



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	24
Primary Care Physicians	18
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	6
Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.2
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	145
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	50

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	15
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	0
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	5

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	15,878	3,534	9,372	2,972
Nonwhite	174	47	108	19
Total	16,052	3,581	9,480	2,991
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.3%	59.1%	18.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	7,040
Employed 2004	6,522
Unemployed 2004	518
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	7.4
Per Capita Income 2003	\$19,875
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	3,198

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	159	Total Pregnancies	172	Total Pregnancy Rate	60.8
Resident Deaths	222	Teen Pregnancies	17	Teen Pregnancy Rate	37.5
% Births <2500 gms	6.9	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.3	White	6.4	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	2,041	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	85	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	127
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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.