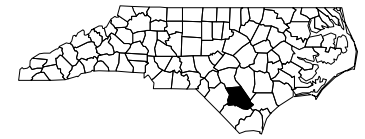


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MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Southern Regional

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	26
Primary Care Physicians	20
<i>Family Practice</i>	12
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	6
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	6
Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.0
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	6

Nurses

Registered Nurses	157
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	77

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	2
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	14
Physical Therapists	1
Physical Therapist Assistants	5
Physician Assistants	6
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	19,764	4,677	12,003	3,084
Nonwhite	13,458	4,175	7,631	1,652
Total	33,222	8,852	19,634	4,736
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.6%	59.1%	14.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	20,107
Employed 2003	18,729
Unemployed 2003	1,378
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.9
Per Capita Income 2002	\$20,936
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	10,005

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	434	Total Pregnancies	503	Total Pregnancy Rate	67.5
Resident Deaths	393	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	93	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	86.4
% Births <2500 gms	8.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.5	White	7.7	Nonwhite	17.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	4,199	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	194
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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.