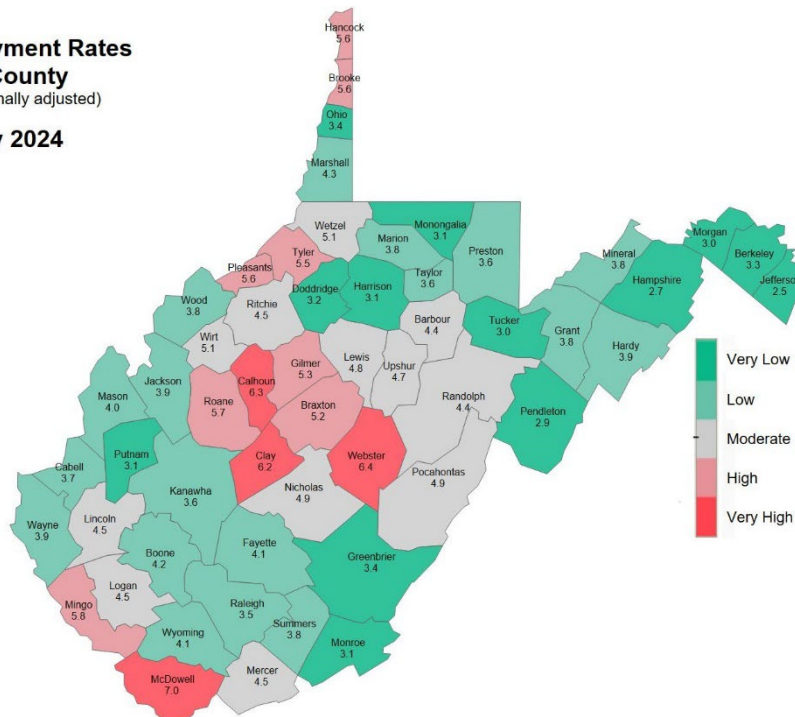


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**Unemployment Rates  
 by County**  
 (not seasonally adjusted)  
**May 2024**



West Virginia’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.8 percent in May 2024. Among the state’s 55 counties, 32 recorded declining unemployment rates, 15 reported increasing unemployment rates, and eight counties reported no change in their unemployment rates over the month.

Counties with an unemployment rate at or below 3.0 percent included Tucker (3.0), Morgan (3.0), Pendleton (2.9), Hampshire (2.7), and Jefferson (2.5).

Counties with an unemployment rate above 6.0 percent included Clay (6.2), Calhoun (6.3), Webster (6.4), and McDowell (7.0).

The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched downward one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 percent in May 2024.

**WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS, BY COUNTY**

County	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023
Barbour	7,010	6,980	7,300	6,700	6,660	7,000	310	330	300	4.4	4.7	4.1
Berkeley	58,660	58,290	59,340	56,730	56,380	57,440	1,940	1,910	1,900	3.3	3.3	3.2
Boone*	7,330	7,280	7,220	7,020	6,980	6,940	310	300	280	4.2	4.1	3.9
Braxton	5,100	4,990	5,070	4,830	4,690	4,840	270	300	230	5.2	6.0	4.5
Brooke	9,740	9,570	9,720	9,200	9,130	9,280	550	440	440	5.6	4.6	4.5
Cabell*	41,890	41,760	41,270	40,350	40,310	39,830	1,540	1,450	1,440	3.7	3.5	3.5
Calhoun	2,440	2,410	2,570	2,290	2,200	2,420	150	220	140	6.3	8.9	5.5
Clay*	3,070	3,060	3,000	2,880	2,860	2,850	190	200	160	6.2	6.5	5.2
Doddridge*	3,800	3,710	3,680	3,680	3,590	3,570	120	130	100	3.2	3.4	2.7
Fayette*	16,220	15,930	15,780	15,560	15,260	15,160	660	670	620	4.1	4.2	3.9
Gilmer	2,290	2,260	2,350	2,170	2,120	2,230	120	130	120	5.3	5.8	5.0
Grant	6,070	5,950	6,070	5,840	5,730	5,870	230	220	200	3.8	3.7	3.2
Greenbrier	14,930	14,600	14,900	14,420	14,050	14,400	520	550	500	3.4	3.8	3.4
Hampshire	11,100	11,060	11,020	10,800	10,770	10,730	300	290	290	2.7	2.6	2.6
Hancock	12,860	12,690	12,830	12,130	12,060	12,250	720	630	580	5.6	5.0	4.6
Hardy	5,750	5,710	5,720	5,530	5,460	5,510	230	250	220	3.9	4.4	3.8
Harrison*	35,040	34,820	33,600	33,950	33,680	32,600	1,090	1,140	1,000	3.1	3.3	3.0
Jackson	11,900	11,810	12,150	11,440	11,330	11,680	460	480	460	3.9	4.1	3.8
Jefferson	31,440	31,070	30,980	30,650	30,320	30,190	800	750	790	2.5	2.4	2.5
Kanawha*	82,800	82,320	81,660	79,840	79,400	78,910	2,960	2,920	2,750	3.6	3.5	3.4
Lewis	6,270	6,170	6,260	5,970	5,870	6,010	300	300	260	4.8	4.9	4.1
Lincoln*	7,090	7,090	6,980	6,770	6,760	6,670	320	330	310	4.5	4.7	4.5
Logan*	10,960	10,810	11,680	10,470	10,350	11,260	490	460	420	4.5	4.3	3.6
McDowell	4,160	4,040	4,180	3,870	3,740	3,950	290	290	230	7.0	7.2	5.4
Marion*	25,020	25,100	25,120	24,060	24,150	24,180	960	950	940	3.8	3.8	3.8
Marshall*	13,290	13,220	13,080	12,720	12,620	12,500	570	600	580	4.3	4.5	4.4
Mason*	10,390	10,210	10,060	9,980	9,810	9,680	420	400	380	4.0	3.9	3.8
Mercer*	20,820	20,740	20,530	19,890	19,850	19,660	930	890	880	4.5	4.3	4.3
Mineral	12,220	12,120	12,180	11,750	11,660	11,730	470	460	450	3.8	3.8	3.7
Mingo	6,700	6,540	6,380	6,310	6,180	6,090	390	360	290	5.8	5.5	4.5
Monongalia*	54,560	55,800	55,840	52,880	54,210	54,210	1,680	1,600	1,640	3.1	2.9	2.9
Monroe	6,020	5,940	5,780	5,830	5,750	5,620	190	180	160	3.1	3.1	2.8
Morgan	8,460	8,400	8,440	8,210	8,150	8,200	250	250	250	3.0	2.9	2.9
Nicholas	9,220	9,000	8,960	8,770	8,550	8,590	450	450	360	4.9	5.0	4.1
Ohio*	20,290	20,150	19,960	19,590	19,440	19,260	690	710	700	3.4	3.5	3.5
Pendleton	3,760	3,690	3,620	3,650	3,590	3,530	110	100	90	2.9	2.8	2.4
Pleasants	2,660	2,610	2,640	2,510	2,450	2,510	150	160	130	5.6	6.1	5.0
Pocahontas	3,530	3,520	3,470	3,360	3,270	3,260	170	260	220	4.9	7.2	6.2
Preston*	15,120	15,450	15,430	14,570	14,850	14,890	540	610	550	3.6	3.9	3.5
Putnam*	27,120	27,080	26,780	26,280	26,230	25,970	840	850	810	3.1	3.1	3.0
Raleigh*	30,720	30,150	29,950	29,640	29,080	28,910	1,080	1,070	1,040	3.5	3.5	3.5
Randolph*	11,600	11,620	11,850	11,100	11,030	11,330	510	600	530	4.4	5.2	4.4
Ritchie	3,900	3,810	4,160	3,720	3,630	4,020	180	180	140	4.5	4.7	3.4
Roane	5,080	4,990	4,940	4,790	4,660	4,680	290	330	250	5.7	6.6	5.1
Summers	4,530	4,400	4,470	4,360	4,230	4,300	170	170	170	3.8	3.9	3.8
Taylor*	8,070	8,000	7,880	7,780	7,700	7,610	290	300	260	3.6	3.7	3.4
Tucker	3,650	3,570	3,490	3,540	3,450	3,380	110	120	120	3.0	3.4	3.3
Tyler	2,960	2,870	2,900	2,790	2,700	2,740	160	170	160	5.5	6.0	5.6
Upshur	10,030	9,910	9,640	9,560	9,440	9,260	470	470	380	4.7	4.7	4.0
Wayne*	15,710	15,710	15,480	15,090	15,080	14,910	620	640	570	3.9	4.0	3.7
Webster	3,010	2,890	2,970	2,810	2,680	2,840	190	210	140	6.4	7.2	4.5
Wetzel	6,510	6,390	6,440	6,180	6,030	6,110	330	360	340	5.1	5.6	5.2
Wirt*	2,250	2,250	2,220	2,130	2,110	2,100	120	140	110	5.1	6.3	5.1
Wood*	36,930	36,810	36,310	35,510	35,340	34,960	1,420	1,460	1,360	3.8	4.0	3.7
Wyoming	7,380	7,190	7,350	7,070	6,900	7,080	310	290	270	4.1	4.1	3.7
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>789,380</b>	<b>784,470</b>	<b>783,610</b>	<b>759,500</b>	<b>754,470</b>	<b>755,640</b>	<b>29,880</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>27,970</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>

