



State of Children in Buncombe County

Early Childhood Committee

September 3, 2019

1:00 – 2:30

200 College Street



NC Early Childhood Action Plan

Vision Statement: All North Carolina children will get a healthy start and develop to their full potential in safe and nurturing families, schools and communities.

By 2025, all North Carolina young children from birth to age eight will be:

1. **Healthy:** Children are healthy at birth and thrive in environments that support their optimal health and well-being.
2. **Safe and Nurtured:** Children grow confident, resilient, and independent in safe, stable, and nurturing families, schools, and communities.
3. **Learning and Ready to Succeed:** Children experience the conditions they need to build strong brain architecture and skills that support their success in school and life.



NC Early Childhood Action Plan





Goal 1: Healthy Babies

Babies across North Carolina from all backgrounds will have a healthy start in their first year of life.



Goal 2: Preventive Health Services

Babies, toddlers, young children and their families will have regular, ongoing access to high-quality health services.



Goal 3: Food Security

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Goal 4: Safe and Secure Housing

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Community Health Improvement



Buncombe County's Community Health Improvement Process (CHIP) brings together many diverse partners to improve the health of our community. They align their efforts and support each other for greater collective impact on the priorities identified through our Community Health Assessment (CHA).



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Methodology

County-specific data, when available & relevant:

- Based on categories from NC Early Childhood Action Plan
- Expanded ages to include birth to age 18
- Selected 2017 as a common most recently available year
- Compared with with region and/or state
- Shown in a trend
- Examined through lens of racial disparity



Healthy Babies



Goal 1: Healthy Babies

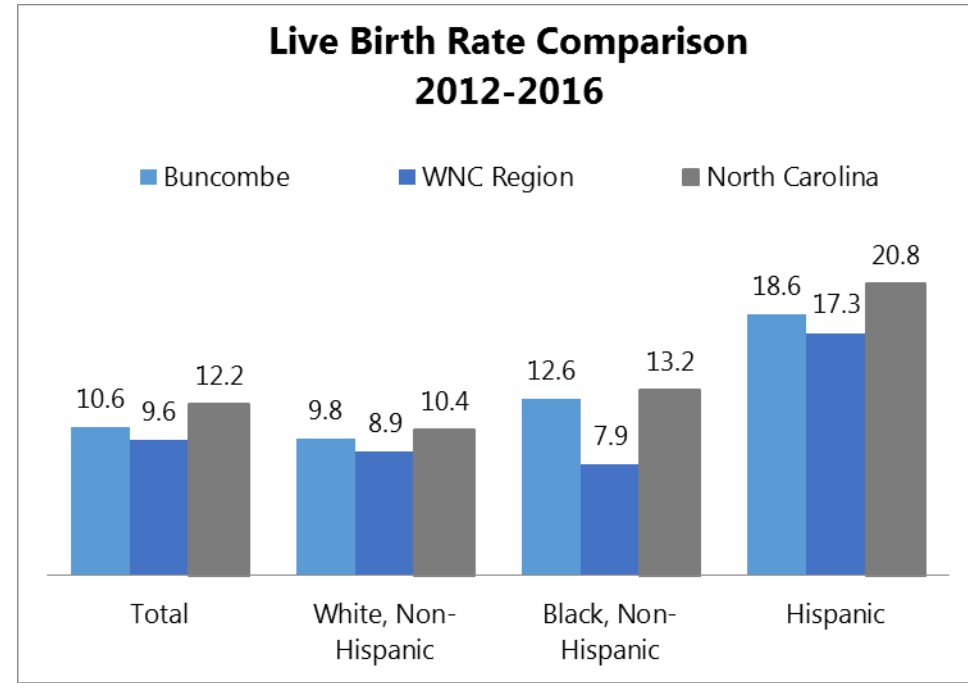
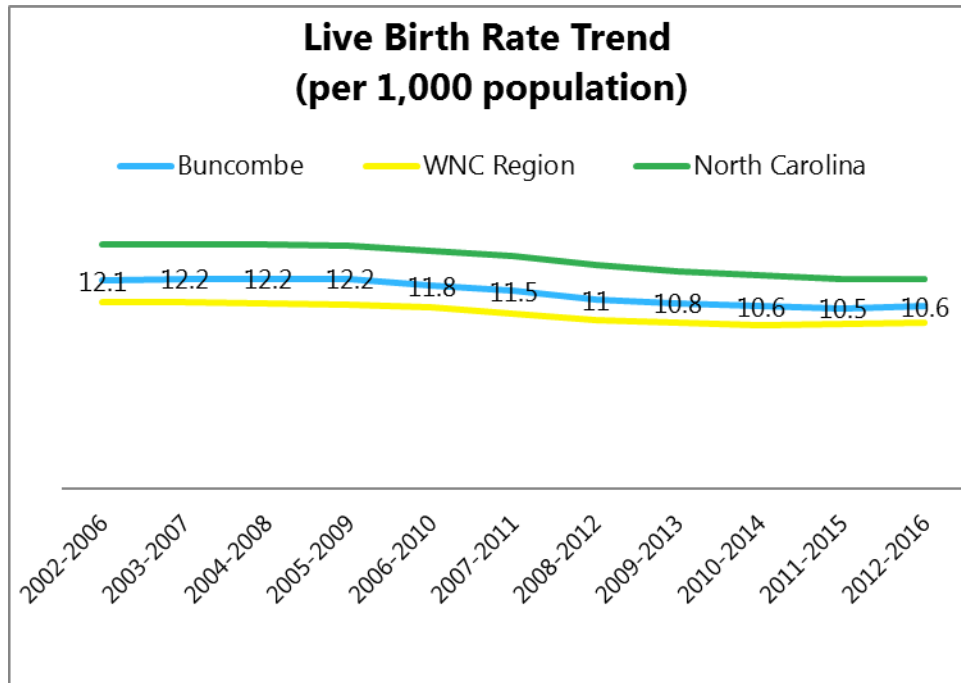
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Data Included:

- Birth Rate
- Infant Mortality Rate
- Low Birth Weight
- Teen Pregnancy
- Prenatal Care



Birth Rate

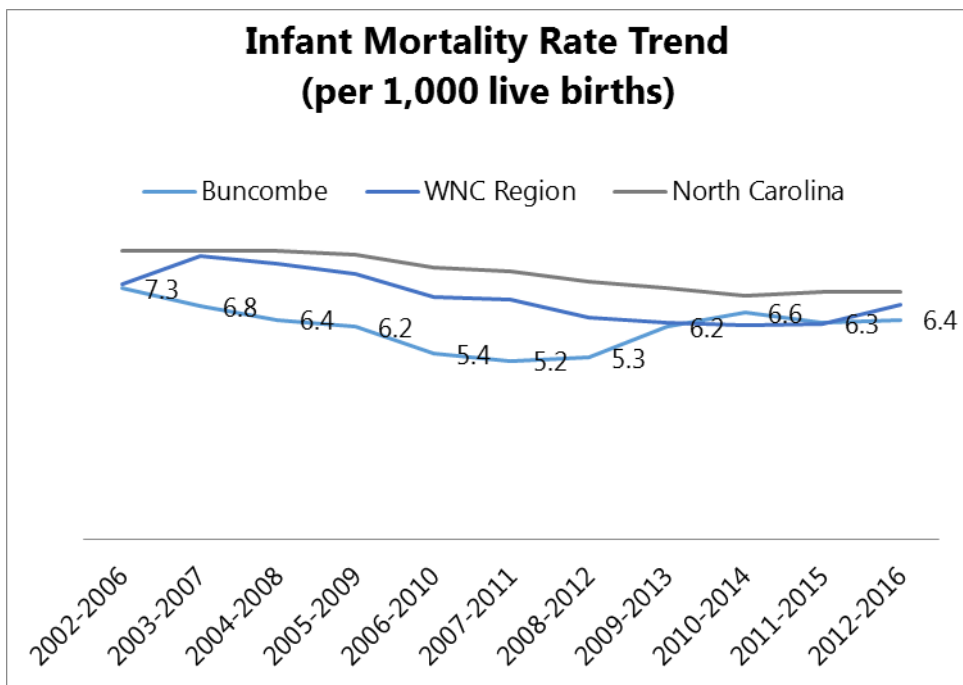


Rate per 1,000 population, 5-year aggregates



Infant Mortality Rate

**Infant Mortality Rate Trend
(per 1,000 live births)**

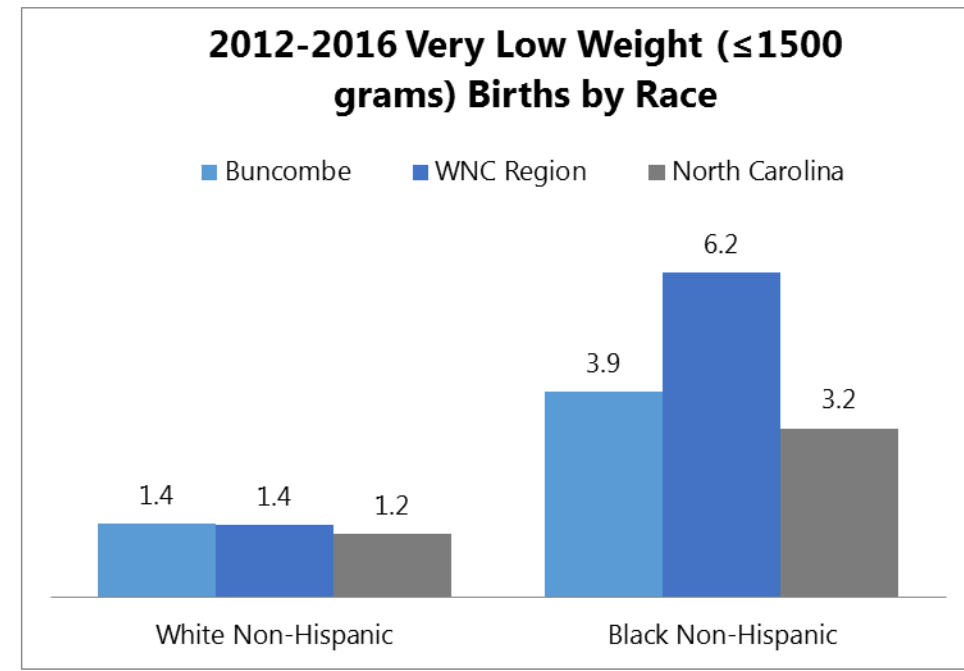
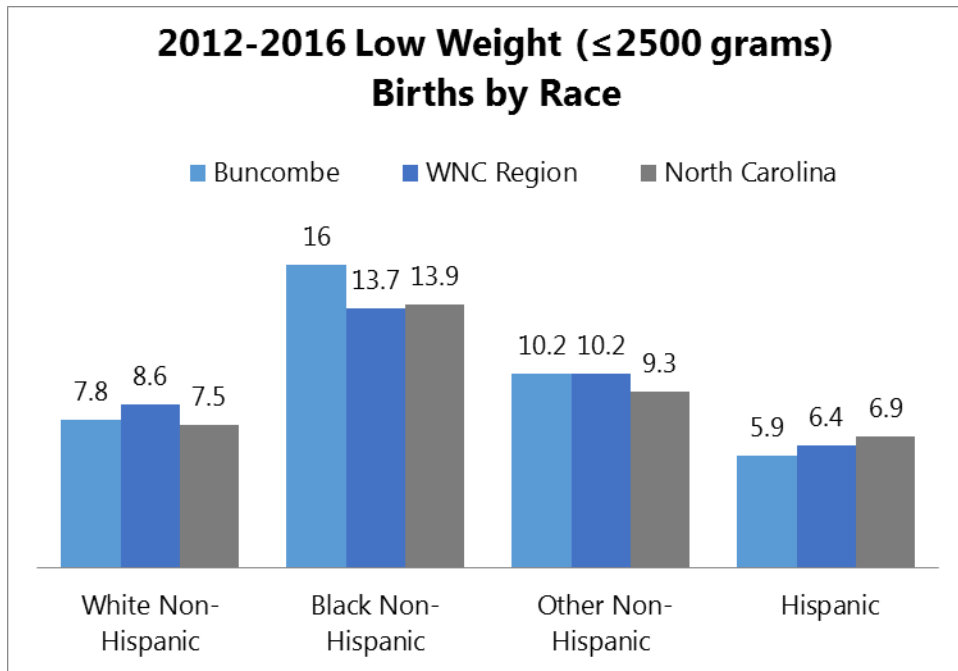


| County | 2012-2016 | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | | White Non-Hispanic | | Af. Am. Non-Hispanic | | Other Non-Hispanic | | Hispanic | |
| | # | Rate | # | Rate | # | Rate | # | Rate | # | Rate |
| Buncombe | 84 | 6.4 | 54 | 5.3 | 19 | * | 2 | * | 9 | * |
| Haywood | 24 | 8.4 | 20 | 7.6 | 1 | * | 2 | * | 1 | * |
| Henderson | 30 | 5.6 | 23 | 5.7 | 1 | * | 1 | * | 5 | * |
| Rutherford | 23 | 6.9 | 14 | * | 4 | * | 2 | * | 3 | * |
| 4-County Total | 161 | n/a | 111 | n/a | 25 | n/a | 7 | n/a | 18 | n/a |
| 4-County Arithmetic Mean | 40 | 6.8 | 28 | 4.7 | 6 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| State Total | 4,332 | 7.2 | 1,800 | 5.4 | 1,864 | 13.0 | 209 | 6.2 | 459 | 5.1 |

