

# COUNTY PROFILE: Buncombe County, North Carolina

## US COUNTY PERFORMANCE

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington analyzed the performance of all 3,142 US counties or county-equivalents in terms of life expectancy at birth, mortality rates for select causes, alcohol use, smoking prevalence, obesity prevalence, and recommended physical activity using novel small area estimation techniques and the most up-to-date county-level information.

Explore more results using the interactive US Health Map data visualization (<http://vizhub.healthdata.org/subnational/usa>).

## FINDINGS: LIFE EXPECTANCY

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	81.1	80.2	81.5	1135	+4.1
Male	76.4	75.4	76.7	1224	+9.5

life expectancy at birth (years), 2014

Fig. 1: Female life expectancy, 2014

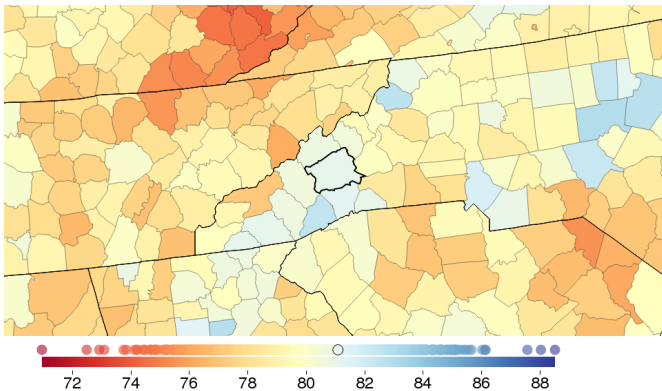
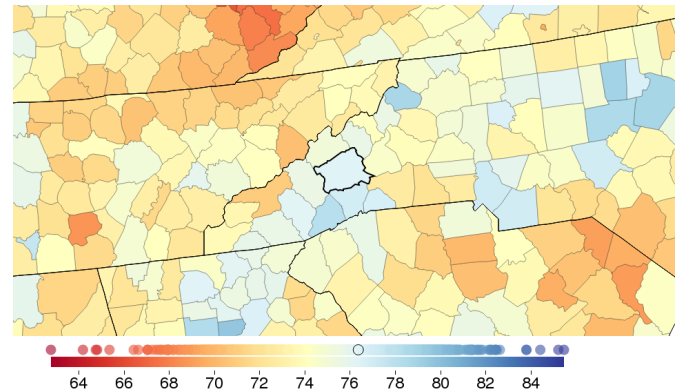


Fig. 2: Male life expectancy, 2014



## FINDINGS: ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	671.2	725.0	667.8	1009	-18.9
Male	940.8	1011.0	930.1	1070	-35.6

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 3: Female all-cause mortality, 2014

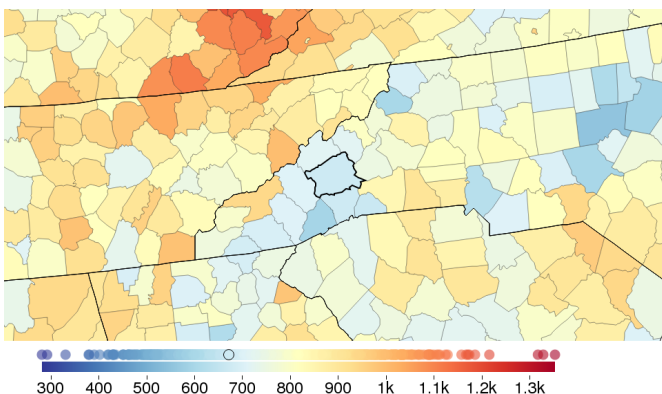
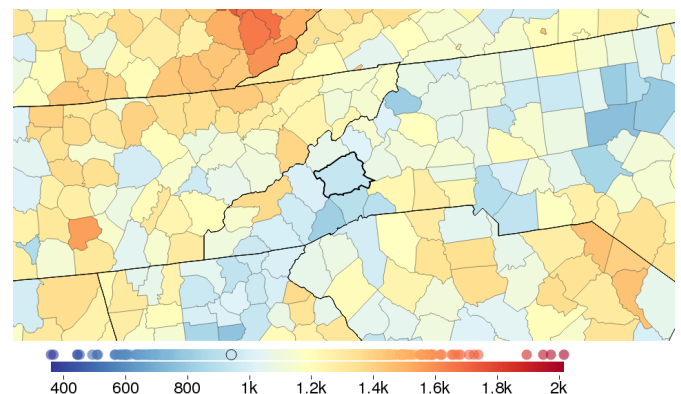


