

MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians		<u>Nurses</u>	
Non-Federal Physicians	71	Registered Nurses	200
Primary Care Physicians Family Practice	36 20	Nurse Practitioners Certified Nurse Midwives	8 0
General Practice	0	Licensed Practical Nurses	60
Internal Medicine Obstetrics/Gynecology	8 2	Other Health Professionals	
Pediatrics Pediatrics	6	Chiropractors	4
Other Specialties	35	Occupational Therapists	2
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
, ,		Optometrists	4
Primary Care Physicians	10.9	Pharmacists	23
per 10,000 Population		Physical Therapists	15
Federal Physicians**	0	Physical Therapist Assistants	12
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Physician Assistants	5
Dentists	13	Podiatrists	0
Dental Hygienists	17	Practicing Psychologists	4
	<i></i>	Psychological Associates	0
		Respiratory Therapists	18

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	32,355	6,870	18,127	7,358
Nonwhite	723	304	368	51
Total	33,078	7,174	18,495	7,409
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.7%	55.9%	22.4%

Employment and Income Data

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Labor Force 2006	16,243		
Employed 2006	15,516		
Unemployed 2006	727		
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.5		
Per Capita Income 2005	\$25,848		
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	6,279		

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

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(Rates are per 1,000 population) Resident Births	354	Total Pregnancies	399	Total Pregnancy Rate	76.8
Resident Deaths		Teen Pregnancies	26	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	68.7
% Births <2500 gms	9.0	(ages 15-19)			
Infant Mortality Rates 2006					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	14.1	White	14.4	Nonwhite	0.0
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2005	3,153	General Hospital Beds 2006 ++	- 83	Nursing Facility Beds 2006 -	284

^{*} Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 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.