



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	18
Primary Care Physicians	16
<i>Family Practice</i>	9
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	4
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	2
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.8
Federal Physicians**	10

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	8

Nurses

Registered Nurses	95
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	34

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	0
Pharmacists	5
Physical Therapists	4
Physical Therapist Assistants	3
Physician Assistants	8
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	4

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	9,075	1,914	5,421	1,740
Nonwhite	4,498	1,644	2,505	349
Total	13,573	3,558	7,926	2,089
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.2%	58.4%	15.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	6,772
Employed 2004	6,293
Unemployed 2004	479
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	7.1
Per Capita Income 2003	\$19,813
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	3,461

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	166	Total Pregnancies	187	Total Pregnancy Rate	73.2
Resident Deaths	195	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	35	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	85.8
% Births <2500 gms	6.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	18.1	White	9.6	Nonwhite	32.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	1,779	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	120
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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.