Fig. 4: Male all-cause mortality, 2014



## FINDINGS: ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	101.3	114.8	124.9	598	-54.3
Male	169.2	185.5	191.5	691	-63.4

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 5: Female ischemic heart disease, 2014

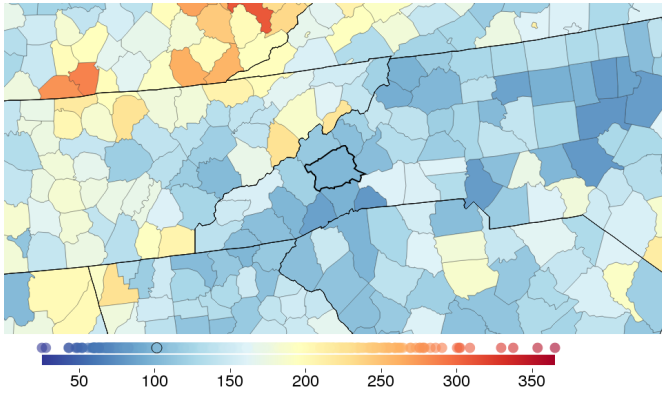
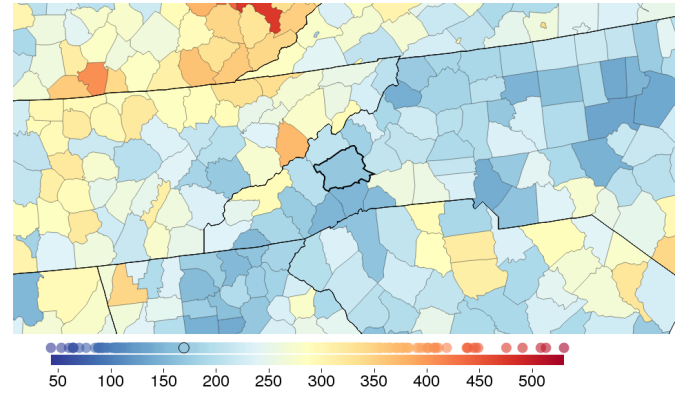


Fig. 6: Male ischemic heart disease, 2014



## FINDINGS: CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE (STROKE)

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	50.3	55.4	47.4	1455	-43.4
Male	52.1	57.5	48.8	1578	-56.0

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 7: Female cerebrovascular disease (stroke), 2014

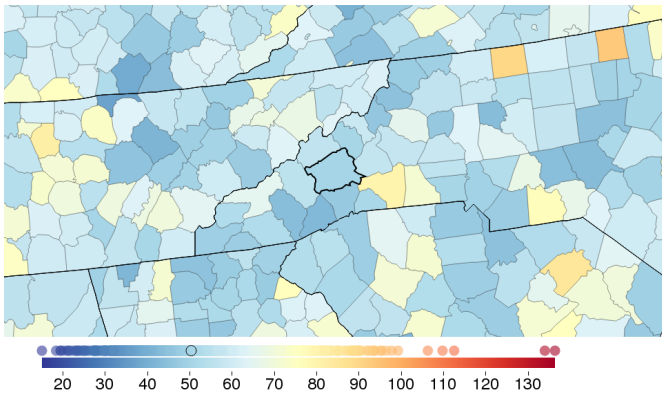
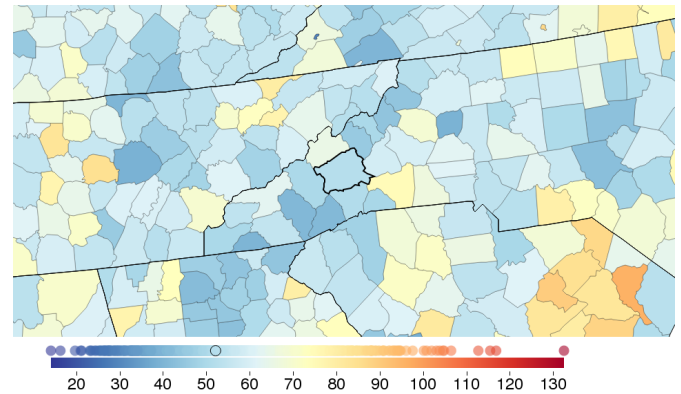


Fig. 8: Male cerebrovascular disease (stroke), 2014



## FINDINGS: TRACHEAL, BRONCHUS, AND LUNG CANCER

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	46.8	47.3	43.8	1471	+49.8
Male	70.4	82.7	67.6	1229	-38.1

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 9: Female tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer, 2014

