



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	838
Primary Care Physicians	353
<i>Family Practice</i>	142
<i>General Practice</i>	6
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	110
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	44
<i>Pediatrics</i>	51
Other Specialties	485
Physicians per 10,000 Population	36.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.3
Federal Physicians**	73

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	162
Dental Hygienists	158

Nurses

Registered Nurses	4,041
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	140
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	12
Licensed Practical Nurses	719

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	70
Occupational Therapists	133
Occupational Therapy Assistants	33
Optometrists	32
Pharmacists	318
Physical Therapists	257
Physical Therapist Assistants	86
Physician Assistants	140
Podiatrists	11
Practicing Psychologists	133
Psychological Associates	47
Respiratory Therapists	179

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	207,772	46,721	126,571	34,480
Nonwhite	22,678	6,740	13,521	2,417
Total	230,450	53,461	140,092	36,897
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.2%	60.8%	16.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	118,107
Employed 2009	107,937
Unemployed 2009	10,170
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	8.6
Per Capita Income 2008	\$34,969
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	42,601

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,738	Total Pregnancies	3,362	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.9
Resident Deaths	2,283	Teen Pregnancies	362	Teen Pregnancy Rate	51.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.8	White	4.5	Nonwhite	16.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	23,301	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	673	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	1,682
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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.