



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	22
Primary Care Physicians	14
<i>Family Practice</i>	10
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	3
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	8
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians **	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	10

Nurses

Registered Nurses	134
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	48

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	13
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	0
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	3

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	15,728	3,554	9,231	2,943
Nonwhite	222	69	128	25
Total	15,950	3,623	9,359	2,968
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.7%	58.7%	18.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	7,253
Employed 2002	6,382
Unemployed 2002	871
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	12.0
Per Capita Income 2001	\$20,492
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	2,867

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	169	Total Pregnancies	181	Total Pregnancy Rate	63.3
Resident Deaths	197	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	24	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	53.1
% Births <2500 gms	5.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	23.7	White	23.7	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	2,101	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	85	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	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 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.