

# NEWS RELEASE

## **West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Releases *West Virginia Campaign For Jobs 2025 Digest* Tracking the State's Economic Health**

The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the release of the West Virginia Campaign for Jobs 2025 Digest, an annual publication offering a detailed, data-driven overview of the state's economic health. This year's Digest analyzes 61 key economic indicators, providing insights into where West Virginia is advancing, and where more work remains.

Designed to serve policymakers, business leaders and community advocates, the Digest compares West Virginia's performance to other states, highlighting strengths, identifying challenges and pointing to opportunities for growth and improvement.

Accompanying the full publication is a data dashboard offering readers a quick and accessible snapshot of West Virginia's most critical economic metrics.

"The 2025 Campaign for Jobs Digest reflects our continued commitment to building a stronger, more prosperous West Virginia," Steve Roberts, President of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, said. "By presenting clear and reliable data, we hope to empower decision-makers and help foster an environment where businesses and communities can thrive."

The Digest includes both encouraging trends and areas in need of policy attention, reinforcing the Chamber's goal to make West Virginia the best state for business and a place where all residents can succeed.



"For nearly 90 years, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce has been a steadfast advocate for economic progress," Roberts added. "We represent employers across the Mountain State and stand united in our efforts to grow opportunity, improve quality of life and drive our state forward."

The 2025 Campaign for Jobs Digest is available now at [wvchamber.com/initiatives/campaign-for-jobs](http://wvchamber.com/initiatives/campaign-for-jobs).

To learn more about the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce and its initiatives, visit [www.wvchamber.com](http://www.wvchamber.com)

*Members of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce are your small business neighbors. Chamber members employ over half of our state's workforce and are found across our state. More information about the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce can be found at [www.wvchamber.com](http://www.wvchamber.com)*

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# 2025 Campaign for Jobs Digest

## West Virginia DashBoard

Key Business Metric	U.S. Rank	Digest Table #
10-Year Job Growth Rate	48th lowest	6
Personal Income	49th lowest	7
Tax Burden Per \$1,000 in Personal Income	17th highest	12
Business Taxes	12th highest	13
Corporate Net Income Tax	20th highest	15
Residential Effective Property Tax Rate (Charleston, WV)	3rd lowest	19
Commercial Property Tax	26th highest	20
Industrial Property Tax	10th highest	21
Wages per hour of Production Workers	5th highest	25
Unemployment Insurance Tax Cost per Covered Employee	14th highest	29
Research & Development Spending	44th lowest	33
NAEP Scores: 4th & 8th Grade Reading	46th & 48th lowest	40
NAEP Scores: 4th & 8th Grade Math	47th & 48th lowest	40
Public School Per Pupil Spending	26th highest	41
Housing Price Appreciation (25 year rate)	46th lowest	50
Workforce Participation Rate	50th	61