

# Jefferson County Relocation Package



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## **INTRODUCTION**

**LONG & FOSTER/WEBBER & ASSOCIATES** is a growing, vibrant real estate firm. Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is one of the largest offices in the Blue Ridge Association of Realtors area. We currently have a staff of 48 Associates. Among these are 8 Associate Brokers, 11 Associates with the hard earned GRI (Graduate Realtors Institute) designation, one CRB (Certified Residential Broker) designation, 3 CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), 2 SRES (Senior Real Estate Specialist) and 13 ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative) designations. We also have 20 agents whom are multi-state licensed.

We are highly visible in the real estate community, having won virtually every award available from our Association. We have staff that has served on the local Association's Board of Directors and has held every office through the Association's presidency. Our sales staff has won Salesperson of the Year Award, Rookie of the Year Award, Realtor of the Year, Ethics Award and have attained Realtor Emeritus status. In some of these categories, we have multiple winners. The agents of Long & Foster/Webber & Associates are community oriented. We work for the Chamber of Commerce, and act as volunteers in almost every charity, including raising money for Habitat for Humanity.

As a business entity, we are clearly leaders. Our relocation package is second to none. Our agents come from, and work with, all walks of life. We are highly trained and continue our education through weekly sessions. We have extensive backgrounds in relocation.

Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is located at 480 W. Jubal Early Drive, Suite 100, Winchester VA. We operate from a modern three-story office building; however, our ground level location makes our visibility and image second to none and the front door parking and handicapped accessed facility makes the convenience for our customers and clients unparalleled.

## **GOVERNMENT**

The state of West Virginia sets election procedures for all counties, including Jefferson County, which is part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of West Virginia and the 16<sup>th</sup> State Senatorial District. Charles Town, the county seat, is the home of most county government offices.

Jefferson County is broken down into five magisterial districts and further divided into 32 voting precincts. The districts include Charles Town, Shepherdstown, Harpers Ferry, Middleway and Kabletown.

The city police department is made up of 38 officers, with the county sheriff's department being composed of an entire staff of around 20 and the state police staff of around 13. Jefferson County consists of 7 fire departments and the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency with approximately 227 active volunteers. Four of these companies provide emergency ambulance service.

**According to the 2014 West Virginia State Police Annual Report, Troop 2 region, which includes the counties of Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, Hardy and Grant, has 73 sworn state police officers and 22 civilian personnel.**

### **JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Personnel: 20

### **CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

Charles Town Personnel: 15

Ranson Personnel: 13

Shepherdstown Personnel: 7

Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Personnel: 3

## **Driver's License:**

After establishing residency, new residents who want to drive in WV must apply for a WV driver's license within 30 days. If you have a valid non-expired out-of-state license, you are eligible to transfer the license. You are required to pass a vision screening, complete a brief alcohol awareness course and surrender your out-of-state license before a WV license will be issued. A transfer applicant must present all acceptable documents that are required. If you have a motorcycle endorsement on your license the Division will transfer the endorsement for an additional fee of \$1.00 per year, for the length of time the driver's license is valid.

A new resident who does not have possession of the out-of-state license or if it has expired, must obtain a certified driving record, dated no more than 30 days from the date of the application, from the state in which they were previously licensed.

If your out-of-state license is suspended or revoked, you will not be licensed in WV, until you receive a "clearance" in the PDPS. It is illegal to drive in WV with a suspended or revoked license. All applicants for a WV driver's license must be verified with the PDPS, the Problem Driver Pointer System. It is important to confirm that you are not under suspension in any other jurisdiction before attempting to obtain a license in West Virginia.

## **Vehicle Taxes, Tags, Titles, Inspection & Registration:**

New residents must have their vehicles titled and registered within thirty (30) days of establishing residency.

The fees include a \$10 title fee, a \$5 lien fee if applicable and a regular registration fee of \$30. The titling sales 5% sales tax on a vehicles' value has been eliminated for new residents moving into West Virginia with a vehicle already titled in their name in another state. In order to qualify for the exemption the new resident must meet certain standards. For more information: [www.dmv.wv.gov](http://www.dmv.wv.gov)

West Virginia requires a routine safety inspection every twelve (12) months. Vehicles may be inspected at any official inspection station licensed by the West Virginia State Police. When a vehicle passes the inspection, a sticker valid for twelve (12) months will be placed on the inside of the windshield. It is illegal to drive a vehicle without a valid inspection sticker. New residents have 10 days from the date they title a vehicle to have a West Virginia inspection. This also includes the purchase of vehicles out of state.

