



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	65
Primary Care Physicians	31
<i>Family Practice</i>	16
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	8
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	5
Other Specialties	34
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.7
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	12
Dental Hygienists	17

Nurses

Registered Nurses	211
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	3
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	67

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	22
Physical Therapists	15
Physical Therapist Assistants	12
Physician Assistants	8
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	4
Psychological Associates	0
Respiratory Therapists	16

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	31,281	6,595	17,710	6,976
Nonwhite	687	280	360	47
Total	31,968	6,875	18,070	7,023
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.5%	56.5%	22.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	14,976
Employed 2004	14,288
Unemployed 2004	688
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.6
Per Capita Income 2003	\$23,755
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	5,896

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	332	Total Pregnancies	374	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.5
Resident Deaths	391	Teen Pregnancies	50	Teen Pregnancy Rate	58.8
% Births <2500 gms	3.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.0	White	6.2	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	2,919	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	83	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	280
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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.