

Coastal AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 5

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	662
Primary Care Physicians	273
Family Practice	72
General Practice	7
Internal Medicine	113
Obstetrics/Gynecology	45
Pediatrics	36
Other Specialties	389
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.2
Federal Physicians**	5

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	140
Dental Hygienists	147

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	3,286
Nurse Practitioners	89
Certified Nurse Midwives	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	929

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	78
Optometrists	38
Pharmacists	334
Physical Therapists	138
Physical Therapist Assistants	73
Physician Assistants	92
Podiatrists	13
Practicing Psychologists	55
Psychological Associates	48

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	281,702	59,449	179,304	42,949
Nonwhite	96,642	31,196	55,814	9,632
Total	378,344	90,645	235,118	52,581
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.0%	62.1%	13.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	178,005
Employed 2000	169,306
Unemployed 2000	8,699
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	4.9
Per Capita Income 1999	\$22,886
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	68,553

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,855	Total Pregnancies	6,140	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.1
Resident Deaths	3,554	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	903	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	78.7
% Births <2500 gms.	8.8				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.4	White	8.3	Nonwhite	8.9
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	50,733	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	354	Nursing Facility Beds	1,991
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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.