

Juror Qualification Report 2019



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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 2019. 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 Greenbrier submitted an annual report on juror qualification to the Administrative Office.
- A total of 35,362 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Berkeley County (3,148) and Ohio County (3,498) reported the largest number of questionnaires.
- Males completed 47.6% of the questionnaires and females completed 50.4%. The remaining 2% of jurors did not report gender.
- Race: Whites completed 89.2% of the questionnaires, Blacks completed over 2%, and other reported races combined completed less than 1%. Race was not reported or indicated on 7 % of questionnaires.
- There were more jurors (4,064) in the “61-65” age category than any other age category.
- 52% of the counties used the computer to select jurors, 20% used the jury box, and 28% used a wheel selection method.

Results

Counties Reporting

All counties, except Greenbrier, submitted juror qualification reports for activity between January 1 and December 31, 2019.

Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 35,362 individuals (2% of the state population) completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2019. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire ranged from a low of 0 in Hancock and Marshall County to a high of 3,498 in Ohio County. On average, 655 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Barbour	196	Kanawha	1,764	Preston	304
Berkeley	3,148	Lewis	300	Putnam	590
Boone	273	Lincoln	17	Raleigh	807
Braxton	510	Logan	426	Randolph	224
Brooke	623	Marion	491	Ritchie	109
Cabell	1,057	Marshall	0	Roane	368
Calhoun	651	Mason	390	Summers	242
Clay	422	McDowell	339	Taylor	226
Doddridge	219	Mercer	959	Tucker	362
Fayette	431	Mineral	693	Tyler	427
Gilmer	210	Mingo	453	Upshur	327
Grant	516	Monongalia	1,652	Wayne	382
Greenbrier		Monroe	948	Webster	198
Hampshire	975	Morgan	1,210	Wetzel	511
Hancock	0	Nicholas	29	Wirt	171
Hardy	387	Ohio	3,498	Wood	1,858
Harrison	1,042	Pendleton	306	Wyoming	337
Jackson	334	Pleasants	513	West Virginia	35,362
Jefferson	2,611	Pocahontas	326		

Gender

Of the 35,362 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2019, 16,836 were males (47.6%) and 17,830 were females (50.4%). The gender was not reported on 696 questionnaires (2%).

Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender

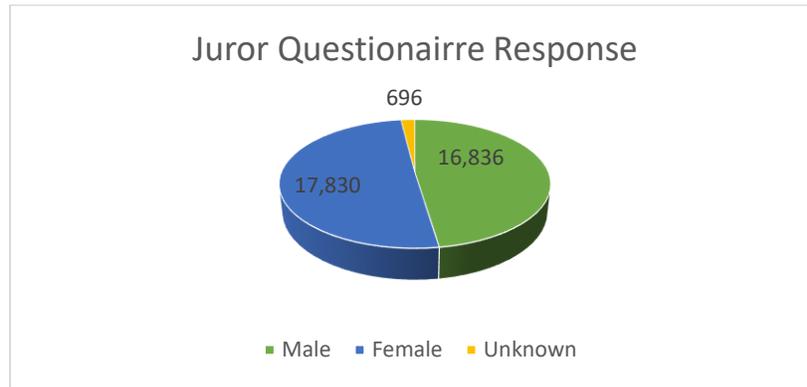


Table 2: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Gender and County

County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Barbour	79.00	40.3%	116.00	59.2%	1	0.5%	196
Berkeley	1,525.00	48.4%	1,623.00	51.6%	0	0.0%	3,148
Boone	149.00	54.6%	120.00	44.0%	4	0.0%	273
Braxton	264.00	51.8%	246.00	48.2%	0	0.8%	510
Brooke	327.00	52.5%	289.00	46.4%	7	0.0%	623
Cabell	535.00	50.6%	496.00	46.9%	26	0.7%	1,057
Calhoun	328.00	50.4%	323.00	49.6%	0	4.0%	651
Clay	193.00	45.7%	200.00	47.4%	29	0.0%	422
Doddridge	96.00	43.8%	122.00	55.7%	1	13.2%	219
Fayette	199.00	46.2%	231.00	53.6%	1	0.2%	431
Gilmer	93.00	44.3%	115.00	54.8%	2	0.5%	210
Grant	243.00	47.1%	272.00	52.7%	1	0.4%	516
Greenbrier							
Hampshire	480.00	49.2%	495.00	50.8%	0	0.1%	975
Hancock	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
Hardy	167.00	43.2%	215.00	55.6%	5	0.0%	387
Harrison	523.00	50.2%	508.00	48.8%	11	0.5%	1,042
Jackson	151.00	45.2%	182.00	54.5%	1	3.3%	334
Jefferson	1,301.00	49.8%	1,295.00	49.6%	15	0.0%	2,611
Kanawha	878.00	49.8%	886.00	50.2%	0	0.9%	1,764
Lewis	130.00	43.3%	170.00	56.7%	0	0.0%	300
Lincoln	5.00	29.4%	12.00	70.6%	0	0.0%	17
Logan	192.00	45.1%	233.00	54.7%	1	0.0%	426