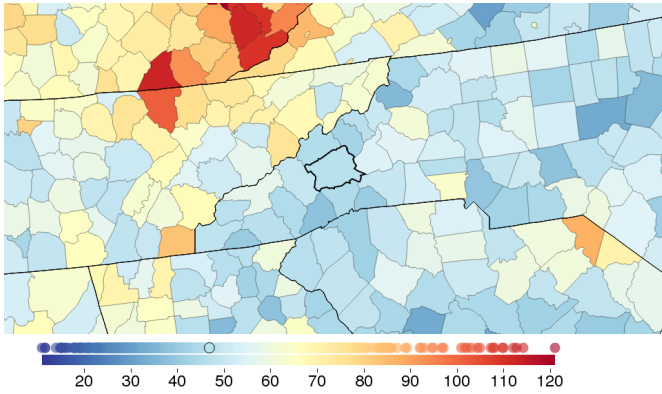
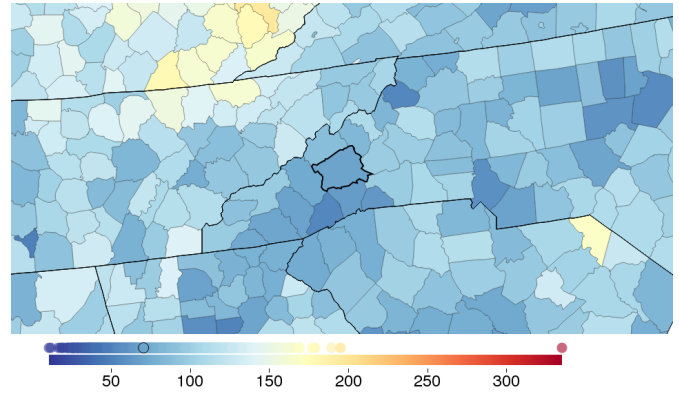


Fig. 10: Male tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer, 2014



## FINDINGS: BREAST CANCER

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	25.8	26.6	25.9	1572	-25.0
Male	0.3	0.4	0.3	2018	-18.2

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 11: Female breast cancer, 2014

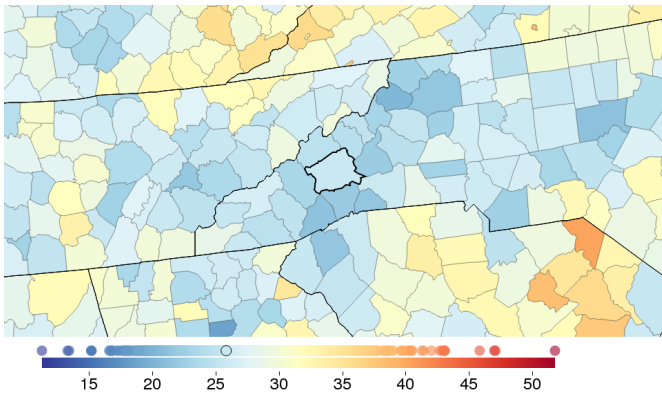
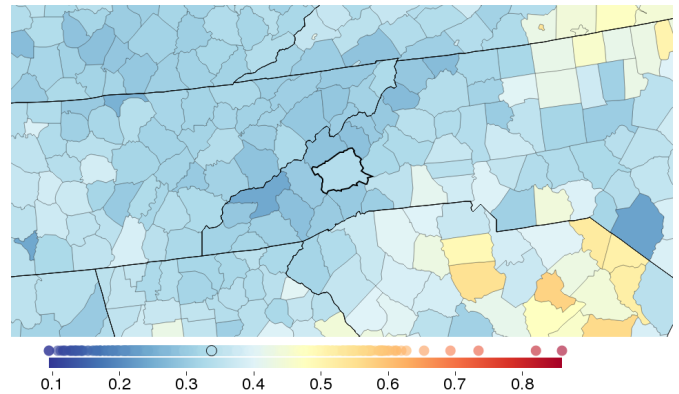


