

Catawba



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000[†]

Non-Federal Physicians	325
Primary Care Physicians	132
<i>Family Practice</i>	66
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	33
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	21
<i>Pediatrics</i>	11
Other Specialties	193
Physicians per 10,000 Population	22.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.3
Federal Physicians**	3

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	55
Dental Hygienists	65

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	1,465
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	36
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	7
Licensed Practical Nurses	232

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	17
Optometrists	20
Pharmacists	126
Physical Therapists	54
Physical Therapist Assistants	40
Physician Assistants	38
Podiatrists	6
Practicing Psychologists	11
Psychological Associates	19

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	120,422	28,332	75,858	16,232
Nonwhite	21,263	7,816	12,254	1,193
Total	141,685	36,148	88,112	17,425
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.5%	62.2%	12.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	74,617
Employed 2000	72,983
Unemployed 2000	1,634
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	2.2
Per Capita Income 1999	\$28,253
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	17,813

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,960	Total Pregnancies	2,334	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.1
Resident Deaths	1,264	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	347	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	89.0
% Births <2500 gms.	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.7	White	7.8	Nonwhite	20.4
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	17,211	General Hospital Bed ⁺⁺	409	Nursing Facility Beds	669
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[†] Physician data are not comparable to 1999 due to an error in the previous year's processing which erroneously assigned physicians in Hickory (Burke) to Catawba.

*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 settings such as the armed services, US Public Health Service, and the Indian Health Service.

[‡] 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.