

Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

2010 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	35
Primary Care Physicians	16
Family Practice	6
General Practice	0
Internal Medicine	5
Obstetrics/Gynecology	3
Pediatrics	2
Other Specialties	19
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	12.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	5.8
Federal Physicians***	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	15

Nurses

Registered Nurses	221
Nurse Practitioners	7
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	51

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	7
Occupational Therapists	5
Occupational Therapy Assistants	3
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	25
Physical Therapists	14
Physical Therapist Assistants	17
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	14

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 2010	10,002
Employed 2010	8,579
Unemployed 2010	1,423
Unemployment Rate 2010 (%)	14.2
Per Capita Income 2008	\$24,804
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	5,889

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2009

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	257	Total Pregnancies	281	Total Pregnancy Rate	65.1
Resident Deaths	342	Teen Pregnancies	38	Teen Pregnancy Rate	53.1
% Births <2500 gms	99.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2009

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.7	White	8.2	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2009 ⁺	2,795	General Hospital Beds 2010 ⁺⁺	57	Nursing Facility Beds 2010	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.

** Rates are based on 2010 population data.

*** Includes NC 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.