2021 **WEST VIRGINIA CLEAN ENERGY JOBS & ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT**



West Virginia is working vigorously to stack their energy portfolio including diverse forms of energy. The transition from coal to clean energy continues to gain momentum across the globe, and West Virginia is making great strides towards a cleaner future through their investments in wind, solar and battery storage.

The cost of solar and wind energy has decreased by 90 percent and 71 percent respectively over the past decade. With costs dropping dramatically, the interest in solar and wind development has spiked in the Mountain State and is poised to create thousands of new jobs. Additionally Fortune 100 companies including Toyota and Procter & Gamble are investing millions in renewable energy in their West Virginia facilities to aggressively reduce carbon emissions. Other large WV employers such as Target, Walmart and General Mills have adopted robust clean energy goals.

As lawmakers and business leaders push for diversified energy, the opportunities are abundant to build a stronger. cleaner future for the state of West Virginia.

WV CLEAN ENERGY JOBS = 8,996

Solar & Wind Energy

845

Energy Efficiency

6,309

Electric Vehicles

899



Clean Energy Job Growth 2018-2020

Total Clean Energy Jobs In Rural Areas

Share of Statewide Workforce



National Clean Energy Jobs 3.048.603

Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy

Grid & Storage

Electric **Vehicles**

2.107.174 492.891

137,872

273,630

West Virginia RENEWABLE ENERGY ECONOMIC BENEFITS

\$2 billion



Capital invested in wind, solar, and energy storage projects

\$6 million

Annual property, state, and local taxes paid in West Virginia via renewable energy projects

\$9.5 million

Annual income to farmers, ranchers, and other private landowners via renewable energy projects

Clean Energy Goals

Current Energy Generation Goals: West Virginia's Electric Utilities

Current Generation Generation in 2035 "Developing renewable energy resources is critical to attracting **Appalachian Power Appalachian Power** business investment to Solar Energy: 23% Renewable Energy: 5% West Virginia and Wind Energy: 44% Hydro: 4% creating local jobs in a Hydro: 7% Natural Gas: 19% growing industry." -Natural Gas: 11% Coal: 72% West Virginia Coal: 15% **Development Office MON Power & Potomac Edison MON Power & Potomac Edison** Wind Energy: 37% Hydro: 1% Solar Energy: 40% Coal: 99% Hydro: 10% Coal: 13% **Wheeling Power** #diversifyWVenergy **Wheeling Power** Wind Energy: 57% Coal: 100% Solar Energy: 19% Coal: 24%

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