When a vehicle is registered in West Virginia, the registrant will receive a license plate and registration card, which should be kept in the vehicle with the current insurance certificate at all times. West Virginia law requires ALL registered vehicles to be insured.

### **Firearm Registration:**

Contact your State Police for information on restrictions and/or use and possession, which may be found under the conservation laws. Registration is not mandatory.

### **Voter Registration:**

Residents must register to vote and may do so at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Martinsburg or at the County Clerk's office in Charles Town (304-728-3246). A voter must reside in the state a minimum of 30 days before an election to be eligible to vote and must be registered in the precinct in which he lives. Party affiliations may be changed before a primary election at the County Clerk's Office.

Absentee ballots are available for those unable to vote in person the day of the election. These ballots must be submitted before Election Day to be valid but will not be counted until Election Day.

Polls in Jefferson County open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. An electronic voting system is used with the ballot card inserted into a vote recorder and a punch tool recording the vote.

### **Voting Locations:**

There are 32 voting precincts across the county that are divided among 3 delegate districts; the 65<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup>. Polls are open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM on election day. In emergency situations, your polling location may change. Call the Voter Registration Office at 304-728-3246 for more information.

## Jefferson County Taxes - 2012

County Property Taxes Class of Property	Inside Municipalities	Outside Municipalities
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Class I</u></b></p> Intangible personal property, except cash on hand or in banks, and accounts receivable assessed at 60% of actual value.	Charles Town .6801 Ranson .7027 Harpers Ferry .6389 Bolivar .6488 Shepherdstown .6485	.5777
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Class II</u></b></p> Real estate, such as homes and farms, assessed at an average of 60% of actual value.	Charles Town 1.3602 Ranson 1.4054 Harpers Ferry 1.2778 Bolivar 1.2976 Shepherdstown 1.2970	1.1554
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Class III</u></b></p> Industrial and Commercial real estate and personal property appraised at market value, assessed at 60%		2.3108
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Class IV</u></b></p> This is Class III when located within municipalities. Real Estate assessed at 60% of actual value.	Charles Town 2.7204 Ranson 2.8018 Harpers Ferry 2.5556 Bolivar 2.5952 Shepherdstown 2.5940	
Rates are per \$100 of assessment <i>The Bonded indebtedness ad proposed capital expenditures will be furnished if desired.</i>		
County Property Tax information provided by Jefferson County Assessor's Office 104 E. Washington Street Charles Town, West Virginia 25414 304-728-3224		

### Business and Other Related Taxes

State Taxes	Rates
Corporate Net Income	8.5% (phased to 6.5% by 2014)
B&O tax	Paid if business is located inside municipal city limits, varies by municipality
Retail Sales	6%
Individual Income	Minimum 3% Maximum 6.5%

## **State Economic Development Programs**

The state of West Virginia offers a variety of incentive programs to new and expanding businesses, including financing programs, business tax credits, and employee training.

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

201 E. Washington St., Charles Town

304-725-2055

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

WorkForce West Virginia

800-252-JOBS

#### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Fire, Police and Rescue Squad

911

City Police Department (Charles Town)

304-725-8944

County Sheriff Department

304-728-3205

West Virginia State Police

304-746-2100

#### **HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL**

Jefferson Medical Center

304-728-1600

Jefferson County Health Department

304-728-8416

Jefferson Urgent Care

304-728-8533

Harpers Ferry Family Medicine Center

304-535-6343

Canterbury Center

304-876-9422

#### **LICENSES**

Department of Motor Vehicles

24 Ruland Rd., Kearneysville

304-558-3900 or 1-800-642-9066

#### **LONG & FOSTER/WEBBER & ASSOCIATES, REALTORS**

480 W. Jubal Early Dr., Suite 100, Winchester, VA

540-662-3484

#### **NEWSPAPERS**

The Spirit of Jefferson Farmer's Advocate

304-725-2046

Shepherdstown Chronicle

304-876-3380

Martinsburg Journal

304-263-8931

#### **PARKS & RECREATION**

304-728-3207

#### **POST OFFICE**

101 W Washington St, Charles Town, WV

304-725-6726

205 Ambrose St, Ranson, WV

304-725-9121



**PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

200 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 304-725-2208  
151 Polk St., Harpers Ferry, WV 304-535-2301  
100 W. German Street, Shepherdstown, WV 304-876-2783  
49 Church Street, Summit Point, WV 304-725-6227

**PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Jefferson High School 304-725-8491  
Washington High School 304-885-5110  
Charles Town Middle School 304-725-7821  
Harpers Ferry Middle School 304-535-6357  
Shepherdstown Middle School 304-876-6120  
Wildwood Middle School 304-728-4518  
Blue Ridge Elementary School 304-725-2995  
C.W. Shipley Elementary School 304-725-4395  
North Jefferson Elementary School 304-725-9587  
Page Jackson Elementary School 304-728-9212  
Ranson Elementary School 304-725-7310  
Shepherdstown Elementary School 304-876-6270  
South Jefferson Elementary 304-728-9216  
T.A. Lowery Elementary School 304-728-7250  
Driswood Elementary 304-885-5020  
Wright Denny Intermediate School 304-725-2513  
Blue Ridge Primary School 304-724-3300  
Bolivar Christian Academy 304-535-6355  
The Country Day School 304-725-1438  
Morgan Academy 304-262-0188  
St. Joseph's Catholic School 304-267-6447  
Wee Disciples Christian Academy 304-707-6812  
Small Scholars Academy 304-725-5437

**TELEPHONE**

Frontier Communications 304-202-1488 or 1-800-921-8101

**TRANSPORTATION**

Amtrak [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) or 800-872-7245  
CSX MARC (CSX) 877-835-5279 or (MARC) 866-743-3682  
Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority 304-263-0876

**TV CABLE**

DirecTV 844-232-6416  
Xfinity 844-317-9658  
Satellite 844-360-3511

## **UTILITIES**

Electric - Allegheny Energy Power Company	888-254-6359
Potomac Edison	800-686-0011
Gas – Mountaineer Gas	800-834-2070
Columbia Propane	304-725-7087
Thompson Gas Company	304-725-9776
Oil - R M Roach & Son	304-263-3329
Smith Oil Company	304-725-2215

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

County Clerk's Office	304-728-3386
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## **HEALTH**

**Jefferson Medical Center**, formerly Jefferson Memorial Hospital, located at 300 South Preston Street, Ranson WV 25438, is a part of the West Virginia University Hospital System. It is a 45-bed hospital with 32 full-time and 34 part-time physicians. Inpatient services include a 24-hour Emergency Room, Level 4 Trauma Center, CT Scanner, MRI Service, Ultramodern Lab Facility, Home Health Service, Intensive/Critical Care Unit and Neurodiagnostic Laboratory.

For more information, call the hospital at 304-728-1600

The physician and services referral line is: 1-888-WVU-1DOC

### **Services offered at Jefferson Medical Center include:**

- \*Birthing Center
- \*Cardiopulmonary Services
- \*Diabetes Education
- \*Emergency Services Department
- \*Jefferson Physical Therapy
- \*Laboratory Services
- \*Pediatric Unit
- \*Pharmacy Services
- \*Radiology Services
- \*Rehabilitation Services
- \*Sleep Lab & EEG Services
- \*Social Services/Care Management
- \*Special Care Unit
- \*Spiritual Care Services
- \*Surgery Department
- \*Transitional Care Unit
- \*University Healthcare at Home
- \*Vascular Therapy
- \*Women's Imaging Center

The county is also served by **Panhandle Home Health** for home healthcare services and **Jefferson Urgent Care** for urgent medical attention.

**CLIMATE**

Average Yearly Precipitation.....37 inches  
 Average Yearly Snowfall.....26 inches  
 Average January Low Temperature.....22 degrees  
 Average July High Temperature.....87 degrees  
 Average sunny days.....197

**POPULATION**

	<b>Jefferson County</b>	<b>West Virginia</b>
2010	53,641	1,854,000
2011	54,329	1,855,000
2012	54,558	1,856,000
2013	55,073	1,854,000

*(Sources include: US Census Bureau)*

**INCORPORATED TOWNS:**

	<b>Population (2011)</b>	<b>(2012)</b>	<b>(2013)</b>
Charles Town.....	5,350	5,395	5,516
Shepherdstown.....	2,158	2,137	2,140
Harpers Ferry.....	290	289	290
Bolivar.....	1,053	1,053	1,058
Ranson.....	4,574*	4,634	4,714*

*(Sources include: US Census Bureau)*

\*Estimates based on the 2010 census

## **CHURCHES**

The community is served by many churches representing denominations which include Catholic, Quaker, Greek Orthodox, Mormon, Protestant and others.

