

Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	38
Primary Care Physicians	20
<i>Family Practice</i>	6
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	9
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	3
Other Specialties	18
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.5
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	15

Nurses

Registered Nurses	213
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	75

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Occupational Therapists	4
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	26
Physical Therapists	9
Physical Therapist Assistants	11
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	7
Psychological Associates	4
Respiratory Therapists	16

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	25,622	5,413	14,702	5,507
Nonwhite	1,105	326	643	136
Total	26,727	5,739	15,345	5,643
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.5%	57.4%	21.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	10,617
Employed 2006	10,043
Unemployed 2006	574
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	5.4
Per Capita Income 2005	\$21,814
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	5,798

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	273	Total Pregnancies	291	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.6
Resident Deaths	311	Teen Pregnancies	32	Teen Pregnancy Rate	54.4
% Births <2500 gms	9.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(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 2005 ⁺	2,374	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	50	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	210
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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.