

# Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

## ■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	91
Primary Care Physicians	39
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	9
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	7
<i>Pediatrics</i>	10
Other Specialties	52
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.9
Federal Physicians**	1

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	22
Dental Hygienists	19

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	357
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	13
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	71

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	7
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	34
Physical Therapists	23
Physical Therapist Assistants	17
Physician Assistants	4
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	27
Psychological Associates	6

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	42,247	10,614	26,799	4,834
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,385	460	859	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,632</b>	<b>11,074</b>	<b>27,658</b>	<b>4,900</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	25.4%	63.4%	11.2%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	25,421
Employed 2003	24,806
Unemployed 2003	615
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	2.4
Per Capita Income 2002	\$24,265
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	3,745

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	338	Total Pregnancies	449	Total Pregnancy Rate	30.1
Resident Deaths	308	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	51	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	18.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.2				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.9	White	6.0	Nonwhite	0.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>+</sup>	3,901	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>++</sup>	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	196
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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.