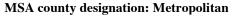
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■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000		Nurses 2000	
Non-Federal Physicians	311	Registered Nurses	1,314
Primary Care Physicians	138	Nurse Practitioners	27
Family Practice	55	Certified Nurse Midwives	13
General Practice	4	Licensed Practical Nurses	319
Internal Medicine	40	Other Health Professionals 2000	
Obstetrics/Gynecology	16	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	22
Pediatrics	23	Chiropractors	23
Other Specialties	173	Optometrists	23
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.3	Pharmacists	142
• 1		Physical Therapists	46
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.2	Physical Therapist Assistant	50
1		Physician Assistants	34
Federal Physicians**	4	Podiatrists	5
Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999 [‡]			
		Practicing Psychologists	11
Dentists	63	Psychological Associates	13
Dental Hygienists	82		

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	157,965	37,991	98,427	21,547
Nonwhite	32,400	11,121	18,841	2,438
Total	190,365	49,112	117,268	23,985
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.8%	61.6%	12.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	103,942
Employed 2000	97,612
Unemployed 2000	6,330
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	6.1
Per Capita Income 1999	\$24,449
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	30,463

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	2,691	Total Pregnancies	3,217	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.8
Resident Deaths.	1,906	Teen Pregnancies	540	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	96.8
% Births <2500 gms	9.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 1999					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	10.4	White	9.2	Nonwhite	15.2
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2000 ⁺	25,189	General Hospital Beds 2000	+ 372	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	0

^{*}Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; 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.

[‡] 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp.

⁺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.