



Number of Counties in Region: 8

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,669
Primary Care Physicians	1,611
Family Practice	499
General Practice	14
Internal Medicine	541
Obstetrics/Gynecology	217
Pediatrics	340
Other Specialties	2,053
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.5
Federal Physicians **	19

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	804
Dental Hygienists	989

Nurses

Registered Nurses	15,858
Nurse Practitioners	546
Certified Nurse Midwives	39
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,647

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	328
Occupational Therapists	447
Occupational Therapy Assistants	206
Optometrists	185
Pharmacists	1,638
Physical Therapists	881
Physical Therapist Assistants	442
Physician Assistants	471
Podiatrists	48
Practicing Psychologists	261
Psychological Associates	131
Respiratory Therapists	718

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,267,866	339,413	779,713	148,740
Nonwhite	433,512	140,758	261,916	30,838
Total	1,701,378	480,171	1,041,629	179,578
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.2%	61.2%	10.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	872,349
Employed 2008	815,718
Unemployed 2008	56,631
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	6.5
Per Capita Income 2007	\$38,651
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	220,625

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	26,173	Total Pregnancies	32,180	Total Pregnancy Rate	90.1
Resident Deaths	11,819	Teen Pregnancies	3,610	Teen Pregnancy Rate	59.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.8	White	5.6	Nonwhite	9.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	170,575	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	3,573	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	6,470
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.