Eastern HSA VI

Number of Counties in Region: 29

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,106
Primary Care Physicians	949
Family Practice	*283*
General Practice	*34*
Internal Medicine	*335*
Obstetrics/Gynecology	*132*
Pediatrics	*165*
Other Specialties	1,157
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.4
Federal Physicians**	92

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	409
Dental Hygienists	484

Nurses

Registered Nurses	10,608
Nurse Practitioners	*310*
Certified Nurse Midwives	*35*
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,829

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	117
Optometrists	127
Pharmacists	924
Physical Therapists	391
Physical Therapist Assistants	302
Physician Assistants	285
Podiatrists	34
Practicing Psychologists	123
Psychological Associates	163

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	831,196	208,212	505,047	117,937
Nonwhite	452,619	145,411	260,725	46,483
Total	**1,283,815**	**353,623**	**765,772**	**164,420**
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.5%	59.6%	12.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	598,476
Employed 2003	557,912
Unemployed 2003	40,564
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.8
Per Capita Income 2002	$24,042
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 *(unduplicated count)*	275,042

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	18,144	Total Pregnancies	21,987	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.7
Resident Deaths	12,335	Teen Pregnancies *(ages 15-19)*	3,447	Teen Pregnancy Rate *(ages 15-19)*	75.4
% Births <2500 gms	10.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.5	White	6.3	Nonwhite	14.9

Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002[+]	153,874	General Hospital Beds 2003[++]	3,158	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	6,580

*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2002; 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.

[+] 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.