

## SECTION 2: DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE PLANNING AREA

### Demographic Trends

**Population and Growth.** Demographics and current trends for the Planning Area were derived from United States Census data (1990, 2000, and 2010 Census Tract) and Henderson County government data. The Census identified the number of households by Census Tract. Planning Area demographic estimates were extrapolated by comparing Henderson County government residential structure data to Census Tract household data.

In 2010 the Planning Area contained 4.4% of the County's population (4,730 persons of the total 106,740 persons) (See Table 2.1). This percentage is relatively small given that the Planning Area contains 15.38% of the County's total acreage.

**Table 2.1. Planning Area Population, Persons and Households 2010**

<b>Persons</b>	4,730
<b>Households</b>	1,947
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.40

Source: Census data (2010 County) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

The Planning Area experienced population growth in the 10-year period from 1990 to 2000 (See Table 2.2). Data extrapolations indicate the Planning Area experienced a net gain of 738 persons and an overall 22.4% increase in population between 1990 and 2000. In comparison, Henderson County experienced a 28.7% increase in population during the same period. The Planning Area population gain accounts for 3.7% of the total population increase for the County during this period (See Tables 2.2 and 2.3).

The number of households within the Planning Area grew at a rate (61.3%) that exceeded population growth during the 10-year period from 1990 to 2000. The rate of household growth also exceeded population growth for the County during the same period. The average persons per household decreased within the Planning Area during this 10-year period, but remained similar to that of the County in both 1990 and 2000 (See Tables 2.2 and 2.3).

**Table 2.2. Planning Area Population, Persons and Households 1990 to 2000**

<b>Year</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	3,299	4,037	738	22.4
<b>Households</b>	994	1,603	609	61.3
<b>Persons/Household</b>	3.30	2.50	-0.80	-24.2

Source: Census data (1990 and 2000 Census Tract) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

**Table 2.3. Henderson County Population, Persons and Households 1990 to 2000**

<b>Year</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	69,285	89,173	19,888	28.7
<b>Households</b>	21,169	37,414	16,245	76.7
<b>Persons/Household</b>	3.30	2.40	-0.90	-27.3

Source: Census data (1990 and 2000 County).

Data indicate the Planning Area continued to grow, with population growing 17.2% during the period from 2000 to 2010. This was a slight decline from growth experienced from 1990 to 2000. The County also continued to grow with a 19.7% increase in population during the period from 2000 to 2010. The Planning Area population increase accounts for 3.9% of the total population increase for the County during this period. Average persons per household continued to decline in both the Planning Area and County (See Tables 2.4 and 2.5).

<b>Table 2.4. Planning Area Population, Persons and Households 2000 to 2010</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	4,037	4,730	693	17.2
<b>Households</b>	1,603	1,947	344	21.5
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.50	2.40	-0.10	-4.0

Source: Census data (2000 and 2010 Census Tract) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

<b>Table 2.5. Henderson County Population, Persons and Households 2000 to 2010</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Percent Change (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	89,173	106,740	17,567	19.7
<b>Households</b>	37,414	45,448	8,034	21.5
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.40	2.30	-0.10	-4.2

Source: Census data (2000 and 2010 County)

**Age of Population.** The population (national, state, county and Planning Area) is composed primarily of residents aged 35 to 64, and secondarily of those aged 20 to 34 (See Figure 2.1 and Table 2.8). School-aged children (aged 19 or younger) make up 23.3% of the population in the Planning Area, slightly higher than the percentage of school-aged children in the County (22.4%). Additionally, 22.4% of the County’s population is aged 65 or older, while only 19% of the Planning Area population is this age or older (See Figure 2.1 and Table 2.8).

**Figure 2.1 Planning Area Age of Population 2010**

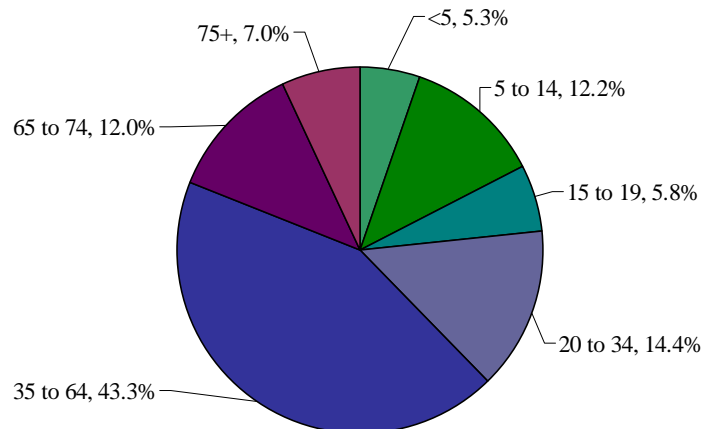


Table 2.8. Planning Area Age of Population 2010							
Place*	Age						
	<5	5 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 34	35 to 64	65 to 74	75+
United States	6.5%	13.4%	7.1%	20.3%	39.7%	7.0%	6.0%
North Carolina	6.7%	13.3%	6.9%	20.0%	40.2%	7.3%	5.6%
Henderson County	6,013 5.6%	12,384 11.6%	5,533 5.2%	15,855 14.8%	43,090 40.4%	12,478 11.7%	11,387 10.7%
Planning Area	249 5.3%	576 12.2%	273 5.8%	683 14.4%	2,047 43.3%	564 12.0%	338 7.0%

Source: Census data (2010 U.S., State, County and Census Tract) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

The Planning Area has seen the most significant population growth for ages 65 to 74 (72% change). Other age groups showing significant increase include those 35 to 64 and 75 or older. Between 2000 and 2010, the number of persons age 20 to 34 declined by 8.7% and children under 5 declined by 2%.

