

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	786
Primary Care Physicians	331
<i>Family Practice</i>	123
<i>General Practice</i>	8
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	107
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	50
<i>Pediatrics</i>	43
Other Specialties	455
Physicians per 10,000 Population	35.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.0
Federal Physicians**	56

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	140
Dental Hygienists	169

Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,685
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	107
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	12
Licensed Practical Nurses	742

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	65
Occupational Therapists	106
Occupational Therapy Assistants	29
Optometrists	30
Pharmacists	271
Physical Therapists	214
Physical Therapist Assistants	82
Physician Assistants	124
Podiatrists	11
Practicing Psychologists	117
Psychological Associates	51
Respiratory Therapists	161

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	200,725	46,333	123,072	31,320
Nonwhite	20,602	6,468	12,162	1,972
Total	221,327	52,801	135,234	33,292
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.9%	61.1%	15.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	118,930
Employed 2006	114,405
Unemployed 2006	4,525
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	3.8
Per Capita Income 2005	\$30,158
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	40,951

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,621	Total Pregnancies	3,266	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.0
Resident Deaths	2,227	Teen Pregnancies	395	Teen Pregnancy Rate	58.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.7	White	10.5	Nonwhite	12.3
-------	------	-------	------	----------	------

Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	21,164	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	673	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	1,668
---	--------	--	-----	----------------------------	-------

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 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.