

Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	91
Primary Care Physicians	38
<i>Family Practice</i>	16
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	6
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	9
Other Specialties	53
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.9
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	23
Dental Hygienists	19

Nurses

Registered Nurses	370
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	10
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	99

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	37
Physical Therapists	25
Physical Therapist Assistants	14
Physician Assistants	5
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	25
Psychological Associates	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	41,379	8,097	28,613	4,669
Nonwhite	1,311	330	927	54
Total	42,690	8,427	29,540	4,723
% of Pop.	100.0%	19.7%	69.2%	11.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	24,340
Employed 2001	23,837
Unemployed 2001	503
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	2.1
Per Capita Income 2000	\$23,328
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	3,749

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	362	Total Pregnancies	484	Total Pregnancy Rate	42.6
Resident Deaths	274	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	66	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	24.8
% Births <2500 gms	9.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.3	White	8.7	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	3,793	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	196
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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.

[†]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.