

Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2011 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians[§]

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| Non-Federal Physicians | 121 |
| Primary Care Physicians | 40 |
| <i>Family Practice</i> | 16 |
| <i>General Practice</i> | 0 |
| <i>Internal Medicine</i> | 9 |
| <i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i> | 9 |
| <i>Pediatrics</i> | 6 |
| Other Specialties | 81 |
| Physicians per 10,000 Population** | 23.2 |
| Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population** | 7.7 |
| Federal Physicians*** | 0 |
| Dentists and Dental Hygienists | |
| Dentists | 29 |
| Dental Hygienists | 21 |

Nurses

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Registered Nurses | 434 |
| <i>Nurse Practitioners</i> | 21 |
| <i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i> | 2 |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 61 |
| Other Health Professionals | |
| Chiropractors | 12 |
| Occupational Therapists | 12 |
| Occupational Therapy Assistants | 7 |
| Optometrists | 7 |
| Pharmacists | 41 |
| Physical Therapists | 27 |
| Physical Therapist Assistants | 13 |
| Physician Assistants | 16 |
| Podiatrists | 2 |
| Practicing Psychologists | 31 |
| Psychological Associates | 18 |
| Respiratory Therapists | 24 |

■ 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

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Labor Force 2011 | 24,458 |
| Employed 2011 | 22,262 |
| Unemployed 2011 | 2,196 |
| Unemployment Rate 2011 (%) | 9.0 |
| Per Capita Income 2010 | \$29,151 |
| Medicaid Eligibles 2011 | 4,889 |

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

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|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|----------------------|------|
| Resident Births | 347 | Total Pregnancies | 423 | Total Pregnancy Rate | 31.8 |
| Resident Deaths | 320 | Teen Pregnancies | 32 | Teen Pregnancy Rate | 9.9 |
| % Births <2500 gms (2009) | 5.8 | (ages 15-19) | | (ages 15-19) | |

Infant Mortality Rates 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

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|-------|-----|-------|-----|----------|------|
| Total | 3.0 | White | 0.0 | Nonwhite | 27.0 |
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Hospital/Facility Data

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| General Hospital Discharges 2010. ⁺ | 3,587 | General Hospital Beds 2011. ⁺⁺ | 145 | Nursing Facility Beds 2011. | 124 |
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§ Please refer to page 4 of this book for an explanation of the change in physician numbers.

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2011 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

** Rates are based on 2011 population data.

*** Includes NC licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veteran 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.

+++ Population data by race/ethnicity and age for 2010 and 2011 were not yet available at the time of publication.