## **TEMPORARY LODGING**

### **Barvarian Inn**

304-876-2551

### **Clarion Hotel and Conference Center**

800-252-7466

### **Turf Hotel**

304-725-2081

### **The Hillbrook Inn and Spa**

800-304-4223

### **Thomas Shepherd Inn**

304-876-3715

### **The Angler's Inn B&B**

304-535-1239

### **Between the Rivers B&B**

304-582-3786

### **Camp Hill Carriage House B&B**

304-535-2657

### **The Inn at Charles Town**

800-795-7001

### **Inn at Moler's Crossroads**

304-876-6215

### **Harpers Ferry Guest House B&B**

304-535-6955

### **The Jackson Rose B&B**

304-535-1528

### **Quality Hotel Conference Cntr.**

800-230-4134

### **Harpers Ferry KOA**

800-562-9497

### **Teahorse Hostel**

304-535-6848

### **Carriage Inn B&B**

800-867-9830

### **Whistling Wind Farm B&B**

304-702-5525

## SHOPPING

### HARPERS FERRY:

**Grape Expectations**  
304-535-2648  
**Harpers Ferry Wine & Gourmet**  
304-535-1834  
**The Village Shop at Harpers Ferry**  
304-535-6911  
**Herb Lady**  
304-535-6570  
**Mary Adams Accessories**  
304-535-2411  
**Molly the Rebel**  
304-535-2217  
**Gilded Flea**  
304-268-0763  
**National Park Bookshop**  
304-535-6881  
**Harpers Ferry Outfitters**  
304-535-2087  
**Roots and Stems**  
304-535-2139  
**Secret Six Sundries**  
304-535-1834  
**White Fly Shoppe**  
304-876-8030  
**Tenfold Fair Trade Collection**  
304-579-8525  
**Vintage Lady**  
304-535-1313  
**Wildflowers Consignment Boutique**  
571-271-5999  
**Westwind Potters**  
304-535-2511  
**The Hodge Podge**  
304-535-6917  
**Jason's Antiques**  
304-535-2450

### SHEPHERDSTOWN:

**Beyond Comics**  
304-870-4039  
**Body, Bath & Cotton**  
304-876-2424  
**D'Accord Boutique**  
304-876-0657  
**Village Finery**  
304-876-9388  
**Earth, Wind and Fur**  
304-876-8429  
**German St. Coffee & Candlery**  
304-876-1106  
**Grapes & Grains Gourmet**  
304-876-1316  
**The Herb Lady**  
304-876-2365  
**J. Cooper Gallery**  
304-876-3589  
**Off Mane St. Hair & Nails**  
304-876-6060  
**O'Hurley's General Store**  
304-876-6907  
**Up On the Hill**  
304-839-9031  
**Peace Frogs of WV**  
304-876-8663  
**Christian Caine Jewelers**  
304-876-1313  
**The Local Source**  
304-876-8211  
**Four Seasons Books**  
304-876-3486  
**Dickson & Wait Craft Gallery**  
304-876-0657  
**The Good Shop**  
304-876-8007

## TRANSPORTATION

### HIGHWAYS

U.S. 340

State Route 9 recently underwent a major upgrade which included an increase to 4 lanes for certain stretches of the highway and the addition of a new bridge.

#### **Driving Distance:**

Baltimore, MD.....	67	miles
Charlottesville, VA.....	129	miles
Harrisburg, PA.....	100	miles
New York, NY.....	265	miles
Philadelphia, PA.....	180	miles
Pittsburgh, PA.....	193	miles
Richmond, VA.....	168	miles
Washington, DC.....	58	miles

### RAIL

Norfolk-Southern Railway

CSX Transportation

Amtrak Service at Harpers Ferry & Martinsburg

Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) train at Martinsburg & Harpers Ferry

TRANSFLO

### AIR

Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport	12 miles	(Existing 7000 ft. runway, full instrument landing system and manned Air Guard crash service. Can accommodate 727 or C5-class planes. West Virginia Air Guard operates C5 program from this facility.)
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Dulles International Airport	44	miles
BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport	77	miles
Ronald Reagan National Airport	75	miles
Hagerstown Regional Airport	40	miles
Winchester Regional Airport	28	miles

### TRUCK

Multiple motor freight carriers serve Jefferson County. Container cargo facility at Front Royal, VA – 25 miles.

