

Economic Outlook for the State of West Virginia

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Model



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West Virginia State Economy

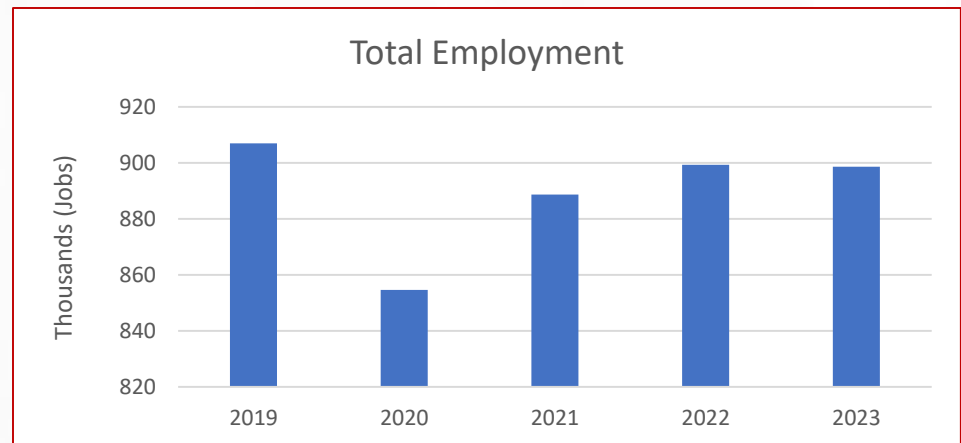
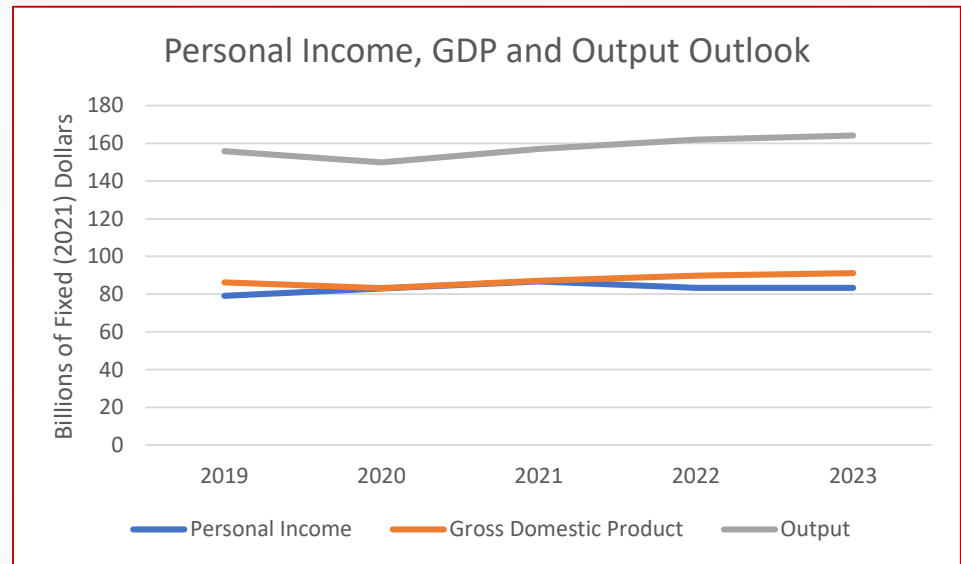


- WV's **lush forests** support lumber, fine finished wood products, and a thriving tourism sector
- Tiny agriculture sector due to poor soil, but some cattle/dairy **grazing, poultry**, and **egg** production
- Mining: large **coal & petroleum** deposits, also rich **clay, sand, & limestone**
- Nearly all electricity is generated by **burning coal**
- Vibrant **Appalachian** cultural traditions kept alive

Short-Term Outlook: West Virginia



- Years 2019-2023
- Growth 2020-2021
 - Personal income : 4.4%
 - GDP: 4.7%
 - Output: 4.8%
 - Employment: 34 thousand jobs
- Uncertainty



Data Sources

- Baseline (Standard National Control)
 - BLS Forecast Data
- Economic Forecast Update March 2021
 - 2019-2020 historical data from BEA
 - The U.S. Economic Outlook for 2020-2022 from the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics (RSQE)
 - An update to the Economics Outlook from CBO
 - Includes \$1.6 trillion stimulus, additional vaccination, and additional consumer spending¹

