New Hanover

MSA county designation: Metropolitan AHEC Region: Coastal



■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	559	Registered Nurses	2,490
Primary Care Physicians	207	Nurse Practitioners Certified Nurse Midwives	78 4
Family Practice General Practice	46 3	Licensed Practical Nurses	500
Internal Medicine	91	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics	43 24	Chiropractors	60
Other Specialties	351	Optometrists	31
Physicians per 10,000 Population	32.4	Pharmacists	177
Primary Care Physicians	12.0	Physical Therapists	143
per 10,000 Population	12.0	Physical Therapist Assistants	57
Federal Physicians**	2	Physician Assistants	93
ř	2	Podiatrists	10
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Practicing Psychologists	55
Dentists	124	Psychological Associates	48
Dental Hygienists	140	Respiratory Therapists	108

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	141,274	31,444	90,709	19,121
Nonwhite	31,506	10,157	18,402	2,947
Total	172,780	41,601	109,111	22,068
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.1%	63.2%	12.8%

Employment and Income Data

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Labor Force 2004	93,669
Employed 2004	89,592
Unemployed 2004	4,077
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.4
Per Capita Income 2003	\$29,607
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	27,026

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	2,079	Total Pregnancies	2,752	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.5
Resident Deaths	1,441	Teen Pregnancies	285	Teen Pregnancy Rate	47.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.0	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2003					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	5.3	White	3.7	Nonwhite	6.6
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	18.246	General Hospital Beds 2004 ⁺⁺	647	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	799

^{*}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.