



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	22
Primary Care Physicians	18
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	4
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	4
Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.9
Federal Physicians**	8

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	3

Nurses

Registered Nurses	126
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	3
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	32

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Occupational Therapists	1
Occupational Therapy Assistants	3
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	8
Physical Therapists	4
Physical Therapist Assistants	4
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	2
Respiratory Therapists	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	9,280	2,160	5,396	1,724
Nonwhite	4,702	1,642	2,694	366
Total	13,982	3,802	8,090	2,090
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.2%	57.9%	14.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	7,002
Employed 2008	6,438
Unemployed 2008	564
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	8.1
Per Capita Income 2007	\$24,500
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	2,971

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	193	Total Pregnancies	214	Total Pregnancy Rate	83.2
Resident Deaths	189	Teen Pregnancies	29	Teen Pregnancy Rate	63.9
% Births <2500 gms	7.3	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.2	White	0.0	Nonwhite	13.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	2,427	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	120
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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.