

# Braxton County

**County Seat:** Sutton

**2000 Population:** 14,702

| Market Proximity | Miles |
|------------------|-------|
| Charleston WV    | 54    |
| Columbus OH      | 151   |
| Pittsburgh PA    | 128   |
| Washington DC    | 200   |

| Income                            |           |            |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Total Personal Income (2003)*     | \$260,560 |            |
| Per Capita Personal Income (2003) | \$17,562  |            |
| Household Income 2000             | Number    | Percentage |
| Less than \$10,000                | 1,096     | 7%         |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999              | 707       | 5%         |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999              | 1,145     | 8%         |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999              | 983       | 7%         |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999              | 749       | 5%         |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999              | 687       | 5%         |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999              | 251       | 2%         |
| \$100,000 to \$149,000            | 102       | 1%         |
| \$150,000 or more                 | 72        | 0%         |
| Median Household Income (1999)    | \$24,412  |            |

*\*thousands of dollars*

| Housing (2000 Census)  |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Total Housing Units    | 7,374    |
| Occupied Housing Units | 5,771    |
| Owner Occupied         | 4,511    |
| Renter Occupied        | 1,260    |
| Total Vacant Units     | 1,603    |
| For Sale Only          | 104      |
| For Rent               | 142      |
| Median Value           | \$59,300 |
| Median Rent Asked      | \$270    |

| Demographics (2000 Census)        |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Total Population July 2004 (est)  | 14,950 |
| Total Population 1990             | 12,998 |
| Total Population 1980             | 13,894 |
| Total Population 1970             | 12,666 |
| Sex and Age                       |        |
| Male                              | 7,444  |
| Female                            | 7,258  |
| Ages 14 and below                 | 2,723  |
| Ages 15 to 19                     | 922    |
| Ages 20 to 24                     | 803    |
| Ages 25 to 34                     | 1,916  |
| Ages 35 to 44                     | 2,216  |
| Ages 45 to 54                     | 2,211  |
| Ages 55 to 64                     | 1,581  |
| Ages 65 and older                 | 2,230  |
| Median Age                        | 39.6   |
| Race                              |        |
| White                             | 14,411 |
| Black or African American         | 101    |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 51     |
| Asian                             | 16     |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific | 7      |
| Some other race                   | 12     |
| Two or more races                 | 104    |
| Households                        |        |
| Total Households                  | 5,771  |
| Family Households                 | 4,099  |
| Non-Family Households             | 1,672  |
| Persons 65 and Over, Living Alone | 717    |
| Average Household Size            | 2.46   |

| Utilities                         |          |                    |            |           |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Electricity:                      | Private: | 1                  | Municipal: | 0         |            |
| Water:                            | Private: | 1                  | Municipal: | 1         | PSD: 2     |
| Sewer:                            | Private: | 0                  | Municipal: | 1         | PSD: 1     |
| Combined Water & Sewer:           | Private: | 0                  | Municipal: | 0         | PSD: 0     |
| Combined Electricity & Water:     | Private: | 0                  |            |           |            |
| Water Associations & Authorities: |          | 0                  |            |           |            |
| Natural Gas:                      | 4        | Telephone Service: | 2          | Cellular: | Telegraph: |

| Industrial Sites and Buildings | Number: | Total Available: | Largest available:  |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| Industrial Sites               | 0       | Acres: 300       | Site (acres): 0     |
| Industrial Parks               | 0       | Acres: 1         | Parcel (acres): 216 |
| Industrial Buildings           | 0       | SF: 1            | Bld (SF): 35        |

| Labor Force          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                      | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  |
| Civilian Labor Force | 5,180 | 5,380 | 5,850 | 5,750 | 5,930 | 6,010 | 5,880 |
| Employment           | 4,630 | 4,800 | 5,430 | 5,370 | 5,480 | 5,560 | 5,530 |
| Unemployment         | 560   | 580   | 430   | 380   | 450   | 450   | 350   |
| Unemployment Rate    | 10.8  | 10.8  | 7.3   | 6.5   | 7.6   | 7.5   | 6.0   |
| Participation Rate   | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 51.3  |

