Juror Qualification Report
2020

March 30, 2021

Background

In accordance with §52-1-16 of the West Virginia State Code, circuit clerks provide an annual report of juror qualification questionnaires to the Administrative Office of the Courts. West Virginia Code specifies that "the clerk shall make an annual report no later than the first day of March of each year … with the following information: whether the clerk employed a jury box or jury wheel for the year reported, and the age, race and gender of each person for whom a juror qualification questionnaire has been received." Staff at the Administrative Office compile summaries of the questionnaires provided by the circuit clerks and generate an annual report. Pursuant to the code, the Administrative Office "provide[s] this information to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Delegates on an annual basis, no later than the first day of April of each year."

This report summarizes annual reports received for activity in 2020. The following sections describe the level of reporting; the number of jurors; the gender, race and age of the jurors; and the method used to select jurors.

Highlights

- All counties except Clay submitted an annual report on juror qualification to the Administrative Office.
- A total of 36,104 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Berkeley County (3,234) and Ohio County (3,718) reported the largest number of questionnaires.
- Males completed 48.7 percent of the questionnaires and females completed 50.4 percent. The remaining 0.9 percent of jurors did not report gender.
- Race: People who identify as white completed 87 percent of the questionnaires. People who identify as black completed over 2 percent. People who identify as other races combined completed less than 1 percent of the surveys. Race was not reported or indicated on 10 percent of questionnaires.
- There were more jurors (4,171) in the "61-65" age category than any other age category.
- Fifty-two percent of the counties used a computer to select jurors, 20 percent used the jury box, and 28 percent used a wheel selection method.

Results

Counties Reporting

All counties except Clay submitted juror qualification reports for activity between January 1 and December 31, 2020.

Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 36,104 individuals (2 percent of the state population) completed juror qualification questionnaires in 2020. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire in each county ranged from a low of 0 to a high of 3,498. On average, 668 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Barbour	322	Kanawha	804	Preston	373
Berkeley	3,234	Lewis	372	Putnam	376
Boone	293	Lincoln	206	Raleigh	839
Braxton	510	Logan	372	Randolph	263
Brooke	583	Marion	739	Ritchie	398
Cabell	1,136	Marshall	0	Roane	453
Calhoun	694	Mason	504	Summers	84
Clay*	0	McDowell	392	Taylor	132
Doddridge	421	Mercer	924	Tucker	474
Fayette	506	Mineral	772	Tyler	518
Gilmer	324	Mingo	402	Upshur	261
Grant	389	Monongalia	1,952	Wayne	441
Greenbrier	382	Monroe	0	Webster	217
Hampshire	990	Morgan	1,644	Wetzel	650
Hancock	1,827	Nicholas	531	Wirt	166
Hardy	398	Ohio	3,718	Wood	280
Harrison	973	Pendleton	106	Wyoming	358
Jackson	276	Pleasants	484	**West Virginia**	36,104
Jefferson	2,376	Pocahontas	265		

Table 3: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Race/Ethnicity and County

Gender

Of the 36,104 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2020, 17,598 were male (48.7 percent) and 18,193 were female (50.4 percent). Gender was not reported on 376 questionnaires (0.9 percent).
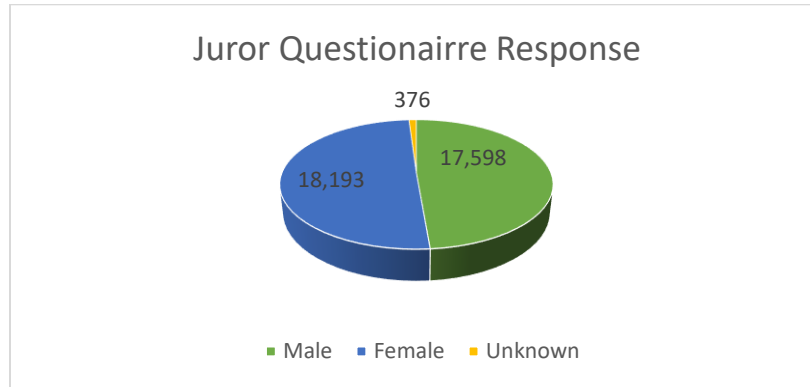
Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender

