



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Mountain

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	718
Primary Care Physicians	295
<i>Family Practice</i>	118
<i>General Practice</i>	8
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	92
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	39
<i>Pediatrics</i>	38
Other Specialties	422
Physicians per 10,000 Population	33.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.7
Federal Physicians**	55

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	131
Dental Hygienists	150

Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,459
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	92
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	9
Licensed Practical Nurses	710

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	68
Optometrists	29
Pharmacists	255
Physical Therapists	194
Physical Therapist Assistants	69
Physician Assistants	101
Podiatrists	8
Practicing Psychologists	98
Psychological Associates	63
Respiratory Therapists	162

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	195,463	45,566	119,571	30,326
Nonwhite	20,005	6,340	11,734	1,931
Total	215,468	51,906	131,305	32,257
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.1%	60.9%	15.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	113,537
Employed 2004	108,732
Unemployed 2004	4,805
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.2
Per Capita Income 2003	\$27,681
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	36,624

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,505	Total Pregnancies	3,149	Total Pregnancy Rate	73.0
Resident Deaths	2,164	Teen Pregnancies	347	Teen Pregnancy Rate	52.7
% Births <2500 gms	8.3	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.6	White	6.6	Nonwhite	17.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	22,046	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	716	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	1,668
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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.

[†]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.