



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	23
Primary Care Physicians	12
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	11
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.3
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	158
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	59

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	12
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	7
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	9

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	17,981	3,767	10,031	4,183
Nonwhite	1,213	346	688	179
Total	19,194	4,113	10,719	4,362
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.4%	55.8%	22.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	8,759
Employed 2004	8,383
Unemployed 2004	376
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.3
Per Capita Income 2003	\$32,290
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	2,551

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	169	Total Pregnancies	216	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.0
Resident Deaths	283	Teen Pregnancies	27	Teen Pregnancy Rate	55.4
% Births <2500 gms	9.5	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	0.0	White	0.0	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	2,122	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	55	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	221
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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.