

Jefferson County Relocation Package



**AN INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED
LICENSEE OF LONG & FOSTER**

Long & Foster/Webber & Associates, Realtors®
1001 Berryville Avenue
Winchester, Virginia 22601
540-662-3484 Office
<http://www.webberrealty.com>
Toll Free (800) 468-6619

TABLE OF CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION -----	2
GOVERNMENT -----	3-5
TAXES -----	6
IMPORTANT NUMBERS -----	7-8
HEALTH -----	9
CLIMATE -----	10
POPULATION -----	10
CHURCHES -----	10
TEMPORARY LODGING -----	11
SHOPPING -----	12
TRANSPORTATION -----	13
SCHOOLS -----	14-16
CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS -----	17
LIBRARIES -----	18
RECREATION -----	19
LABOR FORCE -----	20
HISTORY -----	21
THE ARTS -----	22
COMMUNICATION -----	23

INTRODUCTION

LONG & FOSTER/WEBBER & ASSOCIATES is a growing, vibrant real estate firm. Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is one of the largest offices in the Blue Ridge Association of Realtors area. We currently have a staff of 50 Associates. Among these are one Associate Broker, 5 Associates with the hard earned GRI (Graduate Realtors Institute) designation, one CRB (Certified Residential Broker) designation, 2 CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), 3 SRES (Senior Real Estate Specialist) and 6 ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative) designations. We also have 14 agents whom are multi-state licensed.

We are highly visible in the real estate community, having won virtually every award available from our Association. We have staff that has served on the local Association's Board of Directors and has held every office through the Association's presidency. Our sales staff has won Salesperson of the Year Award, Rookie of the Year Award, Realtor of the Year and Ethics Awards. In some of these categories, we have multiple winners. The agents of Long & Foster/Webber & Associates are community oriented. We work for the Chamber of Commerce, and act as volunteers in almost every charity, including raising money for Habitat for Humanity.

As a business entity, we are clearly leaders. Our relocation package is second to none. Our agents come from, and work with, all walks of life. We are highly trained and continue our education through weekly sessions. We have extensive backgrounds in relocation.

Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is located at 1001 Berryville Avenue. Berryville Avenue, which becomes Route 7 East, is among the heaviest traveled routes in the City of Winchester. We operate from a two thousand seven hundred square foot modern office building built and designed as a real estate office. Our one-story, ground level location makes our visibility and image second to none, and the ground floor, front door parking and handicapped accessed facility makes the convenience for our customers and clients unparalleled.

GOVERNMENT

The state of West Virginia sets election procedures for all counties, including Jefferson County, which is part of the 2nd Congressional District of West Virginia and the 16th State Senatorial District. Charles Town, the county seat, is the home of most county government offices.

Jefferson County is broken down into five magisterial districts and further divided into 30 voting precincts. The districts include Charles Town, Shepherdstown, Harpers Ferry, Middleway and Kabletown.

The city police department is made up of 38 officers, with the county sheriff's department being composed of an entire staff of around 20 and the state police staff of around 13. The city consists of 5 fire departments with approximately 150 active volunteers. Four of these companies provide 24-hour emergency ambulance service.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

State Police Personnel: 13

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Personnel: 20

CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Charles Town Personnel:	15
Ranson Personnel:	10
Shepherdstown Personnel:	10
Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Personnel:	3

*Full-time Emergency Service Director

Driver's License:

After establishing residency, new residents who want to drive in WV must apply for a WV driver's license within 30 days. If you have a valid non-expired out-of-state license, you are eligible to transfer the license. You are required to pass a vision test, complete a brief alcohol awareness course and surrender your out-of-state license before a WV license will be issued. A transfer applicant must present all acceptable documents that are required for a first-time applicant. A written examination is also required for applicants under the age of 18. If you have a motorcycle endorsement on your license the Division will transfer the endorsement for an additional fee of \$5.00.

If the out-of-state license is expired, you take all examination tests, vision, written and road skill examinations before making application for a driver's license.

