



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	31
Primary Care Physicians	13
<i>Family Practice</i>	4
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	5
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	18
Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.9
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	8
Dental Hygienists	14

Nurses

Registered Nurses	211
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	70

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Occupational Therapists	5
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	25
Physical Therapists	14
Physical Therapist Assistants	18
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	6
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	13

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	25,487	5,187	13,972	6,328
Nonwhite	1,311	350	731	230
Total	26,798	5,537	14,703	6,558
% of Pop.	100.0%	20.7%	54.9%	24.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	10,546
Employed 2009	9,004
Unemployed 2009	1,542
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	14.6
Per Capita Income 2008	\$24,804
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	5,889

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	257	Total Pregnancies	271	Total Pregnancy Rate	56.8
Resident Deaths	342	Teen Pregnancies	45	Teen Pregnancy Rate	57.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.8	White	8.8	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008. ⁺	2,486	General Hospital Beds 2009. ⁺⁺	57	Nursing Facility Beds 2009.	76
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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.