

Regional Media

The largest daily paper covering NWPA is the Erie Daily Times. The paper may be contacted at the address below:

Erie Daily Times
205 West 12th Street
Erie, PA 16534
(814)870-1600

While various trade/industry papers exist, there is no periodical covering the business community in the region.

Regional Professional Societies

Due to the small locale of these groups, only their members are aware of each other. There is usually no local office, but is managed from the office of the hospital department managers. The easiest way to reach these groups is to call a large local hospital, request the department of interest, and ask for the manager. Regional and state professional trade shows may be located by contacting the hospital association or council.

Demographics/Education

Due to the rural nature of the state, all figures are on a state-wide basis, unless otherwise noted. The 1990 census places West Virginia's population at 1,793,477. This is an 8% decline from 1980. As a comparison, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania has a population of 1,334,396. This would mirror the decline of the mining and basic industries economy. As of 1991, the population has risen to 1,808,860 persons. This is less than a 1% increase. This represents a density of 75 people/square mile or 29 people/square kilometer. Caucasians comprise 91.3% of the population. African Americans comprise 3.1% of the population. The remaining 1.6% is comprised of American and Asian Indians, Filipino, and Hispanics. As may be expected, non-whites are located in the urban and university areas.

Population characteristics reveals a dumbbell shaped curve. The 1992 population has 18.8% of the state aged 5-17 years and 17% of the state over 65 years of age. The 18-24 year age group represent only 10.1% of the population. The 25-44 year age group comprise 29.7% of the state population. Only 9.5% of the population is aged 45-54 year olds. Males make up 47% of the population. Only 0.9% are foreign born. The population is 97.2% of the households. West Virginia shows the same pattern of migration as Pennsylvania. In-migration represents 28% of the movers.