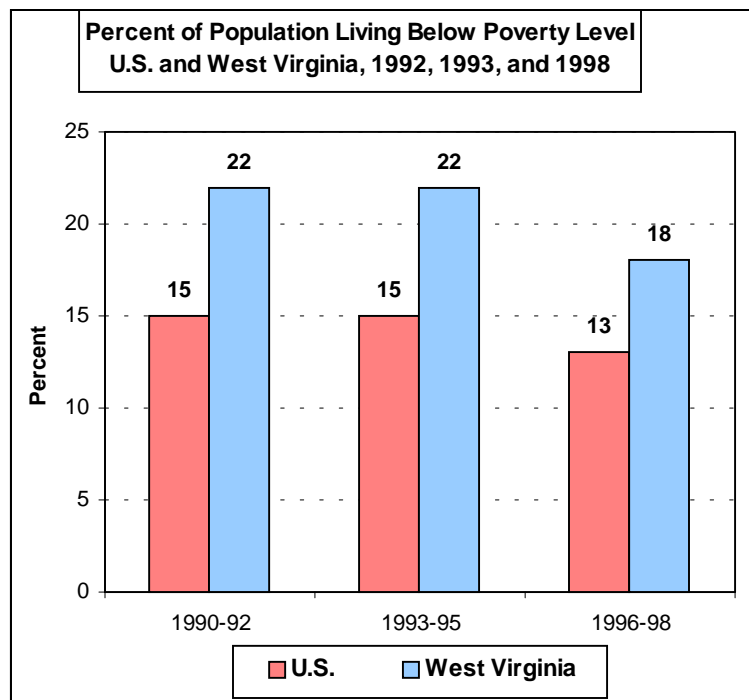




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West Virginia Financial Characteristics



West Virginia is one of the poorest states in the nation. Data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census indicate that the burden of poverty was significantly greater in West Virginia than in the U.S. for 1992 and 1993, as shown in Figure 1.1.

Figure 1.1

Similarly, the median household income in West Virginia was below that for the U.S. in the 1970, 1980, 1990, and 1998 censuses, as shown in Figure 1.2.