Marion	214.00	43.6%	261.00	53.2%	16	0.2%	491
Marshall	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
Mason	186.00	47.7%	204.00	52.3%	0	0.0%	390
McDowell	167.00	49.3%	166.00	49.0%	6	0.0%	339
Mercer	450.00	46.9%	497.00	51.8%	12	0.6%	959
Mineral	344.00	49.6%	349.00	50.4%	0	1.7%	693
Mingo	208.00	45.9%	239.00	52.8%	6	0.0%	453
Monongalia	770.00	46.6%	882.00	53.4%	0	0.4%	1,652
Monroe	354.00	37.3%	342.00	36.1%	252	0.0%	948
Morgan	583.00	48.2%	626.00	51.7%	1	20.8%	1,210
Nicholas	14.00	48.3%	15.00	51.7%	0	3.4%	29
Ohio	1,640.00	46.9%	1,850.00	52.9%	8	0.0%	3,498
Pendleton	147.00	48.0%	157.00	51.3%	2	2.6%	306
Pleasants	264.00	51.5%	244.00	47.6%	5	0.4%	513
Pocahontas	162.00	49.7%	152.00	46.6%	12	1.5%	326
Preston	159.00	52.3%	143.00	47.0%	2	3.9%	304
Putnam	293.00	49.7%	292.00	49.5%	5	0.3%	590
Raleigh	389.00	48.2%	411.00	50.9%	7	0.6%	807
Randolph	109.00	48.7%	113.00	50.4%	2	3.1%	224
Ritchie	52.00	47.7%	55.00	50.5%	2	1.8%	109
Roane	155.00	42.1%	168.00	45.7%	45	0.5%	368
Summers	110.00	45.5%	125.00	51.7%	7	18.6%	242
Taylor	109.00	48.2%	117.00	51.8%	0	3.1%	226
Tucker	174.00	48.1%	178.00	49.2%	10	0.0%	362
Tyler	222.00	52.0%	205.00	48.0%	0	2.3%	427
Upshur	159.00	48.6%	168.00	51.4%	0	0.0%	327
Wayne	172.00	45.0%	209.00	54.7%	1	0.0%	382
Webster	90.00	45.5%	106.00	53.5%	2	0.5%	198
Wetzel	255.00	49.9%	256.00	50.1%	0	0.4%	511
Wirt	75.00	43.9%	95.00	55.6%	1	0.0%	171
Wood	802.00	43.2%	878.00	47.3%	178	0.1%	1,858
Wyoming	150.00	44.5%	178.00	52.8%	9	52.8%	337
Grand Total:	16,836	47.6%	17,830	50.4%	696	2.0%	35,362

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

Race/Ethnicity

Of the 35,362 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire, 31,541 (89.1 %) reported their race as White. There were 791 Black jurors (2.23%), 199 Asian jurors (0.56%), 99 Native American jurors (0.27%) and 94 (.02%) Hispanic jurors. Race was marked as “other/unknown” for 2,269 jurors (6.41%). This includes questionnaires without a race option selected.

