

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2011 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians[§]

Non-Federal Physicians	863
Primary Care Physicians	290
<i>Family Practice</i>	124
<i>General Practice</i>	3
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	86
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	40
<i>Pediatrics</i>	37
Other Specialties	573
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	35.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	11.9
Federal Physicians***	77

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	155
Dental Hygienists	166

Nurses

Registered Nurses	4,307
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	168
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	15
Licensed Practical Nurses	733

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	88
Occupational Therapists	136
Occupational Therapy Assistants	34
Optometrists	37
Pharmacists	328
Physical Therapists	287
Physical Therapist Assistants	104
Physician Assistants	155
Podiatrists	11
Practicing Psychologists	139
Psychological Associates	44
Respiratory Therapists	172

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009⁺⁺⁺

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	207,772	46,721	126,571	34,480
Nonwhite	22,678	6,740	13,521	2,417
Total	230,450	53,461	140,092	36,897
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.2%	60.8%	16.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2011	125,459
Employed 2011	115,114
Unemployed 2011	10,345
Unemployment Rate 2011 (%)	8.2
Per Capita Income 2010	\$33,777
Medicaid Eligibles 2011	48,847

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,568	Total Pregnancies	3,057	Total Pregnancy Rate	66
Resident Deaths	2,316	Teen Pregnancies	275	Teen Pregnancy Rate	40
% Births <2500 gms (2009)	8.1	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.0	White	5.5	Nonwhite	8.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2010. ⁺	23,718	General Hospital Beds 2011. ⁺⁺	673	Nursing Facility Beds 2011.	1,853
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§ Please refer to page 4 of this book for an explanation of the change in physician numbers.

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2011 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

** Rates are based on 2011 population data.

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

+++ Population data by race/ethnicity and age for 2010 and 2011 were not yet available at the time of publication.