



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Eastern

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	97
Primary Care Physicians	38
<i>Family Practice</i>	8
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	11
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	7
<i>Pediatrics</i>	11
Other Specialties	59
Physicians per 10,000 Population	27.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.7
Federal Physicians**	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	13
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	460
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	15
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	140

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	6
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	31
Physical Therapists	18
Physical Therapist Assistants	17
Physician Assistants	10
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	8
Psychological Associates	3

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	20,206	4,757	12,159	3,290
Nonwhite	15,472	4,982	8,873	1,617
Total	35,678	9,739	21,032	4,907
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.3%	58.9%	13.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	16,602
Employed 2003	15,906
Unemployed 2003	696
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	4.2
Per Capita Income 2002	\$21,576
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	8,440

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	462	Total Pregnancies	604	Total Pregnancy Rate	67.5
Resident Deaths	337	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	105	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	74.7
% Births <2500 gms	10.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.8	White	3.8	Nonwhite	20.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	4,126	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	182	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	266
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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.