

**TABLE 2.1
SERVICE REGION STATISTICS**

	Population	Median Income	Poverty	Not Employed	College Graduates	Associate's Degree	High School Graduates
Dickenson	14,782	\$31,226	26%	7.3%	11%	9%	74%
Lee	23,758	\$31,577	30%	5.5%	12%	7%	75%
Scott	21,865	\$38,017	20%	4.1%	13%	7%	79%
Wise	38,586	\$36,352	24%	6.8%	14%	7%	75%
Norton	3,936	\$26,000	23%	5.5%	17%	12%	83%
Service Region	102,927	\$32,634	24%	5.8%	13%	7%	76%
State of VA	8,470,020	\$66,149	11%	3.8%	37%	7%	89%

* Population data - 2017 US Census estimate; Income and Poverty Data - 2012-2016 Census estimate average; Unemployment figures - VEC 2017 Annual Unemployment Data; Education levels - 2012-16 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 2017-2018**

	Population*	Total Students Served	Percent Served Annualized
Dickenson	7,391	333	4.5%
Lee	23,758	649	2.7%
Scott	21,865	606	2.8%
Wise	38,586	1,375	3.6%
Norton	3,936	208	5.3%
Service Region	95,536	3,171	3.3%
VCCS Totals	8,470,020	217,236	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**

	Number	Dickenson	Lee	Scott	Wise	Norton	Other
2013-14	3,834	7%	18%	20%	39%	6%	10%
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%
Total	18,380	8%	18%	18%	40%	6%	10%
Service Region	98,083	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**

	Total Attending College	MECC	SVCC	UVA-Wise	Radford	VPI	Other
Dickenson	453	59%	15%	18%	2%	2%	4%
Lee	594	80%	1%	11%	1%	1%	6%
Scott	649	76%	2%	11%	2%	3%	6%
Wise	1,644	63%	2%	26%	1%	2%	6%
Norton	241	65%	1%	19%	2%	2%	11%
Service Region	3,581	68%	3%	19%	1%	2%	6%