

*Dickenson County

Land Area: 333 square miles

Population (2000): 16,396

Dickenson County lies in the coal-bearing hills of the Appalachian Plateau where the once-flat landscape has been carved by a myriad of small streams into a network of forested hills and deep hollows. The hills and hollows are home to approximately 16,396 rural people who live in small, close-knit communities across the area. In these insular communities, 98.92% of residents are white. There are four small towns in Dickenson County - Clinchco (pop. 434), Clintwood (pop. 1,549), which serves as the seat of government, Haysi (pop. 186), and Irvington (pop. 673). The county has been dwindling in population for some time, losing 6.95% of the population between 1990 and 2000.

Coal has traditionally dominated the Dickenson economy, although production has waned in recent years. Since 1990, the county's share of Virginia coal production has diminished from 14% to 11% and the local economy has suffered as a result. Other major elements of the economy are service industries, trade, and transfer payments (retirement pensions, disability income, and welfare payments). Among the largest employers in Dickenson are the school board, Clinchfield Coal Company, Dickenson County Medical Center, and the Christiansburg Garment Company.

Employment By Industry	Dickenson County	Virginia
Agriculture, Forestry, Mining, Fishing, Hunting	17.4%	1.3%
Construction	8.2%	7.3%
Manufacturing	5.3%	11.3%
Retail and Wholesale Trade	15.5%	14.1%
Transportation and Warehousing and Utilities	7.3%	4.6%
Information	2.3%	3.8%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	2.8%	6.6%
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, and Waste Management Services	5.1%	11.6%
Education, Health, and Social Services	19.2%	18.3%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation and Food Services	4.1%	7.2%
Public Administration	8.7%	8.3%
Other Services	3.9%	5.4%

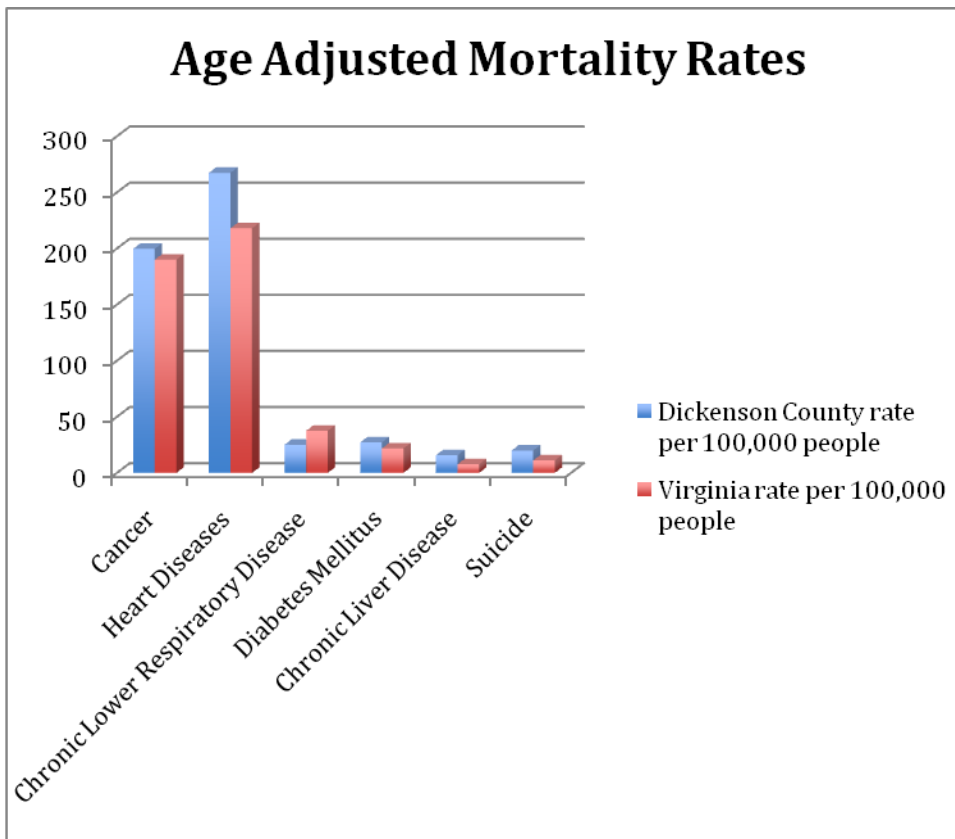
The population of Dickenson County is less prosperous than the population of Virginia. The poverty rate in Dickenson is 120% higher than the poverty rate in Virginia. Approximately 21.3% of residents live below the poverty line. The per capita income of Dickenson Countians is only 53% of the per capita income of Virginians, and the median household income is only \$29,320 (in contrast to Virginia's median of \$59,575). The proportion of Dickenson Countians over the age of 25 without a high school diploma is 122% higher than in Virginia, at 41.1%. While 29.5% of Virginias have a college degree, only 6.7% of Dickenson County residents have a degree. The unemployment rate hovered around 10% in March 2009.

