



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	20
Primary Care Physicians	13
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	4
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	7
Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	3.5
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	9
Dental Hygienists	20

Nurses

Registered Nurses	118
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	46

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	23
Physical Therapists	5
Physical Therapist Assistants	4
Physician Assistants	6
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	34,682	9,091	20,742	4,849
Nonwhite	2,853	822	1,672	359
Total	37,535	9,913	22,414	5,208
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.4%	59.7%	13.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	19,265
Employed 2003	18,119
Unemployed 2003	1,146
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	5.9
Per Capita Income 2002	\$28,827
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	4,679

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	431	Total Pregnancies	502	Total Pregnancy Rate	63.6
Resident Deaths	348	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	62	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	54.5
% Births <2500 gms	10.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	16.2	White	17.0	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	4,078	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	81	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	216
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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.