

Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

2010 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	119
Primary Care Physicians	43
Family Practice	16
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	10
Obstetrics/Gynecology	7
Pediatrics	9
Other Specialties	76
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	23.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	8.4
Federal Physicians***	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	28
Dental Hygienists	24

Nurses

Registered Nurses	409
Nurse Practitioners	24
Certified Nurse Midwives	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	60

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Occupational Therapists	13
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
Optometrists	7
Pharmacists	43
Physical Therapists	24
Physical Therapist Assistants	16
Physician Assistants	13
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	31
Psychological Associates	15
Respiratory Therapists	22

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	43,505	10,119	27,462	5,924
Nonwhite	1,879	540	1,208	131
Total	45,384	10,659	28,670	6,055
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.5%	63.2%	13.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2010	23,548
Employed 2010	21,656
Unemployed 2010	1,892
Unemployment Rate 2010 (%)	8.0
Per Capita Income 2008	\$32,049
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	4,365

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2009

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	399	Total Pregnancies	424	Total Pregnancy Rate	37.7
Resident Deaths	289	Teen Pregnancies	55	Teen Pregnancy Rate	20.8
% Births <2500 gms	5.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2009

(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 2009 ⁺	3,911	General Hospital Beds 2010 ⁺⁺	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2010	124
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2009 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded.

** Rates are based on 2010 population data.

*** Includes NC 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.