



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

**■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■**

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	24
Primary Care Physicians	12
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	4
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	12
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.3
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	6
Dental Hygienists	9

Nurses

Registered Nurses	133
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	52

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	8
Occupational Therapists	4
Occupational Therapy Assistants	6
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	10
Physical Therapists	12
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	5
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	6
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	8

**■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■**

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	17,833	3,749	10,101	3,983
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,153	301	682	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,986</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>10,783</b>	<b>4,153</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	21.3%	56.8%	21.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	9,519
Employed 2008	9,046
Unemployed 2008	473
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	5.0
Per Capita Income 2007	\$38,715
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	2,244

**■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■**

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	147	Total Pregnancies	165	Total Pregnancy Rate	54.5
Resident Deaths	299	Teen Pregnancies	17	Teen Pregnancy Rate	34.1
% Births <2500 gms	8.8	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.8	White	0.0	Nonwhite	125.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 <sup>+</sup>	1,713	General Hospital Beds 2008 <sup>++</sup>	45	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	221
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\* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.