



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	25
Primary Care Physicians	16
<i>Family Practice</i>	12
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	9
Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.9
Federal Physicians**	1

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	6
Dental Hygienists	7

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	147
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	48

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	12
Physical Therapists	6
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	0
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	6

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	15,921	3,494	9,401	3,026
<b>Nonwhite</b>	180	56	108	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,101</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>9,509</b>	<b>3,042</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	22.0%	59.1%	18.9%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	7,721
Employed 2005	7,148
Unemployed 2005	573
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	7.4
Per Capita Income 2004	\$20,598
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	3,271

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	163	Total Pregnancies	177	Total Pregnancy Rate	62.9
Resident Deaths	183	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	24	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	53.9
% Births <2500 gms	6.7				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.1	White	6.2	Nonwhite	0.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 <sup>†</sup>	2,018	General Hospital Beds 2005 <sup>††</sup>	85	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	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 2005; 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.

<sup>†</sup> Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup> Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.