

Mountain AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 16

2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,494
Primary Care Physicians	710
Family Practice	314
General Practice	14
Internal Medicine	207
Obstetrics/Gynecology	80
Pediatrics	95
Other Specialties	784
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.1
Federal Physicians**	58

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	280
Dental Hygienists	404

Nurses

Registered Nurses	7,002
Nurse Practitioners	201
Certified Nurse Midwives	27
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,935

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	134
Optometrists	80
Pharmacists	558
Physical Therapists	374
Physical Therapist Assistants	196
Physician Assistants	201
Podiatrists	16
Practicing Psychologists	148
Psychological Associates	109

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	649,981	148,470	383,514	117,997
Nonwhite	52,574	17,403	30,127	5,044
Total	702,555	165,873	413,641	123,041
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.6%	58.9%	17.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	321,155
Employed 2003	303,787
Unemployed 2003	17,368
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	5.4
Per Capita Income 2002	\$24,909
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	122,708

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	7,742	Total Pregnancies	8,880	Total Pregnancy Rate	60.3
Resident Deaths	7,769	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	1,209	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	58.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.2	White	5.2	Nonwhite	16.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	78,012	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	1,862	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	5,638
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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 2002; 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.

[†]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.