Rate per 1,000 live births, 5-year aggregates



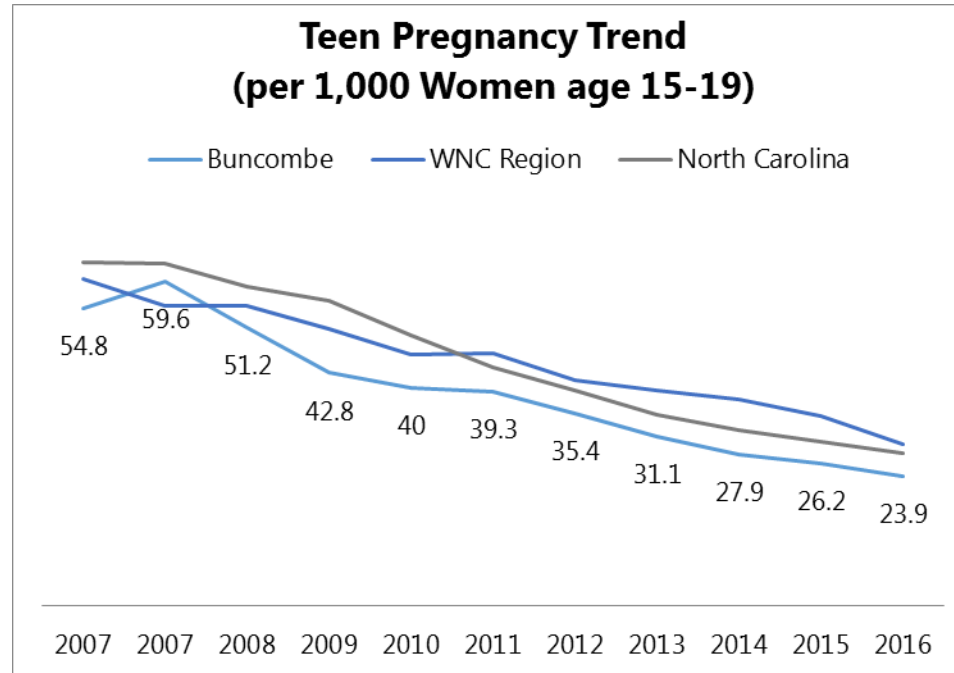
Low Birth Weight



By Race, Single 5-year aggregate



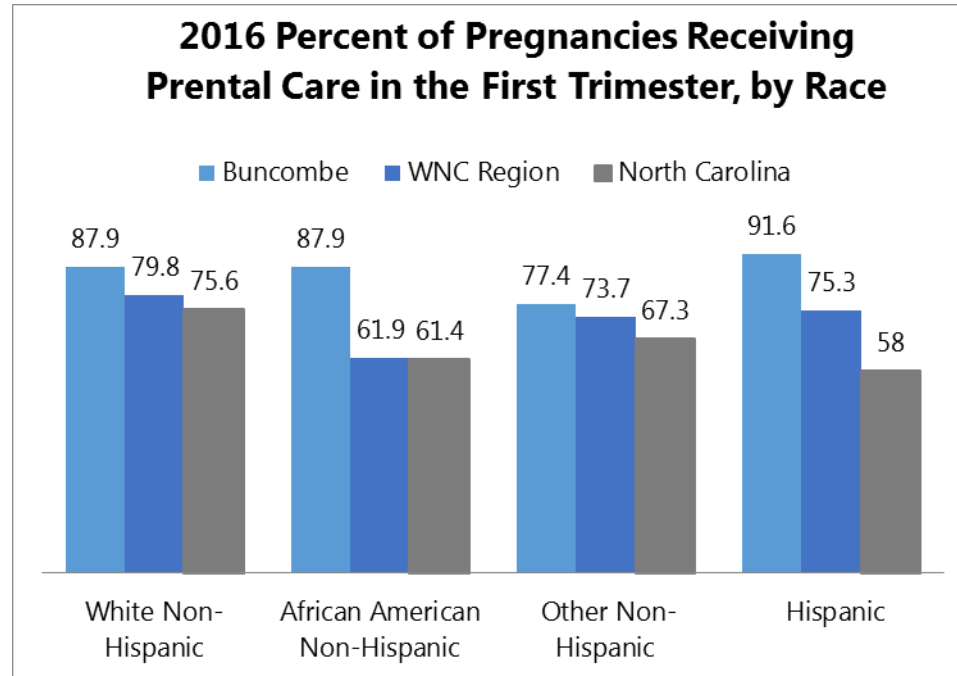
Teen Pregnancy



Rate per 1,000 women, single years



Prenatal Care



Percent of total, single years



Preventive Health



Goal 2: Preventive Health Services

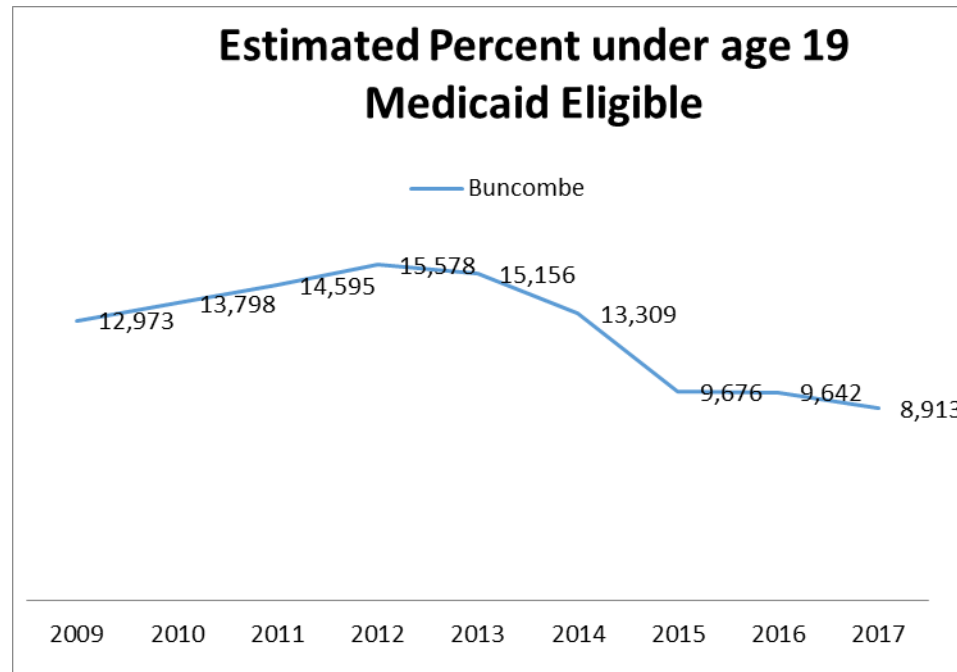
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Data Included:

- Medicaid Eligible
- Uninsured
- Medicaid by Race & Ethnicity



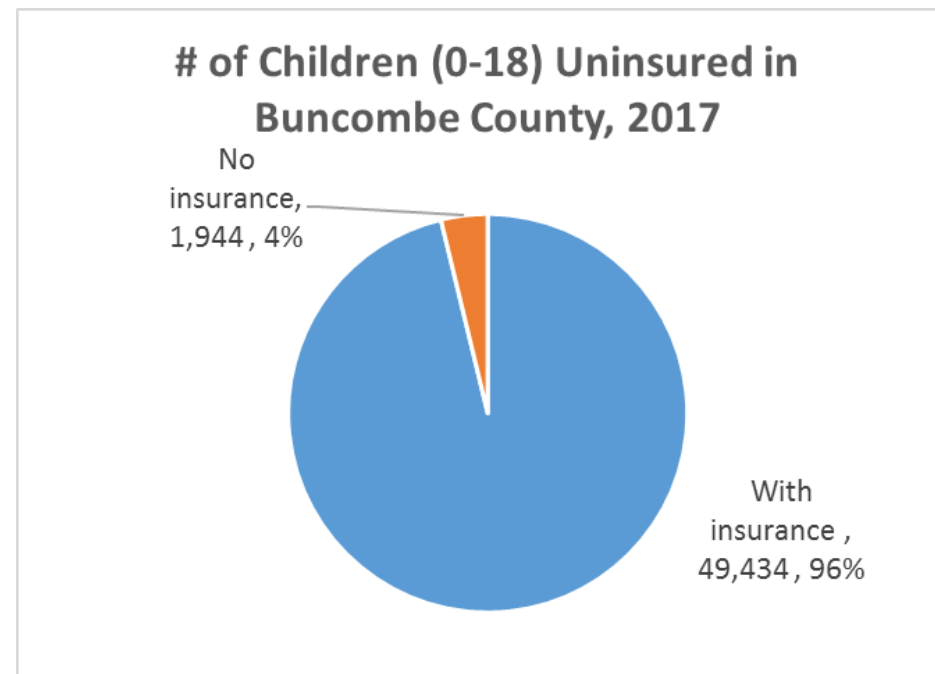
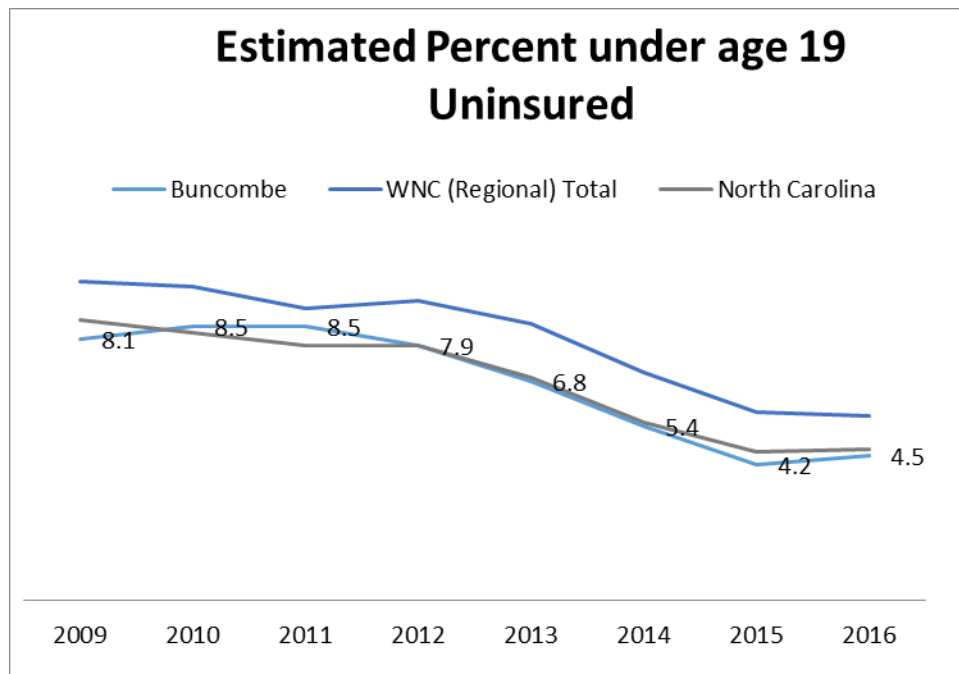
Medicaid Eligible



Authorized Medicaid eligibles as of December each year, single years



Uninsured



Health insurance coverage estimate, single years



Medicaid by Race & Ethnicity

Children 0-17 Receiving Medicaid, 2017

| | # | % |
|----------------------------------|--------|------|
| Children Receiving Medicaid | 26,506 | 56% |
| Total Children in Bucombe County | 47,561 | 100% |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|
| Hispanic | 5,010 | 19% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 21,301 | 80% |
| Unreported | 195 | 1% |
| Total Children Receiving Medicaid | 26,506 | 100% |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|------|
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 72 | 0.3% |
| Asian | 176 | 1% |
| Black / African American | 3,646 | 14% |
| Multiple Races | 611 | 2% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 92 | 0% |
| Unreported | 100 | 0.4% |
| White / Caucasian | 21,809 | 82% |
| Grand Total | 26,506 | 100% |



