

# Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	762
Primary Care Physicians	312
<i>Family Practice</i>	122
<i>General Practice</i>	8
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	96
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	46
<i>Pediatrics</i>	40
Other Specialties	450
Physicians per 10,000 Population	35.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.3
Federal Physicians**	55

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	143
Dental Hygienists	161

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,583
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	102
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	12
Licensed Practical Nurses	714

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	65
Optometrists	26
Pharmacists	248
Physical Therapists	206
Physical Therapist Assistants	74
Physician Assistants	120
Podiatrists	10
Practicing Psychologists	104
Psychological Associates	51
Respiratory Therapists	156

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	197,248	45,553	121,003	30,692
<b>Nonwhite</b>	20,175	6,317	11,927	1,931
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,423</b>	<b>51,870</b>	<b>132,930</b>	<b>32,623</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	23.9%	61.1%	15.0%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	115,921
Employed 2005	110,984
Unemployed 2005	4,937
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	4.3
Per Capita Income 2004	\$28,037
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	38,600

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2004

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births . . . . .	2,576	Total Pregnancies . . . . .	3,289	Total Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	75.7
Resident Deaths . . . . .	2,118	Teen Pregnancies . . . . .	365	Teen Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	54.5
% Births <2500 gms . . . . .	8.7	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2004

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Total . . . . .	5.4	White . . . . .	5.2	Nonwhite . . . . .	7.7
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 <sup>†</sup> . . . . .	21,988	General Hospital Beds 2005 <sup>††</sup> . . . . .	716	Nursing Facility Beds 2005 . . . . .	1,668
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\* Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2005; 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.

<sup>†</sup> Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup> Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.