

# WEST VIRGINIA

## Fortifying Main Street:

*The Economic Benefit of Public Pension Dollars in Rural America*

### Key Findings

Average percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for each county type in the state:

- Capital: 1.8%
- Metropolitan: 1.5%
- Micropolitan: 1.9%
- Rural: 1.7%

Total average percent of GDP in the state: 1.7%

Average percent of Total Personal Income (TPI) for each county type in the state:

- Capital: 2.0%
- Metropolitan: 1.3%
- Micropolitan: 1.8%
- Rural: 2.2%

Total average percent of TPI in the state: 1.6%

Table A41. West Virginia County Data

No.	County Name	County Type	2018 Pension Benefits	Benefits as a % of GDP	Benefits as a % of Total Personal Income	Population Change (2000 vs 2018)
1	Barbour	Micropolitan	\$9,339,604.99	2.40%	1.75%	6.29%
2	Berkeley	Metropolitan	\$34,126,537.48	1.10%	0.71%	54.30%
3	Boone	Micropolitan	\$19,574,200.37	2.95%	2.65%	-14.04%
4	Braxton	Micropolitan	\$9,165,683.45	3.27%	2.06%	-4.17%
5	Brooke	Micropolitan	\$11,125,689.26	1.29%	1.20%	-12.75%
6	Cabell	Metropolitan	\$57,691,047.38	1.31%	1.44%	-3.68%
7	Calhoun	Rural	\$3,695,281.45	3.14%	1.69%	-4.33%
8	Clay	Rural	\$7,137,480.50	6.57%	2.67%	-16.44%
9	Doddridge	Rural	\$4,229,457.52	0.31%	1.74%	13.55%
10	Fayette	Micropolitan	\$29,777,292.51	2.99%	2.00%	-9.59%
11	Gilmer	Rural	\$7,497,941.00	4.14%	3.23%	12.09%
12	Grant	Micropolitan	\$8,476,170.39	2.03%	1.99%	2.89%
13	Greenbrier	Micropolitan	\$23,822,410.22	2.28%	1.80%	0.97%
14	Hampshire	Micropolitan	\$12,905,409.77	4.10%	1.58%	15.56%
15	Hancock	Micropolitan	\$16,211,276.64	1.24%	1.32%	-10.94%
16	Hardy	Micropolitan	\$8,274,666.93	2.22%	1.76%	8.73%
17	Harrison	Metropolitan	\$51,653,904.67	1.18%	1.59%	-1.60%
18	Jackson	Micropolitan	\$26,573,805.89	1.95%	2.43%	2.52%
19	Jefferson	Metropolitan	\$14,468,730.15	1.03%	0.51%	34.66%
20	Kanawha (Capital)	Metropolitan	\$176,896,308.49	1.82%	2.02%	-9.81%
21	Lewis	Micropolitan	\$16,446,527.55	2.47%	2.52%	-5.29%
22	Lincoln	Micropolitan	\$14,085,544.06	6.30%	2.24%	-6.83%
23	Logan	Micropolitan	\$23,274,667.19	1.82%	1.95%	-13.53%
24	Marion	Metropolitan	\$36,576,944.99	1.70%	1.55%	-0.89%
25	Marshall	Micropolitan	\$18,978,692.86	0.67%	1.50%	-13.33%
26	Mason	Micropolitan	\$15,479,856.53	1.94%	1.74%	2.93%
27	McDowell	Micropolitan	\$11,025,094.52	1.96%	1.99%	-33.32%
28	Mercer	Metropolitan	\$44,365,743.33	2.86%	2.00%	-6.11%
29	Mineral	Micropolitan	\$14,537,900.39	1.95%	1.39%	-0.51%
30	Mingo	Micropolitan	\$13,958,797.62	2.00%	1.83%	-15.81%
31	Monongalia	Metropolitan	\$40,182,243.37	0.64%	0.85%	29.99%
32	Monroe	Micropolitan	\$11,683,800.98	5.75%	2.90%	-8.94%
33	Morgan	Micropolitan	\$5,808,677.71	2.31%	0.95%	19.03%
34	Nicholas	Micropolitan	\$19,817,552.75	3.36%	2.34%	-6.48%

