

Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	40
Primary Care Physicians	22
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	8
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	18
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.9
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	11

Nurses

Registered Nurses	212
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	109

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	23
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistants	6
Physician Assistants	7
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	3

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	23,729	5,003	13,942	4,784
Nonwhite	975	262	594	119
Total	24,704	5,265	14,536	4,903
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.3%	58.8%	19.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	11,511
Employed 2001	10,574
Unemployed 2001	937
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	8.2
Per Capita Income 2000	\$18,323
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	5,342

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	266	Total Pregnancies	293	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.1
Resident Deaths	301	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	57	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	79.1
% Births <2500 gms	7.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.5	White	7.8	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	2,982	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	110	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	210
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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 2001; 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.

[†]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.