



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

## ■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	146
Primary Care Physicians	74
<i>Family Practice</i>	26
<i>General Practice</i>	3
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	26
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	6
<i>Pediatrics</i>	13
Other Specialties	71
Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.5
Federal Physicians**	38

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	48
Dental Hygienists	63

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	976
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	26
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	278

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Optometrists	14
Pharmacists	98
Physical Therapists	37
Physical Therapist Assistants	25
Physician Assistants	27
Podiatrists	4
Practicing Psychologists	20
Psychological Associates	9
Respiratory Therapists	29

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	111,360	29,099	66,374	15,887
<b>Nonwhite</b>	23,787	7,940	13,762	2,085
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,147</b>	<b>37,039</b>	<b>80,136</b>	<b>17,972</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	27.4%	59.3%	13.3%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	69,088
Employed 2004	64,097
Unemployed 2004	4,991
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	7.2
Per Capita Income 2003	\$25,326
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	23,799

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2003

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births . . . . .	1,665	Total Pregnancies . . . . .	2,037	Total Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	74.5
Resident Deaths . . . . .	1,284	Teen Pregnancies . . . . .	328	Teen Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	73.9
% Births <2500 gms . . . . .	9.8	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2003

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Total . . . . .	7.2	White . . . . .	7.6	Nonwhite . . . . .	5.8
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 <sup>†</sup> . . . . .	14,342	General Hospital Beds 2004 <sup>††</sup> . . . . .	263	Nursing Facility Beds 2004 . . . . .	885
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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 2004; 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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.