

# Juror Qualification Report

## 2021



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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 2021. 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

- A total of 34,698 juror qualification questionnaires were completed. Berkeley County (2,715) and Ohio County (3,756) reported the largest number of questionnaires.
- Males completed 49.2 percent of the questionnaires and females completed 50.4 percent. The remaining 0.4 percent of jurors did not report gender.
- Race: People who identify as white completed 93 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 4 percent of questionnaires.
- There were more jurors (4,181) in the “61-65” age category than any other age category.
- Ninety-six percent of the counties used a jury wheel from computer software to select jurors, 4 percent used the jury box.

## Results

### Total Jurors Qualified

A total of 34,698 individuals (2 percent of the state population) completed juror qualification questionnaires in 2021. The number of individuals completing the questionnaire in each county ranged from a low of 0 to a high of 3,756. On average, 631 individuals completed questionnaires per county.

*Table 1: Number of Questionnaires by County*

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Barbour	202	Kanawha	984	Preston	442
Berkeley	2,715	Lewis	397	Putnam	443
Boone	227	Lincoln	206	Raleigh	626
Braxton	525	Logan	260	Randolph	252
Brooke	513	Marion	1,093	Ritchie	338
Cabell	1,187	Marshall	1	Roane	403
Calhoun	693	Mason	436	Summers	248
Clay	0	McDowell	314	Taylor	92
Doddridge	172	Mercer	526	Tucker	343
Fayette	467	Mineral	671	Tyler	595
Gilmer	328	Mingo	1	Upshur	381
Grant	607	Monongalia	2,429	Wayne	460
Greenbrier	407	Monroe	160	Webster	210
Hampshire	990	Morgan	1,677	Wetzel	538
Hancock	1,649	Nicholas	434	Wirt	121
Hardy	398	Ohio	3,756	Wood	63
Harrison	973	Pendleton	105	Wyoming	279
Jackson	263	Pleasants	244	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>34,698</b>
Jefferson	2,569	Pocahontas	285		

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

**Gender**

Of the 34,698 jurors who completed a juror qualification questionnaire in 2021, 17,009 were male (49 percent) and 17,516 were female (50.5 percent). Gender was not reported on 173 questionnaires (0.4 percent).

Graph 1: Percent of Jurors by Gender

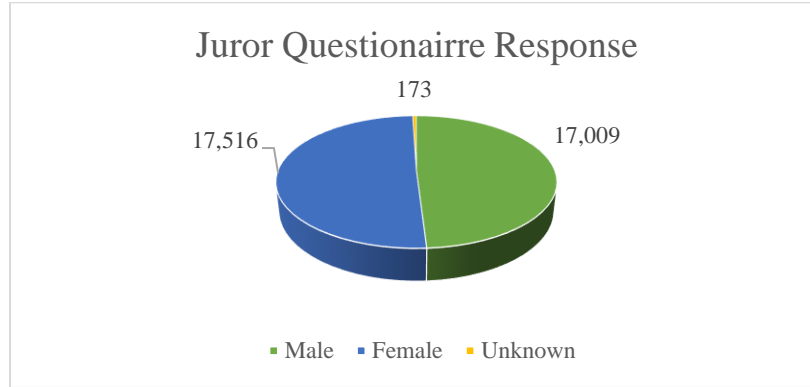


Table 2: Number and Percent of Questionnaires by Gender and County

County	Male		Female		Not Reported		Total
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Barbour	101	50%	101	50%	0	0%	202
Berkeley	1,309	48%	1,406	52%	0	0%	2,715
Boone	107	47%	119	52%	1	0%	227
Braxton	257	49%	268	51%	0	0%	525
Brooke	265	52%	248	48%	0	0%	513
Cabell	594	50%	579	49%	14	1%	1,187
Calhoun	352	51%	341	49%	0	0%	693
Clay	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
Doddridge	98	57%	73	42%	1	1%	172
Fayette	229	49%	236	51%	2	0%	467
Gilmer	154	47%	173	53%	1	0%	328
Grant	308	51%	294	48%	5	1%	607
Greenbrier	187	46%	220	54%	0	0%	407
Hampshire	465	47%	492	50%	33	3%	990
Hancock	824	50%	774	47%	51	3%	1,649
Hardy	192	48%	206	52%	0	0%	398
Harrison	495	51%	477	49%	1	0%	973
Jackson	134	51%	129	49%	0	0%	263
Jefferson	1,231	48%	1,334	52%	4	0%	2,569
Kanawha	485	49%	497	51%	2	0%	984
Lewis	203	51%	194	49%	0	0%	397
Lincoln	100	49%	106	51%	0	0%	206
Logan	130	50%	127	49%	3	1%	260
Marion	486	44%	580	53%	27	2%	1,093

