

Appendix F ANALYSIS OF COUNTIES

DESCRIPTION	BUCHANAN	DICKENSON	LEE	RUSSELL	SCOTT	TAZEWELL	WISE	CITY OF NORFOLK	STATE AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE
Population (Estimate as of July 2008)	23,521	16,405	23,448	28,831	22,850	43,787	41,703	3,702		
% Change in pop. since 2000 census	-12.80%	0.10%	-0.60%	-1.50%	-2.40%	-1.80%	-1.20%	-5.30%	9.70%	8%
% Living below the poverty level	21.70%	21.30%	29.50%	31.20%	18.10%	17.80%	21.60%	20.60%	9.90%	13%
Nonemployer Establishments, 2006	1,010	476	1,172	1,231	1,158	2,231	1,654	201		
Total # of Firms	1,407	698	1,259	1,503	1,360	3,227	2,385	456		
Retail Sales (2002)	\$137,290,000	\$87,495,000	\$116,664,000	\$194,779,000	\$166,262,000	\$617,088,000	\$362,695,000	\$194,947,000		
Retail Sales per Capita (2002)	\$5,271	\$5,391	\$4,944	\$6,725	\$7,199	\$13,930	\$8,671	\$49,643	\$11,069	
Accommodations & Food Service Sales (2002)	\$11,670,000	Not available	\$5,456,000	\$8,333,000	\$8,904,000	\$35,364,000	\$26,371,000	\$11,953,000		
Building Permits (2008)	34	27	59	37	35	55	67	10		
Land Area (2000)	503.88	331.71	437.71	474.66	536.58	519.74	404.4	7.43		
Person per square mile	53.5	49.4	54	63.8	43.6	85.8	99.3	488	178.8	
Unemployment (as of June 2009)	10.50%	9.80%	7.70%	12.40%	10.20%	9.70%	7.80%	6.60%	7.30%	9.70%

POVERTY LEVEL IS HIGH

- Nearly 23% of those living within the Spearhead Trails' seven county region are living below the poverty level with Russell Countians being the highest at over 31% which is almost 1/3 of their population! The State Average is 9.9%. The national average is only 13%.

Nearly 1 in every 3 people in Russell County is living below the poverty

POPULATION IS DECLINING

- And while Virginia on average is seeing a 9.7% increase in population and the United States as a whole is seeing an 8% increase, nearly every county in the Spearhead Trails region have experienced a significant decline. In fact, Buchanan has lost nearly 13% of its population since the 2000 census.

BASE POINTS FOR EACH COUNTY

- The most recent information the researchers could find on retail sales per each county and accommodations & food service data were dated 2002. It is suggested that each county provide more up-to-date information to use as a base from which to build.
- Building permit information for 2008 has been provided.