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West Virginia's February Unemployment Rate at 6.0 Percent

West Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly to 6.0 percent in February 2014, WorkForce West Virginia reported today. The number of unemployed state residents rose 500 in February to 47,400. Total unemployment was down 6,900 over the year. The national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.7 in February.

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased 4,700 in February, with losses of 200 in the goods-producing sector and gains of 4,900 in the service-providing sector.

Within the goods-producing sector, mining and logging lost 300 jobs, construction lost 100 jobs, and manufacturing gained 200 over the month. Within the service-providing sector, employment gains included 500 in trade, transportation, and utilities, 100 in financial activities, 1,600 in professional and business services, 2,100 in educational and health services, 300 in other services, and 1,300 in government. Employment declines included 100 in information and 900 in leisure and hospitality.

Since February 2013, total nonfarm payroll employment has increased 1,900, with a decline of 3,700 in the goods-producing sector offsetting a gain of 5,600 in the service-providing sector. Employment gains included 300 in information, 2,100 in financial activities, 2,100 in professional and business services, 800 in educational and health services, 400 in other services, and 900 in government. Employment declines included 600 in mining and logging, 2,300 in construction, 800 in manufacturing, 400 in trade, transportation, and utilities, and 600 in leisure and hospitality.

West Virginia's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 6.7 percent to 7.3 percent in February.

Note: Unemployment information for West Virginia is prepared through the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, a national federal/state cooperative program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Unemployment information for West Virginia has been approved by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands - Seasonally Adjusted)
February 2014

	Prelim. Feb 2014	Rev. Jan 2014	Rev. Feb 2013	Change From:	
				Jan 2014	Feb 2013
Civilian Labor Force	795.2	790.1	802.4	5.1	-7.2
Total Employment	747.8	743.2	748.1	4.6	-0.3
Total Unemployment	47.4	46.9	54.3	0.5	-6.9
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.9	6.8	xx	xx
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	766.7	762.0	764.8	4.7	1.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	612.0	608.6	611.0	3.4	1.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	111.9	112.1	115.6	-0.2	-3.7
Mining & Logging	31.3	31.6	31.9	-0.3	-0.6
Construction	32.9	33.0	35.2	-0.1	-2.3
Manufacturing	47.7	47.5	48.5	0.2	-0.8
Durable Goods	28.7	28.4	29.0	0.3	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	19.0	19.1	19.5	-0.1	-0.5
SERVICE-PROVIDING	654.8	649.9	649.2	4.9	5.6
Private Service-Providing	500.1	496.5	495.4	3.6	4.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	135.6	135.1	136.0	0.5	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	23.2	23.2	23.0	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	86.6	86.1	88.2	0.5	-1.6
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	25.8	25.8	24.8	0.0	1.0
Information	9.8	9.9	9.5	-0.1	0.3
Financial Activities	30.7	30.6	28.6	0.1	2.1
Finance & Insurance	23.5	23.5	22.0	0.0	1.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7.2	7.1	6.6	0.1	0.6
Professional & Business Services	66.8	65.2	64.7	1.6	2.1
Professional, Scientific & Technical Service	25.9	25.7	25.9	0.2	0.0
Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation	34.0	33.1	32.4	0.9	1.6
Educational & Health Services	127.1	125.0	126.3	2.1	0.8
Educational Services	10.6	9.6	10.3	1.0	0.3
Health Care & Social Assistance	116.5	115.4	116.0	1.1	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	74.2	75.1	74.8	-0.9	-0.6
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	7.5	7.6	7.5	-0.1	0.0
Accommodation & Food Service	66.7	67.5	67.3	-0.8	-0.6
Other Services	55.9	55.6	55.5	0.3	0.4
Government	154.7	153.4	153.8	1.3	0.9
Federal Government	23.3	23.3	23.4	0.0	-0.1
State Government	51.6	50.2	50.4	1.4	1.2
Local Government	79.8	79.9	80.0	-0.1	-0.2

