Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan **AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC**

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	106	Registered Nurses	389
Primary Care Physicians	45	Nurse Practitioners	15
Family Practice	19	Certified Nurse Midwives	2
General Practice	1	Licensed Practical Nurses	55
Internal Medicine	9	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics	7 9	Chiropractors	6
Other Specialties	61	Occupational Therapists	10
•		Occupational Therapy Assistants	11
Physicians per 10,000 Population	24.4	Optometrists	4
Primary Care Physicians	10.4	Pharmacists	34
per 10,000 Population		Physical Therapists	22
Federal Physicians**	0	Physical Therapist Assistants	17
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Physician Assistants	7
Dentists	26	Podiatrists	2
Dental Hygienists	23	Practicing Psychologists	23
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		Respiratory Therapists	23
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■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	42,097	9,925	27,122	5,050
Nonwhite	1,309	424	828	57
Total	43,406	10,349	27,950	5,107
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.8%	64.4%	11.8%

Employment and Income Data

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Labor Force 2006	23,898
Employed 2006	22,987
Unemployed 2006	911
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	3.8
Per Capita Income 2005	\$28,323
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	4,302

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

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(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	374	Total Pregnancies	481	Total Pregnancy Rate	43.8
Resident Deaths	287	Teen Pregnancies	35	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	13.3
% Births <2500 gms	5.3	(ages 15-19)			
Infant Mortality Rates 2006					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	0.0	White	0.0	Nonwhite	0.0
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2005	3 649	General Hospital Beds 2006	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	196

^{*} Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 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.