



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Eastern

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	179
Primary Care Physicians	79
Family Practice	25
General Practice	5
Internal Medicine	29
Obstetrics/Gynecology	9
Pediatrics	11
Other Specialties	100
Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.9
Federal Physicians**	6

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	43
Dental Hygienists	65

Nurses

Registered Nurses	952
Nurse Practitioners	25
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	304

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Optometrists	10
Pharmacists	88
Physical Therapists	24
Physical Therapist Assistants	25
Physician Assistants	26
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	16
Psychological Associates	31

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	74,020	19,751	44,489	9,780
Nonwhite	41,148	13,338	23,917	3,893
Total	115,168	33,089	68,406	13,673
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.7%	59.4%	11.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	51,492
Employed 2003	48,466
Unemployed 2003	3,026
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	5.9
Per Capita Income 2002	\$23,376
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	24,544

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,660	Total Pregnancies	1,960	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.8
Resident Deaths	1,032	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	295	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	72.7
% Births <2500 gms	10.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.6	White	2.9	Nonwhite	21.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	13,693	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	255	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	462
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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.