



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	29
Primary Care Physicians	21
<i>Family Practice</i>	10
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	3
<i>Pediatrics</i>	3
Other Specialties	8
Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	20

Nurses

Registered Nurses	263
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	11
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	123

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Occupational Therapists	3
Occupational Therapy Assistants	5
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	23
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	12
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	4
Respiratory Therapists	11

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	40,927	10,107	24,678	6,142
Nonwhite	2,709	723	1,725	261
Total	43,636	10,830	26,403	6,403
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.8%	60.5%	14.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	21,101
Employed 2006	19,790
Unemployed 2006	1,311
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	6.2
Per Capita Income 2005	\$23,113
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	9,097

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	514	Total Pregnancies	582	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.9
Resident Deaths	431	Teen Pregnancies	54	Teen Pregnancy Rate	72.7
% Births <2500 gms	8.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.7	White	10.0	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	4,732	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	250
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.