



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	161
Primary Care Physicians	75
<i>Family Practice</i>	24
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	32
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	7
<i>Pediatrics</i>	10
Other Specialties	86
Physicians per 10,000 Population	11.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	5.4
Federal Physicians**	74

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	51
Dental Hygienists	63

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,070
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	26
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	314

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	12
Occupational Therapists	29
Occupational Therapy Assistants	27
Optometrists	15
Pharmacists	109
Physical Therapists	45
Physical Therapist Assistants	33
Physician Assistants	46
Podiatrists	5
Practicing Psychologists	22
Psychological Associates	10
Respiratory Therapists	41

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	113,609	28,625	68,182	16,802
Nonwhite	24,936	7,748	14,834	2,354
Total	138,545	36,373	83,016	19,156
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.3%	59.9%	13.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	69,803
Employed 2008	64,904
Unemployed 2008	4,899
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	7.0
Per Capita Income 2007	\$29,407
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	21,262

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,805	Total Pregnancies	2,117	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.7
Resident Deaths	1,344	Teen Pregnancies	329	Teen Pregnancy Rate	70.4
% Births <2500 gms	10.3	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.5	White	3.5	Nonwhite	13.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	14,638	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	223	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	885
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.