Fig. 12: Male breast cancer, 2014

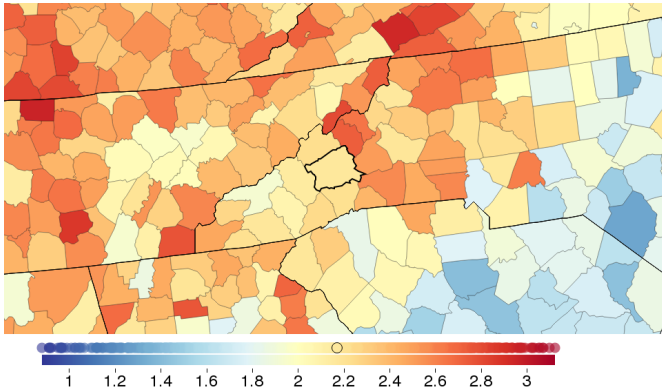


## FINDINGS: MALIGNANT SKIN MELANOMA

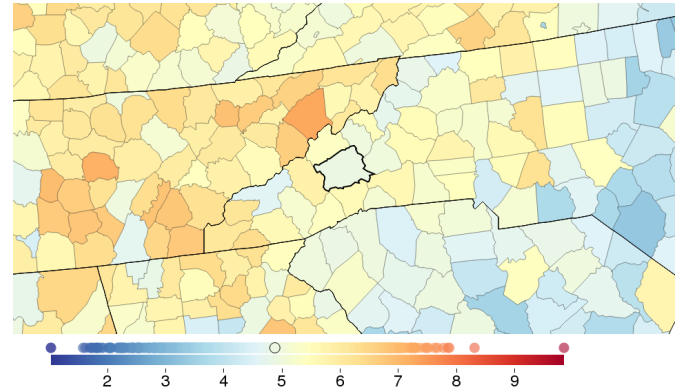
Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	2.2	2.0	1.9	1755	-2.5
Male	4.9	4.8	4.5	1569	+13.2

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

**Fig. 13: Female malignant skin melanoma, 2014**



**Fig. 14: Male malignant skin melanoma, 2014**

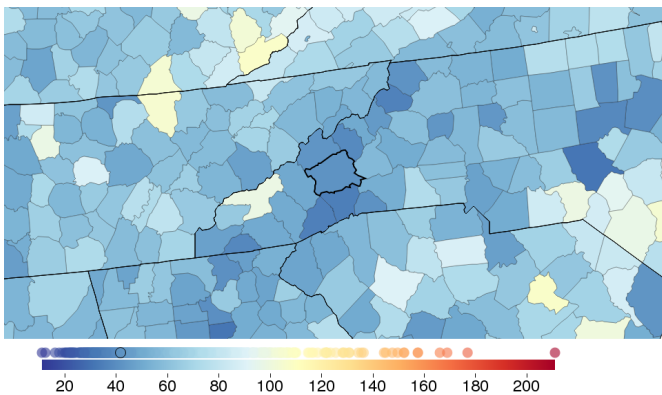


## FINDINGS: DIABETES, UROGENITAL, BLOOD, AND ENDOCRINE DISEASES MORTALITY

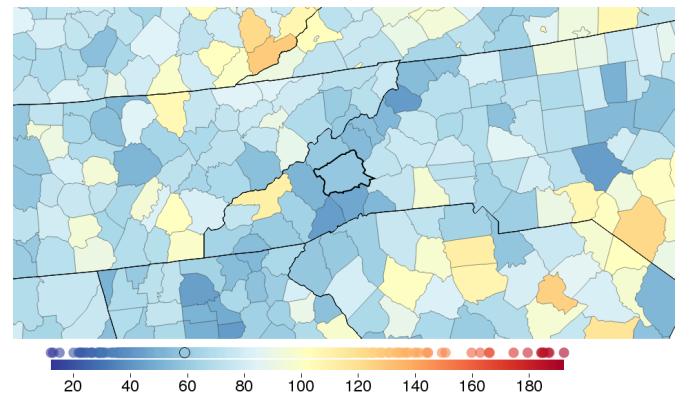
Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	41.6	57.6	49.6	530	+21.7
Male	59.0	71.4	63.8	929	+25.4

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

**Fig. 15: Female diabetes, urogenital, blood, and endocrine diseases mortality, 2014**



**Fig. 16: Male diabetes, urogenital, blood, and endocrine diseases mortality, 2014**



## FINDINGS: SELF-HARM AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE MORTALITY

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	11.4	9.9	9.0	2248	-7.6
Male	32.4	32.2	30.9	1521	-21.6

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 17: Female self-harm and interpersonal violence mortality, 2014

