



# Morgantown, WV



**M**organtown, West Virginia, is located on the east bank of the Monongahela River. Colonel Zaquill Morgan, for whom the city was named, established a homestead in the area in 1772. Morgantown became a center of glass production because of its large quantities of silica sand, stone, and other chemical compounds necessary to produce glass, as well as reserves of natural gas to fuel production.

Morgantown's museums include the Morgantown History Museum, which offers a view of Morgantown's High Street in the middle of the 20th century that includes displays from Summers Printing Press, the Morgan Shirt Company, and the Metropolitan Theater. The lobby of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey has a mini-museum that contains displays of minerals and fossils, dinosaur models, and a full-sized Edmontosaurus dinosaur skeleton. The Easton Roller Mill displays an antique steam engine and roller mills used in grinding wheat. Spark! Imagination and Science Center offers children's learning experiences and interactive play. The Morgantown Glass Museum exhibits more than 5,000 pieces of glass manufactured from late 1892 to 1980 at the Morgantown, Gentile Glass, and Seneca Glass factories.

West Virginia University is home to three museums. The Rose J. and Caroline B. Watts Museum is dedicated to the mining and petroleum industries and features a vast collection of mining paraphernalia. The Cook Hayman Pharmacy Museum houses a collection of 18th and 19th century pharmacy memorabilia. The Art Museum of West Virginia University features two galleries with changing exhibits and the 2.5-acre Nath Sculpture Garden.

The Metropolitan Theatre hosts productions by Morgantown Theater Company, West Virginia Public Theatre, and West Virginia University. The Morgantown Events Center holds concerts, sporting events, and many more cultural events. Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheatre is home to Movies on the Mon series and concerts. Mainstage is another live music and entertainment venue.

West Virginia University has four theaters of varying sizes that offer professional and student performances: Lyell B Clay Concert Theatre, Gladys G. Davis Theatre, Antoinette Falbo Theatre, and Vivian Davis Michael Laboratory Theatre.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Morgantown is a mixture of small retail businesses, professional services, restaurants, and apartment buildings, mostly occupied by students. Most buildings have been in place since the 1900s.

The large houses in the South Park Historic District date from between the 1880s and 1930s and were primarily built in the Queen Anne or Victorian style on small lots. Other housing styles include Colonial Revival, Italianate, and English Tudor. Within South Park, Knob Hill features larger Tudor Revival and cottage-style homes on larger lots.

Most homes in the Wiles Hill Neighborhood were constructed on small lots between 1900 and 1930 in the Craftsman Bungalow style. The neighborhood includes apartments and rental properties. Another historic neighborhood is Greenmont, which began as a separate town before being incorporated into Morgantown. Most Greenmont homes were constructed between 1901 and 1925, are set on small city lots, and consist of modest two- or two-and-one-half stories with plain front gables or American Four Squares. Other styles found in the neighborhood include Bungalows, Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, Dutch Colonial, Gothic Revival, Beaux Arts, and Mediterranean Revival. Greenmont also has several apartment buildings. As West Virginia University's enrollment has grown, students have moved into Wiles Hill and Greenmont, which had previously been occupied by single-family owners.

The Suncrest neighborhood also began as a separate town. Most homes were constructed from brick or stone on larger lots between 1940 and 1985, and in styles that include ranch, split-level, and two-story colonial. Two developments within Suncrest, Vintner Reserve and French Quarter, have new custom-built houses under construction on small lots. South Hills, another development, features large homes built between 1950 and 1980 on larger wooded lots and has lots available for new construction.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Morgantown has 15 parks and operates two pools, a tennis center, a recreation center, an ice arena and sports courts center, two dog parks, a senior center, baseball fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts.

Dorsey's Knob Park has a disc golf course, an interactive playground, hiking trails, and a seven-bedroom lodge in its 70 acres. Sky Rock stands nearly 600 feet above a landscape of deep valleys and tall pines.

Amenities at the 36-acre Krepps Park include an outdoor swimming pool with a children's aquatic area; a dog park; basketball, tennis, and sand volleyball courts; athletic fields; playground areas and equipment; and hiking and biking trails.

With 45 acres, Marilla Park features tennis courts, an outdoor pool with zero-grade entry and two water slides, a recreation center, youth baseball fields, tennis courts and basketball courts. The Marilla Skate Park is an outdoor skate-board and BMX bike facility located adjacent to Marilla Park Recreation Center.

Hazel Ruby McQuain Park is home to annual local festivals, Movies on the Mon series, and concerts and host to several organized runs and walks during all seasons.

White Park is a 170-acre park that serves as a hub for many athletic activities. The park includes four adult softball fields and two youth baseball fields and is also the home of the Morgantown Ice Arena. Five miles of wooded trails interspersed throughout the park are used by hikers, bikers, and wildlife enthusiasts.

Mylan Park is a state-of-the-art recreational and educational complex located on over 300 acres of reclaimed surface-mined property and is owned by the Mylan Park Foundation, Inc. Facilities include professional horseshoe pitching courts; a lighted four-field baseball and softball complex; a strength, conditioning, and fitness center; and the Miracle Sports Complex, which has a synthetic surface field designed for easy mobility of wheelchairs and walking devices.

Located on a 91-acre tract of hillside and bottomland, the West Virginia University Core Arboretum features 3 miles of foot trails, lawns with planted trees and shrubs, old growth forest on hillside and floodplain sites, interpretive signs, trailside benches, a small amphitheater, and an information kiosk.

## EDUCATION

Monongalia County Schools serves approximately 11,600 students in Morgantown and the surrounding communities with 9 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, and 3 high schools. The district also operates a technical center and alternative education programs.

Higher education is available at West Virginia University, which offers bachelors, master's, doctoral, and professional degree programs and includes Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Public Health, and Pharmacy. West Virginia Junior College Morgantown Campus offers many associate degrees in medical and business fields with career-focused, hands-on training. Pierpont Community & Technical College-Morgantown provides associate degree programs, one-year certificates, and customized workplace training.

## HEALTH CARE

Morgantown is served by the following health care facilities:

J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital: 645 licensed beds.

Mon Health Medical Center: 199 licensed beds.

Healthsouth Mountainview Regional Rehab Hospital: 96 licensed beds.

## CITY STATS

2015

City Population	30,708
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	138,176
Per Capita Personal Income, Morgantown, WV, MSA	\$39,383