Monthly estimates are preliminary and subject to revision. Benchmark March 2013

WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS - Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)													
	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	ANN. AVG.
2003													
Civilian Labor Force	798.0	798.2	797.9	797.0	795.5	793.7	792.2	791.2	791.0	791.2	791.8	792.3	790.0
Total Employment	750.1	750.0	749.5	748.4	746.7	744.9	743.8	743.7	744.6	746.2	747.8	749.2	742.0
Total Unemployment	48.0	48.2	48.4	48.6	48.8	48.7	48.3	47.5	46.4	45.1	44.0	43.1	47.0
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.4	6.0
2004													
Civilian Labor Force	792.6	792.4	792.0	791.4	790.8	790.5	790.5	791.0	791.9	792.9	793.8	794.7	788.0
Total Employment	750.0	750.1	749.8	749.2	748.6	748.5	749.0	750.0	751.4	752.8	754.1	755.2	747.0
Total Unemployment	42.6	42.3	42.3	42.3	42.2	41.9	41.5	41.0	40.5	40.1	39.7	39.5	41.0
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3
2005													
Civilian Labor Force	795.6	796.6	797.8	799.0	800.4	801.9	803.5	805.2	806.7	807.8	808.5	808.9	803.0
Total Employment	756.3	757.6	758.9	760.2	761.5	762.7	763.9	765.3	767.0	768.8	770.6	772.3	764.0
Total Unemployment	39.3	39.0	38.8	38.8	38.9	39.2	39.6	39.9	39.7	39.0	37.9	36.5	39.0
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.9
2006													
Civilian Labor Force	807.3	808.0	809.1	810.6	812.1	813.6	815.1	816.6	817.9	818.9	819.3	819.1	814.0
Total Employment	771.9	773.2	774.1	774.7	775.0	775.4	776.2	777.6	779.4	781.3	782.9	783.8	777.0
Total Unemployment	35.4	34.9	35.0	35.9	37.1	38.2	38.9	39.0	38.5	37.6	36.4	35.3	37.0
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.5
2007													
Civilian Labor Force	810.4	809.7	808.9	808.2	807.7	807.5	807.6	808.1	808.8	809.3	809.3	808.9	809.0
Total Employment	775.9	775.8	775.4	774.6	773.8	773.2	772.9	773.1	773.8	774.6	775.3	775.8	774.0
Total Unemployment	34.5	33.9	33.6	33.6	33.8	34.3	34.7	35.0	35.0	34.7	34.0	33.1	34.0
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.2
2008													
Civilian Labor Force	807.0	806.5	806.0	805.3	804.5	803.7	802.8	802.0	801.5	801.4	801.6	802.4	804.0
Total Employment	774.6	774.6	774.2	773.5	772.3	770.9	769.5	768.1	766.7	764.9	762.7	760.2	769.0
Total Unemployment	32.4	31.9	31.7	31.8	32.2	32.8	33.3	33.9	34.8	36.4	38.9	42.2	34.0
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.3	4.2
2009													
Civilian Labor Force	804.7	806.6	808.8	810.6	811.5	811.5	810.4	808.5	806.7	805.4	805.0	805.6	808.0
Total Employment	758.4	755.9	753.5	751.3	749.0	746.6	744.2	741.9	740.0	738.5	737.6	737.5	746.0
Total Unemployment	46.3	50.8	55.3	59.3	62.6	64.8	66.1	66.6	66.7	66.9	67.4	68.1	62.0
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.3	6.8	7.3	7.7	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4	7.6
2010													
Civilian Labor Force	806.8	807.9	808.4	808.1	807.3	806.4	805.8	805.9	806.3	806.9	807.3	807.4	807.0
Total Employment	738.1	739.2	739.9	740.1	739.8	739.2	738.5	738.1	738.0	738.4	739.0	739.8	739.0
Total Unemployment	68.6	68.7	68.5	67.9	67.5	67.2	67.3	67.8	68.3	68.5	68.3	67.7	68.0
Unemployment Rate	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.5
2011													
Civilian Labor Force	807.4	807.2	806.6	805.6	804.6	804.2	804.5	805.3	806.3	807.0	807.0	806.4	806.0
Total Employment	740.8	741.8	742.3	742.2	741.4	740.8	740.8	741.7	743.2	745.1	746.7	747.9	743.0
Total Unemployment	66.7	65.4	64.3	63.4	63.2	63.4	63.7	63.7	63.1	61.9	60.2	58.5	63.0
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.8
2012													
Civilian Labor Force	805.7	805.6	806.0	806.6	807.0	807.3	807.5	807.6	807.7	807.6	806.9	805.7	807.0
Total Employment	748.7	749.4	749.6	749.3	748.4	747.5	747.0	747.0	747.5	748.1	748.4	748.5	748.0
Total Unemployment	57.0	56.2	56.4	57.3	58.6	59.8	60.5	60.6	60.2	59.5	58.5	57.3	58.0
Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.2
2013													
Civilian Labor Force	804.1	802.4	800.9	799.6	798.4	797.1	795.8	794.3	792.7	791.3	790.0	789.0	796.0
Total Employment	748.3	748.1	747.9	747.6	746.7	745.4	744.0	742.9	742.1	741.6	741.4	741.4	745.0
Total Unemployment	55.8	54.3	52.9	52.0	51.7	51.7	51.7	51.4	50.6	49.6	48.6	47.6	51.0
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.5
2014													
Civilian Labor Force	790.1	795.2											
Total Employment	743.2	747.8											
Total Unemployment	46.9	47.4											
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.0											
March 2013 Benchmark.										SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			

