

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	686
Primary Care Physicians	283
<i>Family Practice</i>	104
<i>General Practice</i>	12
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	92
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	39
<i>Pediatrics</i>	36
Other Specialties	403
Physicians per 10,000 Population	32.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.6
Federal Physicians**	32

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	119
Dental Hygienists	135

Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,256
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	78
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	8
Licensed Practical Nurses	753

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	53
Optometrists	28
Pharmacists	223
Physical Therapists	169
Physical Therapist Assistants	53
Physician Assistants	93
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	82
Psychological Associates	57

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	189,083	42,116	117,131	29,836
Nonwhite	19,510	6,077	11,425	2,008
Total	208,593	48,193	128,556	31,844
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.1%	61.6%	15.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	101,947
Employed 2001	98,249
Unemployed 2001	3,698
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	3.6
Per Capita Income 2000	\$27,221
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	33,275

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,597	Total Pregnancies	3,199	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.3
Resident Deaths	2,205	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	401	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	64.6
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.9	White	7.3	Nonwhite	21.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	24,781	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	724	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	1,698
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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 2001; 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.

[†]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.