

COMMUNITY PROFILE JEFFERSON COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA

GENERAL INFORMATION

County Seat – Charles Town
 Elevation – 275 ft. above Sea Level
 (Harpers Ferry) above 1,000 ft.
 Land Area – 212.4 square miles

LOCATION

Baltimore, MD.....67 miles
 Charlottesville, VA.....129 miles
 Harrisburg, PA.....100 miles
 New York, NY.....265 miles
 Philadelphia, PA.....180 miles
 Pittsburgh, PA.....193 miles
 Richmond, VA.....168 miles
 Washington, DC..... 58 miles

POPULATION

	Jefferson County	West Virginia
1970	21,280	1,744,237
1980	30,311	1,928,524
1990	35,926	1,793,477
2000	42,438	1,808,344
2005	48,542	1,805,626
2007	50,832	1,812,035
2009	52,750	1,819,777
2010	53,498	1,852,994

*Source: US Census Bureau

LABOR MARKET AREA

Jefferson County is part of the Martinsburg Labor Market Area. We also draw labor from Frederick and Clarke Counties of Virginia, and Frederick and Washington Counties of Maryland.

AREA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

March 2012

Jefferson County.....	25,280
Berkeley County.....	45,550
Morgan County.....	7,180

*Source: WV BEP

INCORPORATED TOWNS

	Population (2004)	(2009)	(2010)
Charles Town.....	3,457	4,865	5,259
Shepherdstown.....	1,143	1,157	1,734
Harpers Ferry.....	305	313	286
Bolivar.....	1,055	1,074	1,045
Ranson.....	3,896	4,844	4,440

*Source: US Census Bureau

CLIMATE

Average Yearly Precipitation.....36 in.
 Average Yearly Snowfall.....24 in.
 Average Max. Temp. (F°).....65.5
 Average Min. Temp. (F°).....42.6
 Average Freeze-Free Period...279-300 days

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Average Annual Unemployment Rate for Jefferson County in *March 2012* was 5.1%.

*Source: WV BEP

WAGE RATES

The average wage rate of the area is between \$15.12 and \$15.72 per hour. We will gladly furnish rates by job classification upon specific request.

*Source: WV BEP – 3rd Quarter 2011

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

County Wide 911

MEDICAL

Hospital: Jefferson Memorial Hospital – WVUH East

Number of Beds: 45

Physicians: 32 Full-time
33 Part-time

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: 4

Services:

24-Hour Emergency Room
(Level 4-trauma center)

CT Scanner

MRI Service

Ultramodern Lab Facility

Home Health Service

Intensive/Critical Care Unit

Neurodiagnostic Laboratory

Dentists: 12

Chiropractors: 5

T-Mobile

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

State Police Personnel: 13

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Personnel: 31

CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Charles Town Personnel: 20

Ranson Personnel: 16

Shepherdstown Personnel: 13

Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Personnel: 6

Full-time Emergency Service Director

SAFETY

Fire Departments: 6

Approximately 150 active volunteers. Four of these companies provide 24-hour emergency ambulance service. There is one engine for every 21 sq. miles. This allows the department to maintain a good insurance rating of 6 in town and 8 in rural areas.

Equipment: 11 pumpers, 3 rescue units, 9 ambulances, 8 tankers, an 85-ft. aerial ladder truck, a 100-ft. aerial ladder truck, 1 boat, and 6 brush fire units. 3 Advance Life Support Rapid Response Vehicles

UTILITIES

FUEL SUPPLIERS:

Natural Gas: Limited availability
Heating Oil:

- Roach Energy
- Southern States
- Smith Oil Company
- Propane Gas: Columbia Propane
- Shawley's Gas Company
- Thompson Gas Co.
- Amerigas Propane
- United Propane

ELECTRIC POWER:

Potomac Edison

TELEPHONE:

Frontier Communications
Fiber Optic Service, Long Distance Carriers

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS:

Sprint Spectrum
US Cellular
AT&T Wireless

COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSPAPER: Spirit of Jefferson/Farmer's Advocate & Shepherdstown Chronicle; published weekly. The Journal, Martinsburg, WV, The Morning Herald, Hagerstown, MD, and the Washington Post; published daily.

RADIO STATIONS: WXVA, AM and FM

CABLE TELEVISION: Comcast offers more than 60 stations, including Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD. Local TV coverage by Hagerstown Channel 25. School news Channel 19. DirecTV is also available.

