

# Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	689
Primary Care Physicians	284
<i>Family Practice</i>	110
<i>General Practice</i>	9
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	92
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	38
<i>Pediatrics</i>	35
Other Specialties	405
Physicians per 10,000 Population	32.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.4
Federal Physicians **	46

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	121
Dental Hygienists	142

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,381
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	78
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	8
Licensed Practical Nurses	729

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	57
Optometrists	29
Pharmacists	236
Physical Therapists	177
Physical Therapist Assistants	57
Physician Assistants	94
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	88
Psychological Associates	58

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	192,136	45,033	116,993	30,110
<b>Nonwhite</b>	19,908	6,439	11,455	2,014
<b>Total</b>	<b>212,044</b>	<b>51,472</b>	<b>128,448</b>	<b>32,124</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	24.3%	60.6%	15.1%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	107,845
Employed 2002	103,177
Unemployed 2002	4,668
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	4.3
Per Capita Income 2001	\$28,013
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	34,074

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,490	Total Pregnancies	3,099	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.1
Resident Deaths	2,262	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	397	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	63.6
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.8	White	7.6	Nonwhite	19.9
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 <sup>†</sup>	22,315	General Hospital Beds 2002 <sup>††</sup>	724	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	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 2002; 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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.