

County Profile

Buncombe County (NC)

November 2020

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2018 Est Population	254,474	0.9%
2010 Census Total Population	238,318	1.6%
Jul2018 NC Certified Population Estimate	261,065	0.7%

Urban/Rural Representation

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

Estimated Population by Age

		% Pop by Age
2018 Est Median Age	42	
2018 Est Total Pop 0-19	53,717	21.2%
2018 Est Total Pop 20-24	14,645	5.8%
2018 Est Total Pop 25-34	34,966	13.7%
2018 Est Total Pop 35-44	33,786	13.3%
2018 Est Total Pop 45-54	33,353	13.1%
2018 Est Total Pop 55-64	35,715	14.1%
2018 Est Total Pop 65+	48,292	19.0%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2018 ACS Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	20.1
Workers Not Working at Home	110,927
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	11.0%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	18.1%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	24.2%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	20.3%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	7.1%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	10.1%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	4.0%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	2.7%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	2.5%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	122,804
Work at Home	9.7%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	78.4%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	8.1%
Public Transportation	0.7%
Walked	2.2%
Bicycle	0.3%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	0.8%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

111,138
10,561
1,105

Residents

90.5%
8.6%
0.9%

Education

		Pop Age 25+
2019-20 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	30,441	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)	1,122	
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	36.8%	
2018-19 Higher Education Completions (Provisional)	2,942	
2018-19 Higher Education Enrollment (Provisional)	16,791	
2018 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	169,319	91.0%
2018 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	72,933	39.2%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2010 Census Total Housing	100,412	
2010 Census Total Households	113,365	
2018 Est Total Housing Units, % annual growth	121,591	1.8%
2018 Est Occupied Housing, % of total	107,093	88.1%
2018 Est Vacant Housing, % of total	14,498	11.9%
2018 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$222,300	
2018 Est Median Gross Rent	\$933	
2018 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	68,272	63.8%
2018 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	38,821	36.2%
2018 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	1.7%	
2018 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	4.0%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2018 Est Median Family Income	\$66,532	
2018 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$53,960	7.3%
2018 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$30,567	
2018 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$48,592	
2018 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	28,859	11.5%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2019 Annual
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Employment	124,581	137,723
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment	10,020	4,236
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment Rate	7.4%	3.0%
2020Q2YTD, 2019 Announced Job Creation	128	.
2020Q2YTD, 2019 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$20.0	.

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2020Q1 Employment	2019 Employment	2020Q1 Avg Weekly Wage	2019 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	132,792	135,002	\$870	\$863
Total Government	16,643	15,591	\$1,030	\$1,027
Total Private Industry	116,149	119,411	\$847	\$842
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	286	269	\$612	\$628
Mining	85	85	\$1,360	\$1,145
Utilities	540	561	\$2,351	\$1,622
Construction	6,284	6,889	\$946	\$1,039
Manufacturing	13,772	13,565	\$1,064	\$1,041
Wholesale Trade	3,111	3,195	\$1,051	\$1,082
Retail Trade	16,607	17,107	\$567	\$549
Transportation and Warehousing	3,827	3,979	\$868	\$873
Information	1,529	1,484	\$1,209	\$1,062
Finance and Insurance	2,576	2,733	\$1,557	\$1,456
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2,049	2,009	\$769	\$782
Professional and Technical Services	5,775	5,696	\$1,221	\$1,192
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	997	860	\$1,323	\$1,278
Administrative and Waste Services	6,464	6,836	\$679	\$692
Educational Services	9,606	8,732	\$833	\$807
Health Care and Social Assistance	26,161	27,167	\$1,126	\$1,152
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	3,634	3,841	\$636	\$598
Accommodation and Food Services	17,955	18,638	\$428	\$429
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	5,370	5,223	\$609	\$590
Public Administration	6,162	6,137	\$1,048	\$1,014
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2020Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	1
2020Q1 Establishments: Total Private Industry	10,094
2020Q1 Establishments: Manufacturing	372
2018 Est Self Employed	10,836

Local Retail Business

2019 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$4.7
2019 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	1,845
2019 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$2,542,161
2020Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2020-21 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5290
FY2019-20 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$5,490.2
2020 Tier designation	3

Childcare

2020Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	113
2020Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	5,244

