



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2012 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians[§]

Non-Federal Physicians	9
Primary Care Physicians	6
<i>Family Practice</i>	6
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	0
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	3
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	6.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	4.1
Federal Physicians***	23
Dentists and Dental Hygienists	
Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	6

Nurses

Registered Nurses	128
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	29
Other Health Professionals	
Chiropractors	1
Occupational Therapists	3
Occupational Therapy Assistants	5
Optometrists	0
Pharmacists	8
Physical Therapists	9
Physical Therapist Assistants	6
Physician Assistants	16
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	2
Respiratory Therapists	6

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2012

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	9,688	1,940	5,670	2,078
Nonwhite	4,806	1,776	2,598	432
Total	14,494	3,716	8,268	2,510
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.6%	57.0%	17.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2012	6,862
Employed 2012	5,916
Unemployed 2012	946
Unemployment Rate 2012 (%)	13.8
Per Capita Income 2012	\$29,554
Medicaid Eligibles 2012	4,422

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2012

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	196	Total Pregnancies	208	Total Pregnancy Rate	80.4
Resident Deaths	189	Teen Pregnancies	30	Teen Pregnancy Rate	63.3
% Births <2500 gms (2012)	8.8	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2012

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.3	White	11.0	Nonwhite	9.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2012 ⁺	2,167	General Hospital Beds 2012 ⁺⁺	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2012	120
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§ Please refer to page 4 of this book for an explanation of the change in physician numbers.

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2012 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

** Rates are based on 2012 population data.

*** Includes NC licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veteran 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.