

**COMMUNITY DATA compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond**

**MCDOWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**2008**

|   | County | State     |
|---|--------|-----------|
| <b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>   |        |           |
| Total Population  | 43,523 | 9,036,449 |
| 18 years and over   | 33,825 | 6,837,036 |
| 65 years and over   | 6,677  | 1,104,463 |
| Median age  | 39     | 36.8      |
| Hispanic or Latino  | 1,916  | 636,786   |
| Not Hispanic or Latino  | 41,607 | 8,399,663 |
| White alone   | 38,872 | 6,098,783 |
| Black alone   | 1,688  | 1,900,633 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone   | 157    | 95,823    |
| Asian alone   | 501    | 164,727   |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone  | 0      | 4,528     |
| Foreign born  | 1,174  | 623,292   |
| Language other than English   | N/A    | 809,075   |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE</b>  |        |           |
| Total households  | 17,309 | 3,533,366 |
| Female householder, no husband present, family  | 1,830  | 457,815   |
| With own children under 18 years  | 1,162  | 278,599   |
| Householder living alone  | 4,873  | 982,842   |
| 65 years and over   | 2,115  | 311,089   |
| Average household size  | 2.44   | 2.48      |
| <b>HOUSING</b>  |        |           |
| Total housing units   | 19,670 | 4,120,257 |
| Occupied housing units  | 17,309 | 3,533,366 |
| Vacant housing units  | 2,361  | 586,891   |
| Owner-occupied housing Units  | 12,652 | 2,407,681 |
| Renter-occupied housing Units   | 4,657  | 1,125,685 |
| Homeowner vacancy rate  | 0.2    | 2.5       |
| Rental vacancy rate   | 5.3    | 9.6       |
| <b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>   |        |           |
| Population 25 years and over  | 30,701 | 5,964,892 |
| Less than 9th grade   | 2,257  | 378,002   |
| Percent high school graduate or higher  | 78.2%  | 82.9%     |
| Percent bachelor's degree or higher   | 12.6%  | 25.6%     |
| Percent graduate or professional degree   | 4.8%   | 8.5%      |
| <b>INCOME</b>   |        |           |
| Median household income (dollars)   | 35,114 | 46,107    |
| Per capita income (dollars)   | 18,451 | 25,015    |
| Percent all people whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level        | 15.9%  | 14.6%     |
| Percent 18 years and over whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level | 13.9%  | 12.8%     |
| Percent 65 years and over whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level | 11.4%  | 11.3%     |

Note: N/A - Data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small or not available.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

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