

Cherokee



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	44
Primary Care Physicians	22
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	9
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	3
Other Specialties	22
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.1
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	11

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	210
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	103

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	2
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	25
Physical Therapists	6
Physical Therapist Assistant	6
Physician Assistants	6
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	3

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	23,040	4,882	13,523	4,635
Nonwhite	1,258	359	747	152
Total	24,298	5,241	14,270	4,787
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.6%	58.7%	19.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	11,454
Employed 2000	10,609
Unemployed 2000	845
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	7.4
Per Capita Income 1999	\$18,384
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	5,131

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	257	Total Pregnancies	282	Total Pregnancy Rate	67.1
Resident Deaths	298	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	51	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	76.0
% Births <2500 gms.	2.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(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 ⁺	2,982	General Hospital Beds 2000 ⁺⁺	110	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	210
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*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; 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.

[‡] 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

⁺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.