

Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	38
Primary Care Physicians	23
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	10
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	15
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.0
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	12

Nurses

Registered Nurses	220
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	90

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	25
Physical Therapists	9
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	8
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	4

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	24,466	5,277	14,196	4,993
Nonwhite	994	271	602	121
Total	25,460	5,548	14,798	5,114
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.8%	58.1%	20.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	10,345
Employed 2003	9,593
Unemployed 2003	752
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.3
Per Capita Income 2002	\$19,752
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	5,630

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	270	Total Pregnancies	300	Total Pregnancy Rate	63.1
Resident Deaths	325	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	48	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	67.3
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	3.7	White	3.8	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	2,813	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	110	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	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 2003; 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.