

Highlights of Demographics in Comprehensive Plan

Population

1. Many children
2. Rising senior population
3. Smaller work force
4. Population decline

Housing

1. -50% owner-occupied
2. 1 in 5 “seasonal”
3. New building slowing
4. Few rentals

Housing Type

1. 25% trailers
2. Few multi-family

Education

1. 8.7% college degree-declining
2. Low/declining graduation rate
3. College going rate declining
4. H.S. drop out rate up
5. Only 75% H.S. classes taught by highly qualified teachers

Employment

1. Falling
2. Establishments falling
3. Low participation rate 52%
4. Of 8,442 workers only 1,970 worked in county
5. Deficit of 4,636 jobs

Income

1. \$5,000 below WV medium (in 1999 was \$2,000 above)
2. Highest poverty rate in area

Highway Safety

1. Has higher percentage of deaths than state (working outside county\condition of roads)

Land Use

1. Of 645 square miles less than 22 are developed