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

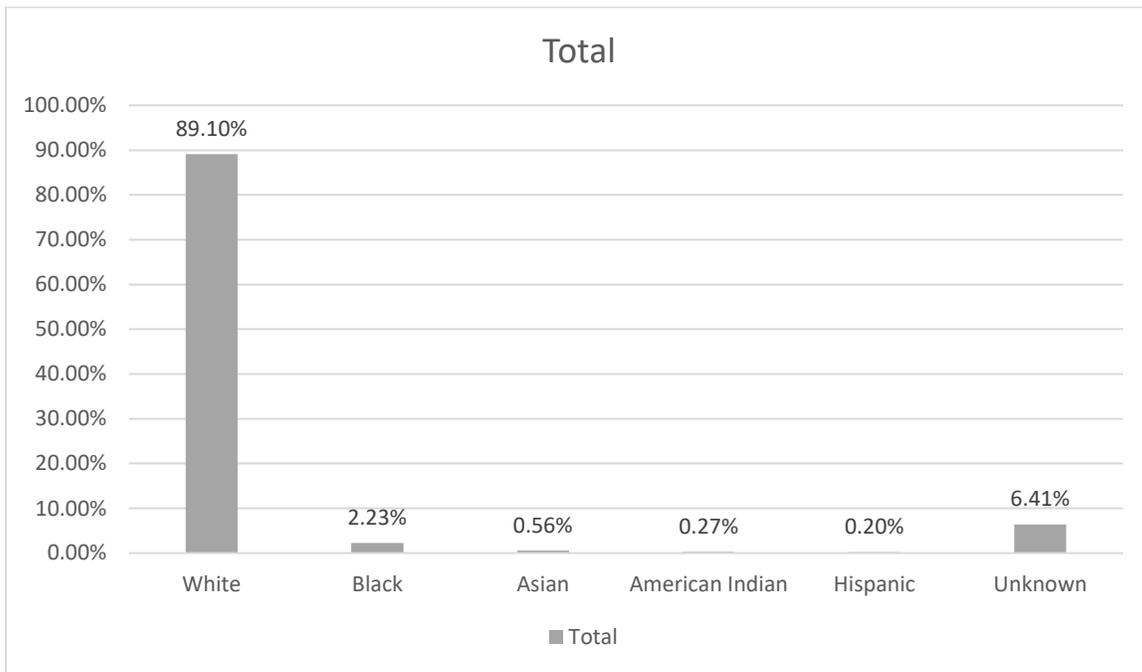


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	White		Black		Asian		American Indian		Other/UNK/Not Reported		Hispanic		Total
Barbour	186	94.90%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	1.02%	8	0.00%	0	0.00%	196
Berkeley	2,902	92.19%	145	4.61%	30	0.95%	15	0.48%	56	0.00%	0	0.00%	3,148
Boone	264	96.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	9	0.00%	0	0.00%	273
Braxton	463	90.78%	7	1.37%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	40	0.00%	0	0.00%	510
Brooke	581	93.26%	5	0.80%	2	0.32%	1	0.16%	34	0.00%	0	0.00%	623
Cabell	945	89.40%	33	3.12%	10	0.95%	1	0.09%	68	0.00%	0	0.00%	1,057
Calhoun	651	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	651
Clay	354	83.89%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	68	0.00%	0	0.00%	422
Doddridge	212	96.80%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	7	0.00%	0	0.00%	219
Fayette	378	87.70%	10	2.32%	2	0.46%	2	0.46%	39	0.00%	0	0.00%	431
Gilmer	206	98.10%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.48%	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	210
Grant	507	98.26%	2	0.39%	0	0.00%	4	0.78%	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	516
Hampshire	946	97.03%	9	0.92%	2	0.21%	1	0.10%	17	0.00%	0	0.00%	975
Hancock	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Hardy	374	96.64%	7	1.81%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	5	0.00%	0	0.00%	387
Harrison	1,024	98.27%	5	0.48%	5	0.48%	0	0.00%	8	0.00%	0	0.00%	1,042
Jackson	324	97.01%	2	0.60%	1	0.30%	2	0.60%	5	0.00%	0	0.00%	334
Jefferson	1,858	71.16%	121	4.63%	26	1.00%	11	0.42%	595	0.00%	0	0.00%	2,611
Kanawha	1,574	89.23%	124	7.03%	13	0.74%	11	0.62%	42	0.00%	0	0.00%	1,764
Lewis	296	98.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.67%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	300
Lincoln	16	94.12%	1	5.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	17
Logan	414	97.18%	8	1.88%	2	0.47%	1	0.23%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	426
Marion	449	91.82%	9	1.84%	3	0.61%	5	1.02%	20	0.00%	3	0.61%	489
Marshall	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Mason	375	96.15%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.77%	12	0.00%	0	0.00%	390
McDowell	307	90.56%	29	8.55%	0	0.00%	2	0.59%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	339
Mercer	805	83.94%	40	4.17%	1	0.10%	5	0.52%	108	0.00%	0	0.00%	959
Mineral	673	96.28%	7	1.00%	2	0.29%	3	0.43%	14	0.00%	0	0.00%	699
Mingo	441	97.35%	4	0.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	8	0.00%	0	0.00%	453
Monongalia	1,379	83.47%	54	3.27%	55	3.33%	1	0.06%	142	0.00%	21	1.27%	1,652
Monroe	164	17.30%	1	0.11%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	783	0.00%	0	0.00%	948
Morgan	1,156	95.54%	9	0.74%	3	0.25%	4	0.33%	38	0.00%	0	0.00%	1,210
Nicholas	27	93.10%	1	3.45%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	29
Ohio	3,289	94.03%	74	2.12%	29	0.83%	7	0.20%	42	0.00%	57	1.63%	3,498
Pendleton	297	97.06%	7	2.29%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	306
Pleasants	496	98.80%	2	0.40%	0	0.00%	2	0.40%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	502
Pocahontas	316	96.93%	3	0.92%	0	0.00%	2	0.61%	5	0.00%	0	0.00%	326
Preston	300	98.68%	2	0.66%	1	0.33%	1	0.33%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	304
Putnam	560	94.92%	5	0.85%	2	0.34%	2	0.34%	21	0.00%	0	0.00%	590
Raleigh	739	91.57%	47	5.82%	4	0.50%	4	0.50%	7	0.00%	6	0.74%	807
Randolph	216	96.43%	1	0.45%	1	0.45%	0	0.00%	6	0.00%	0	0.00%	224
Ritchie	105	98.13%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	107

