

County Profile

Buncombe County (NC)

August 2017

Demographics

Population & Growth

2015 Est Population
2010 Census Total Population
July 2015 Certified Population Estimate (NC only)

Population

247,336
238,318
254,836

% 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

2015 Est Median Age
2015 Est Total Pop 0-19
2015 Est Total Pop 20-24
2015 Est Total Pop 25-34
2015 Est Total Pop 35-44
2015 Est Total Pop 45-54
2015 Est Total Pop 55-64
2015 Est Total Pop 65+

41
54,235
15,376
33,570
32,444
33,601
34,972
43,138

% Pop by Age

21.9%
6.2%
13.6%
13.1%
13.6%
14.1%
17.5%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2015 Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 20.3
Workers Not Working at Home 114,754
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 13.8%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 17.7%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 21.4%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 19.5%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 7.5%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 10.5%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 3.6%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 2.8%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 3.2%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base 114,754
Work at Home 7.1%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 80.1%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 8.5%
Public Transportation 0.7%
Walked 2.6%
Other Transportation 1.0%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

102,880
10,644
1,230

Residents

89.7%
9.3%
1.1%

Education

2015-16 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment
2016 Average SAT score (2400 scale)
2016 Percent of Graduates taking SAT
2014-15 Higher Education Completions
2014-15 Higher Education Total Enrollment
2015 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate
2015 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

30,719
1,516
46.8%
3,096
36,784
159,464
63,747

Pop Age 25+

89.7%
35.9%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2015 Est Total Housing Units	115,426	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%
2015 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$979	
2015 Est Median Gross Rent	\$829	
2015 Est Owner Occupied Housing	64,626	63.4%
2015 Est Renter Occupied Housing	37,234	36.6%
2015 Est Owner Occupied Housing Vacancy	1.9%	
2015 Est Renter Occupied Housing Vacancy	4.1%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2015 Est Median Family Income	\$58,388	3.0%
2015 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$45,094	(4.7%)
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$26,718	
2015 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$40,994	
2015 Est Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level, Last 12 months	38,256	15.9%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2016 Annual
Jun 2017 Prelim., 2016 Employment	131,871	129,660
Jun 2017 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment	4,373	5,183
Jun 2017 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.8%
2017Q1 YTD, 2016 Announced Job Creation	.	609
2017Q1 YTD, 2016 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	\$31.4

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2016Q4 Employment	2016 Annual Employment	2016Q4 Avg Weekly Wage	2016 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	130,085	127,319	\$837	\$781
Total Government	15,839	15,063	\$975	\$940
Total Private Industry	114,246	112,256	\$818	\$759
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	246	265	\$574	\$559
Mining	87	87	\$987	\$947
Utilities	385	390	\$1,741	\$1,802
Construction	5,508	5,247	\$909	\$843
Manufacturing	12,310	12,222	\$1,011	\$970
Wholesale Trade	3,415	3,358	\$1,069	\$959
Retail Trade	17,850	17,213	\$518	\$499
Transportation and Warehousing	3,555	3,496	\$852	\$823
Information	1,647	1,602	\$1,032	\$1,034
Finance and Insurance	2,896	2,808	\$1,398	\$1,324
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,546	1,531	\$832	\$732
Professional and Technical Services	5,446	5,407	\$1,247	\$1,058
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	880	875	\$1,308	\$1,077
Administrative and Waste Services	7,694	7,663	\$617	\$578
Educational Services	7,204	6,546	\$801	\$737
Health Care and Social Assistance	26,149	25,794	\$1,175	\$1,065
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	2,777	2,743	\$522	\$529
Accommodation and Food Services	17,679	17,572	\$395	\$376
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	4,283	4,211	\$565	\$533
Public Administration	6,142	6,024	\$939	\$933
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

June 2017 Available Industrial Buildings	2
2016Q4 Establishments: Total Private Industry	8,921
2016Q4 Establishments: Manufacturing	354
2015 Est Self Employed	9,794

Local Retail Business

2016 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$4,649.2
2016 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	2,643
2016 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,759,073
June 2017 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2017-18 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5390
FY2015-16 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$4,705.9
2017 Tier designation	3

Childcare

2017Q2 Licensed Child Care Facilities	132
2017Q2 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	5,610

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

Sources:

Census (2010 & ACS 2011-15) for demographics, commuters, place of work, educational attainment, housing, and income data at <https://factfinder.census.gov>. ESRI for retail data at www.ESRI.com. Applied Geographic Solutions for weather and crime data at www.AppliedGeographic.com. NC Dept. of Education for SAT data by NC county system at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org>. US Dept. of Education, National Center for Education Statistics for higher education data at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter>. NC Commerce, Labor and Economic Analysis Division, for NC tiers, occupational data, employment and unemployment, and wages and establishments by industry at <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/>. EDPNC for announced new jobs and investment and available buildings at <https://edpnc.com>. NC Dept. of Health & Human Services for childcare data at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/>. UNC Sheps Center for healthcare professions at <https://NCHealthWorkforce.SIRS.UNC.edu>. Full datasets and topic dashboards are available at <http://AccessNC.NCCommerce.com>.

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. Some data may be available only for North Carolina. Census American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates (Est) from the 2011-15, 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>.

