



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,452
Primary Care Physicians	501
<i>Family Practice</i>	140
<i>General Practice</i>	5
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	184
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	55
<i>Pediatrics</i>	117
Other Specialties	948
Physicians per 10,000 Population	42.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.6
Federal Physicians**	24

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	186
Dental Hygienists	200

Nurses

Registered Nurses	5,855
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	220
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	6
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,029

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	43
Occupational Therapists	115
Occupational Therapy Assistants	16
Optometrists	52
Pharmacists	476
Physical Therapists	258
Physical Therapist Assistants	59
Physician Assistants	274
Podiatrists	18
Practicing Psychologists	88
Psychological Associates	33
Respiratory Therapists	312

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	244,193	62,675	146,111	35,407
Nonwhite	99,593	30,471	60,514	8,608
Total	343,786	93,146	206,625	44,015
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.1%	60.1%	12.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	175,406
Employed 2008	165,150
Unemployed 2008	10,256
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	5.8
Per Capita Income 2007	\$37,600
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	46,912

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	5,134	Total Pregnancies	6,469	Total Pregnancy Rate	90.1
Resident Deaths	2,831	Teen Pregnancies	772	Teen Pregnancy Rate	62.1
% Births <2500 gms	10.1	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.1	White	7.9	Nonwhite	19.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	39,572	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	1,562	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	1,636
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.