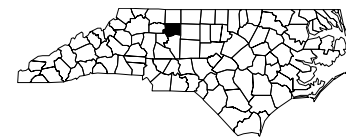


Forsyth



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,243
Primary Care Physicians	406
<i>Family Practice</i>	105
<i>General Practice</i>	8
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	144
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	50
<i>Pediatrics</i>	99
Other Specialties	837
Physicians per 10,000 Population	39.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.9
Federal Physicians **	16

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	176
Dental Hygienists	209

Nurses

Registered Nurses	4,719
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	88
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	6
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,101

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	36
Optometrists	40
Pharmacists	379
Physical Therapists	206
Physical Therapist Assistants	45
Physician Assistants	216
Podiatrists	20
Practicing Psychologists	83
Psychological Associates	27

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	225,913	55,757	137,811	32,345
Nonwhite	88,627	29,030	52,454	7,143
Total	314,540	84,787	190,265	39,488
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.0%	60.5%	12.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	158,499
Employed 2002	149,683
Unemployed 2002	8,816
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	5.6
Per Capita Income 2001	\$32,213
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	44,540

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,644	Total Pregnancies	5,992	Total Pregnancy Rate	86.8
Resident Deaths	2,696	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	781	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	81.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.3	White	7.5	Nonwhite	14.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	35,567	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	1,513	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	1,757
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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.