



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

## ■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	27
Primary Care Physicians	22
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	6
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	5
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.7
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	6
Dental Hygienists	9

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	167
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	61

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	2
Occupational Therapists	3
Occupational Therapy Assistants	2
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	15
Physical Therapists	9
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	0
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	7

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	15,790	3,473	9,247	3,070
<b>Nonwhite</b>	244	60	158	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,034</b>	<b>3,533</b>	<b>9,405</b>	<b>3,096</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	22.0%	58.7%	19.3%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	7,110
Employed 2008	6,520
Unemployed 2008	590
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	8.3
Per Capita Income 2007	\$23,710
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	2,795

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	163	Total Pregnancies	180	Total Pregnancy Rate	67.5
Resident Deaths	191	Teen Pregnancies	23	Teen Pregnancy Rate	53.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.0	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.1	White	6.2	Nonwhite	0.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 <sup>+</sup>	2,087	General Hospital Beds 2008 <sup>++</sup>	46	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	127
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\* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.