BANKS

Jefferson County has six (6) banks with full consumer, commercial and trusts services available.

Bank of Charles Town	Jefferson Security Bank
BB&T	United National Bank
City National Bank	MVB Bank Inc

EDUCATION

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<http://www.jeffschools.net>

Elementary with Kindergartens	8
Elementary without kindergarten	1

Junior High School		4
High School	2	
Daycare Centers:	12	
Private Schools	2	

COLLEGES

<http://www.shepherd.edu>

-Shepherd University is a WV State College with approximately 4,000 students, offering numerous four-year degree programs, and a new set of Master's programs.

-Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is a state-supported institution within the West Virginia Community and Technical College system with approximately 2,000 students. The College offers associate degrees, certificates and certification training in a wide range of fields.

<http://www.apus.edu>

-American Public University is an accredited higher education community comprised of two online learning institutions: American Military University and American Public University.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

<http://www.jamesrumsey.net>

James Rumsey Center, Martinsburg, is a Regional Vocational Technical School, offering 17 high school programs and 8 post-secondary programs with approximately 700 students.

LIBRARIES

4, with over 1.5 million volumes

TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAYS

U.S. 340

State Route 9 (Upgraded to limited access 4-lane from I-81 on the west to Charles Town, with upgrade to the VA line complete in Fall of 2013.) Presently, 10 miles to I-81 and 30 miles to I-70 at Hagerstown or Frederick, Maryland.

RAIL

Norfolk and Southern Railway

CSX Transportation (Commuter boarding's at Duffields and Harpers Ferry)

Amtrak Service at Harpers Ferry

AIR

Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport	11 miles	(Existing 7000 ft. runway, full instrument landing System. Air Guard Manned Crash Service. Can Land and take-off planes of 747 or C5 class. West Virginia Air Guard operates C5 from this facility.)
Dulles International Airport	45 miles	(less than 1 hour driving time)
BWI Airport	60 miles	(90-minute drive)
Ronald Reagan National Airport	65 miles	(90-minute drive)
Hagerstown, MD and Winchester, VA	25 miles	(approximately 40-minute drive)

TRUCK

Multiple motor freight carriers serve Jefferson County. Container cargo facility at Front Royal, VA – 25 miles.

BUS SERVICE

Limited local service by Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority (Pan Tran).

RECREATION

FEDERAL PARKS:

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
C&O National Historical Park
Appalachian Trail

COUNTY PARKS:

Bolivar Nature Park
Jefferson County Memorial Park
Leetown Park
Mt. Mission Park
Summit Point Park
Sam Michaels Park
Morgan Grove Park
South Jefferson Park
Moulton Park

GOLF COURSES:

Cress Creek Golf & Country Club, Shepherdstown
Locust Hill Golf & Country Club, Charles Town
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, Charles Town

MISCELLANEOUS:

Blue Ridge Mountains
Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races
KOA Campgrounds, Bolivar
Summit Point Motor Sports Park
Annual Tours, Festivals and Holiday Celebrations

THE ARTS:

The Old Opera House
Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival
Contemporary American Theater Festival
Peter Burr Living History Farm
Reynolds Hall Recital Series

HOUSING

A wide range of housing is available in Jefferson County. Generally, housing costs are at least 1/3 less than in the suburban metropolitan area.

We offer an exceptional blending of the best qualities of a rural lifestyle with a close proximity to the attractions of Washington, DC, and Baltimore, Maryland.

COST OF LIVING

Jefferson/Berkeley County, WV 90.0
**Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, 3rd Quarter 2011*

Washington, DC 144.2
**Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 3rd Quarter 2011*

Jefferson County Statistics:

Per capita income (2010) \$36,792
**Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis*

Median Household Income (2011) \$59,466
**Source: Claritas*
*** an estimated figure*

INDUSTRIAL SITES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

The Jefferson County Development Authority has completed the Burr Business Park, a 350-acre business complex near Charles Town. Located along Route 9, the park offers excellent industrial; commercial and office sites served by all utilities and paved roads. The park offers easy access to the Charles Town Bypass and the Interstate highway system. Many fine privately owned sites are also available for lease/sale. For more information on Burr Business Park please visit www.jcda.net.

LAND USE ORDINANCES

Jefferson County Planning Commission administers a zoning ordinance, a subdivision ordinance; a building permit ordinance and flood plan and salvage yard ordinances.