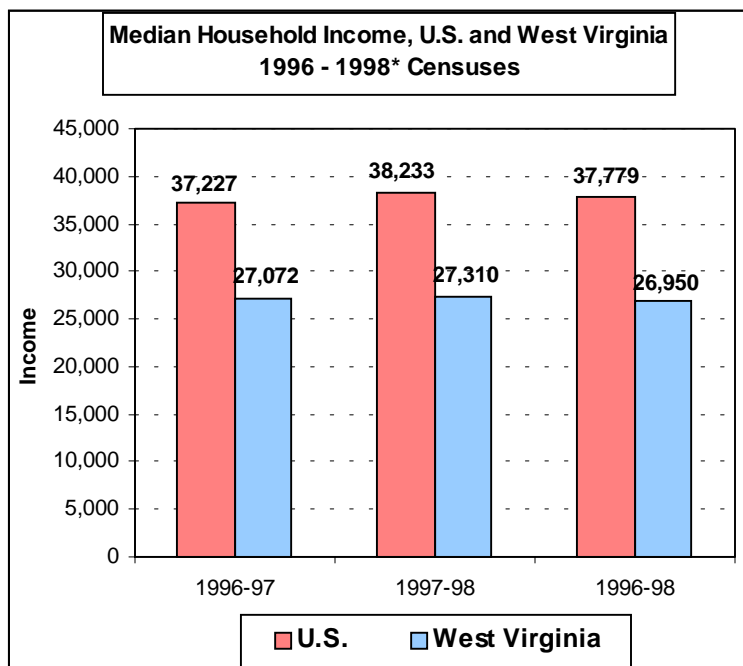
