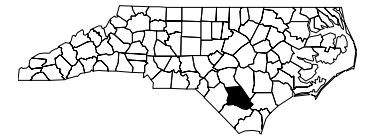


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MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Southern Regional

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	24
Primary Care Physicians	20
<i>Family Practice</i>	11
<i>General Practice</i>	2
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	5
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	0
Other Specialties	4
Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.0
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	5
Dental Hygienists	7

Nurses

Registered Nurses	148
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	4
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	85

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	3
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	15
Physical Therapists	4
Physical Therapist Assistants	3
Physician Assistants	8
Podiatrists	0
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	13

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	19,897	4,741	12,077	3,079
Nonwhite	13,307	3,950	7,679	1,678
Total	33,204	8,691	19,756	4,757
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.2%	59.5%	14.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	15,380
Employed 2005	14,222
Unemployed 2005	1,158
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	7.5
Per Capita Income 2004	\$23,223
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	9,985

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	467	Total Pregnancies	545	Total Pregnancy Rate	85.1
Resident Deaths	410	Teen Pregnancies	77	Teen Pregnancy Rate	76.0
% Births <2500 gms	10.3	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	12.8	White	3.2	Nonwhite	31.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	4,056	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	48	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	194
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* Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2005; inactive 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.