# Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

# ■ 2012 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

Physicians <sup>§</sup>		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	39	Registered Nurses	234
Primary Care Physicians	16	Nurse Practitioners	8
Family Practice	6	Certified Nurse Midwives	0
General Practice	0	Licensed Practical Nurses	58
Internal Medicine	6	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics	2 2	Chiropractors	5
Other Specialties	23	Occupational Therapists	7
•		Occupational Therapy Assistants	2
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	14.4	Optometrists	6
Primary Care Physicians	5.9	Pharmacists	23
per 10,000 Population**		Physical Therapists	13
Federal Physicians***	0	Physical Therapist Assistants	13
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Physician Assistants	11
Dentists	8	Podiatrists	0
Dental Hygienists	15	Practicing Psychologists	5
	10	Psychological Associates	3
■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■		Respiratory Therapists	12

### Projected Population 2012

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	25,404	5,079	13,797	6,528
Nonwhite	1,626	515	860	251
Total	27,030	5,594	14,657	6,779
% of Pop.	100.0%	20.7%	54.2%	25.1%

## Employment and Income Data

1 2	
Labor Force 2012	10,243
Employed 2012	8,936
Unemployed 2012	1,307
Unemployment Rate 2012 (%)	12.8
Per Capita Income 2012	\$27,459
Medicaid Eligibles 2012	6,685

#### ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2012

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	239	Total Pregnancies	227	Total Pregnancy Rate 57.	
Resident Deaths	356	Teen Pregnancies	24	Teen Pregnancy Rate 34.	
% Births <2500 gms (2012)	10.1	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2012					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	4.8	White	5.2	Nonwhite 0.	
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2012	2,162	General Hospital Beds 2012	57	Nursing Facility Beds 2012	

<sup>§</sup> Please refer to page 4 of this book for an explanation of the change in physician numbers.

<sup>\*</sup> Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2012 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

<sup>\*\*</sup> Rates are based on 2012 population data.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Includes NC licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veteran Affairs.

<sup>+</sup> Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>++</sup> Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.