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Labor Market Areas	Civilian Labor Force			Total Employment			Total Unemployment			Unemployment Rate		
	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023
<b>UNITED STATES In Thousands, Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>	167,576	167,484	166,702	161,341	161,590	161,002	6,235	5,894	5,700	3.7	3.5	3.4
<b>UNITED STATES In Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted</b>	167,732	167,982	166,823	161,083	161,491	160,707	6,649	6,492	6,117	4.0	3.9	3.7
<b>WEST VIRGINIA Not Seasonally Adjusted</b>	789,400	784,500	783,600	759,500	754,500	755,600	29,900	30,000	28,000	3.8	3.8	3.6
<b>WEST VIRGINIA Seasonally Adjusted</b>	789,200	789,600	783,300	756,100	756,000	754,800	33,000	33,600	28,500	4.2	4.3	3.6
<b>BECKLEY Raleigh and Fayette</b>	46,900	46,100	45,700	45,200	44,300	44,100	1,700	1,700	1,700	3.7	3.8	3.6
<b>CHARLESTON Boone, Clay and Kanawha</b>	93,200	92,700	91,900	89,700	89,200	88,700	3,500	3,400	3,200	3.7	3.7	3.5
<b>HUNTINGTON - ASHLAND Cabell, Lincoln, Putnam and Wayne Counties, WV; Boyd and Greenup Counties, KY; and Lawrence County, OH</b>	146,500	146,000	143,800	140,000	139,700	138,000	6,600	6,300	5,800	4.5	4.3	4.0
<b>MORGANTOWN Monongalia and Preston</b>	69,700	71,300	71,300	67,500	69,100	69,100	2,200	2,200	2,200	3.2	3.1	3.1
<b>PARKERSBURG Wirt and Wood</b>	39,200	39,100	38,500	37,600	37,500	37,100	1,500	1,600	1,500	3.9	4.1	3.8
<b>WHEELING Ohio and Marshall Counties, WV, and Belmont County, OH</b>	62,100	61,800	60,700	59,300	58,900	58,400	2,800	2,800	2,300	4.5	4.6	3.8
<b>BLUEFIELD Mercer County, WV, and Tazewell County, VA</b>	36,100	36,000	36,000	34,600	34,600	34,500	1,500	1,400	1,500	4.2	3.9	4.1
<b>CLARKSBURG Doddridge, Harrison and Taylor Counties</b>	46,900	46,500	45,100	45,400	45,000	43,800	1,500	1,600	1,400	3.2	3.4	3.0
<b>ELKINS Randolph County</b>	11,600	11,600	11,900	11,100	11,000	11,300	500	600	500	4.4	5.2	4.4
<b>FAIRMONT Marion County</b>	25,000	25,100	25,100	24,100	24,200	24,200	1,000	900	900	3.8	3.8	3.8
<b>LOGAN Logan County</b>	11,000	10,800	11,700	10,500	10,400	11,300	500	500	400	4.5	4.3	3.6

