



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	35
Primary Care Physicians	21
<i>Family Practice</i>	10
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	3
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	14
Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	17

Nurses

Registered Nurses	259
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	8
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	127

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	24
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	15
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	4

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	41,412	10,235	25,087	6,090
Nonwhite	2,754	789	1,693	272
Total	44,166	11,024	26,780	6,362
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.0%	60.6%	14.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	20,290
Employed 2003	18,663
Unemployed 2003	1,627
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	8.0
Per Capita Income 2002	\$20,951
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	7,865

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	510	Total Pregnancies	581	Total Pregnancy Rate	61.7
Resident Deaths	459	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	70	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	54.4
% Births <2500 gms	6.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.8	White	10.2	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	5,184	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	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 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.