



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	328
Primary Care Physicians	132
Family Practice	64
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	36
Obstetrics/Gynecology	20
Pediatrics	11
Other Specialties	196
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	60
Dental Hygienists	65

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,597
Nurse Practitioners	56
Certified Nurse Midwives	10
Licensed Practical Nurses	273

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	21
Optometrists	18
Pharmacists	132
Physical Therapists	65
Physical Therapist Assistants	54
Physician Assistants	46
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	14
Psychological Associates	22

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	130,391	32,916	80,374	17,101
Nonwhite	19,359	7,621	10,490	1,248
Total	149,750	40,537	90,864	18,349
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.1%	60.7%	12.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	77,121
Employed 2003	70,363
Unemployed 2003	6,758
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	8.8
Per Capita Income 2002	\$26,925
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	23,178

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,079	Total Pregnancies	2,391	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.6
Resident Deaths	1,260	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	301	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	66.1
% Births <2500 gms	8.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.8	White	4.0	Nonwhite	16.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	15,147	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	409	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	759
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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.