REMI Regional Growth Matrix: Economic & Demographic Factors



Economic Factors

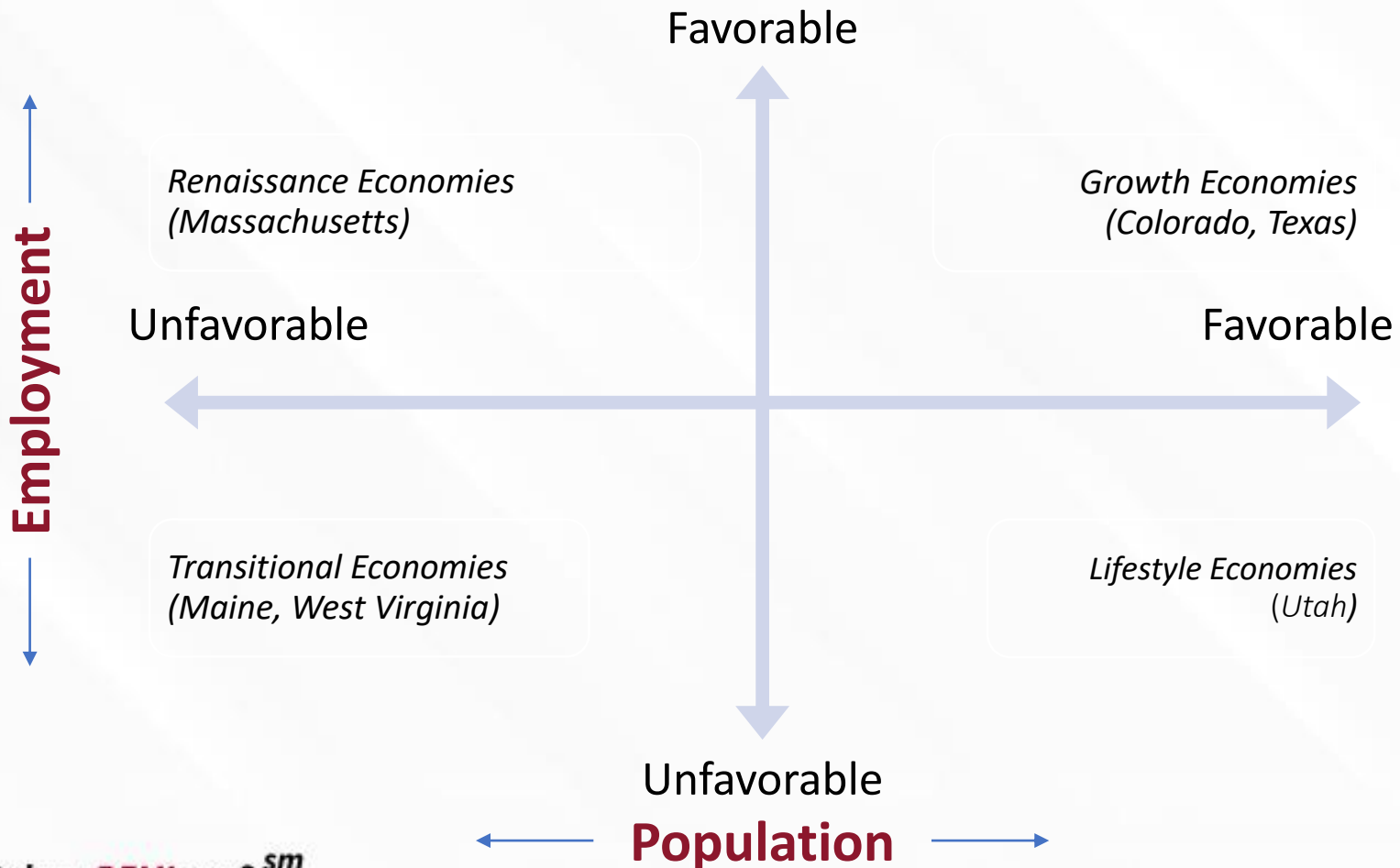
	Industry Growth	Industry Clusters	Pay	Productivity	Business Cost
Favorable	Growing	Strong	High-paid industries	High	Low
Unfavorable	Declining	Weak	Low-paid industries	Low	High

Demographic Factors

	Population Age	Retirees	Immigration	Amenities	Housing Cost
Favorable	Younger	Gains retirees	Immigration gateway	High	Low
Unfavorable	Older	Loses retirees	Low internat'l immigration	Low	High

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Regional Growth Matrix



Growth Matrix

Difference in Growth from US Average (2021-2022)

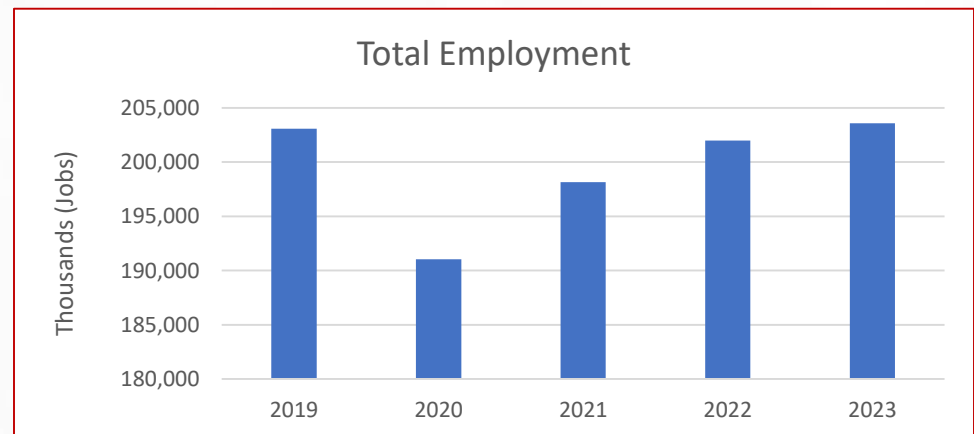
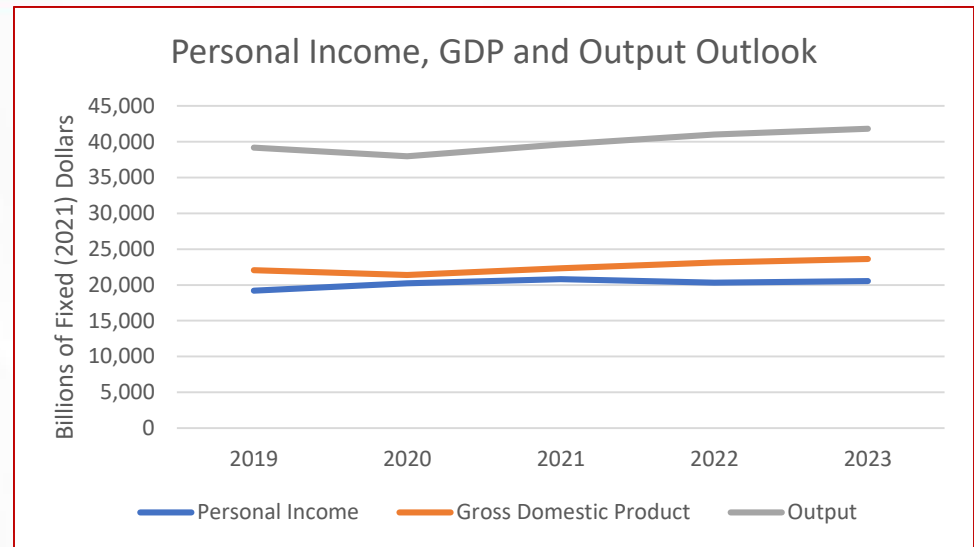


National Outlook

Short-Term Outlook: the U.S.

