



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

## ■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	247
Primary Care Physicians	98
Family Practice	32
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	30
Obstetrics/Gynecology	17
Pediatrics	18
Other Specialties	149
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.3
Federal Physicians**	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	61
Dental Hygienists	81

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,437
Nurse Practitioners	24
Certified Nurse Midwives	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	184

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	20
Optometrists	17
Pharmacists	125
Physical Therapists	58
Physical Therapist Assistants	29
Physician Assistants	26
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	10
Psychological Associates	11

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	112,878	30,149	68,333	14,396
<b>Nonwhite</b>	20,960	7,317	11,875	1,768
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,838</b>	<b>37,466</b>	<b>80,208</b>	<b>16,164</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	28.0%	59.9%	12.1%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	70,165
Employed 2003	65,588
Unemployed 2003	4,577
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.5
Per Capita Income 2002	\$26,863
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	19,025

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,809	Total Pregnancies	2,134	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.5
Resident Deaths	1,098	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	250	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	59.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.8				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.0	White	5.3	Nonwhite	33.3
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>+</sup>	17,548	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>++</sup>	424	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	653
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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.