

## **LOCHHRA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **February 2012**

- For February 2012, WV WORKS cases statewide increased to 10,583, down 246 cases compared to January 2012's 10,829 cases.
- Adult WV WORKS cases statewide for February 2012 are 5,641, down 220 cases compared to January's 5,861.
- Child-only cases stateside for February 2012 are 4,942, down 26 cases compared to January's 4,968 cases.
- Total support service payments for February 2012 totaled \$1,194,310, down \$59,419 from January's \$1,253,729.
- The number of adult cases receiving WV WORKS for less than 12 months is 41.6% (2,346 out of 5,641 cases), which is higher than January's 38.9% rate.
- From December 1, 2001 through February 29, 2012, 2,610 WV WORKS cases have closed due to the adult(s) reaching the 60-month limit. Of that amount, 1,598 customers requested an extension of benefits up to an additional 6-month period; 642 of which were approved (for a 40.2% approval rate).

**WV WORKS Caseload  
February 2012**

County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barbour (01)	71	67										
Berkeley (02)	704	698										
Boone (03)	185	179										
Braxton (04)	110	105										
Brooke (05)	82	85										
Cabell (06)	931	896										
Calhoun (07)	49	48										
Clay (08)	52	52										
Doddridge (09)	35	31										
Fayette (10)	224	226										
Gilmer (11)	16	16										
Grant (12)	46	46										
Greenbrier (13)	93	96										
Hampshire (14)	119	115										
Hancock (15)	171	168										
Hardy (16)	61	60										
Harrison (17)	259	254										

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County	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jackson (18)	248	235										
Jefferson (19)	190	189										
Kanawha (20)	1,558	1,502										
Lewis (21)	68	71										
Lincoln (22)	202	197										
Logan (23)	276	270										
Marion (24)	124	123										
Marshall (25)	217	208										
Mason (26)	254	240										
Mercer (27)	757	728										
Mineral (28)	120	114										
Mingo (29)	312	306										
Monongalia (30)	202	197										
Monroe (31)	26	26										
Morgan (32)	105	104										
McDowell (33)	346	336										
Nicholas (34)	229	230										

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Ohio (35)	157	159										
Pendleton (36)	17	14										
Pleasants (37)	23	25										
Pocahontas (38)	37	33										
Preston (39)	78	82										
Putnam (40)	157	149										
Raleigh (41)	346	339										
Randolph (42)	51	52										
Ritchie (43)	44	47										
Roane (44)	75	71										
Summers (45)	105	109										
Taylor (46)	96	92										
Tucker (47)	7	9										
Tyler (48)	42	43										
Upshur (49)	66	63										
Wayne (50)	325	327										
Webster (51)	105	109										

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Wetzel (52)	103	97										
Wirt (53)	38	36										
Wood (54)	344	337										
Wyoming (55)	171	172										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,829</b>	<b>10,583</b>										

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## **Characteristics of the Current WV WORKS Caseload**

**February 2012**

- √ **4,942** Child-only cases ---- parents not in the home and children living with a relative, or parents in the home, are receiving Medicaid and are excluded from the WV WORKS payment.
  
- √ **38** Cases currently receiving WV WORKS and received TANF in another state before moving to West Virginia.
  
- √ **183** Cases where parents are excluded from the payment due to being convicted of a drug-related felony after August 22, 1996.
  
- √ **1,766** Cases receiving Medicaid but not SNAP.
  
- √ **43** Cases receiving SNAP but adults not receiving Medicaid.
  
- √ **1,305** Adults receiving WV WORKS and are employed.

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## Support Services Payments: Types and Amounts February 2012