**BUS SERVICE**

Limited local service by Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority (Pan Tran).

**SCHOOLS**

**Elementary Schools:**

<b>Blue Ridge Primary</b> 175 Lowery Ln., Harpers Ferry, WV	<b>304-724-3300</b>
<b>Page Jackson Elementary School</b> 370 Page Jackson Rd., Charles Town, WV	<b>304-728-9212</b>
<b>Ranson Elementary School</b> 600 North Preston Street, Ranson, WV	<b>304-725-7310</b>
<b>Shepherdstown Elementary School</b> 662 South Church St., Shepherdstown, WV	<b>304-876-6270</b>
<b>T.A. Lowery Elementary School</b> 103 Shenandoah Junction Rd., Shenandoah Junction, WV	<b>304-728-7250</b>
<b>Blue Ridge Elementary School</b> 18866 Charles Town Rd., Harpers Ferry, WV	<b>304-725-2995</b>
<b>C.W. Shipley Elementary School</b> 652 Shipley School Rd., Harpers Ferry, WV	<b>304-725-4395</b>
<b>North Jefferson Elementary School</b> 6996 Charles Town Rd., Kearneysville, WV	<b>304-725-9587</b>
<b>Driswood Elementary School</b> 75 Caspian Way, Shenandoah Junction, WV	<b>304-885-5020</b>
<b>South Jefferson Elementary School</b> 4599 Summit Point Rd., Charles Town WV	<b>304-728-9216</b>

**Middle/Intermediate Schools:**

**Charles Town Middle School** 304-725-7821  
193 High Street, Charlestown, WV

**Harpers Ferry Middle School** 304-535-6357  
1710 West Washington St., Harpers Ferry, WV

**Shepherdstown Middle School** 304-876-6120  
54 Minden Avenue, Shepherdstown, WV

**Wright Denny Intermediate School** 304-725-2513  
209 W. Congress Street, Charlestown, WV

**Wildwood Middle School** 304-728-4518  
1209 Shenandoah Junction Rd., Shenandoah Junction WV

**High Schools:**

**Jefferson High School** 304-725-8491  
4141 Flowing Springs Rd., Shenandoah Junction, WV

**Washington High School** 304-885-5110  
300 Washington Patriot Dr., Charles Town WV

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS:**

**Jefferson Academy**  
Pre-Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
449 Rose Hill Dr., Kearneysville, WV  
304-725-1438

**Claymont Children's School**  
Pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
755 Huyett Rd, Charles Town, WV  
304-725-8889

**Morgan Academy**  
Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
8505 Shepherdstown Pike, Shepherdstown WV  
304-250-4646



**Bolivar Christian Academy**

Pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
87 Old Taylor Lane, Harpers Ferry WV  
304-535-6355

**Faith Christian Academy**

Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
138 Greensburg Road, Martinsburg WV (Berkeley County)  
304-263-0011

**Wee Disciples Christian Academy**

Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
114 Poor Farm Rd. #101, Kearneysville, WV  
304-707-6812

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:**

James Rumsey Technical Institute  
3274 Hedgesville Rd., Martinsburg WV  
304-754-7925

James Rumsey Technical Institute, Martinsburg, has served high school students from Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson Counties and adult students from the four state area for over 40 years. The institution gives men and women the skills needed to be an asset to a diverse range of industries. The hands-on approach to teaching goes beyond book work and gives each individual a new perspective.

**SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIRMENTS:**

To register for kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years old before September 1; however; children who reach age five by September 15 may enroll if their score is at or above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile on a standardized comprehensive measure of developmental skills when compared to age norms appropriate to a child who would be 5 years old prior to September 1. This assessment will be administered by qualified Jefferson county personnel.

Children enrolled in first grade must be at least six (6) years of age before September 1, and have successfully completed the kindergarten program of this county or an equivalent program elsewhere and has been recommended by the teacher for advancement to the first grade.

Children should be enrolled during the spring pre-enrollment period; however, if this registration time is missed, call the school where the child will attend to schedule an individual appointment. A birth certificate and immunization records are required for enrollment.

