



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	121
Primary Care Physicians	72
<i>Family Practice</i>	24
<i>General Practice</i>	3
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	21
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	10
<i>Pediatrics</i>	14
Other Specialties	49
Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.7
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	29
Dental Hygienists	60

Nurses

Registered Nurses	708
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	17
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	162

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	10
Optometrists	14
Pharmacists	84
Physical Therapists	27
Physical Therapist Assistants	21
Physician Assistants	14
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	136,144	34,863	82,979	18,302
Nonwhite	17,008	5,647	9,886	1,475
Total	153,152	40,510	92,865	19,777
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.5%	60.6%	12.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	83,113
Employed 2003	76,679
Unemployed 2003	6,434
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.7
Per Capita Income 2002	\$25,914
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	23,878

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,903	Total Pregnancies	2,170	Total Pregnancy Rate	62.7
Resident Deaths	1,431	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	312	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	65.1
% Births <2500 gms	8.8				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.9	White	7.6	Nonwhite	21.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	14,735	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	228	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	744
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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.