



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Eastern

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	198
Primary Care Physicians	73
Family Practice	12
General Practice	2
Internal Medicine	33
Obstetrics/Gynecology	8
Pediatrics	18
Other Specialties	125
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.8
Federal Physicians**	13

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	41
Dental Hygienists	44

Nurses

Registered Nurses	878
Nurse Practitioners	28
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	248

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	13
Optometrists	12
Pharmacists	64
Physical Therapists	46
Physical Therapist Assistants	19
Physician Assistants	21
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	13
Psychological Associates	16

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	67,162	16,665	40,052	10,445
Nonwhite	26,074	8,569	15,145	2,360
Total	93,236	25,234	55,197	12,805
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.1%	59.2%	13.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	38,318
Employed 2003	36,214
Unemployed 2003	2,104
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	5.5
Per Capita Income 2002	\$26,917
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	16,197

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,519	Total Pregnancies	1,760	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.7
Resident Deaths	825	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	252	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	85.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	4.6	White	4.5	Nonwhite	4.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	12,617	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	270	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	461
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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.