



West Virginia: Our Beautiful Home

Chapter 4: The 21st-Century Global Economy

Section 2: West Virginia's Demographic Profile

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The _____ (a view of the population that can include age, gender, income, education, and employment) of a state play a huge role in the economic growth of an area.
2. Labor demographics have also changed because of the decline in labor force _____ (eligible workers who are working or looking for a job).
3. _____ data between 2020 and 2023 show the state had 89,419 deaths and only 55,715 births.
4. West Virginia's adjusted _____ rate for nonseasonal workers went down one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.9 percent in March 2024.
5. The Ohio River provides _____, _____, and _____ for the Ohio River Valley region.
6. The _____ Section is a large agricultural region, with rich _____-based soil making it a good place to grow apples, peaches, and other fruits.
7. By the fall of 2020, as _____-in-_____ orders ended and businesses began to reopen at various levels of maximum capacity (depending upon their sectors), employers managed to bring back by mid-August more than half of the previously eliminated jobs.
8. By 2024, while West Virginia's economy has nearly fully recovered from the COVID-19 _____, there are some lasting issues.
9. _____ was one of the state's first economic sectors to surpass pre-pandemic levels of activity.

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10. Nucor's planned \$2.7 billion _____ sheet mill and a \$500 million investment by Berkshire Hathaway Precision Castparts Corp. are among major projects supporting the construction sector.
11. Green Power Motor Company developed a plant to produce electric _____.
12. _____ and _____ fell sharply during 2020, while natural gas saw a large increase in production brought on by the reduction of gas supplies to Europe following Russia's invasion of _____.
13. The state's _____ production is expected to fall from 81 million tons in 2022 to approximately 69 million tons by the end of 2027.
14. _____ employment is expected to follow production increases, rising from about 5,000 workers in 2022 to about 6,500 by 2027.
15. Several of the state's major health provider networks had to cut back or eliminate certain types of care and services due to the large numbers of patients who required treatment for _____.
16. _____ trade is expected to face the most downward pressure on payrolls in the future.