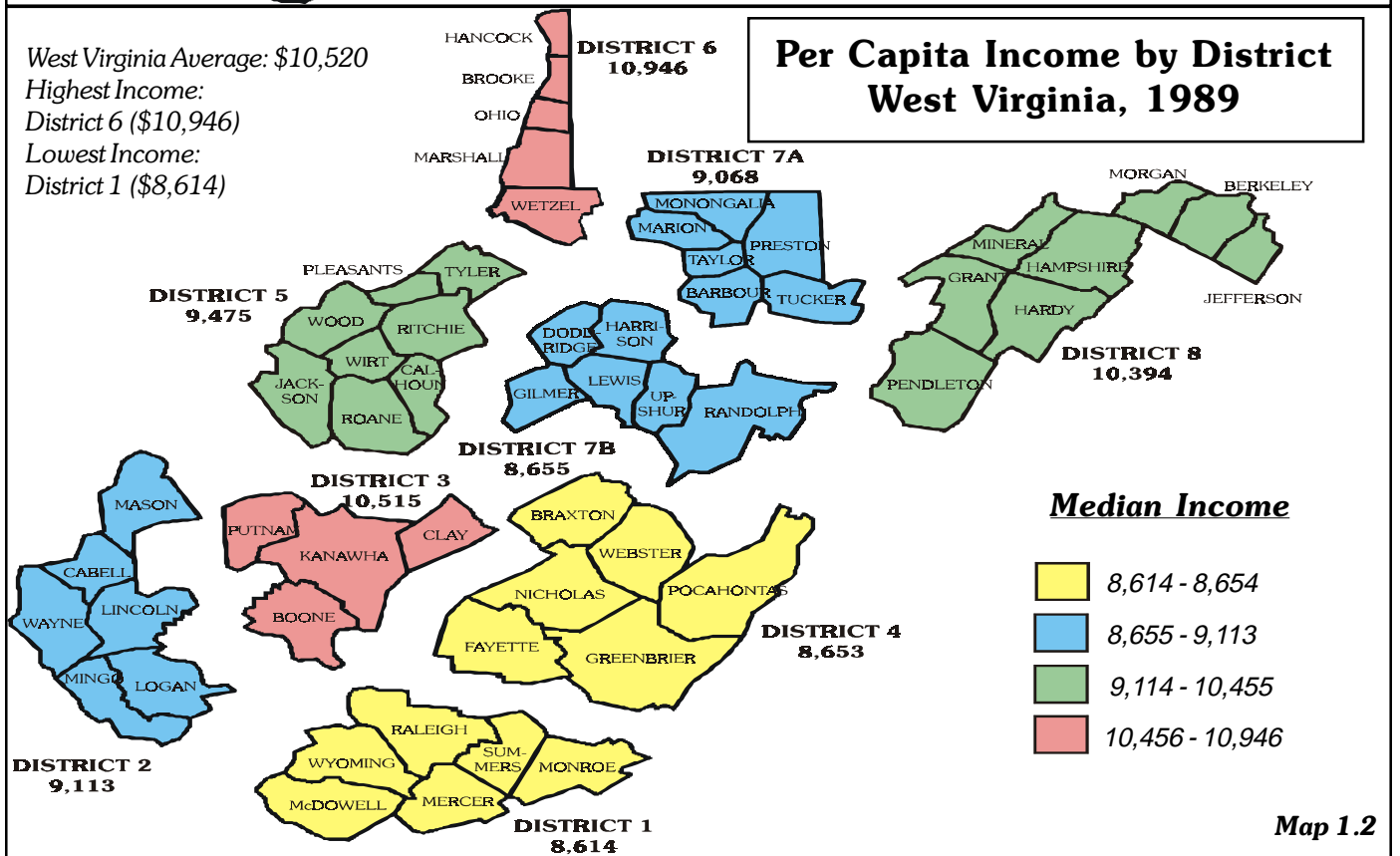
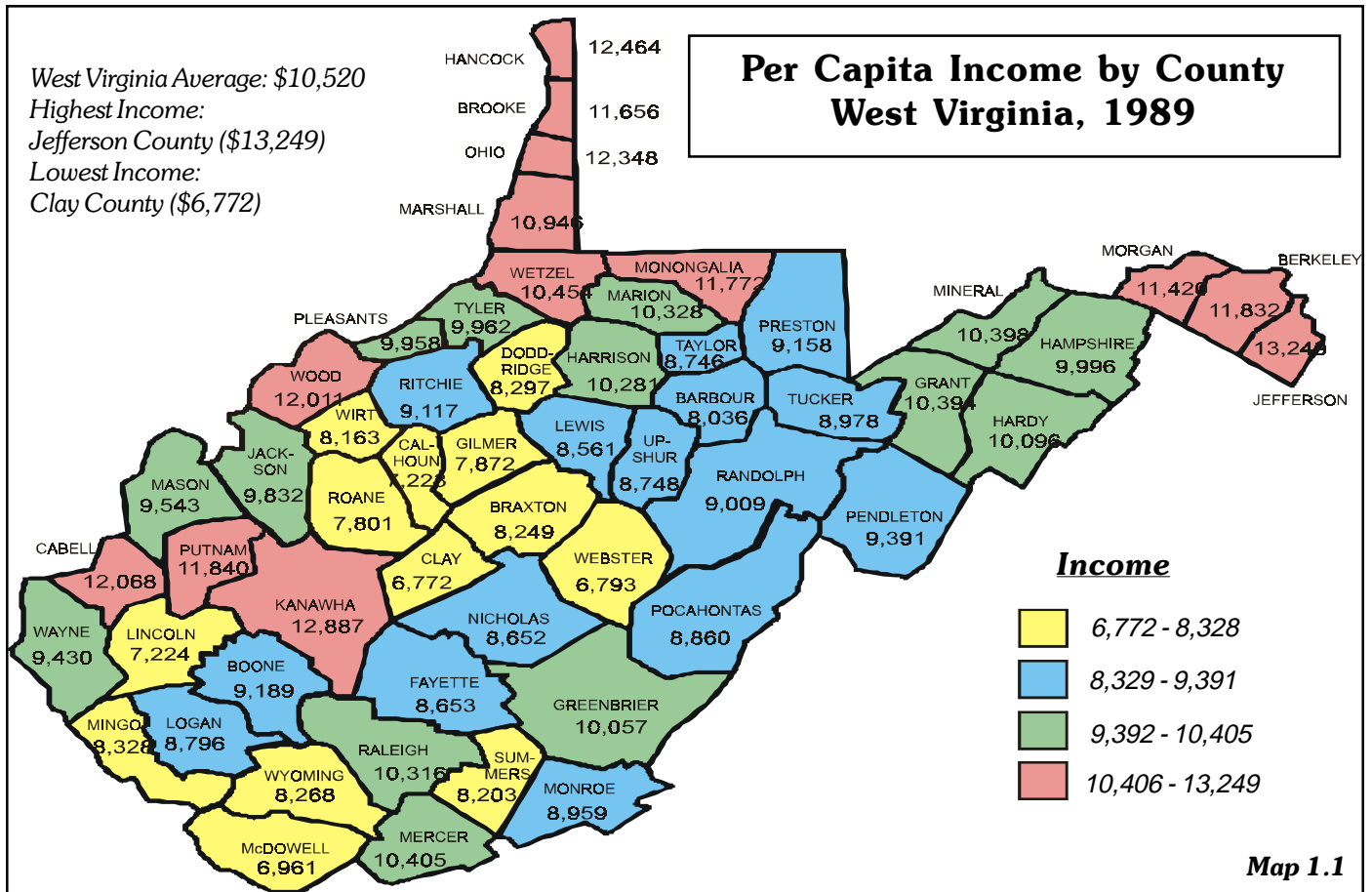
