

# Rutherford



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain<sup>†</sup>

## ■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	85
Primary Care Physicians	45
<i>Family Practice</i>	19
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	14
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	6
Other Specialties	40
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.0
Federal Physicians **	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	18
Dental Hygienists	23

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	419
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	179

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	9
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	38
Physical Therapists	13
Physical Therapist Assistants	15
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	6

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	56,011	13,909	32,726	9,376
<b>Nonwhite</b>	7,944	2,657	4,462	825
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,955</b>	<b>16,566</b>	<b>37,188</b>	<b>10,201</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	25.9%	58.1%	16.0%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	28,769
Employed 2002	25,528
Unemployed 2002	3,241
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	11.3
Per Capita Income 2001	\$21,165
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	13,676

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	833	Total Pregnancies	937	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.1
Resident Deaths	749	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	937	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	82.1
% Births <2500 gms	9.8				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.8	White	11.3	Nonwhite	7.9
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 <sup>†</sup>	7,450	General Hospital Beds 2002 <sup>††</sup>	129	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	420
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<sup>†</sup> 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 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.