Watauga

MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan  AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians  120
Primary Care Physicians  46
  Family Practice  18
  General Practice  0
  Internal Medicine  12
  Obstetrics/Gynecology  8
  Pediatrics  8
Other Specialties  74
Physicians per 10,000 Population  26.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population  10.1
Federal Physicians**  2

Physicians and Dental Hygienists

Dentists  26
Dental Hygienists  20

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2009

|         | Total | Ages 0-19 | Ages 20-64 | Ages 65+
|---------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------
| White   | 43,505| 10,119    | 27,462     | 5,924       |
| Nonwhite| 1,879 | 540       | 1,208      | 131         |
| Total   | 45,384| 10,659    | 28,670     | 6,055       |
| % of Pop.| 100.0%| 23.5%     | 63.2%      | 13.3%       |

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)
Resident Births .................. 399  Total Preganacies ............ 479  Total Pregnancy Rate ........ 42.7
Resident Deaths .................. 289  Teen Preganacies ............ 44  Teen Pregnancy Rate ........ 16.1
% Births <2500 gms .............. 5.3  (ages 15-19)
Infant Mortality Rates 2008
(Rates are per 1,000 population)
Total  .................. 5.0  White  .................. 5.2  Nonwhite  .................. 0.0

Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008* .. 3,675  General Hospital Beds 2009++ .. 145  Nursing Facility Beds 2009 .... 124

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2009 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.

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