



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	72
Primary Care Physicians	41
<i>Family Practice</i>	14
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	17
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	4
<i>Pediatrics</i>	6
Other Specialties	31
Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.2
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	13
Dental Hygienists	16

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	400
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	11
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	97

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	7
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	31
Physical Therapists	13
Physical Therapist Assistant	10
Physician Assistants	16
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	6

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	61,008	14,187	38,032	8,789
Nonwhite	4,624	1,384	2,783	457
Total	65,632	15,571	40,815	9,246
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.7%	62.2%	14.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	32,558
Employed 2000	31,489
Unemployed 2000	1,069
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	3.3
Per Capita Income 1999	\$23,455
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	10,718

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	857	Total Pregnancies	965	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.2
Resident Deaths	637	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	165	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	92.1
% Births <2500 gms.	9.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	12.8	White	11.0	Nonwhite	55.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 ⁺	9,459	General Hospital Beds 2000 ⁺⁺	120	Nursing Facility Beds 2000	417
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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.