

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	658
Primary Care Physicians	265
<i>Family Practice</i>	94
<i>General Practice</i>	10
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	90
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	37
<i>Pediatrics</i>	34
Other Specialties	393
Physicians per 10,000 Population	31.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.8
Federal Physicians**	30

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	108
Dental Hygienists	133

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	3,144
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	75
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	9
Licensed Practical Nurses	739

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	51
Optometrists	26
Pharmacists	221
Physical Therapists	149
Physical Therapist Assistant	54
Physician Assistants	86
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	78
Psychological Associates	57

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	183,761	40,374	113,701	29,686
Nonwhite	22,569	7,258	13,221	2,090
Total	206,330	47,632	126,922	31,776
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.1%	61.5%	15.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	102,032
Employed 2000	99,389
Unemployed 2000	2,643
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	2.6
Per Capita Income 1999	\$27,393
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	30,841

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,472	Total Pregnancies	3,119	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.9
Resident Deaths	2,202	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	394	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	69.7
% Births <2500 gms.	9.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	13.3	White	11.6	Nonwhite	30.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 ⁺	24,781	General Hospital Beds 2000 ⁺⁺	724	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	1,698
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*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; inactive 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.

[‡] 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

⁺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.