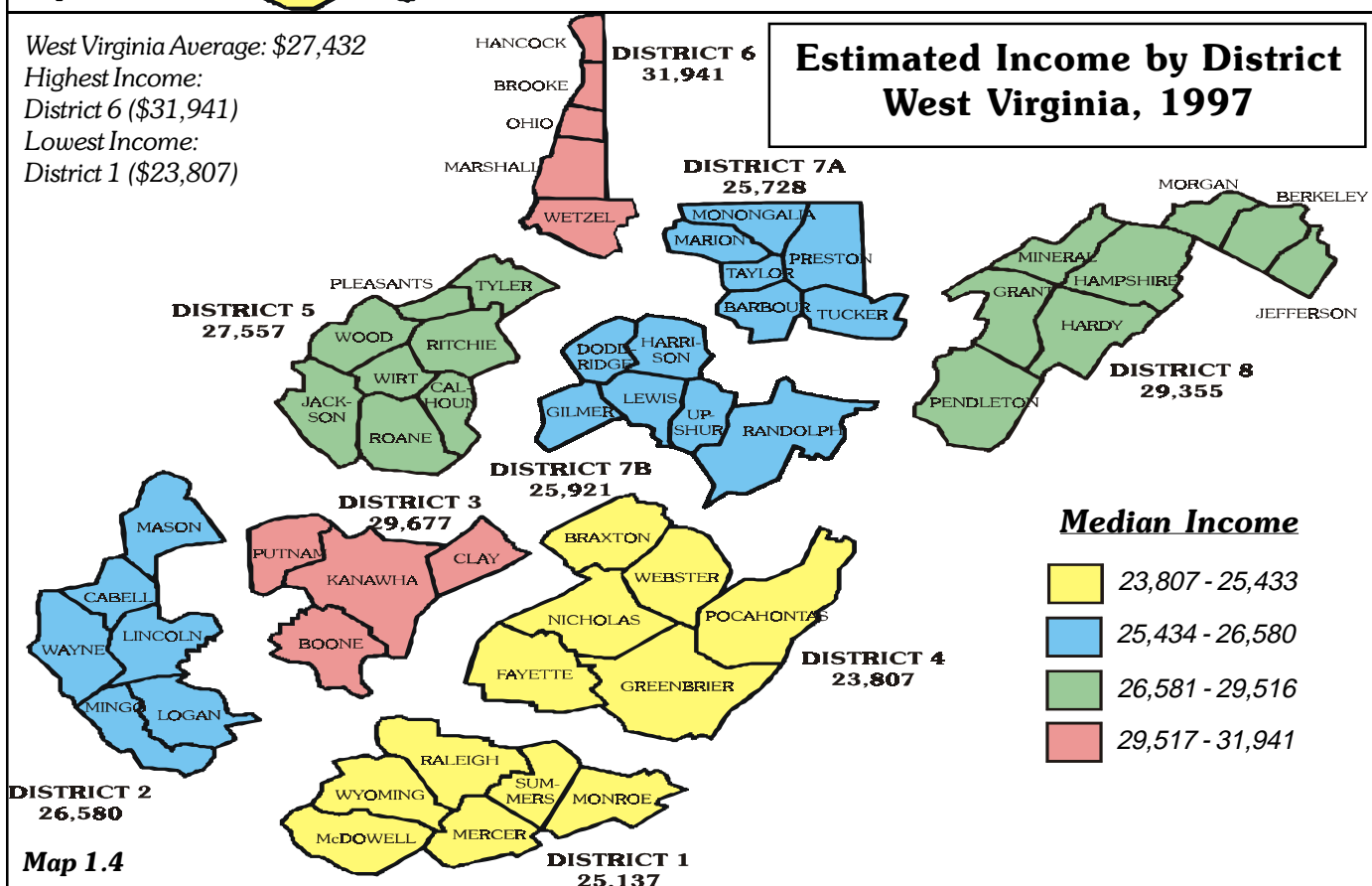
