



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

## ■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	18
Primary Care Physicians	11
<i>Family Practice</i>	9
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	7
Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.7
Federal Physicians **	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	7
Dental Hygienists	7

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	166
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	52

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	15
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistants	7
Physician Assistants	1
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	2

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	17,868	3,808	9,816	4,244
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,318	395	734	189
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,186</b>	<b>4,203</b>	<b>10,550</b>	<b>4,433</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	21.9%	55.0%	23.1%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	8,430
Employed 2002	8,090
Unemployed 2002	340
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	4.0
Per Capita Income 2001	\$29,914
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	2,408

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	181	Total Pregnancies	212	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.1
Resident Deaths	263	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	28	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	60.3
% Births <2500 gms	7.2				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

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

General Hospital Discharges 2001 <sup>†</sup>	1,750	General Hospital Beds 2002 <sup>††</sup>	55	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	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 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.

<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.