

Buncombe



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	713
Primary Care Physicians	296
Family Practice	114
General Practice	7
Internal Medicine	89
Obstetrics/Gynecology	45
Pediatrics	41
Other Specialties	417
Physicians per 10,000 Population	33.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.7
Federal Physicians**	48

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	127
Dental Hygienists	150

Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,408
Nurse Practitioners	94
Certified Nurse Midwives	9
Licensed Practical Nurses	719

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	56
Optometrists	30
Pharmacists	252
Physical Therapists	188
Physical Therapist Assistants	60
Physician Assistants	100
Podiatrists	9
Practicing Psychologists	91
Psychological Associates	62

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	195,185	45,659	119,159	30,367
Nonwhite	20,311	6,520	11,779	2,012
Total	215,496	52,179	130,938	32,379
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.2%	60.8%	15.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	110,703
Employed 2003	106,413
Unemployed 2003	4,290
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	3.9
Per Capita Income 2002	\$27,288
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	34,942

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,564	Total Pregnancies	3,172	Total Pregnancy Rate	64.8
Resident Deaths	2,193	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	413	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	64.0
% Births <2500 gms	10.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.0	White	5.7	Nonwhite	16.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	22,200	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	716	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	1,668
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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.