



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Southern Regional

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	221
Primary Care Physicians	69
Family Practice	15
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	29
Obstetrics/Gynecology	17
Pediatrics	7
Other Specialties	152
Physicians per 10,000 Population	27.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.7
Federal Physicians**	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	41
Dental Hygienists	41

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,017
Nurse Practitioners	19
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	259

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	13
Optometrists	13
Pharmacists	72
Physical Therapists	39
Physical Therapist Assistants	24
Physician Assistants	28
Podiatrists	4
Practicing Psychologists	13
Psychological Associates	7

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	66,027	14,458	36,368	15,201
Nonwhite	13,341	4,324	7,399	1,618
Total	79,368	18,782	43,767	16,819
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.7%	55.1%	21.2%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	31,440
Employed 2003	29,287
Unemployed 2003	2,153
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.8
Per Capita Income 2002	\$32,107
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	11,917

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	931	Total Pregnancies	1,102	Total Pregnancy Rate	71.8
Resident Deaths	923	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	154	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	65.5
% Births <2500 gms	8.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.4	White	4.1	Nonwhite	14.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	10,117	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	297	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	730
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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.