

**County Profile**

**Buncombe County (NC)**

**April 2018**

**Demographics**

**Population & Growth**

2016 Est Population  
2010 Census Total Population  
July 2016 NC Certified Population Estimate

**Population**

250,112  
238,318  
258,406

**% Annual Growth**

1.1%  
0.2%

**Urban/Rural Representation**

2010 Census Total Population: Urban  
2010 Census Total Population: Rural

180,932  
57,386

**Urban/Rural Percent**

75.9%  
24.1%

**Estimated Population by Age**

2016 Est Median Age  
2016 Est Total Pop 0-19  
2016 Est Total Pop 20-24  
2016 Est Total Pop 25-34  
2016 Est Total Pop 35-44  
2016 Est Total Pop 45-54  
2016 Est Total Pop 55-64  
2016 Est Total Pop 65+

42  
54,058  
14,837  
33,946  
32,869  
33,660  
35,639  
45,103

**% Pop by Age**

21.7%  
5.9%  
13.6%  
13.1%  
13.5%  
14.2%  
18.0%

**Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2016 Est**

**Percent of Workers, By Travel Time**

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 20.2  
Workers Not Working at Home 108,344  
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 13.7%  
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 17.6%  
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 22.2%  
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 19.8%  
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 7.6%  
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 9.8%  
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 3.7%  
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 2.7%  
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 2.9%

**Workers, By Transportation**

Worker Transp, Base 116,999  
Work at Home 7.4%  
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 80.0%  
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 8.3%  
Public Transportation 0.7%  
Walked 2.5%  
Bicycle 0.4%  
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other 0.6%

**Place of Work**

Worked in State/County of Residence  
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence  
Worked Outside State of Residence

**Commuters**

105,416  
10,413  
1,170

**Residents**

90.1%  
8.9%  
1.0%

**Education**

2016-17 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment  
2017 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)  
2017 Percent of Graduates taking SAT  
2014-15 Higher Education Completions  
2014-15 Higher Education Total Enrollment  
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate  
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

30,752  
1,114  
46.6%  
3,096  
36,784  
163,030  
66,279

**Pop Age 25+**

90.0%  
36.6%

## Housing

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Total</b>
2016 Est Total Housing Units	115,984	0.5%
2010 Census Total Housing	100,412	
2010 Census Total Households	113,365	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	87,459	87.1%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	12,953	12.9%
2016 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$198,100	
2016 Est Median Gross Rent	\$859	
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing	65,544	64.2%
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing	36,574	35.8%
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing Vacancy	1.6%	
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing Vacancy	3.9%	

## Income

		<b>% Ann Growth or % Pov</b>
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$60,556	
2016 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$50,538	12.1%
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$27,388	
2016 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$43,232	
2015 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty Level (SAIPE)	33,631	13.5%

## Employment / Unemployment

	<b>Currently</b>	<b>2016 Annual</b>
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Employment	133,342	129,660
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment	4,821	5,183
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.8%
2017Q4 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	168	168
2017Q4 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$11.8	\$11.8

## Employment / Wages by Industry

	<b>2017Q3 Employment</b>	<b>2016 Annual Employment</b>	<b>2017Q3 Avg Weekly Wage</b>	<b>2016 Avg Weekly Wage</b>
Total All Industries	128,992	127,220	\$789	\$3,126
Total Government	14,024	15,062	\$974	\$3,784
Total Private Industry	114,968	112,158	\$766	\$3,037
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	273	264	\$592	\$2,238
Mining	87	87	\$902	\$3,787
Utilities	524	549	\$1,617	\$6,364
Construction	5,806	5,240	\$884	\$3,377
Manufacturing	12,369	12,196	\$968	\$3,870
Wholesale Trade	3,341	3,348	\$952	\$3,833
Retail Trade	17,384	17,282	\$503	\$1,998
Transportation and Warehousing	3,679	3,493	\$816	\$3,294
Information	1,539	1,570	\$981	\$4,138
Finance and Insurance	2,855	2,806	\$1,368	\$5,301
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,722	1,536	\$714	\$2,926
Professional and Technical Services	5,344	5,421	\$1,041	\$4,240
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	924	875	\$1,042	\$4,308
Administrative and Waste Services	6,768	7,741	\$632	\$2,318
Educational Services	7,319	8,439	\$767	\$2,943
Health Care and Social Assistance	26,770	25,799	\$1,030	\$4,276
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	3,071	2,766	\$586	\$2,113
Accommodation and Food Services	18,747	17,583	\$416	\$1,507
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	4,424	4,203	\$546	\$2,130
Public Administration	6,048	6,025	\$987	\$3,730
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

## Commercial/Retail/Industrial

### Local Business

2018Q1 Available Industrial Buildings	2
2017Q3 Establishments: Total Private Industry	9,050
2017Q3 Establishments: Manufacturing	358
2016 Est Self Employed	10,205

### Local Retail Business

2017 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$4,506.3
2017 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	2,577
2017 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,748,668
2018Q1 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	.

