



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Eastern AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	655
Primary Care Physicians	262
<i>Family Practice</i>	68
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	103
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	33
<i>Pediatrics</i>	58
Other Specialties	393
Physicians per 10,000 Population	44.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.9
Federal Physicians**	3

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	65
Dental Hygienists	58

Nurses

Registered Nurses	2,832
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	99
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	15
Licensed Practical Nurses	260

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	14
Occupational Therapists	83
Occupational Therapy Assistants	35
Optometrists	20
Pharmacists	186
Physical Therapists	98
Physical Therapist Assistants	42
Physician Assistants	86
Podiatrists	10
Practicing Psychologists	37
Psychological Associates	30
Respiratory Therapists	122

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	92,976	24,028	59,181	9,767
Nonwhite	53,422	18,110	31,008	4,304
Total	146,398	42,138	90,189	14,071
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.8%	61.6%	9.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	76,671
Employed 2006	72,628
Unemployed 2006	4,043
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	5.3
Per Capita Income 2005	\$28,200
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	29,084

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,026	Total Pregnancies	2,589	Total Pregnancy Rate	71.8
Resident Deaths	1,108	Teen Pregnancies	305	Teen Pregnancy Rate	44.4
% Births <2500 gms	11.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.4	White	2.6	Nonwhite	18.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	15,026	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	618	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	570
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* 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.