



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Coastal

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	76
Primary Care Physicians	37
Family Practice	18
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	10
Obstetrics/Gynecology	4
Pediatrics	4
Other Specialties	39
Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.6
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	19
Dental Hygienists	27

Nurses

Registered Nurses	398
Nurse Practitioners	8
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	193

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	17
Optometrists	8
Pharmacists	56
Physical Therapists	23
Physical Therapist Assistants	8
Physician Assistants	21
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	3

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	68,252	14,232	41,251	12,769
Nonwhite	12,499	4,035	7,198	1,266
Total	80,751	18,267	48,449	14,035
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.6%	60.0%	17.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	37,823
Employed 2003	35,532
Unemployed 2003	2,291
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.1
Per Capita Income 2002	\$23,908
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	15,533

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	813	Total Pregnancies	981	Total Pregnancy Rate	62.9
Resident Deaths	729	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	141	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	63.7
% Births <2500 gms	9.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	4.9	White	5.8	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	10,417	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	96	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	419
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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.