LOCHHRA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
October 2026

- For October 2026, WV WORKS cases statewide decreased to **3,955,** down **40** cases, compared to September 2026's **3,995** cases.
- Adult WV WORKS cases statewide for October 2026 are **1,127,** up **10** cases, compared to September 2026's **1,117** cases.
- Child-only cases statewide for October 2026 are **2,828,** down **50** cases, compared to September 2026's **2,878** cases.
- Total support service payments for October 2026 totaled **$171,609,** up **$14,645** from September 2026's **$156,964.**

From December 1st, 2001, through October 31st, 2026, **3,728** WV WORKS cases have closed due to the adult(s) reaching the 60-month limit of that amount, **2,140** customers requested an extension of benefits up to an additional 6-month period; **922** of which were approved (for a **43.1%** approval rate).

WV WORKS Caseload
October 2026

County		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barbour	(01)	26	26	28	28	31	32	28	28	25	24		
Berkeley	(02)	241	229	227	216	207	209	218	223	218	211		
Boone	(03)	78	78	80	79	77	78	78	77	76	78		
Braxton	(04)	17	16	18	17	16	15	18	19	19	21		
Brooke	(05)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cabell	(06)	249	258	249	242	233	239	244	260	268	268		
Calhoun	(07)	16	14	18	19	18	19	13	11	11	13		
Clay	(08)	26	25	28	25	27	28	29	29	30	27		
Doddridge	(09)	13	14	16	17	17	17	18	18	18	18		
Fayette	(10)	113	108	108	105	104	105	106	97	94	94		
Gilmer	(11)	12	12	12	12	11	10	10	10	11	10		
Grant	(12)	20	20	19	19	20	18	19	21	21	24		
Greenbrier	(13)	68	66	64	61	64	61	59	58	55	54		
Hampshire	(14)	51	51	54	52	54	55	56	54	50	50		
Hancock	(15)	76	73	68	69	68	65	66	64	63	63		
Hardy	(16)	31	30	31	30	29	31	30	28	24	23		
Harrison	(17)	137	142	143	139	137	137	131	132	126	124		

Jackson	**(18)**	**73**	**79**	**76**	**77**	**76**	**74**	**73**	**74**	**78**	**84**		
Jefferson	**(19)**	**49**	**49**	**49**	**49**	**49**	**46**	**47**	**49**	**50**	**51**		
Kanawha	**(20)**	**459**	**469**	**469**	**469**	**474**	**465**	**465**	**444**	**433**	**435**		
Lewis	**(21)**	**33**	**31**	**28**	**27**	**33**	**34**	**33**	**31**	**29**	**30**		
Lincoln	**(22)**	**97**	**96**	**97**	**95**	**91**	**81**	**78**	**81**	**80**	**78**		
Logan	**(23)**	**109**	**105**	**102**	**99**	**92**	**90**	**88**	**91**	**89**	**85**		
Marion	**(24)**	**131**	**134**	**136**	**139**	**146**	**145**	**146**	**140**	**133**	**132**		
Marshall	**(25)**	**74**	**75**	**73**	**70**	**70**	**71**	**75**	**75**	**75**	**73**		
Mason	**(26)**	**72**	**73**	**70**	**72**	**74**	**71**	**71**	**72**	**71**	**66**		
Mercer	**(27)**	**193**	**193**	**189**	**191**	**188**	**183**	**176**	**183**	**182**	**177**		
Mineral	**(28)**	**50**	**53**	**56**	**62**	**62**	**63**	**67**	**65**	**58**	**55**		
Mingo	**(29)**	**96**	**99**	**99**	**103**	**103**	**97**	**88**	**91**	**95**	**92**		
Monongalia	**(30)**	**107**	**111**	**113**	**105**	**99**	**96**	**97**	**104**	**102**	**105**		
Monroe	**(31)**	**22**	**24**	**22**	**22**	**22**	**21**	**22**	**20**	**20**	**18**		
Morgan	**(32)**	**26**	**28**	**28**	**26**	**24**	**24**	**21**	**21**	**23**	**28**		
McDowell	**(33)**	**105**	**105**	**102**	**106**	**103**	**103**	**105**	**104**	**99**	**96**		
Nicholas	**(34)**	**51**	**52**	**52**	**52**	**54**	**52**	**54**	**57**	**53**	**52**		
Ohio	**(35)**	**50**	**47**	**50**	**48**	**49**	**49**	**50**	**51**	**53**	**54**		
Pendleton	**(36)**	**14**	**14**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**15**	**17**	**16**	**16**	**18**		
Pleasants	**(37)**	**14**	**15**	**17**	**17**	**16**	**13**	**11**	**13**	**12**	**13**		

