

***Norton**

Land Area: 7 square miles

Population (2000) 3,904

Norton lies in a long hollow shadowed by the northern face of spectacular Stone Mountain, located in Wise County. The city is surrounded by land forever altered by surface (coal) mining, and its boundaries extend to those of the neighboring Town of Wise. The population of this area has dwindled over the past twenty years, having a -8.08% growth rate between 1990-2000. The two municipalities share a population of around 8,000.

The economy is based on personal services, retail trade, manufacturing, communications, and transfer income (retirement pensions, disability income, and welfare benefits). Some of the major employers include St. Mary's Hospital, Wal-Mart, Norton Community Hospital, the school board, and a Pepsi-Cola bottling plant.

Employment By Industry	Norton City	Virginia
Agriculture, Forestry, Mining, Fishing, Hunting	5.7%	1.3%
Construction	6.5%	7.3%
Manufacturing	7.3%	11.3%
Retail and Wholesale Trade	15.3%	14.1%
Transportation and Warehousing and Utilities	4.4%	4.6%
Information	2.5%	3.8%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	2.6%	6.6%
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, and Waste Management Services	8.5%	11.6%
Education, Health, and Social Services	24.5%	18.3%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation and Food Services	12.4%	7.2%
Public Administration	4.7%	8.3%
Other Services	5.7%	5.4%

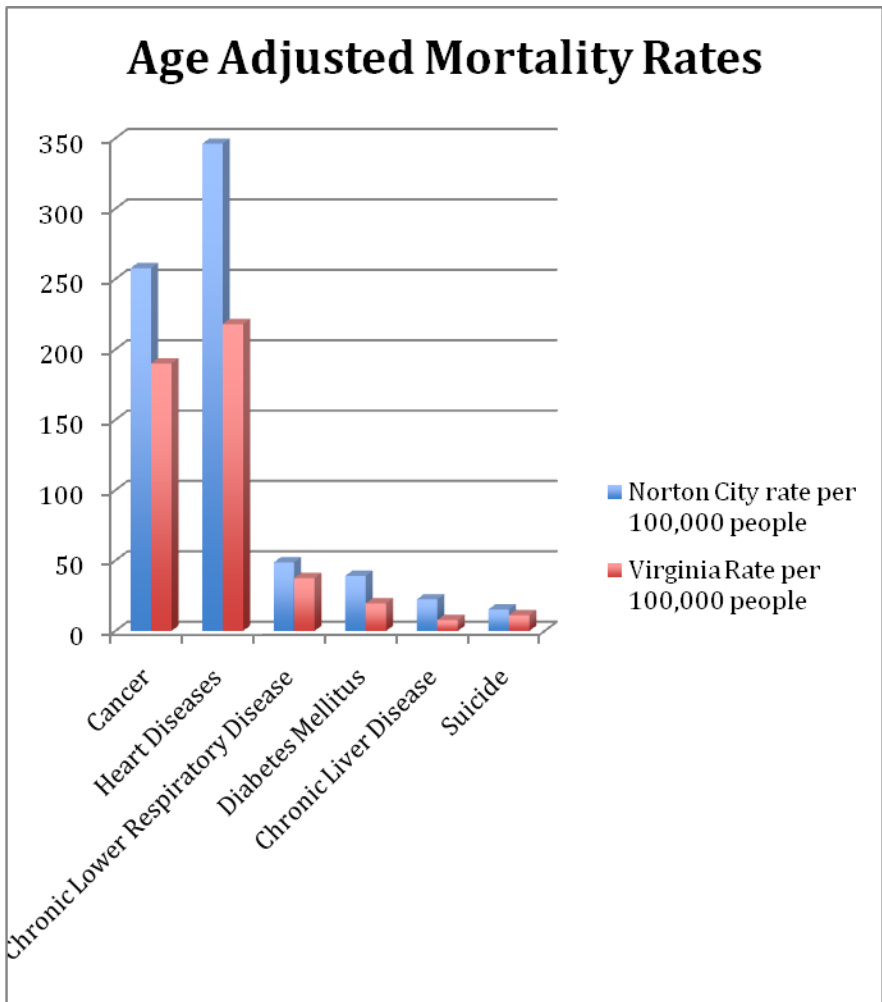
The population of Norton is considerably less prosperous than the population of Virginia. Norton's poverty rate is 137% higher than Virginia's poverty rate, with about 20.2% of families living below the poverty line. Proportionately fewer people in Norton are in the labor force. The proportion of the Norton population over the age of 25 without a high school diploma is 81% higher than in Virginia as a whole. Unemployment was just below 7%.

