

Rutherford



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	85
Primary Care Physicians	47
<i>Family Practice</i>	17
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	16
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	5
<i>Pediatrics</i>	8
Other Specialties	38
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.4
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	16
Dental Hygienists	42

Nurses

Registered Nurses	444
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	201

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	9
Occupational Therapists	5
Occupational Therapy Assistants	6
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	45
Physical Therapists	14
Physical Therapist Assistants	14
Physician Assistants	13
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	4
Psychological Associates	8
Respiratory Therapists	20

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	55,321	13,566	32,274	9,481
Nonwhite	7,856	2,576	4,437	843
Total	63,177	16,142	36,711	10,324
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.6%	58.1%	16.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	29,804
Employed 2006	27,452
Unemployed 2006	2,352
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	7.9
Per Capita Income 2005	\$24,496
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	14,969

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	733	Total Pregnancies	841	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.9
Resident Deaths	774	Teen Pregnancies	143	Teen Pregnancy Rate	72.7
% Births <2500 gms	7.8	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.9	White	9.4	Nonwhite	21.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	7,620	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	129	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	420
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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.