



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,350
Primary Care Physicians	464
<i>Family Practice</i>	127
<i>General Practice</i>	5
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	180
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	50
<i>Pediatrics</i>	102
Other Specialties	886
Physicians per 10,000 Population	40.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.0
Federal Physicians**	20

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	191
Dental Hygienists	196

Nurses

Registered Nurses	5,586
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	156
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,012

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	35
Occupational Therapists	111
Occupational Therapy Assistants	21
Optometrists	47
Pharmacists	452
Physical Therapists	232
Physical Therapist Assistants	57
Physician Assistants	253
Podiatrists	18
Practicing Psychologists	87
Psychological Associates	31
Respiratory Therapists	279

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	236,800	60,091	142,987	33,722
Nonwhite	95,051	30,669	56,618	7,764
Total	331,851	90,760	199,605	41,486
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.3%	60.1%	12.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	173,132
Employed 2006	165,615
Unemployed 2006	7,517
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.3
Per Capita Income 2005	\$34,973
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	57,511

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,726	Total Pregnancies	6,070	Total Pregnancy Rate	86.7
Resident Deaths	2,840	Teen Pregnancies	768	Teen Pregnancy Rate	66.5
% Births <2500 gms	10.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.9	White	5.9	Nonwhite	16.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	39,427	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	1,511	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	1,661
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 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.