



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Area L

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	108
Primary Care Physicians	46
Family Practice	12
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	21
Obstetrics/Gynecology	7
Pediatrics	5
Other Specialties	62
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.1
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	21
Dental Hygienists	23

Nurses

Registered Nurses	582
Nurse Practitioners	15
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	158

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	8
Optometrists	12
Pharmacists	72
Physical Therapists	23
Physical Therapist Assistants	31
Physician Assistants	12
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	5
Psychological Associates	6

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	44,713	10,834	26,968	6,911
Nonwhite	31,285	10,258	18,093	2,934
Total	75,998	21,092	45,061	9,845
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.8%	59.3%	13.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	38,915
Employed 2003	35,332
Unemployed 2003	3,583
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	9.2
Per Capita Income 2002	\$24,205
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	17,548

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,079	Total Pregnancies	1,300	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.3
Resident Deaths	707	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	256	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	102.7
% Births <2500 gms	10.8				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	13.9	White	8.4	Nonwhite	20.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	9,068	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	294	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	375
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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.