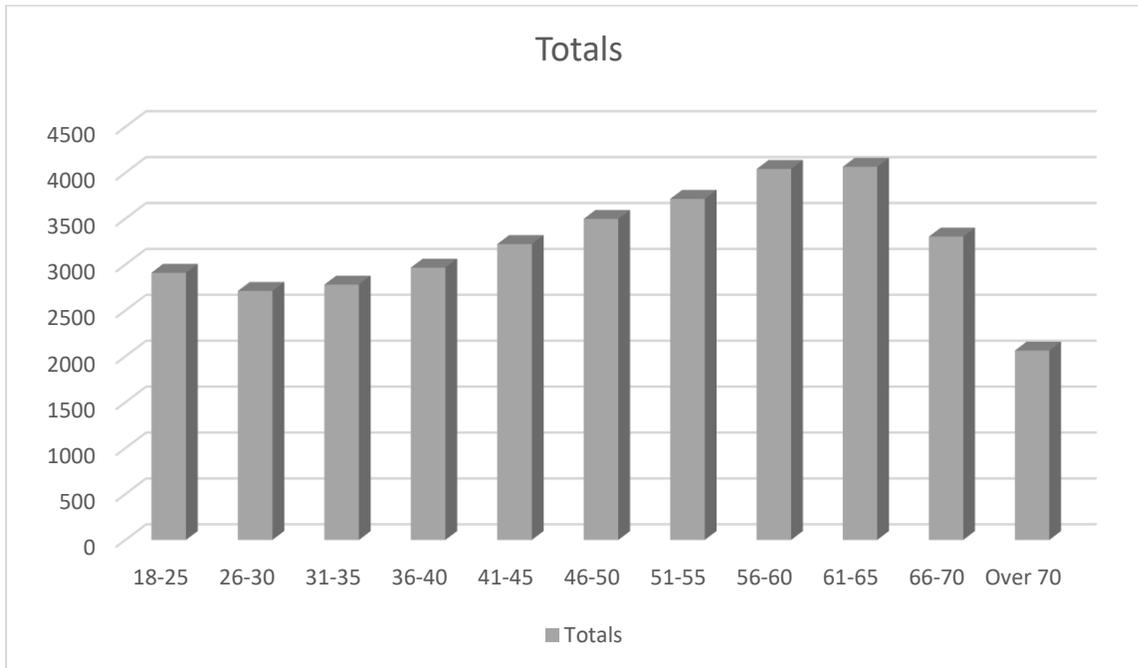
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Roane	358	97.28%	0	0.00%	1	0.27%	2	0.54%	7	0.00%	0	0.00%	368
Summers	231	95.45%	3	1.24%	2	0.83%	0	0.00%	6	0.00%	0	0.00%	242
Taylor	116	51.33%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	110	0.00%	0	0.00%	226
Tucker	356	98.34%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6	0.00%	0	0.00%	362
Tyler	423	99.06%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4	0.00%	0	0.00%	427
Upshur	322	98.47%	1	0.31%	1	0.31%	1	0.31%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	327
Wayne	378	98.95%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	382
Webster	197	99.49%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	198
Wetzel	502	98.24%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	9	0.00%	0	0.00%	511
Wirt	170	99.42%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	171
Wood	1,595	85.84%	10	0.54%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	246	0.00%	7	0.38%	1,858
Wyoming	324	96.14%	2	0.59%	0	0.00%	1	0.30%	10	0.00%	0	0.00%	337
Grand Total:	31,541	89.22%	791	2.24%	199	0.56%	99	0.28%	2,629	7.44%	94	0.27%	35,353

