



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	17
Primary Care Physicians	16
<i>Family Practice</i>	10
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	1
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.8
Federal Physicians**	10

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	5

Nurses

Registered Nurses	104
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	3
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	33

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	7
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistants	2
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	4

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	9,076	1,902	5,439	1,735
Nonwhite	4,524	1,637	2,524	363
Total	13,600	3,539	7,963	2,098
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.0%	58.6%	15.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	7,133
Employed 2005	6,663
Unemployed 2005	470
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	6.6
Per Capita Income 2004	\$21,109
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	3,559

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	197	Total Pregnancies	219	Total Pregnancy Rate	85.1
Resident Deaths	156	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	40	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	96.9
% Births <2500 gms	7.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.1	White	0.0	Nonwhite	11.6
-------	-----	-------	-----	----------	------

Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	2,182	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	120
---	-------	--	----	----------------------------	-----

* Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2005; 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.