2010 Census: West Virginia Profile

Population Density by Census Tract

State Race Breakdown

Hispanic or Latino (of any race) makes up 1.2% of the state population.

Population by Sex and Age

Total Population: 1,852,994

- Male: 928,400
- Female: 924,594

- 0 to 9: 229,814
- 10 to 19: 221,146
- 20 to 24: 338,790
- 25 to 34: 557,604
- 35 to 44: 390,613
- 45 to 54: 340,771
- 55 to 64: 249,503
- 65 to 74: 161,148
- 75 to 84: 104,742
- 85+ Years: 50,670

Housing Tenure

Total Occupied Housing Units: 763,831

- 73.4% Owner Occupied
- 26.6% Renter Occupied

Average Household Size

- Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Units: 2.43 people
- Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Units: 2.18 people

West Virginia Population

1970 to 2010

- 2010: 1,852,994
- 2000: 1,808,344
- 1990: 1,793,477
- 1980: 1,949,644
- 1970: 1,744,237

People per Square Mile by Census Tract

- U.S. density is 88.4
- 2,500.0 to 29,181.3
- 1,000.0 to 2,499.9
- 400.0 to 999.9
- 300.0 to 399.9
- 100.0 to 299.9
- 10.0 to 29.9
- Less than 10.0

County Boundary

West Virginia Mean Center of Population
West Virginia

BASIC INFORMATION

2010 Census Population: 1,852,994 (37th)
Land Area: 24,038.2 square miles (41st)
Density: 77.1 persons per square mile (29th)
Capital: Charleston
Became a State: June 20, 1863 (35th)

Bordering States: Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia
Abbreviation: WV
ANSI/ FIPS Code: 54

HISTORY

The area of West Virginia was originally part of the colony and later the state of Virginia. West Virginia was separated from Virginia and admitted to the Union as a state on June 20, 1863, as the 35th state. West Virginia originally included 48 Virginia counties; in 1866, Congress officially added two more counties, Berkeley and Jefferson, to the state resulting in generally the same boundary as the present state.

Although West Virginia had not been legally established, census data for West Virginia are available beginning with the 1790 census when it was enumerated as part of Virginia. The populations shown from 1790 to 1860, before statehood, are based on the county boundaries that existed at each census; these boundaries generally conformed to the present boundary of West Virginia. The population of Virginia (of which the area of West Virginia was a part) as legally existing from 1860 to 1790 was: 1,596,318 in 1860; 1,421,661 in 1850; 1,239,797 in 1840; 1,211,405 in 1830; 1,065,366 in 1820; 974,600 in 1810; 880,200 in 1800; and 821,287 in 1790.

Data for the legally established state of West Virginia are available beginning with the 1870 census.

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METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS

West Virginia has 10 metropolitan statistical areas, 6 micropolitan statistical areas, 1 metropolitan division, and 3 combined statistical areas.

COUNTIES

There are 55 counties in West Virginia. All counties are functioning governmental units, each governed by a county commission.

COUNTRY SUBDIVISIONS

West Virginia has 235 county subdivisions which are known as minor civil divisions (MCDs). These magisterial districts are all nongovernmental, nonfunctioning subdivisions of the county and are districts from which voters elect county commissioners and school board members.

PLACES

West Virginia has 401 places; 232 incorporated places and 169 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places consist of 77 cities, 148 towns, 6 villages, and 1 corporation. Incorporated places are dependent within county subdivisions.

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