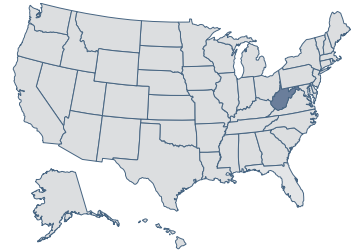


# West Virginia

**38** Economic Performance  
Rank: 2009

**33** Economic Outlook  
Rank: 2009



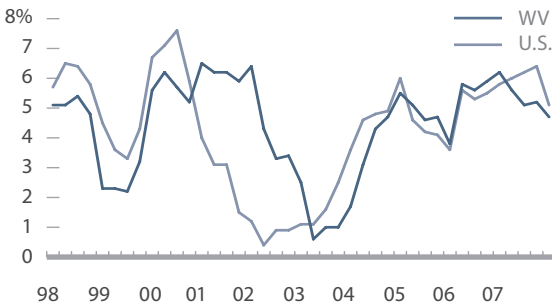
**Economic Performance Rank** (1=best 50=worst)

A historical measure based on a state's performance (equally weighted average) in the three important performance variables shown below. These variables are highly influenced by state policy.

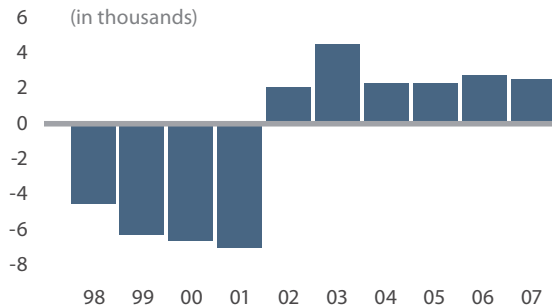
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A forecast based on a state's standing (equally weighted average) in the 15 important state policy variables shown below. Data reflect state + local rates and revenues and any effect of federal deductibility.

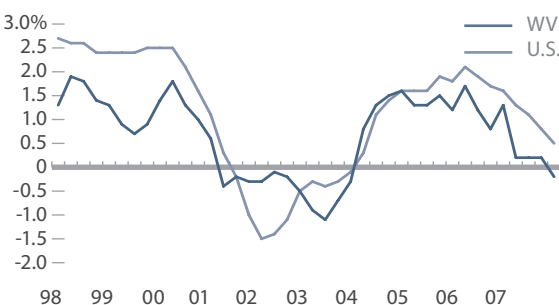
**Personal Income Per Capita Cumulative Growth 1997-2007** **52.4%** **Rank: 25**



**Absolute Domestic Migration Cumulative 1998-2007** **-7,979** **Rank: 29**



**Non-Farm Payroll Employment Cumulative Growth 1997-2007** **7.0%** **Rank: 41**



Historical Ranking Comparison  
**2008 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK RANK** **38**

Variable	Data	Rank
Top Marginal Personal Income Tax Rate	6.50%	28
Top Marginal Corporate Income Tax Rate	8.50%	33
Personal Income Tax Progressivity (change in tax liability per \$1,000 of income)	\$15.53	44
Property Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$21.63	9
Sales Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$20.24	16
Remaining Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$30.18	48
Estate/Inheritance Tax Levied?	No	1
Recently Legislated Tax Changes (2007 & 2008, per \$1,000 of personal income)	-\$1.98	7
Debt Service as a Share of Tax Revenue	6.5%	12
Public Employees Per 10,000 of Population (full-time equivalent)	556.3	25
State Liability System Survey (tort litigation treatment, judicial impartiality, etc.)	42.4	50
State Minimum Wage (federal floor is \$6.55)	\$7.25	37
Average Workers' Compensation Costs (per \$100 of payroll)	\$1.86	11
Right-to-Work State? (option to join or support a union)	No	50
Number of Tax or Expenditure Limits (0= least/worst, 3=most/best)	0	29