



Number of Counties in Region: 8

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	2,670
Primary Care Physicians	1,104
<i>Family Practice</i>	342
<i>General Practice</i>	21
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	358
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	177
<i>Pediatrics</i>	206
Other Specialties	1,566
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.0
Federal Physicians**	18

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	574
Dental Hygienists	689

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	12,931
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	222
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	31
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,321

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	244
Optometrists	140
Pharmacists	1,185
Physical Therapists	455
Physical Therapist Assistants	327
Physician Assistants	255
Podiatrists	40
Practicing Psychologists	198
Psychological Associates	143

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	1,008,010	244,494	643,198	120,318
Nonwhite	375,991	123,622	230,445	21,924
Total	1,384,001	368,116	873,643	142,242
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.6%	63.1%	10.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	729,261
Employed 2000	704,346
Unemployed 2000	24,915
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	3.4
Per Capita Income 1999	\$30,651
Medicaid Eligible 2000 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	179,135

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	21,520	Total Pregnancies	26,997	Total Pregnancy Rate	87.6
Resident Deaths	11,289	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	3,402	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	78.6
% Births <2500 gms.	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.5	White	7.2	Nonwhite	12.0
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	165,909	General Hospital Bed ⁺⁺	3,648	Nursing Facility Beds	5,543
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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.