TYPE	Current WV WORKS	FORMER WV WORKS	# OF PAYMENTS	AVERAGE PAYMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
<b>Clothing:</b> work or dress clothing when there is a verified offer of employment or short-term training. <i>\$1,000 Lifetime</i>	\$13,670.25	\$1,369.58	92	\$163.48	\$15,039.83
<b>Collateral:</b> items to include grooming expenses, test fees and other expenses related to employment. <i>\$250 / 12 Month Period</i>	\$2,039.23	\$100.00	30	\$71.31	\$2,139.23
<b>Commercial Drivers License:</b> payment to purchase license. <i>\$200 Lifetime</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Contract Training:</b> training contracts may be written when training not available on a no-cost basis; can be provided to an individual or group of participants; expectation is that individual will be able to find employment after successfully completing the training. <i>*Costs exceeding this amount require DFA approval. \$600 Lifetime</i>	\$2,862.00	\$150.00	9	\$334.67	\$3,012.00
<b>Driver/Chauffeurs License:</b> does not include payment for test required due to traffic violations or classes required for DUI convictions. <i>\$60 Lifetime</i>	\$46.00	\$0.00	3	\$15.33	\$46.00
<b>DUI Offenses:</b> costs related to reinstatement of driver's license which have been revoked due to substance abuse; including DUI classes, license reinstatement fees, new license, and ignition interlock system; but <u>does not</u> include fines, treatment programs or tests for drug/alcohol use. <i>\$500 Lifetime</i>	\$0.00	\$250.00	1	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>Employer Incentive Program (EIP):</b> agreements between employers and local DHHR offices placing WV WORKS recipients in jobs; employers reimbursed one-half of employee's wages for first 200-600 work hours under these contracts.	\$0.00	\$1,519.80	1	\$1,519.80	\$1,519.80
<b>Employment Subsidy Program:</b> agreements between employers, WIB and local DHHR offices placing WV WORKS recipients in jobs; employers reimbursed all of employee's wages. <i>For up to 12 months</i>	\$161,011.57	\$0.00	154	\$1,045.53	\$161,011.57
<b>Emergency ARRA Stimulus Payment:</b> intended to cover any emergency need that is considered a barrier to employment. (rent/mortgage, utilities, and household furnishings/supplies) <i>\$5,000 Lifetime</i>	\$56,144.58	\$8,854.83	110	\$590.90	\$64,999.41
<b>GED Achievement Bonus:</b> one-time-only payment for any active WV WORKS recipient who passes the GED examination. <i>\$500 Lifetime</i>	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	31	\$500.00	\$15,500.00

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TYPE	Current WV WORKS	FORMER WV WORKS	# OF PAYMENTS	AVERAGE PAYMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
<b>Participation Achievement Bonus:</b> paid when the participant meets minimum Federal participation requirements <i>\$50 Month Limit</i>	<b>\$78,375.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>\$49.98</b>	<b>\$78,375.00</b>
<b>Professional License:</b> when the cost of the license is not paid by the employer or is not included in the cost of a training course and obtaining the license is part of the course completion. <i>\$500 Lifetime</i>	<b>\$599.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$199.67</b>	<b>\$599.00</b>
<b>Relocation:</b> with a verified offer of employment, family can be relocated to a different state, different area of the state or to the same area if the move reduces travel time to one hour or less. <i>\$2,500 Lifetime Per Household</i>	<b>\$9,416.15</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$1,883.23</b>	<b>\$9,416.15</b>
<b>Six-Month Self-Sufficiency Achievement Bonus</b> Bonuses paid to each former recipient who is employed full-time during each of the months following case closure. \$100 / 30 days - \$150 / 90 days - \$500 / 6 mo - \$750 / 12 mo <i>\$1,500 Lifetime</i>	<b>\$31,104.00</b>	<b>\$42,989.33</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>\$280.66</b>	<b>\$74,093.33</b>
<b>Tools/Equipment:</b> when needed for a verified offer of employment or specialized training. <i>\$1,000 Lifetime</i>	<b>\$5,425.59</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$417.35</b>	<b>\$5,425.59</b>
<b>Transportation:</b> payments made based on miles travel to employment or a work activity when a cost involved; public transportation reimbursed at actual cost. <i>(2-20 miles = \$12 a day; 21-40 miles = \$15 a day; 41+ miles = \$18 a day)</i> <i>\$450 Month Limit</i>	<b>\$516,692.48</b>	<b>\$163,947.00</b>	<b>3,513</b>	<b>\$193.75</b>	<b>\$680,639.48</b>
<b>Vehicle Insurance:</b> payment for vehicle insurance premium; must be titled or leased in name of adult in WV WORKS payment. <i>\$1,000 Lifetime</i>	<b>\$26,969.39</b>	<b>\$5,150.67</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>\$259.03</b>	<b>\$32,120.06</b>
<b>Vehicle Repair:</b> for personally owned vehicles; including tires, mufflers, or brakes necessary to pass state inspection, state inspection stickers, license plates, vehicle insurance, and driver's education classes. Funds cannot be used to purchase a vehicle. <i>\$2,000 Lifetime / Per Household</i>	<b>\$33,497.55</b>	<b>\$8,126.15</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$547.68</b>	<b>\$41,623.70</b>
<b>Vocational Educational and Employment Achievement Bonus:</b> a one-time only payment paid to Work-Eligible individuals in active WV WORKS cases who complete Vocational Educational Training and accept employment of at least 20 hours per week. <i>\$500 Lifetime</i>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$8,500.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$959,852.79</b>	<b>\$234,457.36</b>	<b>6,014</b>	<b>\$198.59</b>	<b>\$1,194,310.15</b>