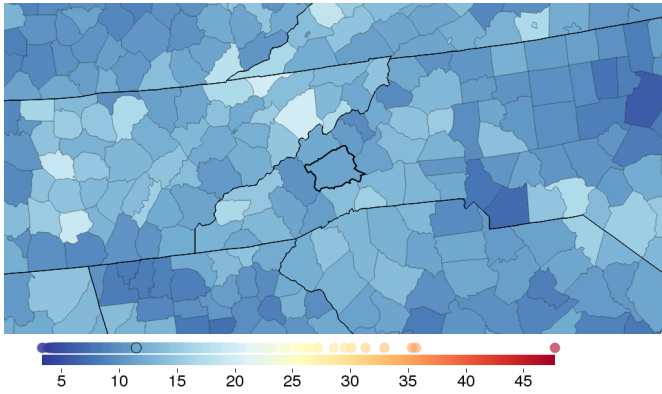
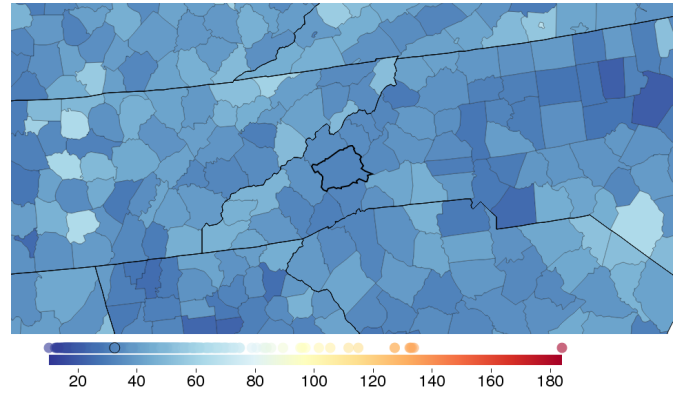


Fig. 18: Male self-harm and interpersonal violence mortality, 2014



## FINDINGS: TRANSPORT INJURIES MORTALITY

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	8.1	10.1	8.1	473	-39.7
Male	19.6	24.8	19.8	529	-46.8

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 19: Female transport injuries mortality, 2014

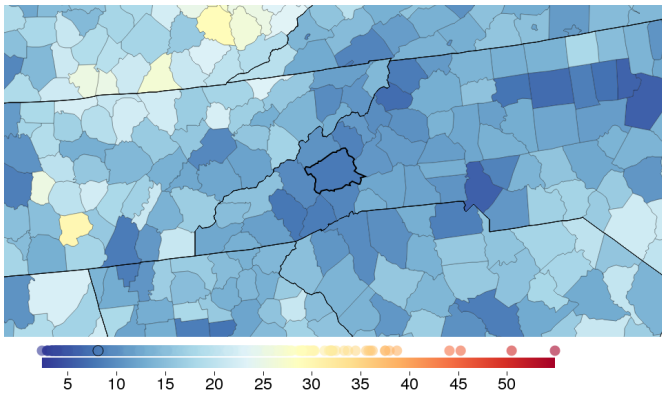
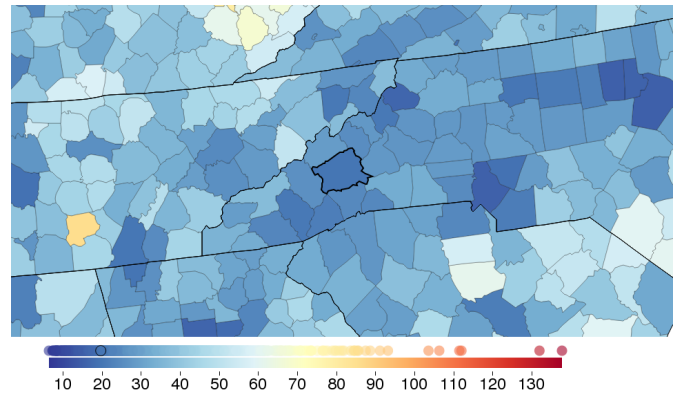


Fig. 20: Male transport injuries mortality, 2014



## FINDINGS: MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS MORTALITY

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	8.1	8.1	8.2	1646	+197.0
Male	19.5	17.5	18.7	2154	+39.2

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 21: Female mental and substance use disorders mortality, 2014

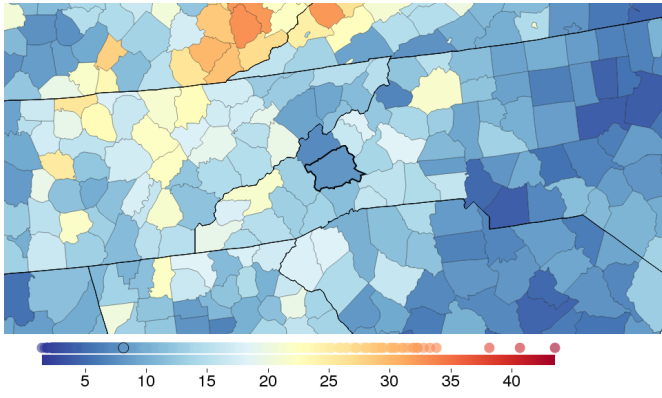
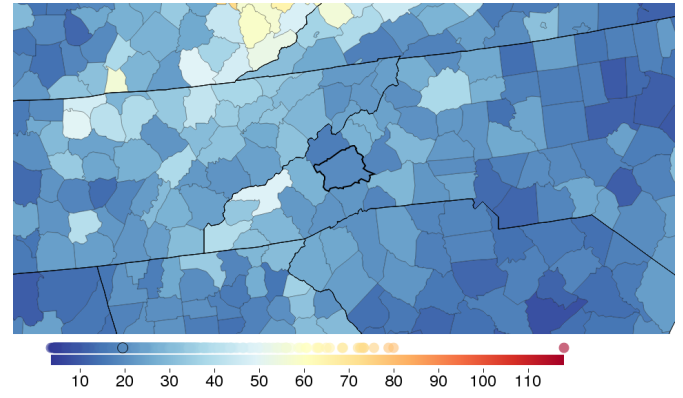


