



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2011 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians[§]

Non-Federal Physicians	28
Primary Care Physicians	19
<i>Family Practice</i>	14
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	9
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	18.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	12.3
Federal Physicians***	0
Dentists and Dental Hygienists	
Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	8

Nurses

Registered Nurses	201
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	57
Other Health Professionals	
Chiropractors	2
Occupational Therapists	5
Occupational Therapy Assistants	3
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	13
Physical Therapists	9
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	10

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009⁺⁺⁺

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	15,599	3,383	8,975	3,241
Nonwhite	375	120	203	52
Total	15,974	3,503	9,178	3,293
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.9%	57.5%	20.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2011	7,060
Employed 2011	6,232
Unemployed 2011	828
Unemployment Rate 2011 (%)	11.7
Per Capita Income 2010	\$26,562
Medicaid Eligibles 2011	3,901

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	135	Total Pregnancies	147	Total Pregnancy Rate	58.3
Resident Deaths	210	Teen Pregnancies	23	Teen Pregnancy Rate	56.2
% Births <2500 gms (2009)	9.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.0	White	8.8	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2010. ⁺	2,091	General Hospital Beds 2011. ⁺⁺	46	Nursing Facility Beds 2011.	127
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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.