

Eastern HSA VI



Number of Counties in Region: 29

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	1,989
Primary Care Physicians	913
Family Practice	279
General Practice	49
Internal Medicine	309
Obstetrics/Gynecology	130
Pediatrics	146
Other Specialties	1,076
Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.3
Federal Physicians**	72

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	398
Dental Hygienists	436

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	10,267
Nurse Practitioners	232
Certified Nurse Midwives	31
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,940

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	106
Optometrists	122
Pharmacists	901
Physical Therapists	357
Physical Therapist Assistants	280
Physician Assistants	217
Podiatrists	34
Practicing Psychologists	119
Psychological Associates	165

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	783,011	179,508	490,322	113,181
Nonwhite	475,558	153,019	276,694	45,845
Total	1,258,569	332,527	767,016	159,026
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.4%	60.9%	12.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	551,496
Employed 2000	522,642
Unemployed 2000	28,854
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	5.2
Per Capita Income 1999	\$21,734
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	250,460

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	18,440	Total Pregnancies	22,490	Total Pregnancy Rate	85.0
Resident Deaths	12,079	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	3,752	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	88.4
% Births <2500 gms.	9.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.0	White	6.6	Nonwhite	15.5
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	160,307	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	3,231	Nursing Facility Beds	6,518
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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.

[‡] 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

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

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