



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,324
Primary Care Physicians	429
<i>Family Practice</i>	123
<i>General Practice</i>	5
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	155
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	54
<i>Pediatrics</i>	92
Other Specialties	895
Physicians per 10,000 Population	40.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.2
Federal Physicians**	22

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	187
Dental Hygienists	195

Nurses

Registered Nurses	5,395
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	141
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,027

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	35
Optometrists	44
Pharmacists	419
Physical Therapists	233
Physical Therapist Assistants	57
Physician Assistants	241
Podiatrists	17
Practicing Psychologists	84
Psychological Associates	29
Respiratory Therapists	276

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	231,851	58,597	140,123	33,131
Nonwhite	92,510	30,115	54,915	7,480
Total	324,361	88,712	195,038	40,611
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.3%	60.1%	12.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	169,512
Employed 2005	161,555
Unemployed 2005	7,957
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	4.7
Per Capita Income 2004	\$33,575
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	53,087

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,597	Total Pregnancies	5,868	Total Pregnancy Rate	84.8
Resident Deaths	2,779	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	688	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	63.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.0	White	5.5	Nonwhite	21.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	37,750	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	1,471	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	1,661
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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.