



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	33
Primary Care Physicians	21
<i>Family Practice</i>	11
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	3
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	12
Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	19

Nurses

Registered Nurses	254
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	8
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	121

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	20
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistants	10
Physician Assistants	15
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	0
Respiratory Therapists	12

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	40,991	10,135	24,816	6,040
Nonwhite	2,656	749	1,649	258
Total	43,647	10,884	26,465	6,298
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.9%	60.6%	14.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	21,388
Employed 2004	19,964
Unemployed 2004	1,424
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	6.7
Per Capita Income 2003	\$21,021
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	8,283

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	511	Total Pregnancies	577	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.6
Resident Deaths	416	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	72	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	56.3
% Births <2500 gms	12.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.8	White	6.2	Nonwhite	40.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	5,085	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	250
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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 2004; 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.