Table A41. **West Virginia County Data (continued)**

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35	Ohio	Micropolitan	\$26,207,472.71	0.86%	0.96%	-11.96%
36	Pendleton	Rural	\$7,259,466.32	5.63%	2.95%	-14.63%
37	Pleasants	Rural	\$6,099,068.15	1.40%	1.85%	-0.09%
38	Pocahontas	Rural	\$8,559,145.06	3.59%	2.66%	-7.85%
39	Preston	Micropolitan	\$20,858,946.92	3.33%	1.73%	15.36%
40	Putnam	Metropolitan	\$55,013,670.76	2.01%	2.07%	9.87%
41	Raleigh	Metropolitan	\$63,626,955.58	2.25%	2.08%	-6.27%
42	Randolph	Micropolitan	\$24,275,414.63	3.10%	2.31%	1.98%
43	Ritchie	Rural	\$6,111,908.25	0.90%	1.69%	-6.01%
44	Roane	Micropolitan	\$10,021,777.42	3.61%	2.07%	-9.80%
45	Summers	Micropolitan	\$10,116,092.07	5.14%	2.41%	-1.84%
46	Taylor	Micropolitan	\$9,787,366.12	2.02%	1.43%	4.80%
47	Tucker	Rural	\$7,715,913.97	2.92%	2.68%	-5.00%
48	Tyler	Rural	\$5,193,374.44	0.78%	1.59%	-8.82%
49	Upshur	Micropolitan	\$18,686,918.48	2.78%	2.30%	4.32%
50	Wayne	Micropolitan	\$24,908,756.58	2.69%	1.85%	-6.90%
51	Webster	Rural	\$5,654,323.28	3.66%	2.45%	-14.75%
52	Wetzel	Micropolitan	\$9,657,623.64	1.02%	1.72%	-13.69%
53	Wirt	Rural	\$3,680,567.84	6.33%	1.96%	-0.73%
54	Wood	Metropolitan	\$54,067,560.09	1.61%	1.50%	-4.30%
55	Wyoming	Micropolitan	\$13,437,483.35	2.29%	2.12%	-19.15%

