



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Area L

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	78
Primary Care Physicians	40
<i>Family Practice</i>	13
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	17
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	7
Other Specialties	38
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.0
Federal Physicians**	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	15

Nurses

Registered Nurses	417
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	9
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	122

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	36
Physical Therapists	10
Physical Therapist Assistants	17
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	4
Psychological Associates	5

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	24,174	5,341	14,042	4,791
Nonwhite	33,161	10,338	19,019	3,804
Total	57,335	15,679	33,061	8,595
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.3%	57.7%	15.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	22,567
Employed 2003	20,414
Unemployed 2003	2,153
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	9.5
Per Capita Income 2002	\$20,197
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	18,892

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	753	Total Pregnancies	900	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.4
Resident Deaths	689	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	194	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	98.1
% Births <2500 gms	12.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.3	White	0.0	Nonwhite	8.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	9,200	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	206	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	345
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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.