



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	16
Primary Care Physicians	16
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	5
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	3
Other Specialties	0
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	6

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	71
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	8
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	38

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	8
Physical Therapists	3
Physical Therapist Assistants	3
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	1

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	17,956	3,989	10,632	3,335
<b>Nonwhite</b>	211	67	110	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,167</b>	<b>4,056</b>	<b>10,742</b>	<b>3,369</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	22.3%	59.1%	18.5%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	7,853
Employed 2005	7,289
Unemployed 2005	564
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	7.2
Per Capita Income 2004	\$20,267
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	3,825

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	188	Total Pregnancies	203	Total Pregnancy Rate	64.7
Resident Deaths	196	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	26	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	52.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.6				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(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 2004 <sup>†</sup>	2,094	General Hospital Beds 2005 <sup>††</sup>	8	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	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 2005; 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.

<sup>†</sup> Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup> Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.