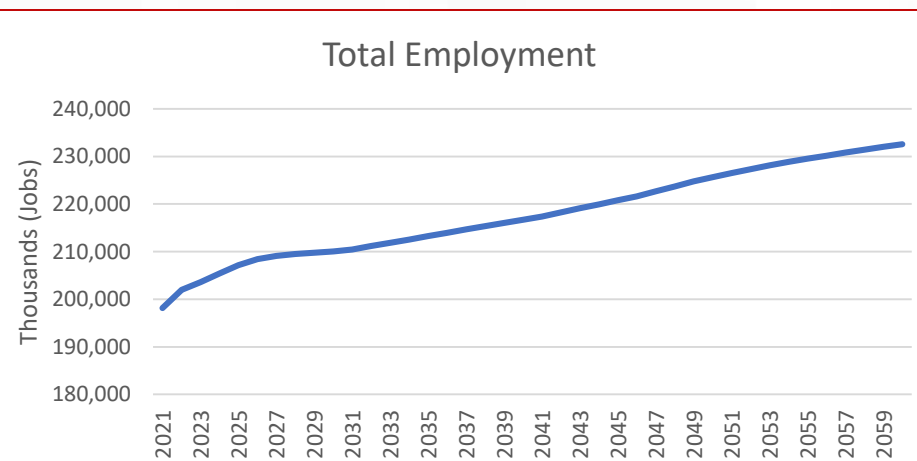
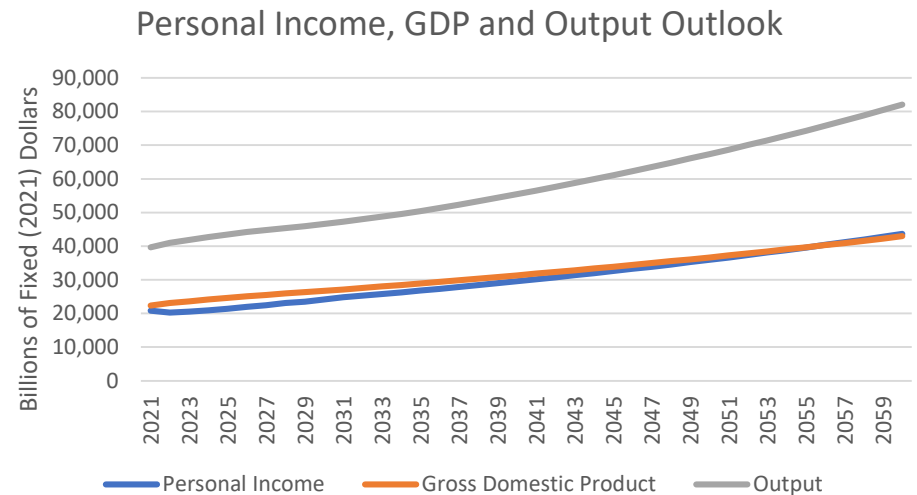


- Years 2019-2023
- Growth 2020-2021
 - Personal income: 2.9%
 - GDP: 4.4%
 - Output: 4.4%
 - Employment: +7 million jobs



Long-Term Outlook: The U.S.

- Years 2021-2060
- Average growth / year
 - Personal income: 1.9%
 - GDP: 1.8%
 - Output: 1.9%
- Total employment: +1,038 thousand jobs



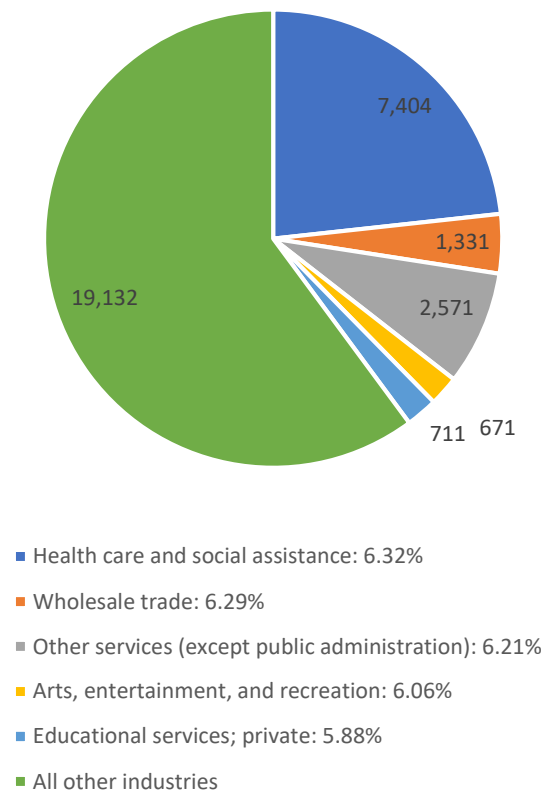
Regional Outlook: West Virginia

Short-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



- Industries with largest employment growth rates in 2021
- 2020 - 2021: 12,688 jobs increasing in the top 5 fast growing industries

