**Increasing Population Growth Rate (2010 – 2020) (Top 20):**

*Top 20 Communities:*

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| **Rank** | **Community Name** | **County** | **Community Type** | **WV RPDC Region** | **Population Growth Rate (2010 - 2020)** |
| 1 | Granville | MONONGALIA | Incorporated | 6 | 73.5% |
| 2 | Welch | MCDOWELL | Incorporated | 1 | 49.2% |
| 3 | Charles Town | JEFFERSON | Incorporated | 9 | 24.2% |
| 4 | Ranson | JEFFERSON | Incorporated | 9 | 22.4% |
| 5 | Bath | MORGAN | Incorporated | 9 | 20.7% |
| 6 | Berkeley County\* | BERKELEY | Unincorporated | 9 | 18.9% |
| 7 | Capon Bridge | HAMPSHIRE | Incorporated | 8 | 18.3% |
| 8 | Milton | CABELL | Incorporated | 2 | 16.0% |
| 9 | Bridgeport | HARRISON | Incorporated | 6 | 14.6% |
| 10 | Monongalia County\* | MONONGALIA | Unincorporated | 6 | 14.2% |
| 11 | Worthington | MARION | Incorporated | 6 | 13.3% |
| 12 | Sand Fork | GILMER | Incorporated | 7 | 13.2% |
| 13 | Barboursville | CABELL | Incorporated | 2 | 12.4% |
| 14 | Grant | MARION | Incorporated | 6 | 11.7% |
| 15 | Pleasant Valley | MARION | Incorporated | 6 | 11.1% |
| 16 | Hurricane | PUTNAM | Incorporated | 3 | 10.8% |
| 17 | Oakvale | MERCER | Incorporated | 1 | 9.9% |
| 18 | Martinsburg | BERKELEY | Incorporated | 9 | 9.0% |
| 19 | Lewis County\* | LEWIS | Unincorporated | 7 | 6.9% |
| 20 | Sylvester | BOONE | Incorporated | 3 | 6.9% |

**Decreasing Population Growth Rate (2010 – 2020) (Top 20):**

*The U.S. population has had a growth of 7.4% from 2010 to 2020 while West Virginia has had a population decrease of 3.2% in the same period[[1]](#footnote-1).*

*Top 20 Communities:*

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| **Rank** | **Community Name** | **County** | **Community Type** | **WV RPDC Region** | **Population Growth Rate (2010 - 2020)** |
| 1 | Davy | MCDOWELL | Incorporated | 1 | -50.2% |
| 2 | Northfork | MCDOWELL | Incorporated | 1 | -46.2% |
| 3 | Ellenboro | RITCHIE | Incorporated | 5 | -39.1% |
| 4 | Bradshaw | MCDOWELL | Incorporated | 1 | -38.6% |
| 5 | Keystone | MCDOWELL | Incorporated | 1 | -37.6% |
| 6 | Cairo | RITCHIE | Incorporated | 5 | -37.4% |
| 7 | Handley | KANAWHA | Incorporated | 3 | -36.1% |
| 8 | Pine Grove | WETZEL | Incorporated | 10 | -34.2% |
| 9 | Bancroft | PUTNAM | Incorporated | 3 | -34.1% |
| 10 | Harman | RANDOLPH | Incorporated | 7 | -33.6% |
| 11 | Anmoore | HARRISON | Incorporated | 6 | -33.4% |
| 12 | West Hamlin | LINCOLN | Incorporated | 2 | -32.3% |
| 13 | Peterstown | MONROE | Incorporated | 1 | -31.4% |
| 14 | Franklin | PENDLETON | Incorporated | 8 | -31.3% |
| 15 | Blacksville | MONONGALIA | Incorporated | 6 | -31.0% |
| 16 | Bayard | GRANT | Incorporated | 8 | -30.7% |
| 17 | Clendenin | KANAWHA | Incorporated | 3 | -30.4% |
| 18 | Whitesville | BOONE | Incorporated | 3 | -29.8% |
| 19 | Smithfield | WETZEL | Incorporated | 10 | -29.0% |
| 20 | West Milford | HARRISON | Incorporated | 6 | -28.7% |

1. Source: 2020 Decennial Census and 2010 Decennial Census

   <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Populations%20and%20People&g=0100000US>

   <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Populations%20and%20People&g=0100000US&tid=DECENNIALPLNAT2010.P1> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)