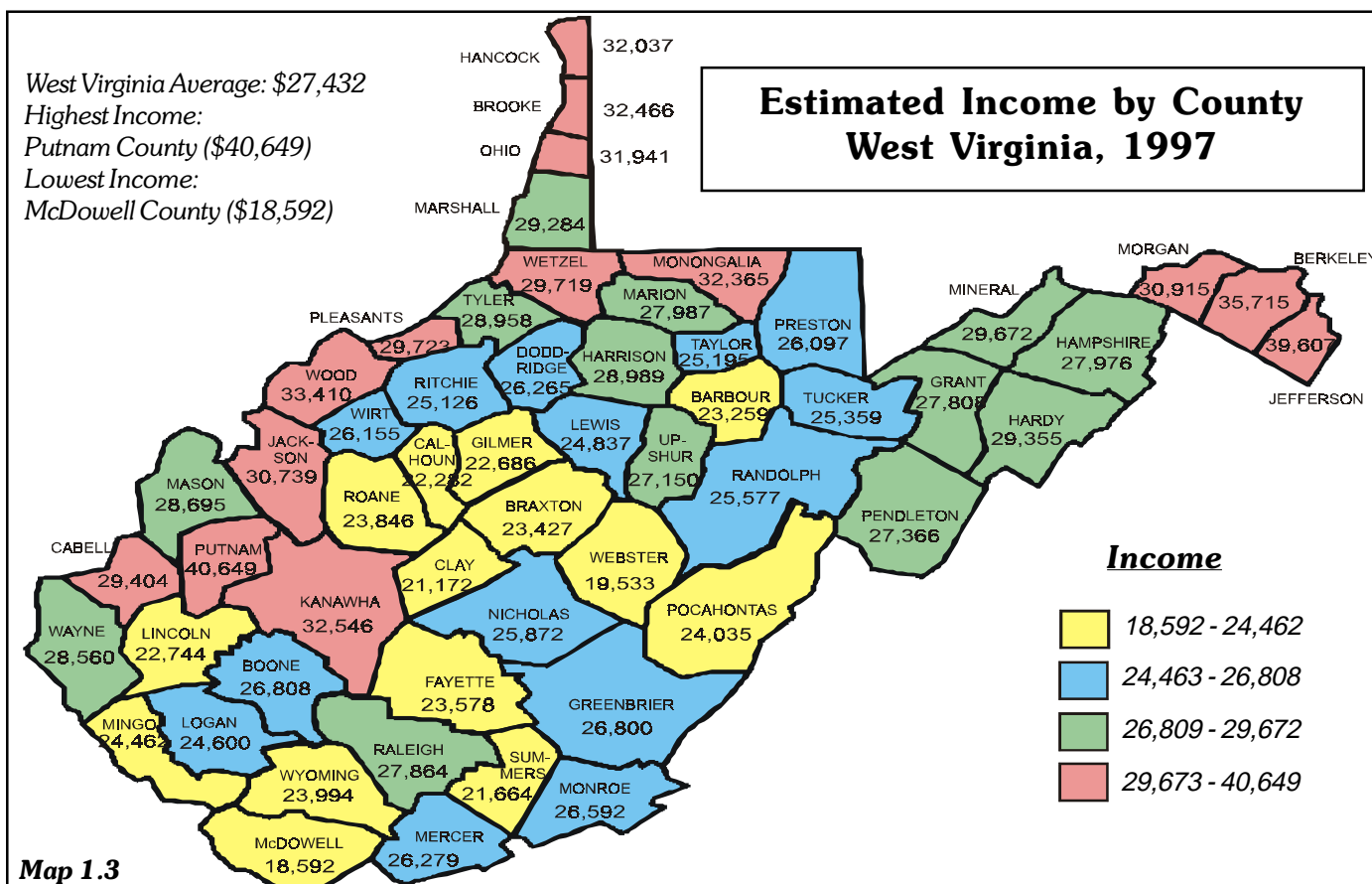