Pocahontas	**(38)**	**15**	**17**	**18**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**16**	**17**	**15**	**14**		
Preston	**(39)**	**79**	**79**	**70**	**68**	**65**	**63**	**63**	**64**	**60**	**54**		
Putnam	**(40)**	**106**	**100**	**95**	**97**	**100**	**104**	**105**	**107**	**110**	**104**		
Raleigh	**(41)**	**192**	**192**	**179**	**185**	**190**	**186**	**193**	**191**	**201**	**201**		
Randolph	**(42)**	**40**	**39**	**42**	**43**	**42**	**43**	**40**	**39**	**35**	**33**		
Ritchie	**(43)**	**17**	**15**	**15**	**13**	**10**	**11**	**11**	**12**	**14**	**15**		
Roane	**(44)**	**30**	**30**	**27**	**28**	**28**	**27**	**27**	**28**	**28**	**31**		
Summers	**(45)**	**43**	**44**	**47**	**43**	**43**	**38**	**33**	**33**	**33**	**30**		
Taylor	**(46)**	**27**	**28**	**30**	**27**	**26**	**25**	**26**	**25**	**26**	**20**		
Tucker	**(47)**	**11**	**12**	**11**	**9**	**9**	**9**	**9**	**10**	**9**	**8**		
Tyler	**(48)**	**26**	**25**	**24**	**24**	**26**	**26**	**24**	**24**	**25**	**27**		
Upshur	**(49)**	**49**	**49**	**47**	**46**	**44**	**42**	**44**	**46**	**42**	**43**		
Wayne	**(50)**	**138**	**138**	**141**	**141**	**139**	**138**	**141**	**143**	**141**	**133**		
Webster	**(51)**	**24**	**27**	**27**	**22**	**19**	**18**	**17**	**17**	**16**	**16**		
Wetzel	**(52)**	**49**	**54**	**55**	**55**	**51**	**51**	**51**	**55**	**56**	**59**		
Wirt	**(53)**	**25**	**27**	**25**	**25**	**22**	**27**	**25**	**28**	**26**	**25**		
Wood	**(54)**	**275**	**278**	**272**	**264**	**260**	**254**	**252**	**236**	**244**	**246**		
Wyoming	**(55)**	**49**	**50**	**52**	**54**	**54**	**54**	**54**	**56**	**54**	**52**		
TOTAL		**4,194**	**4,218**	**4,182**	**4,132**	**4,097**	**4,044**	**4,038**	**4,042**	**3,995**	**3,955**		

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Characteristics of the

Current WV WORKS Caseload

October 2026

2,828	**Child-only cases ---- parents <u>not in</u> the home and children living with a relative, or parents in the home, are receiving Medicaid and are excluded from the WV WORKS payment.**
10	**Cases currently receiving WV WORKS and received TANF in another state before moving to West Virginia.**
84	**Cases where parents are excluded from the payment due to being convicted of a drug-related felony after August 22, 1996.**
1,044	**Cases receiving Medicaid but not SNAP.**
34	**Cases receiving SNAP but adults not receiving Medicaid.**
2,306	**Adults receiving WV WORKS and are employed.**

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Support Services Payments: Types and Amounts
October 2026