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Marshall	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1
Mason	209	48%	226	52%	1	0%	436
McDowell	131	42%	181	58%	2	1%	314
Mercer	259	49%	265	50%	2	0%	526
Mineral	343	51%	327	49%	1	0%	671
Mingo	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1
Monongalia	1,206	50%	1,223	50%	0	0%	2,429
Monroe	84	53%	76	48%	0	0%	160
Morgan	823	49%	851	51%	3	0%	1,677
Nicholas	198	46%	236	54%	0	0%	434
Ohio	1,827	49%	1,928	51%	1	0%	3,756
Pendleton	52	50%	53	50%	0	0%	105
Pleasants	128	52%	116	48%	0	0%	244
Pocahontas	147	52%	138	48%	0	0%	285
Preston	248	56%	193	44%	1	0%	442
Putnam	232	52%	210	47%	1	0%	443
Raleigh	313	50%	312	50%	1	0%	626
Randolph	116	46%	136	54%	0	0%	252
Ritchie	174	51%	164	49%	0	0%	338
Roane	189	47%	212	53%	2	0%	403
Summers	107	43%	136	55%	5	2%	248
Taylor	51	55%	41	45%	0	0%	92
Tucker	164	48%	179	52%	0	0%	343
Tyler	308	52%	287	48%	0	0%	595
Upshur	172	45%	209	55%	0	0%	381
Wayne	237	52%	223	48%	0	0%	460
Webster	94	45%	116	55%	0	0%	210
Wetzel	276	51%	262	49%	0	0%	538
Wirt	58	48%	63	52%	0	0%	121
Wood	25	40%	31	49%	7	11%	63
Wyoming	130	47%	148	53%	1	0%	279
<b>Total:</b>	17,009	49%	17,516	50%	173	0.4%	34,698

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

**Race/Ethnicity**

Of the 34,256 jurors who completed the race portion of the juror qualification questionnaire, 31,780 (93 percent) reported their race as white. Another 694 (2 percent) reported their race as black, 199 (0.5 percent) reported their race as Asian, 114 (0.3 percent) reported their race as Native American and 146 (0.4 percent) reported their race as Hispanic. Race was marked as “other/unknown” or not marked at all by 1,323 jurors (4 percent).

