



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,248
Primary Care Physicians	404
<i>Family Practice</i>	111
<i>General Practice</i>	5
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	146
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	52
<i>Pediatrics</i>	90
Other Specialties	844
Physicians per 10,000 Population	39.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.7
Federal Physicians**	16

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	187
Dental Hygienists	178

Nurses

Registered Nurses	4,985
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	97
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,106

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	36
Optometrists	43
Pharmacists	395
Physical Therapists	205
Physical Therapist Assistants	49
Physician Assistants	218
Podiatrists	20
Practicing Psychologists	85
Psychological Associates	29

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	228,436	56,746	139,030	32,660
Nonwhite	90,315	29,636	53,439	7,240
Total	318,751	86,382	192,469	39,900
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.1%	60.4%	12.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	160,291
Employed 2003	151,725
Unemployed 2003	8,566
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	5.3
Per Capita Income 2002	\$31,236
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	47,194

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,520	Total Pregnancies	5,649	Total Pregnancy Rate	71.8
Resident Deaths	2,772	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	677	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	68.8
% Births <2500 gms	10.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.1	White	5.5	Nonwhite	18.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	35,368	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	1,461	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	1,681
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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.