

Community Profile

Dickenson County, Virginia



Dickenson County

Broadband service provides five routes for separation of service.

Dickenson County, Virginia, offers business-friendly incentives and an unmatched quality of life. Located in the southwestern part of the state, Dickenson County is an outstanding location for call centers and other IT-related industries and home of Dickenson Center for Education and Research and regional headquarters for Equitable Resources. The county also has available buildings and land and aggressive incentive programs for new industries. The Dickenson County Technology Park, which is home to Serco, Inc. (SI International) as well as a childcare facility (6 wks. - 13 yrs. old), is located



Dickenson Center for Education and Research

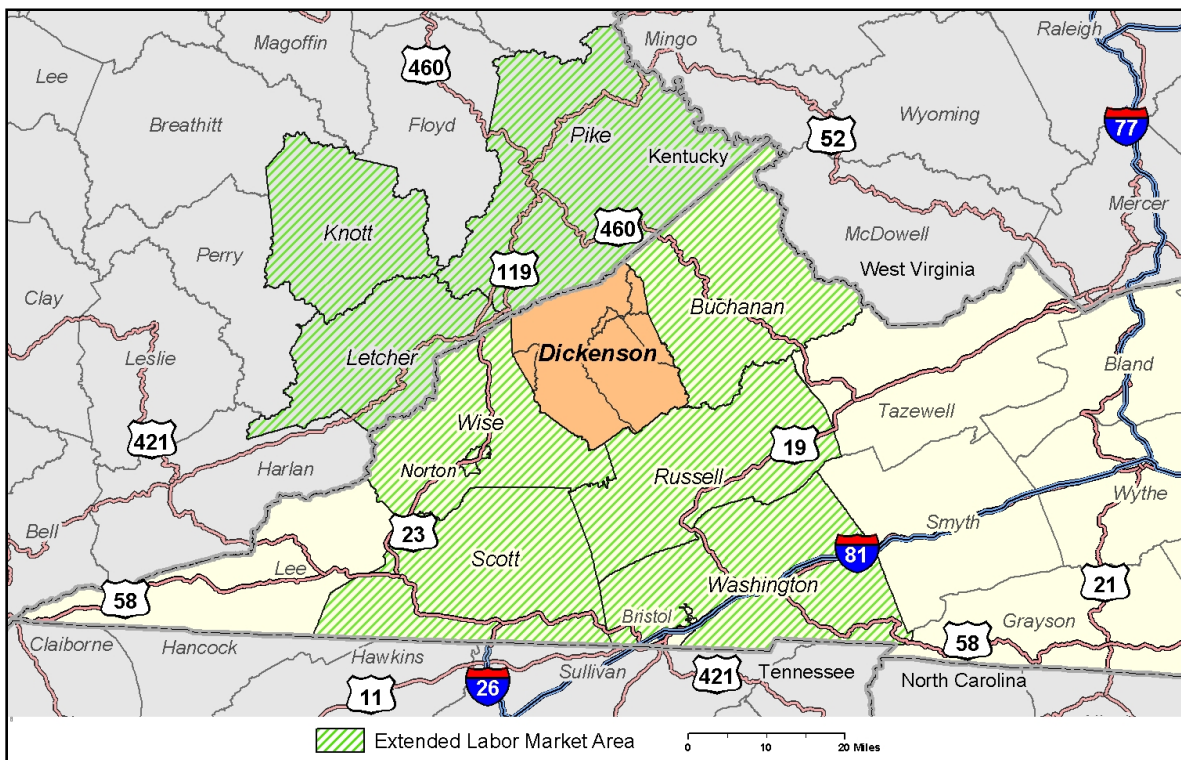
Location

Dickenson Center for Education and Research offers excellent opportunities for training, education, and research in the fields of energy and electronic information technology.

Dickenson County is located in southwestern Virginia in the Appalachian Plateau. The 335 square mile county is bordered on the northwest by the Kentucky state line.

