



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	34
Primary Care Physicians	25
Family Practice	12
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	3
Obstetrics/Gynecology	5
Pediatrics	4
Other Specialties	9
Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.6
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	26

Nurses

Registered Nurses	244
Nurse Practitioners	11
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	126

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Occupational Therapists	4
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	27
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	9
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	4
Respiratory Therapists	10

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	41,922	10,245	24,818	6,859
Nonwhite	2,827	729	1,764	334
Total	44,749	10,974	26,582	7,193
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.5%	59.4%	16.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	21,194
Employed 2009	18,060
Unemployed 2009	3,134
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	14.8
Per Capita Income 2008	\$25,410
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	9,699

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	546	Total Pregnancies	610	Total Pregnancy Rate	73.8
Resident Deaths	457	Teen Pregnancies	108	Teen Pregnancy Rate	76.1
% Births <2500 gms	7.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.5	White	5.8	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	4,998	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	250
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2009 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.