



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	30
Primary Care Physicians	20
<i>Family Practice</i>	10
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	3
<i>Pediatrics</i>	3
Other Specialties	10
Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.5
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	24

Nurses

Registered Nurses	251
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	12
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	117

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Occupational Therapists	2
Occupational Therapy Assistants	7
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	24
Physical Therapists	6
Physical Therapist Assistants	10
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	4
Respiratory Therapists	12

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2007

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	41,303	10,183	24,864	6,256
Nonwhite	2,761	720	1,786	255
Total	44,064	10,903	26,650	6,511
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.7%	60.5%	14.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2007	17,050
Employed 2007	16,367
Unemployed 2007	683
Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)	4.0
Per Capita Income 2006	\$23,568
Medicaid Eligibles 2007	9,293

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	561	Total Pregnancies	617	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.2
Resident Deaths	471	Teen Pregnancies	108	Teen Pregnancy Rate	80.2
% Births <2500 gms	7.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.1	White	7.3	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2006 ⁺	3,263	General Hospital Beds 2007 ⁺⁺	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2007	250
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2007 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.