



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

## ■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	240
Primary Care Physicians	101
<i>Family Practice</i>	35
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	31
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	17
<i>Pediatrics</i>	17
Other Specialties	139
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.7
Federal Physicians **	0

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	61
Dental Hygienists	70

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,363
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	24
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	179

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	20
Optometrists	16
Pharmacists	127
Physical Therapists	52
Physical Therapist Assistants	33
Physician Assistants	25
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	10
Psychological Associates	11

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	110,322	29,462	66,704	14,156
<b>Nonwhite</b>	20,547	7,223	11,589	1,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,869</b>	<b>36,685</b>	<b>78,293</b>	<b>15,891</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	28.0%	59.8%	12.1%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	66,864
Employed 2002	62,343
Unemployed 2002	4,521
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	6.8
Per Capita Income 2001	\$25,399
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	17,622

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2001

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births	1,875	Total Pregnancies	2,186	Total Pregnancy Rate	80.5
Resident Deaths	1,082	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	283	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	70.2
% Births <2500 gms	9.5				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2001

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Total	8.0	White	7.8	Nonwhite	8.8
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 <sup>†</sup>	16,889	General Hospital Beds 2002 <sup>††</sup>	424	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	653
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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.