

# Columbus



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Coastal

## ■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	56
Primary Care Physicians	27
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	15
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	3
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	29
Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.8
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	11
Dental Hygienists	12

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	459
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	14
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	135

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	7
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	43
Physical Therapists	13
Physical Therapist Assistants	11
Physician Assistants	19
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	0

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	36,284	8,838	21,859	5,587
<b>Nonwhite</b>	19,677	6,453	11,045	2,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,961</b>	<b>15,291</b>	<b>32,904</b>	<b>7,766</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	27.3%	58.8%	13.9%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	22,213
Employed 2003	20,282
Unemployed 2003	1,931
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	8.7
Per Capita Income 2002	\$22,273
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	17,388

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2002

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births	771	Total Pregnancies	931	Total Pregnancy Rate	73.8
Resident Deaths	643	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	166	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	87.1
% Births <2500 gms	10.6				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Total	9.1	White	4.1	Nonwhite	17.9
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>†</sup>	8,280	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>††</sup>	166	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	323
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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 2003; 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.