MSA county designation: Metropolitan

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	160
Primary Care Physicians	70
Family Practice	35
General Practice	6
Internal Medicine	13
Obstetrics/Gynecology	9
Pediatrics	7
Other Specialties	90
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.9
Primary Care Physicians	7.9
per 10,000 Population	
Federal Physicians**	2

Nurses 2000 **Registered Nurses** 885 Nurse Practitioners 10 Licensed Practical Nurses 167 Chiropractors 11 Optometrists 4 Pharmacists Dentists and Dental Hygienist 21999* Dentists **Physical Therapists** 34 Dental Hygienists Physical Therapist Assistants 32 **Physician Assistants** 18 **Podiatrists** 1 Practicing Psychologists 31 **Psychological Associates** 40

Employment and Income Data

Unemployed fan Mortality Rates 1999392

Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)

42 98814

41.596⁷⁹¹

3.2

\$22,085

+ 12,919

Labor Force 2000 Births

Employed 2000

Per Capita Income 1999

Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000 Ages 0-18 Ages 19-64 Total Ages 65+ White 76,678 18,023 47,470 11,185 Nonwhite 4,790 12,470 6,879 801 Total 11,986 89,148 22,813 54,349 61.0% % of Pop. 100.0% 25.6% 13.4%

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

% Births <2500 gms	9.6	Total Pregnancies Teen Pregnancies	1,296 230	Total Pregnancy Rate Teen Pregnancy Rate	76.4 96.7
Total	9.9	White	9.5		
<u>Hospital/Facility Data 2000</u> General Hospital Discharges) 11,140	General Hospital Bed	354	Nursing Facility Beds	456

[†]Physician data are not comparable to 1999 due to an error in the previous year's processing which erroneously assigned physicians in Hickory (Burke) to Catawba.

*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; inactive are excluded.

** Includes NC Medical Board licensed federal physicians in settings such as the armed services, US Public Health Service, and the Indian Health Service. 2 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp.

+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.

AHEC Region: Northwest

