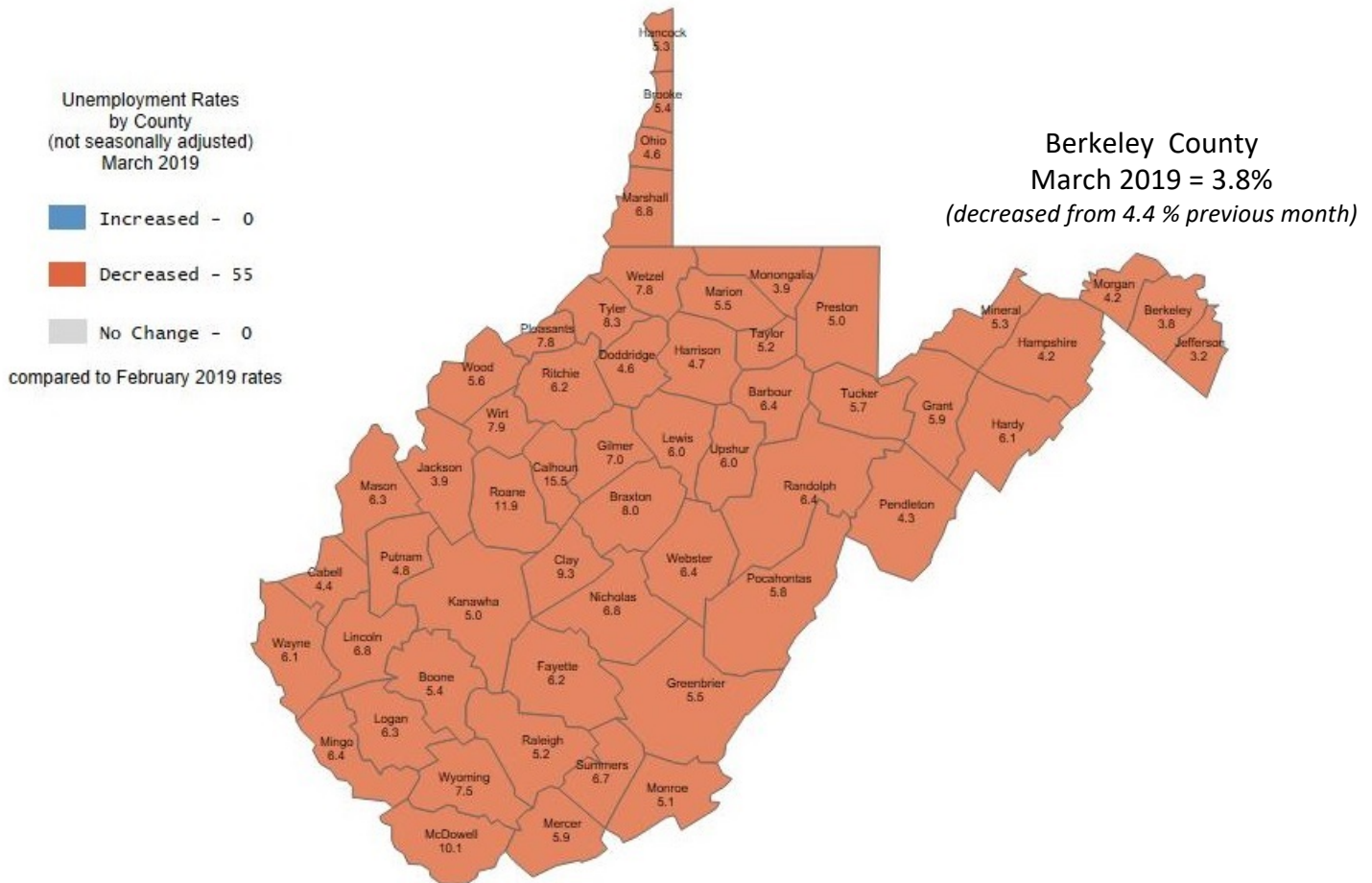


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West Virginia’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined eight-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent in March 2019. All 55 counties reported declining unemployment rates as well. Counties recording double-digit unemployment rates in March included McDowell (10.1), Roane (11.9), and Calhoun (15.5). Counties reporting an unemployment rate below four percent included Monongalia (3.9), Jackson (3.9), Berkeley (3.8), and Jefferson (3.2). The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched downward one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.1 percent in March.

WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS, BY COUNTY

County	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Mar. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018
Barbour	6,950	7,050	6,920	6,510	6,470	6,440	440	580	470	6.4	8.3	6.9
Berkeley	56,490	56,630	55,850	54,310	54,160	53,290	2,170	2,470	2,560	3.8	4.4	4.6
Boone*	7,310	7,360	7,470	6,910	6,900	6,940	400	460	530	5.4	6.2	7.0
Braxton	5,060	5,180	5,130	4,660	4,650	4,660	410	530	470	8.0	10.2	9.1
Brooke	9,660	9,810	9,730	9,140	9,190	9,050	520	620	680	5.4	6.3	7.0
Cabell*	40,810	40,920	41,170	39,010	38,890	39,020	1,800	2,030	2,150	4.4	5.0	5.2
Calhoun	2,450	2,560	2,440	2,070	2,070	2,110	380	490	330	15.5	19.1	13.6
Clay*	3,110	3,200	3,190	2,820	2,810	2,830	290	380	360	9.3	12.0	11.3
Doddridge*	4,010	4,020	3,860	3,820	3,800	3,680	190	220	180	4.6	5.4	4.7
Fayette*	15,590	15,730	15,600	14,620	14,590	14,370	970	1,140	1,240	6.2	7.3	7.9
Gilmer	2,440	2,440	2,450	2,270	2,240	2,260	170	200	190	7.0	8.1	7.9
Grant	5,820	5,790	5,770	5,480	5,350	5,400	340	450	370	5.9	7.7	6.4
Greenbrier	15,380	15,370	15,410	14,530	14,370	14,400	850	1,010	1,010	5.5	6.5	6.6
Hampshire	10,710	10,710	10,440	10,250	10,170	9,940	460	540	500	4.2	5.1	4.8
Hancock	12,630	12,790	12,760	11,970	12,050	11,870	670	740	890	5.3	5.8	7.0
Hardy	5,790	5,830	5,800	5,440	5,420	5,430	350	410	370	6.1	7.1	6.3
Harrison*	34,170	34,370	33,310	32,560	32,520	31,590	1,610	1,850	1,730	4.7	5.4	5.2
Jackson	18,910	18,940	13,810	18,170	18,070	13,070	740	860	740	3.9	4.6	5.3
Jefferson	29,700	29,680	29,210	28,740	28,610	28,140	960	1,070	1,070	3.2	3.6	3.7
Kanawha*	81,070	81,610	82,410	77,030	76,920	77,440	4,040	4,680	4,970	5.0	5.7	6.0