Food Security



Goal 3: Food Security

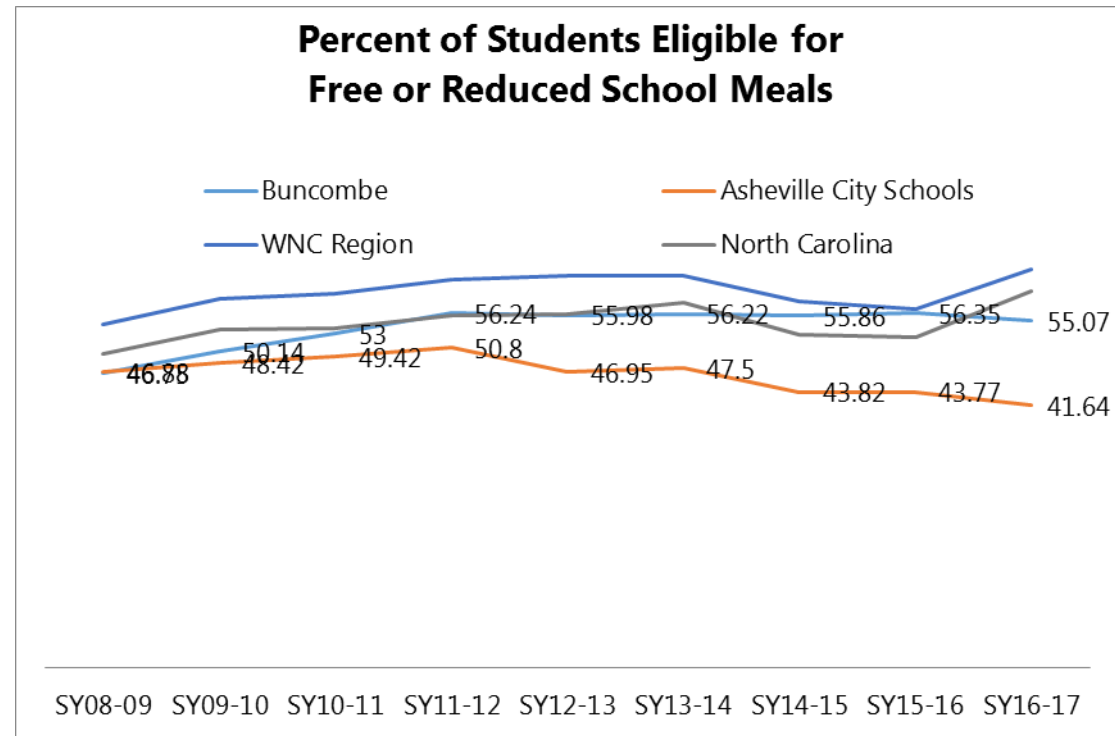
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Data Included:

- Free & Reduced Lunch
- Access/Proximity to Grocery Stores
- Food & Nutrition Services Participation
- Food Assistance by Race & Ethnicity



Free & Reduced Lunch



Health insurance coverage estimate, single years



Access/Proximity to Grocery Stores

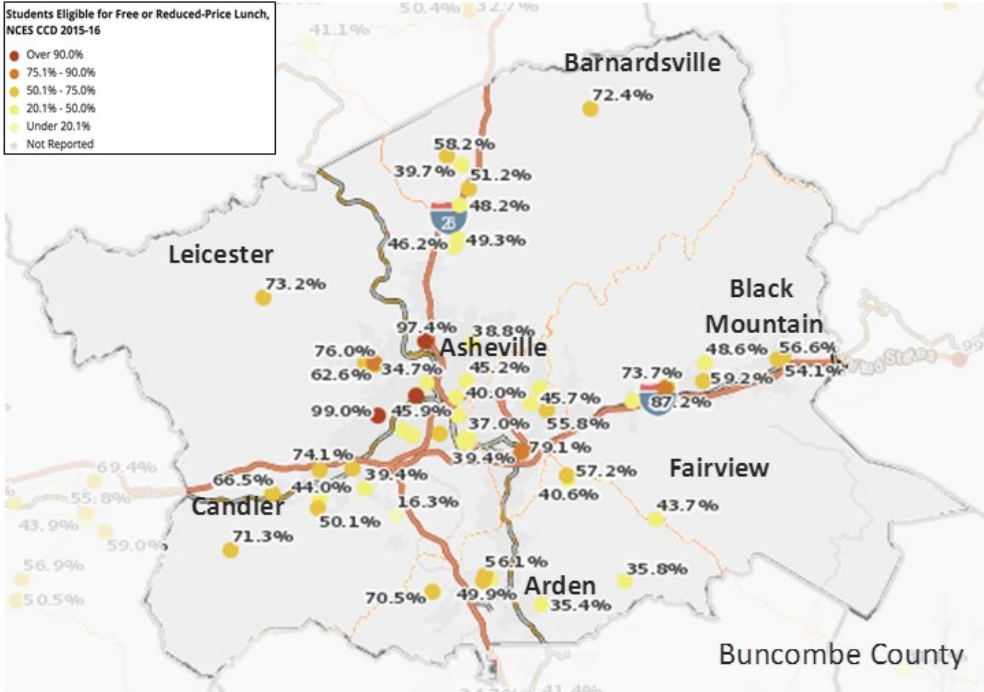
| County | Grocery Stores | | Households, no car & low access to store | |
|----------------------|----------------|------|------------------------------------------|--------|
| | 2009 | 2014 | 2010 | 2015 |
| | # | # | # | # |
| Buncombe | 49 | 56 | 2,339 | 2,320 |
| WNC (Regional) Total | 154 | 152 | 10,474 | 10,470 |

Food Environment Atlas



Free & Reduced Lunch

Percent of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

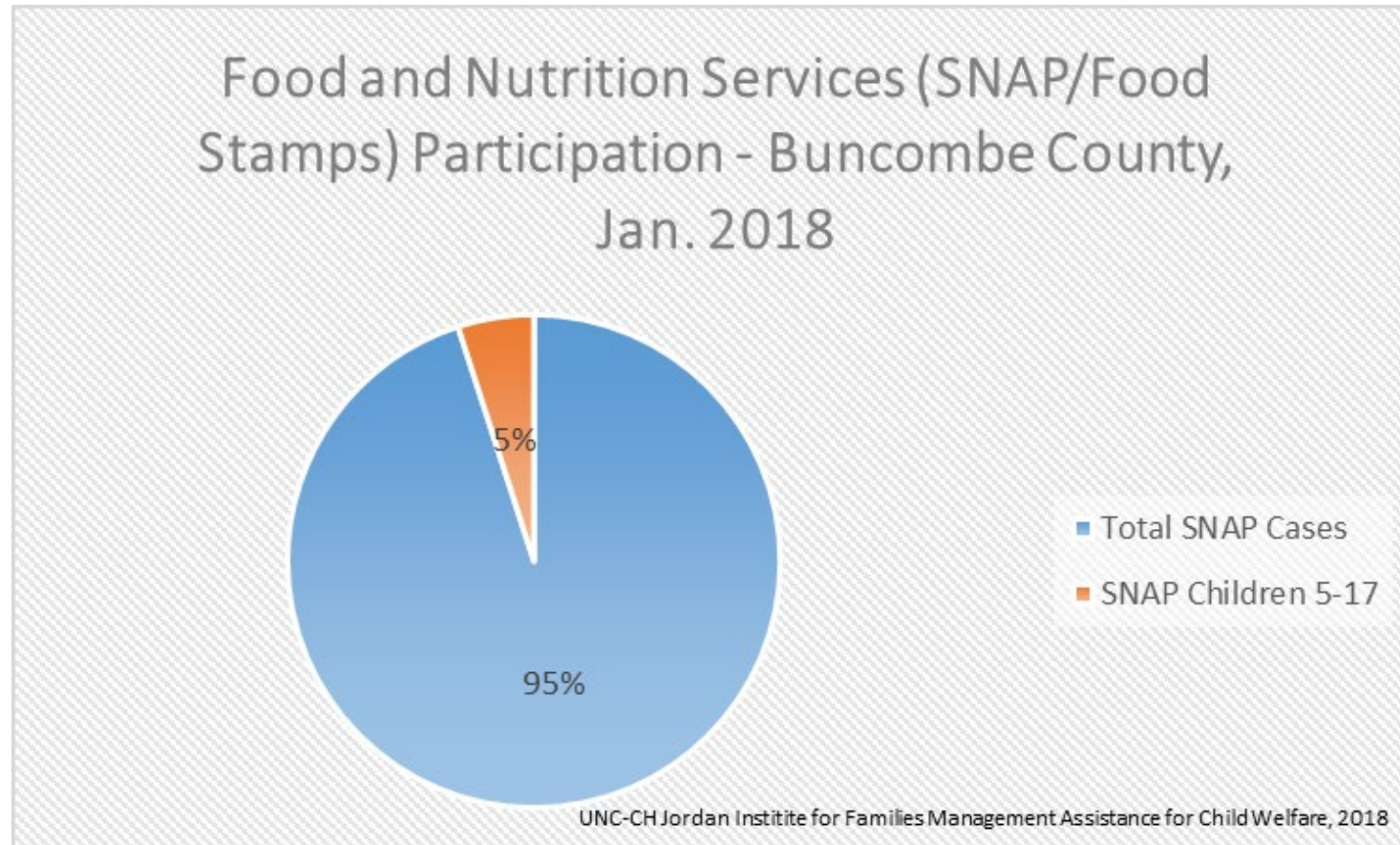


[Click to see map in Community Commons](#)

Health insurance coverage estimate, single years



Food & Nutrition Services Participation



Food Assistance by Race & Ethnicity

Children 0-17 Receiving Food & Nutrition Services, 2017

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|----------------------------------|--------|------|
| Children Receiving Medicaid | 9,595 | 20% |
| Total Children in Bucombe County | 47,561 | 100% |

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Hispanic | 1,353 | 5% |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 8,217 | 31% |
| Unreported | 25 | 0% |
| Total Children Receiving Medicaid | 9,595 | 36% |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|------|
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 26 | 0.1% |
| Asian | 30 | 0% |
| Black / African American | 2,113 | 8% |
| Multiple Races | 257 | 1% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 48 | 0% |
| Unreported | 13 | 0.0% |
| White / Caucasian | 7,108 | 27% |
| Grand Total | 9,595 | 36% |



Safe and Secure Housing



Goal 4: Safe and Secure Housing

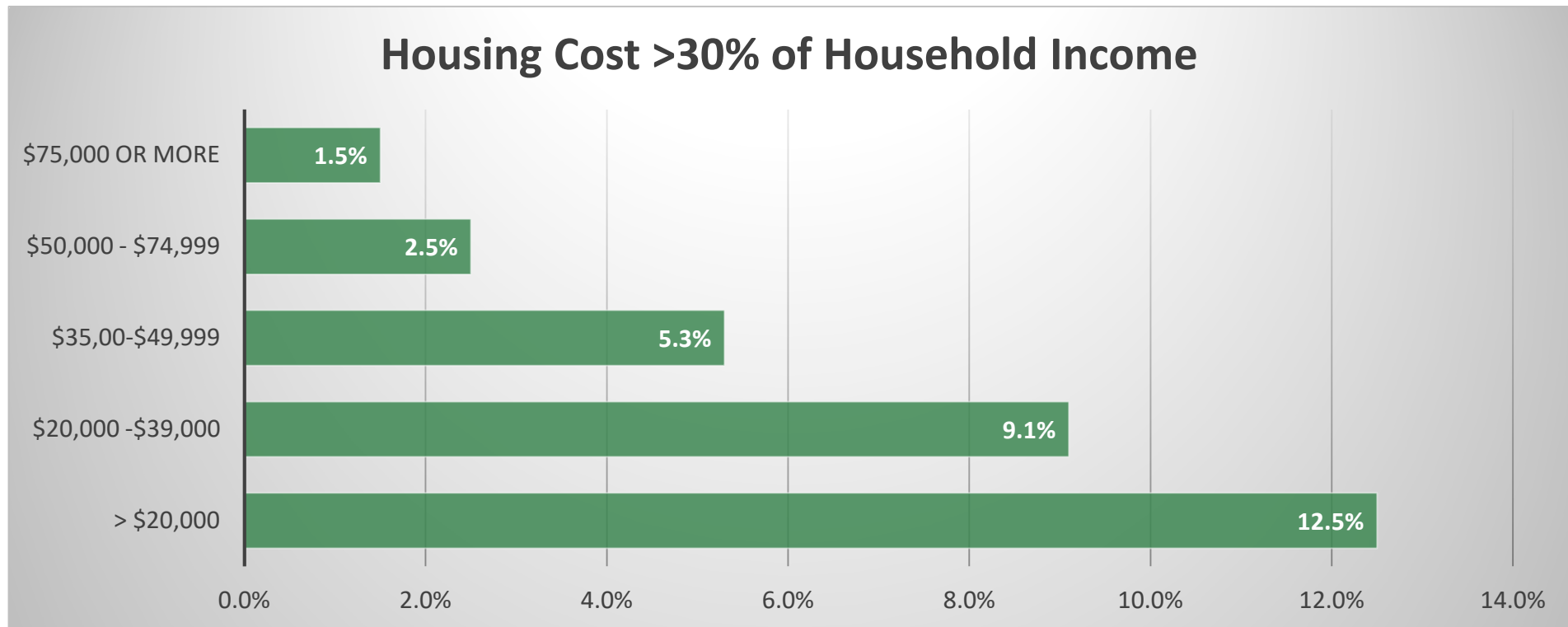
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Data Included:

