Fast Facts

West Virginia University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.

WVU around West Virginia includes Potomac State College of WVU in Keyser; the WVU Institute of Technology in Montgomery; the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center in Charleston; and Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences East in Martinsburg. WVU is working to establish a presence in Beckley through the purchase of Mountain State University.

The WVU System spans West Virginia; WVU operates 8 experimental farms and 4 forests, in addition to WVU Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp.

WVU and its affiliates generate $8.28 billion in business volume for the West Virginia economy.

The return on investment for every State dollar invested in WVU is $40 to $1.

WVU had the most PROMISE Scholars in the state in 2012-13: 4,363, or 43.5%.

Statewide, WVU has 8,846 employees (8,346 main campus, including Health Sciences Center/229 at Potomac State College/271 at the WVU Institute of Technology).

WVU Extension has offices in all 55 counties.

Extension educators and volunteers guide 1-in-4 West Virginia youths in 4-H projects that build citizenship and career skills.

WVU students come from every West Virginia county.

Fall 2014 WVU statewide enrollment: 31,976
- Morgantown campus: 29,175 (14,205 West Virginia residents)
- WVU Institute of Technology: 1,261
- Potomac State College of WVU: 1,540

WVU is among the top 15 public universities in the number of students earning Rhodes Scholarships.

WVU and its affiliated organizations, in fiscal year 2009, resulted in:
- 45,500 jobs
- $1.8 billion in employee compensation
- $69 million in assorted state taxes

WVU’s support for scholarships has increased 13% in the past two fiscal years. WVU provided $102 million in institution-funded scholarships.

In 2013-14, WVU awarded over $394 million in grants, loans, work-study and scholarships.

The WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities offered training and assistance to 81,216 participants in 2013-14.

Total State support for WVU fell by nearly $20 million in the last two years as a result of permanent base budget reductions.

There are 68,942 WVU alumni living in West Virginia.

WVU students, faculty and staff are urging West Virginia residents to match them in completing one million hours of community service by 2018.

WVU Fire Service Extension trains more than 2,000 firefighters each year.

Last summer, WVU President E. Gordon Gee visited all 55 counties of West Virginia to reconnect the state with its university.

U.S. News & World Report ranked WVU’s graduate rural health program as #11 in the nation.