



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	102
Primary Care Physicians	62
<i>Family Practice</i>	24
<i>General Practice</i>	4
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	18
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	8
<i>Pediatrics</i>	8
Other Specialties	40
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.5
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	24
Dental Hygienists	43

Nurses

Registered Nurses	527
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	18
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	163

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Optometrists	10
Pharmacists	53
Physical Therapists	19
Physical Therapist Assistants	22
Physician Assistants	17
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	2
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	27

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	68,592	17,286	40,383	10,923
Nonwhite	4,049	1,358	2,251	440
Total	72,641	18,644	42,634	11,363
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.7%	58.7%	15.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	34,746
Employed 2005	32,666
Unemployed 2005	2,080
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	6.0
Per Capita Income 2004	\$25,025
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	14,818

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	866	Total Pregnancies	982	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.9
Resident Deaths	776	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	125	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	58.4
% Births <2500 gms	6.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.8	White	4.9	Nonwhite	23.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	10,578	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	181	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	472
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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.