



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	36
Primary Care Physicians	26
<i>Family Practice</i>	11
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	4
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	5
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	10
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	24

Nurses

Registered Nurses	255
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	9
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	119

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Occupational Therapists	3
Occupational Therapy Assistants	5
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	26
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	10
Physician Assistants	11
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	4
Respiratory Therapists	12

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	41,719	10,250	24,933	6,536
Nonwhite	2,851	704	1,815	332
Total	44,570	10,954	26,748	6,868
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.6%	60.0%	15.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	20,866
Employed 2008	19,103
Unemployed 2008	1,763
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	8.4
Per Capita Income 2007	\$28,443
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	4,967

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	413	Total Pregnancies	570	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.6
Resident Deaths	434	Teen Pregnancies	78	Teen Pregnancy Rate	58.3
% Births <2500 gms	7.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	3.9	White	4.2	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	4,998	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	250
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.