



Number of Counties in Region: 8

## 2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,136
Primary Care Physicians	1,348
Family Practice	424
General Practice	20
Internal Medicine	457
Obstetrics/Gynecology	188
Pediatrics	259
Other Specialties	1,788
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	17

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	732
Dental Hygienists	872

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	14,533
Nurse Practitioners	388
Certified Nurse Midwives	34
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,427

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	293
Optometrists	164
Pharmacists	1,253
Physical Therapists	631
Physical Therapist Assistants	371
Physician Assistants	384
Podiatrists	45
Practicing Psychologists	229
Psychological Associates	130
Respiratory Therapists	593

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,153,263	307,192	717,460	128,611
Nonwhite	386,469	129,893	232,721	23,855
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539,732</b>	<b>437,085</b>	<b>950,181</b>	<b>152,466</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.4%	61.7%	9.9%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	811,437
Employed 2005	769,656
Unemployed 2005	41,781
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.1
Per Capita Income 2004	\$34,071
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	257,846

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	23,398	Total Pregnancies	29,336	Total Pregnancy Rate	86.0
Resident Deaths	11,206	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	3,137	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	60.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.3				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.2	White	6.9	Nonwhite	15.7
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 <sup>†</sup>	160,213	General Hospital Beds 2005 <sup>††</sup>	3,588	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	6,639
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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 2005; 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.