

Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	93
Primary Care Physicians	37
<i>Family Practice</i>	15
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	6
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	7
<i>Pediatrics</i>	8
Other Specialties	56
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.7
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	22
Dental Hygienists	14

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	369
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	9
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	106

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	31
Physical Therapists	23
Physical Therapist Assistant	15
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	25
Psychological Associates	6

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	41,181	8,028	28,524	4,629
Nonwhite	1,514	372	1,088	54
Total	42,695	8,400	29,612	4,683
% of Pop.	100.0%	19.7%	69.4%	11.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	23,834
Employed 2000	23,476
Unemployed 2000	358
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	1.5
Per Capita Income 1999	\$22,122
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	3,547

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	332	Total Pregnancies	453	Total Pregnancy Rate	40.8
Resident Deaths	301	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	48	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	18.7
% Births <2500 gms.	6.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	3.0	White	3.1	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 ⁺	3,793	General Hospital Beds 2000 ⁺⁺	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	176
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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.

[‡] 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.