TYPE	Current WV WORKS	FORMER WV WORKS	# OF PAYMENTS	AVERAGE PAYMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Clothing: work or dress clothing when there is a verified offer of employment or short-term training. $1000/lifetime Only $200/12 Month Period	**$4,468.87**	**$5,000.00**	**43**	**$220.21**	**$9,468.87**
Collateral: items to include grooming expenses, test fees and other expenses related to employment. *$450 / 12 Month Period*	**$4,098.79**	**$13,194.18**	**43**	**$402.16**	**$17,292.97**
Car Repair: 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. *$2,000 Lifetime / Per Household*	**$19,810.59**	**$17,457.25**	**58**	**$642.55**	**$37,267.84**
Commercial Driver's License: payment to purchase license. *$100 Lifetime*	**$0.00**	**$27.50**	**1**	**$27.50**	**$27.50**
Contract Training: training contracts may be written when training is not available on a no-cost basis; can be provided to an individual or group of participants; expectation is that the individual will be able to find employment after successfully completing the training. **Costs exceeding this amount require DFA approval. $600 Lifetime*	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**0**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Driver/Chauffeurs License: does not include payment for tests required due to traffic violations or classes required for DUI convictions. *$50 Lifetime*	**$109.50**	**$0.00**	**5**	**$21.90**	**$109.50**
DUI Offenses: 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. *$750 Lifetime*	**$175.00**	**$0.00**	**1**	**$175.00**	**$175.00**
Employer Incentive Program (EIP): 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**	**$0.00**	**0**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
Employment Subsidy: reimbursement of wages to employers who hire TANF participants. *$5,000 Lifetime*	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**0**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**
GED Achievement Bonus: one-time-only payment for any active WV WORKS recipient who passes the GED examination. *$100 Lifetime*	**$0.00**	**$200.00**	**2**	**$100.00**	**$200.00**

Support Services Payments: Types and Amounts
October 2026

TYPE	Current WV WORKS	FORMER WV WORKS	# OF PAYMENTS	AVERAGE PAYMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Participation Achievement Bonus: paid when the participant meets minimum Federal participation requirements. *$50 Month Limit*	**$10,000.00**	**$0.00**	**200**	**$50.00**	**$10,000.00**
Professional License: 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. *$300 Lifetime*	**$0.00**	**$274.00**	**1**	**$274.00**	**$274.00**
Relocation: with a verified offer of employment, families can be relocated to a different state, different areas of the state or to the same area if the move reduces travel time to one hour or less. *$1,500 Lifetime Per Household*	**$0.00**	**$850.00**	**1**	**$850.00**	**$850.00**
Six-Month Self-Sufficiency Achievement Bonus Bonuses paid to each former recipient who is employed full-time during each of the months following case closure. *$750 Lifetime*	**$800.00**	**$1,500.00**	**8**	**$287.50**	**$2,300.00**
Tools/Equipment: when needed for a verified offer of employment or specialized training. *$1,000 Lifetime*	**$2,711.24**	**$350.00**	**10**	**$306.12**	**$3,061.24**
Transportation: payments made based on travel to employment or a work activity when a cost involved; public transportation reimbursed at actual cost. *$345 Month Limit*	**$61,786.00**	**$2,828.86**	**362**	**$178.49**	**$64,614.86**
Vocational Educational and Employment Achievement Bonus: 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. *$250 Lifetime*	**$250.00**	**$250.00**	**2**	**$250.00**	**$500.00**
Vehicle Insurance: payment for vehicle insurance premium; must be titled or leased in name of adult in WV WORKS payment. *$1,500 Lifetime*	**$16,219.92**	**$9,247.72**	**47**	**$541.86**	**$25,467.64**
TOTALS	**$120,429.91**	**$51,179.51**	**784**	**$218.89**	**$171,609.42**

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Length of Time on Assistance
October 2026

NUMBER OF MONTHS	*NUMBER OF CASES*
12 mos. or less	486
13 – 24	227
25 – 36	160
37 – 48	101
49 – 60	55
60+	0
TANF ADULT ONLY CASES	**1,029**

Child-only cases not included.