A new resident who does not have possession of the out-of-state license, must obtain a certified driving record from the state in which they were previously licensed.

If your out-of-state license is suspended or revoked, you will not be licensed in WV, until you receive a "clearance" in the PDPS. It is illegal to drive in WV with a suspended or revoked license. All applicants for a WV driver's license must be verified with the PDPS, the Problem Driver Pointer System. It is important to confirm that you are not under suspension in any other jurisdiction before attempting to obtain a license in West Virginia.

Vehicle Taxes, Tags, Titles, Inspection & Registration:

New residents must have their vehicles titled and registered within thirty 30 of establishing residency.

The title fees include a 5% privilege tax, a \$10 title fee, and a \$5 lien fee, if there is a lien on the vehicle. The registration (license plate) fee is \$30. The 5% privilege tax is based on the purchase price of the vehicle.

If you are moving here from out of state, the tax is based on the Automobile Red Book loan value of the vehicle.

West Virginia requires a routine safety inspection every twelve (12) months. Vehicles may be inspected at any official inspection station licensed by the West Virginia State Police. When a vehicle passes the inspection, a sticker valid for twelve (12) months will be placed on the inside of the windshield. It is illegal to drive a vehicle without a valid inspection sticker. New residents have 10 days from the date they title a vehicle to have a West Virginia inspection. This also includes the purchase of vehicles out of state.

When a vehicle is registered in West Virginia, the registrant will receive a license plate and registration card, which should be kept in the vehicle with the current insurance certificate at all times.

The registration fee for passenger vehicles and pickup trucks weighing 8,000 pounds or less is \$30.

Firearm Registration:

Contact your State Police for information on restrictions and/or use and possession, which may be found under the conservation laws. Registration is not mandatory.

Voter Registration:

Residents must register to vote and may do so at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Martinsburg or at the County Clerk's office in Charles Town (304-728-3246). A voter must reside in the state a minimum of 30 days before an election to be eligible to vote and must be registered in the precinct in which he lives. Party affiliations may be changed before a primary election at the County Clerk's Office.

Absentee ballots are available for those unable to vote in person the day of the election. These ballots must be submitted before Election Day to be valid but will not be counted until Election Day.

Polls in Jefferson County open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. An electronic voting system is used with the ballot card inserted into a vote recorder and a punch tool recording the vote.

Voting Locations:

There are 25 designated locations within the county to vote, divided by precinct. Several of these serve two precincts and any and all of them are subject to change. Calling the Voter Registration Office at 304-728-3246 may make verification of these locations.

TAXES

Fiscal 2006

County Property Taxes Class of Property	Inside Municipalities	Outside Municipalities
<u>Class I</u> Intangible personal property, except cash on hand or in banks, and accounts receivable assessed at 60% of actual value.	.6929	.6030
<u>Class II</u> Real estate, such as homes and farms, assessed at an average of 60% of actual value.	1.3858	1.2060
<u>Class III</u> Industrial and Commercial real estate and personal property appraised at market value, assessed at 60%		2.412
<u>Class IV</u> This is Class III when located within municipalities. Real Estate assessed at 60% of actual value.	2.7716	
<p>Rates are per \$100 of assessment <i>The Bonded indebtedness and proposed capital expenditures will be furnished if desired.</i></p>		
<p>County Property Tax information provided by Jefferson County Assessor's Office 104 E. Washington Street Charles Town, West Virginia 25414 304-728-3224</p>		

Business and Other Related Taxes

State Taxes	Rates
Corporate Net Income	9.0%
Business Franchise Tax	.75% of net equity of or corporation, or \$50, whichever is greater
Retail Sales	6%
Individual Income	Minimum 3% Maximum 6.5%
Gasoline	0.445 cents per gallon

*The state of West Virginia offers a variety of incentive programs to new and expanding businesses, including financing programs, business tax credits, and employee training.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PO Box 426, Charles Town 304-725-2055

