MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	63	Registered Nurses	230
Primary Care Physicians	28	Nurse Practitioners Certified Nurse Midwives	2
Family Practice General Practice	16 0	Licensed Practical Nurses	70
Internal Medicine Obstetrics/Gynecology	7 1	Other Health Professionals	
Pediatrics	4	Chiropractors	5
Other Specialties	35	Optometrists	4
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.3	Pharmacists Physical Therapists	25 17
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.0	Physical Therapist Assistants	14
Federal Physicians **	0	Physician Assistants Podiatrists	8
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Practicing Psychologists	4
Dentists	9	Psychological Associates	3
Dental Hygienists	16	,	_

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	30,389	6,565	17,033	6,791
Nonwhite	653	285	324	44
Total	31,042	6,850	17,357	6,835
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.1%	55.9%	22.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	15,234
Employed 2002	14,593
Unemployed 2002	641
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	4.2
Per Capita Income 2001	\$23,779
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	5,546

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	312	Total Pregnancies	344	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.1
Resident Deaths	361	Teen Pregnancies	38	Teen Pregnancy Rate	44.0
% Births <2500 gms	9.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2001					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	16.0	White	16.2	Nonwhite	0.0
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2001	3,327	General Hospital Beds 2002 ++	83	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	280

^{*}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.