



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	75
Primary Care Physicians	43
<i>Family Practice</i>	24
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	7
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	5
<i>Pediatrics</i>	5
Other Specialties	32
Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.5
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	21
Dental Hygienists	32

Nurses

Registered Nurses	377
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	14
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	89

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	36
Physical Therapists	12
Physical Therapist Assistants	20
Physician Assistants	13
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	3
Respiratory Therapists	17

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	73,360	18,288	44,735	10,337
Nonwhite	5,246	1,766	2,962	518
Total	78,606	20,054	47,697	10,855
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.5%	60.7%	13.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	40,587
Employed 2004	37,579
Unemployed 2004	3,008
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	7.4
Per Capita Income 2003	\$25,247
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	14,873

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	901	Total Pregnancies	1,005	Total Pregnancy Rate	64.7
Resident Deaths	776	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	139	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	58.6
% Births <2500 gms	8.3				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.0	White	9.6	Nonwhite	15.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	9,798	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	110	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	400
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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 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.