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

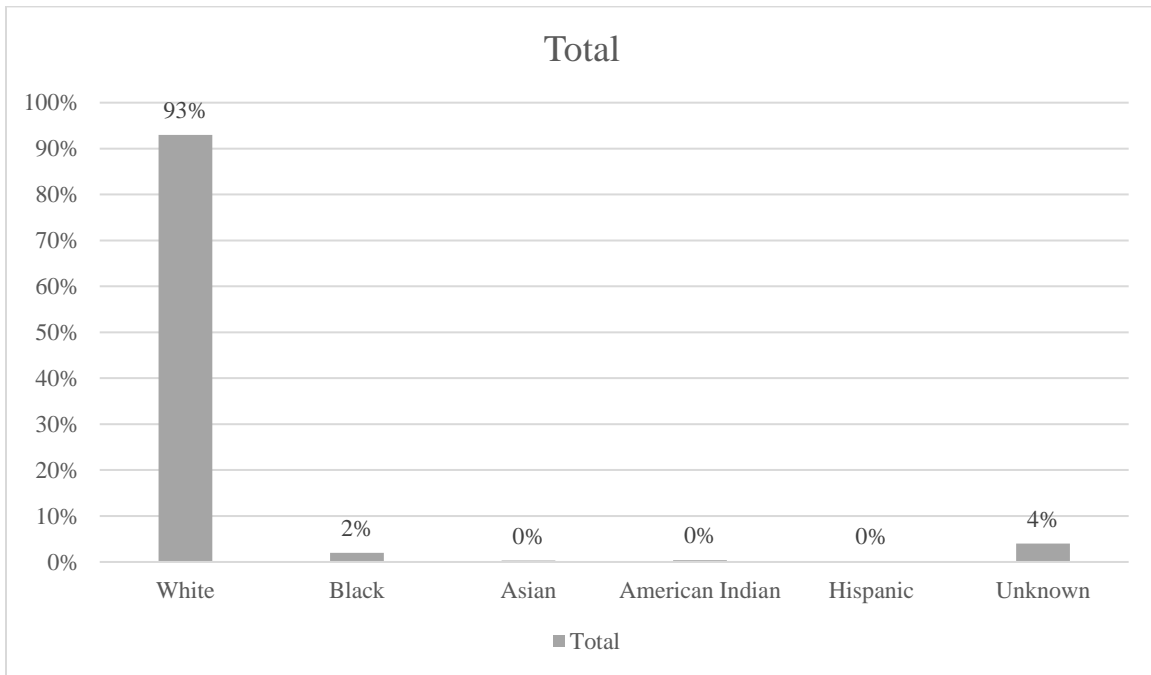


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	White		Black		Asian		American Indian		Other/UNK/Not Reported		Hispanic		Total
<b>Barbour</b>	194	96%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	6	3%	202
<b>Berkeley</b>	2,492	92%	147	5%	15	1%	13	0%	0	0%	48	2%	2,715
<b>Boone</b>	219	96%	3	1%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	3	1%	227
<b>Braxton</b>	353	67%	12	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	160	30%	525
<b>Brooke</b>	502	98%	3	1%	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%	6	1%	513
<b>Cabell</b>	1,106	95%	44	4%	7	1%	1	0%	0	0%	6	1%	1,164
<b>Calhoun</b>	693	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	693
<b>Clay</b>	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
<b>Doddridge</b>	164	95%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	7	4%	172
<b>Fayette</b>	433	93%	15	3%	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%	17	4%	467
<b>Gilmer</b>	318	97%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%	8	2%	328
<b>Grant</b>	587	97%	3	0%	4	1%	1	0%	0	0%	12	2%	607
<b>Greenbrier</b>	363	96%	11	3%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	377
<b>Hampshire</b>	889	90%	4	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	96	10%	990
<b>Hancock</b>	1,523	92%	29	2%	6	0%	1	0%	77	5%	13	1%	1,649
<b>Hardy</b>	365	92%	8	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	25	6%	398
<b>Harrison</b>	688	99%	5	1%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	696
<b>Jackson</b>	258	98%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4	2%	263
<b>Jefferson</b>	2,303	90%	114	4%	41	2%	11	0%	0	0%	100	4%	2,569
<b>Kanawha</b>	882	90%	69	7%	7	1%	7	1%	0	0%	19	2%	984
<b>Lewis</b>	393	99%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	397
<b>Lincoln</b>	197	96%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	7	3%	206
<b>Logan</b>	240	92%	4	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	16	6%	260
<b>Marion</b>	996	95%	24	2%	3	0%	1	0%	8	1%	16	2%	1,048
<b>Marshall</b>	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1
<b>Mason</b>	402	100%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	404
<b>McDowell</b>	265	95%	11	4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%	279
<b>Mercer</b>	467	89%	14	3%	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%	41	8%	526
<b>Mineral</b>	624	93%	15	2%	5	1%	27	4%	0	0%	0	0%	671
<b>Mingo</b>	1	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1
<b>Monongalia</b>	1,973	81%	48	2%	49	2%	10	0%	21	1%	328	14%	2,429
<b>Monroe</b>	150	94%	2	1%	8	5%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	160
<b>Morgan</b>	1,578	94%	2	0%	6	0%	6	0%	0	0%	85	5%	1,677
<b>Nicholas</b>	427	98%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	7	2%	434
<b>Ohio</b>	3,608	96%	58	2%	20	1%	3	0%	39	1%	28	1%	3,756
<b>Pendleton</b>	104	99%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	105
<b>Pleasants</b>	244	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	244
<b>Pocahontas</b>	277	97%	0	0%	1	0%	2	1%	0	0%	5	2%	285
<b>Preston</b>	426	96%	3	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	12	3%	442
<b>Putnam</b>	426	96%	3	1%	3	1%	9	2%	0	0%	2	0%	443
<b>Raleigh</b>	589	94%	25	4%	7	1%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%	626

