

MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians		Nurses		
Non-Federal Physicians	69	Registered Nurses	204	
Primary Care Physicians	36	Nurse Practitioners Certified Nurse Midwives	4 1	
Family Practice General Practice	19 0	Licensed Practical Nurses	64	
Internal Medicine	11	Other Health Professionals		
Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics	2 4	Chiropractors	5	
Other Specialties	33	Optometrists	4	
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.4	Pharmacists	19	
Primary Care Physicians	11.2	Physical Therapists	15	
per 10,000 Population	11,2	Physical Therapist Assistants	15	
	1	Physician Assistants	5	
Federal Physicians**	1	Podiatrists	0	
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Practicing Psychologists	4	
Dentists	15	Psychological Associates	0	
Dental Hygienists	18	Respiratory Therapists	16	

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	31,563	6,590	17,894	7,079
Nonwhite	694	288	354	52
Total	32,257	6,878	18,248	7,131
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.3%	56.6%	22.1%

Employment and Income Data

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Labor Force 2005	15,429
Employed 2005	14,730
Unemployed 2005	699
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	4.5
Per Capita Income 2004	\$24,529
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	5,959

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)				
Resident Births	330	Total Pregnancies	370	Total Pregnancy Rate 71.9
Resident Deaths	419	Teen Pregnancies	46	Teen Pregnancy Rate 57.6
% Births <2500 gms	7.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)
Infant Mortality Rates 2004				
(Rates are per 1,000 population)				
Total	9.1	White	6.3	Nonwhite 83.3
Hospital/Facility Data				
General Hospital Discharges 2004 ⁺	2,886	General Hospital Beds 2005 ***	83	Nursing Facility Beds 2005 284

^{*} 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.