



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	81
Primary Care Physicians	46
<i>Family Practice</i>	23
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	9
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	6
Other Specialties	35
Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	20
Dental Hygienists	26

Nurses

Registered Nurses	383
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	13
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	6
Licensed Practical Nurses	101

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	36
Physical Therapists	16
Physical Therapist Assistants	20
Physician Assistants	12
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	5

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	73,546	18,484	44,799	10,263
Nonwhite	5,310	1,842	2,950	518
Total	78,856	20,326	47,749	10,781
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.8%	60.6%	13.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	39,576
Employed 2003	35,707
Unemployed 2003	3,869
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	9.8
Per Capita Income 2002	\$25,235
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	14,079

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	943	Total Pregnancies	1,045	Total Pregnancy Rate	60.6
Resident Deaths	789	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	136	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	58.0
% Births <2500 gms	9.8				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.5	White	10.2	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	10,015	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	110	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	410
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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.