Table 2: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Gender and County

County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Barbour	180	56%	142	44%	0	0%	322
Berkeley	1,551	48%	1,683	52%	0	0%	3,234
Boone	167	57%	126	43%	0	0%	293
Braxton	223	44%	252	49%	35	7%	510
Brooke	290	50%	290	50%	3	1%	583
Cabell	536	47%	575	51%	25	2%	1,136
Calhoun	341	49%	353	51%	0	0%	694
Clay							
Doddridge	219	52%	201	48%	1	0%	421
Fayette	262	52%	240	47%	4	1%	506
Gilmer	164	51%	160	49%	0	0%	324
Grant	187	48%	200	51%	2	1%	389
Greenbrier	187	49%	194	51%	1	0%	382
Hampshire	465	47%	492	50%	96	1%	990
Hancock	862	47%	912	50%	53	3%	1,827
Hardy	196	49%	194	49%	8	2%	398
Harrison	495	51%	477	49%	1	0%	973
Jackson	140	51%	136	49%	0	0%	276
Jefferson	1,183	50%	1,188	50%	5	0%	2,376
Kanawha	417	52%	387	48%	0	0%	804
Lewis	205	55%	167	45%	0	0%	372
Lincoln	100	49%	106	51%	0	0%	206
Logan	176	47%	194	52%	2	1%	372
Marion	300	41%	395	53%	44	6%	739

Table 3: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Race/Ethnicity and County

Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mason	247	49%	255	51%	2	0%	504
McDowell	168	43%	221	56%	3	1%	392
Mercer	449	49%	474	51%	1	0%	924
Mineral	378	49%	387	50%	7	1%	772
Mingo	190	47%	208	52%	4	1%	402
Monongalia	954	49%	998	51%	0	0%	1,952
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan	805	49%	837	51%	2	0%	1,644
Nicholas	246	46%	285	54%	0	0%	531
Ohio	1,797	48%	1,918	52%	3	0%	3,718
Pendleton	55	52%	51	48%	0	0%	106
Pleasants	246	51%	237	49%	1	0%	484
Pocahontas	142	54%	122	46%	1	0%	265
Preston	197	53%	175	47%	1	0%	373
Putnam	191	51%	185	49%	0	0%	376
Raleigh	374	45%	448	53%	17	2%	839
Randolph	139	53%	124	47%	0	0%	263
Ritchie	204	51%	194	49%	0	0%	398
Roane	191	42%	250	55%	12	3%	453
Summers	39	46%	44	52%	1	1%	84
Taylor	64	48%	68	52%	0	0%	132
Tucker	256	54%	218	46%	0	0%	474
Tyler	255	49%	263	51%	0	0%	518
Upshur	128	49%	133	51%	0	0%	261
Wayne	228	52%	211	48%	2	0%	441
Webster	107	49%	110	51%	0	0%	217
Wetzel	332	51%	318	49%	0	0%	650
Wirt	84	51%	81	49%	1	1%	166
Wood	114	41%	132	47%	34	12%	280
Wyoming	172	48%	182	51%	4	1%	358
Total:	17,133	49%	17,701	50%	280	1%	35,114

Race/Ethnicity

Of the 36,104 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire, 31,401 (87 percent) reported their race as white. Another 698 (2 percent) reported their race as black, 194 (0.5 percent) reported their race as Asian, 68 (0.2 percent) reported their race as Native American and 76 (0.2 percent) reported their race as Hispanic. Race was marked as "other/unknown" or not marked at all by 3,666 jurors (10 percent).

