



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2011 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians[§]

Non-Federal Physicians	40
Primary Care Physicians	29
<i>Family Practice</i>	15
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	6
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	4
<i>Pediatrics</i>	3
Other Specialties	11
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	8.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	6.4
Federal Physicians***	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	8
Dental Hygienists	24

Nurses

Registered Nurses	263
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	12
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	122

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Occupational Therapists	3
Occupational Therapy Assistants	5
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	24
Physical Therapists	12
Physical Therapist Assistants	15
Physician Assistants	12
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	11

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009⁺⁺⁺

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	41,922	10,245	24,818	6,859
Nonwhite	2,827	729	1,764	334
Total	44,749	10,974	26,582	7,193
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.5%	59.4%	16.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2011	20,560
Employed 2011	17,889
Unemployed 2011	2,671
Unemployment Rate 2011 (%)	13.0
Per Capita Income 2010	\$25,353
Medicaid Eligibles 2011	7,678

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	487	Total Pregnancies	539	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.4
Resident Deaths	414	Teen Pregnancies	77	Teen Pregnancy Rate	59.2
% Births <2500 gms (2009)	5.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2010

(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 2010. ⁺	4,622	General Hospital Beds 2011. ⁺⁺	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2011.	250
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§ Please refer to page 4 of this book for an explanation of the change in physician numbers.

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2011 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

** Rates are based on 2011 population data.

*** Includes NC licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veteran 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.

+++ Population data by race/ethnicity and age for 2010 and 2011 were not yet available at the time of publication.