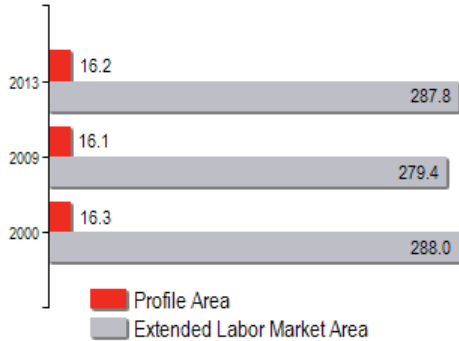
Though the county is rich in natural resources with abundant coal, natural gas, timber and mineral assets, its economy is transitioning from natural resources to technology. With the implementation of the Dickenson County Wireless Information Network (DCWIN), Dickenson County is the first community in the Commonwealth to offer wireless, digital communications service to its business and residential citizens.

Dickenson County is 204 miles southwest of Roanoke and 60 miles north of Tri-Cities MSA VA/TN. Lexington, Kentucky is located 175 miles west, and Louisville, Kentucky is 250 miles west. Dickenson County is located within a day's drive of 2/3 of U. S. markets.

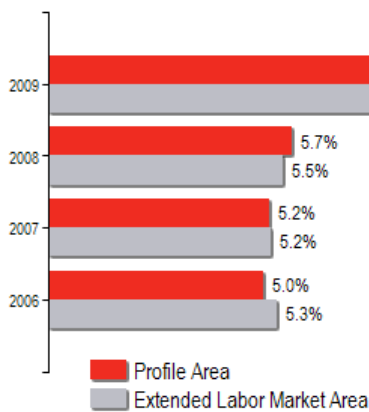


Labor Market Data

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates



Population		
Gender Distribution (2009)		
	Male	Female
Dickenson County	49.5%	50.5%
Race/Ethnicity (2009)		
Classification	Profile Area	Labor Area
American Indian or Alaska Native	21	350
Asian	14	997
Black	231	5,884
Pacific Islander		59
Two or More	94	1,763
White	15,727	270,351
Hispanic (may be of any race)	101	909
Median Age (2009)	42 years	

Civilian Labor Force 2009	
Dickenson County	6,392
Surrounding Labor Area	122,087
Total	128,479

Labor Force Participation 2000 Census	
Dickenson County	41.7%
Surrounding Labor Area	48.4%

Unemployment	
Unemployment Rate (July 2010)	
Dickenson County	9.1%
Labor Area	9.8%
Statewide	7.1%
Unemployed (2009)	
Dickenson County	576
Labor Area	11,177
Total	11,753
Underemployed (2nd Quarter 2010)	
Dickenson County	748
Labor Area	14,431
Total	15,179

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Labor is available from Virginia and Kentucky.

Commuting Patterns -- 2000 Census		
Live and work in Dickenson County:	2,747	46.9%
Total In-Commuters:	846	14.4%
Total Out-Commuters:	2,267	38.7%
Net Out-Commuters:	1,421	
In-Commuters From:		
Wise Co. VA	348	51.2%
Buchanan Co. VA	186	27.4%
Russell Co. VA	96	14.1%
Washington Co. VA	29	4.3%
Scott Co. VA	21	3.1%
Out-Commuters To:		
Wise Co. VA	1,024	51.5%
Norton City VA	427	21.5%
Russell Co. VA	227	11.4%
Buchanan Co. VA	216	10.9%
Washington Co. VA	94	4.7%

Additional Labor Resources	
High school graduates not continuing (2008-2009)	3
Two-year college graduates (Spring 2009)	1,116
Two-year college enrollees (Fall 2009)	7,238
Other college and university graduates (Spring 2009)	423
Total	8,780

Educational Attainment	
Percentage of Dickenson County 2005-2006 ninth graders graduating in 2008-2009	79.8%
Percentage of Dickenson County population age 25+ who are high school graduates	58.9%
Percentage of Dickenson County population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher	6.7%

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The labor force of contiguous areas averages 70,000+.

