

Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	37
Primary Care Physicians	23
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	10
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	14
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	16

Nurses

Registered Nurses	194
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	73

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	27
Physical Therapists	9
Physical Therapist Assistants	11
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	4
Respiratory Therapists	14

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	24,989	5,220	14,561	5,208
Nonwhite	1,074	303	641	130
Total	26,063	5,523	15,202	5,338
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.2%	58.3%	20.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	10,321
Employed 2005	9,713
Unemployed 2005	608
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.9
Per Capita Income 2004	\$20,549
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	5,719

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	259	Total Pregnancies	291	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.5
Resident Deaths	312	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	48	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	75.7
% Births <2500 gms	10.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.7	White	4.0	Nonwhite	142.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	2,448	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	110	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	210
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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.

[†] 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.