



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Southern Regional

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	65
Primary Care Physicians	47
<i>Family Practice</i>	18
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	17
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	8
Other Specialties	18
Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.8
Federal Physicians**	3

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	21
Dental Hygienists	39

Nurses

Registered Nurses	354
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	7
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	155

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	11
Pharmacists	58
Physical Therapists	23
Physical Therapist Assistants	11
Physician Assistants	24
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	4
Psychological Associates	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	73,944	21,009	44,965	7,970
Nonwhite	24,964	8,842	14,245	1,877
Total	98,908	29,851	59,210	9,847
% of Pop.	100.0%	30.2%	59.9%	10.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	37,854
Employed 2003	35,076
Unemployed 2003	2,778
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.3
Per Capita Income 2002	\$22,484
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	19,400

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,423	Total Pregnancies	1,693	Total Pregnancy Rate	67.6
Resident Deaths	721	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	257	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	71.9
% Births <2500 gms	8.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.4	White	5.6	Nonwhite	16.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	10,957	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	151	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	431
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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.