| Employment and Wages                | 2003  |             |           | 2004  |             |           |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-----------|
|                                     | Emp.  | Total Wages | Ann. Wage | Emp   | Total Wages | Ann. Wage |
| <i>Annual Averages</i>              |       |             |           |       |             |           |
| Total Nonfarm                       | 4,115 | 93,882,773  | 22,815    | 4,093 | 100,402,338 | 24,530    |
| Private Sector                      | 3,284 | 71,167,524  | 21,671    | 3,258 | 77,017,938  | 23,640    |
| Natural Resources and Mining        | 46    | 1,303,110   | 28,328    | 86    | 4,063,627   | 47,251    |
| Construction                        | 220   | 6,536,400   | 29,711    | 273   | 8,518,370   | 31,203    |
| Manufacturing                       | 429   | 15,218,389  | 35,474    | 451   | 16,355,368  | 36,265    |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 887   | 20,123,114  | 22,687    | 860   | 19,687,426  | 22,892    |
| Wholesale Trade                     | 71    | 2,061,110   | 29,030    | 63    | 1,988,367   | 31,561    |
| Retail Trade                        | 645   | 12,272,815  | 19,028    | 644   | 12,458,305  | 19,345    |
| Information                         | 30    | 865,908     | 28,864    | 30    | 911,312     | 30,377    |
| Financial Activities                | 100   | 2,432,092   | 24,321    | 112   | 2,820,858   | 25,186    |
| Professional and Business Services  | 156   | 4,599,889   | 29,486    | 138   | 4,482,856   | 32,484    |
| Education and Health Services       | 872   | 13,316,614  | 15,271    | 775   | 12,902,461  | 16,648    |
| Leisure and Hospitality             | 460   | 4,865,128   | 10,576    | 449   | 5,140,283   | 11,448    |
| Government                          | 831   | 22,715,249  | 27,335    | 836   | 23,384,400  | 27,972    |
| Federal Government                  | 66    | 2,266,168   | 34,336    | 61    | 2,213,032   | 36,279    |
| State Government                    | 214   | 5,913,425   | 27,633    | 227   | 6,510,222   | 28,679    |
| Local Government                    | 552   | 14,535,656  | 26,333    | 548   | 14,661,146  | 26,754    |

| Worker Commuting Patterns - 2000              |       |
|---|-------|
| Resides in County/ Works in County            | 3,577 |
| Resides in County/ Works in another WV County | 1,252 |
| Resides in County/Works in another State      | 248   |
| Resides in County/Works in another Country    | 0     |
| Resides in another WV Co/Works in County      | 956   |
| Resides in another State/Works in County      | 5     |
| Net Commutation (in minus out)                | -539  |

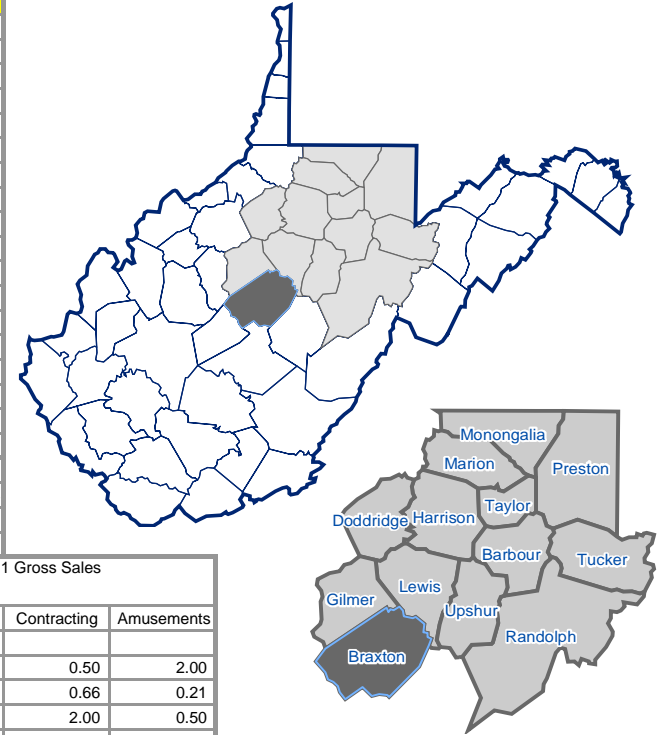
| Top 10 Employers  |  |
|---|--|
| Braxton County Board of Education                       |  |
| Weyerhaeuser Company                                    |  |
| Braxton County Memorial Hospital                        |  |
| Go-Mart, Inc.   |  |
| Caregiving & Advocacy for the Rural (Elderly, Inc. C.A) |  |
| Braxton County Senior Citizen Center, Inc.              |  |
| Mountain Cap of West Virginia                           |  |
| Coastal Lumber Company                                  |  |
| West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Facility   |  |
| ANR Coal-West Virginia LLC                              |  |
| March 2005  |  |

