



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

**■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■**

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	25
Primary Care Physicians	11
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	14
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	8
Dental Hygienists	8

Nurses

Registered Nurses	153
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	53

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Occupational Therapists	2
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	11
Physical Therapists	11
Physical Therapist Assistants	9
Physician Assistants	5
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	4
Psychological Associates	0
Respiratory Therapists	7

**■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■**

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	17,906	3,789	9,920	4,197
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,182	340	671	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,088</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>10,591</b>	<b>4,368</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	21.6%	55.5%	22.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	9,455
Employed 2006	9,119
Unemployed 2006	336
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	3.6
Per Capita Income 2005	\$36,528
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	2,854

**■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■**

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	176	Total Pregnancies	200	Total Pregnancy Rate	64.5
Resident Deaths	274	Teen Pregnancies	18	Teen Pregnancy Rate	35.5
% Births <2500 gms	14.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	22.7	White	18.4	Nonwhite	76.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 <sup>+</sup>	1,608	General Hospital Beds 2006 <sup>++</sup>	45	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	231
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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.