

Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	106
Primary Care Physicians	49
<i>Family Practice</i>	20
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	11
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	11
Other Specialties	57
Physicians per 10,000 Population	24.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.4
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	22
Dental Hygienists	21

Nurses

Registered Nurses	372
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	15
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	63

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	30
Physical Therapists	24
Physical Therapist Assistants	17
Physician Assistants	6
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	24
Psychological Associates	8
Respiratory Therapists	25

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	41,894	10,367	26,667	4,860
Nonwhite	1,276	427	795	54
Total	43,170	10,794	27,462	4,914
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.0%	63.6%	11.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	24,942
Employed 2004	24,070
Unemployed 2004	872
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	3.5
Per Capita Income 2003	\$24,472
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	3,881

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	354	Total Pregnancies	472	Total Pregnancy Rate	42.6
Resident Deaths	310	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	54	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	19.7
% Births <2500 gms	7.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	2.8	White	2.9	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	3,836	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	196
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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.