

# 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
2006	49,712	1,808,699
2007	50,832	1,812,035

*\*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

*October 2009*  
 Jefferson County.....24,090  
 Berkeley County.....44,140  
 Morgan County.....6,750

*\*Source: WV BEP*

## INCORPORATED TOWNS

	Population (2004)	(2007)	(2008)
Charles Town.....	3,457	4,120	4,765
Shepherdstown.....	1,143	1,157	1,146
Harpers Ferry.....	305	312	309
Bolivar.....	1,055	1,073	1,059
Ranson.....	3,896	4,432	4,692

*\*Source: US Census Bureau*

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Average Annual Unemployment Rate for Jefferson County in *October 2009* was 6.2%.

*\*Source: WV BEP*

## 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

## WAGE RATES

The average wage rate of the area is between \$13.51 and \$15.76 per hour. We will gladly furnish rates by job classification upon specific request.

*\*Source: WV BEP – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009*

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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

**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: Not available at this time  
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:**

Allegheny Energy Power Company

**TELEPHONE:**

Frontier Communications  
Fiber Optic Service, Long Distance Carriers

**PERSONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS:**

Sprint Spectrum  
US Cellular  
AT&T Wireless  
T-Mobile

**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 with total assets exceeding \$425 million.

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 (Funded for upgrade to limited access 4-lane from I-81 on the west to Virginia line on the east.) 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  
Charles Town Races and Slots  
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** 90.2  
*\*Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008*

**Washington, DC** 138.1  
*\*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009*

### ***Jefferson County Statistics:***

**Per capita income (2007)** \$35,701  
*\*Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis*

**Median Household Income (2009)** \$59,729  
*\*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 a copy of our Burr Business Park marketing brochure please visit [www.jcda.net](http://www.jcda.net) and click on Prime Business Sites.

## **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.