



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	25
Primary Care Physicians	11
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	14
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.7
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	152
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	8
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	59

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	11
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	4
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	7
Psychological Associates	0
Respiratory Therapists	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	17,973	3,739	10,040	4,194
Nonwhite	1,197	335	687	175
Total	19,170	4,074	10,727	4,369
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.3%	56.0%	22.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	9,006
Employed 2005	8,643
Unemployed 2005	363
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	4.0
Per Capita Income 2004	\$32,309
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	2,723

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	162	Total Pregnancies	192	Total Pregnancy Rate	61.4
Resident Deaths	276	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	27	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	53.7
% Births <2500 gms	8.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	12.3	White	6.5	Nonwhite	125.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	2,095	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	55	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	231
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* 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.