Lewis	6,570	6,690	6,270	6,180	6,210	5,830	400	480	440	6.0	7.2	7.0
Lincoln*	7,030	7,120	7,130	6,550	6,530	6,560	480	590	560	6.8	8.3	7.9
Logan*	10,490	10,570	10,740	9,830	9,820	9,880	660	750	860	6.3	7.1	8.0
McDowell	4,460	4,530	4,480	4,010	4,040	4,070	450	500	410	10.1	10.9	9.2
Marion*	24,960	25,260	25,160	23,590	23,720	23,490	1,370	1,540	1,670	5.5	6.1	6.6
Marshall*	14,650	14,840	13,870	13,660	13,670	12,890	1,000	1,170	980	6.8	7.9	7.1
Mason*	9,810	9,850	9,910	9,190	9,080	9,140	620	770	780	6.3	7.8	7.8
Mercer*	20,830	20,960	21,160	19,600	19,560	19,640	1,230	1,390	1,520	5.9	6.6	7.2
Mineral	12,370	12,440	12,260	11,710	11,680	11,490	650	760	770	5.3	6.1	6.2
Mingo	6,850	6,910	6,790	6,410	6,410	6,210	440	500	580	6.4	7.3	8.6
Monongalia*	52,800	53,260	53,390	50,740	50,940	51,070	2,060	2,330	2,330	3.9	4.4	4.4
Monroe	5,840	5,810	5,810	5,540	5,480	5,480	300	330	330	5.1	5.7	5.6
Morgan	8,050	8,060	7,790	7,710	7,670	7,420	340	400	370	4.2	4.9	4.7
Nicholas	9,370	9,450	9,200	8,730	8,690	8,480	640	760	720	6.8	8.0	7.8
Ohio*	21,730	21,860	20,720	20,720	20,740	19,550	1,000	1,120	1,170	4.6	5.1	5.7
Pendleton	3,560	3,560	3,420	3,410	3,380	3,260	150	190	160	4.3	5.3	4.8
Pleasants	2,790	2,800	2,730	2,580	2,560	2,540	220	250	190	7.8	8.9	7.0
Pocahontas	3,910	4,030	4,060	3,680	3,750	3,790	230	280	270	5.8	6.8	6.7
Preston*	15,250	15,450	15,390	14,480	14,470	14,500	770	980	890	5.0	6.3	5.8
Putnam*	25,940	26,100	26,130	24,680	24,610	24,640	1,260	1,490	1,490	4.8	5.7	5.7
Raleigh*	29,180	29,350	28,970	27,650	27,610	27,150	1,530	1,740	1,830	5.2	5.9	6.3
Randolph*	12,010	12,110	11,950	11,240	11,180	11,210	770	930	740	6.4	7.7	6.2
Ritchie	4,270	4,350	4,330	4,010	3,980	4,050	270	380	280	6.2	8.6	6.4
