



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	120
Primary Care Physicians	71
<i>Family Practice</i>	22
<i>General Practice</i>	6
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	17
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	10
<i>Pediatrics</i>	16
Other Specialties	49
Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.6
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	27
Dental Hygienists	69

Nurses

Registered Nurses	695
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	18
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	162

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	12
Optometrists	12
Pharmacists	83
Physical Therapists	32
Physical Therapist Assistants	25
Physician Assistants	17
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	6
Respiratory Therapists	27

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	137,728	34,960	83,990	18,778
Nonwhite	17,068	5,539	10,039	1,490
Total	154,796	40,499	94,029	20,268
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.2%	60.7%	13.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	78,199
Employed 2005	73,432
Unemployed 2005	4,767
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	6.1
Per Capita Income 2004	\$27,029
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	26,506

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,883	Total Pregnancies	2,161	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.6
Resident Deaths	1,376	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	290	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	60.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.4	White	6.0	Nonwhite	19.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	15,542	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	228	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	794
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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.