



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest

■ 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	255
Primary Care Physicians	116
Family Practice	36
General Practice	1
Internal Medicine	41
Obstetrics/Gynecology	17
Pediatrics	21
Other Specialties	139
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.3
Federal Physicians**	0

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	60
Dental Hygienists	72

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,519
Nurse Practitioners	32
Certified Nurse Midwives	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	205

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	26
Optometrists	15
Pharmacists	126
Physical Therapists	69
Physical Therapist Assistants	44
Physician Assistants	32
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	9
Psychological Associates	13
Respiratory Therapists	52

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	117,577	31,480	71,228	14,869
Nonwhite	21,558	7,489	12,236	1,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,135</b>	<b>38,969</b>	<b>83,464</b>	<b>16,702</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.0%	60.0%	12.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	71,626
Employed 2005	68,052
Unemployed 2005	3,574
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.0
Per Capita Income 2004	\$28,832
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	21,287

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	1,734	Total Pregnancies	2,115	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.5
Resident Deaths	1,114	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	265	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	60.4
% Births <2500 gms	7.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	4.6	White	3.5	Nonwhite	9.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 <sup>†</sup>	18,024	General Hospital Beds 2005 <sup>††</sup>	424	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	653
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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.

<sup>†</sup> Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup> Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.