

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+
White	42,247	10,614	26,799	4,834
Nonwhite	1,385	460	859	66
Total	43,632	11,074	27,658	4,900
% of Pop.	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 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	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 <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	51	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	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 [†]	3,901	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	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.