

Columbus



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Coastal

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	48
Primary Care Physicians	25
<i>Family Practice</i>	7
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	14
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	23
Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.6
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	11
Dental Hygienists	9

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	492
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	9
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	147

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	7
Optometrists	3
Pharmacists	51
Physical Therapists	12
Physical Therapist Assistant	11
Physician Assistants	16
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	2

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	34,737	8,092	21,242	5,403
Nonwhite	20,012	6,782	11,095	2,135
Total	54,749	14,874	32,337	7,538
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.2%	59.1%	13.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	22,382
Employed 2000	20,003
Unemployed 2000	2,379
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	10.6
Per Capita Income 1999	\$19,815
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	16,018

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	838	Total Pregnancies	1,015	Total Pregnancy Rate	92.0
Resident Deaths	610	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	186	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	98.9
% Births <2500 gms.	9.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	15.5	White	18.6	Nonwhite	11.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 ⁺	9,492	General Hospital Beds 2000 ⁺⁺	166	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	293
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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.