

# Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

## ■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	105
Primary Care Physicians	44
<i>Family Practice</i>	16
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	9
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	7
<i>Pediatrics</i>	10
Other Specialties	61
Physicians per 10,000 Population	24.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.2
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	24
Dental Hygienists	19

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	378
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	15
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	56

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	38
Physical Therapists	25
Physical Therapist Assistants	19
Physician Assistants	7
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	23
Psychological Associates	9
Respiratory Therapists	22

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	41,667	9,924	26,812	4,931
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,288	423	813	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,955</b>	<b>10,347</b>	<b>27,625</b>	<b>4,983</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	24.1%	64.3%	11.6%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	24,389
Employed 2005	23,528
Unemployed 2005	861
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	3.5
Per Capita Income 2004	\$26,033
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	4,073

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births . . . . .	347	Total Pregnancies . . . . .	462	Total Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	41.7
Resident Deaths . . . . .	286	Teen Pregnancies . . . . .	51	Teen Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	18.7
% Births <2500 gms . . . . .	6.9	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total . . . . .	23.1	White . . . . .	23.6	Nonwhite . . . . .	0.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 <sup>†</sup> . . . . .	3,846	General Hospital Beds 2005 <sup>††</sup> . . . . .	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2005 . . . . .	196
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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.

<sup>†</sup> Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup> Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.