EMPLOYMENT

West Virginia Employment Commission 304-267-0065

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Fire, Police and Rescue Squad 911
City Police Department 304-725-8944
County Sheriff Department 304-728-3205
West Virginia State Police 304-725-9779

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL

Jefferson Memorial Hospital 304-728-1600
Jefferson County Health Department 304-728-8415
Jefferson Urgent Care 304-728-8533
Harpers Ferry Family Medicine Center 304-535-6343
Canterbury Center 304-876-9422

LICENSES

Department of Motor Vehicles
1438 Edwin Miller Blvd, Martinsburg, WV 1-800-642-9066

LONG & FOSTER/WEBBER & ASSOCIATES, REALTORS

1001 Berryville Avenue, Winchester, VA 540-662-3484

NEWSPAPERS

The Spirit of Jefferson Farmer's Advocate 304-725-2046
Shepherdstown Chronicle 304-876-3380
Martinsburg Journal 304-725-6581

PARKS & RECREATION

304-728-3207

POST OFFICE

101 W Washington St, Charles Town, WV 1-800-ASK-USPS
205 Ambrose St, Ranson, WV 1-800-ASK-USPS

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

200 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 304-725-2208
600 Polk St., Harpers Ferry, WV 304-535-2301
German Street, Shepherdstown, WV 304-876-2783
Route 13 and Shirley Rd., Summit Point, WV 304-725-6277

PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Jefferson High School	304-725-8491
Jefferson High School 9 th Grade Complex	304-728-4518
Charles Town Middle School	304-725-7821
Harpers Ferry Middle School	304-535-6357
Shepherdstown Middle School	304-876-6120
Blue Ridge Elementary School	304-725-2995
C.W. Shipley Elementary School	304-535-4395
North Jefferson Elementary School	304-725-9587
Page Jackson Elementary School	304-728-9212
Ranson Elementary School	304-725-7310
Shepherdstown Elementary School	304-876-6270
T.A. Lowery Elementary School	304-728-7250
Wright Denny Intermediate School	304-725-2513
Country Day School of Jefferson County	304-725-1438
Claymont Children's School	304-725-8889
St. Joseph's Catholic School	304-267-6447
Martinsburg Christian Academy	304-263-3461
Faith Christian Academy	304-263-0011

TELEPHONE

Frontier Communications	1-800-921-8101
-------------------------	----------------

TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak	1-800-872-7245
CSX MARC	1-800-543-9809
Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority	

TV CABLE

Adelphia Cable Communications	304-725-9185
-------------------------------	--------------

UTILITIES

Electric, Allegheny Energy Power Company	304-949-2754
Gas, Columbia Propane	304-725-2159
Gas, Thompson Gas Company	304-725-9776
Oil, Community Oil Company	304-267-8721
Oil, Smith Oil Company	304-725-2215

VOTER REGISTRATION

County Clerk's Office	304-728-3246
-----------------------	--------------

HEALTH

Jefferson Memorial Hospital has been providing medical services to local residents and businesses for a century. The mission of the 114-licensed bed community hospital is to provide accessible high quality, cost effective health care services in a safe and caring manner.

The hospital offers a wide array of services. A 24-hour emergency department provides area residents with high quality emergency care. Serving as the only Level III Trauma Center in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, JMH is prepared to care for critical patients. The hospital has a six-bed intensive/critical care unit and a 30-bed medical/surgical unit staffed with highly experienced nurses and health care staff.

The Jefferson Memorial Hospital Medical Staff consists of 38 full-time physicians and 22 part-time consulting physicians most of whom are board certified. The medical staff represents a variety of medical specialties including family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics, general surgery, pediatrics, oncology, orthopedics, and ophthalmology. Staff includes a nurse mid-wife, nurse anesthetist and physician assistants. For physician referrals, please call 304-724-3627.

