



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	23
Primary Care Physicians	14
<i>Family Practice</i>	12
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	9
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	10

Nurses

Registered Nurses	134
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	50

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	2
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	11
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	0
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	3

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	15,651	3,408	9,308	2,935
Nonwhite	221	67	130	24
Total	15,872	3,475	9,438	2,959
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.9%	59.5%	18.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	7,830
Employed 2001	7,034
Unemployed 2001	796
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	10.2
Per Capita Income 2000	\$20,510
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	2,754

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	156	Total Pregnancies	179	Total Pregnancy Rate	62.9
Resident Deaths	224	Teen Pregnancies	25	Teen Pregnancy Rate	58.3
% Births <2500 gms	10.3	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.4	White	6.5	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	2,249	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	85	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	127
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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.

[†]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.