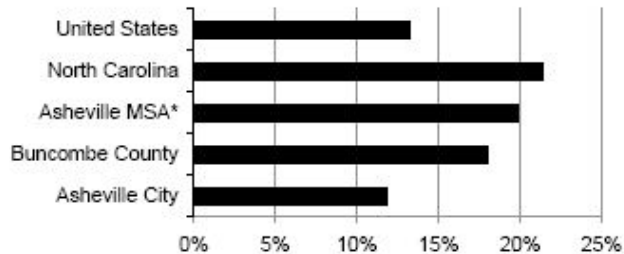


# POPULATION

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Population Growth Rates  
 1990-2000



The Asheville area has historically experienced moderate population growth. Growth rates are below the state, yet over the national rate.

Population Growth	1990	2000	Estimate 2005	% Change 1990-2000
Asheville City	61,607	68,889	72,231	11.8%
Buncombe County	174,821	206,330	218,876	18.0%
Asheville MSA*	308,000	369,171	392,831	19.9%
North Carolina	6,628,637	8,049,313	8,683,242	21.4%
United States	248,709,873	281,421,906	296,410,404	13.2%

Source: US Census Bureau, Annual Estimates (July 1, 2005)

Median Age	1990	2000	Estimate* 2006
Asheville City	37.8	39.2	39.9
Buncombe County	36.8	38.9	39.6
Asheville MSA*	38.0	40.2	40.8
North Carolina	33.2	35.3	36.2
United States	32.8	35.3	36.5

Source: US Census Bureau, \*SRC LLC.

Composition 2006 (Race/Ethnicity)	2006				Hispanic Ethnicity
	White	Black/African American	American Indian	Asian	
Asheville City	78.3%	17.4%	0.3%	1.2%	5.7%
Buncombe County	89.3%	7.3%	0.3%	0.8%	4.0%
Asheville MSA*	91.7%	5.1%	0.3%	0.7%	4.6%
North Carolina	72.8%	21.1%	1.0%	1.8%	6.7%
United States	75.9%	12.1%	0.7%	4.5%	14.9%

Source: SRC LLC, Estimate 2006.

\*The Asheville MSA consists of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Madison Counties.

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