

Wood County

Parkersburg is the urban center of Wood County. The 1992 county population was 87,493, with 33,862 in the city of Parkersburg. The population decreased by 6.6% from 1980-1992. Whites comprise 97.8% of the county population. Native born residents equal 99.2%, with 97.8% using English as their primary language. The 5-17 year olds comprise 18.3% of the residents. The 65 and older group comprise 14.8%, while the 25-44 age group makes up 30.2% of the population. There are 91 males/100 females. The birth rate again exceeds the death rate at 12.7 births per 1,000 residents, vs. 9.4 deaths/1,000 residents. There are 18,622 residents receiving Social Security benefits. This is 2.14 recipients/1,000 residents. Education, income, and employment are representative of the state.

There are 126 physicians in the county, for a rate of 145/100,000 residents. There are no systems or networks among the hospitals. There are two general hospitals, and one rehabilitation hospital in Parkersburg. The total number of beds is 548, with 20 nursing home beds in the hospital setting.