

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	813
Primary Care Physicians	333
<i>Family Practice</i>	133
<i>General Practice</i>	6
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	102
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	42
<i>Pediatrics</i>	50
Other Specialties	479
Physicians per 10,000 Population	35.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.6
Federal Physicians**	68

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	154
Dental Hygienists	162

Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,959
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	133
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	11
Licensed Practical Nurses	734

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	73
Occupational Therapists	119
Occupational Therapy Assistants	30
Optometrists	31
Pharmacists	300
Physical Therapists	244
Physical Therapist Assistants	86
Physician Assistants	133
Podiatrists	11
Practicing Psychologists	128
Psychological Associates	48
Respiratory Therapists	164

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	206,667	47,989	126,244	32,434
Nonwhite	21,247	6,351	12,721	2,175
Total	227,914	54,340	138,965	34,609
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.8%	61.0%	15.2%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	121,574
Employed 2008	115,708
Unemployed 2008	5,866
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	4.8
Per Capita Income 2007	\$33,347
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	32,787

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,864	Total Pregnancies	3,439	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.1
Resident Deaths	2,298	Teen Pregnancies	419	Teen Pregnancy Rate	59.6
% Births <2500 gms	8.5	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	4.5	White	3.9	Nonwhite	9.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	23,301	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	673	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	1,668
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.