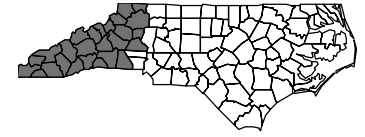


Western HSA I



Number of Counties in Region: 26

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,460
Primary Care Physicians	1,166
Family Practice	541
General Practice	27
Internal Medicine	324
Obstetrics/Gynecology	131
Pediatrics	143
Other Specialties	1,289
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	73

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	507
Dental Hygienists	681

Nurses

Registered Nurses	11,950
Nurse Practitioners	352
Certified Nurse Midwives	49
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,990

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	207
Optometrists	129
Pharmacists	984
Physical Therapists	584
Physical Therapist Assistants	392
Physician Assistants	333
Podiatrists	32
Practicing Psychologists	232
Psychological Associates	203
Respiratory Therapists	529

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,201,927	284,259	721,250	196,418
Nonwhite	117,847	40,854	66,874	10,119
Total	1,319,774	325,113	788,124	206,537
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.6%	59.7%	15.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	651,007
Employed 2004	613,287
Unemployed 2004	37,720
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.8
Per Capita Income 2003	\$24,883
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	240,374

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	15,058	Total Pregnancies	17,611	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.8
Resident Deaths	13,809	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,256	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	54.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.9	White	7.0	Nonwhite	16.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	151,394	General Hospital Beds 2004 ⁺⁺	3,560	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	9,131
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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.