Columbus

MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan  
AHEC Region: Coastal AHEC

2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians 57
Primary Care Physicians 29
  Family Practice 10
  General Practice 1
  Internal Medicine 13
  Obstetrics/Gynecology 2
  Pediatrics 3
Other Specialties 28
Physicians per 10,000 Population 10.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population 5.3
Federal Physicians** 0

Nurses

Registered Nurses 447
  Nurse Practitioners 13
  Certified Nurse Midwives 0
Licensed Practical Nurses 131

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors 5
Occupational Therapists 6
Occupational Therapy Assistants 6
Optometrists 3
Pharmacists 52
Physical Therapists 13
Physical Therapist Assistants 11
Physician Assistants 20
Podiatrists 1
Practicing Psychologists 1
Psychological Associates 0
Respiratory Therapists 26

DEMOCRAPHICS

Projected Population 2006

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<td>35,463</td>
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<td>54,666</td>
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HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births ................. 744  Total Pregnancies ................. 860
Resident Deaths ................. 611  Total Pregnancy Rate ................. 81.3
% Births <2500 gms ............. 11.4  Teen Pregnancies ................. 145
  (ages 15-19)  Teen Pregnancy Rate ................. 85.4
Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total .................... 8.1  White .................... 6.3  Nonwhite .................... 11.4

Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005* ... 7,770  General Hospital Beds 2006** ... 154
Nursing Facility Beds 2006 ........ 323

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.