



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	12
Primary Care Physicians	10
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	2
Physicians per 10,000 Population	3.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	2.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	8
Dental Hygienists	14

Nurses

Registered Nurses	77
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	0
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	35

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	3
Optometrists	1
Pharmacists	15
Physical Therapists	4
Physical Therapist Assistants	1
Physician Assistants	4
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	0
Psychological Associates	0

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	33,038	8,740	20,282	4,016
Nonwhite	2,254	761	1,253	240
Total	35,292	9,501	21,535	4,256
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.9%	61.0%	12.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	17,421
Employed 2003	16,026
Unemployed 2003	1,395
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	8.0
Per Capita Income 2002	\$24,299
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	5,542

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	401	Total Pregnancies	452	Total Pregnancy Rate	58.3
Resident Deaths	262	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	61	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	56.4
% Births <2500 gms	6.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.0	White	5.4	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	3,794	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	25	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	183
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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 2003; 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.