**Length of Time on Assistance  
February 2012**

<b>NUMBER OF MONTHS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CASES</b>
<b>12 mos. or less</b>	<b>2,346</b>
<b>13 – 24</b>	<b>1,499</b>
<b>25 – 36</b>	<b>937</b>
<b>37 – 48</b>	<b>547</b>
<b>49 – 60</b>	<b>312</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,641</b>

**Doesn't include the child-only cases.**

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## WV WORKS Closures Due to Expiration of 60 Months

Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo. /Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures
12/01	108																
1/02	40	1/03	19	1/04	31	1/05	39	1/06	24	1/07	15	1/08	17	1/09	24	1/10	23
2/02	23	2/03	25	2/04	20	2/05	24	2/06	24	2/07	17	2/08	14	2/09	11	2/10	21
3/02	29	3/03	20	3/04	23	3/05	20	3/06	21	3/07	19	3/08	17	3/09	13	3/10	16
4/02	21	4/03	26	4/04	28	4/05	24	4/06	18	4/07	10	4/08	15	4/09	14	4/10	15
5/02	25	5/03	26	5/04	25	5/05	20	5/06	22	5/07	15	5/08	7	5/09	16	5/10	24
6/02	44	6/03	34	6/04	36	6/05	23	6/06	25	6/07	18	6/08	13	6/09	14	6/10	26
7/02	29	7/03	25	7/04	28	7/05	25	7/06	27	7/07	14	7/08	6	7/09	14	7/10	16
8/02	18	8/03	32	8/04	22	8/05	22	8/06	18	8/07	14	8/08	13	8/09	17	8/10	19
9/02	21	9/03	37	9/04	30	9/05	30	9/06	14	9/07	14	9/08	13	9/09	20	9/10	16
10/02	28	10/03	31	10/04	27	10/05	23	10/06	11	10/07	7	10/08	12	10/09	13	10/10	17
11/02	22	11/03	30	11/04	33	11/05	27	11/06	9	11/07	13	11/08	16	11/09	16	11/10	16
12/02	33	12/03	27	12/04	24	12/05	25	12/06	7	12/07	21	12/08	7	12/09	8	12/10	19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>441</b>		<b>332</b>		<b>327</b>		<b>302</b>		<b>220</b>		<b>177</b>		<b>150</b>		<b>180</b>		<b>228</b>

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Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo. /Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures	Mo./ Yr.	# of Closures
1/11	23	1/12	11	1/13		1/14		1/15		1/16		1/17		1/18		1/19	
2/11	23	2/12	21	2/13		2/14		2/15		2/16		2/17		2/18		2/19	
3/11	18	3/12		3/13		3/14		3/15		3/16		3/17		3/18		3/19	
4/11	18	4/12		4/13		4/14		4/15		4/16		4/17		4/18		4/19	
5/11	22	5/12		5/13		5/14		5/15		5/16		5/17		5/18		5/19	
6/11	23	6/12		6/13		6/14		6/15		6/16		6/17		6/18		6/19	
7/11	18	7/12		7/13		7/14		7/15		7/16		7/17		7/18		7/19	
8/11	19	8/12		8/13		8/14		8/15		8/16		8/17		8/18		8/19	
9/11	14	9/12		9/13		9/14		9/15		9/16		9/17		9/18		9/19	
10/11	13	10/12		10/13		10/14		10/15		10/16		10/17		10/18		10/19	
11/11	18	11/12		11/13		11/14		11/15		11/16		11/17		11/18		11/19	
12/11	12	12/12		12/13		12/14		12/15		12/16		12/17		12/18		12/19	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>221</b>		<b>32</b>														

**Total 60-Month TANF Closures from December 2001 through February 2012 = 2,610**

**60-Month TANF Limit Extension Report for February 2012:**

Number of requests for extension received to date: 1,598

Number of request approved to date: 642

**Of the 642 cases approved through February 2012 for extension, 473 were for 6 months, and 169 were for periods of 1-5 months.**