



Number of Counties in Region: 16

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	1,380
Primary Care Physicians	634
Family Practice	279
General Practice	20
Internal Medicine	184
Obstetrics/Gynecology	69
Pediatrics	82
Other Specialties	746
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.4
Federal Physicians**	43

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	253
Dental Hygienists	331

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	6,515
Nurse Practitioners	163
Certified Nurse Midwives	27
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,020

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	119
Optometrists	71
Pharmacists	518
Physical Therapists	296
Physical Therapist Assistants	171
Physician Assistants	167
Podiatrists	14
Practicing Psychologists	125
Psychological Associates	110

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	613,297	132,954	366,726	113,617
Nonwhite	59,009	19,451	34,400	5,158
Total	672,306	152,405	401,126	118,775
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.7%	59.7%	17.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	308,677
Employed 2000	296,665
Unemployed 2000	12,012
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	3.9
Per Capita Income 1999	\$24,105
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	107,496

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	6,921	Total Pregnancies	8,257	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.5
Resident Deaths	6,862	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	1,169	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	70.8
% Births <2500 gms.	7.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.8	White	8.4	Nonwhite	13.7
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges [†]	82,069	General Hospital Bed ^{††}	1,870	Nursing Facility Beds	5,528
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[†] In 1998, Rutherford County was reassigned from Charlotte AHEC to Mountain AHEC.

*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.