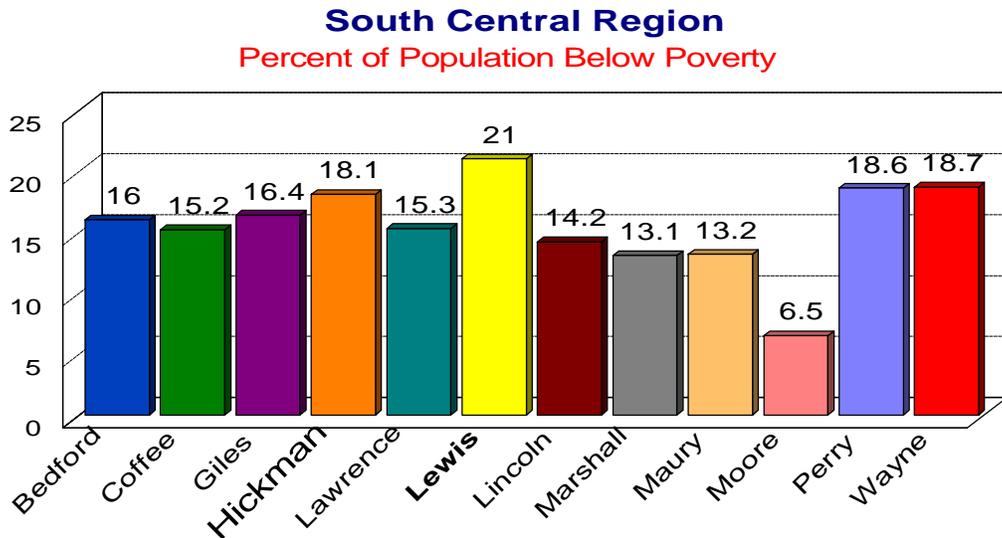


The poverty rate for the entire county population was 15% in 1996. This percentage is about the same as the region, which averaged 15.5%. According to the 1990 Census, 18.1% of the population in Hickman County was below poverty; the 1996 Census information states that the per capita income for Hickman County was \$14,251, which was lower than the state's per capita income of \$19,450 and the regional average of \$17,316.



1990 Census

In 1996, 16.5% of the population was enrolled in TennCare, which was lower than the state's 29.6% for this same period.

During the data analysis phase of Hickman County's Community Diagnosis, the council noted that the County had an unemployment rate of 14% which was significantly higher than the 4.2% state rate in December 1996. As of April 1999, Hickman County's unemployment rate was 9.7%.

D. Medical Community

There is a hospital facility located in Hickman County. The hospitals Hickman County residents most often use are located in Davidson County. The second most frequently used facility is in Dickson County. Only 18.4% of hospital admissions for Hickman County residents are in the Baptist- Hickman facility.