

## Location Composition

Category	County	% of State
2010 Population	44,185	0.46%
2010 Households	17,870	0.48%
2010 Group Quarters	1,517	0.52%

RACE/ETH	#POP	%POP	LANG.	#POP	%POP
White	40,774	92.28%	English	42,063	95.20%
Hispanic	2,190	4.96%	Spanish	1,890	4.28%
Black	1,657	3.75%	Russian	81	0.18%
Other race	717	1.62%	French	38	0.09%
Multiracial	498	1.13%	Hmong	33	0.07%
Asian	405	0.92%	Other Indic	28	0.06%
Nat. Amer.	133	0.30%	Native Amer.	18	0.04%
			Vietnamese	18	0.04%

## Getting Involved

To learn more about this location, please contact Shirley Sells (ssells@ncbaptist.org).

### NOTES:

The Communities Summary identifies the top three types of communities in the county, the number of households, and the percent of the county.

The Lifestyle Summary identifies the top six lifestyle segments in the county, the number of households, percent of the county households, and the percent of households that are unreached.

The numbers in the Evangelscape communicate the most compelling reasons why this community needs churches and believers to intercede in missional prayer and activity.

Churchscape indicators reveal a snapshot of the extent of evangelical presence in the county. The last three items provide the household percent that is "affiliated" with the top religious groups. "Other World Religions" include religions other than Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Christianity.

Location Composition: Listed are the total number of people and the total number of households in the county.

Race/Ethnicity gives the population count and percentage of population for each of the race / ethnicity categories. The language section gives the population count age 5 yrs+ that speaks the language at home.

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Reaching McDowell County, NC

# MISSIONAL COUNTY DIGEST

## Top County Communities

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## Luke 10:2

Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

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Households: 9,450  
Percent: 52.88%



Households: 4,936  
Percent: 27.62%



Households: 1,651  
Percent: 9.24%

## Country Communities

Land, family and community are central to the day-to-day lives of the people in these farming and mining communities. They work hard to provide a steady, peaceful family life through farming, agriculture, education, mining and service industries. With low levels of education, these primarily white family households earn wages in the lower middle income bracket. Residents live in single-family homes, mobile homes or trailers in rural tracts and neighborhoods.

## Working Communities

Most residents of Working Communities are high school educated. Some have even been to college. Their education affords them lower middle incomes through blue collar jobs in manufacturing, construction, health services, retail, wholesale and food service. These jobs provide a stable household economy supporting personal and family pursuits in everyday life. This ethnically diverse mix of single and married homeowners dwells in densely populated areas and small-town suburbs.

## Urban Communities

The people are poor, struggling and largely single. Some are single parents with large families; most have below-average incomes. Unemployment is double the national average. For the African-American and Hispanic families in Urban Communities, struggling to balance priorities and budgets in a climate of institutional prejudice creates a lack of stability and control. Residing within major metropolitan cities and towns, most households live in apartments.

## Top Lifestyle Segments



**Hinterland Families** (41% Unreached)  
 Hinterland Families is a collection of families and couples who've settled in isolated towns and villages throughout the South. These mostly middle-aged households are overwhelmingly white, less educated (one-fifth never completed high school) and working-class. They work in a variety of blue-collar jobs in manufacturing, construction, transportation and agriculture. Though most live in inexpensive houses, one-third reside in mobile homes.

Households: 6,372  
 Percent: 35.66%



**Steadfast Conservatives** (69% Unreached)  
 A quietly aging cluster, Steadfast Conservatives is home to mature singles and couples living in midscale urban neighborhoods. Households tend to be white, high school-educated and middle class. Many have begun to empty-nest or are already filled with couples and singles aged 65 years or older. The seniority of many residents does have benefits in the workplace. They earn middle class incomes from skilled jobs in manufacturing, retail and health.

Households: 2,281  
 Percent: 12.76%



**Grass-roots Living** (70% Unreached)  
 Located in rural villages and aging industrial towns throughout the Midwest and South, Grass-roots Living consists of a racially diverse mix of couples, families and divorced men and women living in lower-middle-class circumstances. Educational levels are low, and nearly a quarter of households did not finish high school. Those still in the workforce tend to have low-paying jobs in manufacturing, construction or agriculture.

Households: 2,059  
 Percent: 11.52%

## Evangelscape: Spiritual Indicators

SPIRITUALITY INDICATOR	COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS	COUNTY %
Unreached	10,195	57.05%
Religious but NOT Evangelical	1,921	10.75%
Spiritual but NOT Evangelical	1,572	8.8%
Non-Evangelical but NOT Interested	6,720	37.6%

## Needscape: Social Issues

MAJOR SOCIAL ISSUES	#POP	%POP
Adult Obesity (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	10,405	33.40%
Adult Poor or Fair Health (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	6,823	21.90%
Adult High School dropouts (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	6,698	21.50%
Children in Poverty (as % of all children)	2,831	29.60%
Adult Unemployment Rate (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	2,639	13.20%
Household Violent Crime incidents (as % of all hhlds)	228	1.28%
Adult STD Incidents (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	84	0.27%

Note: A "0" means that this particular data item is not available for this county.

## Motivescape: Attitudinal Indicators



**Approvers**  
 Looking for recognition

# HH: 13,481  
 % HH: 75.44%



**Connectors**  
 Looking for relationship

# HH: 12,497  
 % HH: 69.93%



**Creators**  
 Looking for innovation

# HH: 11,160  
 % HH: 62.45%

## Churchscape: Religious Indicators

SPIRITUALITY INDICATOR	COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS	COUNTY %
Active Evangelical HHlds	4,090	22.89%
Evangelical Protestant Heritage	9,986	55.88
Mainline Protestant Heritage	4,993	27.94
Other World Religions Heritage	1,839	10.29