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- *Emergency Medicine
- *Medical Education
- *Radiologist
- *Family Practice
 - Obstetrics
 - Gynecology
 - Geriatrics
 - Sports Medicine
- *Orthopedic Surgery
- *Sports Medicine
- *Pediatrics
- *Otolaryngology
- *Nurse Mid-Wife
- *Outpatient Rehabilitation
 - Physical
 - Occupational
 - Cardiopulmonary
- *Support Groups
 - Diabetic
 - Stroke
 - Alzheimer's Caregivers'
- *Nutritional Planning/Counseling
- *Ophthalmology
 - *Home Health
 - *Internal Medicine
 - *Nurse Anesthetist
 - *Psychiatric Clinical Specialist
 - *Cancer Cure
 - Oncology
 - *Obstetrics
 - *ENT (Ear, Nose, Throat)
 - *Gynecology
 - *Urology
 - *General Surgery
 - *Speech Therapies
 - *Neurodiagnostic Lab (Sleep Lab)
 - *Medical Educational Programs

CLIMATE

Average Yearly Precipitation.....36 in.
 Average Yearly Snowfall.....24 in.
 Average Max. Temp. (F°).....65.5
 Average Min. Temp. (F°).....42.6
 Average Freeze-Free Period...279-300 days

POPULATION

	Jefferson County	West Virginia
1970	21,280	1,744,237
1980	30,311	1,928,524
1990	35,936	1,793,477
1995	39,300	1,826,409
2000	42,190	1,806,928
2005	49,206	1,816,856

**Source: US Census Bureau*

INCORPORATED TOWNS:

	Population (2002)	(2003)	(2004)
Charles Town.....	3,134	3,180	3,408
Shepherdstown.....	1,208	1,140	1,148
Harpers Ferry.....	304	302	309
Bolivar.....	1,072	1,074	1,069
Ranson.....	3,061	3,282	3,432

**Source: US Census Bureau*

CHURCHES

The community is served by 86 churches representing denominations including Catholic, Jewish, Quaker, Greek Orthodox, Mormon and Protestant.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Barvarian Inn
304-876-2551

The Jackson Rose B&B
304-535-1528

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
304-876-7000

Quality Inn & Conference Cntr.
304-535-6302

Days Inn
304-535-3160

Harpers Ferry KOA
304-535-6895

Mecklenburg Inn
304-876-2126

The Little Inn
304-876-2208

Thomas Shepherd Inn
304-876-3715

Angler's Inn
304-535-1239

Between the Rivers B&B
304-535-2768

Briscoe House B&B
304-535-2416

Camp Hill Carriage House B&B
304-535-2657

Comfort Inn
304-535-6391

Filmore Street B&B
304-535-2619

Harpers Ferry Guest House B&B
304-535-6955

Harpers Ferry Hostel
301-834-7652

Hilltop House Hotel, Restaurant & Conference Center
304-535-2132

SHOPPING

HARPERS FERRY:

Grape Expectations
304-535-2648
Harpers Ferry Books
304-535-1862
Harpers Ferry Music
304-876-3202
Herb Lady
304-535-6570
Marmion House Gifts
304-535-6201
Molly the Rebel
304-535-2217
Mountain House Jewelry & Gifts
304-535-2685
National Park Bookshop
304-535-6881
The outfitter at Harpers Ferry
304-535-2087
Roots and Stems
304-535-2139
Secret Six Sundries
304-535-2827
The Stevenson House
304-535-2625
Stone House Antiques
304-535-6688
Vintage Lady
304-535-1313
The Depot
304-876-0515
The Old Store
304-876-2429
W.H. Knode's & Sons
304-876-6900
Sky's the Limit
304-876-2681

SHEPHERDSTOWN:

Alla Art & Antiques
304-876-0659
Body, Bath & Cotton
304-876-2424
Dickinson & Wait Craft Gallery
304-876-0657
Village Finery
304-876-9388
Earth, Wind and Fur
304-876-8429
German St. Coffee
304-876-1106
Happenings
304-876-2572
The Herb Lady
304-876-9436
J. Cooper Gallery
304-876-3589
Off Mane St. Hair & Nails
304-876-6060
O'Hurley's General Store
304-876-6907
One Two Kangaroo
304-876-1174
Peace Frogs of WV
304-876-8663
River Bend Design
304-876-1316
Traditions and Culture
304-876-8211
W.B. Lanham Bakery/Caterer
304-876-0786
Westwind Potters
304-535-2511

TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAYS

U.S. 340

State Route 9 (Funded for upgraded to limited access 4-lane from I-81 on the west to Virginia line on the east.) Presently, 10 miles to I-81 and 30 miles to I-70 at Hagerstown or Frederick, Maryland.