Employment by Sector* (4th Qtr. 2009)		
Natural Resources and Mining	983	25.6%
Construction	248	6.5%
Trade	435	11.3%
Transportation and Utilities	203	5.3%
Manufacturing	56	1.5%
Information	N.D.	N.D.
Financial	73	1.9%
Services	731	19.0%
Government	1,098	28.6%
Other	0	0
Total	3,842	99.6%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

*By Business Establishment

Employment by Occupation* (4th Qtr. 2009)		
Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	983	27.7%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	16	0.5%
Managerial, Professional & Related	846	23.9%
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	485	13.7%
Sales & Office	706	19.9%
Service	510	14.4%
Total	3,546	100%

*By Business Establishment

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The county is rich in natural resources such as coal and gas, and both are major employers. In addition, many skilled workers are trained as machinists, welders, electricians and other related trades.

Major Employers

Manufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Estimated Employment</i>
Alpha Coal Company	Coal mining	300 - 599
Mountain Forest Products Inc.	Wood chips and lumber	20 - 49
Mullins Extreme Shock	Ammunition	1 - 19

NonManufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Estimated Employment</i>
Appalachian Production Service	gas	50 - 99
EQT Corp.	Gas	100 - 299
Highlands Drilling	gas industry	50 - 99
JWT Well Services	Gas well preparation sites	50 - 99
Serco, Inc. (SI International)	Customer service	100 - 299

Union Activity (1/2005 - 5/2010)

Petitions filed for decertification	0
Petitions filed for representation	0
Petitions filed for raid	0
Elections won by union	0
Elections won by company	0

Labor Market Data

Estimated Earnings (May 2009)				
<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Median Wage</i>	<i>Mean Wage</i>	<i>Median Salary</i>	<i>Mean Salary</i>
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	\$9.24	\$10.01	\$19,223.44	\$20,831.03
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	\$15.67	\$16.03	\$32,593.77	\$33,343.57
Maintenance and repair workers, general	\$14.91	\$15.72	\$31,021.79	\$32,693.12
Mine cutting and channeling machine operators	\$23.25	\$22.04	\$48,365.07	\$45,840.23
Operating engineers and other construction equipment operators	\$16.06	\$16.62	\$33,414.15	\$34,568.42
Construction laborers	\$12.59	\$14.88	\$26,181.28	\$30,955.02
First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades & extraction wrkrs	\$25.87	\$28.61	\$53,819.04	\$59,500.42
Office clerks, general	\$9.96	\$11.02	\$20,708.02	\$22,927.78
Stock clerks and order fillers	\$8.93	\$9.78	\$18,572.08	\$20,333.35
Receptionists and information clerks	\$9.62	\$9.87	\$20,016.24	\$20,538.36
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	\$13.77	\$14.61	\$28,645.84	\$30,383.88
First-line supervisors/managers of office & admin support workers	\$17.40	\$21.08	\$36,198.89	\$43,840.81
Sales reps, wholesale & manufacturing, ex technical & scientific products	\$22.31	\$25.89	\$46,405.44	\$53,846.54
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	\$9.28	\$9.59	\$19,292.88	\$19,941.95
Home health aides	\$7.79	\$8.04	\$16,213.59	\$16,730.01
Registered nurses	\$23.70	\$26.89	\$49,297.03	\$55,923.78
Teacher assistants	\$9.35	\$11.29	\$19,441.35	\$23,477.13
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	\$26.42	\$29.04	\$54,955.19	\$60,393.40
Elementary school teachers, except special education	\$25.71	\$28.64	\$53,480.11	\$59,570.10

Per Capita Personal Income (2008)
 \$25,708

Median Family Income (FY 2009)
 \$38,109

Education

The county is served by two community colleges, Southwest Virginia Community College and Mountain Empire Community College and has good access to several four-year colleges and universities.

