MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan AHEC Region: Mountain

# ■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

Physicians		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	226	Registered Nurses	930
Primary Care Physicians	103	Nurse Practitioners	30
Family Practice	50	Certified Nurse Midwives	5
General Practice	0	Licensed Practical Nurses	234
Internal Medicine	29	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology	12	·	21
Pediatrics	12	Chiropractors	21
Other Specialties	121	Optometrists	8
Physicians per 10,000 Population	23.5	Pharmacists	70
		Physical Therapists	61
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.7	Physical Therapist Assistants	29
	_	Physician Assistants	21
Federal Physicians**	5	Podiatrists	3
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Practicing Psychologists	9
Dentists	45	Psychological Associates	3
Dental Hygienists	70	•	45
-DEMOGRAPHICS -		Respiratory Therapists	43

#### **■ DEMOGRAPHICS** ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	91,957	20,396	51,915	19,646
Nonwhite	4,413	1,430	2,551	432
Total	96,370	21,826	54,466	20,078
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.6%	56.5%	20.8%

# Employment and Income Data

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Labor Force 2004	45,322
Employed 2004	43,472
Unemployed 2004	1,850
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.1
Per Capita Income 2003	\$28,286
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	14,906

### ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

# Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					,
Resident Births	1,137	Total Pregnancies	1,299	Total Pregnancy Rate	79.4
Resident Deaths	1,174	Teen Pregnancies	140	Teen Pregnancy Rate	55.9
% Births <2500 gms	8.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2003					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)	7.0	XX 71 °.	7.0	N. 1.	0.0
Total	7.0	wnite	_ /.3	Nonwhite	0.0
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2003	13,243	General Hospital Beds 2004 ++	263	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	912

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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