Economic Indicators	Dickenson County	Virginia
Population with Medicaid (2004)	27.2%	10.8%
Poverty Rate (2000)	21.3%	9.6%
Per Capita Income (2000)	\$12,822	\$23,975

Population Aged 16+ in Labor Force (2000)	41.7%	66.8%
Population Aged 25+ w/o High School Diploma (2000)	41.1%	18.5%

The total pregnancy rate among women aged 15-44 in Dickenson County is 39% lower than in Virginia . The teenage pregnancy rate is 22% lower than in Virginia. Women in Dickenson County are 3% more likely to get prenatal care during the first trimester than women in Virginia. Babies born to residents of Dickenson County are 1% more likely to be of low birth weight but 17% more likely to die in the first year of life than babies born to residents of Virginia as a whole.

Death rates from several common causes are higher in Dickenson County than in Virginia - e.g., heart disease (+23%), chronic lower respiratory diseases (+49%), unintentional injury (+98%), cancer (+5%), pneumonia and influenza (+69%), diabetes mellitus (+25%), chronic liver disease (+104%), suicide (+79%), septicemia (+20%), and nephritis and nephrosis (+15%). Death rates from stroke (-18%) and Alzheimer's disease (-62%) are lower in Dickenson than in Virginia overall.



Population Health	Dickenson	Virginia
Disabled Population, Ages 5-20 (2000)	9.7%	8.1%
Disabled Population, Ages 21-64 (2000)	36.5%	17.5%
Disabled Population, Ages 65+ (2000)	66.0%	42.1%
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Diseases of the Heart	267.4	218.0
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Malignant Neoplasms	199.7	190.0

Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Cerebrovascular Diseases	47.5	58.3
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - COPD	58.4	39.2
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Unintentional Injury	64.8	32.8
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Pneumonia and Influenza	38.4	22.7
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Diabetes Mellitus	27.2	21.7
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Suicide	19.9	11.1
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Septicemia	18.5	15.4
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Nephritis and Nephrosis	18.0	15.6
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Chronic Liver Disease/Cirrhosis	15.7	7.7
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Alzheimers Disease	6.1	15.9
Total Pregnancy Terminations (Residents) Per 1,000 Females Aged 15-44 (1998 - 2002 avg.)	50.1	82.6
Teenage Pregnancies Per 1,000 Females Aged 10-19 (1998 - 2002 avg.)	24.5	31.3
Percent of Resident Live Births Beginning Prenatal Care in 1st Trimester (1998 - 2002 avg.)	87.4%	84.8%
Low Weight Live Births as a Percent of Total Births (1998 - 2002 avg.)	8.0%	7.9%
Resident Infant Deaths Per 1,000 Lives Births (1998 - 2002 avg.)	8.4	7.2

The primary hospital in Dickenson County is the Dickenson Community Medical Center, a 25-bed acute care facility in Clintwood. Many residents are not able to access adequate health care, however, because of limited facilities or inadequate insurance coverage. Approximately 14.5% of residents lack insurance, and many more are underinsured. Patients can be referred to facilities in Abingdon, Richlands, Grundy, Bristol, and Wise. There are no dialysis facilities in the County.

As in the surrounding counties, there is a shortage of both primary care and specialty health care providers in Dickenson County. Approximately 24 physicians live in the county, so 6.1 per 10,000 residents as opposed to the Virginia average of 27. About 88 nurses per 10,000 people work in Dickenson, slightly more than the 72.4 average in Virginia. There are only three dentists who practice in the county, or 1.2 per 10,000 people. While mental health issues are common in the county, as evidenced by the high suicide rate, there are no psychologists that practice in the county. The relative poverty and poor health status of the population indicate the need for improved access to primary and specialty care in Dickenson County.

Provider Type	Number of Current Licenses	Number of Expired Licenses	Dickenson County Average per 10,000 people	Virginia Average per 10,000 people*
Physicians	10	0	6.1	27
Nurses (incl. RN, LPN, NP)	273	34	88.3	72.4
Physician	0	0	0.6	1

Assistants				
Dentists	4	0	1.2	5.8
Pharmacists	9	0	5.6	6.2
Psychologists	0	0	0	3.0

Links

Dickenson County - <http://www.dickensonctyva.com/>

Dickenson County - <http://www.dickensoncounty.net/>

Dickenson County - <http://www.vaswpromise.com/>

Dickenson County - <http://www.cppdc.org/index.htm>

Cumberland Plateau Health District - <http://www.vdh.state.va.us/LHD/cumbplat/cumbplat.htm>

Dickenson Community Hospital - <http://www.dchosp.com/>

Clintwood (town) - <http://www.clintwood.virginia.com/>

Clinchco (place) - <http://www.dickensoncounty.net/clinchcothumbs.html>

Dickenson County Health Care Resources

Regional Hospitals

- Dickenson Community Hospital
Mountain States Health Alliance
312 Hospital Drive P.O. Box 1440 Clintwood, Virginia 24228
(276) 926-0300
<http://www.dchosp.com/>

