

# Western HSA I



Number of Counties in Region: 26

## ■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	2,320
Primary Care Physicians	1,076
Family Practice	504
General Practice	35
Internal Medicine	284
Obstetrics/Gynecology	125
Pediatrics	128
Other Specialties	1,244
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.5
Federal Physicians**	48

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999<sup>‡</sup>

Dentists	439
Dental Hygienists	521

### Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	11,282
Nurse Practitioners	269
Certified Nurse Midwives	45
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,185

### Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	183
Optometrists	126
Pharmacists	921
Physical Therapists	478
Physical Therapist Assistants	319
Physician Assistants	279
Podiatrists	29
Practicing Psychologists	204
Psychological Associates	202

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	1,138,510	254,541	695,905	188,064
Nonwhite	132,489	44,885	77,205	10,399
Total	1,270,999	299,426	773,110	198,463
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.6%	60.8%	15.6%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	609,476
Employed 2000	587,631
Unemployed 2000	21,845
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	3.6
Per Capita Income 1999	\$24,012
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	194,665

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	15,273	Total Pregnancies	17,977	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.6
Resident Deaths	13,179	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,753	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	75.6
% Births <2500 gms.	8.5				

### Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.1	White	9.0	Nonwhite	19.5
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### Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges <sup>+</sup>	159,647	General Hospital Beds <sup>++</sup>	3,619	Nursing Facility Beds	8,811
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\*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; 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> 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

<sup>+</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute care short stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

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