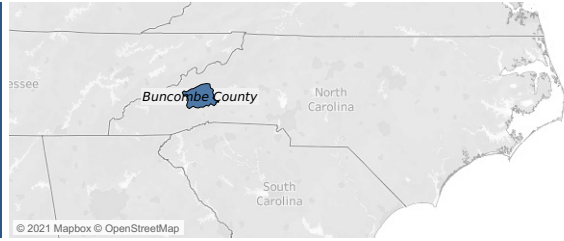


# Buncombe County at a Glance

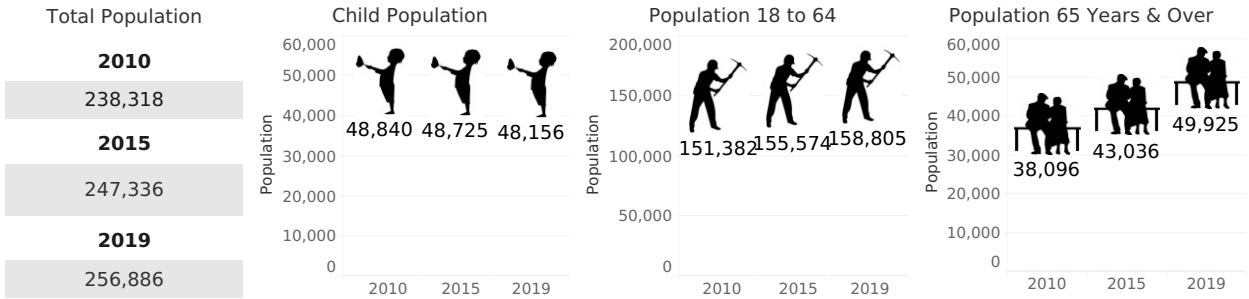
Select a County from the drop-down  
Buncombe County

Buncombe County is one of North Carolina's **14 Regional City or Suburban Counties**. The Rural Center classifies counties into 3 categories using population and land area data from the United States Census Bureau.

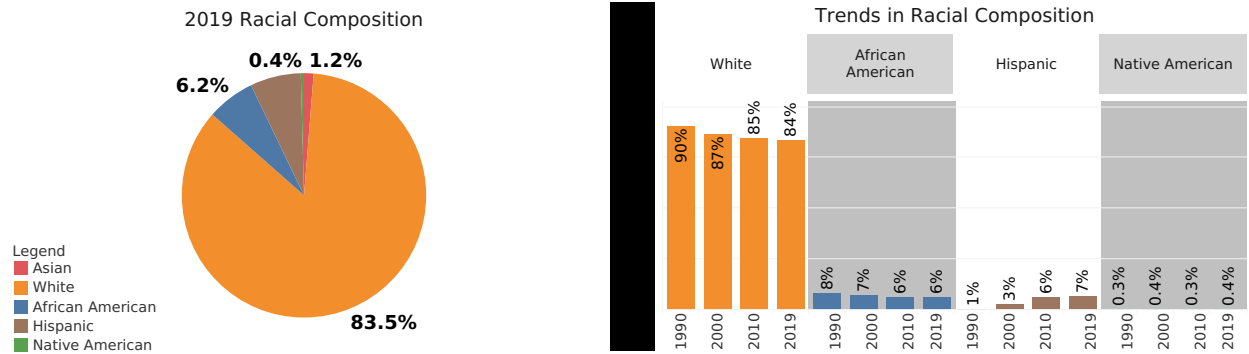
Per the Center's classification, a county is defined as **"Rural"** if it has a population density of **250 people per square mile or less**, **"Regional city or suburban"** if it has a population density of between **250 and 750 people per square mile** and **"Urban"** if it has a population density **exceeding 750 people per square mile**.



## POPULATION

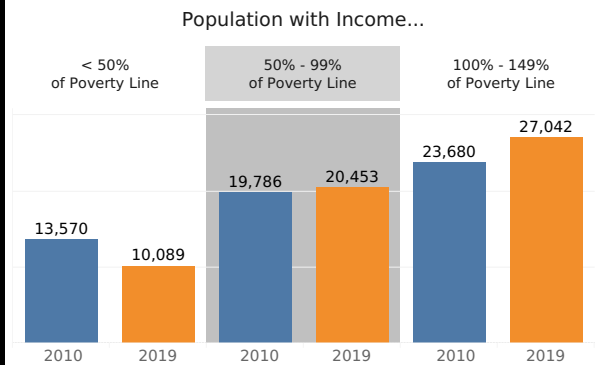


## RACE



## POVERTY

<b>Population in Poverty 2010</b>	33,356	14.7%
<b>Population in Poverty 2019</b>	30,542	12.2%
<b>Children in Poverty 2010</b>	9,017	19.8%
<b>Children in Poverty 2019</b>	8,139	17.2%