WEST VIRGINIA LABOR FORCE STATISTICS

(In Thousands)

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	ANN. AVG.
2003													
Civilian Labor Force	781.9	787.8	783.4	792.1	793.0	806.2	802.0	791.1	785.0	785.6	785.9	780.8	790.0
Total Employment	728.1	730.8	731.2	742.8	746.1	753.5	754.3	744.5	745.1	746.0	745.1	741.6	742.0
Total Unemployment	53.8	57.0	52.2	49.3	47.0	52.7	47.6	46.7	39.9	39.6	40.8	39.2	47.0
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.2	5.9	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.0	6.0
2004													
Civilian Labor Force	777.0	781.7	779.4	786.3	789.4	802.0	801.6	792.0	787.3	789.7	788.9	784.6	788.0
Total Employment	728.7	731.0	731.4	743.0	748.5	756.9	761.1	752.5	753.9	754.6	752.5	748.1	747.0
Total Unemployment	48.3	50.7	48.1	43.3	40.9	45.1	40.5	39.5	33.5	35.1	36.4	36.5	41.0
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.5	6.2	5.5	5.2	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.3
2005													
Civilian Labor Force	782.4	788.6	788.5	797.6	802.3	815.5	817.8	810.1	808.2	810.0	808.7	803.1	803.0
Total Employment	738.4	739.7	743.4	757.7	764.9	774.1	779.4	772.5	773.9	776.9	773.4	770.2	764.0
Total Unemployment	44.0	48.9	45.2	39.9	37.5	41.4	38.4	37.6	34.3	33.1	35.3	32.8	39.0
Unemployment Rate	5.6	6.2	5.7	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.9
2006													
Civilian Labor Force	793.4	799.9	799.0	809.1	814.7	827.1	828.7	821.4	819.6	821.0	819.0	814.5	814.0
Total Employment	754.2	755.9	759.5	771.5	778.1	787.4	790.8	783.6	786.8	789.8	786.0	783.0	777.0
Total Unemployment	39.2	44.0	39.5	37.6	36.6	39.7	38.0	37.8	32.8	31.2	33.0	31.5	37.0
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.5	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.5
2007													
Civilian Labor Force	797.6	802.8	798.8	806.1	809.6	820.8	822.1	810.9	811.9	810.2	809.5	804.2	809.0
Total Employment	758.1	758.7	761.2	771.0	776.9	785.4	788.7	777.7	782.1	781.0	779.8	772.3	774.0
Total Unemployment	39.5	44.1	37.6	35.1	32.7	35.4	33.4	33.3	29.8	29.1	29.7	31.9	34.0
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.5	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.2
2008													
Civilian Labor Force	795.7	796.8	795.2	804.8	808.5	817.5	814.9	806.0	803.8	803.4	799.7	796.0	804.0
Total Employment	758.6	757.4	758.9	772.5	775.7	782.9	783.9	773.7	773.9	772.9	766.1	756.9	769.0
Total Unemployment	37.2	39.4	36.3	32.2	32.8	34.6	31.1	32.2	29.9	30.5	33.6	39.1	34.0