Roane	5,090	5,160	4,970	4,480	4,460	4,490	610	710	480	11.9	13.7	9.7
Summers	4,100	4,120	4,120	3,830	3,800	3,800	270	320	320	6.7	7.7	7.9
Taylor*	7,750	7,850	7,710	7,340	7,350	7,270	410	500	440	5.2	6.4	5.7
Tucker	3,360	3,430	3,450	3,170	3,200	3,240	190	230	220	5.7	6.8	6.3
Tyler	3,080	3,150	3,040	2,820	2,820	2,770	260	330	270	8.3	10.4	8.9
Upshur	9,540	9,560	9,400	8,970	8,890	8,820	570	670	580	6.0	7.0	6.2
Wayne*	15,400	15,490	15,490	14,460	14,430	14,460	930	1,070	1,030	6.1	6.9	6.6
Webster	3,250	3,280	3,200	3,040	2,980	2,970	210	300	230	6.4	9.2	7.2
Wetzel	6,660	6,780	6,510	6,140	6,130	5,920	520	650	590	7.8	9.5	9.1
Wirt*	2,190	2,260	2,160	2,020	2,010	1,980	170	250	170	7.9	11.0	8.1
Wood*	35,650	35,960	35,540	33,640	33,560	33,350	2,010	2,400	2,200	5.6	6.7	6.2
Wyoming	6,650	6,740	6,730	6,150	6,170	6,250	500	570	480	7.5	8.5	7.1
Statewide	783,500	789,100	776,700	742,300	740,800	729,500	41,200	48,400	47,100	5.3	6.1	6.1

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Labor Market Areas	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	Mar. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2019	Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018
UNITED STATES In Thousands, Not Seasonally Adjusted	162,823	162,793	161,548	156,441	156,167	154,877	6,382	6,625	6,671	3.9	4.1	4.1
UNITED STATES In Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted	162,960	163,184	161,646	156,748	156,949	155,160	6,211	6,235	6,486	3.8	3.8	4.0
WEST VIRGINIA Not Seasonally Adjusted	783,500	789,100	776,700	742,300	740,800	729,500	41,200	48,400	47,100	5.3	6.1	6.1
WEST VIRGINIA Seasonally Adjusted	789,300	788,200	782,800	749,300	747,600	740,400	40,000	40,600	42,400	5.1	5.2	5.4
