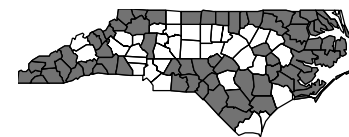


# Nonmetropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 65

## ■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,676
Primary Care Physicians	1,862
<i>Family Practice</i>	739
<i>General Practice</i>	55
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	601
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	213
<i>Pediatrics</i>	254
Other Specialties	1,810
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.9
Federal Physicians**	59

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	829
Dental Hygienists	1,127

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	19,260
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	552
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	56
Licensed Practical Nurses	6,214

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	294
Optometrists	261
Pharmacists	1,825
Physical Therapists	783
Physical Therapist Assistants	597
Physician Assistants	595
Podiatrists	62
Practicing Psychologists	217
Psychological Associates	238
Respiratory Therapists	963

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	2,006,617	484,830	1,196,852	324,935
<b>Nonwhite</b>	711,489	224,761	412,988	73,740
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,718,106</b>	<b>709,591</b>	<b>1,609,840</b>	<b>398,675</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	26.1%	59.2%	14.7%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	1,262,517
Employed 2004	1,183,587
Unemployed 2004	78,930
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	6.3
Per Capita Income 2003	\$23,597
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	596,305

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births . . . . .	34,066	Total Pregnancies . . . . .	40,137	Total Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	75.6
Resident Deaths . . . . .	28,596	Teen Pregnancies . . . . .	5,986	Teen Pregnancy Rate . . . . .	68.9
% Births <2500 gms . . . . .	9.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total . . . . .	9.6	White . . . . .	7.4	Nonwhite . . . . .	15.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 <sup>†</sup> . . . . .	351,728	General Hospital Beds 2004 <sup>††</sup> . . . . .	6,394	Nursing Facility Beds 2004 . . . . .	16,801
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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.

<sup>†</sup> Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborn

<sup>††</sup> Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.