

West Virginia

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“We are confident this project will open the door for new commerce and a wide range of additional economic development opportunities.”

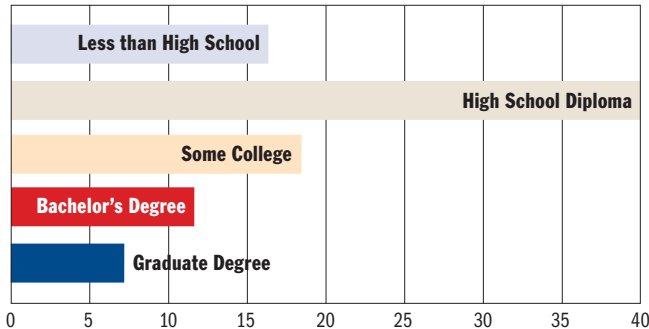
— Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, Nov. 22, 2013, announcing the completion of part of the Appalachian Corridor H highway project.

Governor: Earl Tomblin (D) wvdo.org

Right-to-work state: No

Population 2013: 1,863,542 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018:** 1.91% **Median household income:** \$42,623 **Median age:** 41.9

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	40 (\$56,384*)
Business Tax Climate	23
Small Business Policy	28
Career Readiness Certificates	12 (52,551)
High School Graduation	28
Health	46

*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- In April 2013, Governor Tomblin signed sweeping education reform into law.
- HB 2508 increases the minimum capital investment threshold for sales tax increment financing (TIF) districts from more than \$25 million to more than \$75 million for county and municipal economic opportunity development districts.
- Senate Bill 103 created the West Virginia Commuter Rail Access Act. The new law

- allows for the state to enter into agreements with other states to provide commuter rail operation in states where commuter rail operation is already present.
- The Complete Street Act, SB 158, encourages the Division of Highways to use the latest and best design standards in developing bicycle, pedestrian, transit and highway facilities.