Gaston

MSA county designation: Metropolitan AHEC Region: Charlotte

2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians 342
Primary Care Physicians 157
  Family Practice 63
  General Practice 3
  Internal Medicine 51
  Obstetrics/Gynecology 16
  Pediatrics 24
Other Specialties 185
Physicians per 10,000 Population 17.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population 8.1
Federal Physicians** 6

Nurses

Registered Nurses 1,375
  Nurse Practitioners 39
  Certified Nurse Midwives 14
Licensed Practical Nurses 322

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors 27
Optometrists 22
Pharmacists 152
Physical Therapists 56
Physical Therapist Assistants 48
Physician Assistants 53
Podiatrists 6
Practicing Psychologists 14
Psychological Associates 9
Respiratory Therapists 34

DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

Physicians (Non-Federal)
Non-Federal Physicians 342
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DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Dentists 74
Dental Hygienists 102

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2004

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HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births 2,474
Resident Deaths 1,918
% Births <2500 gms 9.6
Total Pregnancies 2,989
Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19) 367
Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total 8.9
White 7.3
Nonwhite 16.7

Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003* 23,553
General Hospital Beds 2004** 372
Nursing Facility Beds 2004 972

*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2004; 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.