- Housing Affordability
- Housing Cost (Rented)
- Housing Cost (Owned)
- Housing Adequacy
- Homeless Population



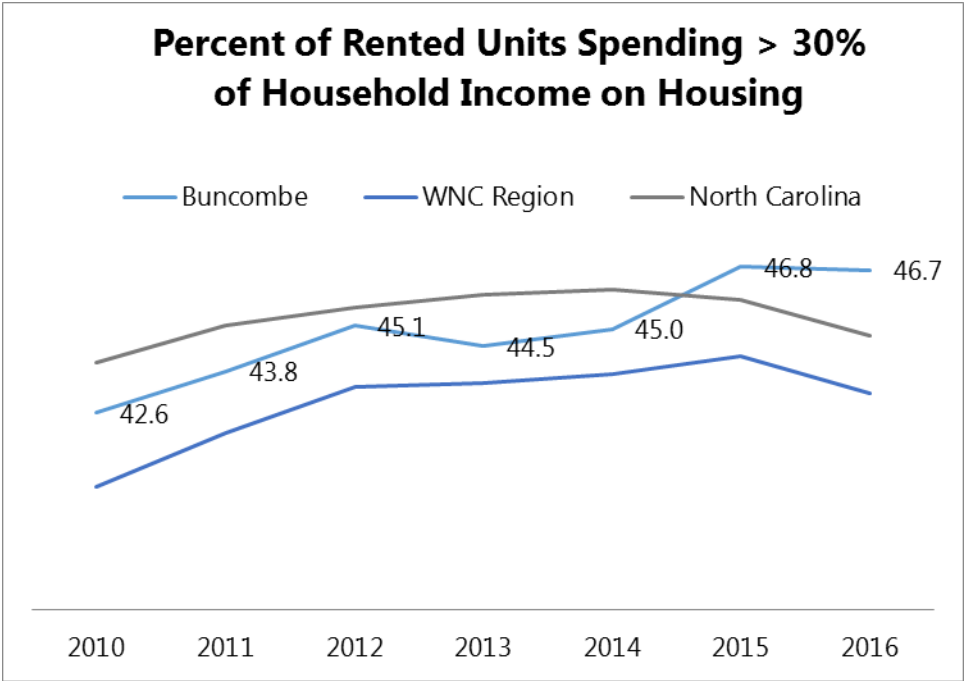
Housing Affordability



Housing Cost >30% of household income



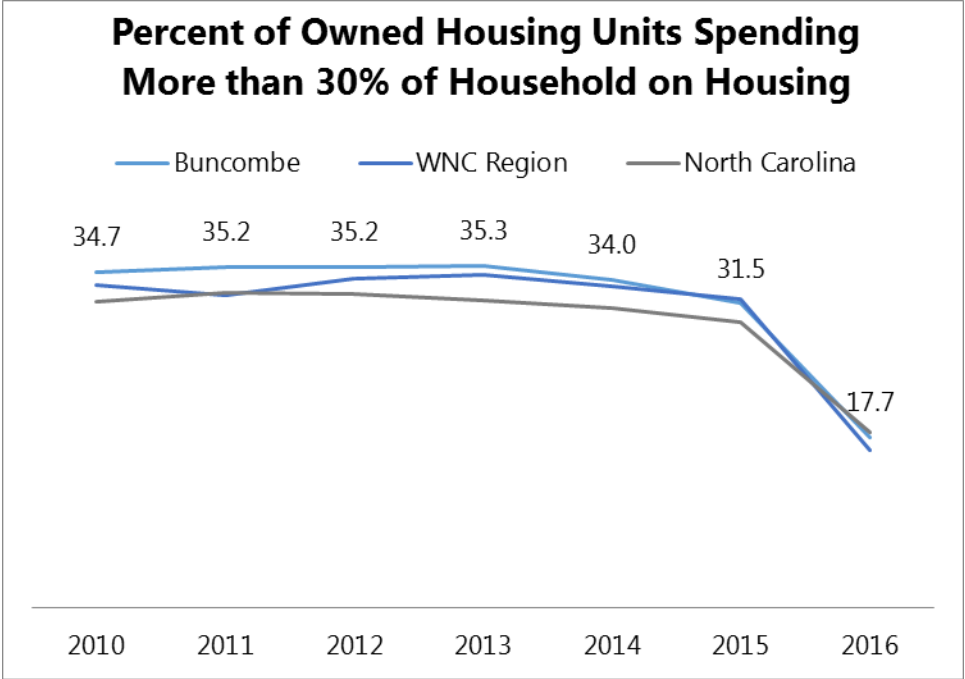
Housing Cost (Rented)



Housing cost as a percentage of household income, among rented units, 5-year estimates



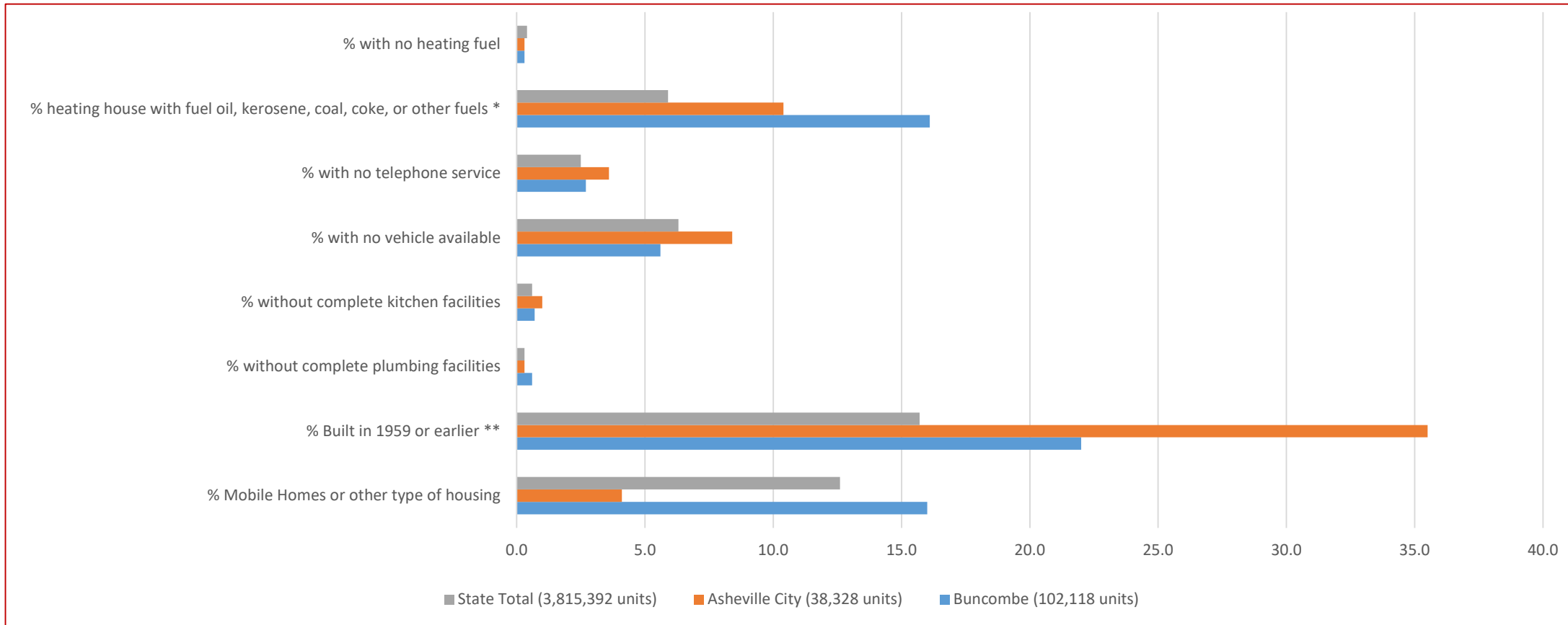
Housing Cost (Rented)



Housing cost as a percentage of household income, among owned units, 5-year estimates



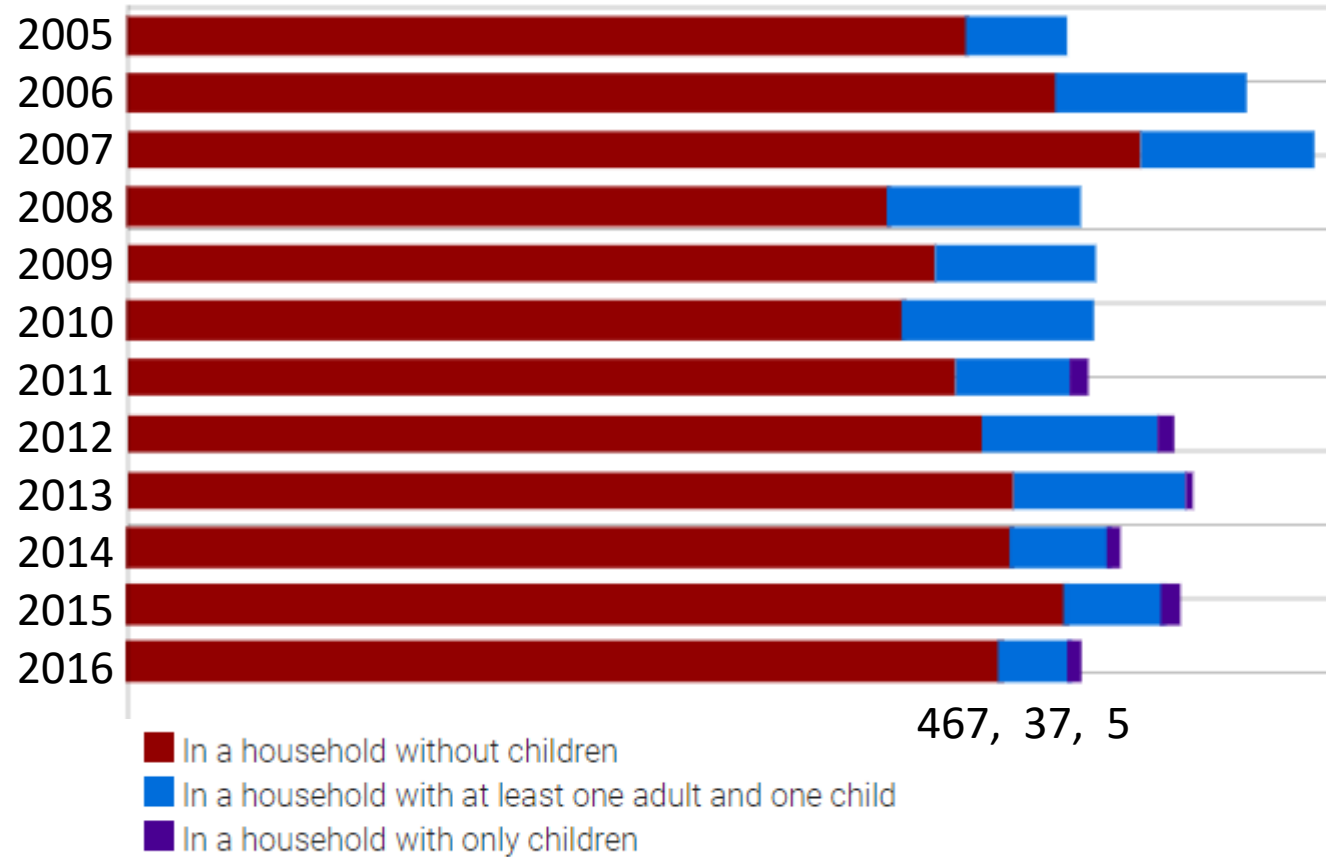
Housing Adequacy



Housing adequacy of occupied housing units, both rented & owned, 2012-2016



Homeless Population



Safe and Nurturing Relationships



Goal 5: Safe and Nurturing Relationships

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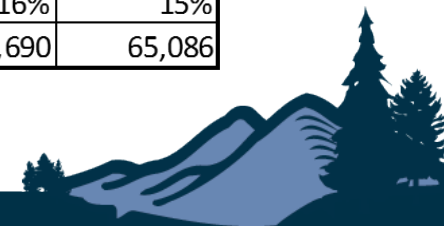
- Child Welfare
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Juvenile Justice



