

Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	40
Primary Care Physicians	23
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	9
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	17
Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.2
Federal Physicians **	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	11
Dental Hygienists	11

Nurses

Registered Nurses	226
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	101

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	24
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	6
Physician Assistants	8
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	3

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	24,098	5,276	13,935	4,887
Nonwhite	984	275	590	119
Total	25,082	5,551	14,525	5,006
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.1%	57.9%	20.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	10,495
Employed 2002	9,408
Unemployed 2002	1,087
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	10.4
Per Capita Income 2001	\$19,193
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	5,533

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	267	Total Pregnancies	291	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.2
Resident Deaths	311	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	49	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	67.9
% Births <2500 gms	9.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.5	White	7.9	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	2,944	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	110	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	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 2002; 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.