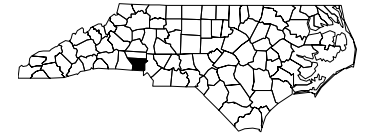


Gaston



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Charlotte AHEC

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	322
Primary Care Physicians	147
<i>Family Practice</i>	61
<i>General Practice</i>	4
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	38
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	18
<i>Pediatrics</i>	26
Other Specialties	175
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.7
Federal Physicians**	3

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	63
Dental Hygienists	87

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,322
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	37
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	12
Licensed Practical Nurses	309

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	25
Optometrists	23
Pharmacists	145
Physical Therapists	49
Physical Therapist Assistants	48
Physician Assistants	44
Podiatrists	5
Practicing Psychologists	12
Psychological Associates	14

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	160,727	39,031	99,972	21,724
Nonwhite	30,385	10,366	17,617	2,402
Total	191,112	49,397	117,589	24,126
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.8%	61.5%	12.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	104,809
Employed 2001	96,314
Unemployed 2001	8,495
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	8.1
Per Capita Income 2000	\$25,006
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	35,718

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,733	Total Pregnancies	3,155	Total Pregnancy Rate	76.9
Resident Deaths	2,009	Teen Pregnancies	512	Teen Pregnancy Rate	88.1
% Births <2500 gms	9.5	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.2	White	8.0	Nonwhite	21.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	25,189	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	372	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	972
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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 2001; 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.