Figure 1.2

*1998 is a 3-year average of 1996-98





1990 West Virginia Population Characteristics By Sex, Age Group, and Race

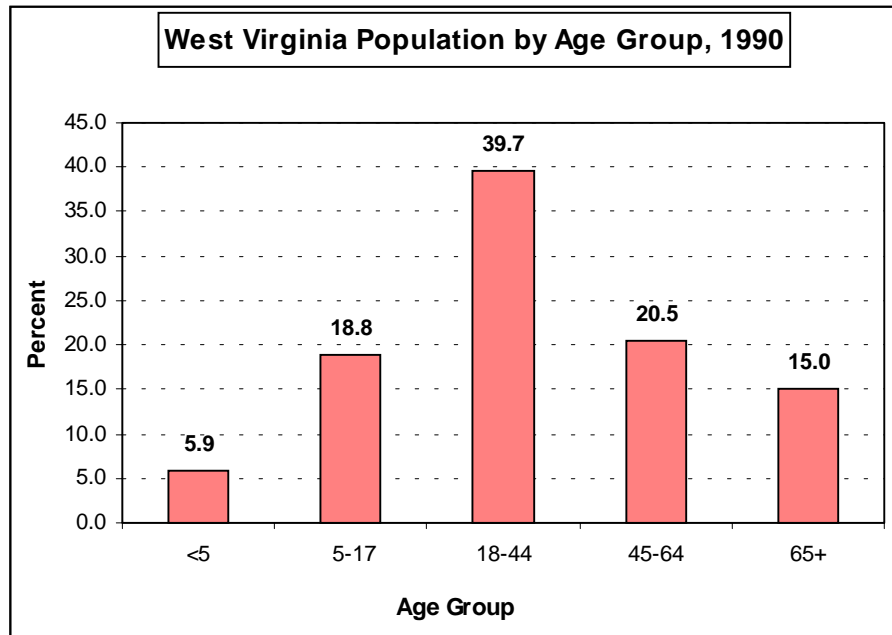


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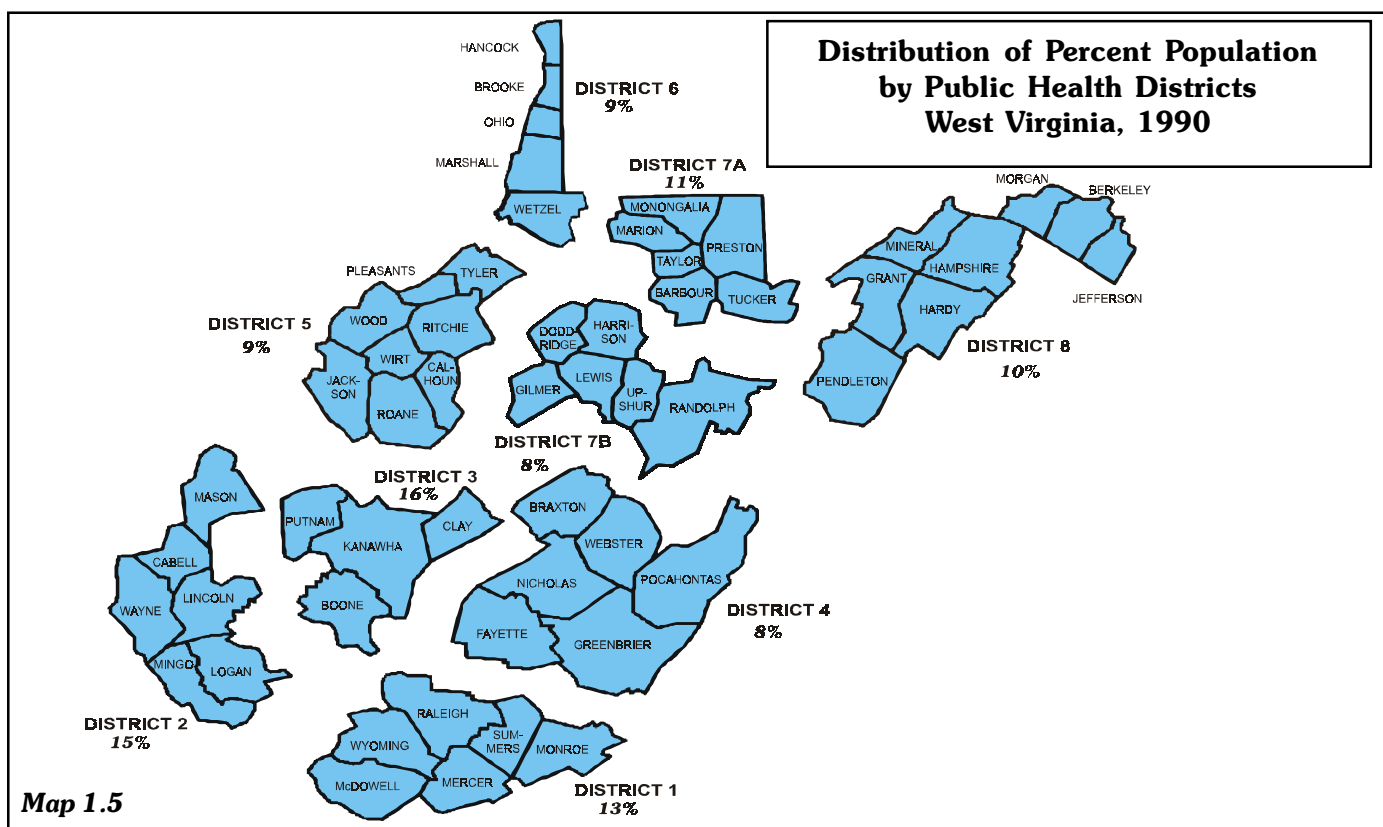
West Virginia Population by Age Group Gender, and Race, 1990		
Characteristic	# Population	% Population
Age Group		
Under 5	106,659	6
5-17	336,918	19
18-44	712,798	40
45-64	368,205	21
65+	268,897	15
Gender		
Male	861,536	48
Female	931,941	52
Race		
White	1,726,023	96
Black	56,295	3
Other	11,159	1
Total	1,793,477	100

Table 1.1

U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 (West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Health Statistics Center, 1996)

The largest percentage of West Virginia's population is among the 18-44 age group (39.7%) (Figure 1.3). The female population in West Virginia is higher than the male population (52% to 48%) (Table 1.1). Blacks and other minorities combined make up only 4% of the state's population (Table 1.1).