Figure A121. West Virginia County Type

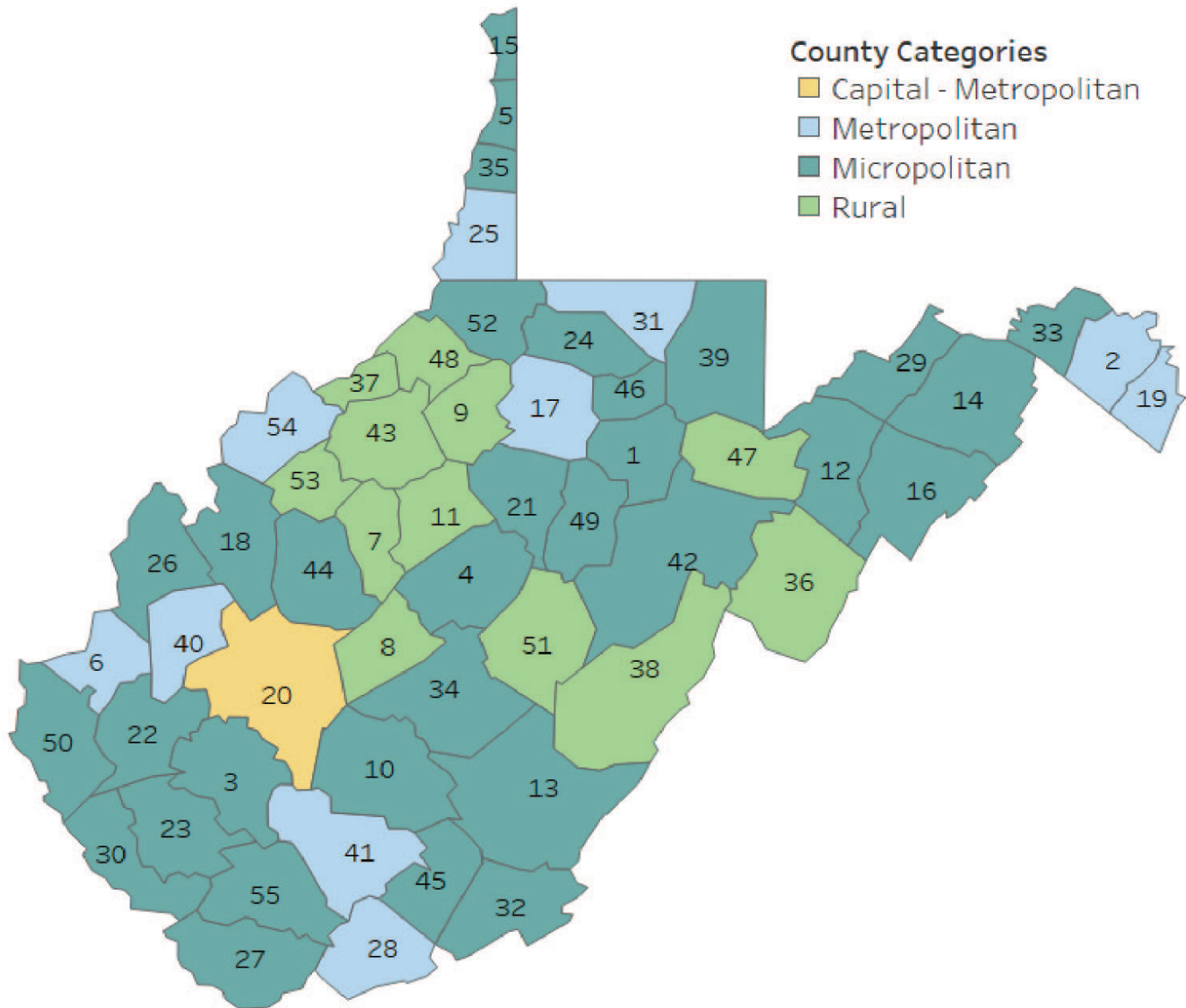


Figure A122. West Virginia Pension Benefit Dollars as Share of County GDP

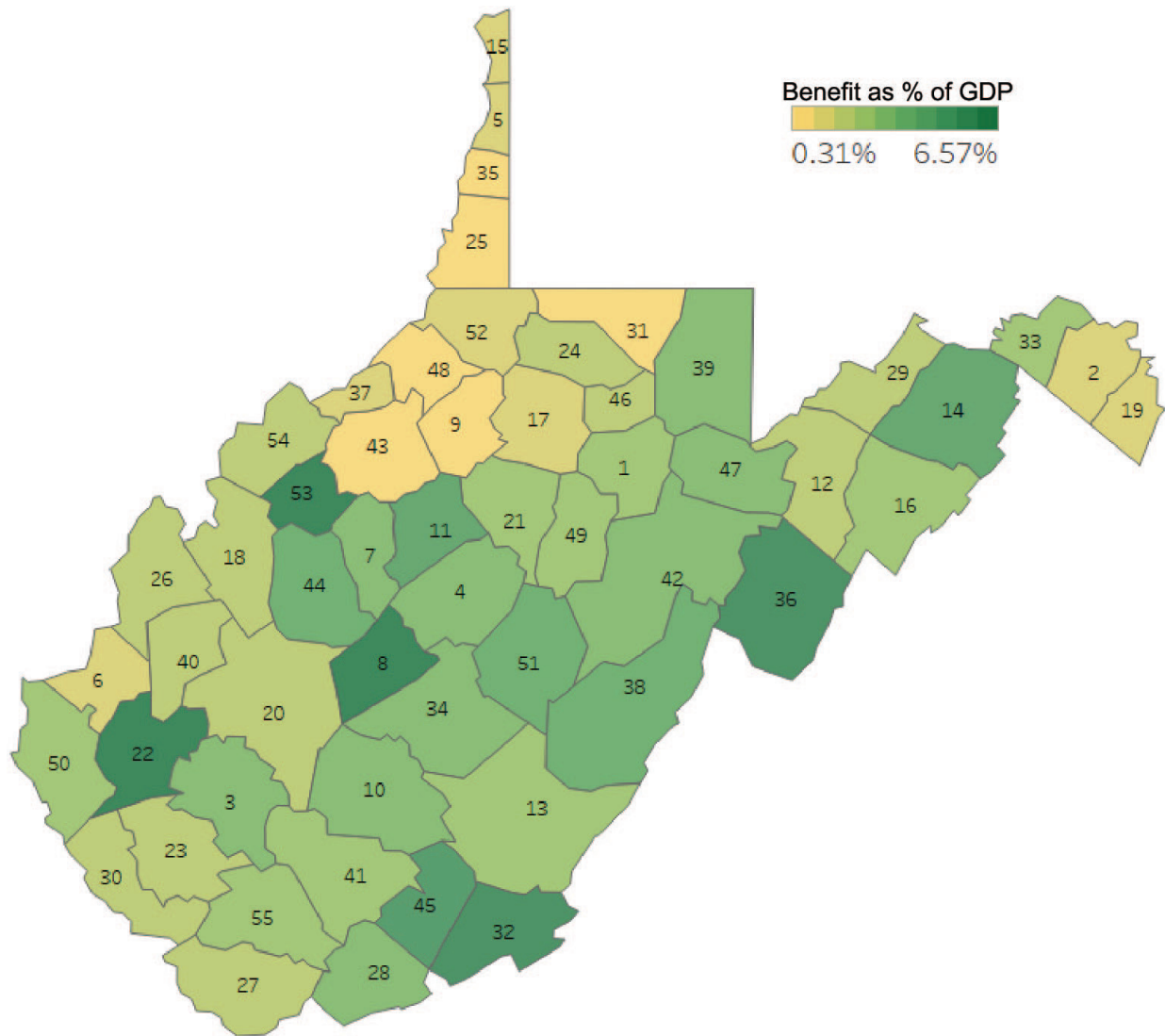
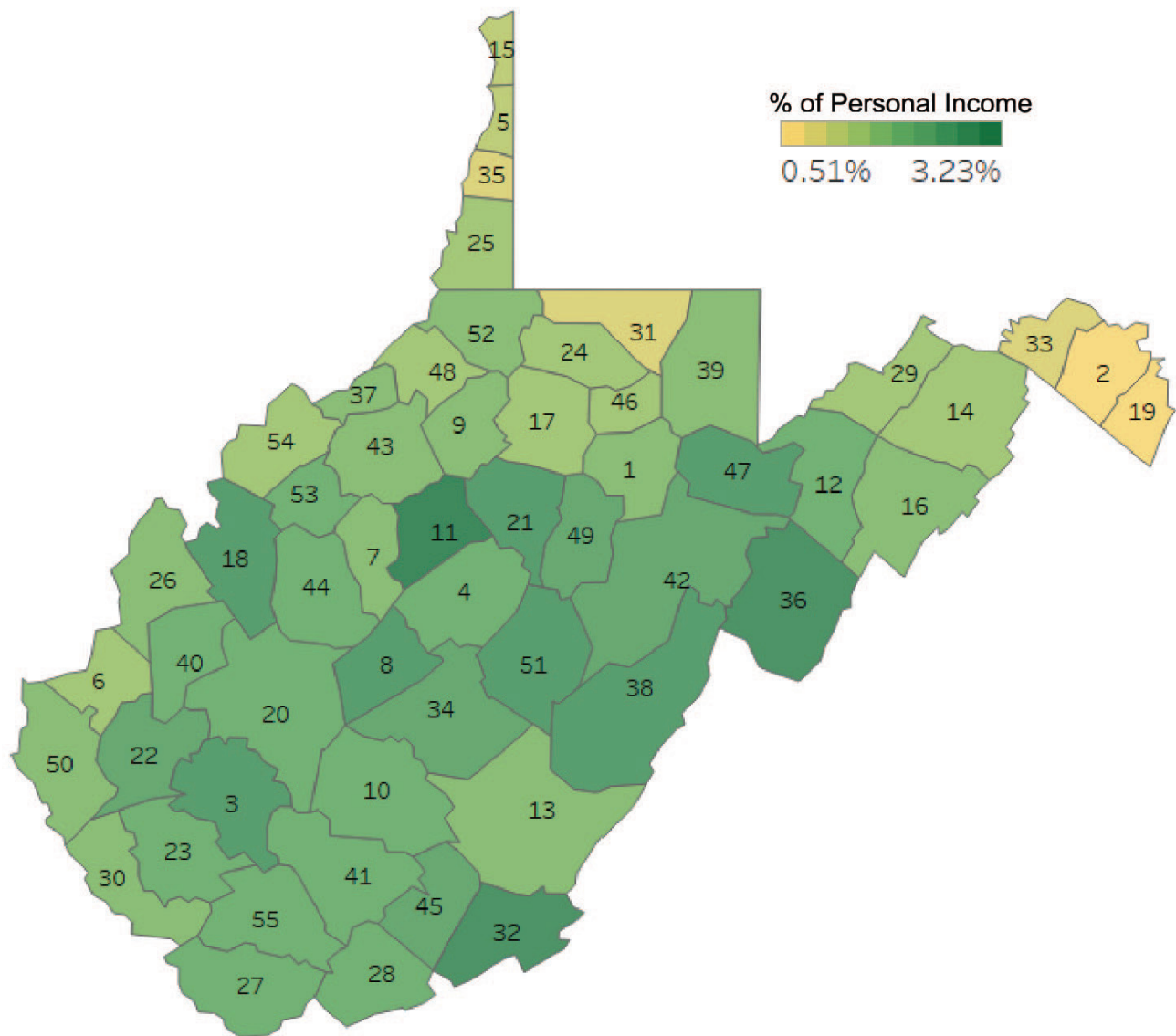


Figure A123. **West Virginia Pension Benefit Dollars as Share of County Total Personal Income**



### Overview

In West Virginia, we received data from the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board, which includes: the Public Employees Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System, the WV State Police Death, Disability and Retirement Fund, the West Virginia State Police Retirement System, the Deputy Sheriffs' Retirement System, the Judges' Retirement System, the Emergency Medical Services Retirement System, the Municipal Police and Firefighters Retirement System, and the Natural Resources Police Officers Retirement System.