Gaston

MSA county designation: Metropolitan  AHEC Region: Charlotte AHEC

2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians
- Non-Federal Physicians: 355
- Primary Care Physicians: 167
  - Family Practice: 65
  - General Practice: 2
  - Internal Medicine: 55
  - Obstetrics/Gynecology: 21
  - Pediatrics: 24
- Other Specialties: 188
- Physicians per 10,000 Population: 18.0
- Federal Physicians**: 0

Physicians per 10,000 Population
- White: 8.1
- Nonwhite: 9.8

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Nurses
- Registered Nurses: 1,460
- Nurse Practitioners: 41
- Certified Nurse Midwives: 13
- Licensed Practical Nurses: 351

Other Health Professionals
- Chiropractors: 27
- Occupational Therapists: 31
- Occupational Therapy Assistants: 16
- Optometrists: 25
- Pharmacists: 160
- Physical Therapists: 57
- Physical Therapist Assistants: 56
- Physician Assistants: 48
- Podiatrists: 6
- Practicing Psychologists: 10
- Psychological Associates: 10
- Respiratory Therapists: 42

DEMOGRAPHICS

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HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)
- Resident Births: 2,562
- Total Pregnancies: 3,020
- Total Pregnancy Rate: 75.0
- Residential Deaths: 1,916
- Teen Pregnancies: 424
- Teen Pregnancy Rate: 66.8
- Infant Mortality Rates 2006
  (Rates are per 1,000 population)
  - Total: 9.8
  - White: 8.1
  - Nonwhite: 17.2

Hospital/Facility Data

- General Hospital Discharges 2005*: 25,760
- General Hospital Beds 2006**: 372
- Nursing Facility Beds 2006**: 972

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

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