Public School Enrollment — Fall 2009		
<i>Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Combined	4	1,189
Middle	1	341
High School	3	819

Student Teacher Ratio (2008-09)	
Elementary	10.8:1
Secondary	10.7:1
Percentage of 2005-2006 ninth grade membership graduating 2008-2009	79.8%
Percentage of high school graduates continuing education 2008-2009 (including military)	69.5%

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2009)
\$10,963.00

Workforce Development Facilities	
<i>Facility</i>	<i>Type</i>
Appalachian Community Action Agency	Satellite Center
Bluestone Workforce Training Center	Comprehensive Center
Cedar Bluff Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Clinch Valley Community Action	Satellite Center
Dickenson County Career Center	Career and Technical Center
Lee County Workforce Center	Satellite Center
Norton Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Occupational Enterprises, Inc.	Satellite Center
Pennington Gap Workforce Services	Satellite Center
Wise Workforce Center	Comprehensive Center

Education

The Dickenson County School System is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Vocational/technical training is offered at the Dickenson County Career Center.

Higher Education Facilities — Fall 2009	
<i>Facility</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Southwest Virginia Community College	3,855
Mountain Empire Community College	3,383
University of Virginia's College at Wise	2,015
Pikeville College	1,066
Appalachian School of Law	334
Appalachian College of Pharmacy	71
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center	.

* Enrollment figures are included in participating colleges and universities.

Transportation

Dickenson County offers reasonable drive times to Interstates 81, 26, and 75 and four-lane highways 19, 23, 58, and 460.

Interstates

Name	Distance
I-81	24.4 miles (39.2 km.)
I-26	30.1 miles (48.5 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways

Highway 63	Highway 72	Highway 80	Highway 83	
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Note: 4-Lane US Highways located within locality/region.

Commercial Air Service

Tri-Cities Regional Airport, Blountville, TN -- 85.0 miles (136.8 km.)

Delta Connection	US Airways Express	Allegiant Air
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Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the locality/region.

Transportation

CSX Transportation is the major provider of rail service to the county.

General Aviation Service	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Runway Length</i>
Grundy Municipal Airport, Grundy	2,350 ft (716 m)

Freight Rail Service
CSX Transportation

Seaports	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Port of Virginia	440.0 miles (708.1 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality/region to Port of Virginia and any other seaports within 100 miles.

Other Ports of Entry	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Tri Cities	85.0 miles (136.8 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	440.0 miles (643.7 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality/region to Port of Washington - Dulles and any other port of entry within 100 miles.

Utilities

Dickenson County Wireless Integrated Network (DCWIN) offers wireless and digital communication services to business and residential citizens. Broadband providers offer five routes of separation of service. Electric power rates are among the lowest in the state. Appalachian Power offers upgradable capacities and redundancy is possible.

Utilities	
Electric	Appalachian Power
Natural Gas	Appalachian Natural Gas Distribution Company
Natural Gas	Equitable Resources Exploration
Telecommunications	DCWIN
Telecommunications	Verizon South
Telecommunications	Bristol Virginia Utilities
Water	Town of Clintwood
Water	Dickenson County Public Service Authority
Water	Buchanan County Public Service Authority
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Clintwood
Waste Water Treatment	Dickenson County Public Service Authority
Solid Waste Disposal	Dickenson County Transfer Station

Financial Institutions

Qualifying businesses could be eligible for assistance from the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority and the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission along with Enterprise Zone incentives. Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority offers a revolving loan fund for eligible applicants.

Financial Institutions — 4th Qtr 2009 Assets	
<i>Bank</i>	<i>Assets (millions)</i>
Wachovia Bank, N.A.	\$510,083.0
Branch Banking and Trust Company	\$159,675.5
First Community Bank, N.A.	\$2,249.0
New Peoples Bank, Inc.	\$858.1
Franklin Community Bank	\$224.8
Farmers and Miners Bank	\$127.9

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Enjoy the beauty of our mountains and the four seasons that produce year-round beauty.

Government

Dickenson County has a County Administrator and a five-member Board of Supervisors.

Clintwood is the county seat. Haysi and Clincho are other incorporated towns.

Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax. They do not tax other items taxed at the State level.

Counties and cities in Virginia are separate taxing entities. Therefore, a company pays taxes to either a county or to a city.

If a company is located in a town, it pays town and county taxes except for utility taxes which are paid only to the town and the license tax which is paid only to the town unless town law permits the additional collection of a county tax.

