



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	126
Primary Care Physicians	74
Family Practice	25
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	20
Obstetrics/Gynecology	10
Pediatrics	18
Other Specialties	52
Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	4.6
Federal Physicians**	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	30
Dental Hygienists	79

Nurses

Registered Nurses	767
Nurse Practitioners	25
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	186

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	11
Occupational Therapists	22
Occupational Therapy Assistants	24
Optometrists	13
Pharmacists	77
Physical Therapists	40
Physical Therapist Assistants	30
Physician Assistants	19
Podiatrists	1
Practicing Psychologists	3
Psychological Associates	6
Respiratory Therapists	30

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	141,081	35,666	84,630	20,785
Nonwhite	18,906	5,725	11,388	1,793
Total	159,987	41,391	96,018	22,578
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.9%	60.0%	14.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	79,259
Employed 2009	69,306
Unemployed 2009	9,953
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	12.6
Per Capita Income 2008	\$31,742
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	31,118

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,997	Total Pregnancies	2,285	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.5
Resident Deaths	1,455	Teen Pregnancies	328	Teen Pregnancy Rate	59.7
% Births <2500 gms	8.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.0	White	7.4	Nonwhite	12.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	15,660	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	217	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	794
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2009 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.