MSA county designation: Metropolitan AHEC Region: Charlotte

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	128	Registered Nurses	665
Primary Care Physicians	64	Nurse Practitioners	6
Family Practice	29	Certified Nurse Midwives	2
General Practice	3	Licensed Practical Nurses	157
Internal Medicine	18	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology	6	Chiropractors	15
Pediatrics	8	-	
Other Specialties	64	Optometrists	8
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.6	Pharmacists	67
• • • •		Physical Therapists	22
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.3	Physical Therapist Assistants	24
1		Physician Assistants	22
Federal Physicians**	1	Podiatrists	1
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Practicing Psychologists	3
Dentists	30	Psychological Associates	5
Dental Hygienists	65	Respiratory Therapists	25

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	129,328	39,153	78,295	11,880
Nonwhite	19,717	7,043	11,279	1,395
Total	149,045	46,196	89,574	13,275
% of Pop.	100.0%	31.0%	60.1%	8.9%

Employment and Income Data

1 2	
Labor Force 2004	76,859
Employed 2004	73,304
Unemployed 2004	3,555
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.6
Per Capita Income 2003	\$26,778
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	18,500

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	2,394	Total Pregnancies	2,764	Total Pregnancy Rate	88.2
Resident Deaths	876	Teen Pregnancies			54.3
% Births <2500 gms	7.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2003					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	5.0	White	4.4	Nonwhite	8.2
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	13,617	General Hospital Beds 2004 ++	157	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	447

^{*}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.