



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	152
Primary Care Physicians	71
<i>Family Practice</i>	27
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	24
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	7
<i>Pediatrics</i>	12
Other Specialties	81
Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.3
Federal Physicians**	46

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	51
Dental Hygienists	64

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,013
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	21
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	297

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Optometrists	15
Pharmacists	97
Physical Therapists	40
Physical Therapist Assistants	29
Physician Assistants	36
Podiatrists	4
Practicing Psychologists	19
Psychological Associates	8
Respiratory Therapists	34

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	110,444	28,557	66,152	15,735
Nonwhite	23,650	7,783	13,792	2,075
Total	134,094	36,340	79,944	17,810
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.1%	59.6%	13.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	67,515
Employed 2005	63,806
Unemployed 2005	3,709
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.5
Per Capita Income 2004	\$26,123
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	24,238

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,611	Total Pregnancies	1,962	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.0
Resident Deaths	1,286	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	319	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	70.5
% Births <2500 gms	11.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	14.3	White	13.6	Nonwhite	17.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	14,202	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	263	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	885
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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 2005; 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.