



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	23
Primary Care Physicians	19
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	4
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.7
Federal Physicians**	9

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	4

Nurses

Registered Nurses	133
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	28

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Occupational Therapists	3
Occupational Therapy Assistants	3
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	10
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistants	5
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	2
Respiratory Therapists	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	9,688	2,120	5,549	2,019
Nonwhite	4,166	1,588	2,284	294
Total	13,854	3,708	7,833	2,313
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.8%	56.5%	16.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	7,184
Employed 2009	6,371
Unemployed 2009	813
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	11.3
Per Capita Income 2008	\$26,799
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	3,722

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	188	Total Pregnancies	215	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.7
Resident Deaths	176	Teen Pregnancies	43	Teen Pregnancy Rate	84.0
% Births <2500 gms	6.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.3	White	0.0	Nonwhite	12.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	2,427	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	120
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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.