



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	279
Primary Care Physicians	129
<i>Family Practice</i>	38
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	45
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	18
<i>Pediatrics</i>	28
Other Specialties	150
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.9
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	62
Dental Hygienists	83

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,597
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	42
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	211

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	27
Occupational Therapists	28
Occupational Therapy Assistants	16
Optometrists	14
Pharmacists	138
Physical Therapists	75
Physical Therapist Assistants	39
Physician Assistants	42
Podiatrists	3
Practicing Psychologists	11
Psychological Associates	12
Respiratory Therapists	58

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	122,858	33,056	74,289	15,513
Nonwhite	22,374	7,787	12,660	1,927
Total	145,232	40,843	86,949	17,440
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.1%	59.9%	12.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	76,887
Employed 2006	73,511
Unemployed 2006	3,376
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.4
Per Capita Income 2005	\$29,676
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	22,879

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,000	Total Pregnancies	2,341	Total Pregnancy Rate	80.8
Resident Deaths	1,262	Teen Pregnancies	270	Teen Pregnancy Rate	59.4
% Births <2500 gms	8.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.5	White	5.4	Nonwhite	11.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	18,585	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	424	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	653
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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.