



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	20
Primary Care Physicians	18
<i>Family Practice</i>	11
<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	14.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.9
Federal Physicians**	10

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	4

Nurses

Registered Nurses	111
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	2
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	37

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Occupational Therapists	0
Occupational Therapy Assistants	2
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	9
Physical Therapists	4
Physical Therapist Assistants	4
Physician Assistants	11
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	5

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	9,282	2,005	5,498	1,779
Nonwhite	4,658	1,691	2,581	386
Total	13,940	3,696	8,079	2,165
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.5%	58.0%	15.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	7,165
Employed 2006	6,753
Unemployed 2006	412
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	5.8
Per Capita Income 2005	\$22,594
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	3,647

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	183	Total Pregnancies	207	Total Pregnancy Rate	81.0
Resident Deaths	167	Teen Pregnancies	40	Teen Pregnancy Rate	95.7
% Births <2500 gms	6.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	0.0	White	0.0	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	2,393	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	120
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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.