West Virginia Population by Race and Public Health Districts

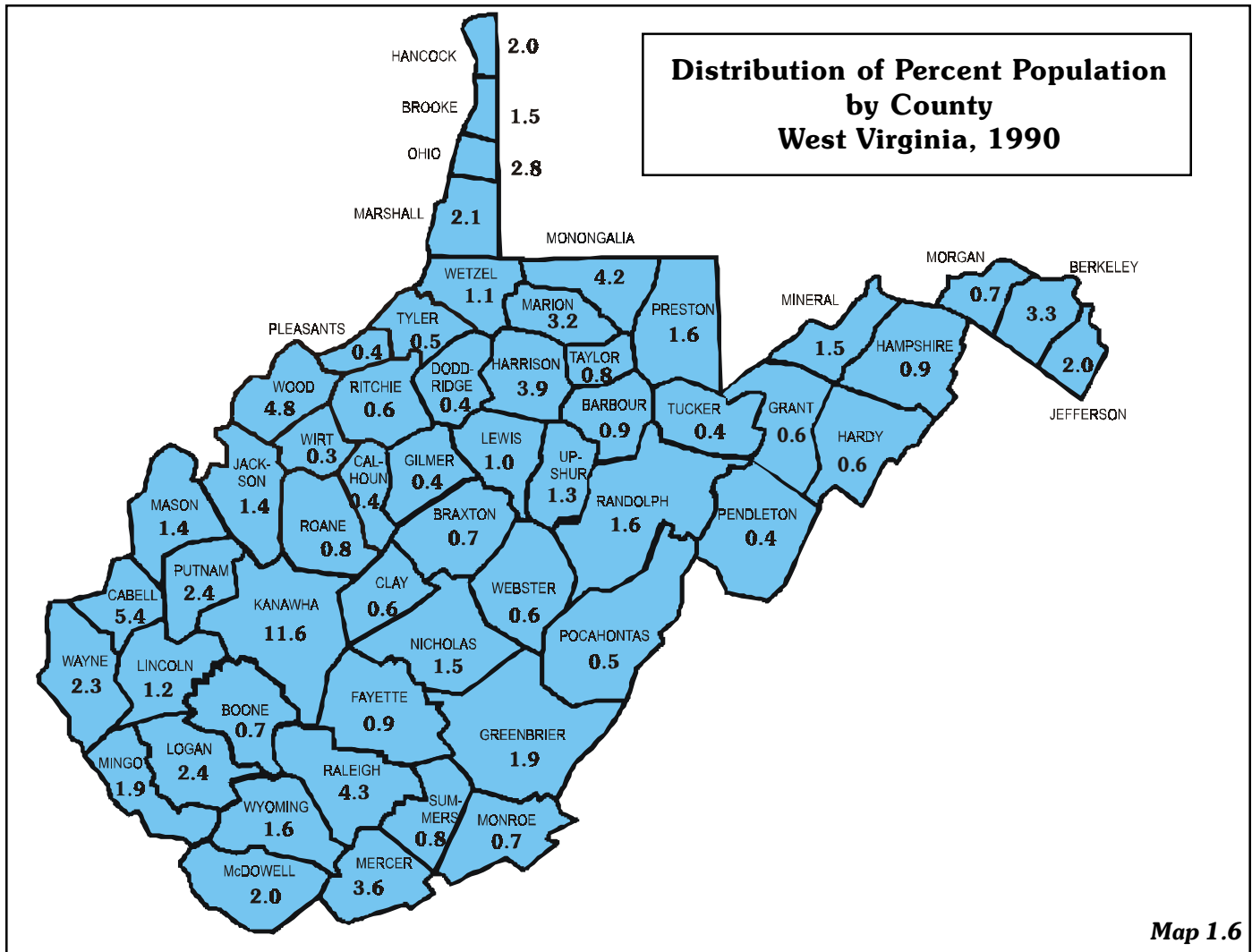


West Virginia Population by Race and Public Health District						
District	White Pop.	% White	Non-white Pop.	% Non-white	Total Pop.	% Total Pop.
1	215,812	93	16,820	7	232,632	13
2	254,057	97	7,737	3	261,794	15
3	270,127	94	16,180	6	286,307	16
4	137,016	96	5,139	4	142,155	8
5	166,864	99	1,761	1	168,625	9
6	165,909	98	3,801	2	169,710	9
7A	193,840	97	6,526	3	200,366	11
7B	149,791	99	2,136	1	151,927	8
8	172,607	96	7,354	4	179,961	10
Total	1,726,023	96	67,454	4	1,793,477	100

Table 1.2

U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 (West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Health Statistics Center, 1996)

West Virginia population by race and public health district is listed according to the 1990 U.S. Census in Table 1.2. As seen in Map 1.5, the state currently identifies nine public health districts for HIV prevention community planning. West Virginia's 55 counties are grouped into these nine public health districts. The grouping of counties into districts was used to increase the strength of the data and to protect the anonymity of West Virginia's low HIV/AIDS case counts. West Virginia's population is predominantly white (96%).



