

Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	39
Primary Care Physicians	19
<i>Family Practice</i>	6
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	8
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	3
Other Specialties	20
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.1
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	14

Nurses

Registered Nurses	217
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	72

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Occupational Therapists	4
Occupational Therapy Assistants	4
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	25
Physical Therapists	14
Physical Therapist Assistants	14
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	6
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	14

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	25,758	5,598	14,740	5,420
Nonwhite	1,111	299	658	154
Total	26,869	5,897	15,398	5,574
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.9%	57.3%	20.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	10,046
Employed 2008	9,103
Unemployed 2008	943
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	9.4
Per Capita Income 2007	\$23,116
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	4,704

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	223	Total Pregnancies	243	Total Pregnancy Rate	57.5
Resident Deaths	323	Teen Pregnancies	36	Teen Pregnancy Rate	55.6
% Births <2500 gms	11.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.0	White	9.6	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	2,486	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	57	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	76
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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.