Driving Distance:

Baltimore, MD.....	67 miles
Charlottesville, VA.....	129 miles
Harrisburg, PA.....	100 miles
New York, NY.....	265 miles
Philadelphia, PA.....	180 miles
Pittsburgh, PA.....	193 miles
Richmond, VA.....	168 miles
Washington, DC.....	58 miles

RAIL

Norfolk and Southern Railway

CSX Transportation (Commuter boarding's at Duffields and Harpers Ferry)

Amtrak Service at Harpers Ferry

AIR

Eastern Panhandle Regional Airport	11 miles	(Existing 7000 ft. runway, full instrument landing System. Air Guard Manned Crash Service. Can Land and take-off planes of 727 or DC 9 class. West Virginia Air Guard operates C130 from this facility.)
Dulles International Airport	45 miles	(<1 hour driving time)
BWI Airport	60 miles	(90-minute drive)
Ronald Reagan National Airport	65 miles	(90-minute drive)
Hagerstown, MD and Winchester, VA	25 miles	(approx. 40-min. drive)

TRUCK

Multiple motor freight carriers serve Jefferson County. Container cargo facility at Front Royal, VA – 25 miles.

BUS SERVICE

Limited local service by Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority (Pan Tran).

SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools:

Page Jackson Elementary School 304-728-9212
Rt. 1 Box 322M, Charles Town, WV

Ranson Elementary School 304-725-7310
600 North Preston Street, Ranson, WV

Shepherdstown Elementary School 304-876-6270
PO Box 216, Shepherdstown, WV

T.A. Lowery Elementary School 304-728-7250
55 Shenandoah Junction Road, Shenandoah Junction, WV

Blue Ridge Elementary School 304-725-2995
Rt. 4 Box 362, Harpers Ferry, WV

C.W. Shipley Elementary School 304-535-4395
Rt. 5 Box 220, Harpers Ferry, WV

North Jefferson Elementary School 304-725-9587
Rt. 2 Box 76, Kearneysville, WV

Middle/Intermediate Schools:

Charles Town Middle School 304-725-7821
817 High Street, Charlestown, WV

Harpers Ferry Middle School 304-535-6357
Rt. 2 Box 93, Harpers Ferry, WV

Shepherdstown Middle School 304-876-6120
705 Minden Avenue, Shepherdstown, WV

Wright Denny Intermediate School 304-725-2513
209 W. Congress Street, Charlestown, WV

High Schools:

Jefferson High Ninth Grade Complex 304-728-4518
1209 Shenandoah Junction Road, Shenandoah Junction, WV

Jefferson High School 304-725-8491
Rt. 1 Box 83, Shenandoah Junction, WV

PRIVATE SCHOOLS:

Country Day School of Jefferson County

Kindergarten through 9th Grade
Rt. 51, Charlestown, WV
304-725-1438

Claymont Children's School

Pre-School through 6th Grade
Huyett Rd, Charles Town, WV
304-725-8889

St. Joseph's Catholic School

Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Martinsburg (Berkley County)
304-267-6447

Martinsburg Christian Academy

Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade
U.S. Rt. 11, Martinsburg (Berkley County)
304-263-3461

Faith Christian Academy

Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade
Greensburg Road, Martinsburg (Berkley County)
304-263-0011

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:

James Rumsey Technical Institute
Rt. 9, Hedgesville, WV
304-754-7925

James Rumsey Center, Martinsburg, is a Regional Vocational Technical School with over 900 students. Offering 12 post-secondary programs and 40 post-secondary programs in adult and community education. Affiliated with Shepherd College's Community College.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIRMENTS:

To register of kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years old before September 1; however; children who reach age five by September 15 may enroll if their score is at or above the 85th percentile on the readiness test prescribed by State Board Education policy. Children enrolled in first grade must be at least six (6) years of age before September 1, and have successfully completed a state approved kindergarten program or an entrance test of basic readiness skills.

