



Number of Counties in Region: 5

2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	709
Primary Care Physicians	301
Family Practice	85
General Practice	7
Internal Medicine	129
Obstetrics/Gynecology	45
Pediatrics	35
Other Specialties	408
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.6
Federal Physicians **	4

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	163
Dental Hygienists	205

Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,626
Nurse Practitioners	110
Certified Nurse Midwives	4
Licensed Practical Nurses	953

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	87
Optometrists	46
Pharmacists	348
Physical Therapists	179
Physical Therapist Assistants	84
Physician Assistants	121
Podiatrists	15
Practicing Psychologists	59
Psychological Associates	55

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	307,533	71,196	190,877	45,460
Nonwhite	88,235	28,404	50,190	9,641
Total	395,768	99,600	241,067	55,101
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.2%	60.9%	13.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	188,389
Employed 2002	174,757
Unemployed 2002	13,632
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	7.2
Per Capita Income 2001	\$24,812
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	76,436

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	5,031	Total Pregnancies	6,243	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.5
Resident Deaths	3,708	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	835	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	65.1
% Births <2500 gms	9.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.7	White	7.2	Nonwhite	13.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	48,581	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	1,013	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	2,046
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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 2002; 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.