

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2010 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	841
Primary Care Physicians	353
<i>Family Practice</i>	139
<i>General Practice</i>	3
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	114
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	45
<i>Pediatrics</i>	52
Other Specialties	488
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	35.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	14.8
Federal Physicians***	76

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	161
Dental Hygienists	167

Nurses

Registered Nurses	4,167
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	156
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	13
Licensed Practical Nurses	719

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	97
Occupational Therapists	136
Occupational Therapy Assistants	29
Optometrists	35
Pharmacists	299
Physical Therapists	275
Physical Therapist Assistants	91
Physician Assistants	152
Podiatrists	10
Practicing Psychologists	135
Psychological Associates	44
Respiratory Therapists	180

■ 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 2010	121,447
Employed 2010	111,261
Unemployed 2010	10,186
Unemployment Rate 2010 (%)	8.4
Per Capita Income 2008	\$34,969
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	42,601

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2009

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,738	Total Pregnancies	3,237	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.6
Resident Deaths	2,283	Teen Pregnancies	299	Teen Pregnancy Rate	42.8
% Births <2500 gms	7.8	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2009

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	4.5	White	4.2	Nonwhite	6.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2009 ⁺	25,317	General Hospital Beds 2010 ⁺⁺	673	Nursing Facility Beds 2010	1,753
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2009 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded.

** Rates are based on 2010 population data.

*** Includes NC 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.