West Virginia statutes require all children entering school for the first time in grades K-12 must show proof of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B unless properly medically exempted.\*

\*Requests for exemptions must be based on current standards of immunization practice and include the following information: the vaccine(s) being exempted, the specific medical reason for the exemption, whether the exemption is temporary or permanent, and, if temporary, when the exemption should be reevaluated. West Virginia State Law does not allow for non-medical exemptions to immunization requirements.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Shepherd University**, Shepherdstown, WV, is a public liberal arts university.  
304-876-5000

**Shepherd University Martinsburg Center**, Martinsburg WV, offers classes to finish your bachelor's or start your master's degree.  
304-263-3303

**American Public University System**, Charles Town, WV, is a for-profit online learning institution.  
877-755-2787

## **CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS & PRESCHOOLS**

### **Children's Tree House**

698 Conservation Way  
Shepherdstown, WV  
304-876-7354

### **Grammy's Place**

2142 Mission Rd.  
Harpers Ferry, WV  
304-725-1993

### **Children's First Child Development Center**

95 Children's Way  
Kearneysville, WV  
304-728-1100

**Small Wonders Center on Children**

248 Cherry Tree Drive  
Charles Town, WV  
304-725-5437

**Hillside Child Care & Development Center**

385 Washington Street  
Harpers Ferry, WV  
304-535-2234

**Little Eagle Child Care Center**

250 Murall Dr. #900  
Kearneysville, WV  
304-264-7132

**Noah's Ark Child Development Center**

310 South George Street  
Ranson, WV  
304-725-1625

**Oakland Christian School**

70 Oakland Terrace  
Charles Town, WV  
304-725-3737

**Rainbow Montessori School**

221 East Washington Street  
Charles Town, WV  
304-725-3365

**RESA VIII Head Start**

221 Warm Springs Rd.  
Shenandoah Junction, WV  
304-724-9942

**Shepherdstown Day Care Center**

531 E. German St.  
Shepherdstown, WV  
304-876-6293

## **LIBRARIES**

Jefferson County has four libraries that offer a huge variety of services and programs to the public. In addition, Shepherd College located in Shepherdstown has a major library that is also available for public use.

Each library has unique offerings, including programs for young children and seasonal exhibits.

### **Old Charles Town Library**

200 E. Washington Street  
Charles Town, WV  
304-725-2208

It provides a full range of services that includes book borrowing privileges, a reading room, reference services, internet access, a local history room, audio-visual materials and specialized programs for children and adults.

### **Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Public Library**

151 Polk Street  
Harpers Ferry, WV  
304-535-2301

Books and materials in this library total more than 37,000. The Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Library also features a number of services including the use of computers, printers, faxing, photocopying and free WiFi access.

### **Shepherdstown Public Library**

100 W. German Street  
Shepherdstown, WV  
304-876-2783

Has a 9 Library resource network, full range of audio books, e-books, periodicals, newspapers and reference books, free internet access and they are a designated wireless hotspot. Copy, fax, notary services as well as voter registration are available also.

### **South Jefferson Public Library**

49 Church Street  
Summit Point, WV  
304-725-6277

This facility houses over 10,000 volumes, books on tape and CD, a children's area, two computer rooms and a public meeting room.

## **RECREATION**

### **FEDERAL PARKS:**

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park  
C&O Canal National Historical Park

### **CITY PARKS:**

Jefferson County Memorial Park  
Charles Town Skate Park  
Evitts Run Park

### **COUNTY PARKS:**

Leetown Park  
Morgan's Grove Park  
Mount Mission Park  
Moulton Park  
Sam Michael's Park  
South Jefferson Park  
Bolivar Nature Park  
James Hite Park – Phase I will open Fall 2016

### **GOLF COURSES:**

The Club at Cress Creek, Shepherdstown  
Locust Hill Golf Course, Charles Town  
Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club, Charles Town

### **REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS:**

Appalachian Trail  
Blue Ridge Mountains  
Charles Town Races & Slots  
Historic Harpers Ferry  
River Riders Adventure Park  
KOA Campgrounds, Bolivar  
Summit Point Motor Sports Park  
Shepherdstown Mystery Walks  
Jefferson County Museum  
Shenandoah River  
Potomac River

### **FESTIVALS:**

Jefferson County Fair  
Charles Town Heritage Festival  
African American Heritage Festival

Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival  
Contemporary American Theater Festival  
Over the Mountain Studio Tour  
Ranson Festival  
Ranson Car Show

\*For more information, please call the Jefferson County Convention & Visitors Bureau, 866-435-5698, or go to the website at [discoveritallww.com](http://discoveritallww.com)

## **LABOR FORCE**

### **LABOR MARKET AREA**

Of the more than 1,050 business establishments operating in Jefferson County, 80% are classified as service providers and the rest represent a healthy number of trade, transportation, utility and manufacturing companies.

