



MSA county designation: Nonmetropolitan

AHEC Region: Northwest AHEC

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	290
Primary Care Physicians	132
<i>Family Practice</i>	44
<i>General Practice</i>	0
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	44
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	16
<i>Pediatrics</i>	28
Other Specialties	158
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.6
Federal Physicians**	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	67
Dental Hygienists	92

Nurses

Registered Nurses	1,615
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	43
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	3
Licensed Practical Nurses	206

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	29
Occupational Therapists	42
Occupational Therapy Assistants	20
Optometrists	15
Pharmacists	164
Physical Therapists	80
Physical Therapist Assistants	45
Physician Assistants	50
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	10
Psychological Associates	9
Respiratory Therapists	55

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	130,628	34,283	79,464	16,881
Nonwhite	23,541	7,683	13,769	2,089
Total	154,169	41,966	93,233	18,970
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.2%	60.5%	12.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	78,580
Employed 2008	73,427
Unemployed 2008	5,153
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	6.6
Per Capita Income 2007	\$31,715
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	18,047

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	2,004	Total Pregnancies	2,352	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.2
Resident Deaths	1,264	Teen Pregnancies	285	Teen Pregnancy Rate	57.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	5.5	White	6.7	Nonwhite	0.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	18,502	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	424	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	592
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.