



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	20
Primary Care Physicians	8
<i>Family Practice</i>	5
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	12
Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.4
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999<sup>‡</sup>

Dentists	6
Dental Hygienists	8

### Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	156
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	58

### Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	11
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistant	5
Physician Assistants	2
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	3

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	16,906	3,406	9,363	4,137
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,418	430	800	188
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,324</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>10,163</b>	<b>4,325</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	20.9%	55.5%	23.6%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	7,782
Employed 2000	7,520
Unemployed 2000	262
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	3.4
Per Capita Income 1999	\$30,729
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	2,237

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	184	Total Pregnancies	216	Total Pregnancy Rate	79.1
Resident Deaths	277	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	26	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	69.5
% Births <2500 gms.	6.5				

### Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.4	White	5.9	Nonwhite	0.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 <sup>+</sup>	1,780	General Hospital Beds 2000 <sup>++</sup>	55	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	221
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\*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; 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.

<sup>‡</sup> 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

<sup>+</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute care short stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>++</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.