



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Eastern

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	596
Primary Care Physicians	235
<i>Family Practice</i>	61
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	84
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	36
<i>Pediatrics</i>	54
Other Specialties	361
Physicians per 10,000 Population	42.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.8
Federal Physicians**	3

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	51
Dental Hygienists	46

Nurses

Registered Nurses	2,499
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	82
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	15
Licensed Practical Nurses	271

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	13
Optometrists	17
Pharmacists	182
Physical Therapists	86
Physical Therapist Assistants	38
Physician Assistants	66
Podiatrists	6
Practicing Psychologists	40
Psychological Associates	32

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	88,999	23,031	56,713	9,255
Nonwhite	50,522	17,229	29,214	4,079
Total	139,521	40,260	85,927	13,334
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.9%	61.6%	9.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	72,983
Employed 2003	68,094
Unemployed 2003	4,889
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.7
Per Capita Income 2002	\$24,731
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	26,338

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,987	Total Pregnancies	2,429	Total Pregnancy Rate	54.4
Resident Deaths	1,059	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	318	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	46.9
% Births <2500 gms	10.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.6	White	5.3	Nonwhite	17.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	13,729	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	604	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	554
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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.