



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	28
Primary Care Physicians	13
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	4
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	15
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	8
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	155
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	48

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	7
Occupational Therapists	4
Occupational Therapy Assistants	7
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	8
Physical Therapists	9
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	5
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	0
Respiratory Therapists	8

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2007

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	17,872	3,737	9,950	4,185
Nonwhite	1,168	338	663	167
Total	19,040	4,075	10,613	4,352
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.4%	55.7%	22.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2007	9,838
Employed 2007	9,505
Unemployed 2007	333
Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)	3.4
Per Capita Income 2006	\$37,873
Medicaid Eligibles 2007	2,802

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	146	Total Pregnancies	170	Total Pregnancy Rate	55.6
Resident Deaths	272	Teen Pregnancies	24	Teen Pregnancy Rate	46.7
% Births <2500 gms	8.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.8	White	0.0	Nonwhite	111.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2006 ⁺	1,625	General Hospital Beds 2007 ⁺⁺	45	Nursing Facility Beds 2007	221
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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.