

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2012 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians[§]

Non-Federal Physicians	890
Primary Care Physicians	297
<i>Family Practice</i>	133
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	83
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	37
<i>Pediatrics</i>	42
Other Specialties	593
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	36.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	12.1
Federal Physicians***	83

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	156
Dental Hygienists	165

Nurses

Registered Nurses	4,406
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	184
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	13
Licensed Practical Nurses	731

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	87
Occupational Therapists	142
Occupational Therapy Assistants	39
Optometrists	35
Pharmacists	358
Physical Therapists	296
Physical Therapist Assistants	107
Physician Assistants	162
Podiatrists	11
Practicing Psychologists	140
Psychological Associates	41
Respiratory Therapists	179

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2012

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	220,595	46,549	134,901	39,145
Nonwhite	24,940	8,308	14,148	2,484
Total	245,535	54,857	149,049	41,629
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.3%	60.7%	17.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2012	127,249
Employed 2012	117,664
Unemployed 2012	9,585
Unemployment Rate 2012 (%)	7.5
Per Capita Income 2012	\$36,341
Medicaid Eligibles 2012	49,675

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2012

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,545	Total Pregnancies	3,103	Total Pregnancy Rate	65.8
Resident Deaths	2,287	Teen Pregnancies	236	Teen Pregnancy Rate	35.4
% Births <2500 gms (2012)	8.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2012

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.0	White	5.4	Nonwhite	3.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2012 ⁺	23,163	General Hospital Beds 2012 ⁺⁺	673	Nursing Facility Beds 2012	1,953
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§ Please refer to page 4 of this book for an explanation of the change in physician numbers.

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2012 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

** Rates are based on 2012 population data.

*** Includes NC licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veteran 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.