

Rutherford



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain[†]

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	78
Primary Care Physicians	44
<i>Family Practice</i>	25
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	8
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	5
Other Specialties	34
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.0
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	13
Dental Hygienists	24

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	397
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	182

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	7
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	33
Physical Therapists	12
Physical Therapist Assistants	12
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	8
Psychological Associates	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	54,592	12,918	32,437	9,237
Nonwhite	8,307	2,754	4,723	830
Total	62,899	15,672	37,160	10,067
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.9%	59.1%	16.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	28,250
Employed 2000	26,117
Unemployed 2000	2,133
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	7.6
Per Capita Income 1999	\$20,751
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	11,399

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	816	Total Pregnancies	935	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.1
Resident Deaths	714	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	153	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	83.3
% Births <2500 gms.	8.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	14.7	White	12.9	Nonwhite	25.2
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	7,126	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	129	Nursing Facility Beds	420
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[†]In 1998, Rutherford County was reassigned from Charlotte AHEC to Mountain AHEC.

*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.

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

⁺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.