



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	6
Primary Care Physicians	5
Family Practice	4
General Practice	0
Internal Medicine	0
Obstetrics/Gynecology	1
Pediatrics	0
Other Specialties	1
Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.4
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3
Dental Hygienists	8

Nurses

Registered Nurses	53
Nurse Practitioners	1
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	23

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	0
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	5
Physical Therapists	2
Physical Therapist Assistants	0
Physician Assistants	2
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	9,090	1,708	5,306	2,076
Nonwhite	165	47	101	17
Total	9,255	1,755	5,407	2,093
% of Pop.	100.0%	19.0%	58.4%	22.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	3,689
Employed 2003	3,536
Unemployed 2003	153
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	4.1
Per Capita Income 2002	\$21,625
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	1,763

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	90	Total Pregnancies	97	Total Pregnancy Rate	60.8
Resident Deaths	106	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	13	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	53.9
% Births <2500 gms	6.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	0.0	White	0.0	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	768	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	0	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	80
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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.