

Population Density			
County	Population Estimate	Area (Square Miles)	Calculated Population Density Using Total Square Miles
Alexander	36,537	260	140.5
Alleghany	10,951	235	46.6
Ashe	25,702	426	60.3
Avery	17,884	247	72.4
Caldwell	80,059	472	169.6
Cherokee	26,568	455	58.4
Clay	10,389	215	48.3
Graham	7,825	292	26.8
Haywood	56,590	554	102.1
Jackson	36,739	491	74.8
McDowell	43,843	441	99.4
Macon	33,005	516	64
Swain	13,512	528	25.6
Watauga	45,196	311	145.3
Wilkes	66,655	755	88.3
<i>NR</i> [†]	166,388	1,974	84.3
<i>CR</i> [‡]	149,601	1,248	119.9
<i>SR</i> [¶]	195,466	2,976	65.7
<i>SMC</i> [§]	511,455	6,198	82.5

* Source: US Census Bureau web page <http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/files/CO-EST2008-ALLDATA.csv>

[†]NR = Northern Region: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Watauga, and Wilkes Counties

[‡]CR = Central Region: Alexander, Caldwell, and McDowell Counties

[¶]SR = Southern Region: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain Counties

[§]SMC = All fifteen counties of the Smoky Mountain Center catchment area