

# West Virginia

## This Appalachian state boasts...

...Billboard staple Brad Paisley and "Stand By Me"'s Bill Withers as native sons. Rich in folk heritage, West Virginia plays host to a number of music festivals, jamborees, and jubilees.

**\$76.71M**

Music industry  
contribution to state GDP

(Stephen Siwek/Economists Inc.)

## Music Venues & Festivals

All Good Music Festival

Appalachian String Band Music Festival

Gardner Winter Music Festival

Heritage Music Bluesfest Festival

PattyFest Festival

Robin Kessinger Festival & WV State

Flatpick Guitar Championship Festival

Upper Potomac Dulcimer Fest Festival

Vandalia Gathering Festival

**1,602**

Jobs Supported

(Stephen Siwek/Economists Inc.)

**130**

Music Businesses

(Stephen Siwek/Economists Inc./  
A2IM/RIAA)

**181**

Royalty Recipients

(SoundExchange)

**240,000**

Streaming Music  
Subscribers

**2,879**

Songwriters

(ASCAP/BMI)

## Notable Musicians

Asleep at the Wheel

Bill Withers

Brad Paisley