



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	78
Primary Care Physicians	38
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	3
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	12
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	4
<i>Pediatrics</i>	6
Other Specialties	40
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.7
Federal Physicians**	2

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	11
Dental Hygienists	11

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	301
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	14
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	58

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	3
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	20
Physical Therapists	25
Physical Therapist Assistants	15
Physician Assistants	8
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	15
Psychological Associates	10
Respiratory Therapists	21

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	30,898	7,139	19,113	4,646
<b>Nonwhite</b>	4,729	1,719	2,677	333
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,627</b>	<b>8,858</b>	<b>21,790</b>	<b>4,979</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	24.9%	61.2%	14.0%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	19,628
Employed 2004	18,838
Unemployed 2004	790
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.0
Per Capita Income 2003	\$22,506
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	5,797

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births . . . . .	360	Total Pregnancies . . . . .	433	Total Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	56.0
Resident Deaths . . . . .	314	Teen Pregnancies . . . . .	61	Teen Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	36.4
% Births <2500 gms . . . . .	10.0	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total . . . . .	11.1	White . . . . .	10.3	Nonwhite . . . . .	14.3
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 <sup>†</sup> . . . . .	2,646	General Hospital Beds 2004 <sup>††</sup> . . . . .	86	Nursing Facility Beds 2004 . . . . .	208
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\*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.

<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.