Child Welfare

| | Type of Findings | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | FY11-12 | FY12-13 | FY13-14 | FY14-15 | FY15-16 | FY16-17 |
| Buncombe County | | | | | | |
| Total Substantiated Findings (#) | 79 | 76 | 73 | 86 | 125 | 85 |
| Total Substantiated Findings (%) | 5% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 8% | 5% |
| <i>Abuse and Neglect</i> | 9 | 14 | 15 | 12 | 54 | 23 |
| <i>Abuse</i> | 9 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| <i>Neglect</i> | 61 | 50 | 52 | 66 | 68 | 60 |
| <i>Dependency</i> | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Unsubstantiated (#) | 135 | 138 | 159 | 131 | 168 | 254 |
| Unsubstantiated (%) | 8% | 9% | 10% | 9% | 11% | 16% |
| Number of Children with Investigated Reports of Abuse and Neglect | 1,748 | 1,595 | 1,523 | 1,427 | 1,499 | 1,588 |
| North Carolina | | | | | | |
| Total Substantiated Findings | 4,722 | 4,219 | 4,444 | 4,348 | 3,779 | 3,555 |
| | 7% | 6% | 7% | 7% | 6% | 5% |
| <i>Abuse and Neglect</i> | 483 | 479 | 531 | 472 | 487 | 495 |
| <i>Abuse</i> | 446 | 487 | 464 | 516 | 392 | 379 |
| <i>Neglect</i> | 3,696 | 3,122 | 3,321 | 3,234 | 2,729 | 2,562 |
| <i>Dependency</i> | 97 | 131 | 128 | 126 | 171 | 119 |
| Unsubstantiated | 12,171 | 11,742 | 11,287 | 11,517 | 10,105 | 10,083 |
| Unsubstantiated % | 18% | 18% | 17% | 17% | 16% | 15% |
| Number of Children with Investigated Reports of Abuse and Neglect | 68,743 | 66,025 | 65,607 | 66,059 | 64,690 | 65,086 |

Rates children substantiated for abuse and/or neglect, dependency



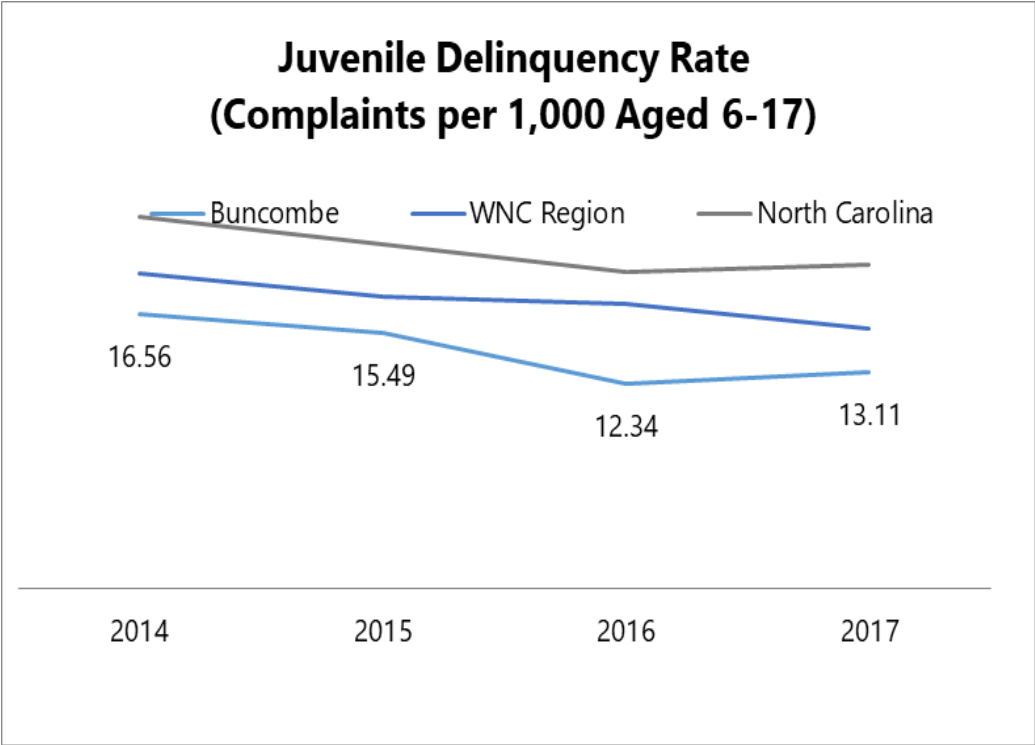
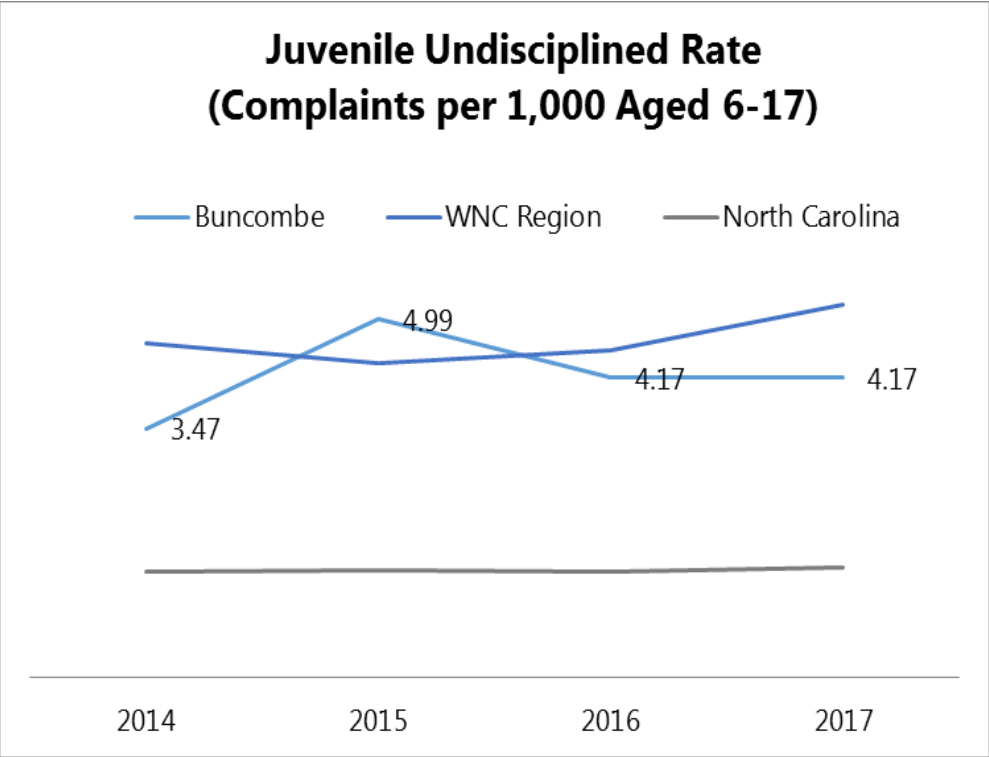
Intimate Partner Violence

- 589 children were connected to Helpmate
 - Includes children receiving services as clients and children impacted by violence in the home
- 68 cases were substantiated or found in need of services where injurious environment was identified due to domestic violence
 - including cases with multiple children/siblings

Local provider data, 2017 calendar year



Juvenile Justice



Juvenile Justice complaints and outcomes, single years



Permanent Families for Children



Goal 6: Permanent Families for Children in Foster Care

Babies, toddlers and young children in foster care will grow up in stable, consistent and nurturing families, whether that is with the child's birth family or through an adoptive family.

Data Included:

- Days to permanency



Days to Permanency

| | Buncombe | North Carolina Average |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Adoption | 951 days to adoption | 939 days to adoption |
| Reunification | 527 days to reunification | 377 days to reunification, guardianship or custody |

Children exiting care in in 2017, average days during length of stay



Social-Emotional Health and Resilience



Goal 7: Social-Emotional Health and Resilience

Babies, toddlers and young children across North Carolina will express, recognize and manage their emotions in a healthy way, especially under stress.





Data Included:

- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - Emotion Self-Regulation
 - Growth Mindset
 - Self-Efficacy
 - Self-Management



Social Emotional Learning

Summary

| Topic Description | Results | Benchmark |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Emotion Regulation</p> <p>How well students regulate their emotions.</p> | 51% |  <p>60th - 79th percentile compared to others nationally</p> |
| <p>Growth Mindset</p> <p>Student perceptions of whether they have the potential to change those factors that are central to their performance in school.</p> | 64% |  <p>80th - 99th percentile compared to others nationally</p> |
| <p>Self-Efficacy</p> <p>How much students believe they can succeed in achieving academic outcomes.</p> | 58% |  <p>40th - 59th percentile compared to others nationally</p> |
| <p>Self-Management</p> <p>How well students manage their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.</p> | 72% |  <p>40th - 59th percentile compared to others nationally</p> |

4,914 responses

Buncombe County Schools, grades 3-5, spring 2019



High Quality Early Learning



Goal 8: High-Quality Early Learning

Babies, toddlers and young children across North Carolina will have access to high-quality opportunities to engage in early learning.

Data Included:

- Children in Care
- Enrollment
- Quality of Care
- Teacher Education Levels



Children in Care

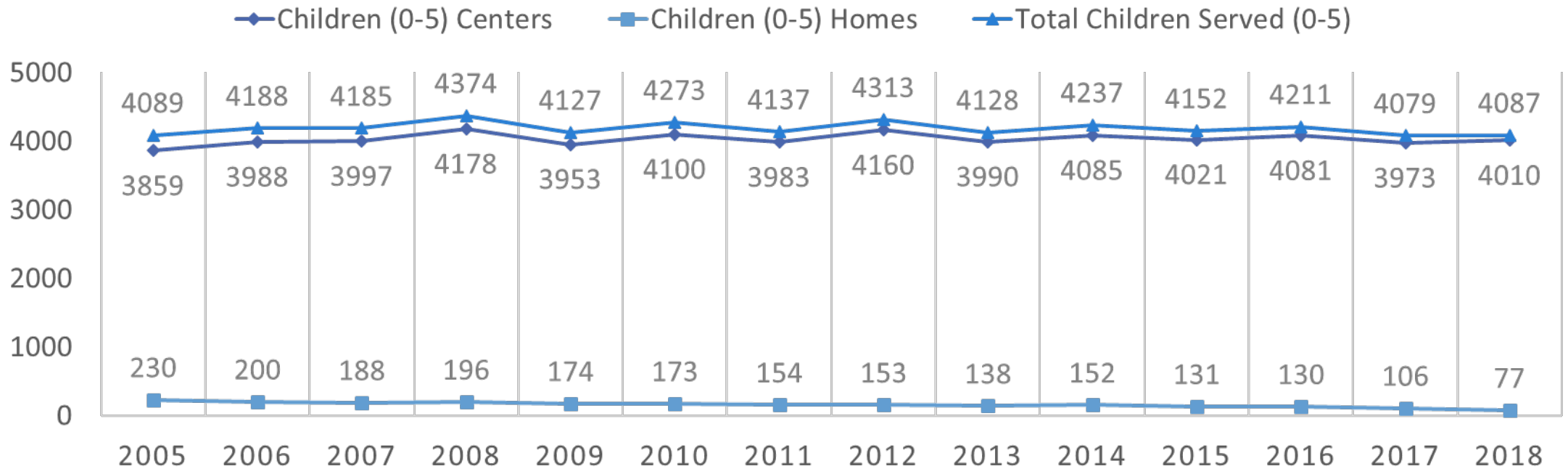
| | INF | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | SPS | Totals |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|--------|
| Children in Licensed Care (September 2018, DCDEE) | 232 | 449 | 681 | 893 | 1172 | 660 | 4087 |
| Total Available Child Population (NC OMB, 2018) | 2861 | 2646 | 2632 | 2634 | 2660 | 886 | 14319 |
| % of all children served (A/B) | 8% | 17% | 26% | 34% | 44% | 74% | 29% |
| # of children available (not being served, does not imply need, B-A) | 2629 | 2197 | 1951 | 1741 | 1488 | 226 | 10232 |

Children enrolled in licensed care by age (INF/infant through 5PS/5-year old pre-school)



Enrollment

CHILDREN IN LICENSED CARE (AGES 0-5)