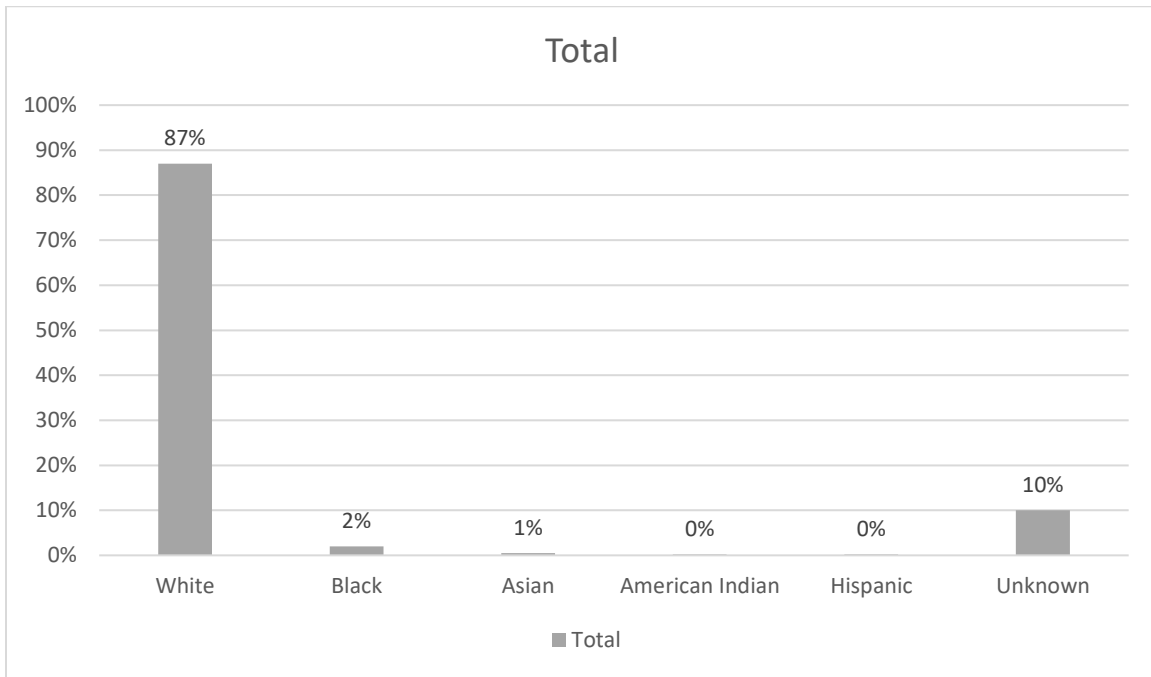*Graph 2: Percent of Jurors and Population by Race/Ethnicity **

Table 3: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Race/Ethnicity and County

	White		Black		Asian		American Indian		Other/UNK/Not Reported		Hispanic		Total
Barbour	311	97%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	8	2%	0	0%	322
Berkeley	2,932	91%	205	6%	42	1%	7	0%	48	1%	0	0%	3,234
Boone	246	84%	2	1%	1	0%	0	0%	44	15%	0	0%	293
Braxton	471	92%	4	1%	0	0%	0	0%	35	7%	0	0%	510
Brooke	555	95%	3	1%	1	0%	0	0%	24	4%	0	0%	583
Cabell	838	95%	25	3%	8	1%	2	0%	12	1%	0	0%	885
Calhoun	694	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	694
Clay*													
Doddridge	407	97%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%	11	3%	0	0%	421
Fayette	488	96%	8	2%	2	0%	1	0%	7	1%	0	0%	506
Gilmer	263	81%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	60	19%	0	0%	324
Grant	381	98%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	7	2%	0	0%	389
Greenbrier	315	95%	11	3%	2	1%	0	0%	3	1%	0	0%	331
Hampshire	889	90%	4	0%	0	0%	1	0%	96	10%	0	0%	990
Hancock	1,332	73%	27	1%	5	0%	1	0%	462	25%	0	0%	1,827
Hardy	346	87%	4	1%	1	0%	0	0%	47	12%	0	0%	398
Harrison	688	99%	5	1%	2	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	696
Jackson	248	90%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	28	10%	0	0%	276
Jefferson	2,060	87%	109	5%	21	1%	10	0%	176	7%	0	0%	2,376
Kanawha	618	77%	35	4%	5	1%	3	0%	143	18%	0	0%	804
Lewis	369	99%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	1	0%	0	0%	372
Lincoln	197	96%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	7	3%	0	0%	206
Logan	359	97%	4	1%	0	0%	0	0%	9	2%	0	0%	372
Marion	656	89%	14	2%	1	0%	4	1%	56	8%	8	1%	739
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mason	478	99%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	0%	0	0%	482
McDowell	296	76%	34	9%	0	0%	0	0%	62	16%	0	0%	392
Mercer	707	77%	16	2%	4	0%	2	0%	195	21%	0	0%	924
Mineral	638	97%	14	2%	2	0%	0	0%	6	1%	0	0%	660
Mingo	237	99%	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	240
Monongalia	1,608	82%	42	2%	45	2%	7	0%	233	12%	17	1%	1,952
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan	1,551	94%	2	0%	6	0%	8	0%	77	5%	0	0%	1,644
Nicholas	526	99%	3	1%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	531
Ohio	3,455	97%	62	2%	30	1%	0	0%	25	1%	0	0%	3,572
Pendleton	103	97%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	0	0%	106
Pleasants	440	91%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	42	9%	0	0%	484
Pocahontas	211	80%	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%	51	19%	0	0%	265
Preston	306	82%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	67	18%	0	0%	373
Putnam	325	86%	1	0%	2	1%	1	0%	2	1%	45	12%	376
Raleigh	752	90%	42	5%	6	1%	5	1%	30	4%	4	0%	839
Randolph	185	99%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	187
Ritchie	397	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	398

