Gaston



MSA county designation: Metropolitan AHEC Region: Charlotte AHEC

■ 2011 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians [§]		Nurses	
Non-Federal Physicians	399	Registered Nurses	1,623
Primary Care Physicians	148	Nurse Practitioners	63 13
Family Practice	61	Certified Nurse Midwives	
General Practice	1	Licensed Practical Nurses	374
Internal Medicine	43	Other Health Professionals	
Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics	17 26	Chiropractors	30
Other Specialties	251	Occupational Therapists	75
•	19.2	Occupational Therapy Assistants	23
Physicians per 10,000 Population**		Optometrists	25
Primary Care Physicians	7.1	Pharmacists	180
per 10,000 Population**		Physical Therapists	138
Federal Physicians***	2	Physical Therapist Assistants	59
Dentists and Dental Hygienists		Physician Assistants	65
Dentists	81	Podiatrists	6
Dental Hygienists	136	Practicing Psychologists	8
76		Psychological Associates	8
■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■		Respiratory Therapists	60
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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
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Labor Force 2011	99,000
Employed 2011	87,527
Unemployed 2011	11,473
Unemployment Rate 2011 (%)	11.6
Per Capita Income 2010	\$33,922
Medicaid Eligibles 2011	51,844

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2010

(Rates are per 1,000 population)				
Resident Births	2,602	Total Pregnancies	3,056	Total Pregnancy Rate 74.1
Resident Deaths	2,071	Teen Pregnancies	405	Teen Pregnancy Rate 59.9
% Births <2500 gms (2009)	9.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)
Infant Mortality Rates 2010 (Rates are per 1,000 population)				
Total	8.0	White	5.0	Nonwhite 14.7
Hospital/Facility Data				
General Hospital Discharges 2010	26,689	General Hospital Beds 2011	372	Nursing Facility Beds 2011 972

§ Please refer to page 4 of this book for an explanation of the change in physician numbers.

^{*} Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2011 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded

^{**} Rates are based on 2011 population data.

^{***} Includes NC licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veteran 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.

⁺⁺⁺ Population data by race/ethnicity and age for 2010 and 2011 were not yet available at the time of publication.