



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	36
Primary Care Physicians	22
<i>Family Practice</i>	10
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	4
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	14
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.1
Federal Physicians **	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	18

Nurses

Registered Nurses	255
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	133

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	24
Physical Therapists	4
Physical Therapist Assistants	10
Physician Assistants	13
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	4

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	40,826	10,183	24,672	5,971
Nonwhite	2,674	761	1,647	266
Total	43,500	10,944	26,319	6,237
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.2%	60.5%	14.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	17,091
Employed 2002	15,201
Unemployed 2002	1,890
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	11.1
Per Capita Income 2001	\$19,818
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	7,533

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	525	Total Pregnancies	589	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.3
Resident Deaths	415	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	86	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	68.5
% Births <2500 gms	11.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.6	White	7.9	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	5,193	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	65	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	250
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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.