

Watauga



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	91
Primary Care Physicians	37
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	8
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	10
Other Specialties	54
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.6
Federal Physicians **	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	23
Dental Hygienists	20

Nurses

Registered Nurses	373
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	11
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	102

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	39
Physical Therapists	26
Physical Therapist Assistants	18
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	24
Psychological Associates	6

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	41,815	10,537	26,533	4,745
Nonwhite	1,345	440	845	60
Total	43,160	10,977	27,378	4,805
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.4%	63.4%	11.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	24,862
Employed 2002	24,256
Unemployed 2002	606
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	2.4
Per Capita Income 2001	\$24,378
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	3,727

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	339	Total Pregnancies	465	Total Pregnancy Rate	41.3
Resident Deaths	272	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	61	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	22.5
% Births <2500 gms	8.3				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.8	White	12.2	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	3,638	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	145	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	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 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.

[†]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.