

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	808
Primary Care Physicians	327
<i>Family Practice</i>	118
<i>General Practice</i>	9
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	107
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	47
<i>Pediatrics</i>	46
Other Specialties	481
Physicians per 10,000 Population	35.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.5
Federal Physicians**	60

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	142
Dental Hygienists	162

Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,828
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	121
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	14
Licensed Practical Nurses	735

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	66
Occupational Therapists	108
Occupational Therapy Assistants	33
Optometrists	34
Pharmacists	294
Physical Therapists	217
Physical Therapist Assistants	68
Physician Assistants	133
Podiatrists	11
Practicing Psychologists	112
Psychological Associates	53
Respiratory Therapists	159

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2007

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	204,507	46,968	125,449	32,090
Nonwhite	21,102	6,634	12,458	2,010
Total	225,609	53,602	137,907	34,100
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.8%	61.1%	15.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2007	119,352
Employed 2007	115,146
Unemployed 2007	4,206
Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)	3.5
Per Capita Income 2006	\$31,345
Medicaid Eligibles 2007	41,922

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,755	Total Pregnancies	3,360	Total Pregnancy Rate	76.2
Resident Deaths	2,190	Teen Pregnancies	382	Teen Pregnancy Rate	54.8
% Births <2500 gms	10.1	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.8	White	5.3	Nonwhite	10.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2006 ⁺	21,444	General Hospital Beds 2007 ⁺⁺	673	Nursing Facility Beds 2007	1,668
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2007 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded.

** Includes NC Medical Board licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

+ Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

++ Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.