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Chapter 4: The Economy of West Virginia

Economic Factors of the State

Directions: There are many parts to West Virginia’s economy. In this lesson, you will look at data that helps determine whether the state has a healthy, growing economy, or an unhealthy, declining economy.

Instructions: Use the hyperlinks below to find data to complete each item.

Part I: Click the link below to visit the U.S. Census Fact Finder database. Under **Community Facts**, type the name of your town with West Virginia as the state. If your town has no data, enter the name of your county or county seat.

[U.S. Census Fact Finder](#)

	<i>My Town (number)</i>	<i>My Town (percent)</i>	<i>United States</i>
<i>Male Population</i>			
<i>Female Population</i>			
<i>Median Age</i>		(n/a)	
<i>Median Household Income</i>		(n/a)	
<i>Per Capita Income</i>		(n/a)	
<i>Families Below the Poverty Level</i>			
<i>Median Value of Single-Family Homes</i>		(n/a)	
<i>Median Mortgage Monthly Cost</i>		(n/a)	

Write a short summary to compare your town’s data with that of the United States.



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Part II: Use the link below to find out more about the economy of West Virginia. Be sure to click the **Ranking** link to see how West Virginia compares to other states.

[U.S. Department of Labor: Career OneStop](#)

	<i>West Virginia</i>	<i>West Virginia (rank compared to other U.S. states)</i>	<i>United States</i>
Unemployment Rate			
Median Household Income			
Per Capita Income			

Use the same website to identify the five largest employers in West Virginia. List the location and number of employees for each employer.

<i>Employer</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Employees</i>

Choose one of the sets of information that you have collected which compares a part of West Virginia's economy to the economy of the United States. Use the link below to create a graph of the information. Follow the onscreen directions to create your graph. Be sure to include all required labels before you print!

[Create A Graph](#)

Attach your printed graph to this page.

