

Eastern AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 23

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	1,578
Primary Care Physicians	703
Family Practice	219
General Practice	39
Internal Medicine	225
Obstetrics/Gynecology	98
Pediatrics	122
Other Specialties	875
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.7
Federal Physicians**	68

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	308
Dental Hygienists	358

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	7,889
Nurse Practitioners	181
Certified Nurse Midwives	30
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,203

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	83
Optometrists	92
Pharmacists	682
Physical Therapists	269
Physical Therapist Assistants	190
Physician Assistants	167
Podiatrists	26
Practicing Psychologists	105
Psychological Associates	131

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	603,529	139,000	380,990	83,539
Nonwhite	309,681	99,414	180,859	29,408
Total	913,210	238,414	561,849	112,947
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.1%	61.5%	12.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	397,324
Employed 2000	378,277
Unemployed 2000	19,047
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	4.8
Per Capita Income 1999	\$21,880
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	166,220

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	13,536	Total Pregnancies	16,407	Total Pregnancy Rate	85.0
Resident Deaths	8,324	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,638	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	84.9
% Births <2500 gms.	9.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.3	White	6.9	Nonwhite	16.7
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	112,025	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	2,249	Nursing Facility Beds	4,661
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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.