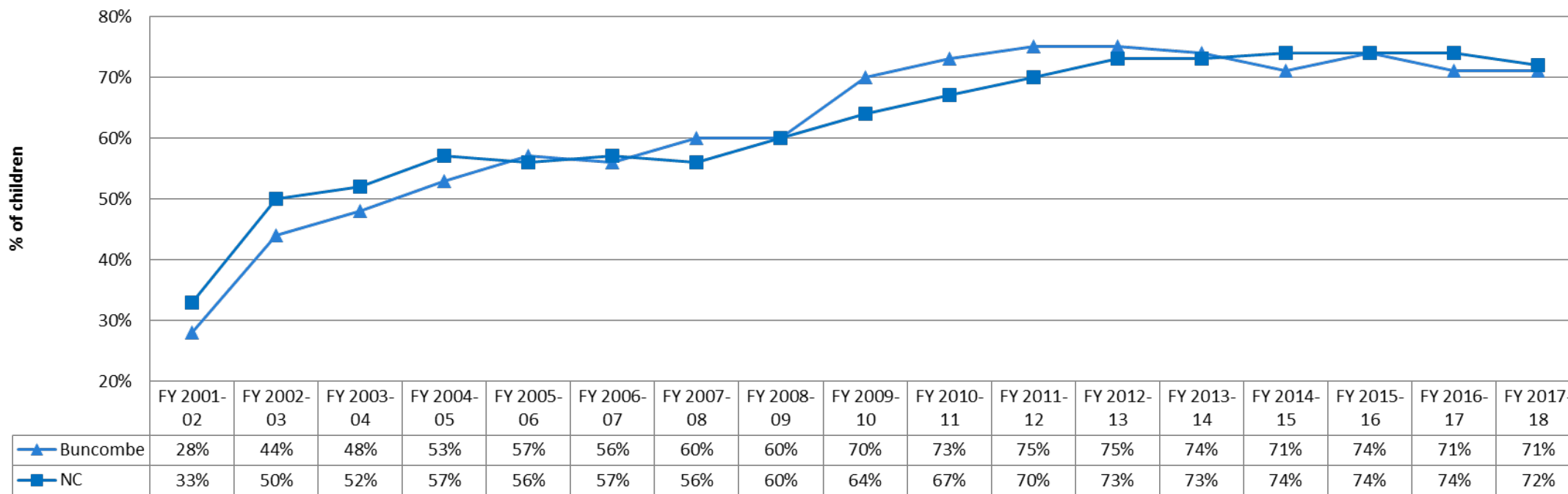


Enrollment by Type of Licensed Facility



Quality of Care

Children in Licensed High Quality Care - All Children

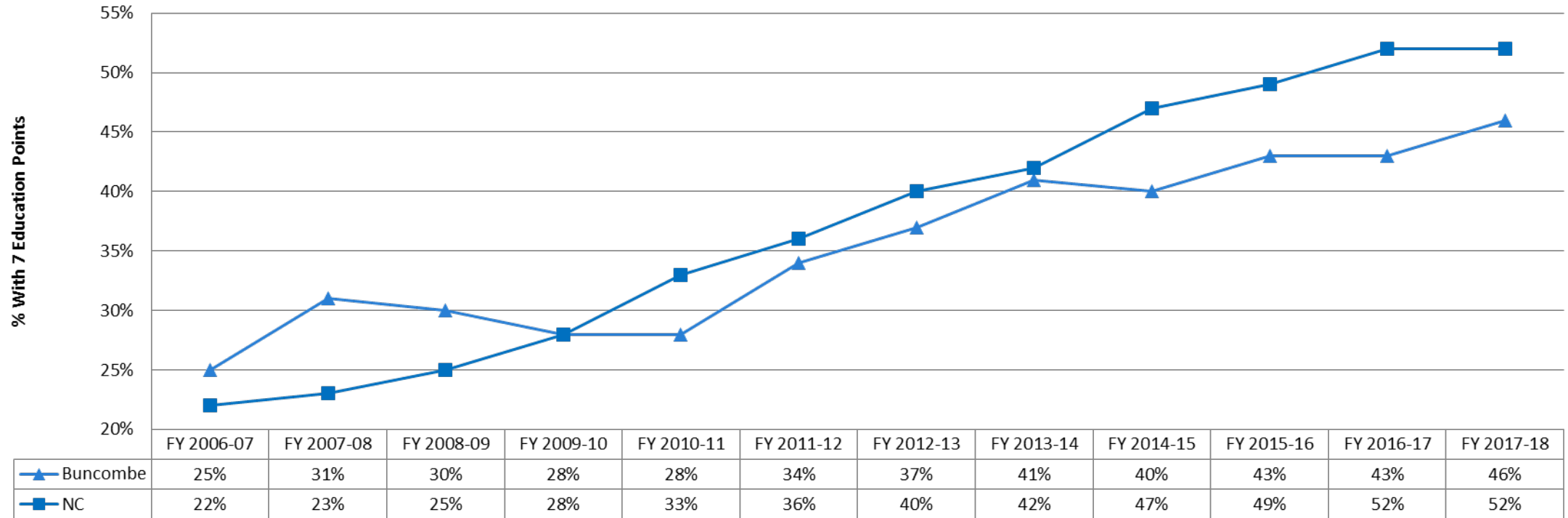


Percent of children served by 4 or 5 star facilities



Teacher Education Levels

Lead Teacher Education



Percent of children enrolled in 1-5 star centers that have at least 75% of lead teachers with associate's degrees (i.e. 7 lead teacher education points)



On Track for School Success



Goal 9: On Track for School Success

Young children across North Carolina will enter kindergarten on track for reaching their developmental goals.

Data Included:

- School Disciplinary Action



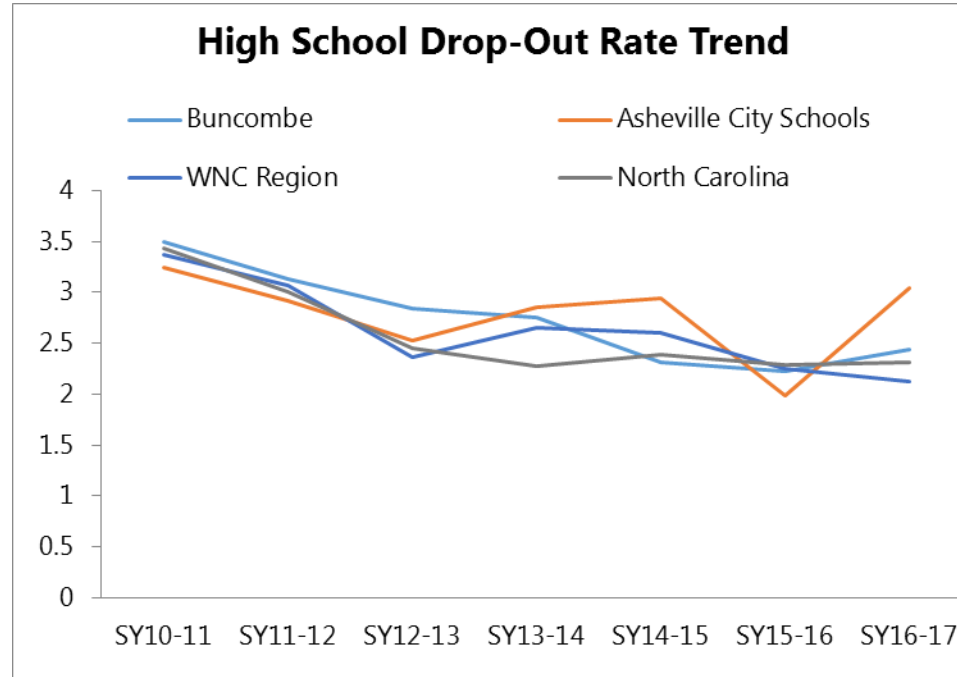
School Disciplinary Action

| School System | Short Term Suspensions (up to 10 days) | | | | | | | | Long-Term Suspensions | Expulsions |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Total All Grades | American Indian/ Alaska Native | Hispanic | Black | White | Multi-Racial | Grade 9-13 (Number) | Grade 9-13 (Rate per 100 students) | | |
| Buncombe | 2,789 | n/a | 288 | 659 | 1,635 | 192 | 1,406 | 17.97 | 3 | 0 |
| Asheville City Schools | 879 | n/a | 55 | 587 | 144 | 99 | 224 | 17.02 | 15 | 0 |
| WNC (Regional) Total | 8,699 | 33 | 563 | 1,665 | 4,934 | 560 | 3,846 | n/a | 56 | 0 |
| State of NC Total | 208,539 | 4,524 | 21,716 | 118,398 | 52,985 | 9,958 | n/a | n/a | 695 | 18 |

Suspensions and Expulsions, State Fiscal Year 2016-2017



High School Drop-Out Rate



High School drop out rates by school district, by State Fiscal Year (SFY)



Reading at Grade Level



Goal 10: Reading at Grade Level

Young children across North Carolina will read on grade-level in elementary school, with a particular focus on African American, American Indian and Hispanic children who face the greatest systemic barriers to reading success.

Data Included:

- Educational Achievement
- Proficiency
- Gap



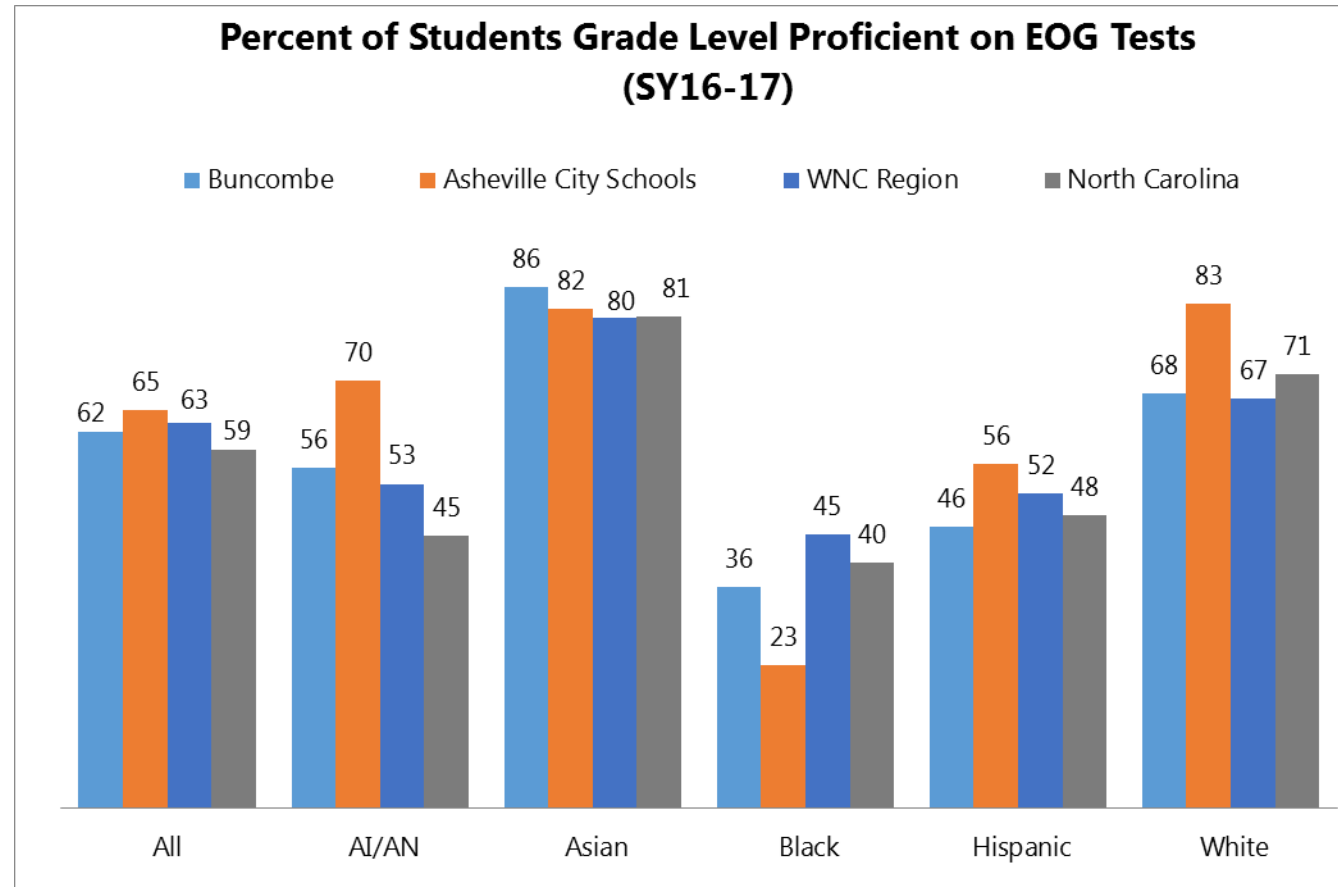
Educational Achievement

| Location | Grade Level Proficient on End of Grade (EOG) Test | | | | | | | | | | SAT Participation Rate | Average Total SAT Scores |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | % 3rd Graders | % 3rd Graders | % 8th Graders | % 8th Graders | % of All Students | % of AI/AN Students | % of Asian Students | % of Black Students | % of Hispanic Students | % of White Students | | |
| | EOG Reading | EOG Math | EOG Reading | EOG Math | All EOGs | All EOGs | All EOGs | All EOGs | All EOGs | All EOGs | | |
| Buncombe | 59.7 | 65.8 | 57.7 | 47.6 | 61.7 | 55.8 | 85.5 | 36.2 | 46.1 | 67.9 | 47% | 1,114 |
| Asheville City Schools | 67.9 | 68.4 | 61.4 | 38.2 | 65.2 | 70.0 | 81.8 | 23.4 | 56.4 | 82.7 | 63% | 1,115 |
| State of NC | 57.8 | 63.6 | 53.7 | 45.8 | 58.8 | 44.6 | 80.6 | 40.2 | 48.1 | 71.1 | 44% | 1,074 |