| Financial Institutions                |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Banks: including branches             | 6 |
| Savings and Loans: including branches | 0 |

| Transportation          |                    |   |           |                       |   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| Highway Service         |                    |   |           |                       |   |
| Interstates:            | I-79               |   |           |                       |   |
| US Routes:              | 19                 |   |           |                       |   |
| WV Routes:              | 4, 5, 15           |   |           |                       |   |
| Motor Freight Carriers  | 1                  |   |           |                       |   |
| Railroads               | Daily/Other        | Seasonal  | As needed | Bus Service:          |   |
| Freight Carrier:        | 1                  | 0   | 1         | Local Public Transit: | 0 |
| Passenger Carrier:      | 0                  | 0   | 0         | Interstate:           | 2 |
| Nearest Navigable River | Kanawha (66 mi)    |   |           |                       |   |
| Airports                | General Aviation   | Braxton County Airport, Sutton, WV (3 mi )                |           |                       |   |
|                         | Commercial Service | Harrison-Marion Regional Airport, Bridgeport, WV (59 mi)  |           |                       |   |
|                         | International      | Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, PA (169 mi) |           |                       |   |

| Public Schools  |                   |           | WESTEST % of Students Scoring at the Proficient Level |         |                                     | Colleges (within 50 miles) |            |       | Educational Attainment (2000 Census) |          |                                     |        |      |
|---|-------------------|-----------|---|---------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--------|------|
| # Schools   | # State Exemplary | 2003-2004 |   |         | Type                                | Ownership                  | Enrollment | City  | County                               | #        | %                                   |        |      |
| Elementary  | 6                 | 0         |   |         | Glenville State College             | 4 yr.                      | Public     | 2,196 | Glenville                            | Gilmer   |                                     |        |      |
| Middle or Jr. High                                    | 1                 | 0         | Math  | Reading | Glenville State Comm & Tech College | 2 yr.                      | Public     | NA    | Summersville                         | Nicholas | Total population 25 yrs old & over: | 10,273 | 100  |
| High Schools  | 1                 | 0         | Grade 3   | 66      |                                     | -                          | -          | -     | -                                    | -        | Less than High School               | 3,355  | 32.7 |
| Vocational Schools                                    | 0                 | 0         | Grade 4   | 72      |                                     | -                          | -          | -     | -                                    | -        | HS graduate (includes equiv)        | 4,351  | 42.4 |
| Other   | 0                 | 0         | Grade 5   | 63      |                                     | -                          | -          | -     | -                                    | -        | Some College No Degree              | 1,332  | 13.0 |
| Number of 2003-2004 Public High School Graduates      |                   |           | Grade 6   | 62      |                                     | -                          | -          | -     | -                                    | -        | Associate Degree                    | 289    | 2.8  |
| % 12th graders enrolled in advanced placement courses | County            | State     | Grade 7   | 69      |                                     | -                          | -          | -     | -                                    | -        | Bachelor's Degree                   | 613    | 6.0  |
| Average ACT Score                                     | 20.4              | 20.5      | Grade 8   | 66      |                                     | -                          | -          | -     | -                                    | -        | Advanced Degree                     | 333    | 3.2  |
| Average SAT Math Score                                | 554.0             | 514.0     | Grade 10  | 57      |                                     | -                          | -          | -     | -                                    | -        |                                     |        |      |
| Average SAT Verbal Score                              | 593.0             | 524.0     |   |         |                                     |                            |            |       |                                      |          |                                     |        |      |

