



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	253
Primary Care Physicians	101
<i>Family Practice</i>	32
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	32
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	16
<i>Pediatrics</i>	21
Other Specialties	151
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.4
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	65
Dental Hygienists	82

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,473
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	26
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	191

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	28
Optometrists	15
Pharmacists	120
Physical Therapists	62
Physical Therapist Assistants	35
Physician Assistants	28
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	9
Psychological Associates	13
Respiratory Therapists	47

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	115,156	30,862	69,706	14,588
Nonwhite	21,231	7,389	12,064	1,778
Total	136,387	38,251	81,770	16,366
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.0%	60.0%	12.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	70,556
Employed 2004	66,773
Unemployed 2004	3,783
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.4
Per Capita Income 2003	\$27,137
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	20,428

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,832	Total Pregnancies	2,185	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.9
Resident Deaths	1,168	Teen Pregnancies	268	Teen Pregnancy Rate	62.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.3	White	9.2	Nonwhite	9.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	17,701	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	424	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	653
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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.