



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

## ■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	29
Primary Care Physicians	22
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	7
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	7
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.8
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	7

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	152
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	59

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	2
Occupational Therapists	4
Occupational Therapy Assistants	2
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	13
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	9
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	2
Respiratory Therapists	7

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	15,713	3,469	9,212	3,032
<b>Nonwhite</b>	181	53	112	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,894</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>9,324</b>	<b>3,048</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	22.2%	58.7%	19.2%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	7,612
Employed 2006	7,129
Unemployed 2006	483
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	6.3
Per Capita Income 2005	\$22,669
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	3,334

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	153	Total Pregnancies	170	Total Pregnancy Rate	61.6
Resident Deaths	192	Teen Pregnancies	22	Teen Pregnancy Rate	50.3
% Births <2500 gms	10.5	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	26.1	White	19.7	Nonwhite	000.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 <sup>+</sup>	1,853	General Hospital Beds 2006 <sup>++</sup>	85	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	127
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\* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 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.