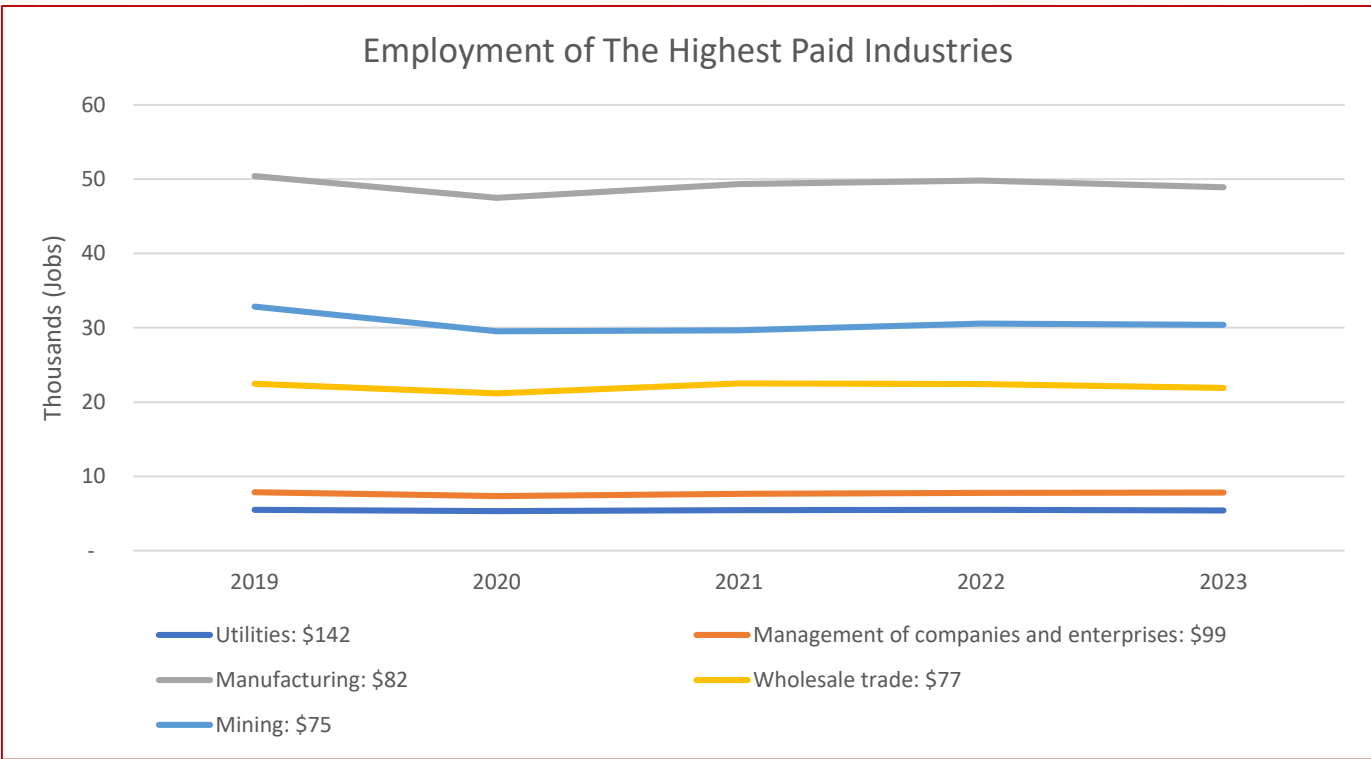
Job Increase in The Fastest Growing Industries in 2021



Short-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



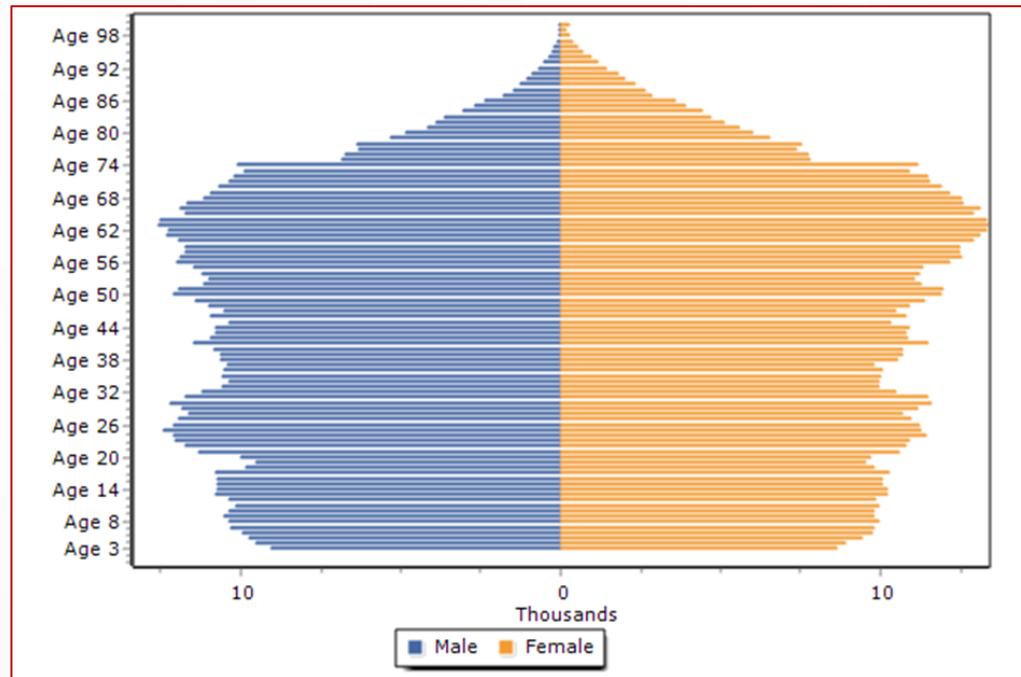
- Industries with highest average annual compensation rates in 2021



