



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	150
Primary Care Physicians	72
<i>Family Practice</i>	31
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	21
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	12
Other Specialties	78
Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.3
Federal Physicians**	31

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	47
Dental Hygienists	58

Nurses

Registered Nurses	967
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	23
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	271

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Optometrists	13
Pharmacists	98
Physical Therapists	39
Physical Therapist Assistants	28
Physician Assistants	27
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	20
Psychological Associates	9

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	111,886	29,142	66,594	16,150
Nonwhite	24,236	8,269	13,842	2,125
Total	136,122	37,411	80,436	18,275
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.5%	59.1%	13.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	70,368
Employed 2003	64,030
Unemployed 2003	6,338
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	9.0
Per Capita Income 2002	\$24,910
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	22,798

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,690	Total Pregnancies	1,991	Total Pregnancy Rate	63.9
Resident Deaths	1,361	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	274	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	62.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.3				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.7	White	6.4	Nonwhite	13.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	13,886	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	263	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	885
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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.