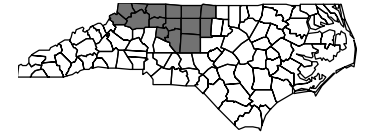


DEHNR Region III



Number of Counties in Region: 15

2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,204
Primary Care Physicians	1,348
Family Practice	455
General Practice	22
Internal Medicine	450
Obstetrics/Gynecology	164
Pediatrics	257
Other Specialties	1,852
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.2
Federal Physicians**	25

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	678
Dental Hygienists	856

Nurses

Registered Nurses	14,392
Nurse Practitioners	392
Certified Nurse Midwives	26
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,082

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	173
Optometrists	172
Pharmacists	1,333
Physical Therapists	661
Physical Therapist Assistants	263
Physician Assistants	535
Podiatrists	53
Practicing Psychologists	225
Psychological Associates	120
Respiratory Therapists	632

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,304,439	329,052	791,413	183,974
Nonwhite	344,299	111,401	205,168	27,730
Total	1,648,738	440,453	996,581	211,704
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.7%	60.4%	12.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	858,106
Employed 2004	810,197
Unemployed 2004	47,909
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.6
Per Capita Income 2003	\$28,038
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	271,795

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	21,259	Total Pregnancies	26,401	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.4
Resident Deaths	14,965	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	3,393	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	59.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.3				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.3	White	5.9	Nonwhite	12.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	184,642	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	4,077	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	9,406
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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.