MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan



2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians	
Non-Federal Physicians	98
Primary Care Physicians	43
Family Practice	23
General Practice	0
Internal Medicine	12
Obstetrics/Gynecology	3
Pediatrics	5
Other Specialties	55
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.6
Federal Physicians**	0
Dentists and Dental Hygienists	v
Dentists	23
Dental Hygienists	41

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	55,022	12,070	32,191	10,761
Nonwhite	1,396	418	834	144
Total	56,418	12,488	33,025	10,905
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.1%	58.5%	19.3%

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Nurses	
Registered Nurses	405
Nurse Practitioners	14
Certified Nurse Midwives	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	138
Other Health Professionals	
Chiropractors	10
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	41
Physical Therapists	27
Physical Therapist Assistants	20
Physician Assistants	11
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	7
Respiratory Therapists	20

AHEC Region: Mountain

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	27,060
Employed 2004	25,848
Unemployed 2004	1,212
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.5
Per Capita Income 2003	\$24,324
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	10,874

Vital Statistics 2003					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	593	Total Pregnancies	686	Total Pregnancy Rate	67.2
Resident Deaths	648	Teen Pregnancies		Teen Pregnancy Rate	53.6
% Births <2500 gms	10.1	(ages 15-19)			
Infant Mortality Rates 2003					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	10.1	White	10.3	Nonwhite	0.0
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	7,206	General Hospital Beds 2004 ⁺⁺	170	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	475

*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.