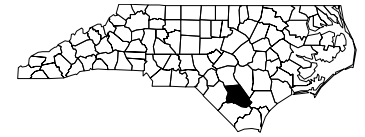


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MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Southern Regional

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	20
Primary Care Physicians	15
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	6
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	5
Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.6
Federal Physicians **	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	5

Nurses

Registered Nurses	157
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	6
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	78

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	2
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	13
Physical Therapists	0
Physical Therapist Assistants	4
Physician Assistants	6
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	19,517	4,633	11,825	3,059
Nonwhite	13,302	4,180	7,501	1,621
Total	32,819	8,813	19,326	4,680
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.9%	58.9%	14.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	20,498
Employed 2002	18,849
Unemployed 2002	1,649
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	8.0
Per Capita Income 2001	\$21,612
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	9,980

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	486	Total Pregnancies	553	Total Pregnancy Rate	84.6
Resident Deaths	409	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	94	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	85.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.2	White	6.7	Nonwhite	10.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	4,087	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	194
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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 2002; 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.