Age

The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 4,064 individuals (11.4%) in the “61-65” category to a low of 2,063 individuals (5.8%) 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 2018, 19 counties (35%) used the jury wheel and 7 counties (13%) used the jury box to select potential jurors. A computer selection method was used in 28 counties (52%).

Graph 4: Juror Selection Methods

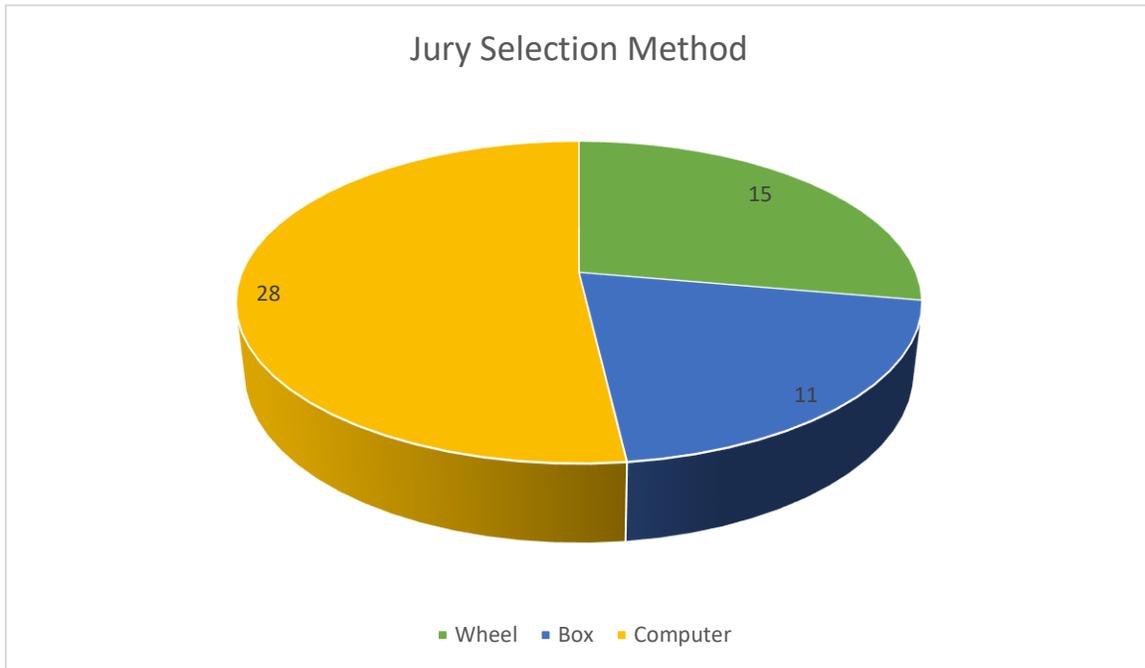


Table 4: Jury Selection Methods by County

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

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	21	20	13	12	17	18	13	28	24	18	12	0	196
Berkeley	244	258	297	323	306	337	372	419	315	210	67	0	3,148
Boone	30	21	16	26	26	28	27	33	36	19	11	0	273
Braxton	33	56	36	39	44	47	43	50	56	45	56	5	510
Brooke	36	44	44	46	57	57	68	90	84	78	19	0	623
Cabell	84	72	80	97	116	109	126	122	122	93	36	0	1,057
Calhoun	27	36	24	50	51	49	55	72	81	73	133	0	651
Clay	37	32	21	35	32	45	37	44	57	40	42	0	422
Doddridge	13	21	8	16	16	19	27	33	27	27	12	0	219
Fayette	40	24	42	48	49	43	38	46	53	29	19	0	431
Gilmer	10	14	20	22	16	17	26	35	25	20	5	0	210
Grant	34	47	43	42	44	52	52	64	71	47	19	0	515
Hampshire	64	60	69	63	93	110	109	140	120	109	38	0	975
Hancock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardy	25	26	29	25	30	44	45	51	54	46	12	0	387
Harrison	78	73	87	88	91	104	125	142	129	98	27	0	1,042
Jackson	21	21	20	26	29	38	41	40	48	38	12	0	334
Jefferson	168	157	183	219	259	316	330	291	282	225	181	0	2,611
Kanawha	116	129	126	143	182	162	159	221	245	198	83	0	1,764
Lewis	36	19	17	18	23	38	37	35	42	23	12	0	300
Lincoln	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	2	4	1	1	0	17
Logan	49	49	30	35	50	43	39	39	44	43	5	0	426

