



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

## ■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,270
Primary Care Physicians	424
<i>Family Practice</i>	111
<i>General Practice</i>	6
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	151
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	58
<i>Pediatrics</i>	98
Other Specialties	845
Physicians per 10,000 Population	39.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.2
Federal Physicians**	19

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	191
Dental Hygienists	181

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	5,180
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	113
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	5
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,087

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	35
Optometrists	39
Pharmacists	402
Physical Therapists	226
Physical Therapist Assistants	57
Physician Assistants	235
Podiatrists	20
Practicing Psychologists	83
Psychological Associates	27
Respiratory Therapists	264

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	230,407	57,947	139,560	32,900
<b>Nonwhite</b>	91,445	29,867	54,246	7,332
<b>Total</b>	<b>321,852</b>	<b>87,814</b>	<b>193,806</b>	<b>40,232</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	27.3%	60.2%	12.5%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	167,239
Employed 2004	158,904
Unemployed 2004	8,335
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.0
Per Capita Income 2003	\$32,067
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	50,383

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,628	Total Pregnancies	5,848	Total Pregnancy Rate	84.6
Resident Deaths	2,802	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	738	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	71.7
% Births <2500 gms	9.3				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.3	White	5.9	Nonwhite	11.1
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 <sup>†</sup>	36,144	General Hospital Beds 2004 <sup>††</sup>	1,471	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	1,661
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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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.