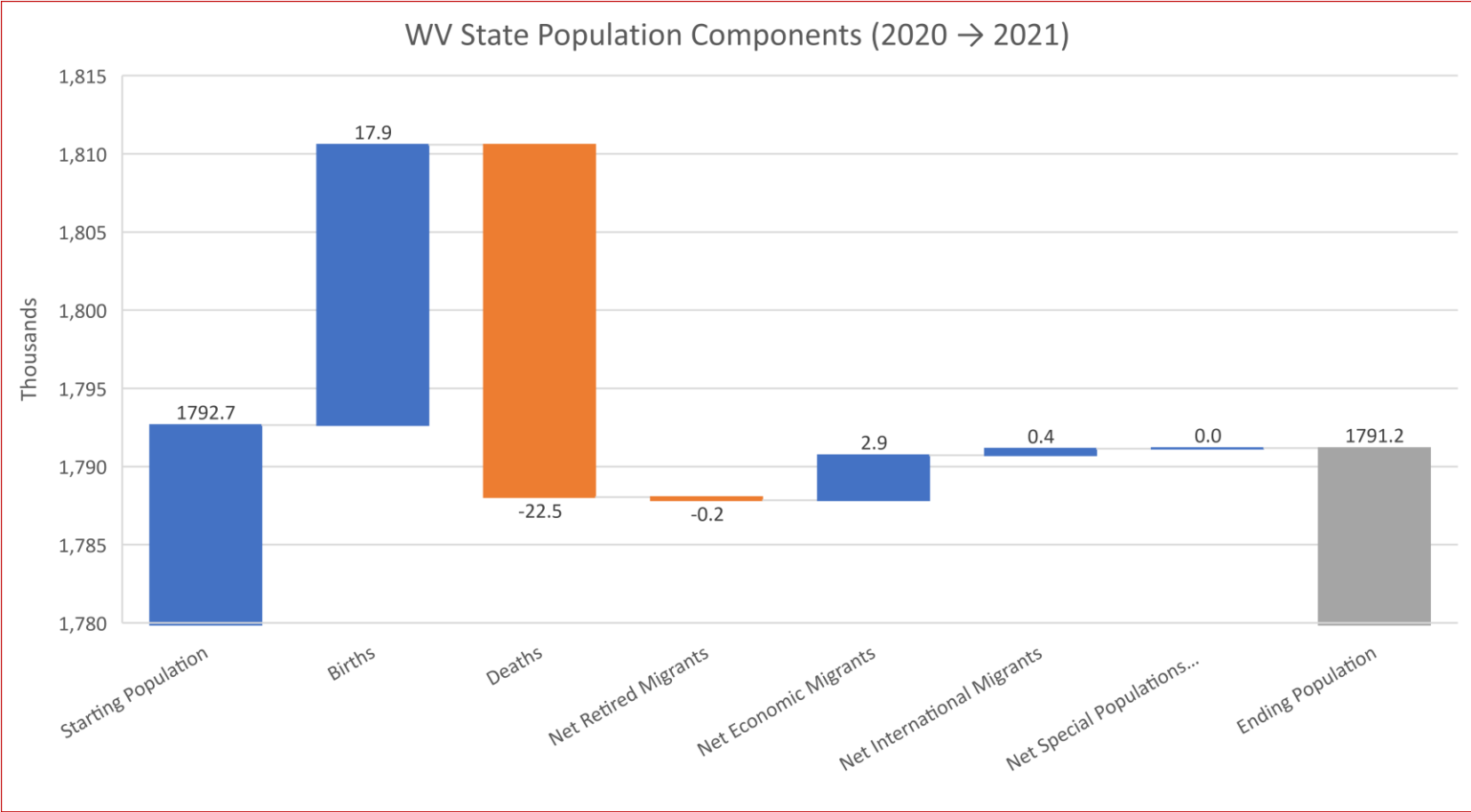
Short-Term Outlook: Population Pyramid (2021)



- Year 2021
- Constrictive

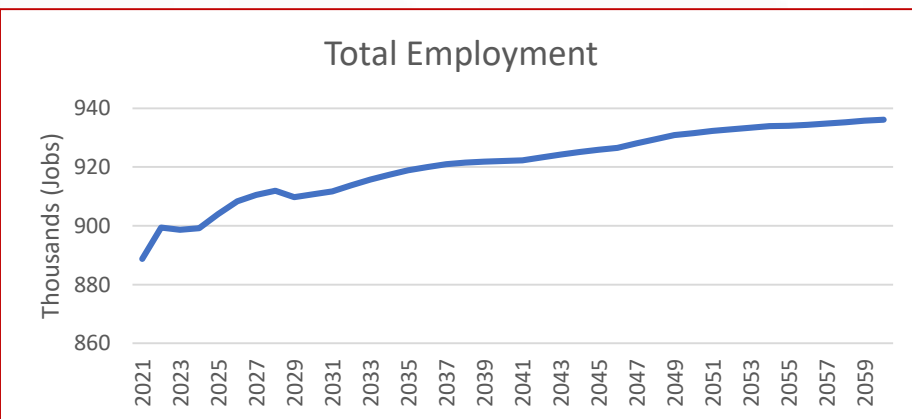
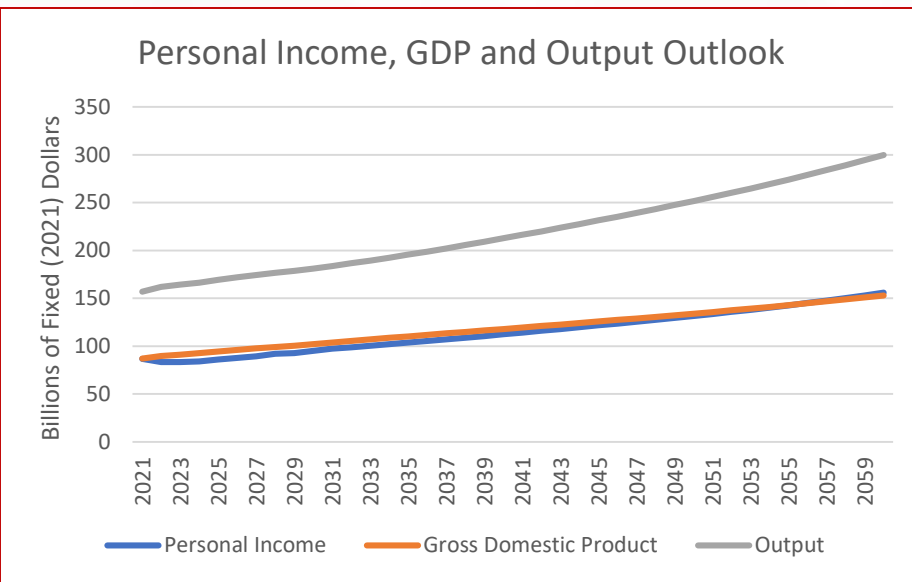


Short-Term Outlook: Population Components



Long-Term Outlook: West Virginia

- Years 2021-2060
- Average growth / year
 - Personal income: 1.6%
 - GDP: 1.5%
 - Output: 1.7%
 - Total employment: 2 thousand jobs