Table 2.9. Planning Area Age of Population 2000 to 2010				
Age	2000	2010	Net Change	Percent Change (%)
Under 5	254	249	-5	-2.0
5 to 14	523	576	53	10.1
15 to 19	245	273	28	11.4
20 to 34	748	683	-65	-8.7
35 to 64	1,700	2,047	347	20.4
65 to 74	328	564	236	72.0
75+	239	338	99	41.4

Source: Census data (2000 and 2010 Census Tract) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

**Population Race and Ethnicity.** The population in the County and Planning Area is predominantly White (See Table 2.10). The Planning Area includes a smaller percentage of Hispanics/Latinos (of any race) than the County (3.3% versus 9.8%). The Census asked respondents to identify race and ethnicity. Respondents reporting their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino does not directly depict their reported race category.

Table 2.10. Planning Area Race and Ethnicity 2010					
Place	White	Black/African-American	Other*	Two or More Races	Hispanic/Latino (Any Race)
Henderson County	88.9%	3.0%	6.2%	1.9%	9.8%
Planning Area	96.5%	0.3%	2.1%	1.1%	3.3%

\*Other includes: American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Asian, other Pacific Islander, and some other race.

Source: Census data (2010 County and Census Tract) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

**Population Income and Poverty.** In 2010, approximately 40.1% of Planning Area households earned less than \$35,000 (See Table 2.11).

<b>Table 2.11. Planning Area Household Income 2010</b>										
Place	Less than \$10,000	\$10,000 to \$14,999	\$15,000 to \$24,999	\$25,000 to \$34,999	\$35,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$74,999	\$75,000 to \$99,999	\$100,000 to \$149,999	\$150,000 to \$199,999	\$200,000+
<b>Henderson County</b>	6.4%	6.5%	11.8%	12.5%	15.7%	20.2%	13.3%	8.8%	2.5%	2.3%
<b>Planning Area</b>	281 4.9%	604 10.6%	756 13.2%	651 11.4%	948 16.6%	1,087 19.0%	573 10.0%	409 7.1%	231 4.0%	186 3.2%

The 2010 median household income for the Planning Area is \$44,445, while the County median is \$46,446. The Planning Area contained only one Census Tracts with median incomes lower than those experienced by the County (Census Tract 9314). Census Tract 9315 had the highest median income of the area (See Table 2.12).

<b>Table 2.12. Planning Area Median Household Income 2010</b>	
Place	2010
<b>Henderson County</b>	\$46,446
<b>Planning Area</b>	\$44,445
<b>Tract 9320</b>	\$46,902
<b>Tract 9315</b>	\$59,557
<b>Tract 9314</b>	\$31,865
Source: Census data (2000 and 2010 County and Census Tract).	

The Census Bureau defines poverty level based on income, family size, and family composition. In Census poverty thresholds for 2010, households with two (2) adults and two (2) children were in poverty when their income was \$22,113 or less. In 2009, approximately 15.2% of Planning Area households and 12.7% of County households had incomes below poverty level (See Table 2.13).

<b>Table 2.13. Planning Area Poverty Status 2009*</b>				
Place	Income in 2009 <u>Below</u> Poverty Level		Income in 2009 at or <u>Above</u> Poverty Level	
	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent
<b>Planning Area</b>	720	15.2%	4,010	84.8%
<b>Henderson County</b>	13,555	12.7%	93,184	87.3%
<b>North Carolina</b>	1,477,999	15.5%	8,057,483	84.5%
<b>United States</b>	42,606,884	13.8%	266,138,654	86.2%

Source: Census data (2010 U.S., State, County and Census Tract) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

\*Data includes only those whose poverty status could be determined.

**Demographic Projections**

Demographic projections were derived from Census data (1990, 2000 and 2010 County and Census Tract Data) and Henderson County government data. The Census identified the number of households by Tract. Demographic estimates were extrapolated by comparing Henderson County government residential structure data to Census Tract household data.

Trends indicate the Planning Area will continue to experience population growth in the 15-year period from 2010 to 2025 (See Table 2.14). Data indicate the Planning Area will experience a 30.4% increase in population by 2025. In comparison, Henderson County will likely experience a 27.0% increase in population during the same period. The Planning Area population gain will account for 4.6% of the projected total population increase for the County (See Tables 2.14 and 2.15).

<b>Table 2.14. Planning Area Growth 2010 to 2025</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Growth 2010 to 2025</b>	<b>Percent Change 2010 to 2025 (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	4,730	5,176	5,664	6,168	1,438	30.4
<b>Households</b>	1,947	2,303	2,725	3,224	1,277	65.6
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.43	2.25	2.08	1.91	-0.52	-21.4

Source: Census data (1990, 2000 and 2010 Census Tract) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

<b>Table 2.15. Henderson County Growth 2010 to 2025</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Growth 2010 to 2025</b>	<b>Percent Change 2010 to 2025 (%)</b>
<b>Persons</b>	106,740	114,991	124,850	135,554	28,814	27.0
<b>Households</b>	45,448	53,196	59,876	67,395	21,947	48.3
<b>Persons/Household</b>	2.3	2.16	2.09	2.01	-0.29	-12.6

Source: Census data (1990, 2000 and 2010 County) with extrapolations by Henderson County Planning Staff.

The number of households within the Planning Area is projected to increase more quickly than the population will grow through 2025. The average persons per household is projected to be reduced in the Planning Area and the County over this period; however, the average household size in the Planning Area (1.91 persons per household) is projected shrink faster than that of the County (2.01 persons per household) by 2025 (See Tables 2.14 and 2.15).

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