

2011 CATAWBA COUNTY AGING DATA SNAPSHOT

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

- **154,358** (2010, US Census Bureau)
- **14.1% over the age of 65**

Distribution by Age (Catawba Co.)	65-84	85+
Age groups, 2010	12.4%	1.7%
Projection for 2030	16.8%	2.3%
Growth, 2010-2030	54.8%	56.7%

Source: 2010 Census, US Census Bureau, NC Office of Management and Budget

Race & Ethnicity

60+ population for Catawba County

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage
White, Not Hispanic	90.9%
African-American	6.1%
Asian	1.1%
Other Races	0.5%
Hispanic/Latino	1.4%

Source: 2010 Census, US Census Bureau.

Families & Poverty

- In 2009, the percentage of Catawba County seniors age 65 and older **living below poverty** increased to **11.4%**¹
- In 2009 a **one person household** is considered to be **below poverty**, if their earnings were **less than \$10,830** a year²
- A **two member household** is considered to be **below poverty**, if their earnings was **less than \$14,570** in 2009²

¹Source: Western Piedmont Council of Governments

²Source: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09fedreg.pdf>

Living Arrangements

- In 2010, **49.3%** of Catawba County seniors age 65 and older were living alone
- **2.8%** of Catawba County seniors age 65 and older were living in nursing homes in 2010
- **0.2%** of the 65 and older population in Catawba County were in adult care homes in 2010

Source: 2010 Census, US Census Bureau and NC Division of Aging

Housing

- **81.9%** of Catawba County residents age 45-64 owned their home in 2009
- **85.0%** of Catawba County residents age 65 and older owned their home in 2009

Source: 2009 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau, NC Division of Aging

Food Assistance

- In 2009, **1,733** Catawba County seniors age 60 and older received Food Assistance benefits
- The **monthly** Food Assistance benefit received per client age 60+ in 2009 was **\$76**

Source: NC Division of Aging

Income

- In 2009, the median household income for persons age 24-44 was **\$49,019**; **\$48,978** for persons age 45-64; and drops to **\$25,581** for persons 65 years of age and older

Source: 2009 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau

Health Statistics

Pneumonia/flu death rates are significantly higher than state rates for ages 65-84 and 85+

Death Rates per 100,000

Age	Catawba County 2010	NC 2010
65-84	91.2	75.4
85+	828.2	592.7

Source: State Center for Health Statistics

Employment & Education

- In 2009, **7.0%** of Catawba County residents age 60-64 were in the labor force; **3.5%** of residents 65+ were in the labor force (as % of total labor force)
- **14.8%** of Catawba County residents aged 45-64 years in 2009 did not have a high school diploma or equivalent, **34.2%** of those age 65+ did not have a high school diploma or equivalent

Source: 2009 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau.

Social Security

- **21,590** Catawba County residents age 65+ received Social Security benefits in 2008
- The average **monthly** Social Security benefit received in 2008 was **\$1,160**

Source: NC Division of Aging