Children should be enrolled during the spring pre-enrollment period; however, if this registration time is missed, call the school where the child will attend to schedule and individual appointment. A birth certificate and immunization records are required for enrollment.

West Virginia statutes require all children entering kindergarten or first grade to have proof of immunizations. Immunization records must verify the following shots: Measles (Two doses on or after the first birthday); DPT (three doses with one dose on or before the fourth birthday); Polio (Three doses with one dose on or before the fourth birthday); Rubella (Two doses on or after the first birthday); TB test (test within four months of entering school).

HIGHER EDUCATION

Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, WV – 4-Year Public College
304-876-5212

Technical College of Shepherd College, Martinsburg, WV
304-260-4380

American Public University System, Charles Town, WV
304-724-6857

Mountain State University, Martinsburg, WV
304-263-4381

CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS & PRESCHOOLS

Children's Tree House

Shepherdstown, WV
304-876-7354

Grammy's Place

Harpers Ferry, WV
304-725-1993

Children's First Child Development Center

Kearneysville, WV
304-728-1100

Small Wonders Early Learning Center

Charles Town, WV
304-725-5437

Hillside Child Care & Development Center

385 Washington Street
Harpers Ferry, WV
304-535-2234

Miss Irene's Club House for Kids

304-229-2554

Mother Goose Pre-School

221 East Washington Street
Charles Town, WV
304-725-5766

Noah's Ark Child Development Center

310 North George Street
Charles Town, WV
304-725-1625

Oakland Christian School

26 Oakland Terrace
Charles Town, WV
304-725-3737

Rainbow Montessori School

221 East Washington Street
Charles Town, WV
304-725-3365

RESA VIII Head Start

55-A Shenandoah Junction
Shenandoah Junction, WV
304-724-9942

Shepherdstown Day Care Center

River Road, Shepherdstown, WV
304-876-6293

LIBRARIES

Jefferson County has four libraries that offer a huge variety of services and programs to the public. In addition, Shepherd College located in Shepherdstown has a major library that is also available for public use.

Each library has unique offerings, including programs for young children and seasonal exhibits.

Old Charles Town Library

200 East Washington Street
Charles Town, WV
304-725-2208

It presently has more than 50,000 titles available and also has a number of computers with Internet access for its clients. All of the book titles are listed electronically and individual library cards will be issued with computer card identification.

Bolivar/Harpers Ferry Public Library

600 Polk Street
Harpers Ferry, WV
304-535-2301

Books in this library total more than 22,000. The Bolivar/Harpers Ferry Library also features a number of Internet-capable computers.

Shepherdstown Public Library

German Street
Shepherdstown, WV
304-876-2783

This library is located in a charming historic building in downtown Shepherdstown and features more than 20,000 books and computers with Internet access.

South Jefferson Public Library

Rt. 13 and Shirley Road
Summit Point, WV
304-725-6277

This facility offers some 7,500 books to its customers along with Internet access on a number of computers.

RECREATION

FEDERAL PARKS:

Harpers Ferry National Park
C&O Canal National Park

CITY PARKS:

Jefferson County Memorial Park

COUNTY PARKS:

Leetown Park
Summit Point Park
Sam Michael's Park
Bolivar Nature Park

GOLF COURSES:

Cress Creek Golf & Country Club, Shepherdstown
Locust Hill Golf & Country Club, Charles Town
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, Charles Town

REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS:

Appalachian Trail
Blue Ridge Mountains
Charles Town Race Track
 Horse Racing
 Video Slot Machines
KOA Campgrounds, Bolivar
Morgan's Grove Park, Shepherdstown
Summit Point Motor Sports Park
Jefferson County Museum

FESTIVALS:

Jefferson County Fair
Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival
Contemporary American Theater Festival
Pumpkinfest

*For more information, please call the Chamber of Commerce (304-725-2055) or visit the web site at: www.jeffersoncounty.com.