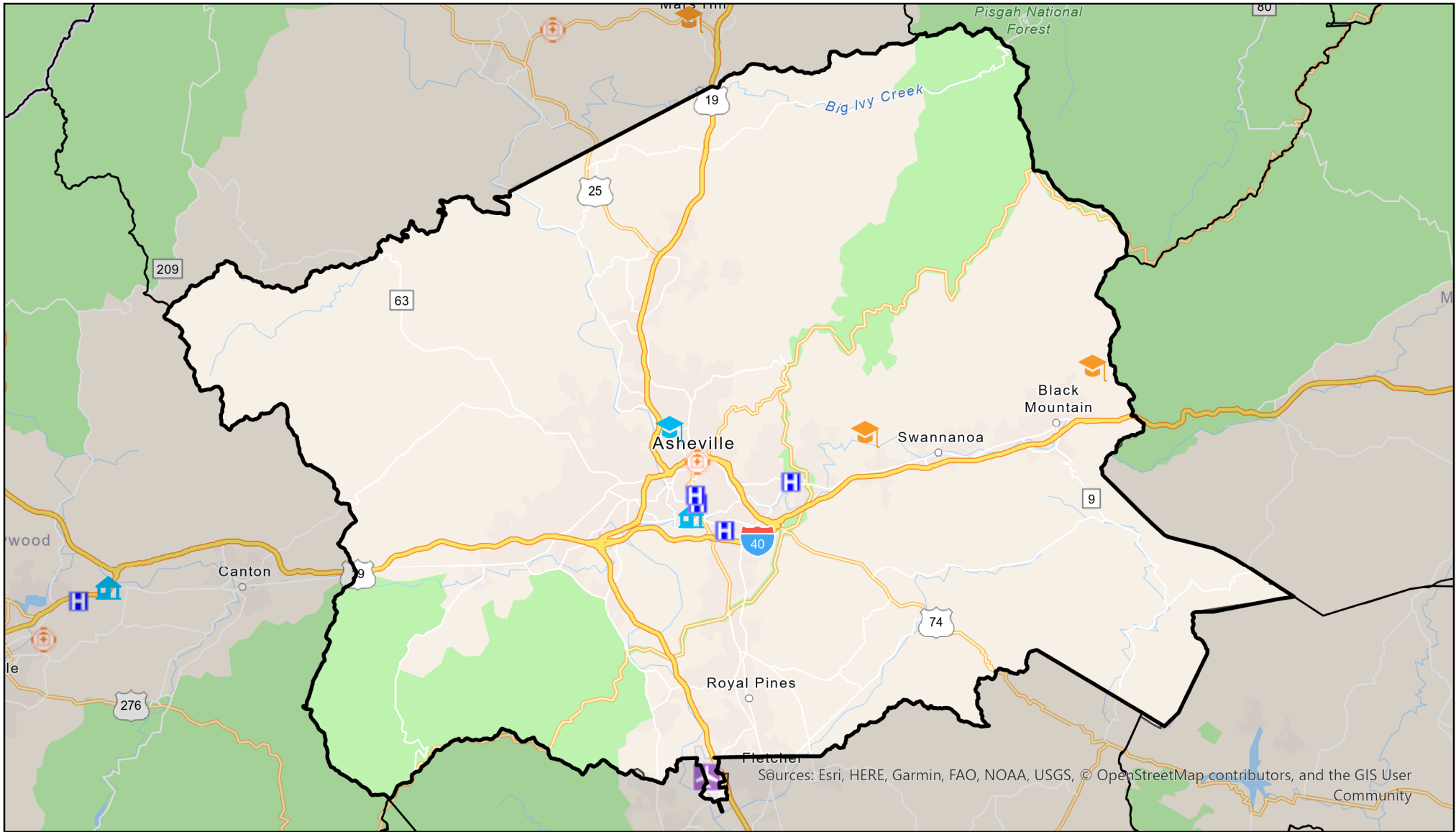
Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	1,185
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	44.9
2019 RNs/10,000 population	176.3
2019 Dentists/10,000 population	7.0
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	17.5

Sources:
 Census (2010, ACS 2014-18) for income, commuters, place of work, population, housing, and educational attainment at <https://data.census.gov>. ESRI for retail data at www.ESRI.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.ncdhs.gov/>. UNC Sheps Center for healthcare professions at <https://nchealthworkforce.unc.edu/>. Full datasets and topic dashboards are available at <http://AccessNC.NCCommerce.com>.

Notes:
 Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new 1600 scoring system started in 2016 and represent county systems. Unemployment data is now the latest month which is preliminary and is subject to change. US Education IPEDs data for Completions and Enrollment is at least Provisional and updated when Final. American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates, noted 'Est' and are from the 5-year survey; data is as of final year with dollars inflated to final year. Per capita income is a broad measure of income spread over all residents. Worker earnings includes wage income for residents regardless of where they work. Private sector wages are paid by local employers to their employees regardless of where they live. Additional data, reports, and dashboards are available at: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.










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Legend

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|  Commercial Airports |  Hospitals |  Public Universities |
|  General Aviation |  Public Health Departments |  Independent Colleges and Universities |
|  NC Ports |  Community Colleges |  Military Installations |



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