Fig. 22: Male mental and substance use disorders mortality, 2014



## FINDINGS: CIRRHOSIS AND OTHER CHRONIC LIVER DISEASES MORTALITY

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1980-2014
Female	11.9	12.2	11.8	1396	+21.2
Male	30.0	23.2	22.2	2583	+31.2

rate per 100,000 population, age-standardized, 2014

Fig. 23: Female cirrhosis and other chronic liver diseases mortality, 2014

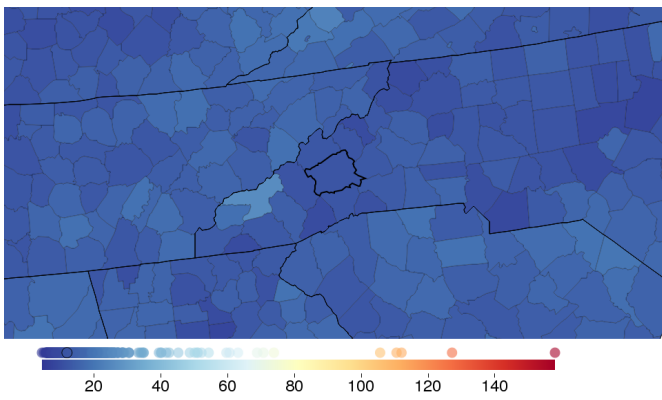
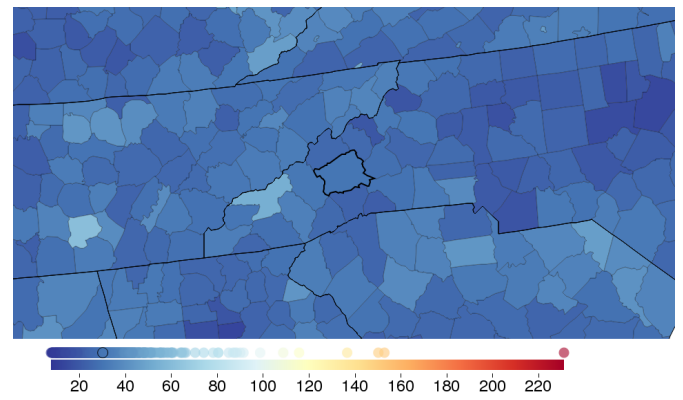


Fig. 24: Male cirrhosis and other chronic liver diseases mortality, 2014



## FINDINGS: HEAVY DRINKING

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 2005-2012
Female	6.4	5.0	6.7	2078	+35.3
Male	9.5	8.4	9.9	1243	+29.5

prevalence (%), age-standardized, 2012

Fig. 25: Female heavy drinking, 2012

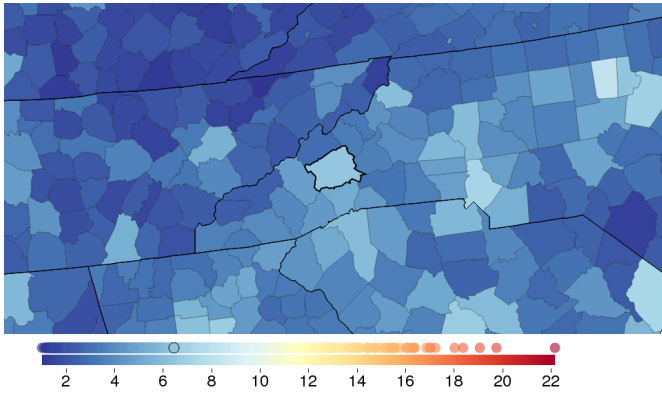
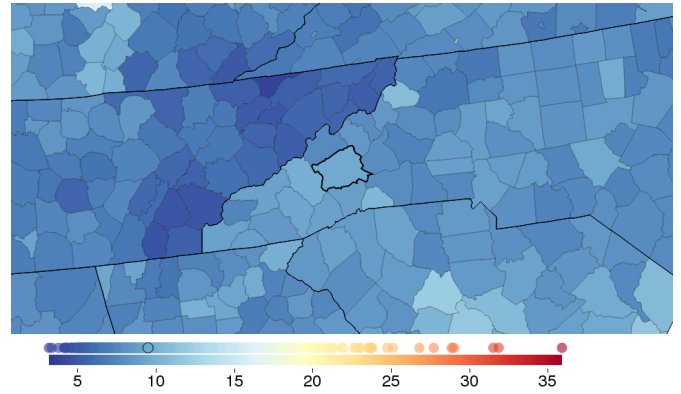


