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## W.Va. loses 25K jobs in recession

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - A new report says West Virginia has lost more than 25,000 jobs since the recession began in December 2007.

The West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy says that's more than 3 percent of the state's job base.

The group says the two sectors which lost the most jobs are manufacturing and construction. The manufacturing sector has lost nearly 15 percent of the jobs it had two years ago.

Despite those numbers, West Virginia is faring better than the rest of the country. The average national job loss rate since December 2007 is 5.2 percent, compared to West Virginia's 3.3 percent.

According to state figures, roughly 63,000 West Virginians are currently out of work.