



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Eastern

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	124
Primary Care Physicians	59
<i>Family Practice</i>	15
<i>General Practice</i>	3
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	13
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	13
<i>Pediatrics</i>	15
Other Specialties	65
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	3.9
Federal Physicians**	61

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	46
Dental Hygienists	99

Nurses

Registered Nurses	762
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	25
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	242

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Optometrists	11
Pharmacists	63
Physical Therapists	35
Physical Therapist Assistants	16
Physician Assistants	29
Podiatrists	6
Practicing Psychologists	16
Psychological Associates	10

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	115,056	34,731	71,851	8,474
Nonwhite	35,577	13,230	20,523	1,824
Total	150,633	47,961	92,374	10,298
% of Pop.	100.0%	31.8%	61.3%	6.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	51,531
Employed 2003	48,578
Unemployed 2003	2,953
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	5.7
Per Capita Income 2002	\$25,317
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	19,879

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	3,114	Total Pregnancies	3,696	Total Pregnancy Rate	88.0
Resident Deaths	753	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	546	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	95.6
% Births <2500 gms	8.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.3	White	6.3	Nonwhite	15.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	12,267	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	133	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	359
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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.