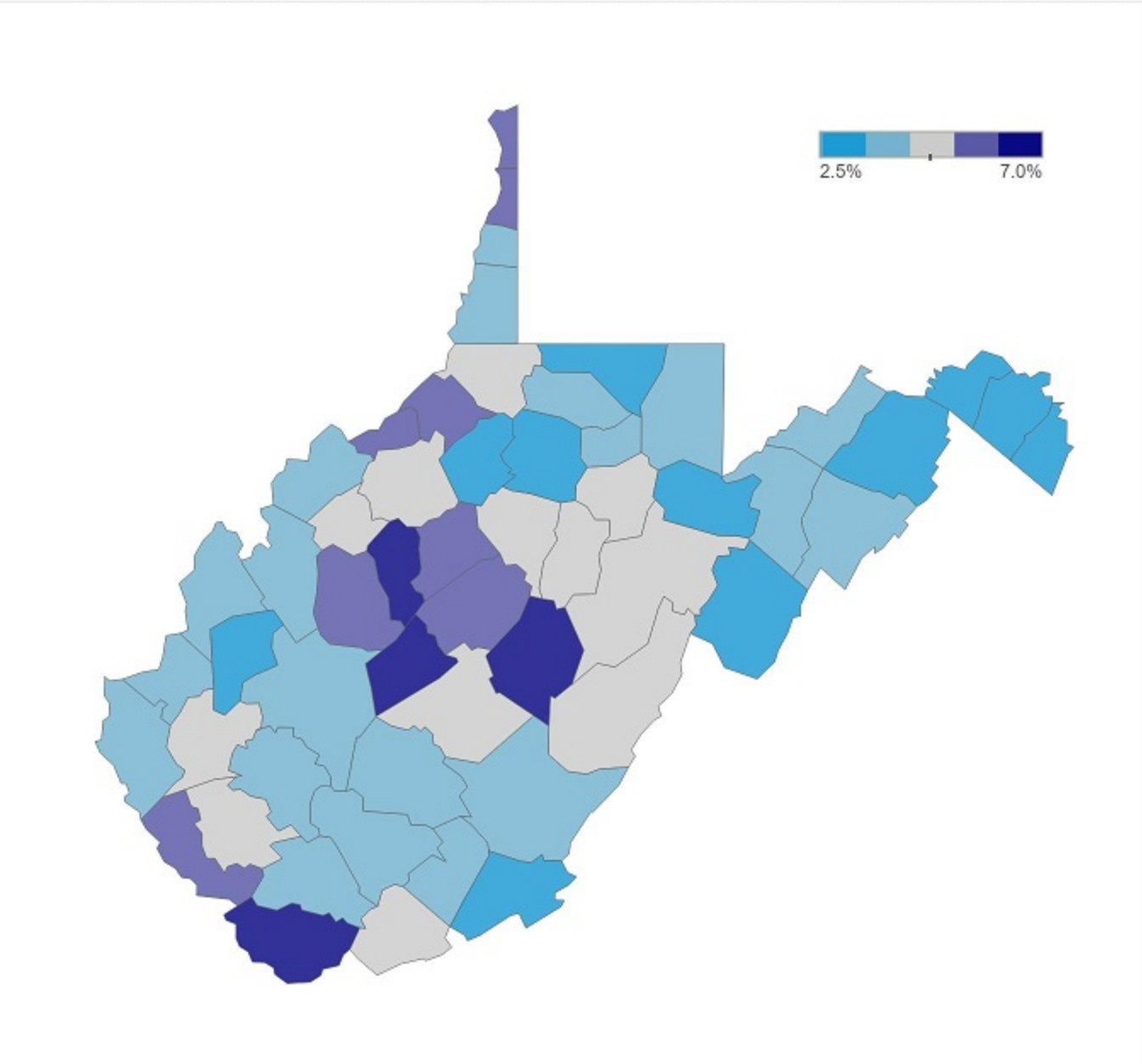
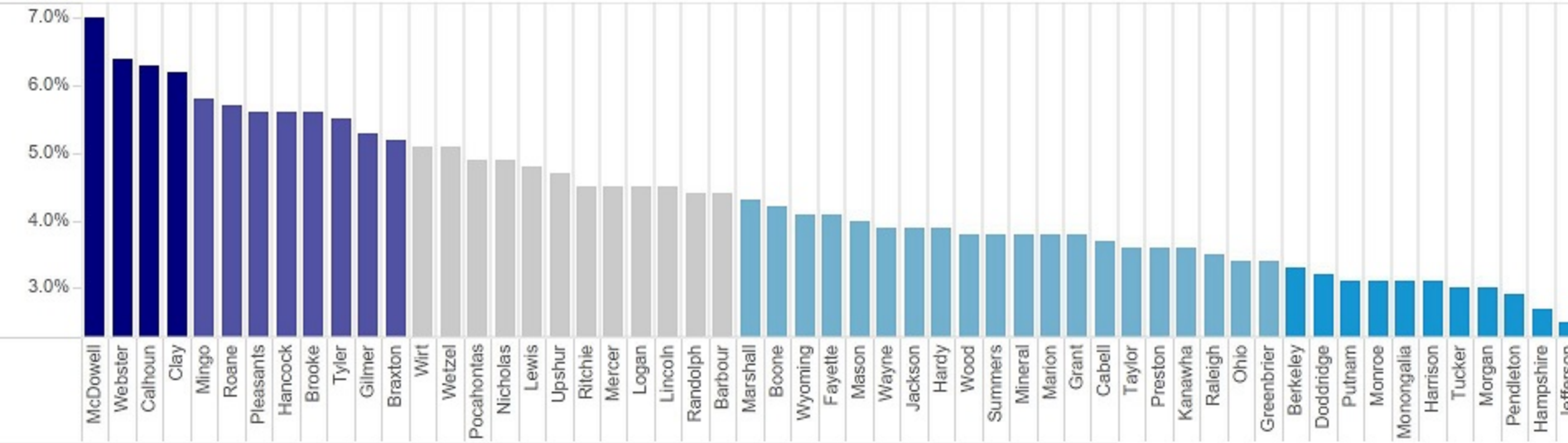
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**County Unemployment Rates**(percent, not seasonally adjusted)  
 The state unemployment rate was 3.8% percent as of May 2024.



**MONTH**  
May

**YEAR**  
2024

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
3.8%