## HEALTH

**2017 Ratio of Population to a Primary Care Physician**

694.8

**2019 Total Population Uninsured**

26,983

**2019 Population 19 to 64, Uninsured**

... who are Employed: 16,852  
... who are Unemployed: 1,524

## EDUCATION

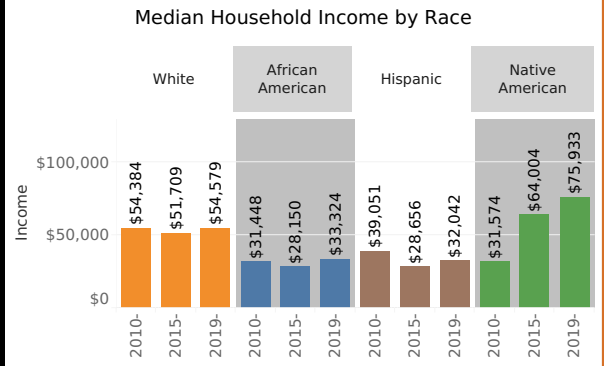
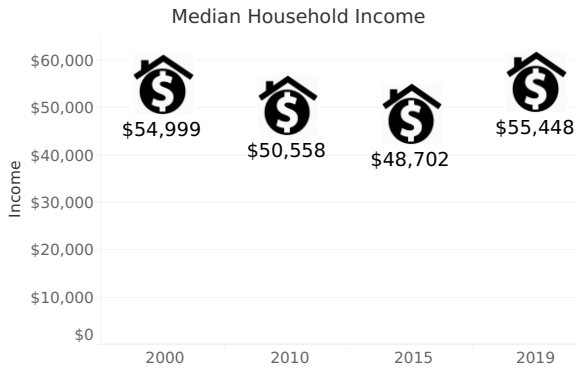
**% Population with Post Secondary Education**

**2010:** 60.5%

**2015:** 65.0%

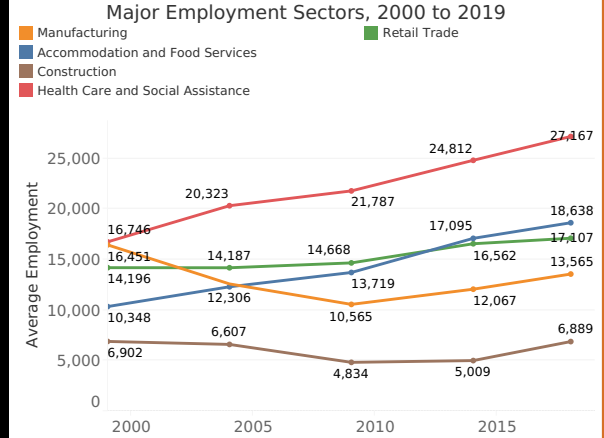
**2019:** 67.8%

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Average Employment	Total Wages
<b>2010</b> 93,792	<b>2010</b> \$3,819,930,473
<b>2015</b> 108,756	<b>2015</b> \$4,530,894,304
<b>2019</b> 119,411	<b>2019</b> \$5,225,189,828
<b>2010 - 2019</b> <b>27.3% Growth</b>	<b>2010 - 2019</b> <b>36.8% Growth</b>



**S M A L L B U S I N E S S E C O N O M Y**

Very small businesses - businesses with less than 10 employees - make up **73%** of total business establishments in **Buncombe County**, according to 2018 Census Bureau data.

	2005	2010	2015	2018
Number of establishments with less than 10 employees	5,148	5,299	5,874	6,400
Loans originated to small businesses with less than \$1 million in annual revenue	\$378,681,600	\$104,859,520	\$132,782,760	\$99,351,060

**A G R I C U L T U R E**

	2002	2007	2012	2017
Total Farm Land (In Acres)	94,934	72,087	71,480	72,284
Number of Farms	1,192	1,077	1,060	1,073
Average Farm Size (Acres)	80	67	67	67
Value of Agricultural Products Sold	\$31,216,900	\$45,806,430	\$60,942,560	\$50,413,650

Data Sources: U. S. Census Bureau - 2000 Census Summary Files, ACS 5 -Year Estimates, County Business Patterns || Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, from Area Health Resource File/American Medical Association || NC Department of Commerce Quarterly Census Employment & Wages || US Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service || Federal Financial Institutions Examinations Council, CRA Aggregate Report \*\*All dollar amounts have been adjusted to their 2020 equivalent value.