



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	12
Primary Care Physicians	11
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	1
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	1
Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.9
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3
Dental Hygienists	8

Nurses

Registered Nurses	76
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	8
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	34

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Occupational Therapists	3
Occupational Therapy Assistants	0
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	6
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	5
Physician Assistants	2
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	0

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	18,133	3,931	10,411	3,791
Nonwhite	421	111	227	83
Total	18,554	4,042	10,638	3,874
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.8%	57.3%	20.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	8,077
Employed 2009	7,132
Unemployed 2009	945
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	11.7
Per Capita Income 2008	\$23,887
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	3,922

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	177	Total Pregnancies	196	Total Pregnancy Rate	61.8
Resident Deaths	195	Teen Pregnancies	26	Teen Pregnancy Rate	46.6
% Births <2500 gms	7.3	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.6	White	5.7	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008. ⁺	2,235	General Hospital Beds 2009. ⁺⁺	0	Nursing Facility Beds 2009.	140
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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.