

State Total



Number of Counties in Region: 100

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	16,392
Primary Care Physicians	6,908
Family Practice	2,224
General Practice	176
Internal Medicine	2,313
Obstetrics/Gynecology	937
Pediatrics	1,258
Other Specialties	9,484
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.4
Federal Physicians**	393

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3,314
Dental Hygienists	3,866

Nurses

Registered Nurses	74,790
Nurse Practitioners	1,845
Certified Nurse Midwives	172
Licensed Practical Nurses	17,797

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1,098
Optometrists	821
Pharmacists	7,060
Physical Therapists	3,168
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,594
Physician Assistants	2,032
Podiatrists	231
Practicing Psychologists	1,541
Psychological Associates	946

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	6,124,752	1,461,197	3,850,865	812,690
Nonwhite	2,063,103	654,448	1,238,899	169,756
Total	8,187,855	2,115,645	5,089,764	982,446
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.8%	62.2%	12.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	3,994,806
Employed 2001	3,773,493
Unemployed 2001	221,313
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	5.5
Per Capita Income 2000	\$26,882
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	1,354,593

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	120,247	Total Pregnancies	147,796	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.9
Resident Deaths	71,732	Teen Pregnancies	19,890	Teen Pregnancy Rate	75.9
% Births <2500 gms	8.8	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.6	White	6.3	Nonwhite	14.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	969,860	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	20,955	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	42,587
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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 2001; 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.