MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan AHEC Region: Area L

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

	Nurses	
105	Registered Nurses	564
46	Nurse Practitioners	16
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2	Licensed Practical Nurses	146
18	Other Health Professionals	
,	Chiropractors	8
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59	Optometrists	10
14.0	Pharmacists	70
	Physical Therapists	23
0.1	Physical Therapist Assistants	28
0	Physician Assistants	8
0	Podiatrists	1
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■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	44,385	10,775	26,772	6,838
Nonwhite	30,807	10,230	17,658	2,919
Total	75,192	21,005	44,430	9,757
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.9%	59.1%	13.0%

Employment and Income Da

Labor Force 2002	38,556
Employed 2002	35,363
Unemployed 2002	3,193
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	8.3
Per Capita Income 2001	\$25,072
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	17,366

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	1,107	Total Pregnancies	1,302	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.4
Resident Deaths	739		230		91.2
% Births <2500 gms	9.3	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2001					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	10.8	White	9.6	Nonwhite	12.4
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2001 ⁺	9,307	General Hospital Beds 2002 ++	294	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	375

^{*}Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2002; 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.