



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	34
Primary Care Physicians	19
<i>Family Practice</i>	14
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	4
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	15
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.8
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	6
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	132
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	54

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	7
Occupational Therapists	5
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	11
Physical Therapists	10
Physical Therapist Assistants	11
Physician Assistants	4
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	6
Psychological Associates	2
Respiratory Therapists	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	18,058	3,642	9,974	4,442
Nonwhite	1,287	345	758	184
Total	19,345	3,987	10,732	4,626
% of Pop.	100.0%	20.6%	55.5%	23.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	9,770
Employed 2009	8,908
Unemployed 2009	862
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	8.8
Per Capita Income 2008	\$40,129
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	2,918

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	153	Total Pregnancies	174	Total Pregnancy Rate	53.5
Resident Deaths	305	Teen Pregnancies	24	Teen Pregnancy Rate	39.6
% Births <2500 gms	7.8	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	19.6	White	21.6	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008. ⁺	1,713	General Hospital Beds 2009. ⁺⁺	45	Nursing Facility Beds 2009.	221
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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.