

**COMMUNITY DATA compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond****WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA****2009****County State****DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population	44,636	9,045,705
18 years and over	38,189	6,839,619
65 years and over	5,386	1,121,070
Median age	27.8	36.6
Hispanic or Latino	874	633,220
Not Hispanic or Latino	43,762	8,412,485
White alone	42,043	6,100,974
Black alone	569	1,894,014
American Indian & Alaska Native alone	72	97,830
Asian alone	340	171,856
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0	3,925
Foreign born	1,074	618,878
Language other than English	1,692	808,019

**HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE**

Total households	18,497	3,541,807
Female householder, no husband present, family	1,315	457,857
With own children under 18 years	751	278,172
Householder living alone	5,235	979,493
65 years and over	1,166	313,248
Average household size	2.13	2.47

**HOUSING**

Total housing units	27,025	4,120,599
Occupied housing units	18,497	3,541,807
Vacant housing units	8,528	578,792
Owner-occupied housing Units	10,449	2,410,327
Renter-occupied housing Units	8,048	1,131,480
Homeowner vacancy rate	5.1	2.4
Rental vacancy rate	11.0	9.7

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Population 25 years and over	23,761	5,940,248
Less than 9th grade	1,310	376,931
Percent high school graduate or higher	86.1%	83.0%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	34.9%	25.8%
Percent graduate or professional degree	15.7%	8.5%

**INCOME**

Median household income (dollars)	33,801	45,069
Per capita income (dollars)	21,534	24,547
Percent all people whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level	22.5%	15.1%
Percent 18 years and over whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level	24.3%	13.2%
Percent 65 years and over whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level	10.4%	11.1%

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, 2005-2009 American Community Survey

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