



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

## ■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	323
Primary Care Physicians	129
<i>Family Practice</i>	61
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	36
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	21
<i>Pediatrics</i>	11
Other Specialties	194
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians **	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	59
Dental Hygienists	77

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,558
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	52
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	7
Licensed Practical Nurses	260

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	20
Optometrists	18
Pharmacists	120
Physical Therapists	63
Physical Therapist Assistants	43
Physician Assistants	42
Podiatrists	6
Practicing Psychologists	14
Psychological Associates	20

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	128,642	32,501	79,240	16,901
<b>Nonwhite</b>	18,786	7,400	10,158	1,228
<b>Total</b>	<b>147,428</b>	<b>39,901</b>	<b>89,398</b>	<b>18,129</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	27.1%	60.6%	12.3%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	78,514
Employed 2002	71,149
Unemployed 2002	7,365
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	9.4
Per Capita Income 2001	\$27,381
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	21,442

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2001

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births	2,051	Total Pregnancies	2,338	Total Pregnancy Rate	76.8
Resident Deaths	1,340	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	307	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	68.4
% Births <2500 gms	8.8				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2001

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Total	7.8	White	6.4	Nonwhite	15.7
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 <sup>†</sup>	15,772	General Hospital Beds 2002 <sup>††</sup>	409	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	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 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.