



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	15
Primary Care Physicians	15
<i>Family Practice</i>	6
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	5
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	0
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.3
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	5

Nurses

Registered Nurses	72
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	35

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	6
Physical Therapists	3
Physical Therapist Assistants	3
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	0

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	17,927	4,045	10,581	3,301
Nonwhite	204	54	114	36
Total	18,131	4,099	10,695	3,337
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.6%	59.0%	18.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	7,567
Employed 2004	7,056
Unemployed 2004	511
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	6.8
Per Capita Income 2003	\$19,730
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	3,655

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	166	Total Pregnancies	182	Total Pregnancy Rate	58.1
Resident Deaths	198	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	27	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	56.3
% Births <2500 gms	10.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(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 2003 [†]	2,056	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	8	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	140
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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.