



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,449
Primary Care Physicians	500
Family Practice	136
General Practice	4
Internal Medicine	196
Obstetrics/Gynecology	52
Pediatrics	112
Other Specialties	949
Physicians per 10,000 Population	40.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.1
Federal Physicians**	26

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	186
Dental Hygienists	200

Nurses

Registered Nurses	6,170
Nurse Practitioners	231
Certified Nurse Midwives	6
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,004

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	44
Occupational Therapists	115
Occupational Therapy Assistants	25
Optometrists	52
Pharmacists	497
Physical Therapists	262
Physical Therapist Assistants	64
Physician Assistants	267
Podiatrists	17
Practicing Psychologists	88
Psychological Associates	32
Respiratory Therapists	308

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	250,903	62,777	151,495	36,631
Nonwhite	104,737	31,823	63,576	9,338
Total	355,640	94,600	215,071	45,969
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.6%	60.5%	12.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	172,845
Employed 2009	156,078
Unemployed 2009	16,767
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	9.7
Per Capita Income 2008	\$37,278
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	61,261

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	5,096	Total Pregnancies	6,337	Total Pregnancy Rate	89.8
Resident Deaths	2,920	Teen Pregnancies	781	Teen Pregnancy Rate	67.2
% Births <2500 gms	10.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	12.0	White	6.4	Nonwhite	25.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	39,572	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	1,575	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	1,636
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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.