



JACKSON COUNTY 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT CARD



WINS

Jackson County School System
Ranked 3rd of 55 counties on School Digger with a 5-Star rating.

WV had highest quarter in 2019 for personal income growth 5.6% in the country, 2nd highest earnings increase and 4th lowest increase in government benefits

Paid off all direct debt of the JCDA

Full Occupancy of all Industrial, manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities in the county.

Awarded AEROReady Certification



Received two Opportunity Zone designations for Ravenswood and Millwood in Jackson County.

Partnered with Advantage Valley for regional marketing opportunities.



Healthcare

Officials with Jackson General Hospital completed the merger with WVU Medicine



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Business Retention & Expansion

35 Industry visits which provided technical assistance and updates to industry of programs available to them.



2.9% Unemployment

Jackson County has the lowest unemployment in recorded history in 2019 with a low of 2.9%



Business Registration

Jackson County has led the state in new business registration.

1. Assisted 32 businesses with entrepreneur business loans with the WVEDA, SBA, and MOVRC
2. 10.51 % increase over previous years
3. JCDA facilitated \$5.2 million dollars in small business loans

86.5%

Jackson County USA Leader

Based upon US Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis Jackson County was Named fastest growing small county of less than 100,000 in the U.S. for 2018. This represents an 86.5% increase over previous year.

116

Entrepreneurship

Based upon data provided by the WV Secretary of State, Jackson County had 116 new corporations established in 2019.



Constellium

Awarded multi-year contract with Blue Origin

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Jackson County businesses received WV Governors Commendation Award for exporting including Constellium, Mustang Sampling and J&M Industrial

Additional Accomplishments

- Completed the TransCanada Control facility
- Completed the Mountaineer X-Press Compressor Station
- Continue to work with State officials on the former Century property
- Purchased the former BB&T in conjunction with the City of Ravenswood.
- 97% goals accomplished from Strategic Plan
- 10 Jackson County companies expanded internationally
- Attended 2 domestic tradeshow and 2 international tradeshow and a site consultant event.
- Hosted clients from 8 different companies