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<b>Randolph</b>	223	88%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	28	11%	252
<b>Ritchie</b>	335	99%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	338
<b>Roane</b>	380	94%	0	0%	2	0%	1	0%	0	0%	20	5%	403
<b>Summers</b>	233	94%	5	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	10	4%	248
<b>Taylor</b>	38	41%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	54	59%	92
<b>Tucker</b>	316	92%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	26	8%	343
<b>Tyler</b>	587	99%	0	0%	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%	4	1%	595
<b>Upshur</b>	335	88%	2	1%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	42	11%	381
<b>Wayne</b>	434	94%	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	22	5%	460
<b>Webster</b>	208	99%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%	210
<b>Wetzel</b>	537	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	538
<b>Wirt</b>	119	98%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	121
<b>Wood</b>	52	83%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	10	16%	63
<b>Wyoming</b>	263	94%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	15	5%	279
<b>Grand Total:</b>	31,780	93%	694	2%	199	1%	114	0%	146	0%	1,323	4%	34,256

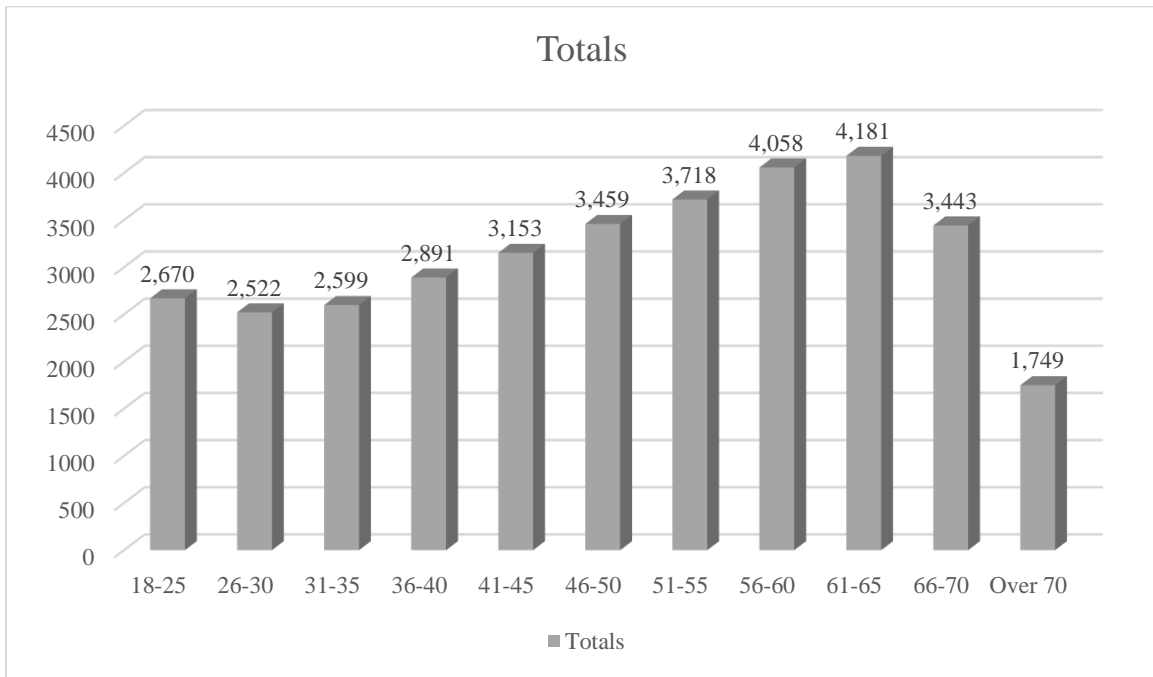


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**Age**

The number of individuals in each age increment ranged from a high of 4,181 individuals in the “61-65” category to a low of 1,749 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 2021, all but two counties used the jury wheel from computer software. Mercer and Wirt indicated they used a box method.

