



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	171
Primary Care Physicians	71
Family Practice	36
General Practice	4
Internal Medicine	14
Obstetrics/Gynecology	9
Pediatrics	8
Other Specialties	100
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.7
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	30
Dental Hygienists	30

Nurses

Registered Nurses	895
Nurse Practitioners	15
Certified Nurse Midwives	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	151

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	10
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	75
Physical Therapists	28
Physical Therapist Assistants	29
Physician Assistants	19
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	35
Psychological Associates	43

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	80,630	19,930	49,084	11,616
Nonwhite	11,313	4,760	5,747	806
Total	91,943	24,690	54,831	12,422
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.9%	59.6%	13.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	43,110
Employed 2003	39,606
Unemployed 2003	3,504
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	8.1
Per Capita Income 2002	\$23,890
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	16,095

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,047	Total Pregnancies	1,179	Total Pregnancy Rate	60.4
Resident Deaths	792	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	189	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	66.9
% Births <2500 gms	8.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.7	White	5.5	Nonwhite	13.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	10,586	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	354	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	556
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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.