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## NEW WEST VIRGINIA PRISON TO HOLD JOB FAIR



With a new prison set to open in McDowell County, West Virginia next year, the County Economic Development agency will sponsor a job fair in Welch on May 21st. The prison is expected to employ 340 people. McDowell County's unemployment rate is 9.9%, compared to the state rate of 7.7%. Its population was 27,300 in 2000. It was created in 1858 by the Virginia General Assembly, and named for Virginia Governor James McDowell. It became a part of West Virginia in 1863, when several counties seceded from the state of Virginia during the Civil War.

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