



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	94
Primary Care Physicians	45
<i>Family Practice</i>	24
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	14
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	5
Other Specialties	49
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	24
Dental Hygienists	43

Nurses

Registered Nurses	432
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	14
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	126

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Occupational Therapists	13
Occupational Therapy Assistants	9
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	37
Physical Therapists	25
Physical Therapist Assistants	27
Physician Assistants	13
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	4
Psychological Associates	8
Respiratory Therapists	21

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2007

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	55,561	12,210	32,125	11,226
Nonwhite	1,470	421	892	157
Total	57,031	12,631	33,017	11,383
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.1%	57.9%	20.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2007	27,788
Employed 2007	26,677
Unemployed 2007	1,111
Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)	4.0
Per Capita Income 2006	\$27,869
Medicaid Eligibles 2007	11,580

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	562	Total Pregnancies	635	Total Pregnancy Rate	63.5
Resident Deaths	658	Teen Pregnancies	100	Teen Pregnancy Rate	64.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.7	White	11.1	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2006 ⁺	7,614	General Hospital Beds 2007 ⁺⁺	170	Nursing Facility Beds 2007	475
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2007 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.