

Gaston



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Charlotte AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	377
Primary Care Physicians	164
<i>Family Practice</i>	62
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	56
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	21
<i>Pediatrics</i>	24
Other Specialties	213
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	79
Dental Hygienists	126

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,596
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	53
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	13
Licensed Practical Nurses	380

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	24
Occupational Therapists	67
Occupational Therapy Assistants	25
Optometrists	22
Pharmacists	181
Physical Therapists	103
Physical Therapist Assistants	59
Physician Assistants	54
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	10
Psychological Associates	9
Respiratory Therapists	61

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	170,262	42,777	103,255	24,230
Nonwhite	37,008	12,273	21,389	3,346
Total	207,270	55,050	124,644	27,576
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.6%	60.1%	13.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	98,708
Employed 2009	84,926
Unemployed 2009	13,782
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	14.0
Per Capita Income 2008	\$32,727
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	44,759

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,722	Total Pregnancies	3,188	Total Pregnancy Rate	76.3
Resident Deaths	2,045	Teen Pregnancies	473	Teen Pregnancy Rate	65.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.6	White	10.8	Nonwhite	5.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	25,366	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	372	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	972
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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.