



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	22
Primary Care Physicians	17
<i>Family Practice</i>	12
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	5
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.8
Federal Physicians **	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	6

Nurses

Registered Nurses	135
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	3
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	58

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	17
Physical Therapists	8
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	3

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	24,611	5,276	14,846	4,489
Nonwhite	359	107	220	32
Total	24,970	5,383	15,066	4,521
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.6%	60.3%	18.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	11,907
Employed 2002	10,764
Unemployed 2002	1,143
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	9.6
Per Capita Income 2001	\$22,928
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	4,773

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	275	Total Pregnancies	288	Total Pregnancy Rate	64.0
Resident Deaths	289	Teen Pregnancies	46	Teen Pregnancy Rate	66.4
% Births <2500 gms	7.6	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	25.5	White	25.6	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	3,421	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	76	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	210
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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 2002; 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.