

Northwest AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 17

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,129
Primary Care Physicians	1,299
<i>Family Practice</i>	485
<i>General Practice</i>	13
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	439
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	137
<i>Pediatrics</i>	225
Other Specialties	1,830
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.4
Federal Physicians **	104

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	579
Dental Hygienists	808

Nurses

Registered Nurses	15,298
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	569
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	33
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,864

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	173
Occupational Therapists	368
Occupational Therapy Assistants	223
Optometrists	156
Pharmacists	1,363
Physical Therapists	679
Physical Therapist Assistants	434
Physician Assistants	567
Podiatrists	44
Practicing Psychologists	213
Psychological Associates	156
Respiratory Therapists	673

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,314,741	325,945	790,988	197,808
Nonwhite	231,996	72,543	137,723	21,730
Total	1,546,737	398,488	928,711	219,538
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.8%	60.0%	14.2%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	758,808
Employed 2009	668,750
Unemployed 2009	90,058
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	11.9
Per Capita Income 2008	\$32,443
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	282,734

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	19,272	Total Pregnancies	22,449	Total Pregnancy Rate	73.2
Resident Deaths	14,326	Teen Pregnancies	3,069	Teen Pregnancy Rate	58.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.4	White	6.8	Nonwhite	16.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 [†]	173,414	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	4,025	Nursing Facility Beds 2009*	7,642
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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.