



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	35
Primary Care Physicians	20
<i>Family Practice</i>	9
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	4
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	15
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.7
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999<sup>‡</sup>

Dentists	11
Dental Hygienists	16

### Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	237
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	128

### Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	26
Physical Therapists	6
Physical Therapist Assistant	4
Physician Assistants	12
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	5

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	38,853	9,166	23,947	5,740
<b>Nonwhite</b>	3,298	977	2,052	269
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,151</b>	<b>10,143</b>	<b>25,999</b>	<b>6,009</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	24.1%	61.7%	14.3%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	19,799
Employed 2000	18,888
Unemployed 2000	911
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	4.6
Per Capita Income 1999	\$20,491
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	6,599

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	546	Total Pregnancies	627	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.4
Resident Deaths	406	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	98	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	93.3
% Births <2500 gms.	7.9				

### Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.0	White	11.6	Nonwhite	0.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 <sup>+</sup>	5,319	General Hospital Beds 2000 <sup>++</sup>	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	250
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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.

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

<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.