BECKLEY Raleigh and Fayette	44,800	45,100	44,600	42,300	42,200	41,500	2,500	2,900	3,100	5.6	6.4	6.9
CHARLESTON Boone, Clay and Kanawha	91,500	92,200	93,100	86,800	86,600	87,200	4,700	5,500	5,900	5.2	6.0	6.3
HUNTINGTON - ASHLAND Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam and Wayne Counties, WV; Boyd and Greenup Counties, KY; and Lawrence County, OH	144,600	144,400	145,800	137,000	135,900	137,000	7,600	8,500	8,800	5.3	5.9	6.0
MORGANTOWN Monongalia and Preston	68,000	68,700	68,800	65,200	65,400	65,600	2,800	3,300	3,200	4.2	4.8	4.7
PARKERSBURG Wirt and Wood	37,800	38,200	37,700	35,700	35,600	35,300	2,200	2,600	2,400	5.8	6.9	6.3
WHEELING Ohio and Marshall Counties, WV, and Belmont County, OH	68,100	68,400	64,700	64,400	64,100	60,600	3,800	4,300	4,100	5.5	6.3	6.4
BLUEFIELD Mercer County, WV, and Tazewell County, VA	36,700	36,900	37,200	34,800	34,700	34,900	2,000	2,200	2,300	5.4	5.9	6.2
CLARKSBURG Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties	45,900	46,200	44,900	43,700	43,700	42,500	2,200	2,600	2,300	4.8	5.6	5.2
ELKINS Randolph County	12,000	12,100	11,900	11,200	11,200	11,200	800	900	700	6.4	7.7	6.2
FAIRMONT Marion County	25,000	25,300	25,200	23,600	23,700	23,500	1,400	1,500	1,700	5.5	6.1	6.6
LOGAN Logan County	10,500	10,600	10,700	9,800	9,800	9,900	700	800	900	6.3	7.1	8.0

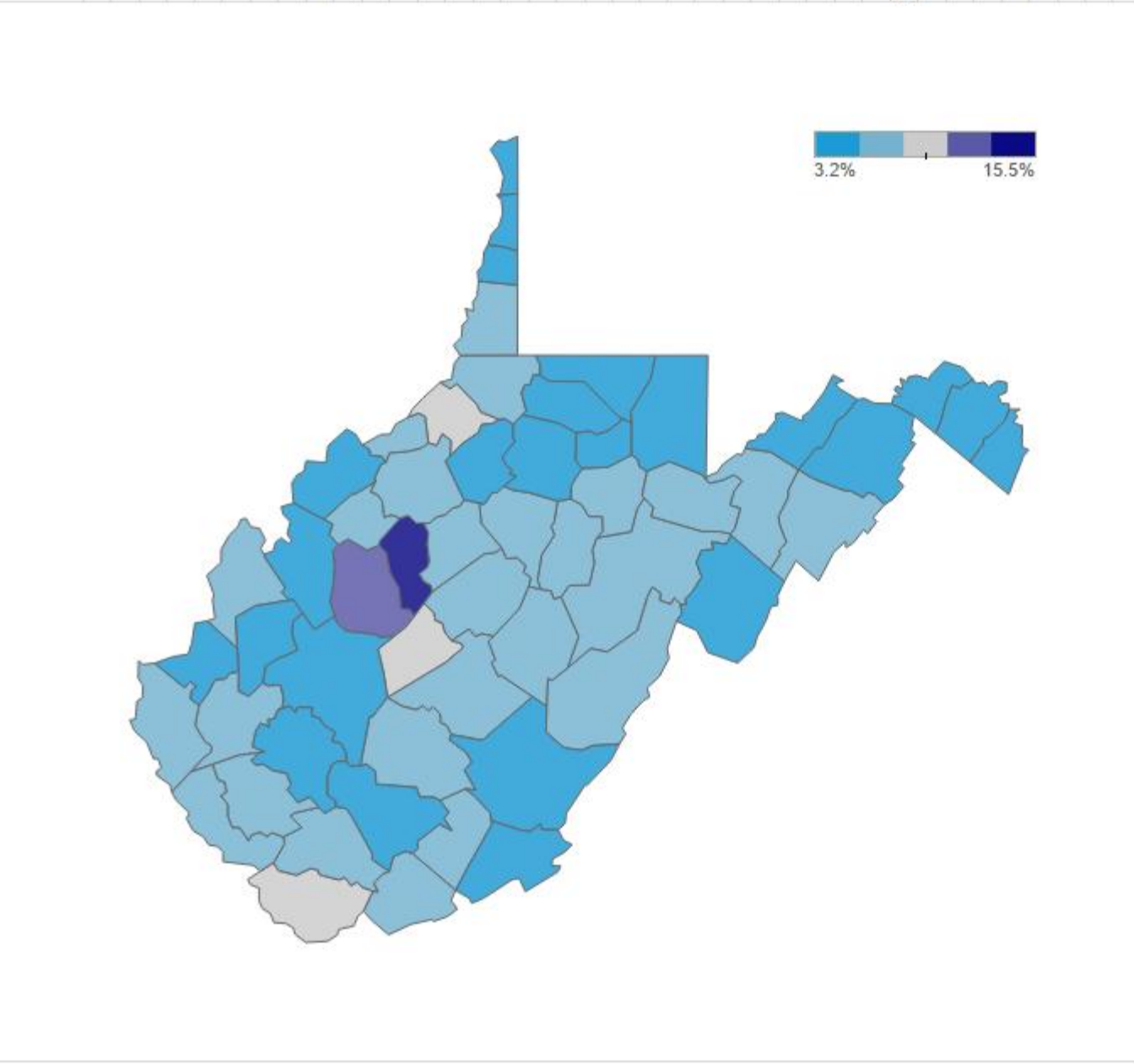
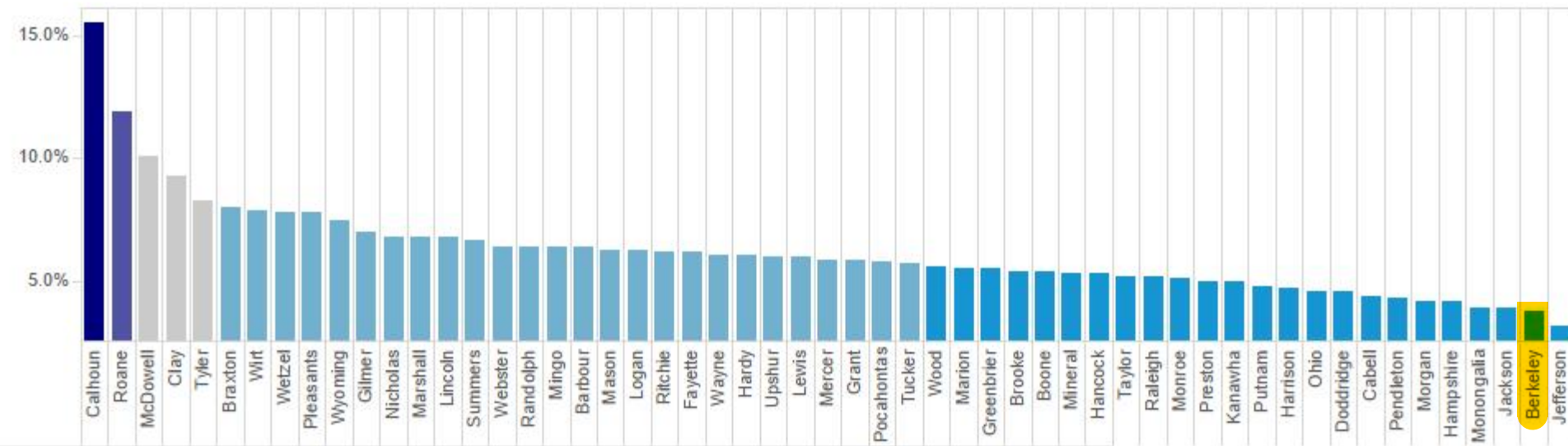
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County Unemployment Rates (percent, not seasonally adjusted)
 The state unemployment rate was 5.3 percent as of March 2019.



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