Economic Indicators	Norton City	Virginia
Population with Medicaid (2004)	29.8%	10.8%
Poverty Rate (2000)	22.8%	9.6%
Per Capita Income (2000)	\$16,024	\$23,975
Population Aged 16+ in Labor Force (2000)	49.6%	66.8%
Population Aged 25+ w/o High School Diploma (2000)	33.5%	18.5%

The total pregnancy rate among women aged 15-44 in Norton is 27% lower than among women of the same age in Virginia . The teen pregnancy rate is 16% higher in Norton than in Virginia . Women in

Norton are 4% less likely to receive prenatal care in the first trimester. Babies born to residents of Norton are 25% more likely to be low birth weight and are 82% more likely to die in the first year of life than babies born in Virginia overall.

Death rates from several common causes are higher in Norton than in Virginia - e.g., heart disease (+59%), cancer (+36%), chronic lower respiratory diseases (+45%), unintentional injury (+69%), pneumonia and influenza (+81%), diabetes mellitus (+80%), suicide (+37%), chronic liver disease (+190%), and septicemia (+78%). Death rates from stroke (-9%), nephritis and nephrosis (-73%), and Alzheimer's disease (-28%) are lower in Norton than in Virginia as a whole.



Population Health	Norton	Virginia
Disabled Population, Ages 5-20 (2000)	13.5%	8.1%
Disabled Population, Ages 21-64 (2000)	33.7%	17.5%
Disabled Population, Ages 65+ (2000)	69.2%	42.1%
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Diseases of the Heart	346.1	218.0
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Malignant Neoplasms	257.8	190.0

Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Cerebrovascular Diseases	53.1	58.3
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - COPD	56.9	39.2
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Unintentional Injury	55.5	32.8
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Pneumonia and Influenza	41.2	22.7
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Diabetes Mellitus	39.1	21.7
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Suicide	15.2	11.1
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Septicemia	27.4	15.4
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Nephritis and Nephrosis	4.2	15.6
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Chronic Liver Disease/Cirrhosis	22.4	7.7
Age Adjusted Death Rate Per 100,000 Population (1998 - 2002 avg.) - Alzheimers Disease	14.0	15.9
Total Pregnancy Terminations (Residents) Per 1,000 Females Aged 15-44 (1998 - 2002 avg.)	60.6	82.6
Teenage Pregnancies Per 1,000 Females Aged 10-19 (1998 - 2002 avg.)	36.4	31.3
Percent of Resident Live Births Beginning Prenatal Care in 1st Trimester (1998 - 2002 avg.)	81.1%	84.8%
Low Weight Live Births as a Percent of Total Births (1998 - 2002 avg.)	9.9%	7.9%
Resident Infant Deaths Per 1,000 Lives Births (1998 - 2002 avg.)	13.1	7.2

The City of Norton has two hospitals, Mountain View Regional Medical Center and Norton Community Hospital. Together they provide 218 beds, 75 of which are staffed. While the city has a large number of physicians per capita (85.12 per 10,000), these providers serve Wise County and surrounding areas. There are still fewer dentists (4.7 per 10,000) in Norton than the United States average (5.8 per 10,000), and 8.3% of residents lack health insurance. The relative poverty and poor health status of the population indicate the need for improved access to primary care in Norton.

Links

Norton - <http://www.nortonva.org/>

Norton - <http://www.city-data.com/city/Norton-Virginia.html>

Norton - <http://www.lenowisco.org/>

Norton - <http://www.vaswpromise.com/>

Norton Community Hospital - <http://www.nchosp.org/>

Mountain View Regional Medical Center - <http://www.smhnorton.org/>

Lenowisco Health District - <http://www.vdh.state.va.us/lhd/lenowisco/index.htm>

Norton County Health Care Resources

Regional Hospitals

- Mountain View Regional Hospital
310 3rd Street, NE Norton, VA 24273
276.679.9100
<http://www.wellmont.org/Hospitals/Mountain-View-Regional-Medical-Center.aspx>
- Norton Community Hospital
100 15th St NW Norton VA 24273
276-679-9600
<http://www.nchosp.org/>

Community Health Centers

- Community Physicians Norton
96 15th St NW Norton, VA
(276) 679-8890
- Wise County & Norton Head Start Centers
US Route 23 Norton, VA 24273
(276) 679-5737

Free Clinics

Telemedicine Sites

- Norton Community Hospital
100 15th St NW Norton VA 24273
276-79-8890
<http://www.nchosp.org/>
- St. Mary's Health Wagon
119 Number Ten St
Clinchco, VA 24226
(276) 835-9474

