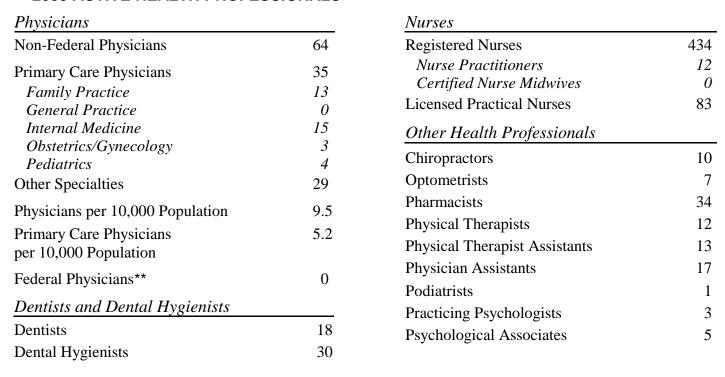
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AHEC Region: Northwest



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan



■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

| | Total | Ages 0-19 | Ages 20-64 | Ages 65+ |
|-----------|--------|-----------|------------|----------|
| White | 63,974 | 15,765 | 38,904 | 9,305 |
| Nonwhite | 3,357 | 965 | 1,974 | 418 |
| Total | 67,331 | 16,730 | 40,878 | 9,723 |
| % of Pop. | 100.0% | 24.8% | 60.7% | 14.4% |

Employment and Income Data

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| Labor Force 2003 | 33,319 |
| Employed 2003 | 30,745 |
| Unemployed 2003 | 2,574 |
| Unemployment Rate 2003 (%) | 7.7 |
| Per Capita Income 2002 | \$24,266 |
| Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count) | 13,052 |

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

| (Rates are per 1,000 population) | | | | | |
|---|-------|--|-----|----------------------------------|------|
| Resident Births | 877 | Total Pregnancies | 956 | Total Pregnancy Rate | 65.6 |
| Resident Deaths | 673 | Teen Pregnancies | 145 | Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19) | 73.5 |
| % Births <2500 gms | 7.2 | (ages 15-19) | | | |
| Infant Mortality Rates 2002 | | | | | |
| (Rates are per 1,000 population) | | | | | |
| Total | 8.0 | White. | 8.5 | Nonwhite | 0.0 |
| Hospital/Facility Data | | | | | |
| General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺ | 8.978 | General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺ | 120 | Nursing Facility Beds 2003 | 417 |

^{*}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.