



## WORKFORCE INFORMATION



### VIRTUAL JOB FAIRS

The Virtual Job Fair Platform is an alternative venue that maintains positive employer engagement, builds an efficient communication pipeline between employers and job seekers, and meets the needs of the business community. It is available to all Workforce WV staff and the seven local Workforce Development Boards.



### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COMPLIANCE (TAC) UNIT

The TAC Team at WorkForce West Virginia ensures statewide compliance with WIOA Title I through program monitoring, technical assistance, training, policy development, fiscal review, and system enhancements. It supports local regions, oversees set-aside initiatives, tracks performance, and engages stakeholders to maintain consistent standards and improve workforce program delivery.



### AI ASSISTED PLAIN LANGUAGE

To make notices and applications easier to understand, Workforce West Virginia is using AI tools and behavioral insight techniques to apply plain language standards. This multifaceted strategy aims to simplify complex information, optimize user comprehension, and promote desired behaviors among claimants.

Online Resources: [workforcewv.org](https://workforcewv.org)

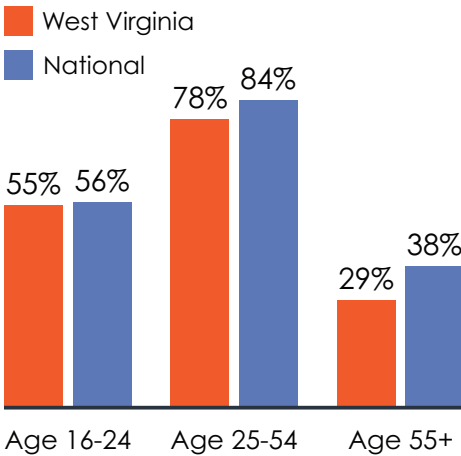
## LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

(Age 16 & older)

	West Virginia	National
Employment (April 2024-April 2025 change)	-0.2%	+1.1%
Unemployment Rate, 2024 annual average	4.1%	4.0%
Labor Force, 2024 annual average	787,000	
Unemployed Persons per Job Opening, 2024 annual average	0.7	0.9
Average Hourly Earnings (May 2024-April 2025)	\$29.18	\$35.54
Average Hourly Earnings (April 2024-April 2025 change)	+5.4%	+3.9%

Source: USDOL-BLS, LAUS and CES, using preliminary April data

### ANNUAL LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE



Source: USDOL-BLS, CPS (2024 Annual Average)

### WORKFORCE WEST VIRGINIA

#### Programs within Agency

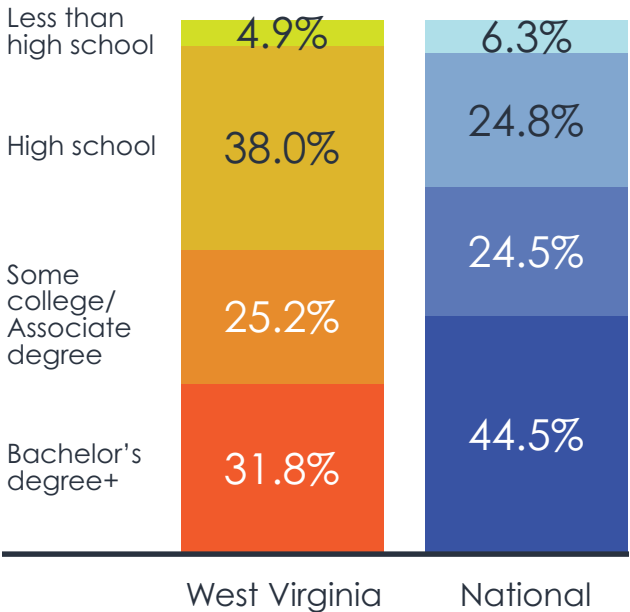
- Federal Bonding
- FLC
- LMI
- MSFW
- Rapid Response
- RESEA
- TAA
- UI
- VETS
- WP
- WIOA - A, DW, & Y
- WOTC

#### WIOA Core Programs: Administering Agencies

- Workforce West Virginia – WIOA Title I, WP
- West Virginia Department of Education – AE
- West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services – VR

### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

(Age 25 & older)



Source: USDOL-BLS, CPS (2024 Annual Average, using preliminary April data)

### NUMBER OF LOCAL WORKFORCE AREAS

#### AMERICAN JOB CENTERS

Source: 2024 WIOA State Plan, CareerOneStop American Job Center Finder



### PARTICIPANTS SERVED BY WEST VIRGINIA'S WORKFORCE SERVICES



Source: USDOL-ETA, PY23 Performance Data ([dol.gov/agencies/eta/performance/results](https://dol.gov/agencies/eta/performance/results))

### KEY INDUSTRIES

MOST JOBS ADDED

FASTEST GROWING



Source: BLS, Current Employment Statistics (April 2024 - April 2025)

### UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

#### Average Duration

The average number of weeks people receive unemployment insurance.

#### Exhaustion Rate

The percentage of individuals receiving unemployment benefits who use all the eligible weeks without finding new employment.

Source: USDOL-ETA Quarter 4 – 2024

13.7 weeks  
West Virginia  
15.3 weeks  
National

