



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	10
Primary Care Physicians	10
<i>Family Practice</i>	6
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	0
Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.4
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	81
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	9
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	45

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Occupational Therapists	2
Occupational Therapy Assistants	1
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	7
Physical Therapists	3
Physical Therapist Assistants	2
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	0

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	18,160	4,103	10,616	3,441
Nonwhite	208	70	108	30
Total	18,368	4,173	10,724	3,471
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.7%	58.4%	18.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	8,055
Employed 2006	7,602
Unemployed 2006	453
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	5.6
Per Capita Income 2005	\$21,238
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	3,931

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	183	Total Pregnancies	195	Total Pregnancy Rate	62.7
Resident Deaths	204	Teen Pregnancies	21	Teen Pregnancy Rate	43.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.3	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.5	White	5.5	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	2,009	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	8	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	140
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.