



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	6
Primary Care Physicians	5
<i>Family Practice</i>	5
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	0
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	1
Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.9
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	41
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	3
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	20

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	0
Occupational Therapists	1
Occupational Therapy Assistants	1
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	6
Physical Therapists	3
Physical Therapist Assistants	0
Physician Assistants	2
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	9,972	1,886	5,718	2,368
Nonwhite	144	52	76	16
Total	10,116	1,938	5,794	2,384
% of Pop.	100.0%	19.2%	57.3%	23.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	4,696
Employed 2006	4,512
Unemployed 2006	184
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	3.9
Per Capita Income 2005	\$23,230
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	2,069

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	88	Total Pregnancies	98	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.0
Resident Deaths	128	Teen Pregnancies	15	Teen Pregnancy Rate	72.8
% Births <2500 gms	2.3	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.4	White	11.5	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	756	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	0	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	90
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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.