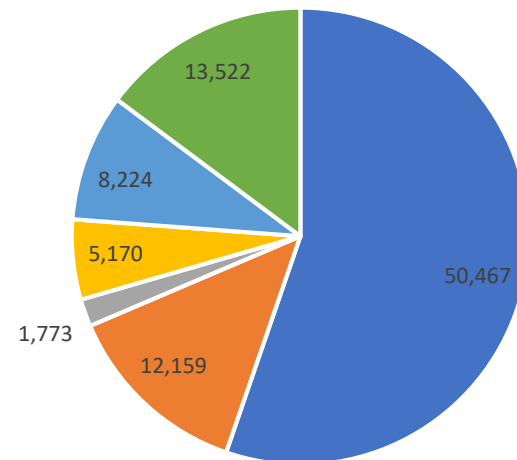


Long-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



- Industries with fastest employment increasing
- 2020 - 2060: 77,793 jobs increasing in the top 5 fast growing industries

Job Increase in The Fastest Growing Industries
(2020 → 2060)

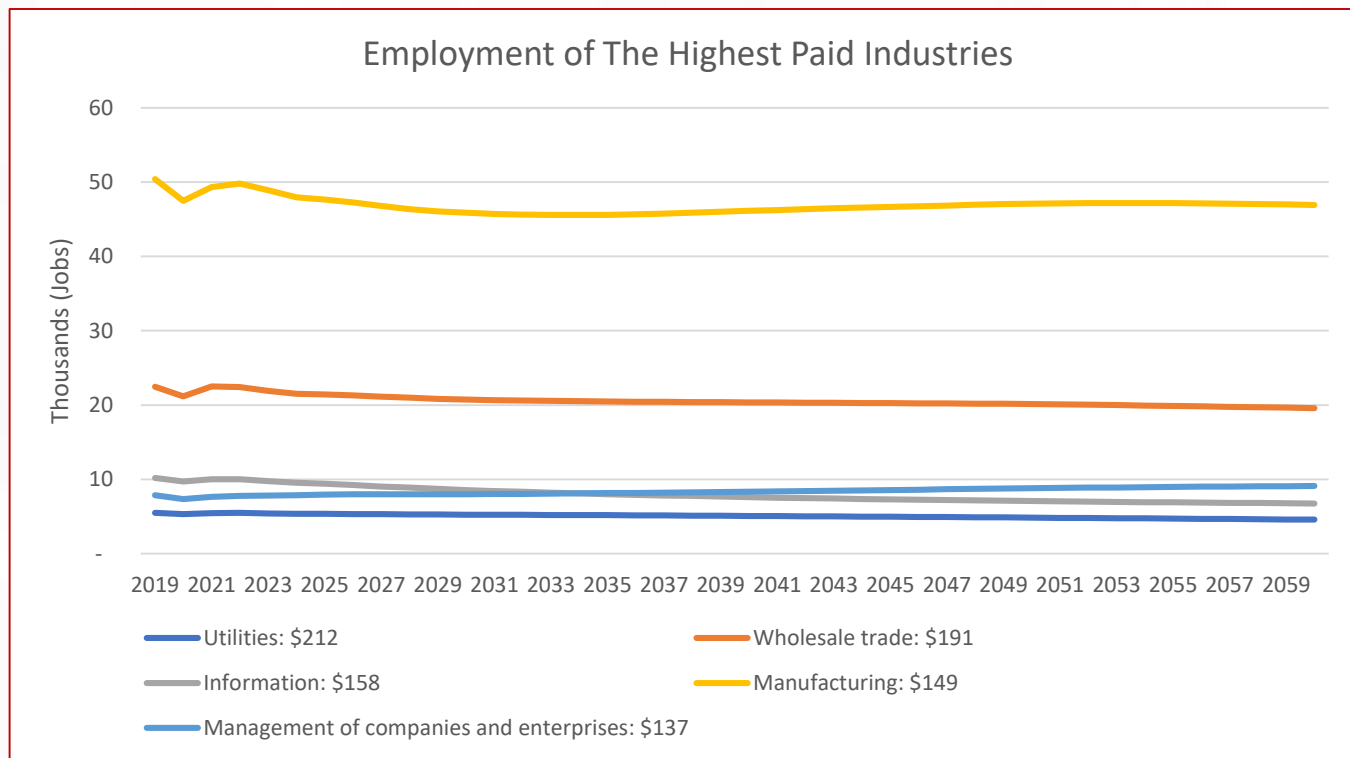


- Health care and social assistance: 0.90%
- Professional, scientific, and technical services: 0.67%
- Management of companies and enterprises: 0.54%
- Farm: 0.49%
- Administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services: 0.44%
- All other industries

