

County Profile

Buncombe County (NC)

January 2019

Demographics

Population & Growth

2016 Est Population
2010 Census Total Population
July 2017 NC Certified Population Estimate

Population

250,112
238,318
259,317

% Annual Growth

1.1%
1.6%

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 ACS 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

2017-18 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment
2018 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)
2018 Percent of Graduates taking SAT
2016-17 Higher Education Completions (Provisional)
2016-17 Higher Education Enrollment (Provisional)
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

30,472
1,122
44.0%
5,556
17,165
163,030
66,279

Pop Age 25+

90.0%
36.6%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
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 Vacancy Rate	1.6%	
2016 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	3.9%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$60,556	
2017 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$50,271	(0.5%)
2016 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$27,388	
2017 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$46,102	
2017 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	28,715	11.5%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2017 Annual
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Employment	133,774	132,216
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment	3,710	4,778
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment Rate	2.7%	3.5%
2018Q3 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	331	168
2018Q3 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$136.7	\$11.8

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2018Q2 Employment	2017 Employment	2018Q2 Avg Weekly Wage	2017 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	133,095	129,784	\$804	\$805
Total Government	15,322	15,194	\$967	\$960
Total Private Industry	117,773	114,590	\$783	\$784
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	285	276	\$614	\$580
Mining	90	87	\$1,061	\$975
Utilities	616	539	\$1,327	\$1,909
Construction	6,347	5,669	\$959	\$879
Manufacturing	12,808	12,395	\$968	\$997
Wholesale Trade	3,167	3,305	\$972	\$1,002
Retail Trade	17,499	17,581	\$511	\$508
Transportation and Warehousing	3,594	3,670	\$859	\$834
Information	1,502	1,568	\$995	\$1,042
Finance and Insurance	2,821	2,871	\$1,291	\$1,413
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,850	1,665	\$722	\$759
Professional and Technical Services	5,482	5,425	\$1,039	\$1,079
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	892	907	\$1,168	\$1,109
Administrative and Waste Services	7,020	6,898	\$632	\$630
Educational Services	8,792	8,618	\$747	\$758
Health Care and Social Assistance	27,477	26,708	\$1,118	\$1,080
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	3,804	3,162	\$509	\$538
Accommodation and Food Services	18,405	17,997	\$397	\$395
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	4,671	4,424	\$556	\$556
Public Administration	5,971	6,023	\$941	\$954
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2018Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	2
2018Q2 Establishments: Total Private Industry	9,164
2018Q2 Establishments: Manufacturing	349
2016 Est Self Employed	10,205

Local Retail Business

2018 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$4,506.3
2018 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	2,577
2018 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,748,668
2018Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2018-19 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.5290
FY2017-18 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$5,437.5
2019 Tier designation	3

Childcare

2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	117
2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	5,384

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

2017 Number of Physicians	1,125
2017 Physicians/10,000 population	43.0
2017 RNs/10,000 population	179.2
2017 Dentists/10,000 population	7.4
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	17.3

Sources:

Census (2010 & ACS 2012-16) 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 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.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 2012-16, 5-year survey; data is as of 2016 with dollars inflated to 2016. Additional data, reports, and dashboards are available at: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.

