



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	37
Primary Care Physicians	23
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	10
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	14
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.0
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	14

Nurses

Registered Nurses	196
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	80

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	23
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	10
Physician Assistants	7
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	4
Respiratory Therapists	15

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	24,636	5,218	14,347	5,071
Nonwhite	1,058	295	632	131
Total	25,694	5,513	14,979	5,202
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.5%	58.3%	20.2%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	9,780
Employed 2004	9,201
Unemployed 2004	579
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.9
Per Capita Income 2003	\$19,290
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	5,722

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	262	Total Pregnancies	282	Total Pregnancy Rate	66.4
Resident Deaths	324	Teen Pregnancies	48	Teen Pregnancy Rate	71.7
% Births <2500 gms	11.1	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	26.7	White	27.5	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	2,656	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	110	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	210
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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 2004; 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.

[†]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.