



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	82
Primary Care Physicians	44
Family Practice	11
General Practice	2
Internal Medicine	19
Obstetrics/Gynecology	7
Pediatrics	5
Other Specialties	38
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.6
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	14
Dental Hygienists	16

Nurses

Registered Nurses	365
Nurse Practitioners	18
Certified Nurse Midwives	5
Licensed Practical Nurses	60

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Occupational Therapists	6
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	22
Physical Therapists	32
Physical Therapist Assistants	13
Physician Assistants	12
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	15
Psychological Associates	7
Respiratory Therapists	23

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	32,243	7,347	19,188	5,708
Nonwhite	5,756	1,888	3,297	571
Total	37,999	9,235	22,485	6,279
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.3%	59.2%	16.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	21,693
Employed 2009	19,842
Unemployed 2009	1,851
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	8.5
Per Capita Income 2008	\$29,477
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	6,232

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	383	Total Pregnancies	437	Total Pregnancy Rate	54.9
Resident Deaths	313	Teen Pregnancies	70	Teen Pregnancy Rate	39.8
% Births <2500 gms	7.0	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.2	White	3.3	Nonwhite	12.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	3,669	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	86	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	200
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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.