



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	335
Primary Care Physicians	133
<i>Family Practice</i>	64
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	37
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	21
<i>Pediatrics</i>	10
Other Specialties	200
Physicians per 10,000 Population	22.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.9
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	63
Dental Hygienists	66

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,648
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	55
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	11
Licensed Practical Nurses	281

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	20
Optometrists	17
Pharmacists	129
Physical Therapists	67
Physical Therapist Assistants	63
Physician Assistants	46
Podiatrists	8
Practicing Psychologists	11
Psychological Associates	23
Respiratory Therapists	68

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	129,387	32,758	79,628	17,001
Nonwhite	19,410	7,676	10,509	1,225
Total	148,797	40,434	90,137	18,226
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.2%	60.6%	12.2%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	77,483
Employed 2004	72,406
Unemployed 2004	5,077
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	6.6
Per Capita Income 2003	\$26,483
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	24,220

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,033	Total Pregnancies	2,362	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.1
Resident Deaths	1,333	Teen Pregnancies	275	Teen Pregnancy Rate	59.5
% 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	7.9	White	6.3	Nonwhite	17.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	15,285	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	409	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	759
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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.