Fig. 26: Male heavy drinking, 2012



## FINDINGS: BINGE DRINKING

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 2002-2012
Female	10.2	8.8	12.4	1401	+42.2
Male	19.9	20.4	24.5	729	+26.7

prevalence (%), age-standardized, 2012

Fig. 27: Female binge drinking, 2012

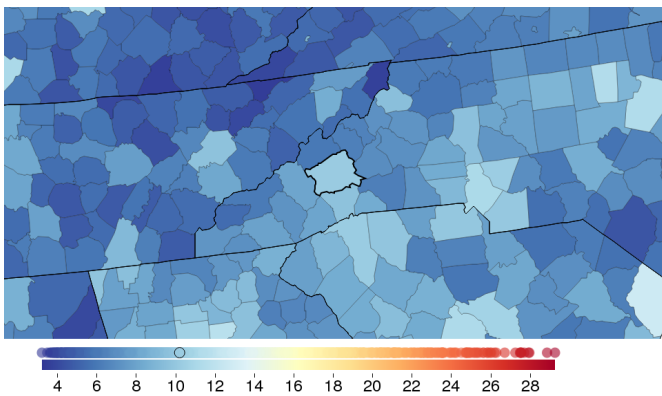
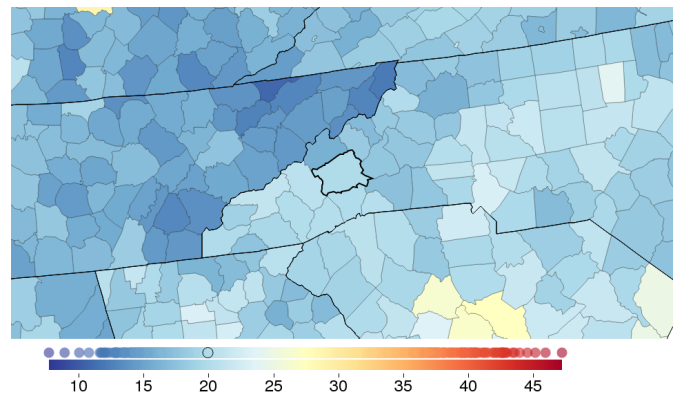


Fig. 28: Male binge drinking, 2012



## FINDINGS: SMOKING

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 1996-2012
Female	18.3	19.5	17.9	606	-27.8
Male	25.4	23.6	22.2	1558	-17.4

prevalence (%), age-standardized, 2012

Fig. 29: Female smoking, 2012

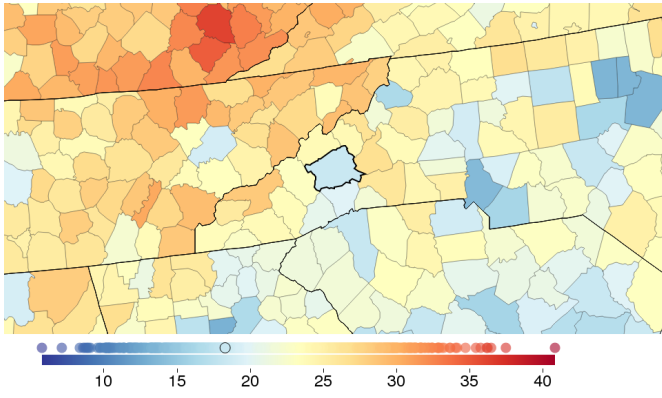
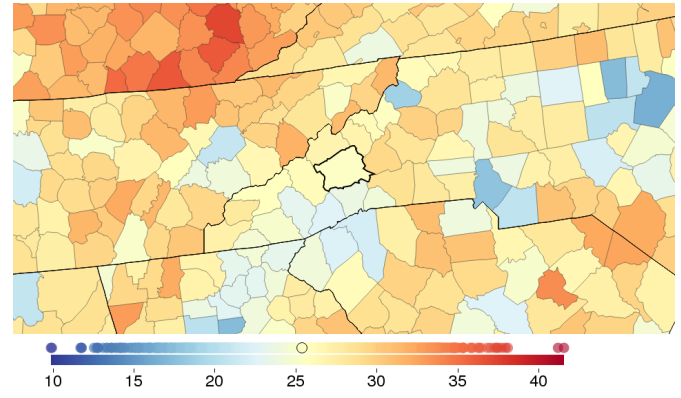