| Quality of Life   |   |  |                                       |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Law Enforcement</b>  |   | <b>Recreational/Leisure Facilities</b> |                                       |
| Sheriff's Department  |   | Sutton                                 | State Forests                         |
| State Police Detachments  |   | Sutton                                 | State Parks                           |
| Total Sworn Police Officers (all jurisdictions)                             |   | 23                                     | Wildlife Management Areas             |
| <b>Fire Protection</b>  |   |  | Public Hiking Trails                  |
| Number of Fire Departments*   |   | 6                                      | Public Fishing and Boating Lakes      |
| <b>Emergency Medical Services*</b>  |   |  | Recreational Rivers (boating/rafting) |
| Number of Emergency Medical Services Responders                             |   | 1                                      | Museums/Art Galleries                 |
| Number of EMTs and Paramedics (inc. fire departments)                       |   | 51                                     | Golf Courses                          |
| <i>*Note: Some fire departments also provide emergency medical services</i> |   |  | Private: 0                            |
| <b>Health Care</b>  |   |  | Public: 0                             |
| Hospitals   | 1 | # Beds: 25                             | National Forests                      |
| Licensed Nursing Homes  | 1 | # Beds: 65                             | National Park and Recreation Areas    |
| Doctors   |   | 11                                     |                                       |
| Dentists  |   | 4                                      |                                       |
| <b>Child Care</b>   |   |  |                                       |
| Licensed Day Care Centers   |   | 1                                      |                                       |
| Libraries   | 3 | Total Volumes: 39,204                  |                                       |



| Climate                                      |      |    |       | Long-Term Precipitation (inches): |                      |       |                                      |       |
|--|------|----|-------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Temperature (Degrees F) Mean Annual Average: |      |    | 54    | Heating Degree Days:              | 4,952                | Jan:  | 3.02                                 |       |
| January Averages:                            | Low: | 21 | High: | 43                                | Cooling Degree Days: | 942   | Annual:                              |       |
| July Averages:                               | Low: | 62 | High: | 86                                |                      | July: | 4.92                                 |       |
|  |      |    |       |                                   |                      |       | Mean Annual Snowfall Range (inches): | 35-60 |

| Taxes      | Property Tax Levy Rates per \$100 Assessed Value (Assessment Ratio = 60% of Fair Market Value) |                |                |          |            |          | Municipal Business & Occupation Tax Rates per \$1 Gross Sales |           |        |         |          |             |            |
|------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------|---|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-------------|------------|
|            | State, County & School Board   |                | Municipal Levy |          | Total Levy |          | Retail  | Wholesale | Manuf. | Rentals | Services | Contracting | Amusements |
|            | Class II   | Class III & IV | Class II       | Class IV | Class II   | Class IV |   |           |        |         |          |             |            |
| Burnsville | 70.06  | 140.12         | 25.00          | 50.00    | 95.06      | 190.12   | 0.40  | 0.40      | 0.30   | 1.00    | 0.80     | 0.50        | 2.00       |
| Flatwoods  | 70.06  | 140.12         | 22.12          | 44.24    | 92.18      | 184.36   | 0.50  | 0.15      | 0.30   | 0.35    | 0.35     | 0.66        | 0.21       |
| Gassaway   | 70.06  | 140.12         | 25.00          | 50.00    | 95.06      | 190.12   | 0.50  | 0.15      | 0.30   | 1.00    | 1.00     | 2.00        | 0.50       |
| Sutton     | 70.06  | 140.12         | 25.00          | 50.00    | 95.06      | 190.12   | -   | -         | -      | -       | -        | -           | -          |

Braxton County is included in Workforce Investment Area 6