

Columbus



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Coastal

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	53
Primary Care Physicians	26
<i>Family Practice</i>	6
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	14
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	4
<i>Pediatrics</i>	2
Other Specialties	27
Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.7
Federal Physicians **	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	9

Nurses

Registered Nurses	475
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	14
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	136

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	4
Pharmacists	52
Physical Therapists	14
Physical Therapist Assistants	9
Physician Assistants	17
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	35,972	8,841	21,613	5,518
Nonwhite	19,429	6,524	10,759	2,146
Total	55,401	15,365	32,372	7,664
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.7%	58.4%	13.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	22,234
Employed 2002	19,999
Unemployed 2002	2,235
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	10.1
Per Capita Income 2001	\$22,261
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	17,182

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	804	Total Pregnancies	947	Total Pregnancy Rate	85.1
Resident Deaths	651	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	166	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	84.8
% Births <2500 gms	11.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.7	White	4.1	Nonwhite	16.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	8,285	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	166	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	323
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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.