

# Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

## ■ 2012 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians<sup>§</sup>

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Non-Federal Physicians                          | 124  |
| Primary Care Physicians                         | 38   |
| <i>Family Practice</i>                          | 17   |
| <i>General Practice</i>                         | 1    |
| <i>Internal Medicine</i>                        | 8    |
| <i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>                    | 5    |
| <i>Pediatrics</i>                               | 7    |
| Other Specialties                               | 86   |
| Physicians per 10,000 Population**              | 23.6 |
| Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population** | 7.2  |
| Federal Physicians***                           | 0    |
| <b>Dentists and Dental Hygienists</b>           |      |
| Dentists  | 33   |
| Dental Hygienists                               | 22   |

### Nurses

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Registered Nurses                 | 422 |
| <i>Nurse Practitioners</i>        | 25  |
| <i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>   | 3   |
| Licensed Practical Nurses         | 50  |
| <b>Other Health Professionals</b> |     |
| Chiropractors                     | 11  |
| Occupational Therapists           | 13  |
| Occupational Therapy Assistants   | 6   |
| Optometrists                      | 7   |
| Pharmacists                       | 42  |
| Physical Therapists               | 27  |
| Physical Therapist Assistants     | 16  |
| Physician Assistants              | 16  |
| Podiatrists                       | 2   |
| Practicing Psychologists          | 29  |
| Psychological Associates          | 15  |
| Respiratory Therapists            | 19  |

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2012

|                  | Total         | Ages 0-19     | Ages 20-64    | Ages 65+     |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>White</b>     | 50,090        | 11,444        | 31,752        | 6,894        |
| <b>Nonwhite</b>  | 2,427         | 665           | 1,663         | 99           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>52,517</b> | <b>12,109</b> | <b>33,415</b> | <b>6,993</b> |
| <b>% of Pop.</b> | 100.0%        | 23.1%         | 63.6%         | 13.3%        |

### Employment and Income Data

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Labor Force 2012           | 24,555   |
| Employed 2012              | 22,520   |
| Unemployed 2012            | 2,035    |
| Unemployment Rate 2012 (%) | 8.3      |
| Per Capita Income 2012     | \$31,273 |
| Medicaid Eligibles 2012    | 4,870    |

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2012

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

|                           |     |                   |     |                      |      |
|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|----------------------|------|
| Resident Births           | 361 | Total Pregnancies | 415 | Total Pregnancy Rate | 30.9 |
| Resident Deaths           | 346 | Teen Pregnancies  | 27  | Teen Pregnancy Rate  | 8.8  |
| % Births <2500 gms (2012) | 6.3 | (ages 15-19)      |     | (ages 15-19)         |      |

### Infant Mortality Rates 2012

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

|       |     |       |     |          |     |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|----------|-----|
| Total | 0.0 | White | 0.0 | Nonwhite | 0.0 |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|----------|-----|

### Hospital/Facility Data

|   |       |  |     |                            |     |
|---|-------|--|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| General Hospital Discharges 2012 <sup>+</sup> | 3,274 | General Hospital Beds 2012 <sup>++</sup> | 145 | Nursing Facility Beds 2012 | 124 |
|---|-------|--|-----|----------------------------|-----|

§ 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 2012 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

\*\* Rates are based on 2012 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.