

Gaston



MSA county designation: Metropolitan

AHEC Region: Charlotte AHEC

■ 2010 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	393
Primary Care Physicians	172
<i>Family Practice</i>	63
<i>General Practice</i>	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	62
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	20
<i>Pediatrics</i>	26
Other Specialties	221
Physicians per 10,000 Population**	19.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population**	8.3
Federal Physicians***	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	78
Dental Hygienists	133

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,615
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	62
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	12
Licensed Practical Nurses	389

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	28
Occupational Therapists	67
Occupational Therapy Assistants	26
Optometrists	24
Pharmacists	184
Physical Therapists	134
Physical Therapist Assistants	56
Physician Assistants	59
Podiatrists	6
Practicing Psychologists	9
Psychological Associates	7
Respiratory Therapists	60

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	170,262	42,777	103,255	24,230
Nonwhite	37,008	12,273	21,389	3,346
Total	207,270	55,050	124,644	27,576
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.6%	60.1%	13.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2010	96,874
Employed 2010	85,032
Unemployed 2010	11,842
Unemployment Rate 2010 (%)	12.2
Per Capita Income 2008	\$32,727
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	44,759

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2009

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,722	Total Pregnancies	3,133	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.2
Resident Deaths	2,045	Teen Pregnancies	430	Teen Pregnancy Rate	62.9
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2009

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.3	White	6.1	Nonwhite	25.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2009 ⁺	27,971	General Hospital Beds 2010 ⁺⁺	372	Nursing Facility Beds 2010	972
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2009 with unknown activity status; inactives are excluded.

** Rates are based on 2010 population data.

*** Includes NC 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.