Community Health Centers

- Dickenson Medical Clinic
Rimon Ibrahim, M.D.
P.O. Box 2224 Clintwood, VA. 24228
Physical Address: 230 Chase St. Clintwood, VA.
Telephone Number: (276) 926-4601
- Pound Comprehensive Clinic
Walid Saado, M.D.
P.O. Box 1929 Clintwood, VA.
Physical Address: 8350 Main St. Pound, VA.
Telephone Number: (276) 796-5047
Fax Number: (276) 796-5246
- Haysi Clinic
Haysi, VA 24256
(276) 865-5121

- St Charles Health Clinic
Haysi, VA 24256
(276) 865-5121

Free Clinics

- The Health Wagon
119 Number Ten St Clinchco, VA 24226-8694
(276) 835-9474

Health Department

- Dickenson County
Brush Creek Road P.O. Box 768 Clintwood, VA 24228
276-926-4979
FAX: 276-926-4426

Department of Social Services

- Dickenson County Department of Social Services
Truman Mullins, Director
Brush Creek Road
120 Clover Street P.O. Box 417 Clintwood, VA 24228-0417
(276) 926-1661
(276) 926-1664
(276) 926-8144 (FAX)

Telemedicine Sites

- Dickenson Community Hospital, Inc
312 Hospital Dr., P.O. Box 1440 Clintwood VA 24228
276-926-0300
<http://www.dchosp.com>
- Haysi Clinic
Haysi, VA 24256
(276) 865-5121

Home Health Care

- Amedisys Home Health of Clintwood
Clintwood, VA 24228

(276) 926-5634

- Total Home Care
4890 Dickenson Hwy Clintwood, VA 24228
(276) 926-4697
- Mt. Region Personal Care & Home Health Services
5091 Dickenson Hwy Clintwood, VA 24228
(276) 926-4922
- Home Nursing Company Inc
Clintwood, VA 24228
(276) 926-4820
- Mountain Region Personal Care Services
163 Willis Ln Clintwood, VA 24228-5990
(276) 926-4922

Nursing Homes

- Heritage Hall Health Care
Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4693
- Homemakers
198 Colley Shopping Ctr Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-9000

Hospice Facilities

- Dickenson County Home Health and Hospice
23880 Dickenson Hwy Haysi, VA 24256
276-865-4085
<http://dchhh.com/hospice.htm>
- Total Home Care & Hospice
RR 83 Clintwood, VA 24228
(276) 926-8095

Pharmacies

- Food City Pharmacy
P.O. Box 789, Chase St., Clintwood, VA 24228

Telephone Number: (276) 926-6002

Fax Number: (276) 926-6031

- Haysi Drug Center
Joel Thornbury & David Thornbury
P.O. Box 515, Haysi, VA 24256
Telephone Number: (276) 865-5135
- Jones & Counts Pharmacy
Ervin Counts R.Ph & Don Jones R.Ph
514 Main St. P.O. Box 99, Haysi, VA 24256
Telephone Number: (276) 865-5560 or 1-866-337-5560
Fax Number: (276) 865-5310
- Greenwave Pharmacy
100 McClure Ave Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4733
- Hancock Lambert Pharmacy
Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-6707
- Rite Aid
Highway 83 & Brush Crk Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-6555
www.riteaid.com
- Bartons Grocery Store
Clinchco, VA 24226-
(276) 835-8200
- E & S Grocery
Po Box 978 Clintwood, VA 24228-0978
(276) 865-4592
- Edwards Food Center
Po Box 266 Haysi, VA 24256-0266
(276) 865-5131
- Edwards Food Center Inc
Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-6613
- Fast Mart
5181 Dickenson Hwy Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4753

-

Alcohol/Drug Abuse and Mental Health Facilities

- Cumberland Mountain Community Services
Slate Crk Grundy, VA 24614-
(276) 935-7154
- Dickenson County Mental Health
Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4148

Counseling Services

- Family Preservation Service
Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4031

Physicians

- Haysi Clinic
Haysi, VA 24256-
(276) 865-5121
- Health and Beauty Clinic
5471 Dickenson Hwy Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-5511
- Lyle Lurton DR
Hospital Dr Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-5009
- Ratliffe N C DR Ofc
Po Box 280 Clintwood, VA 24228-0280
(276) 926-8584
- Samina Yousuf MD
856 Clintwood Main St Clintwood, VA 24228-7036
(276) 926-5220
- Vanover Patricia MD
Haysi, VA 24256-
(276) 865-5121

- Vanover PH
364 Hospital Dr Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-0321

Optometrists

- Csx Communications Optometrists
Clinchco, VA 24226-
(276) 835-1577
- Owens Charles M Optmtrst
W Main St Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4234
- Tri City Opticians
W Main St Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4234

Dental Facilities

- Carter Julie E DR
W Main St Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4777
- Haysi Clinic
Haysi, VA 24256-
(276) 865-5121
- Lynn Larry DR DMD
Haysi, VA 24256-
(276) 865-5917
- Robinson William
W Main St Clintwood, VA 24228-
(276) 926-4777

Miscellaneous Health Care