



Number of Counties in Region: 23

■ 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

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| Non-Federal Physicians | 1,674 |
| Primary Care Physicians | 736 |
| <i>Family Practice</i> | 220 |
| <i>General Practice</i> | 27 |
| <i>Internal Medicine</i> | 251 |
| <i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i> | 101 |
| <i>Pediatrics</i> | 137 |
| Other Specialties | 938 |
| Physicians per 10,000 Population | 18.0 |
| Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population | 7.9 |
| Federal Physicians** | 88 |

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

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| Dentists | 317 |
| Dental Hygienists | 388 |

Nurses

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| Registered Nurses | 8,126 |
| <i>Nurse Practitioners</i> | 253 |
| <i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i> | 32 |
| Licensed Practical Nurses | 2,106 |

Other Health Professionals

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| Chiropractors | 91 |
| Optometrists | 91 |
| Pharmacists | 703 |
| Physical Therapists | 301 |
| Physical Therapist Assistants | 196 |
| Physician Assistants | 225 |
| Podiatrists | 28 |
| Practicing Psychologists | 106 |
| Psychological Associates | 130 |

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2003

| | Total | Ages 0-19 | Ages 20-64 | Ages 65+ |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| White | 636,717 | 160,199 | 388,780 | 87,738 |
| Nonwhite | 294,756 | 95,390 | 169,566 | 29,800 |
| Total | 931,473 | 255,589 | 558,346 | 117,538 |
| % of Pop. | 100.0% | 27.4% | 59.9% | 12.6% |

Employment and Income Data

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| Labor Force 2003 | 434,677 |
| Employed 2003 | 408,607 |
| Unemployed 2003 | 26,070 |
| Unemployment Rate 2003 (%) | 6.0 |
| Per Capita Income 2002 | \$24,406 |
| Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count) | 183,613 |

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

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|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Resident Births | 13,353 | Total Pregnancies | 16,217 | Total Pregnancy Rate | 70.7 |
| Resident Deaths | 8,640 | Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19) | 2,434 | Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19) | 71.7 |
| % Births <2500 gms | 9.7 | | | | |

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

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| Total | 8.9 | White | 6.1 | Nonwhite | 14.1 |
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Hospital/Facility Data

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| General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺ | 106,064 | General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺ | 2,226 | Nursing Facility Beds 2003 | 4,663 |
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*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.