CLARKSBURG Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties	45,500	45,600	44,800	43,600	43,700	42,700	1,900	1,900	2,100	4.3	4.1	4.6
ELKINS Randolph County	11,900	12,000	11,900	11,300	11,400	11,200	700	600	700	5.5	5.1	5.5
FAIRMONT Marion County	25,700	25,900	25,900	24,400	24,600	24,500	1,300	1,300	1,400	4.9	4.9	5.4
LOGAN Logan County	10,300	10,400	10,600	9,700	9,700	9,800	700	700	800	6.4	6.5	7.5

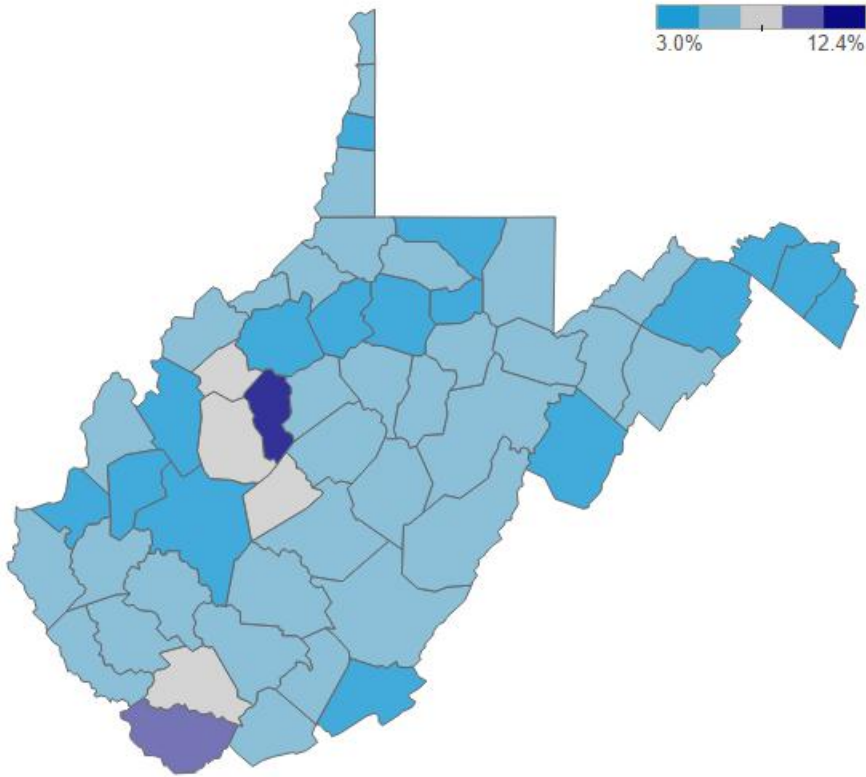
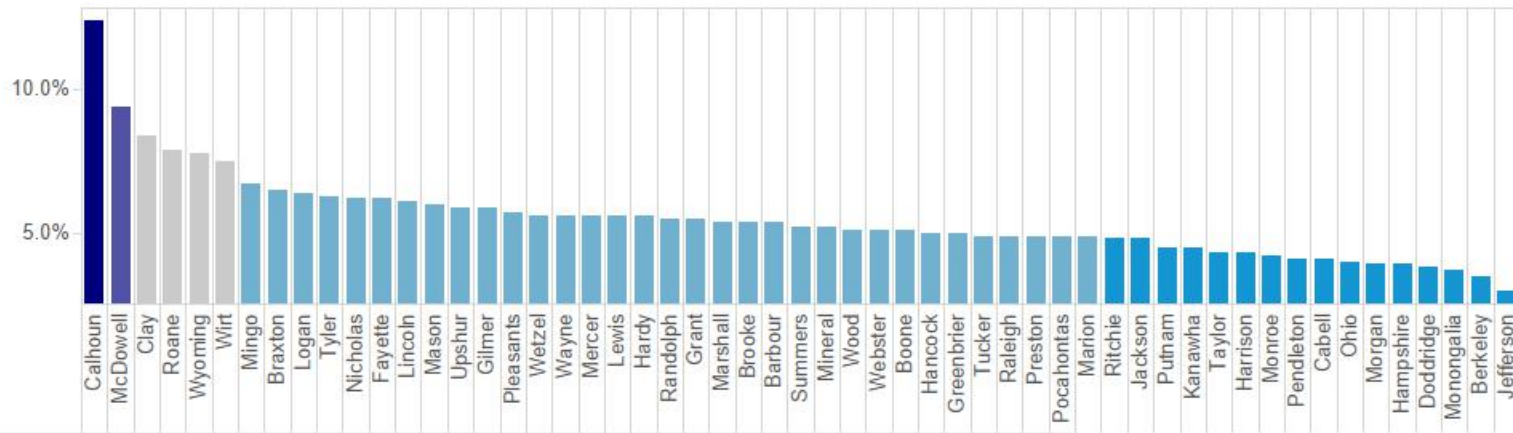
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County Unemployment Rates (percent, not seasonally adjusted)
The state unemployment rate was 4.8 percent as of December 2018.



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