

County Profile

Buncombe County (NC)

April 2017

Demographics

Population & Growth

2019 Proj Total Population	266,779	1.3%
2014 Proj Total Population	250,699	
2010 Census Total Population	238,318	1.6%
July 2015 Certified Population Estimate (NC only)	254,836	

Population

Annual Growth

Urban/Rural Representation

2010 Census Total Population: Urban	180,932	75.9%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	57,386	24.1%

Urban/Rural Percent

Estimated Population by Age

2019 Proj Median Age	43	
2014 Proj Median Age	42	
2014 Proj Total Pop 0-19	55,474	22.1%
2014 Proj Total Pop 20-29	31,547	12.6%
2014 Proj Total Pop 30-39	32,639	13.0%
2014 Proj Total Pop 40-49	33,118	13.2%
2014 Proj Total Pop 50-59	36,403	14.5%
2014 Proj Total Pop 60+	61,518	24.5%

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Pop by Age

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	102,880	89.7%
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence	10,644	9.3%
Worked Outside State of Residence	1,230	1.1%

Commuters

Residents

Education

2015-16 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	30,719	
2016 Average SAT score (2400 scale)	1,516	
2016 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	46.8%	
2014-15 Higher Education Completions	3,096	
2014-15 Higher Education Total Enrollment	36,784	
2015 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate	159,464	89.7%
2015 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree	63,747	35.9%

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Pop Age 25+

Housing

		% Growth or % of Total
2019 Proj Total Housing	127,231	6.4%
2014 Proj Total Housing	119,569	
2010 Census Total Housing	100,412	
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%	
2010 Census Total Households	113,365	

Income

		% Growth or % of Total
2015 Est Median Family Income	\$58,388	29.7%
2019 Proj Median Household Income	\$50,852	17.5%
2014 Proj Median Household Income	\$43,287	18.0%
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$26,718	
2019 Proj Per Capita Income	\$28,398	2.3%
2014 Proj Per Capita Income	\$25,377	24.5%
2015 Est Total Pop with Income Below Poverty Level, Last 12 months	38,256	15.90%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2015 Annual
Jan 2017 Prelim., 2015 Employment	129,015	125,223
Jan 2017 Prelim., 2015 Unemployment	5,843	5,688
Jan 2017 Prelim., 2015 Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.3%
2016Q4 YTD, 2016 Announced Job Creation	609	609
2016Q4 YTD, 2016 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$31.4	\$31.4

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2016Q3 Employment	2015 Annual Employment	2016Q3 Avg Weekly Wage	2015 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	127,038	123,853	\$788	\$764
Total Government	13,671	15,081	\$1,002	\$923
Total Private Industry	113,367	108,772	\$762	\$742
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	281	256	\$597	\$530
Mining	88	110	\$910	\$805
Utilities	383	327	\$1,655	\$1,581
Construction	5,326	5,011	\$871	\$827
Manufacturing	12,284	12,049	\$979	\$964
Wholesale Trade	3,387	3,225	\$952	\$969
Retail Trade	17,097	16,483	\$514	\$488
Transportation and Warehousing	3,491	4,383	\$868	\$800
Information	1,600	1,356	\$1,065	\$1,008
Finance and Insurance	2,803	2,693	\$1,288	\$1,297
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,596	1,489	\$725	\$704
Professional and Technical Services	5,380	5,214	\$1,046	\$1,016
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	915	845	\$1,002	\$1,090
Administrative and Waste Services	7,726	7,556	\$586	\$573
Educational Services	5,260	6,472	\$759	\$727
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,932	24,834	\$1,037	\$1,037
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	2,949	2,362	\$646	\$540
Accommodation and Food Services	18,117	17,067	\$399	\$357
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	4,288	3,921	\$548	\$517
Public Administration	6,019	5,954	\$980	\$915
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Businesses

Sept 2016 Available Industrial Buildings	18
2016Q3 Establishments: Total Private Industry	8,867
2016Q3 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
Sept 2016 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2016-17 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.6040
FY2015-16 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$4,705.9
2017 Tier designation	3

Childcare

2016Q4 Licensed Child Care Facilities	134
2016Q4 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	5,564

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

2013 Number of Physicians	948
2013 Physicians per 10,000 population	38.1
2013 RNs per 10,000 population	179.7
2013 Dentists per 10,000 population	6.2
2013 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	15.2

Sources:

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Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new scoring system including a writing test for a perfect score of 2400 and represent county systems. Unemployment data are now showing preliminary month and subject to change. ESRI 2014/2019 data are projections and noted as proj. Some data may be available only for North Carolina. 2010 Census data is noted as such. American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates and noted as est and is from the 2011-15, 5 year survey and data is as of the end year with dollars inflated to the end year. For further details or questions, please check the Data Sources Guide at https://edis.commerce.state.nc.us/docs/bibliography/Data_Sources_Guide.pdf or click on it under Resources. Additional data and reports are available at: <http://www.nccommerce.com/lead>.

Buncombe County, North Carolina



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| Airports by Enplanements | | — Interstate |
| >14 | 3-14 | US Highway |
| <3 (Million) | Pub/Pri Univ./Comm Col. | Major Road |
| Hospital | Railroads | County Boundary |



5.5 Miles

