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Number of Counties in Region: 5

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	376
Primary Care Physicians	185
Family Practice	53
General Practice	9
Internal Medicine	71
Obstetrics/Gynecology	29
Pediatrics	23
Other Specialties	191
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.2
Federal Physicians**	3

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	81
Dental Hygienists	63

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	2,145
Nurse Practitioners	48
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	649

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	23
Optometrists	24
Pharmacists	193
Physical Therapists	85
Physical Therapist Assistants	84
Physician Assistants	46
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	14
Psychological Associates	31

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	150,697	33,614	91,863	25,220
Nonwhite	145,599	47,057	83,999	14,543
Total	296,296	80,671	175,862	39,763
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.2%	59.4%	13.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	132,801
Employed 2000	124,062
Unemployed 2000	8,739
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	6.6
Per Capita Income 1999	\$21,675
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	73,453

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,146	Total Pregnancies	5,199	Total Pregnancy Rate	83.1
Resident Deaths	3,206	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	960	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	96.7
% Births <2500 gms.	10.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.9	White	6.6	Nonwhite	12.8
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	41,115	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	921	Nursing Facility Beds	1,605
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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.