



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

## ■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	24
Primary Care Physicians	13
<i>Family Practice</i>	9
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	11
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.9
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	6

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	169
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	66

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	14
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	3

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	17,529	3,578	9,760	4,191
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,302	375	741	186
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,831</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>10,501</b>	<b>4,377</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	21.0%	55.8%	23.2%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	8,014
Employed 2001	7,737
Unemployed 2001	277
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	3.5
Per Capita Income 2000	\$30,161
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	2,452

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2000

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births	190	Total Pregnancies	225	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.5
Resident Deaths	286	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	29	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	70.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.9				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2000

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Total	15.8	White	11.2	Nonwhite	90.9
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 <sup>†</sup>	1,780	General Hospital Beds 2001 <sup>††</sup>	55	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	221
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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.

<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.