MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan  AHEC Region: Mountain

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians 100
Primary Care Physicians 43
  Family Practice 24
  General Practice 0
  Internal Medicine 12
  Obstetrics/Gynecology 2
  Pediatrics 5
Other Specialties 57
Physicians per 10,000 Population 17.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population 7.5
Federal Physicians** 0

Nurses

Registered Nurses 411
  Nurse Practitioners 10
  Certified Nurse Midwives 2
Licensed Practical Nurses 135

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors 10
Optometrists 5
Pharmacists 38
Physical Therapists 24
Physical Therapist Assistants 23
Physician Assistants 11
Podiatrists 3
Practicing Psychologists 3
Psychological Associates 8
Respiratory Therapists 21

DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

Dentists 22
Dental Hygienists 43

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

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HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births 530
Resident Deaths 660
% Births <2500 gms 11.7
Total Pregnancies 610
Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19) 95

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total 5.7
White 5.8
Nonwhite 0.0

Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004* 7,436
General Hospital Beds 2005** 170
Nursing Facility Beds 2005 475

* Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2005; inactive are excluded.
** Includes NC Medical Board licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.
+ Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.
++ Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.

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