



Number of Counties in Region: 35

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	13,673
Primary Care Physicians	5,539
Family Practice	1,637
General Practice	87
Internal Medicine	1,941
Obstetrics/Gynecology	768
Pediatrics	1,106
Other Specialties	8,117
Physicians per 10,000 Population	23.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.5
Federal Physicians**	451

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	2,799
Dental Hygienists	3,197

Nurses

Registered Nurses	58,395
Nurse Practitioners	1,704
Certified Nurse Midwives	139
Licensed Practical Nurses	10,704

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	911
Optometrists	638
Pharmacists	5,470
Physical Therapists	2,811
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,164
Physician Assistants	1,903
Podiatrists	187
Practicing Psychologists	1,367
Psychological Associates	661
Respiratory Therapists	2315

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	4,386,643	1,140,008	2,729,595	517,040
Nonwhite	1,457,461	485,141	870,809	101,511
Total	5,844,104	1,625,149	3,600,404	618,551
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.8%	61.6%	10.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	2,993,827
Employed 2004	2,837,205
Unemployed 2004	156,622
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.2
Per Capita Income 2003	\$30,163
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	916,055

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	84,226	Total Pregnancies	105,662	Total Pregnancy Rate	81.2
Resident Deaths	44,634	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	11,396	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	55.7
% Births <2500 gms	8.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.6	White	5.4	Nonwhite	13.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	583,404	General Hospital Beds 2004 ⁺⁺	14,196	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	26,975
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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.