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MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

## ■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	25
Primary Care Physicians	17
<i>Family Practice</i>	11
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	8
Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.9
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	6

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	169
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	3
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	72

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	14
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	6
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	2

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	24,452	5,017	14,987	4,448
<b>Nonwhite</b>	347	95	221	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,799</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>15,208</b>	<b>4,479</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	20.6%	61.3%	18.1%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	11,886
Employed 2001	10,784
Unemployed 2001	1,102
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	9.3
Per Capita Income 2000	\$22,681
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	4,774

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2000

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births . . . . .	257	Total Pregnancies . . . . .	273	Total Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	61.3
Resident Deaths . . . . .	278	Teen Pregnancies . . . . .	47	Teen Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	69.8
% Births <2500 gms . . . . .	5.4	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2000

*(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 2000 <sup>†</sup> . . . . .	3,686	General Hospital Beds 2001 <sup>††</sup> . . . . .	76	Nursing Facility Beds 2001 . . . . .	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 2001; 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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.