



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	15
Primary Care Physicians	15
<i>Family Practice</i>	6
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	5
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	0
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.1
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	3

Nurses

Registered Nurses	66
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	8
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	38

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	6
Physical Therapists	4
Physical Therapist Assistants	2
Physician Assistants	0
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	18,146	4,159	10,655	3,332
Nonwhite	276	89	140	47
Total	18,422	4,248	10,795	3,379
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.1%	58.6%	18.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	6,094
Employed 2003	5,558
Unemployed 2003	536
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	8.8
Per Capita Income 2002	\$19,680
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	3,538

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	162	Total Pregnancies	181	Total Pregnancy Rate	51.5
Resident Deaths	167	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	17	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	35.3
% Births <2500 gms	6.2				

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 [†]	2,114	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	8	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	140
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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.