The growing opportunity and Jefferson County's location within the Washington Metropolitan Statistical area has attracted a large number of skilled individuals who provide a talented and dedicated workforce for these companies to choose from.

### **AREA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE**

April, 2016:  
Jefferson County.....27,701  
Berkeley County.....52,110  
Morgan County.....7,370

*\*Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis*

### **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

The unemployment rate for Jefferson County for the early summer of 2016 is steadily hovering around 4.6 percent, one of the lowest averages in the country.

*\*Source: JDCA (Jefferson County Development Authority)*

## **INCOME**

Value 2014

Households in Jefferson County WV have a median income of \$66,205 (+/- \$2,088).

*\*Dataset: 2014 ACS 5-year estimate  
Source: Census Bureau*

## **HISTORY**

Perhaps Jefferson County's most valuable asset is its history. The beauty of West Virginia begins at the very border of Jefferson County. There, standing on a bluff at Harpers Ferry, where two rivers (the Potomac and Shenandoah) force their way through the Blue Ridge Mountains, Thomas Jefferson once claimed the view "worth a trip across the Atlantic". Largely unchanged through the years, the same view awaits your eyes today – rocky crags, tumbling water and tree-clad hills.

Jefferson County, being nearest to urban centers of the populous Eastern Seaboard (about 58 miles from Washington, D.C. and 67 miles from Baltimore, MD), is the most accessible of West Virginia's 55 counties. The Eastern Panhandle is the "gateway" to the rest of the state.

Events of the Civil War, the failed raid on Harpers Ferry by abolitionist John Brown and his trial and public hanging in Charles Town, and various other points in history are focused on this area.

Just a few miles from Jefferson County in Maryland, the National Park Service operates Antietam National Battlefield.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is another U.S. Park service restoration project and the C&O Canal National Park is just a "dollars throw" across the river.

\*For more information, call the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce at 304-725-2055.

## **THE ARTS**

### **Old Opera House Theater:**

304-725-4420

Performances are offered throughout the year at this popular theater. Musicals, dramas, comedies, and other special events are featured. Located at 204 North George Street, Charles Town, this theater is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Op Shop, a secondhand clothing store completely operated by volunteers, at 115 North Charles Street, contributes all of their net income to the theater and is a source for costumes.

### **Contemporary American Theater Festival:**

304-876-3473

Summer theater festival features new playwrights, explores controversial topics, and brings cutting-edge plays to the stage. Equity actors, directors and designers team up with college-student interns to create productions, which are held on the campus of Shepherd College. According to the *New York Times*, it is one of "50 essential summer festivals".

### **Performing Arts Series:**

304-876-5326

Sponsored by Shepherd College's Student Life Council, PASS each year offers a half-dozen programs that emphasize cutting-edge performers from diverse national and cultural backgrounds.

### **Reynolds Hall Recital Series:**

304-876-5555

This outstanding series of musical programs features faculty at Shepherd College, guest soloists, and chamber groups.

### **Shepherdstown Opera House**

304-876-3704

131 W. German St. Live musical and theatrical performances are featured at this historic location along with movies.

### **Peter Burr Living History Farm:**

304-725-2055

The Peter Burr Living History Farm is a project of the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission. While restoration is underway, the farm, a 9.5 acre complex, is a work in progress which will show what it was like to live there in the 1790s. Work will be performed by persons in period dress and social, cultural, economic and political themes will also be presented.



**Visual Art:**

Many of the artists have their work featured at shops and galleries around the area. During performances, artwork is featured in the Jean Heiler Art Gallery on the lower level of the Old Opera House in Charles Town. Special shows are also held in the South Jefferson Public Library Meeting Room to display the talent of local artists.

**COMMUNICATION****NEWSPAPERS:**

Published Weekly -  
Spirit of Jefferson-Advocate  
Shepherdstown Chronicle

Published Daily –  
The Journal  
The Morning Herald  
The Washington Post

**RADIO STATIONS:**

WXVA, AM & FM, Oldies  
WRNR, AM & FM, Talk Radio  
WUSQ, FM, Shenandoah Country  
WFQX, FM, Classic Rock

**CABLE TELEVISION:**

Comcast cable channel 18 provides Jefferson County school information.