



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	15
Primary Care Physicians	15
<i>Family Practice</i>	9
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	0
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.1
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	70
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	9
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	41

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Occupational Therapists	4
Occupational Therapy Assistants	1
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	5
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	2
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	0

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	18,363	4,102	10,663	3,598
Nonwhite	233	56	140	37
Total	18,596	4,158	10,803	3,635
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.4%	58.1%	19.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	7,760
Employed 2008	7,153
Unemployed 2008	607
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	7.8
Per Capita Income 2007	\$22,797
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	3,140

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	189	Total Pregnancies	206	Total Pregnancy Rate	66.3
Resident Deaths	202	Teen Pregnancies	21	Teen Pregnancy Rate	40.5
% Births <2500 gms	7.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.3	White	5.3	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	2,235	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	0	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	140
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.