Table 3: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Race/Ethnicity and County

	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	Total
Roane	423	93%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	29	6%	0	0%	453
Summers	79	94%	2	2%	2	2%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	84
Taylor	67	51%	2	2%	0	0%	0	0%	63	48%	0	0%	132
Tucker	347	73%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	126	27%	0	0%	474
Tyler	509	98%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	1%	0	0%	518
Upshur	241	92%	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%	16	6%	1	0%	261
Wayne	353	80%	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%	85	19%	0	0%	441
Webster	214	99%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	217
Wetzel	645	99%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%	0	0%	650
Wirt	162	98%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	3	2%	0	0%	166
Wood	237	85%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	41	15%	1	0%	280
Wyoming	246	69%	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	109	30%	0	0%	358
Grand Total:	31,401	90%	698	2%	194	1%	69	0%	2,569	7%	76	0%	35,007*

*1,097 Questionnaires did not answer race.

Age

  The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 4,171 individuals in the "61-65" category to a low of 1,851 individuals in the "over 70" category. A table listing totals for all age categories by county is provided in Table 5 of the Appendix.

Graph 3: Count of Jurors by Age Category
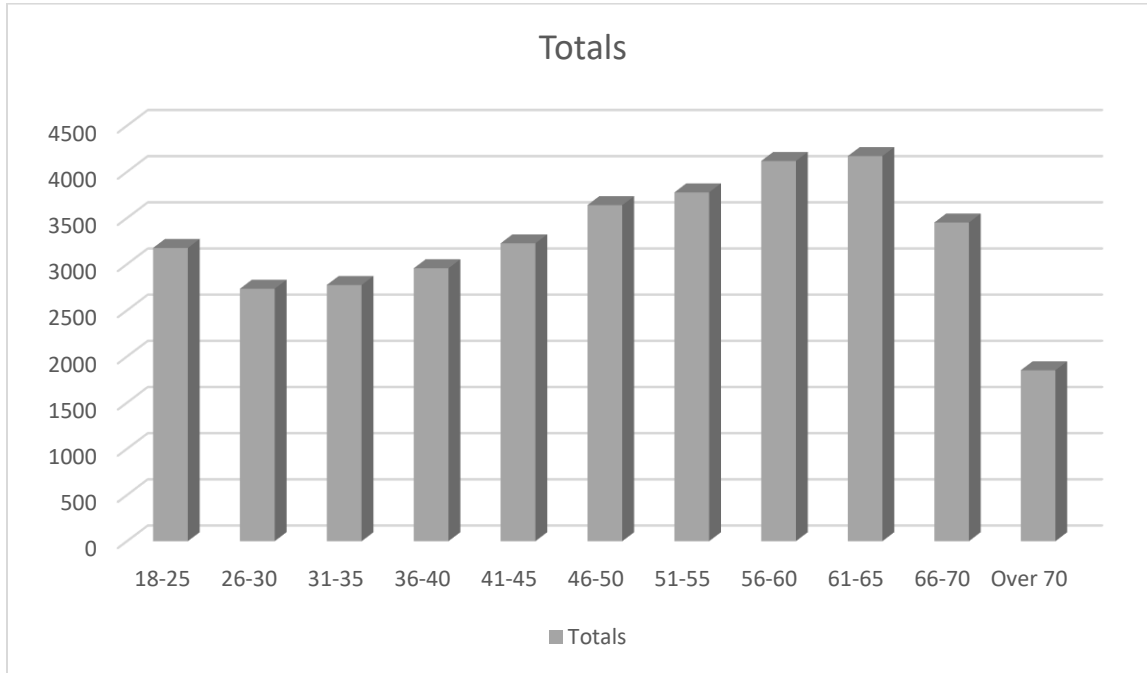
Jury Selection Method

In 2020, 15 counties used the jury wheel and 11 counties used the jury box to select potential jurors. A computer selection method was used in 28 counties.

