

Mecklenburg



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Charlotte

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,850
Primary Care Physicians	724
Family Practice	179
General Practice	6
Internal Medicine	277
Obstetrics/Gynecology	118
Pediatrics	144
Other Specialties	1,126
Physicians per 10,000 Population	24.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.6
Federal Physicians**	11

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	460
Dental Hygienists	469

Nurses

Registered Nurses	8,747
Nurse Practitioners	197
Certified Nurse Midwives	11
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,108

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	175
Optometrists	91
Pharmacists	724
Physical Therapists	367
Physical Therapist Assistants	190
Physician Assistants	209
Podiatrists	26
Practicing Psychologists	179
Psychological Associates	83

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	503,500	130,589	323,534	49,377
Nonwhite	251,521	85,015	153,124	13,382
Total	755,021	215,604	476,658	62,759
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.6%	63.1%	8.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	417,880
Employed 2003	393,665
Unemployed 2003	24,215
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	5.8
Per Capita Income 2002	\$38,556
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	106,699

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	12,296	Total Pregnancies	16,355	Total Pregnancy Rate	83.0
Resident Deaths	4,659	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	1,429	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	60.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.9	White	4.5	Nonwhite	14.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	66,868	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	1,989	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	3,088
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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.