Manufacturers pay real estate, machinery and tools, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes.

Nonmanufacturers pay real estate, tangible personal property, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes. They also may pay either a merchants' capital or a license tax.

Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Dickenson) [pdf](#)

Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Dickenson) [pdf](#)

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Home of the John W. Flannagan Reservoir, which is a multi-purpose dam open to the public; as well as numerous hiking, biking, horse-back riding and walking trails. Also home to the Ralph Stanley Music Festival which is held in May of each year.

Community Facilities

Dickenson Community Hospital is a critical access hospital located in Clintwood, VA. The hospital proudly serves the residents of Dickenson County and the surrounding area by offering 24 hour physician staffed emergency care and adult inpatient care for acute illness such as dehydration and simple pneumonia. In addition, the hospital provides quality Respiratory, Radiology and Laboratory outpatient services. The Respiratory Services offered include Pulmonary Function Testing (PFTs) and Echocardiograms. The Radiology Services offered include routine X Rays, Ultrasounds, 16 Slice CT Scans and Bone Densitometry. In addition, the hospital offers a full service laboratory. Through the ER and outpatient services, Dickenson Community Hospital offers quality healthcare in a convenient location so that residents can be cared for close to home. Additional medical facilities are conveniently located in Abingdon; Richlands; Grundy; Bristol; Wise; Norton; Pikeville, Kentucky; and Kingsport, Tennessee.

Heritage Hall Health Care Center provides long-term care for the elderly residents of Dickenson County.

The County offers two childcare facilities, one located in Dickenson County Technology Park and the other located in the Town of Haysi.

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Dickenson boasts moderate temperatures throughout the year and an average annual snowfall of only 15 inches.

Community Facilities (continued)

Dickenson Center for Education and Research offers meeting/conference facilities and industrial training space.

Six physicians, three dentists, two physicians assistants and five nurse practitioners maintain practices in Dickenson County.

County residents are served by two public libraries. The Johnnie B. Deel Library in Clintwood has over 66,000 volumes and offers a variety of services that include interlibrary loan capabilities, historical archives and a public meeting room. The Haysi Community Library has 10,000 volumes. Both are branches of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library, which is located in Big Stone Gap.

There are more than 100 churches representing the predominant Protestant denominations and the Catholic faith located in the county. A Jewish synagogue is located in Bristol.

The area has a variety of shopping opportunities available to county residents. Over 150 retail establishments are dispersed throughout Dickenson County. The town of Clintwood offers a wide range of shopping choices in their downtown business district. Additional shopping facilities can be found throughout the region. The county offers several lodging facilities --- two motels and seven bed and breakfast.

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Medical treatment is offered through Dickenson Community Hospital, Heritage Hall Health Care (long-term care for elderly residents) and several physicians located throughout the county.

Lifestyle

A wide assortment of recreational and cultural opportunities are available to residents of Dickenson County. The 4,500-acre Breaks Interstate Park offers camping, boating, fishing, hiking, swimming, horseback riding, and picnicking facilities. The park has a visitor center that houses natural and historical, geological and coal mining exhibits and an amphitheater where theater and musical performances are performed during Spring, Summer and Fall. The park also offers dining and banquet facilities for 200 people. Lodging at the park includes 84 motel units and ten 2 to 3-bedroom cabins for family/corporate retreats. (www.breakspark.com) The John W. Flannagan Reservoir, operated by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, is a multi-purpose dam open to the public. This 7,507-acre facility is located in the Pound River Valley and has two amphitheaters, boat ramps, campsites, picnic shelters, hiking trails, tennis courts and a playing field. The 1,143-acre lake provides extensive recreational opportunities that include swimming, boating, water skiing and fishing. White water rafting is also offered on the weekends in October.

Dickenson County operates seven recreation areas where tennis courts, basketball courts, horse rinks and picnic tables are available.

Cultural activities in the area include the annual Ralph Stanley Music Festival held in May and performances by the Roadside Theater Production Company.

Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority
Dickenson County