



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Charlotte

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	304
Primary Care Physicians	137
Family Practice	53
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	46
Obstetrics/Gynecology	13
Pediatrics	24
Other Specialties	167
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.6
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	39
Dental Hygienists	71

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,391
Nurse Practitioners	34
Certified Nurse Midwives	5
Licensed Practical Nurses	195

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	32
Optometrists	12
Pharmacists	127
Physical Therapists	35
Physical Therapist Assistants	42
Physician Assistants	26
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	16
Psychological Associates	21

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	122,940	33,946	74,682	14,312
Nonwhite	20,366	7,149	11,648	1,569
Total	143,306	41,095	86,330	15,881
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.7%	60.2%	11.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	77,433
Employed 2003	71,228
Unemployed 2003	6,205
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	8.0
Per Capita Income 2002	\$29,733
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	19,996

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,190	Total Pregnancies	2,546	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.6
Resident Deaths	1,150	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	308	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	66.3
% Births <2500 gms	8.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.3	White	5.5	Nonwhite	16.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	16,797	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	447	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	691
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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.