



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	23
Primary Care Physicians	12
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	11
Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.1
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	160
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	52

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	7
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	13
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	18,210	3,850	10,084	4,276
Nonwhite	1,331	387	757	187
Total	19,541	4,237	10,841	4,463
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.7%	55.5%	22.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	8,584
Employed 2003	8,275
Unemployed 2003	309
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	3.6
Per Capita Income 2002	\$31,719
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	2,439

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	160	Total Pregnancies	205	Total Pregnancy Rate	60.5
Resident Deaths	283	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	30	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	61.2
% Births <2500 gms	5.0				

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 ⁺	1,902	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	55	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	221
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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.