



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	22
Primary Care Physicians	15
<i>Family Practice</i>	11
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	7
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.4
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	6
Dental Hygienists	8

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	135
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	44

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	13
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	0
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	3

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	15,801	3,519	9,317	2,965
<b>Nonwhite</b>	227	69	131	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,028</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>9,448</b>	<b>2,992</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	22.4%	58.9%	18.7%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	7,185
Employed 2003	6,556
Unemployed 2003	629
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	8.8
Per Capita Income 2002	\$20,028
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	3,119

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	172	Total Pregnancies	186	Total Pregnancy Rate	59.5
Resident Deaths	197	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	24	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	52.4
% Births <2500 gms	8.1				

### 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 <sup>+</sup>	2,125	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>++</sup>	85	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	127
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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.