# Watauga

MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

## ■ 2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

Physicians		<u>Nurses</u>	
Non-Federal Physicians	111	Registered Nurses	387
Primary Care Physicians	46	Nurse Practitioners Certified Nurse Midwives	20 1
Family Practice General Practice	18 0	Licensed Practical Nurses	55
Internal Medicine	12	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics	9	Chiropractors	7
Other Specialties	65	Occupational Therapists	12
Physicians per 10,000 Population	24.8	Occupational Therapy Assistants	6
• •		Optometrists	4
Primary Care Physicians	10.3	Pharmacists	36
per 10,000 Population		Physical Therapists	24
Federal Physicians**	0	Physical Therapist Assistants	17
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Physician Assistants	7
Dentists	28	Podiatrists	2
Dental Hygienists	25	Practicing Psychologists	26
<b>-</b> ', <b>&amp;</b>		Psychological Associates	14
		Respiratory Therapists	21

#### ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

# Projected Population 2007

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	43,325	10,175	27,879	5,271
Nonwhite	1,371	436	874	61
Total	44,696	10,611	28,753	5,332
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.7%	64.3%	11.9%

#### Employment and Income Data

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Labor Force 2007	25,637			
Employed 2007	24,814			
Unemployed 2007	823			
Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)	3.2			
Per Capita Income 2006	\$28,835			
Medicaid Eligibles 2007	4,320			

### ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2006

THEN STENISHES 2000					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	383	Total Pregnancies 4	189	Total Pregnancy Rate	44.7
Resident Deaths	321	Teen Pregnancies	52	Teen Pregnancy Rate	20.2
% Births <2500 gms	6.3	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2007					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	10.4	White 10	0.8	Nonwhite	0.0
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2006	3,663	General Hospital Beds 2007	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2007	196

<sup>\*</sup> Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2007 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.