

Columbus



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Coastal AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	57
Primary Care Physicians	34
<i>Family Practice</i>	16
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	11
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	2
<i>Pediatrics</i>	5
Other Specialties	22
Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.2
Federal Physicians**	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	10
Dental Hygienists	15

Nurses

Registered Nurses	455
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	13
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	137

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	5
Occupational Therapists	6
Occupational Therapy Assistants	7
Optometrists	2
Pharmacists	54
Physical Therapists	13
Physical Therapist Assistants	10
Physician Assistants	20
Podiatrists	2
Practicing Psychologists	1
Psychological Associates	1
Respiratory Therapists	25

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	35,271	8,847	20,703	5,721
Nonwhite	19,487	6,089	11,296	2,102
Total	54,758	14,936	31,999	7,823
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.3%	58.4%	14.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	24,109
Employed 2008	22,178
Unemployed 2008	1,931
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	8.0
Per Capita Income 2007	\$27,592
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	14,502

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	797	Total Pregnancies	917	Total Pregnancy Rate	89.4
Resident Deaths	680	Teen Pregnancies	140	Teen Pregnancy Rate	81.0
% Births <2500 gms	11.0	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.0	White	6.1	Nonwhite	16.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	7,907	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	154	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	323
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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.