MSA county designation: Metropolitan AHEC Region: Area L

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	169	Registered Nurses	878
Primary Care Physicians	73	Nurse Practitioners	18
Family Practice	22	Certified Nurse Midwives	0
General Practice	3	Licensed Practical Nurses	215
Internal Medicine	26	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology	13		
Pediatrics	9	Chiropractors	9
Other Specialties	96	Optometrists	9
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.7	Pharmacists	58
•		Physical Therapists	43
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.1	Physical Therapist Assistants	39
	2	Physician Assistants	28
Federal Physicians**		Podiatrists	2
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Practicing Psychologists	6
Dentists	42		_
Dental Hygienists	33	Psychological Associates	16
Dental Hygienists	33		

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	57,292	14,215	34,803	8,274
Nonwhite	33,151	10,731	19,592	2,828
Total	90,443	24,946	54,395	11,102
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.6%	60.1%	12.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	44,258
Employed 2003	40,849
Unemployed 2003	3,409
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.7
Per Capita Income 2002	\$25,998
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	18,227

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	1,200	Total Pregnancies	1,470	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.3
Resident Deaths	907	Teen Pregnancies	205	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	69.8
% Births <2500 gms	10.1	(ages 15-19)			
Infant Mortality Rates 2002					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	9.2	White.	6.9	Nonwhite	12.5
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2002 +	11,334	General Hospital Beds 2003 ++	270	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	479

^{*}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.