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MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	26
Primary Care Physicians	17
<i>Family Practice</i>	12
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	1
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1
Other Specialties	9
Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.0
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	4
Dental Hygienists	5

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	147
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	60

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	4
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	15
Physical Therapists	7
Physical Therapist Assistant	6
Physician Assistants	3
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	2

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	23,691	4,935	14,428	4,328
Nonwhite	693	181	463	49
Total	24,384	5,116	14,891	4,377
% of Pop.	100.0%	21.0%	61.1%	18.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	11,264
Employed 2000	10,565
Unemployed 2000	699
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	6.2
Per Capita Income 1999	\$21,423
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	4,482

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	290	Total Pregnancies	311	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.0
Resident Deaths	308	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	51	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	78.9
% Births <2500 gms.	10.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.3	White	10.4	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 ⁺	3,686	General Hospital Beds 2000 ⁺⁺	76	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	210
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*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; 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.

[‡] 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

⁺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.