

# Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

## ■ 2011 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians<sup>§</sup>

Non-Federal Physicians	40
Primary Care Physicians	15
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	25
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	14.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	5.5
Federal Physicians***	1
<b>Dentists and Dental Hygienists</b>	
Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	16

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	227
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	57
<b>Other Health Professionals</b>	
Chiropractors	7
Occupational Therapists	7
Occupational Therapy Assistants	2
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	25
Physical Therapists	12
Physical Therapist Assistants	13
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	13

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2009<sup>+++</sup>

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	25,487	5,187	13,972	6,328
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,311	350	731	230
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,798</b>	<b>5,537</b>	<b>14,703</b>	<b>6,558</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	20.7%	54.9%	24.5%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2011	10,348
Employed 2011	8,915
Unemployed 2011	1,433
Unemployment Rate 2011 (%)	13.8
Per Capita Income 2010	\$25,518
Medicaid Eligibles 2011	6,807

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	225	Total Pregnancies	234	Total Pregnancy Rate	56.4
Resident Deaths	330	Teen Pregnancies	37	Teen Pregnancy Rate	49.1
% Births <2500 gms (2009)	114.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2010

(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 2010. <sup>+</sup>	2,486	General Hospital Beds 2011. <sup>++</sup>	57	Nursing Facility Beds 2011.	76
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§ Please refer to page 4 of this book for an explanation of the change in physician numbers.

\* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2011 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

\*\* Rates are based on 2011 population data.

\*\*\* Includes NC licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veteran 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.

+++ Population data by race/ethnicity and age for 2010 and 2011 were not yet available at the time of publication.