



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	28
Primary Care Physicians	23
Family Practice	13
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	7
Obstetrics/Gynecology	1
Pediatrics	1
Other Specialties	5
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.4
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	157
Nurse Practitioners	6
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	53

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	2
Occupational Therapists	4
Occupational Therapy Assistants	2
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	13
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	4
Respiratory Therapists	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2007

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	15,768	3,448	9,261	3,059
Nonwhite	182	56	112	14
Total	15,950	3,504	9,373	3,073
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.0%	58.8%	19.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2007	7,518
Employed 2007	6,998
Unemployed 2007	520
Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)	6.9
Per Capita Income 2006	\$23,392
Medicaid Eligibles 2007	3,335

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	167	Total Pregnancies	182	Total Pregnancy Rate	67.3
Resident Deaths	219	Teen Pregnancies	28	Teen Pregnancy Rate	62.8
% Births <2500 gms	10.8	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	0.0	White	0.0	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2006 ⁺	2,097	General Hospital Beds 2007 ⁺⁺	85	Nursing Facility Beds 2007	127
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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.