Health Department

- Wise County and the City of Norton Health Department
District Office & Administrative Headquarters 134 Roberts Street, SW Wise,
Virginia 24293
Voice: 276-328-8000
Fax: 276-376-1020

Department of Social Services

- Norton City Department of Social Services
Roger Ramey, Director
938 Park Ave. P.O. Box 378 Norton, VA 24273-0378
(276) 679-4393
(276) 679-2701
(276) 679-0607 (FAX)

Home Health Care

- FIRST CHOICE HOME HEALTH CARE
46 7th Street, P.O. Box 589, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-7404)
- PATIENT FIRST HOME CARE
1028 Park Avenue, N.E., P.O. Box 1211, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-1684)
- IN HOME CARE, INC.
201 Nottingham Avenue, Wise, VA 24293
(276-328-9340)
702 Commonwealth Drive, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-7912)
- PATIENT FIRST HOME CARE
1028 Park Avenue, N.E., P.O. Box 1211, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-1684)
- First Choice Home Health Care
P.O. Box 589 Norton, VA
(276) 679-7404
www.firstchoicehomehealthcare.com
- Community Home Care
Norton, VA 24273-
(276) 679-5915
- Community Home Care
Norton Square Shopping Ctr Norton, VA 24273
(276) 679-5915
- First Choice Home Health Care
46 7th St NW Norton, VA 24273-1921

(276) 679-7404

- First Choice Home Health Care
46-7th Street Norton, VA 24273
(276) 679-7404

Nursing Homes

- The Laurels Retirement & Assisted Living
5635 BSG Drive Norton, VA 24273
(276) 679-5635
- Wise County & Norton Head Start Centers
US Route 23 Norton, VA 24273
(276) 679-5737

Hospice Facilities

- Hospice & Palliative Care-VA
738 Park Ave NW # 3 Norton, VA 24273-1923
(276) 679-7212
Elizabeth Cooperstein, President
<http://www.wellmont.org/Medical-Services/Hospice/Hospice.aspx>
- HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE OF VIRGINIA
738 Park Avenue, Suite 3, P.O. Box 349, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-7212)

Pharmacies

- CAVALIER PHARMACY
301 Church Street, P.O. Box 1406, Wise, VA 24293
(276-328-9141)
336 Coeburn Avenue, SW, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-0888)
- NORTON PHARMACY
460 Park Avenue, NW, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-8383)
- Community Hospital Pharmacy
Norton, VA 24273-
(276) 679-4452

- Wal Mart Supercenter
780 Commonwealth Dr Norton, VA 24273-4051
(276) 679-7327
www.walmart.com

Alcohol/Drug Abuse and Mental Health Facilities

- Saint Mary's Family Center
910 Virginia Avenue Norton, VA 24273
Rehab Contact Phone: (276) 679-5570

Counseling Services

Physicians

- JOSHI, ANILKUMAR R., M.D.
Medical Associates of Southwest Virginia
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340 Anderson Hollow Road, P.O. Box 707, Norton, VA 24273
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- Bon Secours Saint Mary's Hospital
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(276) 679-9115
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(276) 679-9126
- Bon Secours Saint Mary's Hospital
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(276) 679-9140
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(276) 679-1623
- Community Orthopedics
96 15th St NW Norton, VA
(276) 679-7986
- Crown Cardiology
98 15th St NW Norton, VA 24273-1600
(276) 679-5700
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- Dozier Lance C MD
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- Femi Pearse Juni MD
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(276) 679-5880

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608 Trent St NE Norton, VA 24273-1532
(276) 679-0536
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(276) 679-3687

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- HORNE, WILLIAM C., JR., D.D.S.
204 Chestnut Street, P.O. Box 189, Norton, VA 24273
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(276-679-7171)
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(276-679-8400)
- Designing Smiles
728 Commonwealth Dr Norton, VA 24273-4051
(276) 679-7171

- Montgomery Jeffrey DDS PC
616 Market Pl SW Norton, VA 24273-2500
(276) 679-5141

Miscellaneous Health Care

- FREDIA HELBERT AUDIOLOGY
98 15th Street, NW, Suite 204, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-3687)
- MOUNTAIN EMPIRE DIALYSIS CENTER
205 Virginia Avenue, NW, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-7805)
- OCCUMED HEALTH CENTER
(Occupational Medicine/Sports Medicine/Family Practice)
1418 Park Avenue, NW, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-8867)
- SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL CANCER CENTER
611 Trent Street, NE, Norton, VA 24273
(276-679-5874)
- Wellmont Rehabilitation and Sports Cclinic
295 Wharton Ln NE Norton, VA 24273-1541
(276) 679-7408