Fig. 30: Male smoking, 2012



## FINDINGS: OBESITY

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 2001-2011
Female	30.3	38.6	36.1	154	+23.6
Male	29.4	34.9	33.8	120	+22.1

prevalence (%), age-standardized, 2011

Fig. 31: Female obesity, 2011

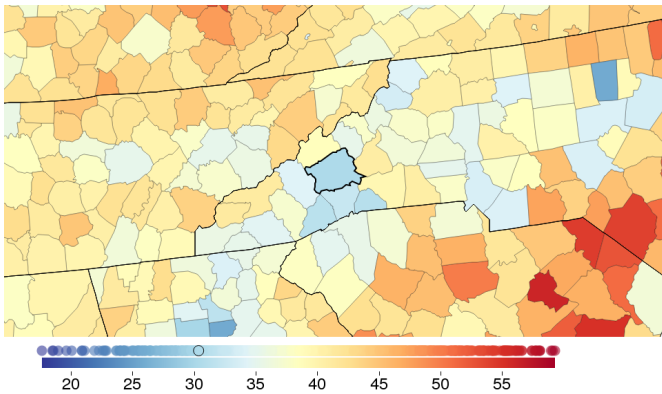
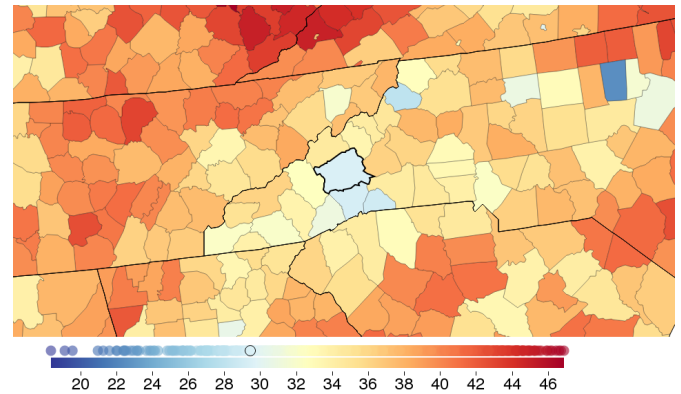


Fig. 32: Male obesity, 2011





## FINDINGS: RECOMMENDED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Sex	Buncombe County	North Carolina	National	National rank	% change 2001-2011
Female	58.4	48.2	52.6	319	+18.4
Male	63.0	54.3	56.3	154	+8.6

prevalence (%), age-standardized, 2011

Fig. 33: Female recommended physical activity, 2011

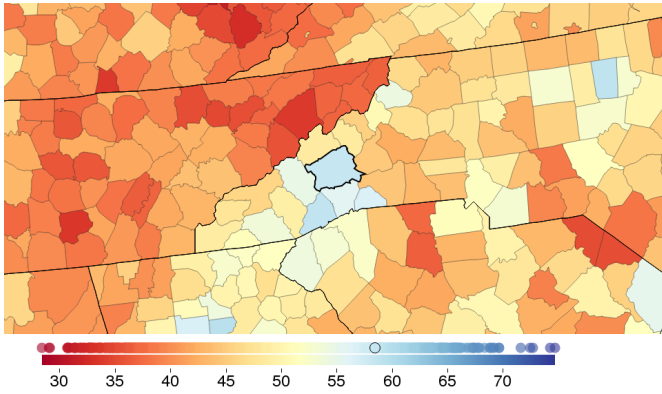
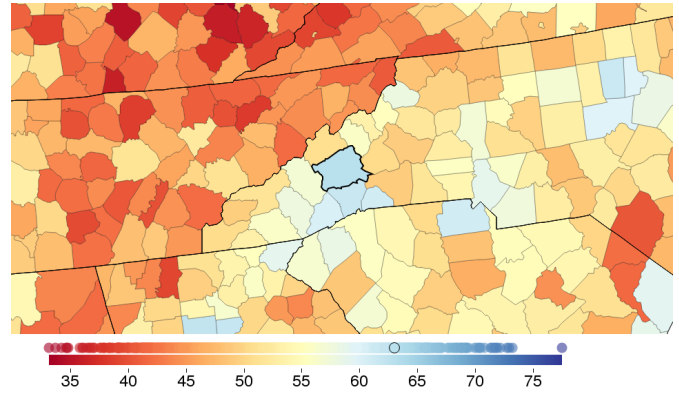


Fig. 34: Male recommended physical activity, 2011



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