



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	64
Primary Care Physicians	35
Family Practice	13
General Practice	0
Internal Medicine	15
Obstetrics/Gynecology	3
Pediatrics	4
Other Specialties	29
Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.2
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	18
Dental Hygienists	30

Nurses

Registered Nurses	434
Nurse Practitioners	12
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	83

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	10
Optometrists	7
Pharmacists	34
Physical Therapists	12
Physical Therapist Assistants	13
Physician Assistants	17
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	5

■ 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

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 (ages 15-19)	145	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	73.5
% Births <2500 gms	7.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.0	White	8.5	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	8,978	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	120	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	417
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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.