Number of Counties in Region: 16

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

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Non-Federal Physicians	5,367
Primary Care Physicians	2,146
Family Practice	545
General Practice	28
Internal Medicine	816
Obstetrics/Gynecology	269
Pediatrics	488
Other Specialties	3,221
Physicians per 10,000 Population	27.7
Primary Care Physicians	11.1
per 10,000 Population	
Federal Physicians **	137
Dentists and Dental Hygienists	
Dentists	1,033
Dental Hygienists	1,048

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,329,642	350,096	840,422	139,124
Nonwhite	605,439	190,912	366,249	48,278
Total	1,935,081	541,008	1,206,671	187,402
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.0%	62.4%	9.7%

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	28,177	Total Pregnancies	34,770	Total Pregnancy Rate	81.9
Resident Deaths	13,419	Teen Pregnancies	3,674	Teen Pregnancy Rate	55.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2005					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	7.2	White	4.1	Nonwhite	13.9
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	195,703	General Hospital Beds 2006	4,557	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	8,094

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.

Nurses
Registered Nurses
Nurse Practitioners

Nurse Practitioners	734
Certified Nurse Midwives	39
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,452
Other Health Professionals	
Chiropractors	264
Occupational Therapists	557
Occupational Therapy Assistants	131
Optometrists	224
Pharmacists	2,265
Physical Therapists	1,111
Physical Therapist Assistants	298
Physician Assistants	672
Podiatrists	50
Practicing Psychologists	768
Psychological Associates	210
Respiratory Therapists	742

Employment and Income Data

20,581

Labor Force 2006	1,004,572
Employed 2006	960,743
Unemployed 2006	43,829
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)) 4.4
Per Capita Income 2005	\$33,105
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	321,858

