

Rutherford



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	83
Primary Care Physicians	44
<i>Family Practice</i>	20
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	13
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	5
<i>Pediatrics</i>	6
Other Specialties	39
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.8
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	17
Dental Hygienists	35

Nurses

Registered Nurses	425
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	9
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	199

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	9
Optometrists	5
Pharmacists	38
Physical Therapists	11
Physical Therapist Assistants	13
Physician Assistants	9
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	6
Psychological Associates	6

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	56,476	13,912	33,113	9,451
Nonwhite	8,037	2,666	4,542	829
Total	64,513	16,578	37,655	10,280
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.7%	58.4%	15.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	29,600
Employed 2003	26,583
Unemployed 2003	3,017
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	10.2
Per Capita Income 2002	\$22,355
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	13,679

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	746	Total Pregnancies	862	Total Pregnancy Rate	61.9
Resident Deaths	767	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	140	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	71.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	13.4	White	9.2	Nonwhite	41.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	7,418	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	129	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	420
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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.