

Gaston



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Charlotte

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	327
Primary Care Physicians	144
<i>Family Practice</i>	59
<i>General Practice</i>	4
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	42
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	17
<i>Pediatrics</i>	22
Other Specialties	183
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.5
Federal Physicians **	4

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	69
Dental Hygienists	91

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,321
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	36
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	13
Licensed Practical Nurses	319

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	28
Optometrists	24
Pharmacists	154
Physical Therapists	52
Physical Therapist Assistants	50
Physician Assistants	49
Podiatrists	5
Practicing Psychologists	12
Psychological Associates	15

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	161,641	40,984	98,795	21,862
Nonwhite	30,962	10,954	17,586	2,422
Total	192,603	51,938	116,381	24,284
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.0%	60.4%	12.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	105,071
Employed 2002	96,446
Unemployed 2002	8,625
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	8.2
Per Capita Income 2001	\$25,653
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	34,928

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,563	Total Pregnancies	3,048	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.8
Resident Deaths	2,000	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	460	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	76.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.3	White	8.5	Nonwhite	24.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	22,386	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	372	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	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 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.