



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

## ■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	96
Primary Care Physicians	41
<i>Family Practice</i>	24
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	10
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	3
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	55
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.1
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	26
Dental Hygienists	48

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	432
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	18
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	119

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Occupational Therapists	14
Occupational Therapy Assistants	11
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	42
Physical Therapists	29
Physical Therapist Assistants	28
Physician Assistants	17
Podiatrists	5
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	9
Respiratory Therapists	23

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	56,226	12,160	31,731	12,335
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,817	485	1,071	261
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,043</b>	<b>12,645</b>	<b>32,802</b>	<b>12,596</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	21.8%	56.5%	21.7%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	26,976
Employed 2009	24,319
Unemployed 2009	2,657
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	9.8
Per Capita Income 2008	\$31,336
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	11,722

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births . . . . .	588	Total Pregnancies . . . . .	669	Total Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	64.8
Resident Deaths . . . . .	679	Teen Pregnancies . . . . .	93	Teen Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	52.3
% Births <2500 gms . . . . .	10.5	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total . . . . .	5.1	White . . . . .	5.3	Nonwhite . . . . .	0.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008. <sup>+</sup> . . . . .	7,779	General Hospital Beds 2009. <sup>++</sup> . . . . .	153	Nursing Facility Beds 2009. . . . .	455
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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.