Educational achievement indicators by State Fiscal Year (SFY)



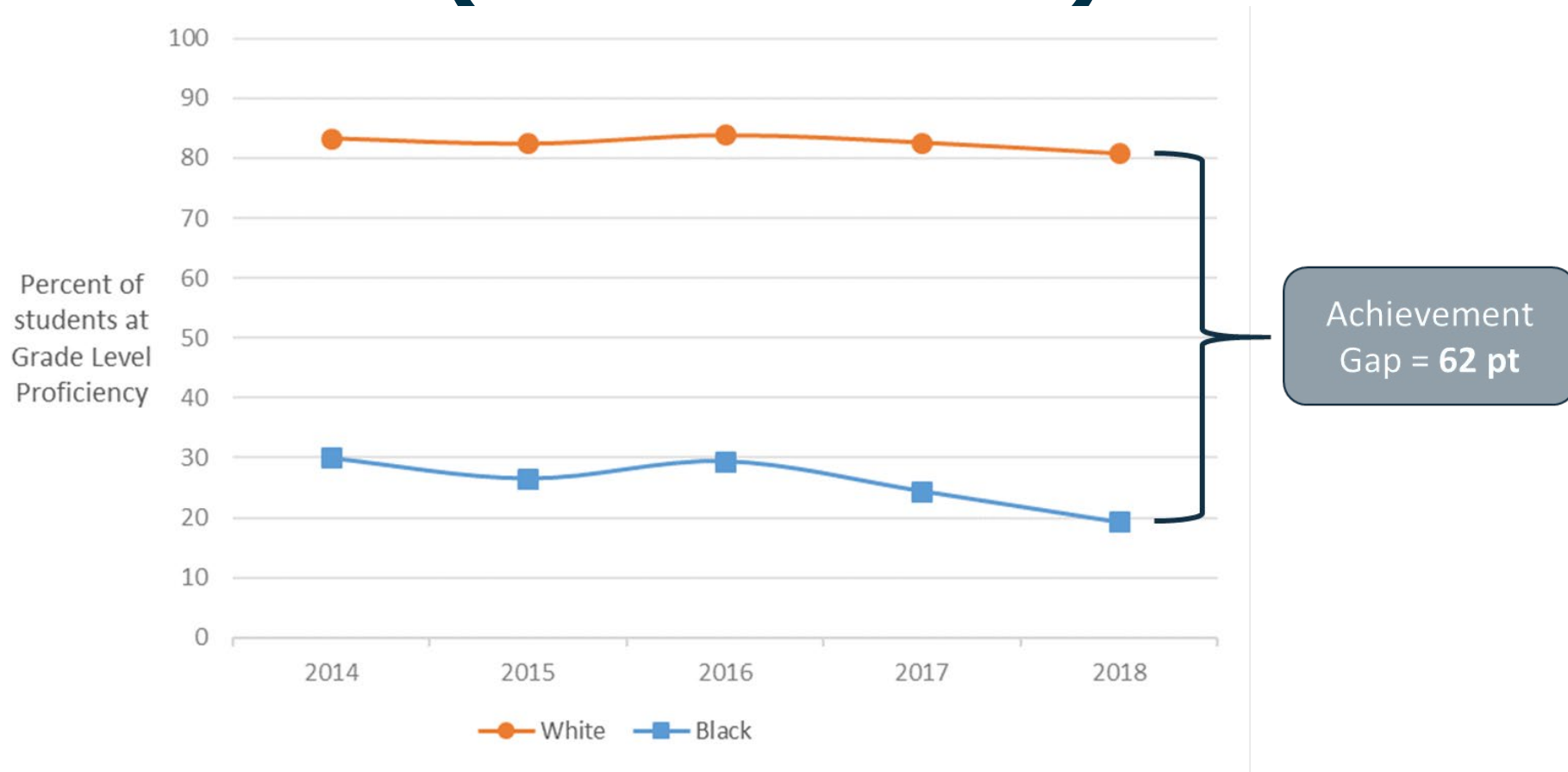
Proficiency



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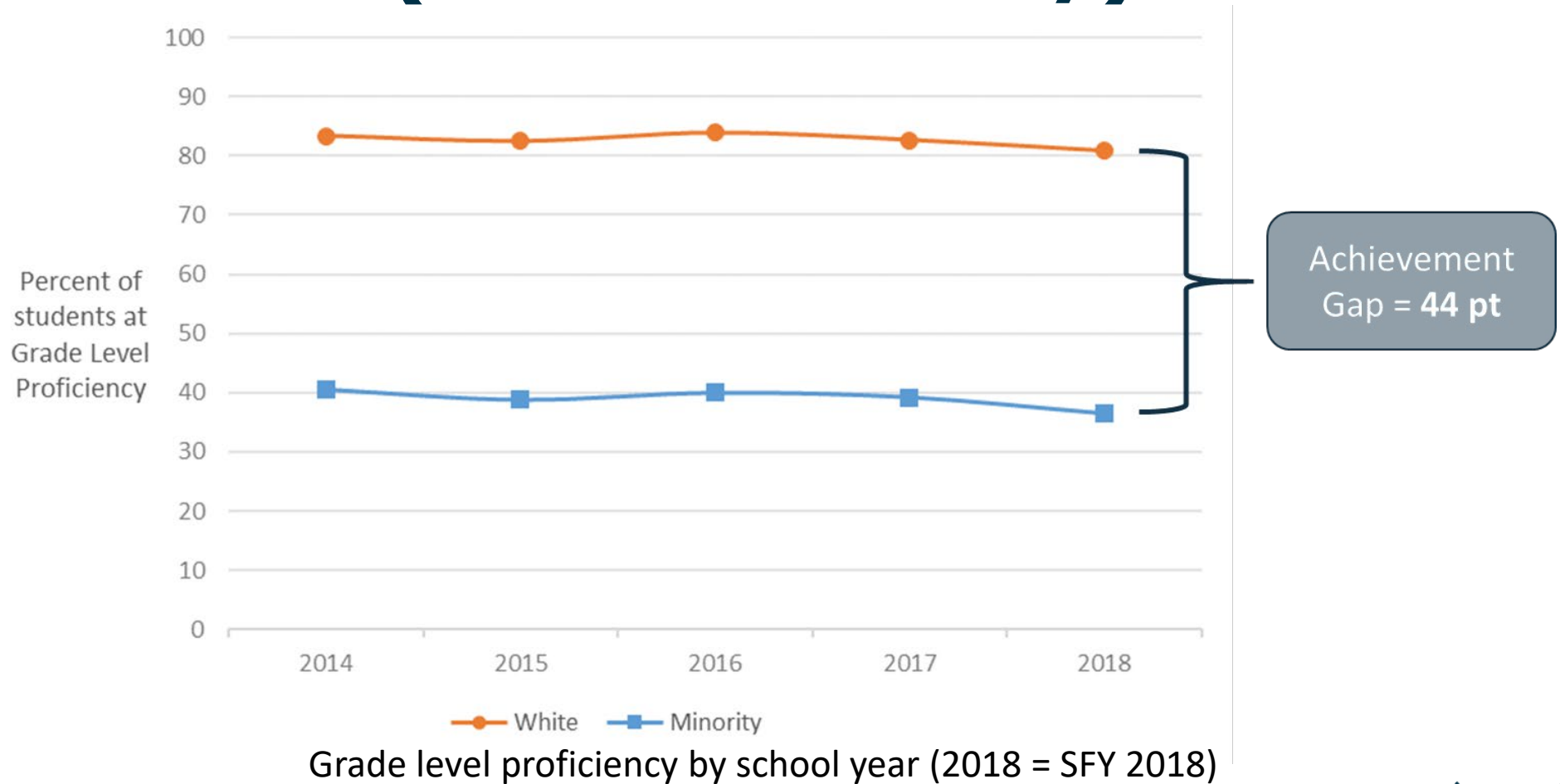
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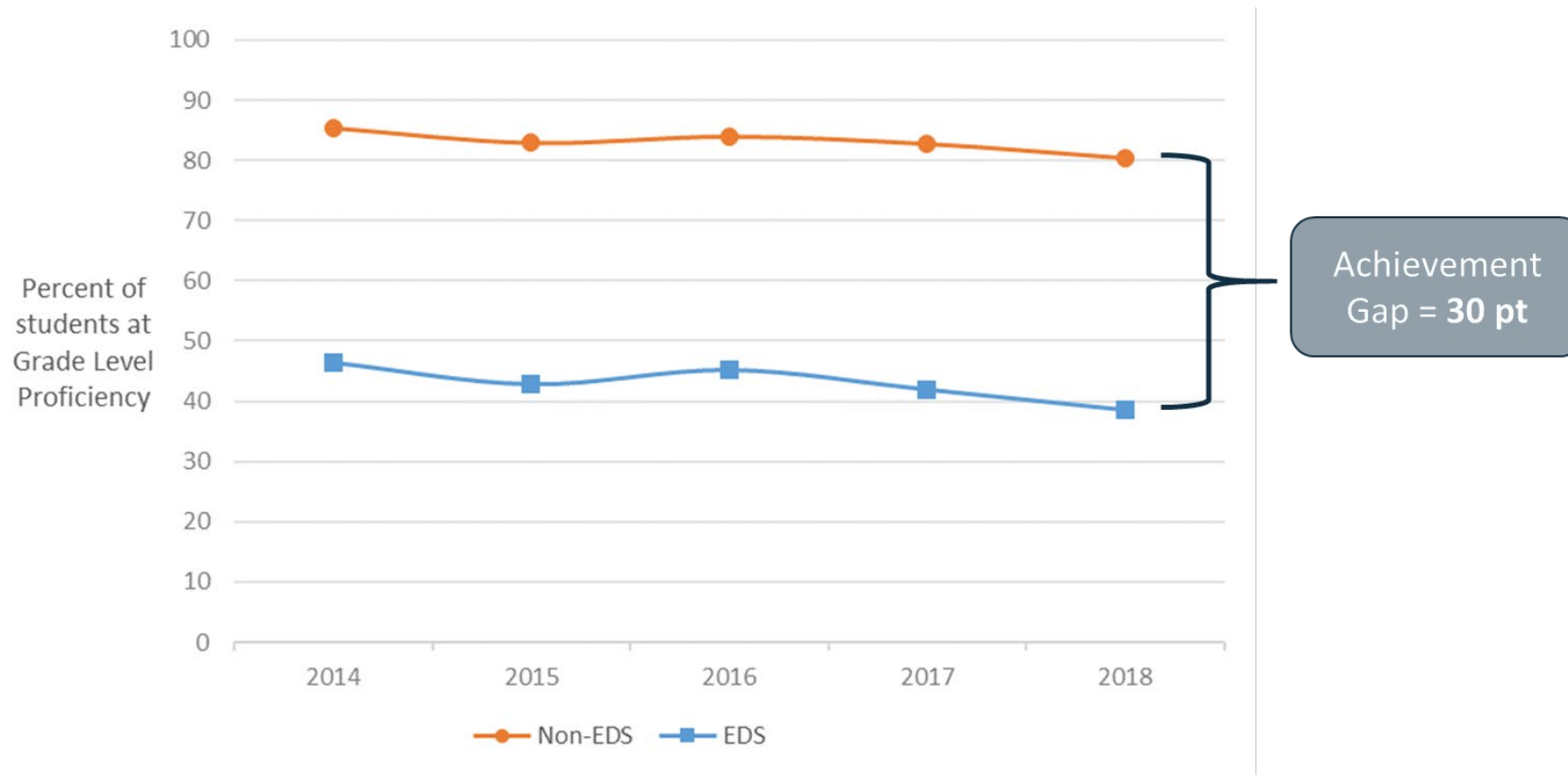
Grade level proficiency by school year (2018 = SFY 2018)