Graph 4: Juror Selection Methods
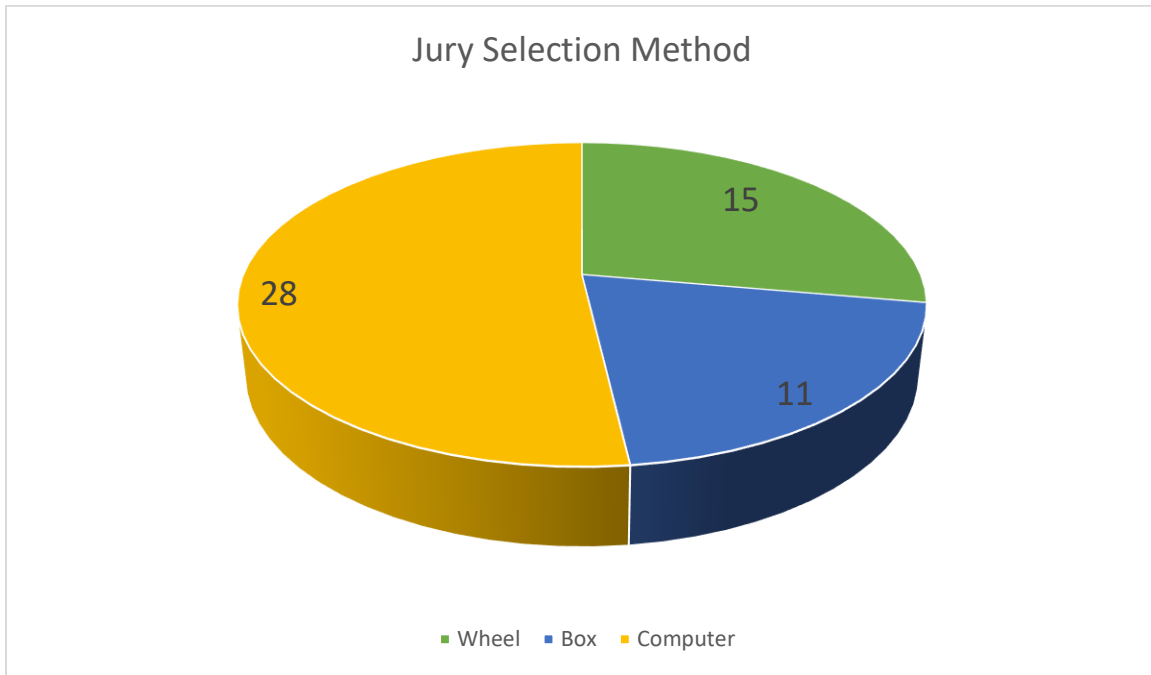
Table 4: Jury Selection Methods by County

Box	Computer		Wheel
	Barbour	Monongalia	Boone
Berkeley	Braxton	Monroe	Cabell
Fayette	Brooke	Morgan	Clay
Gilmer	Calhoun	Pocahontas	Hampshire
Harrison	Doddridge	Preston	Jefferson
Lincoln	Grant	Putnam	Mason
Mercer	Hancock	Roane	McDowell
Nicholas	Hardy	Taylor	Ohio
Raleigh	Jackson	Tucker	Pendleton
Ritchie	Kanawha	Wayne	Pleasants
Wirt	Lewis	Wetzel	Randolph
Wood	Logan	Wyoming	Summers
Total: 11	Marion	**Total: 28**	Tyler
	Marshall		Upshur
	Mineral		Webster
	Mingo		**Total: 15**

