MSA county designation: Metropolitan AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	15	Registered Nurses	138
Primary Care Physicians Family Practice	12 9	Nurse Practitioners Certified Nurse Midwives	2 1
General Practice	0	Licensed Practical Nurses	74
Internal Medicine	2	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics	0 1	Chiropractors	1
Other Specialties	3	Optometrists	4
Physicians per 10,000 Population	3.2	Pharmacists	19
Primary Care Physicians	2.6	Physical Therapists	10
per 10,000 Population	2.0	Physical Therapist Assistants	4
Federal Physicians**	0	Physician Assistants	5
•	U	Podiatrists	0
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Practicing Psychologists	0
Dentists	7	Psychological Associates	1
Dental Hygienists	14	Respiratory Therapists	4

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	43,921	11,397	27,138	5,386
Nonwhite	2,435	649	1,451	335
Total	46,356	12,046	28,589	5,721
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.0%	61.7%	12.3%

Employment and Income Data

1 2	
Labor Force 2004	24,068
Employed 2004	22,794
Unemployed 2004	1,274
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.3
Per Capita Income 2003	\$23,581
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	7,038

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)				
Resident Births	510	Total Pregnancies	581	Total Pregnancy Rate 61.8
Resident Deaths	462	Teen Pregnancies		Teen Pregnancy Rate 50
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)
Infant Mortality Rates 2003				
(Rates are per 1,000 population)				
Total	3.9	White	2.0	Nonwhite
Hospital/Facility Data				
General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	4,959	General Hospital Beds 2004 ⁺⁺	53	Nursing Facility Beds 2004 322

^{*}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.