



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	29
Primary Care Physicians	21
<i>Family Practice</i>	11
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	3
<i>Pediatrics</i>	3
Other Specialties	8
Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	18

Nurses

Registered Nurses	264
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	11
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	125

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	22
Physical Therapists	2
Physical Therapist Assistants	9
Physician Assistants	12
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	5
Respiratory Therapists	11

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	40,894	9,987	24,827	6,080
Nonwhite	2,682	741	1,680	261
Total	43,576	10,728	26,507	6,341
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.6%	60.8%	14.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	21,055
Employed 2005	19,533
Unemployed 2005	1,522
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	7.2
Per Capita Income 2004	\$21,965
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	8,600

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	490	Total Pregnancies	546	Total Pregnancy Rate	66.0
Resident Deaths	440	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	76	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	57.8
% Births <2500 gms	10.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.2	White	8.4	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	5,053	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	250
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* 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.