



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	66
Primary Care Physicians	39
<i>Family Practice</i>	14
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	16
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	3
<i>Pediatrics</i>	6
Other Specialties	27
Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.8
Federal Physicians **	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	18
Dental Hygienists	22

Nurses

Registered Nurses	427
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	11
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	91

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	10
Optometrists	6
Pharmacists	32
Physical Therapists	14
Physical Therapist Assistants	13
Physician Assistants	15
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	4
Psychological Associates	5

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	63,384	15,641	38,595	9,148
Nonwhite	3,332	969	1,947	416
Total	66,716	16,610	40,542	9,564
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.9%	60.8%	14.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	33,434
Employed 2002	30,418
Unemployed 2002	3,016
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	9.0
Per Capita Income 2001	\$25,088
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	12,444

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	864	Total Pregnancies	960	Total Pregnancy Rate	73.5
Resident Deaths	645	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	130	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	68.3
% Births <2500 gms	8.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	4.6	White	3.6	Nonwhite	24.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	8,605	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	120	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	417
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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.