

# Clinton Faces Backlash Over Comment on Coal Jobs Going Into West Virginia Primary

## West Virginia Democratic Presidential Primary



### Timing

- The polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Delegates

- The Democrats have 29 pledged delegates at stake, as well as eight superdelegates, who are free to support any candidate. Six of the eight superdelegates have pledged their support to Clinton.

### What to Watch For

- Even though Sanders has no hope of catching up to Clinton in pledged delegates, he's still running competitively in this state.
- A West Virginia MetroNews poll released Friday showed Sanders leading Clinton 47 to 43 percent.
- Clinton overwhelming won West Virginia in 2008, but faced backlash this year over a comment that coal jobs should be replaced with clean-energy jobs.
- Clinton is struggling to win white voters in the Democratic primaries, and white voters made up 93 percent of the West Virginia Democratic primary electorate eight years ago, according to exit polls.

Source: Karyn Bruggeman, "West Virginia Primary Cheat Sheet," National Journal, May 9, 2016.