Table 5: Number of Questionnaires by Age Category and County

## Appendix

	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
<b>Barbour</b>	22	16	12	20	21	16	10	30	19	17	19	0	202
<b>Berkeley</b>	237	203	260	293	295	330	321	331	289	114	42	0	2,715
<b>Boone</b>	12	14	14	18	18	18	24	32	35	21	21	0	227
<b>Braxton</b>	39	48	40	38	44	48	53	47	43	56	54	15	525
<b>Brooke</b>	34	38	41	33	45	49	66	64	73	55	15	0	513
<b>Cabell</b>	84	99	82	109	113	129	137	130	142	116	47	0	1,188
<b>Calhoun</b>	47	31	38	49	50	35	55	77	78	77	156	0	693
<b>Clay</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Doddridge</b>	10	16	5	12	16	32	20	32	11	10	8	0	172
<b>Fayette</b>	48	42	28	40	57	57	32	36	63	48	16	0	467
<b>Gilmer</b>	23	21	28	25	29	31	35	52	41	35	8	0	328
<b>Grant</b>	46	48	46	46	45	52	71	81	62	57	26	27	607
<b>Greenbrier</b>	34	26	32	29	33	36	44	61	50	31	32	0	408
<b>Hampshire</b>	83	59	54	57	76	93	97	128	130	130	54	29	990
<b>Hancock</b>	83	92	111	128	131	165	215	203	233	238	50	0	1,649
<b>Hardy</b>	27	20	31	29	27	40	42	57	62	49	14	0	398
<b>Harrison</b>	77	76	72	104	88	103	138	116	98	76	25	0	973
<b>Jackson</b>	13	21	21	21	25	19	25	31	37	32	18	0	263
<b>Jefferson</b>	141	138	168	216	247	284	331	375	301	280	88	0	2,569
<b>Kanawha</b>	78	69	70	72	93	103	91	117	135	112	44	0	984
<b>Lewis</b>	26	30	29	40	45	53	48	59	46	21	0	0	397
<b>Lincoln</b>	22	19	11	15	18	29	24	18	21	19	10	0	206
<b>Logan</b>	17	14	15	24	30	31	31	32	43	17	6	0	260

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<b>Marion</b>	113	84	66	72	81	85	81	119	104	117	171	0	1,093
<b>Marshall</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Mason</b>	30	31	24	32	45	48	44	57	55	58	12	0	436
<b>McDowell</b>	29	30	30	22	31	32	37	24	39	35	5	0	314
<b>Mercer</b>	39	34	44	38	56	71	47	57	68	51	21	0	526
<b>Mineral</b>	35	54	48	57	69	69	69	83	91	75	21	0	671
<b>Mingo</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Monongalia</b>	223	206	203	244	194	171	167	156	205	171	304	185	2,429
<b>Monroe</b>	11	9	8	15	18	13	11	24	23	14	18	0	164
<b>Morgan</b>	141	97	125	95	105	160	192	228	243	216	75	0	1,677
<b>Nicholas</b>	48	41	46	42	45	45	59	35	33	31	9	0	434
<b>Ohio</b>	260	320	320	369	369	351	379	395	500	425	68	0	3,756
<b>Pendleton</b>	5	8	7	9	8	7	12	19	15	10	5	0	105
<b>Pleasants</b>	15	23	23	27	22	28	25	30	34	15	2	0	244
<b>Pocahontas</b>	33	16	31	28	18	24	27	28	43	28	9	0	285
<b>Preston</b>	20	32	40	38	39	39	63	52	57	53	9	0	442
<b>Putnam</b>	23	30	23	31	43	44	45	65	69	45	25	0	443
<b>Raleigh</b>	85	74	62	56	62	82	53	57	46	35	14	0	626
<b>Randolph</b>	15	14	11	18	23	37	34	40	23	29	8	0	252
<b>Ritchie</b>	20	17	19	25	41	32	39	45	47	42	11	0	338
<b>Roane</b>	22	23	21	20	35	39	48	50	61	54	30	0	403
<b>Summers</b>	16	22	9	14	19	14	20	33	38	43	20	0	248
<b>Taylor</b>	6	7	6	5	9	8	5	6	15	12	13	0	92
<b>Tucker</b>	21	16	27	32	28	43	41	49	46	36	4	0	343
<b>Tyler</b>	42	38	42	49	66	72	65	69	86	57	9	0	595
<b>Upshur</b>	46	29	30	17	27	28	37	29	29	24	80	0	381
<b>Wayne</b>	48	34	39	40	45	44	57	42	40	50	21	0	460

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<b>Webster</b>	33	25	20	13	22	21	16	18	25	16	1	0	210
<b>Wetzel</b>	41	39	37	39	53	61	76	79	69	44	0	0	538
<b>Wirt</b>	6	5	8	11	6	9	18	19	16	16	7	0	121
<b>Wood</b>	7	3	3	2	3	4	6	7	6	6	16	0	63
<b>Wyoming</b>	34	21	19	13	24	25	35	34	42	24	8	0	279
<b>Grand Total:</b>	2,670	2,522	2,599	2,891	3,153	3,459	3,718	4,058	4,181	3,443	1,749	256	34,698