Appendix

Table 5: Number of Questionnaires by Age Category and County

	18-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	OVER 70	NO AGE	AGE TOTAL
Barbour	32	22	21	21	25	41	36	37	36	29	22	0	322
Berkeley	338	293	363	342	292	343	380	350	321	170	42	0	3,234
Boone	27	20	22	26	27	28	22	30	35	37	19	0	293
Braxton	35	44	40	46	39	56	33	47	36	47	49	38	510
Brooke	43	44	47	51	57	48	71	72	82	49	19	0	583
Cabell	92	83	93	121	115	103	127	129	117	105	51	0	1,136
Calhoun	69	29	42	36	45	54	61	69	90	69	130	0	694
Clay													
Doddridge	36	31	25	34	30	50	45	69	49	36	16	0	421
Fayette	49	49	46	35	42	55	49	48	62	48	23	0	506
Gilmer	35	22	26	30	36	29	35	38	37	29	7	0	324
Grant	37	15	19	14	26	57	38	48	52	39	14	30	389
Greenbrier	39	33	24	26	33	33	33	43	52	48	18	0	382
Hampshire	83	59	54	57	76	93	97	128	130	130	54	29	990
Hancock	102	108	103	110	156	190	185	210	228	221	214	0	1,827
Hardy	25	19	28	21	31	43	51	63	58	41	10	8	398
Harrison	77	76	72	104	88	103	138	116	98	76	25	0	973
Jackson	25	20	14	23	25	37	30	36	31	23	12	0	276
Jefferson	157	126	189	211	241	285	288	301	268	202	108	0	2,376
Kanawha	56	57	65	68	84	78	73	91	100	94	38	0	804
Lewis	30	30	26	34	44	44	43	50	37	25	9	0	372
Lincoln	22	19	11	15	18	29	24	18	21	19	10	0	206
Logan	47	36	22	36	38	40	33	38	42	34	6	0	372
Marion	59	45	41	46	75	86	81	69	81	69	87	0	739

Table 5: Number of Questionnaires by Age Category and County

Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mason	27	35	39	50	54	53	55	63	65	52	11	0	504
McDowell	46	38	33	32	21	46	34	46	49	45	2	0	392
Mercer	90	79	74	71	82	91	81	108	107	101	40	0	924
Mineral	56	73	37	60	46	77	83	85	96	68	59	0	740
Mingo	32	35	32	32	44	39	48	47	46	39	8	0	402
Monongalia	169	167	192	160	173	137	135	168	147	161	279	64	1,952
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan	136	95	122	92	102	155	187	227	241	214	73	0	1,644
Nicholas	76	56	54	63	52	56	52	49	42	24	7	0	531
Ohio	323	325	322	342	329	351	359	399	457	435	76	0	3,718
Pendleton	11	8	7	7	7	7	14	15	9	16	5	0	106
Pleasants	54	35	37	40	47	59	56	57	43	40	16	0	484
Pocahontas	23	17	21	22	24	21	20	39	45	25	8	0	265
Preston	24	28	26	25	37	33	44	41	45	49	21	0	373
Putnam	25	26	24	35	41	44	41	41	57	32	10	0	376
Raleigh	144	92	77	72	90	82	64	60	70	50	15	23	839
Randolph	20	21	18	13	24	36	34	25	39	22	11	0	263
Ritchie	25	25	25	20	43	37	47	61	60	39	16	0	398
Roane	47	27	26	30	40	39	42	55	51	57	39	0	453
Summers	7	12	4	6	8	4	12	10	7	10	4	0	84
Taylor	17	11	11	12	9	13	17	9	9	11	13	0	132
Tucker	35	36	29	42	42	44	64	76	56	42	8	0	474
Tyler	37	34	29	50	49	63	59	77	57	50	13	0	518
Upshur	26	15	16	18	10	31	26	27	35	21	34	2	261
Wayne	51	34	31	45	43	47	53	40	49	37	11	0	441
Webster	32	27	20	15	22	20	18	19	24	17	3	0	217

Wetzel	56	52	38	40	68	52	85	90	100	68	1	0	650
Wirt	6	8	10	14	16	19	16	23	31	18	5	0	166
Wood	32	16	8	18	17	27	26	31	19	16	68	2	280
Wyoming	34	27	20	23	43	32	33	30	52	52	12	0	358
Grand Total:	3,176	2,734	2,775	2,956	3,226	3,640	3,778	4,118	4,171	3,451	1,851	196	36,072*

*32 questionnaires are missing data for age.