Asheville City Schools Gap (White/Minority)



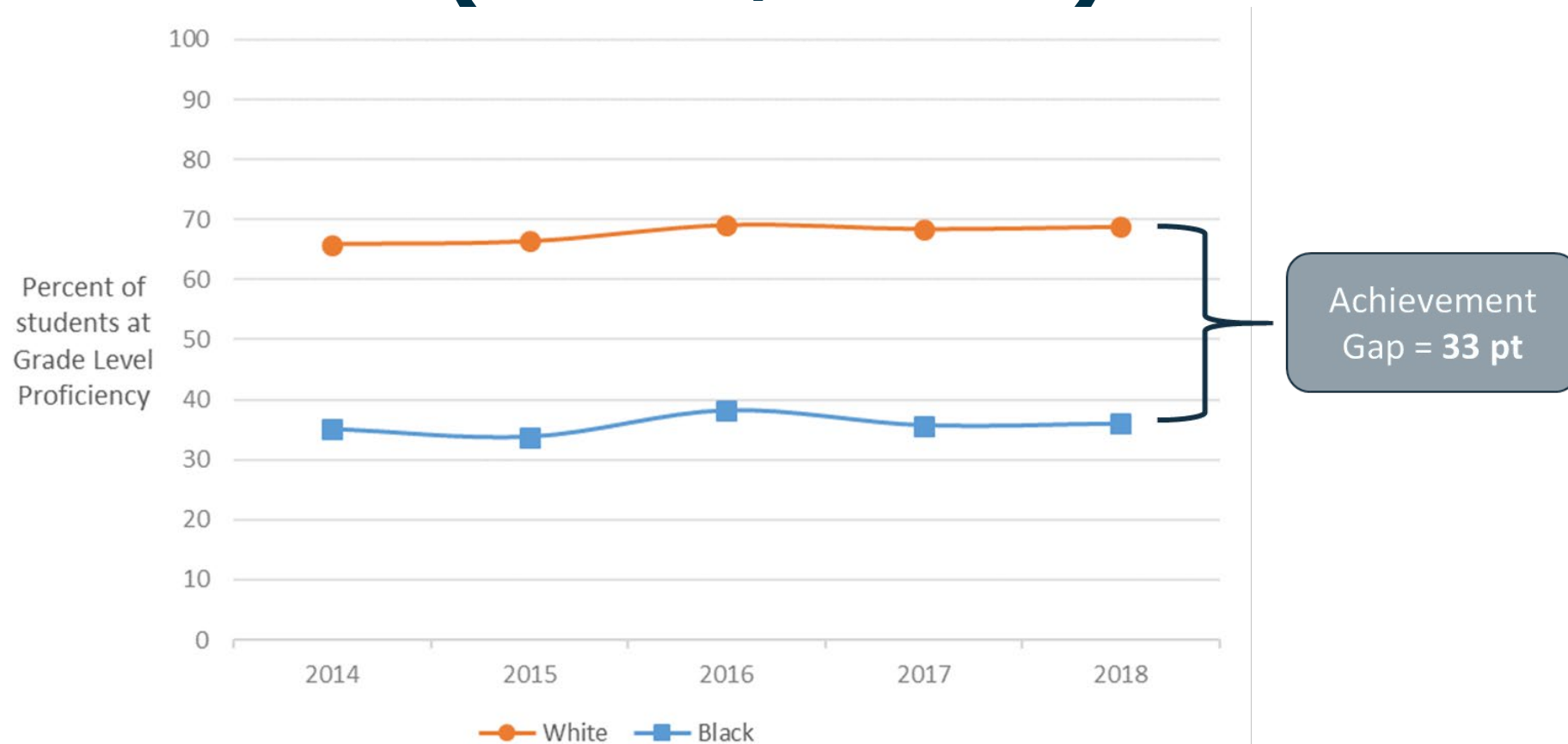
Asheville City Schools Gap (Economically Disadvantaged)



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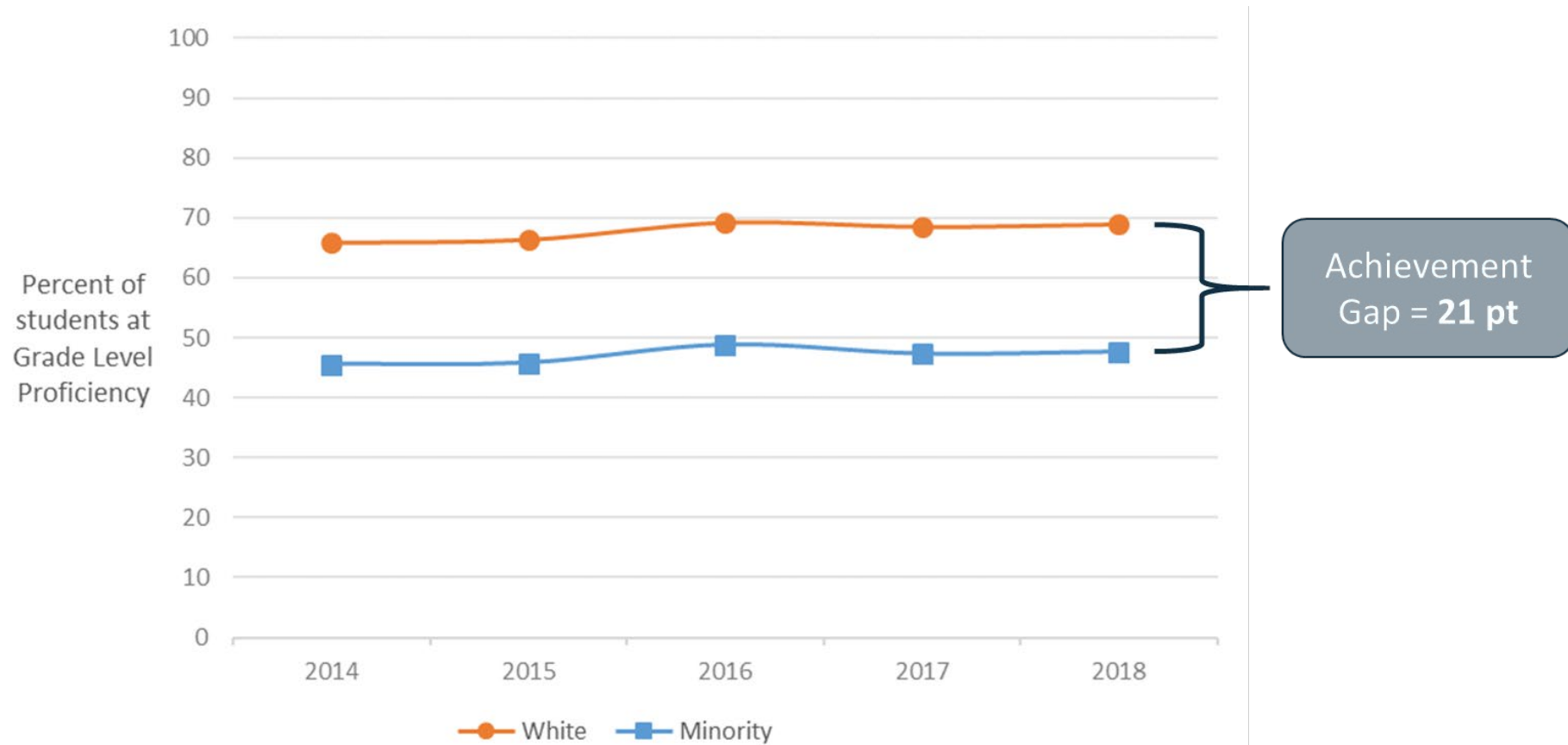
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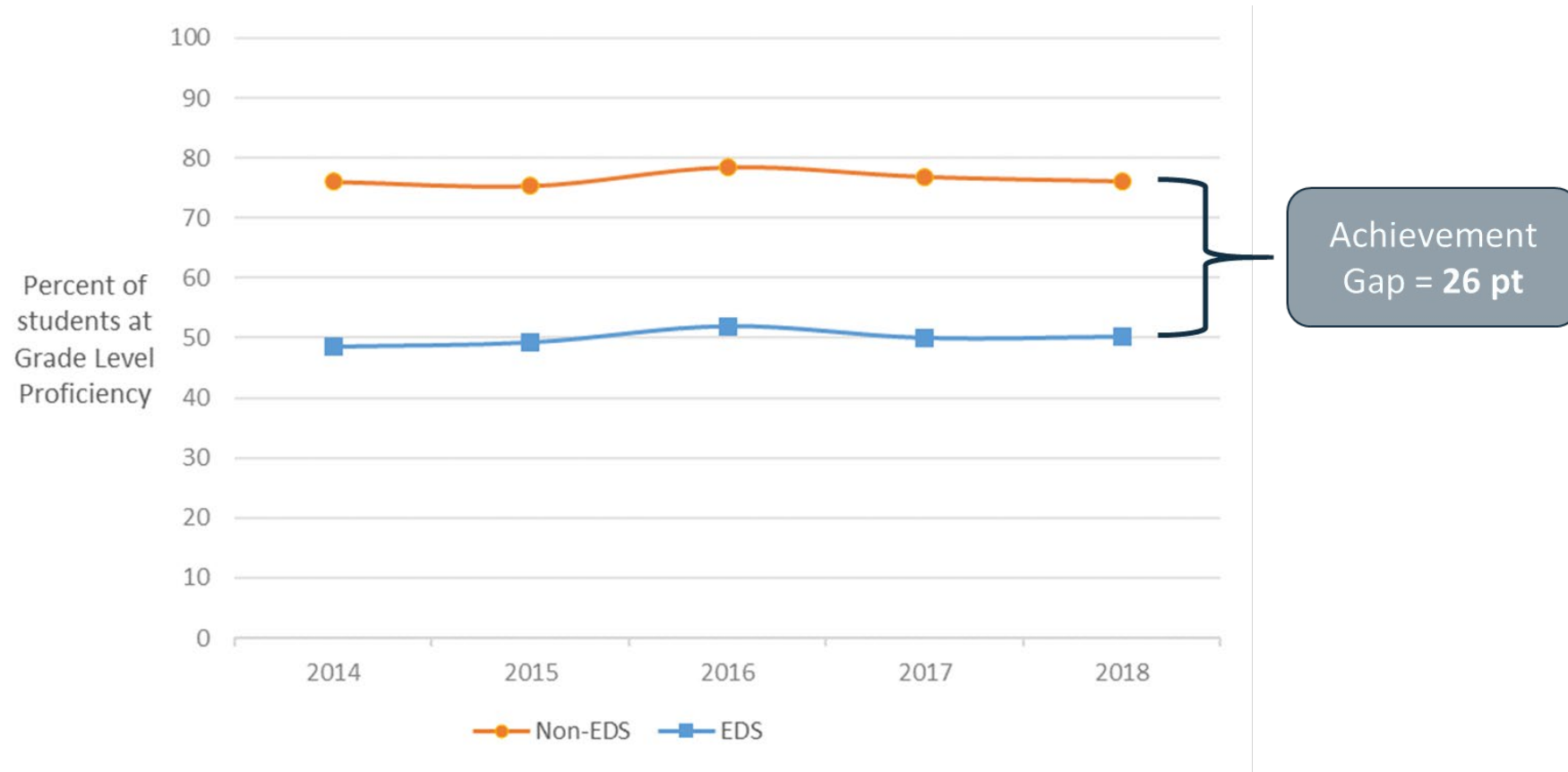
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Buncombe County Schools Gap (Economically Disadvantaged)



Grade level proficiency by school year (2018 = SFY 2018)



State Data Dashboard

Early Childhood Action Plan

NC Department of Health & Human Services

ncdhhs.gov/about/departments-initiatives/early-childhood/early-childhood-action-plan



Resources (Handouts)

- **NC Early Childhood Action Plan**
NC Department of Health & Human Services
- **Buncombe County Economic Snapshot**
NC Budget & Tax Center
- **Buncombe County Health Profile**
NC Institute of Medicine
- **Buncombe County Eviction Lab Report**
Princeton University



Committee Roadmap

Up Next Month:

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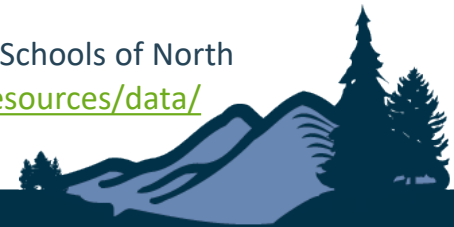
The State of Early Childhood Education in Buncombe County

Including current data on how many children are being served, demographics, type of care, quality, funding streams, workforce, etc.



Sources

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