

Gaston



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Charlotte

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	311
Primary Care Physicians	138
<i>Family Practice</i>	55
<i>General Practice</i>	4
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	40
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	16
<i>Pediatrics</i>	23
Other Specialties	173
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.2
Federal Physicians**	4

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	63
Dental Hygienists	82

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	1,314
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	27
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	13
Licensed Practical Nurses	319

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	23
Optometrists	23
Pharmacists	142
Physical Therapists	46
Physical Therapist Assistant	50
Physician Assistants	34
Podiatrists	5
Practicing Psychologists	11
Psychological Associates	13

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	157,965	37,991	98,427	21,547
Nonwhite	32,400	11,121	18,841	2,438
Total	190,365	49,112	117,268	23,985
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.8%	61.6%	12.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	103,942
Employed 2000	97,612
Unemployed 2000	6,330
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	6.1
Per Capita Income 1999	\$24,449
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	30,463

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,691	Total Pregnancies	3,217	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.8
Resident Deaths	1,906	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	540	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	96.8
% Births <2500 gms.	9.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.4	White	9.2	Nonwhite	15.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 ⁺	25,189	General Hospital Beds 2000 ⁺⁺	372	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	0
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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.