## Quality of Life

### Taxes

FY2017-18 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5390
FY2016-17 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$5,134.3
2018 Tier designation	3

### Childcare

2018Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	124
2018Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	5,589

### Weather

Annual Rainfall, inches	42
Annual Snowfall, inches	18
Average Annual Temperature, F	55
Average Annual High Temperature, F	66
Average Annual Low Temperature, F	44

### Healthcare Providers

2016 Number of Physicians	1,100
2016 Physicians per 10,000 population	42.7
2016 RNs per 10,000 population	178.9
2016 Dentists per 10,000 population	7.4
2016 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	16.9

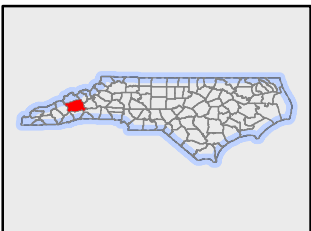
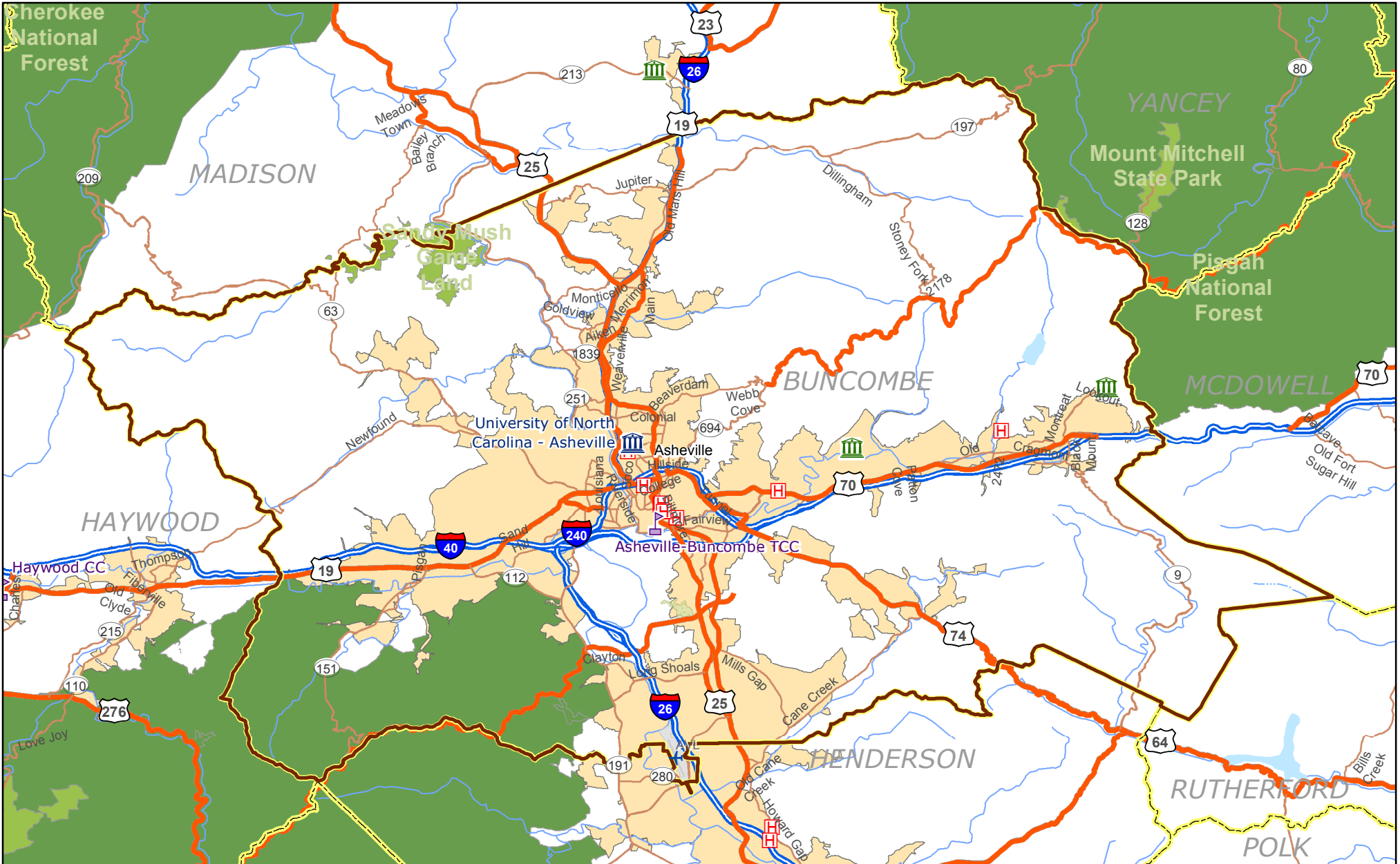
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### Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date this profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new scoring system (2400 max) and represent NC county systems. Unemployment data are now showing preliminary month and subject to change. Census American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates (Est) from the 2012-16, 5 year survey. ACS data is as of the end year with \$ inflated to the end year. Full datasets and topic dashboards are available at <http://AccessNC.NCCommerce.com>.

# Buncombe County, North Carolina



**Legend**

14,000,001 - 43,130,585	Public University	Interstate
3,000,001 - 14,000,000	Private University	US Route
0 - 3,000,000	NC Community Colleges	NC Route
	Hospital	Major Railroad Lines
		County Boundary