Long-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



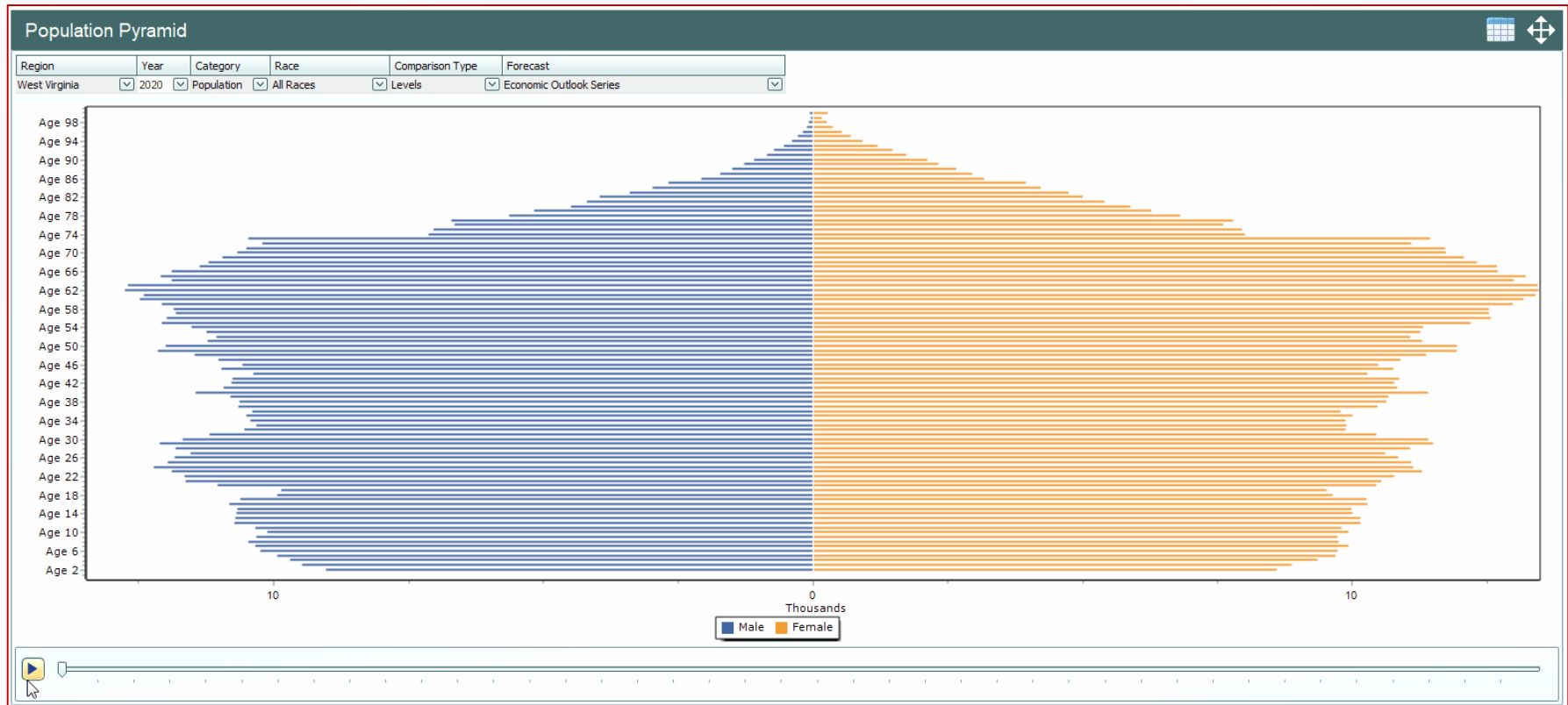
- Employment of industries with highest average annual compensation rates in 2060



