



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	298
Primary Care Physicians	139
<i>Family Practice</i>	44
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	47
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	18
<i>Pediatrics</i>	30
Other Specialties	159
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.9
Federal Physicians**	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	78
Dental Hygienists	98

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,629
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	47
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	208

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	30
Occupational Therapists	48
Occupational Therapy Assistants	19
Optometrists	15
Pharmacists	156
Physical Therapists	77
Physical Therapist Assistants	43
Physician Assistants	42
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	8
Psychological Associates	9
Respiratory Therapists	59

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	133,581	35,047	81,273	17,261
Nonwhite	23,458	7,831	13,472	2,155
Total	157,039	42,878	94,745	19,416
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.3%	60.3%	12.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	82,424
Employed 2009	72,387
Unemployed 2009	10,037
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	12.2
Per Capita Income 2008	\$32,888
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	24,506

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,980	Total Pregnancies	2,329	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.1
Resident Deaths	1,376	Teen Pregnancies	318	Teen Pregnancy Rate	56.2
% Births <2500 gms	9.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	4.0	White	4.3	Nonwhite	2.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	18,502	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	424	Nursing Facility Beds 2009	592
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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.