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Marion	41	37	36	28	34	46	55	48	50	47	69	0	491
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mason	28	23	32	43	42	36	39	42	46	46	13	0	390
McDowell	37	37	28	34	34	33	26	36	42	29	3	0	339
Mercer	93	85	67	75	89	101	95	103	111	105	35	0	959
Mineral	39	40	60	59	67	73	97	86	77	74	27	0	699
Mingo	38	44	33	43	46	48	49	52	42	54	4	0	453
Monongalia	186	176	167	156	130	113	153	116	122	99	185	49	1,652
Monroe	53	68	73	64	73	65	95	82	78	83	214	0	948
Morgan	102	57	74	83	105	115	151	164	175	123	61	0	1,210
Nicholas	3	3	1	3	3	5	2	5	2	1	1	0	29
Ohio	337	308	350	317	320	320	313	367	416	363	87	0	3,498
Pendleton	21	21	25	18	27	29	43	43	43	24	12	0	306
Pleasants	47	43	44	50	35	53	68	64	57	36	16	0	513
Pocahontas	23	20	27	22	30	29	32	44	46	44	9	0	326
Preston	36	18	21	24	27	20	33	33	42	40	10	0	304
Putnam	35	23	37	61	61	75	70	70	83	53	21	1	590
Raleigh	138	104	85	88	91	69	53	53	63	47	11	5	807
Randolph	16	18	19	16	21	23	25	30	18	29	8	1	224
Ritchie	9	5	9	4	6	11	14	17	11	15	6	0	107
Roane	23	26	27	24	25	39	38	38	51	52	25	0	368
Summers	8	7	15	18	26	22	22	39	42	30	13	0	242
Taylor	17	14	15	22	29	22	23	21	25	19	19	0	226
Tucker	28	33	21	32	25	38	45	45	52	34	4	5	362
Tyler	24	31	37	29	38	56	53	61	48	46	4	0	427
Upshur	32	24	23	28	27	36	24	32	34	25	42	0	327

Table 5: Number of Questionnaires by Age Category and County

Wayne	48	24	26	29	39	43	31	43	51	37	11	0	382
Webster	28	26	17	18	13	24	17	18	23	14	0	0	198
Wetzel	45	52	43	39	26	64	63	69	56	52	2	0	511
Wirt	9	7	15	20	12	17	23	21	26	16	5	0	171
Wood	173	139	127	117	143	159	152	161	169	154	341	23	1,858
Wyoming	27	20	22	28	46	35	38	41	44	33	3	0	337
Grand Total:	2,910	2,712	2,781	2,966	3,223	3,497	3,715	4,041	4,064	3,304	2,063	89	35,365