



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	36
Primary Care Physicians	21
<i>Family Practice</i>	10
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	4
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	15
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.9
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	18

Nurses

Registered Nurses	259
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	138

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	30
Physical Therapists	6
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	13
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	4

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	40,231	9,574	24,792	5,865
Nonwhite	2,603	709	1,633	261
Total	42,834	10,283	26,425	6,126
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.0%	61.7%	14.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	19,765
Employed 2001	18,181
Unemployed 2001	1,584
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	8.0
Per Capita Income 2000	\$20,374
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	7,556

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	550	Total Pregnancies	354	Total Pregnancy Rate	48.2
Resident Deaths	473	Teen Pregnancies	60	Teen Pregnancy Rate	62.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.5	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.5	White	5.8	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	5,319	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	250
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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.