

Rutherford



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain[†]AHEC

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	80
Primary Care Physicians	43
<i>Family Practice</i>	22
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	11
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	37
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	16
Dental Hygienists	20

Nurses

Registered Nurses	418
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	160

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	8
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	35
Physical Therapists	13
Physical Therapist Assistants	12
Physician Assistants	9
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	9
Psychological Associates	6

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	55,550	13,220	33,053	9,277
Nonwhite	7,847	2,532	4,494	821
Total	63,397	15,752	37,547	10,098
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.8%	59.2%	15.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	28,640
Employed 2001	26,232
Unemployed 2001	2,408
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	8.4
Per Capita Income 2000	\$21,101
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	12,956

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	872	Total Pregnancies	984	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.9
Resident Deaths	752	Teen Pregnancies	160	Teen Pregnancy Rate	86.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.3	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.2	White	6.6	Nonwhite	25.0
-----------------	-----	-----------------	-----	--------------------	------

Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	7,126	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	129	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	420
---	-------	--	-----	--------------------------------------	-----

[†]In 1998, Rutherford County was reassigned from Charlotte AHEC to Mountain AHEC.

*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.