West Virginia Counties With Highest Percentage of Non-White Population					
County	White Population		Non-White Population		Total Population
	#	%	#	%	
Kanawha	192,151	93	15,468	7	207,619
Raleigh	70,486	92	6,333	8	76,819
McDowell	30,458	86	4,775	14	35,233
Total					
	293,095	92	26,576	8	319,671
Percent of State Total		17		39	18
State Total	1,726,023	96	67,454	4	1,793,477

Table 1.3

U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 (West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Health Statistics Center, 1996)

Table 1.3 identifies Kanawha, Raleigh, and McDowell counties as containing 39% of the state's non-white population and 17% of the whites. As will be discussed in greater detail later in this report, non-whites are disproportionately impacted by West Virginia's HIV epidemic, as is seen nationwide. Map 1.6 shows percent of population for West Virginia's 55 counties.

West Virginia Resident Births by Mother's Age Group, 1990

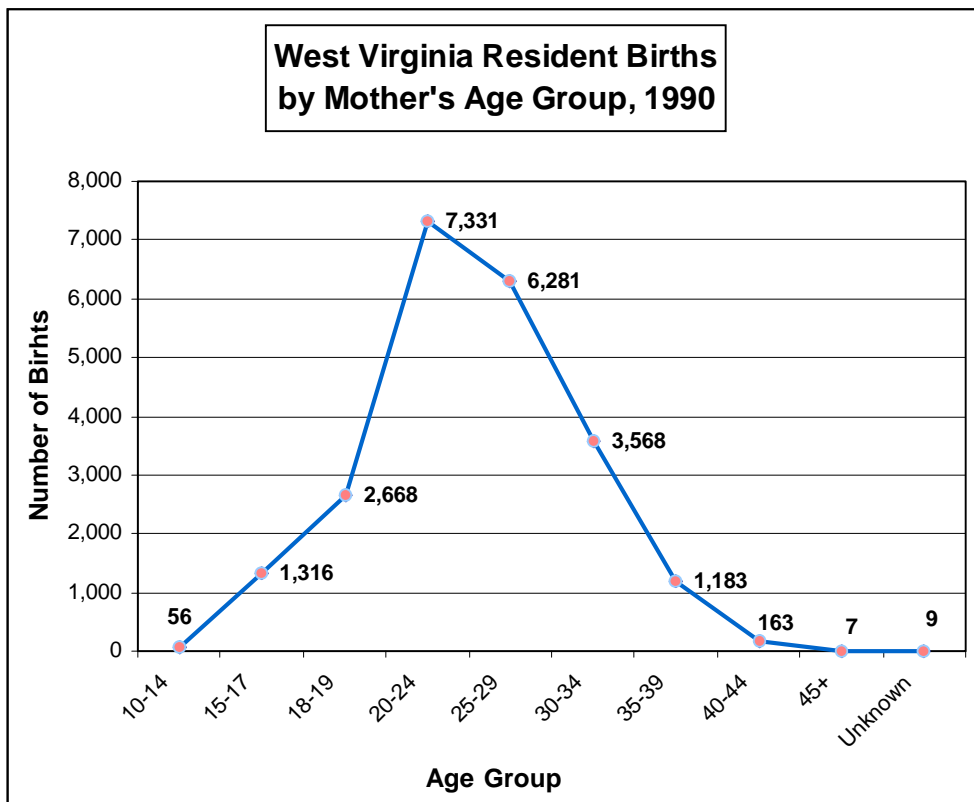


Figure 1.4

Age of Mother (Women's Reproductive Years) West Virginia Resident Birth, 1990		
Age Group	Birth	
	#	%
10-14	56	<1
15-17	1,316	6
18-19	2,668	12
20-24	7,331	32
25-29	6,281	28
30-34	3,568	16
35-39	1,183	5
40-44	163	1
45+	7	<1
Unknown	9	<1
Total	22,582	100

Table 1.4