



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	28
Primary Care Physicians	23
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	6
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	5
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.4
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	6
Dental Hygienists	9

Nurses

Registered Nurses	178
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	56

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	2
Occupational Therapists	2
Occupational Therapy Assistants	3
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	13
Physical Therapists	9
Physical Therapist Assistants	10
Physician Assistants	0
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	2
Respiratory Therapists	8

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	15,599	3,383	8,975	3,241
Nonwhite	375	120	203	52
Total	15,974	3,503	9,178	3,293
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.9%	57.5%	20.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	7,583
Employed 2009	6,685
Unemployed 2009	898
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	11.8
Per Capita Income 2008	\$25,919
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	3,431

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	179	Total Pregnancies	198	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.9
Resident Deaths	196	Teen Pregnancies	25	Teen Pregnancy Rate	48.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(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 2008 ⁺	2,087	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	46	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	127
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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.