

MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	78	Registered Nurses	328
Primary Care Physicians	39	Nurse Practitioners	11
Family Practice	13	Certified Nurse Midwives	3
General Practice	3	Licensed Practical Nurses	68
Internal Medicine	13	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics	4 6	Chiropractors	5
Other Specialties	39	Occupational Therapists	5
•		Occupational Therapy Assistants	1
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.5	Optometrists	3
Primary Care Physicians	10.7	Pharmacists	23
per 10,000 Population		Physical Therapists	29
Federal Physicians**	0	Physical Therapist Assistants	13
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Physician Assistants	9
Dentists	18	Podiatrists	1
Dental Hygienists	15	Practicing Psychologists	18
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		Respiratory Therapists	23

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	31,390	7,181	19,351	4,858
Nonwhite	4,922	1,843	2,736	343
Total	36,312	9,024	22,087	5,201
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.9%	60.8%	14.3%

Employment and Income Data

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Labor Force 2006	21,573			
Employed 2006	20,775			
Unemployed 2006	798			
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	3.7			
Per Capita Income 2005	\$25,471			
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	6,079			

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

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(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	405	Total Pregnancies	477	Total Pregnancy Rate	60.8
Resident Deaths	308	Teen Pregnancies	51	Teen Pregnancy Rate	29.9
% Births <2500 gms	5.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2006					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	7.4	White	3.2	Nonwhite	22.0
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2005	3 800	General Hospital Beds 2006	86	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	- 208

^{*} Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 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.