Long-Term Outlook: Population Pyramid



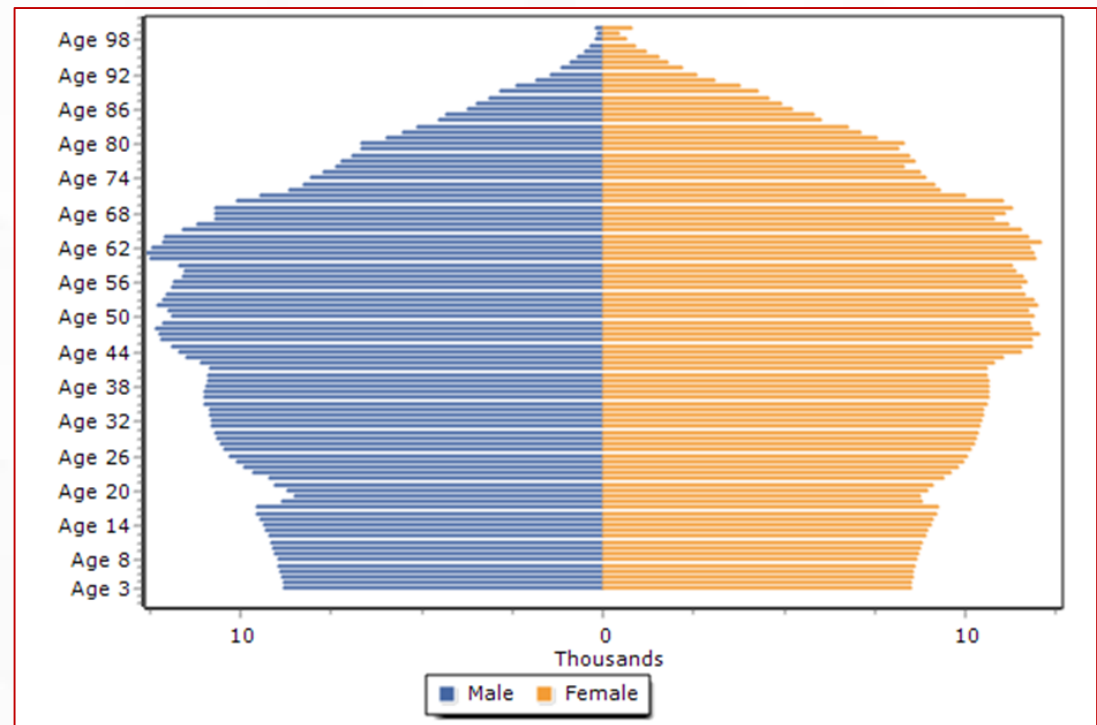
- Year 2060



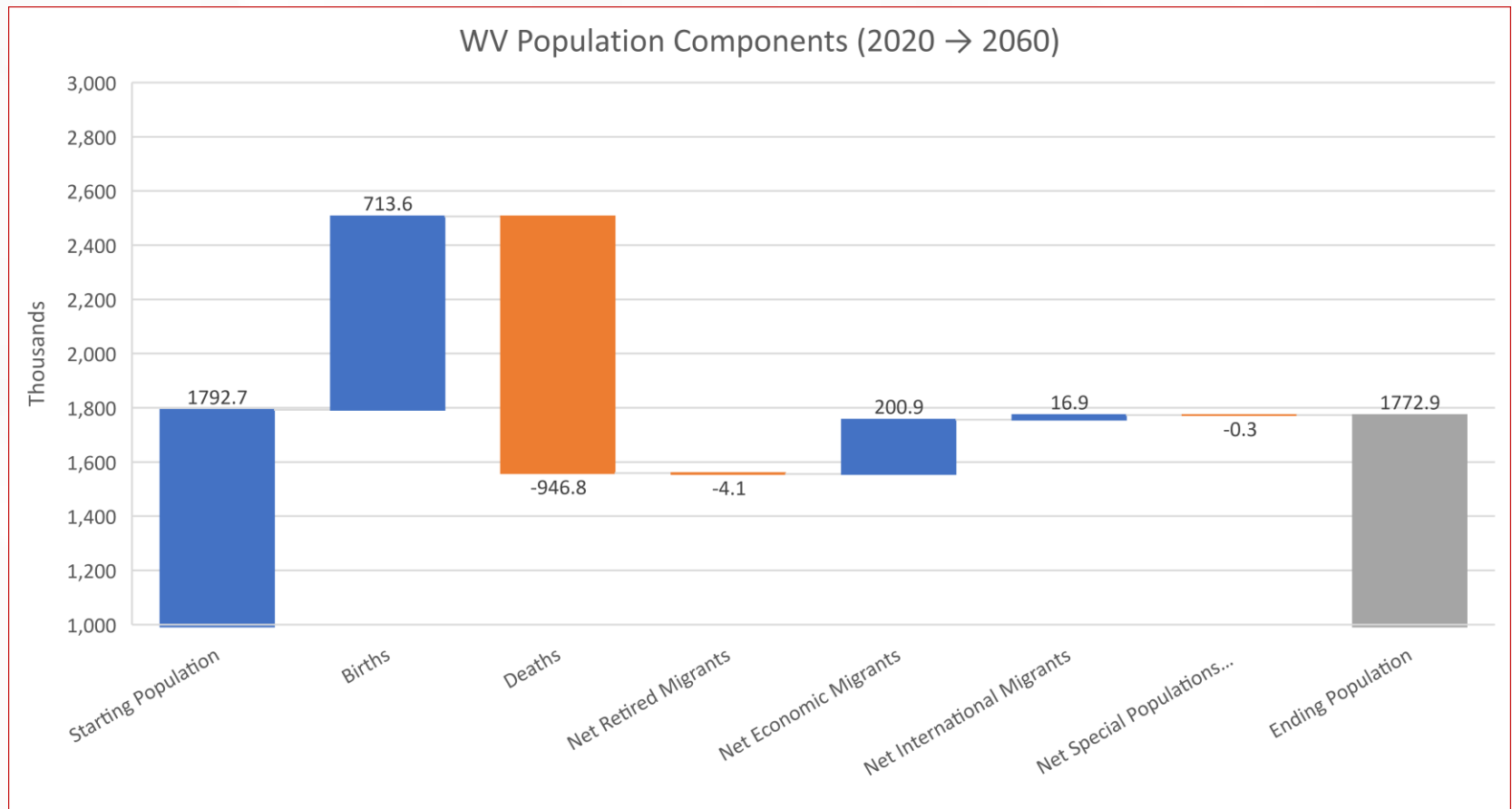
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Population Components



Model Demonstration

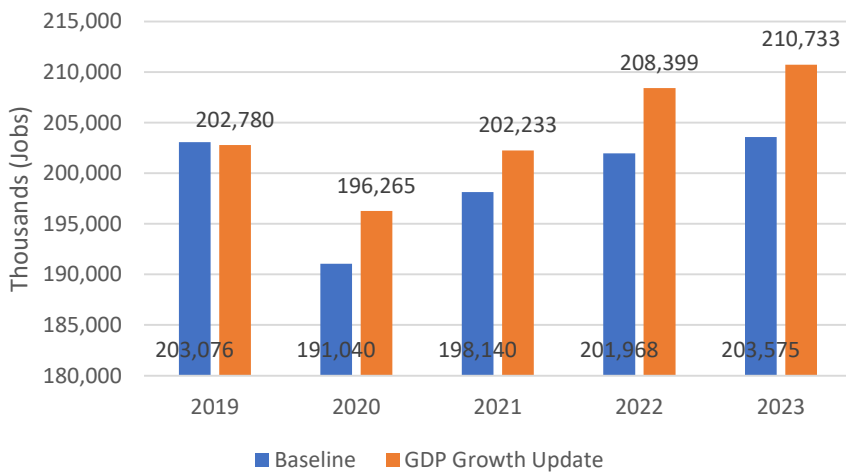
The Scenario

- Optimistic Outlook
 - Baseline – Total employment slowly comes back accompanied by steady growth
 - Uncertainty
 - large pent-up consumer demand
 - supports of vaccine
 - stimulus checks
- Macroeconomic update
 - Increase GDP growth rate by 2%
- Total Employment
 - The US vs West Virginia

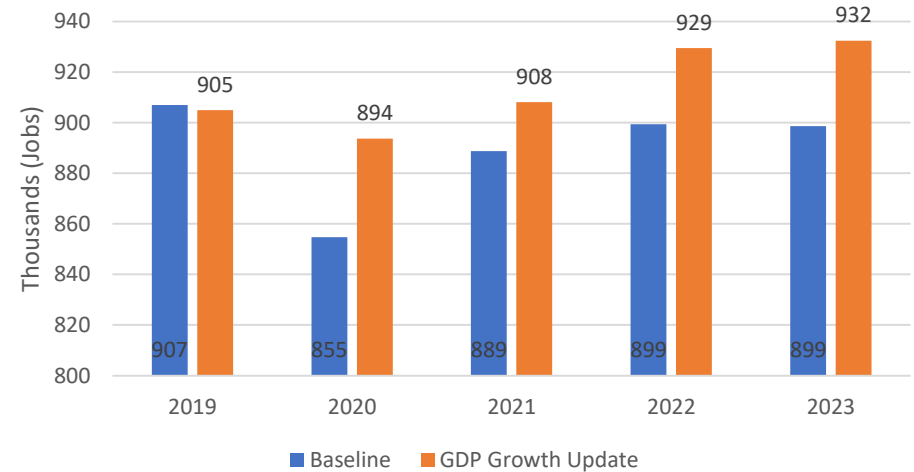
Optimistic Outlook

- Year 2019-2023

Total Employment of the US



Total Employment of West Virginia



Conclusion

- Economic forecasts can be difficult
 - The outbreak of COVID-19
 - The election of a new president
 - General uncertainty about the economy
- REMI can help
 - Forecasts: Macro modeling used to clarify, calculate, and communicate
 - Simulations: What-if scenarios
 - Dynamic results

Q & A

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