LABOR FORCE

LABOR MARKET AREA

Jefferson County is part of the Martinsburg Labor Market Area. We also draw labor from Frederick and Clarke Counties of Virginia, and Frederick and Washington Counties of Maryland.

AREA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

May 2006

Jefferson County.....	24,920
Berkeley County.....	44,100
Morgan County.....	7,320

**Source: WV BEP*

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Average Annual Unemployment Rate for Jefferson County in May 2006 was 2.9%.

**Source: WV BEP*

WAGE RATES

The average wage rate of the area is \$12.88 and \$13.08 per hour. We will gladly furnish rates by job classification upon specific request.

**Source: WV BEP*

HISTORY

Perhaps Jefferson County's most valuable asset is its history. The beauty of West Virginia begins at the very border of Jefferson County. There, standing on a bluff at Harpers Ferry, where two rivers (the Potomac and Shenandoah) force their way through the Blue Ridge Mountains, Thomas Jefferson once claimed the view "worth a trip across the Atlantic". Largely unchanged through the years, the same view awaits your eyes today – rocky crags, tumbling water and tree-clad hills.

Jefferson County, being nearest to urban centers of the populous Eastern Seaboard (about 58 miles from Washington, D.C. and 67 miles from Baltimore, MD), is the most accessible of West Virginia's 55 counties. The Eastern Panhandle is the "gateway" to the rest of the state.

Events of the Civil War, the failed raid on Harpers Ferry by abolitionist John Brown and his trial and public hanging in Charles Town, and various other points in history are focused on this area.

Just a few miles from Jefferson County in Maryland, the National Park Service operates Antietam National Battlefield.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is another U.S. Park service restoration project and the C&O Canal National Park is just a "dollars throw" across the river.

*For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 304-725-2055.

THE ARTS

Old Opera House Theater:

304-725-4420

Performances are offered throughout the year at this popular theater. Musicals, dramas, comedies, and other special events are featured. Located at 204 North George Street, Charles Town, this theater is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Contemporary American Theater Festival:

304-876-3473

Summer theater festival features new playwrights, explores controversial topics, and brings cutting-edge plays to the stage. Equity actors, directors and designers team up with college-student interns to create productions, which are held on the campus of Shepherd College.

Performing Arts Series:

304-876-5497

The Frank Creative Arts Center Theater at Shepherd College hosts various programs throughout the year. Programs sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the West Virginia Commission of the Arts.

Reynolds Hall Recital Series:

304-876-5555

This outstanding series of musical programs features faculty at Shepherd College, guest soloists, and chamber groups.

Let's Go To The Movies:

304-876-3704

Outstanding motion pictures are featured at the Shepherdstown Opera House. The old-time theater offers a nostalgic trip for moviegoers.

Peter Burr Living History Farm:

304-725-2055

The Peter Burr Living History Farm is a project of the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission. Its main focus is the restoration of the house and barn on the property, along with living historian who recreate life as it was in past centuries.

Visual Art:

Many of the artists have their work featured at shops and galleries around the area. During performances, artwork is featured in the Heiler Room of the Old Opera House in Charles Town. Special shows are also held at Cress Creek Country Club in Shepherdstown.

COMMUNICATION

NEWSPAPERS:

Published Weekly -
Spirit of Jefferson
Farmer's Advocate
Shepherdstown Chronicle

Published Daily –
The Journal
The Morning Herald
The Washington Post

RADIO STATIONS:

WXVA, AM & FM

CABLE TELEVISION:

Adelphia offers more than 60 stations, including Washington D.C. and Baltimore, MD. Local TV coverage by Hagerstown Channel 25 School News Channel 19.