



Number of Counties in Region: 5

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	742
Primary Care Physicians	305
<i>Family Practice</i>	87
<i>General Practice</i>	5
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	129
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	51
<i>Pediatrics</i>	33
Other Specialties	436
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.5
Federal Physicians**	4

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	179
Dental Hygienists	214

Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,770
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	119
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,007

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	88
Optometrists	52
Pharmacists	344
Physical Therapists	201
Physical Therapist Assistants	91
Physician Assistants	142
Podiatrists	15
Practicing Psychologists	61
Psychological Associates	58
Respiratory Therapists	168

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	319,490	73,618	198,324	47,548
Nonwhite	88,635	27,515	51,496	9,624
Total	408,125	101,133	249,820	57,172
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.8%	61.2%	14.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	202,253
Employed 2004	192,158
Unemployed 2004	10,095
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.0
Per Capita Income 2003	\$25,533
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	81,531

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,880	Total Pregnancies	6,047	Total Pregnancy Rate	73.1
Resident Deaths	3,725	Teen Pregnancies	781	Teen Pregnancy Rate	58.8
% Births <2500 gms	9.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.2	White	4.6	Nonwhite	13.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	48,644	General Hospital Beds 2004 ⁺⁺	1,001	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	2,046
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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 2004; 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.

+ Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborn

++ Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.