

Watauga

	County	County %	NC	NC %
Age groups, 2010				
Total Population	51,079		9,535,483	
Population age 0-17 years	7,074	13.8%	2,281,635	23.9%
Population age 18-59 years	34,946	68.4%	5,481,730	57.5%
Population age 60 and over	9,059	17.7%	1,772,118	18.6%
Population age 65 and over	6,329	12.4%	1,234,079	12.9%
Population age 85 and over	789	1.5%	147,461	1.5%
Baby Boomers (46-64 years)	10,999	21.5%	2,367,332	24.8%
Age groups, 2030				
Total Population	53,010		12,192,657	
Population age 0-17 years	7,559	14.3%	2,790,899	22.9%
Population age 18-59 years	32,577	61.5%	6,562,144	53.8%
Population age 60 and over	12,874	24.3%	2,839,614	23.3%
Population age 65 and over	10,296	19.4%	2,143,568	17.6%
Population age 85 and over	1,403	2.7%	240,016	2.0%
Baby Boomers (66-84 years)	8,398	15.8%	1,767,533	14.5%
Demography, Other				
Median Age, 2010	28		37	
Veterans age 65+ (as % of age group), 2006-2010	1,630	27.7%	266,565	22.8%
Grandparents raising grandchildren age less than 18, 2006-2010	479		95,027	
Ethnicity/Race, age 60+ (as % of age group), 2010				
White alone	8,901	98.3%	1,427,018	80.5%
Black or African American alone	64	0.7%	290,526	16.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	8	0.1%	15,869	0.9%
Asian alone	23	0.3%	18,859	1.1%
Hispanic or Latino	52	0.6%	27,339	1.5%

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Housing (as % of age group), 2010				
Homeowners age 65 and over	3,448	84.2%	644,463	79.9%
People 65 and over living in households	6,155	97.3%	1,191,369	96.5%
People 65 and over living alone	1,656	26.9%	341,864	28.7%
People 65 and over living in group quarters	174	2.7%	42,710	3.5%
Income/workforce, 2006-2010				
Median household income 65 and over	36,488		31,025	
Persons age 65 and over in labor force (as % of age group)	934	15.9%	173,730	14.9%
Level of Education 65 and over (as % of age group), 2006-2010				
Less than high school, no diploma	1,198	20.4%	331,614	28.4%
High school graduate, GED or alternative	1,734	29.5%	373,442	32.0%
Some college, no degree	693	11.8%	195,143	16.7%
Associate's degree	197	3.4%	49,757	4.3%
Bachelor's degree	1,072	18.2%	130,638	11.2%
Graduate or professional degree	985	16.8%	87,178	7.5%
Poverty (as % of age group), 2006-2010				
Persons age 65-74 below poverty	144	4.4%	58,019	9.0%
Persons age 65-74 in 100-199% of poverty	717	21.7%	135,184	21.0%
Persons age 75 and over below poverty	353	15.0%	62,708	13.0%
Persons age 75 and over in 100%-199% of poverty	766	32.6%	143,308	29.7%
Social Security age 65 and over, 2010				
Social Security (SS) beneficiaries	5,890		1,153,108	
Total SS benefits for beneficiaries (millions)	7		1,328	
Average monthly SS amount received by beneficiaries (dollars)	1,126		1,151	