

2015 US Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates for the 5-County Region

Every year the US Census Bureau releases data from its American Community Survey, a survey taken by a sample of the country's population that goes into considerably more detail than the decennial census. This information can be used to help planning efforts locally and around the region to avoid discriminatory practices, help with targeted outreach, and avoid adverse impacts disproportionately affecting portions of the community. Below is a sampling of the data from the 5-year estimates available at the [US Census Bureau's website](http://www.census.gov).

		Buncombe	Haywood	Henderson	Madison	Transylvania	Region
TOTALS	Total Population	247,336	59,170	109,719	21,027	32,928	470,180
	Population Percentage	52.60%	12.58%	23.34%	4.47%	7.00%	100.00%
	Households	101,860	26,111	46,079	8,450	13,667	196,167
	Household Percentage	51.93%	13.31%	23.49%	4.31%	6.97%	100.00%
ELDERLY	Elderly Population	43,138	13,582	26,195	4,161	9,080	96,156
	Elderly Percentage	17.4%	23.0%	23.9%	19.8%	27.6%	20.5%
MINORITY	White Population	219,420	56,809	99,704	20,136	29,744	425,813
	Minority Population	27,916	2,361	10,015	891	3,184	44,367
	Minority Percentage	11.3%	4.0%	9.1%	4.2%	9.7%	9.4%
HISPANIC	Hispanic Population	15,720	2,109	10,814	496	1,020	30,159
	Hispanic Percentage	6.4%	3.6%	9.9%	2.4%	3.1%	6.4%
LOW ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP)	Population 5 Years and Older	234,237	56,471	104,194	20,100	31,626	446,628
	LEP Population	8,277	698	5,492	237	443	15,147
	LEP Percentage	3.5%	1.2%	5.3%	1.2%	1.4%	3.4%

ZERO VEHICLE HOUSEHOLDS	Occupied Housing Units	101,860	26,111	46,079	8,450	13,667	196167
	No Vehicles Available	6,617	1,329	2,774	461	728	11909
	No Vehicles Percentage	6.5%	5.1%	6.0%	5.5%	5.3%	6.1%

INCOME	Median Household Income	\$45,167	\$42,257	\$46,448	\$37,904	\$45,114	\$44,764
	80% of Median Income	\$36,134	\$33,806	\$37,158	\$30,323	\$36,091	\$35,811
	60% of Median Income	\$27,100	\$25,354	\$27,869	\$22,742	\$27,068	\$26,858
	30% of Median Income	\$13,550	\$12,677	\$13,934	\$11,371	\$13,534	\$13,429

DISABILITY	Non-Institutionalized Population	243,514	58,670	108,640	20,794	32,447	464,065
	With a Disability	33,740	9,498	17,631	3,219	5,216	69,304
	Disability Percentage	13.9%	16.2%	16.2%	15.5%	16.1%	14.9%
	Hearing Difficulty	9,678	3,367	6,229	867	1,676	21,817
	Hearing Difficulty Percentage	4.0%	5.7%	5.7%	4.2%	5.2%	4.7%
	Vision Difficulty	5,940	2,070	3,575	504	996	13,085
	Vision Difficulty Percentage	2.4%	3.5%	3.3%	2.4%	3.1%	2.8%
	Ambulatory Difficulty	18,394	5,527	8,361	1,729	3,027	37,038
	Ambulatory Difficulty Percentage	7.6%	9.4%	7.7%	8.3%	9.3%	8.0%
	Self-Care Difficulty	8,568	1,701	3,047	793	1,144	15,253
	Self-Care Difficulty Percentage	3.5%	2.9%	2.8%	3.8%	3.5%	3.3%