



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain AHEC

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	12
Primary Care Physicians	12
<i>Family Practice</i>	3
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	5
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	4
Other Specialties	0
Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.7
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3
Dental Hygienists	3

Nurses

Registered Nurses	70
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	5
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	45

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	7
Physical Therapists	3
Physical Therapist Assistants	3
Physician Assistants	2
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	17,734	3,929	10,568	3,237
Nonwhite	274	88	138	48
Total	18,008	4,017	10,706	3,285
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.3%	59.5%	18.2%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	7,215
Employed 2001	6,297
Unemployed 2001	918
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	12.7
Per Capita Income 2000	\$19,383
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	3,430

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	218	Total Pregnancies	232	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.0
Resident Deaths	215	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	33	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	68.5
% Births <2500 gms	11.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(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 2000 [†]	2,283	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}		Nursing Facility Beds 2001	140
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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.