

Regional Population

Compiled by the *Asheville Metro Business Research Center*



The Asheville area has a regional labor draw of nine counties in western North Carolina.

Population Growth	1990	2000	% Change 1990-2000	Estimate 2009
Asheville Metro (4-County)	308,000	369,171	19.9%	416,498
Buncombe County	174,727	206,330	18.0%	235,123
Haywood County	46,943	54,033	16.2%	56,817
Henderson County	69,378	89,173	28.7%	103,957
Madison County	16,952	19,635	15.8%	20,604
McDowell County	35,681	42,151	18.1%	43,984
Polk County	14,416	18,324	27.1%	18,964
Rutherford County	56,927	62,899	10.5%	62,746
Transylvania County	25,519	29,334	14.9%	30,445
Yancey County	15,419	17,774	15.3%	18,875
Total: Nine-County Region	455,962	539,653	18.5%	591,515

Source: SRC, LLC.

The Asheville Metro consists of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Madison counties.

See reverse side for detailed regional population numbers.

Updated: 11/2009

City and County Populations 1960-2000

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>1990-2000</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>2009</u>
Buncombe County	130,074	145,056	160,897	174,727	206,330	18.1%	235,123
Asheville	60,189	57,681	54,022	65,027	69,128	6.3%	74,768
Biltmore Forest	1,004	1,298	1,499	1,346	1,434	6.5%	1,492
Black Mountain	1,313	3,204	4,083	6,437	7,199	11.8%	7,717
Montreat	N/A	581	741	799	884	10.6%	914
Weaverville	1,041	1,280	1,495	2,056	2,474	20.3%	2,858
Woodfin	N/A	N/A	3,260	3,002	3,169	5.6%	3,461
Haywood County	39,711	41,710	46,495	46,943	54,033	15.1%	56,817
Canton	5,068	5,158	4,631	3,843	4,077	6.1%	4,012
Clyde	680	900	1,008	934	1,114	19.3%	1,087
Maggie Valley	N/A	N/A	202	461	564	22.3%	604
Waynesville	6,159	6,488	6,765	9,015	9,276	2.9%	9,455
Henderson County	36,163	42,804	58,580	69,378	89,173	28.5%	103,957
Flat Rock	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,765	2,536	43.7%	2,976
Fletcher	N/A	N/A	2,233	2,913	4,215	44.7%	5,654
Hendersonville	5,911	6,443	6,862	9,689	10,723	10.7%	11,332
Laurel Park	421	581	764	1,614	1,883	16.7%	2,025
Madison County	17,217	16,003	16,827	16,952	19,635	15.8%	20,604
Hot Springs	723	653	678	359	452	25.9%	466
Marshall	926	982	809	755	811	7.4%	826
Mars Hill	1,574	1,623	2,126	1,540	1,655	7.5%	1,719
McDowell County	26,742	30,648	35,135	35,681	42,151	18.1%	43,984
Marion	3,345	3,335	3,684	4,652	4,890	5.1%	4,840
Old Fort	787	676	752	907	951	4.9%	972
Polk County	11,395	11,735	12,984	14,416	18,324	27.1%	18,964
Columbus	725	731	727	656	957	45.9%	1,040
Saluda	570	546	607	469	544	16.0%	559
Tryon	2,223	1,951	1,796	1,701	1,781	4.7%	1,747
Rutherford County	45,091	47,337	53,787	56,927	62,899	10.5%	62,746
Bostic	N/A	N/A	476	377	352	-6.6%	340
Chimney Rock	N/A	N/A	N/A	83	107	28.9%	109
Ellenboro	492	465	560	570	631	10.7%	651
Forest City	6,556	7,179	7,688	8,296	7,318	-11.8%	6,793
Lake Lure	233	456	488	1,023	1,352	32.2%	1,396
Ruth	329	360	381	285	331	16.1%	337
Rutherfordton	3,392	3,245	3,434	3,394	3,840	13.1%	3,671
Spindale	4,082	3,848	4,246	4,092	3,906	-4.5%	3,672
Transylvania County	16,372	19,713	23,417	25,519	29,334	14.9%	30,445
Brevard	4,857	5,243	5,323	6,736	6,667	-1.0%	7,085
Rosman	419	407	512	297	379	27.6%	379
Yancey County	14,008	12,629	14,934	15,419	17,774	15.3%	18,875
Burnsville	1,388	1,348	1,452	1,528	1,640	7.3%	2,005