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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
TOTALS	**441**		**332**		**327**		**302**		**220**		**177**		**150**		**180**		**228**

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
1/11	23	**1/12**	11	**1/13**	17	**1/14**	11	**1/15**	2	**1/16**	5	**1/17**	6	**1/18**	7	**1/19**	4
2/11	23	**2/12**	21	**2/13**	13	**2/14**	17	**2/15**	3	**2/16**	6	**2/17**	6	**2/18**	7	**2/19**	2
3/11	18	**3/12**	16	**3/13**	16	**3/14**	10	**3/15**	5	**3/16**	3	**3/17**	6	**3/18**	8	**3/19**	3
4/11	18	**4/12**	10	**4/13**	18	**4/14**	14	**4/15**	12	**4/16**	6	**4/17**	4	**4/18**	3	**4/19**	5
5/11	22	**5/12**	16	**5/13**	12	**5/14**	19	**5/15**	9	**5/16**	6	**5/17**	10	**5/18**	5	**5/19**	3
6/11	23	**6/12**	14	**6/13**	14	**6/14**	7	**6/15**	10	**6/16**	12	**6/17**	8	**6/18**	6	**6/19**	3
7/11	18	**7/12**	24	**7/13**	8	**7/14**	10	**7/15**	5	**7/16**	3	**7/17**	3	**7/18**	5	**7/19**	9
8/11	19	**8/12**	16	**8/13**	22	**8/14**	14	**8/15**	8	**8/16**	6	**8/17**	9	**8/18**	6	**8/19**	5
9/11	14	**9/12**	18	**9/13**	9	**9/14**	1	**9/15**	5	**9/16**	5	**9/17**	9	**9/18**	4	**9/19**	2
10/11	13	**10/12**	19	**10/13**	13	**10/14**	4	**10/15**	8	**10/16**	7	**10/17**	7	**10/18**	2	**10/19**	1
11/11	18	**11/12**	15	**11/13**	15	**11/14**	1	**11/15**	9	**11/16**	7	**11/17**	5	**11/18**	7	**11/19**	5
12/11	12	**12/12**	21	**12/13**	14	**12/14**	0	**12/15**	12	**12/16**	3	**12/17**	2	**12/18**	3	**12/19**	4
TOTALS	**221**		**201**		**171**		**108**		**88**		**69**		**75**		**63**		**46**

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
1/20	2	**1/21**	6	**1/22**	4	1/23	3	1/24	4	1/25	2	1/26	4				
2/20	3	**2/21**	8	**2/22**	7	2/23	4	2/24	1	2/25	1	2/26	2				
3/20	1	**3/21**	6	**3/22**	4	3/23	2	3/24	6	3/25	2	3/26	4				
4/20	4	**4/21**	4	**4/22**	5	4/23	4	4/24	5	4/25	6	4/26	4				
5/20	1	**5/21**	7	**5/22**	4	5/23	2	5/24	6	5/25	6	5/26	4				
6/20	5	**6/21**	7	**6/22**	4	6/23	4	6/24	3	6/25	5	6/26	0				
7/20	7	**7/21**	9	**7/22**	5	7/23	1	7/24	0	7/25	4	7/26	2				
8/20	5	**8/21**	9	**8/22**	5	8/23	4	8/24	4	8/25	6	8/26	2				
9/20	5	**9/21**	4	**9/22**	1	9/23	3	9/24	6	9/25	2	9/26	3				
10/20	8	**10/21**	2	**10/22**	4	10/23	6	10/24	2	10/25	2	10/26	4				
11/20	5	**11/21**	6	**11/22**	2	11/23	6	11/24	3	11/25	2	11/26					
12/20	5	**12/21**	6	**12/22**	4	12/23	4	12/24	2	12/25	4	12/26					
TOTALS	**51**		**74**		**49**		**43**		**41**		**42**		**29**				

Total 60-Month TANF Closures from December 2001 through October 2026 = <u>3,728</u>

60-Month TANF Limit Extension Report for October 2026:

Number of requests for extension received to date: 2,140

Number of requests approved to date: 922

Of the 922 cases approved through October 2026 for extension, 642 were for 6 months, and 280 were for periods of 1-5 months.