



Number of Counties in Region: 8

## 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,005
Primary Care Physicians	1,284
Family Practice	397
General Practice	17
Internal Medicine	448
Obstetrics/Gynecology	179
Pediatrics	243
Other Specialties	1,714
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.5
Federal Physicians**	23

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	699
Dental Hygienists	864

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	14,010
Nurse Practitioners	343
Certified Nurse Midwives	37
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,344

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	293
Optometrists	166
Pharmacists	1,270
Physical Therapists	601
Physical Therapist Assistants	351
Physician Assistants	358
Podiatrists	43
Practicing Psychologists	221
Psychological Associates	133
Respiratory Therapists	559

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,133,112	302,115	704,259	126,738
Nonwhite	377,322	127,784	226,312	23,226
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,510,434</b>	<b>429,899</b>	<b>930,571</b>	<b>149,964</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.5%	61.6%	9.9%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	795,310
Employed 2004	750,988
Unemployed 2004	44,322
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.6
Per Capita Income 2003	\$32,496
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	245,146

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	23,066	Total Pregnancies	29,243	Total Pregnancy Rate	86.7
Resident Deaths	11,302	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,927	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	57.6
% Births <2500 gms	8.6				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.6	White	5.4	Nonwhite	13.6
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 <sup>†</sup>	157,132	General Hospital Beds 2004 <sup>††</sup>	3,588	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	6,609
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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 2004; 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 newborn

†† Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.