

**TABLE 2.1  
SERVICE REGION STATISTICS**

	<b>Population</b>	<b>Median Income</b>	<b>Poverty</b>	<b>Not Employed</b>	<b>College Graduates</b>	<b>Associate's Degree</b>	<b>High School Graduates</b>
Dickenson	14,523	\$29,916	25%	<b>7.3%</b>	9%	9%	75%
Lee	23,541	\$32,590	28%	<b>5.5%</b>	11%	7%	75%
Scott	21,534	\$38,725	18%	<b>4.1%</b>	13%	8%	80%
Wise	38,012	\$38,225	23%	<b>6.8%</b>	14%	8%	76%
Norton	3,968	\$26,971	22%	<b>5.5%</b>	17%	12%	83%
<b>Service Region</b>	<b>101,578</b>	<b>\$33,285</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>76%</b>
State of VA	8,517,685	\$68,766	11%	<b>3.8%</b>	38%	8%	89%

\* Population data - 2018 US Census estimate; Income and Poverty Data - 2013-2017 Census estimate average; Unemployment figures - VEC 2017 Annual Unemployment Data; Education levels - 2013-17 American Community Survey (based on the population of residents age 25 and older). College graduates consist of persons with a bachelor's degree or higher.

The data demonstrates a large discrepancy between the state of Virginia and the service region served by MECC. Statewide, the median family income is over twice the amount of the service region. The percentage of service region residents living below the poverty level is more than twice that of the state. The service region unemployment rate is higher than the state, but the difference has lessened in recent years. The state has maintained a much higher percentage of college and high school graduates than the service region.

**TABLE 2.2  
PERCENT OF POPULATION SERVED 2018-2019**

	<b>Population*</b>	<b>Total Students Served</b>	<b>Percent Served Annualized</b>
Dickenson	7,262	310	4.3%
Lee	23,541	624	2.7%
Scott	21,534	608	2.8%
Wise	38,012	1,338	3.5%
Norton	3,968	179	4.5%
<b>Service Region</b>	<b>94,317</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
VCCS Totals	8,517,685	219,868	2.6%

\*Population figures are estimated by the US Census Bureau on projected population change. Because MECC shares Dickenson County with SVCC, Dickenson County's population is halved.

**TABLE 2.3  
JURISDICTION OF STUDENTS ENROLLED**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Dickenson</b>	<b>Lee</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>Wise</b>	<b>Norton</b>	<b>Other</b>
2014-15	3,620	7%	18%	18%	40%	6%	10%
2015-16	3,671	8%	17%	17%	41%	6%	11%
2016-17	3,695	9%	19%	16%	42%	6%	9%
2017-18	3,560	9%	18%	17%	39%	6%	11%
2018-19	3,414	9%	18%	18%	39%	5%	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,960</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Service Region	94,317	8%	25%	23%	40%	4%	0%

Almost half of MECC students reside within the border of Wise County, when including Norton. Lee County residents are underrepresented in terms of students at MECC versus the proportion of regional residents, with a constant decline from previous years, while the proportion of Scott County students is also below the service region distribution, while showing a decline in recent years. Because only half of Dickenson County is included within the MECC service region, Dickenson County's portion of the service region population is close to what should be expected. The City of Norton's enrollment distribution is above the representative of the service region's population distribution.

**TABLE 2.4  
SERVICE REGION RESIDENTS ENROLLED IN VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

	<b>Total Attending College</b>	<b>MECC</b>	<b>SVCC</b>	<b>UVA-Wise</b>	<b>Radford</b>	<b>VPI</b>	<b>Other</b>
Dickenson	448	54%	16%	16%	2%	3%	8%
Lee	565	80%	1%	11%	1%	1%	6%
Scott	613	75%	2%	12%	2%	3%	7%
Wise	1,557	61%	2%	26%	1%	2%	7%
Norton	205	65%	4%	16%	2%	3%	11%
<b>Service Region</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>7%</b>