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.9	4.2
2009													
Civilian Labor Force	793.3	800.1	797.4	811.5	815.0	825.0	822.9	813.3	808.0	806.2	802.2	796.4	808.0
Total Employment	740.8	739.5	737.9	751.0	752.9	757.6	758.4	749.0	727.7	744.4	741.3	731.9	746.0
Total Unemployment	52.5	60.6	59.5	60.6	62.1	67.4	64.5	64.3	61.1	61.7	60.9	64.5	62.0
Unemployment Rate	6.6	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.6	8.2	7.8	7.9	7.6	7.7	7.6	8.1	7.6
2010													
Civilian Labor Force	797.5	804.2	799.1	808.6	810.4	816.6	815.9	812.1	810.4	806.4	804.3	802.0	807.0
Total Employment	721.5	723.3	725.2	741.3	744.4	749.0	750.1	745.0	747.8	744.9	739.9	735.6	739.0
Total Unemployment	76.0	80.8	73.9	67.3	65.9	67.7	65.8	67.2	62.6	61.5	64.4	66.4	68.0
Unemployment Rate	9.5	10.1	9.2	8.3	8.1	8.3	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.6	8.0	8.3	8.5
2011													
Civilian Labor Force	797.5	799.8	797.7	804.6	808.7	816.0	812.9	810.3	811.3	808.9	804.6	801.7	806.0
Total Employment	724.1	725.8	729.0	741.4	747.0	750.4	751.7	747.7	752.3	752.5	749.7	744.4	743.0
Total Unemployment	73.4	74.1	68.7	63.2	61.7	65.6	61.3	62.6	58.9	56.4	54.9	57.3	63.0
Unemployment Rate	9.2	9.3	8.6	7.9	7.6	8.0	7.5	7.7	7.3	7.0	6.8	7.1	7.8
2012													
Civilian Labor Force	792.4	798.6	795.7	804.4	812.3	821.2	818.4	809.8	811.4	810.9	803.7	800.4	807.0
Total Employment	730.5	733.5	735.7	747.5	754.2	759.1	758.5	750.6	757.3	757.4	750.4	744.1	748.0
Total Unemployment	61.9	65.1	60.0	56.9	58.1	62.1	59.9	59.2	54.1	53.5	53.3	56.4	58.0
Unemployment Rate	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.1	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.3	6.7	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.2
2013													
Civilian Labor Force	794.3	795.0	789.0	798.0	802.4	810.9	807.6	798.3	797.1	790.8	788.6	782.8	796.0
Total Employment	730.7	732.4	732.8	746.2	752.3	756.6	756.9	748.9	751.7	745.4	744.5	738.7	745.0
Total Unemployment	63.6	62.6	56.2	51.9	50.2	54.4	50.7	49.5	45.4	45.4	44.1	44.1	51.0
Unemployment Rate	8.0	7.9	7.1	6.5	6.3	6.7	6.3	6.2	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	6.5
2014													
Civilian Labor Force	781.7	795.7											
Total Employment	728.9	738.0											
Total Unemployment	52.7	57.8											
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.3											

March 2013 Benchmark.

Not Seasonally Adjusted