Gaston

MSA county designation: Metropolitan  AHEC Region: Charlotte AHEC

■ **2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS***■

**Physicians**

- Non-Federal Physicians  364
- Primary Care Physicians  168
  - Family Practice  65
  - General Practice  2
  - Internal Medicine  57
  - Obstetrics/Gynecology  21
  - Pediatrics  23
- Other Specialties  196
- Physicians per 10,000 Population  18.1
- Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population  8.4
- Federal Physicians**  2

**Nurses**

- Registered Nurses  1,497
  - Nurse Practitioners  47
  - Certified Nurse Midwives  13
- Licensed Practical Nurses  363

**Other Health Professionals**

- Chiropractors  29
- Occupational Therapists  42
- Occupational Therapy Assistants  20
- Optometrists  27
- Pharmacists  171
- Physical Therapists  67
- Physical Therapist Assistants  55
- Physician Assistants  47
- Podiatrists  5
- Practicing Psychologists  10
- Psychological Associates  12
- Respiratory Therapists  43

■ **DEMOGRAPHICS ■**

**Projected Population 2007**

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| % of Pop. | 100.0% | 26.3% | 60.8% | 12.9% |

**Employment and Income Data**

- Labor Force 2007  99,331
- Employed 2007  93,842
- Unemployed 2007  5,489
- Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)  5.5
- Per Capita Income 2006  $30,892
- Medicaid Eligibles 2007  43,548

■ **HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■**

**Vital Statistics 2006**

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

- Resident Births  2,793
- Total Pregnancies  3,288
- Total Pregnancy Rate  81.0
- Resident Deaths  1,929
- Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)  480
- Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)  72.8
- % Births <2500 gms  10.1
- Infant Mortality Rates 2007
  (Rates are per 1,000 population)

| Total | 11.8 | White | 9.9 | Nonwhite | 19.0 |

**Hospital/Facility Data**

- General Hospital Discharges 2006*  25,774
- General Hospital Beds 2007**  372
- Nursing Facility Beds 2007++  972

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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2007 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.